

Census of Population and Housing 2001

Total, young and old dependency ratios by district

District	Total population	Age in years			Dependency ratio		
		0-14	15-59	60 and over	Total	Young (0-14)	Old (60 and over)
Total (18 Districts)	16,929,689	4,449,026	10,916,791	1,563,872	55.1	40.8	14.3
Colombo	2,251,274	482,280	1,552,727	216,267	45.0	31.1	13.9
Gampaha	2,063,684	476,269	1,392,743	194,672	48.2	34.2	14.0
Kalutara	1,066,239	261,436	684,905	119,898	55.7	38.2	17.5
Kandy	1,279,028	342,228	813,307	123,493	57.3	42.1	15.2
Matale	441,328	121,130	281,566	38,632	56.7	43.0	13.7
Nuwara Eliya	703,610	202,763	447,858	52,989	57.1	45.3	11.8
Galle	990,487	269,614	604,376	116,497	63.9	44.6	19.3
Matara	761,370	211,796	460,668	88,906	65.3	46.0	19.3
Hambantota	526,414	155,132	322,132	49,150	63.4	48.2	15.3
Ampara	592,997	190,021	368,680	34,296	60.8	51.5	9.3
Kurunegala	1,460,215	374,644	944,570	141,001	54.6	39.7	14.9
Puttalam	709,677	208,612	449,322	51,743	57.9	46.4	11.5
Anuradhapura	745,693	215,886	481,220	48,587	55.0	44.9	10.1
Polonnaruwa	358,984	101,234	234,863	22,887	52.8	43.1	9.7
Badulla	779,983	231,389	486,842	61,752	60.2	47.5	12.7
Moneragala	397,375	126,542	246,006	24,827	61.5	51.4	10.1
Ratnapura	1,015,807	278,075	645,972	91,760	57.3	43.0	14.2
Kegalle	785,524	199,975	499,034	86,515	57.4	40.1	17.3