

Census of Population and Housing 2001

Population by district , sex, sex ratio and population density

District	Total	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Population density (persons per sq.km.)
Sri Lanka^(a)	18,797,257	9,359,148	9,438,109	99.2	300
Total - 18 Districts^(b)	16,929,689	8,425,607	8,504,082	99.1	344
Colombo	2,251,274	1,151,413	1,099,861	104.7	3,330
Gampaha	2,063,684	1,007,702	1,055,982	95.4	1,539
Kalutara	1,066,239	527,281	538,958	97.8	677
Kandy	1,279,028	623,966	655,062	95.3	667
Matale	441,328	220,070	221,258	99.5	226
Nuwara Eliya	703,610	350,024	353,586	99.0	412
Galle	990,487	481,849	508,638	94.7	613
Matara	761,370	369,247	392,123	94.2	600
Hambantota	526,414	263,197	263,217	100.0	211
Jaffna ^(a)	490,621	242,719	247,902	97.9	528
Mannar ^(a)	151,577	75,024	76,553	98.0	81
Vavuniya ^(a)	149,835	75,273	74,562	101.0	81
Mullaitivu ^(a)	121,667	60,199	61,468	97.9	50
Kilinochchi ^(a)	127,263	63,005	64,258	98.1	106
Batticaloa ^(a)	486,447	240,314	246,133	97.6	186
Ampara	592,997	299,004	293,993	101.7	140
Trincomalee ^(a)	340,158	177,007	163,151	108.5	135
Kurunegala	1,460,215	723,179	737,036	98.1	316
Puttalam	709,677	352,455	357,222	98.7	246
Anuradhapura	745,693	380,516	365,177	104.2	112
Polonnaruwa	358,984	187,789	171,195	109.7	117
Badulla	779,983	387,583	392,400	98.8	276
Moneragala	397,375	202,816	194,559	104.2	72
Ratnapura	1,015,807	512,903	502,904	102.0	314
Kegalle	785,524	384,613	400,911	95.9	466

(a) Estimates

(b) Total for 18 districts where the Census of Population and Housing 2001 was carried out completely

Note : Out of the 5 Districts in the Northern Province, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu were not covered during Preliminary and Final Census. Vavuniya and Mannar were covered partially. In the Eastern Province, Ampara was covered completely and Trincomalee and Batticaloa were covered partially. As such, estimates for the Districts and which were not covered or partially covered, are based on the information collected during the Listing and Numbering operation of the Census 2001, wherever possible, wherever the Listing and Numbering operation was also not complete the Registrar General's Estimates based on the registration of Births and Deaths, have been used.