

Census of Population and Housing 2001

Number and percentage of population by district and religion

District	Total Population		Religion											
			Buddhist		Hindu		Islam		Roman Catholic		Other Christian		Other	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Total (18 districts)</b>	<b>16,929,689</b>	100	<b>12,986,548</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>1,312,970</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>1,435,896</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1,035,740</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>150,182</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>8,353</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Colombo	2,251,274	100	1,578,246	70.1	194,743	8.7	241,944	10.7	181,920	8.1	51,334	2.3	3,087	0.1
Gampaha	2,063,684	100	1,479,955	71.7	42,356	2.1	93,496	4.5	418,286	20.3	28,361	1.4	1,230	0.1
Kalutara	1,066,239	100	883,968	82.9	34,678	3.3	105,957	9.9	36,176	3.4	5,038	0.5	422	0.0
Kandy	1,279,028	100	937,001	73.3	134,438	10.5	173,590	13.6	23,232	1.8	10,330	0.8	437	0.0
Matale	441,328	100	348,762	79.0	42,433	9.6	39,980	9.1	8,400	1.9	1,703	0.4	50	0.0
Nuwara Eliya	703,610	100	279,139	39.7	359,135	51.0	19,099	2.7	35,008	5.0	10,741	1.5	488	0.1
Galle	990,487	100	932,331	94.1	14,934	1.5	35,100	3.5	4,568	0.5	3,378	0.3	176	0.0
Matara	761,370	100	716,710	94.1	17,339	2.3	22,481	3.0	2,703	0.4	2,001	0.3	136	0.0
Hambantota	526,414	100	509,987	96.9	1,369	0.3	13,076	2.5	924	0.2	949	0.2	109	0.0
Ampara	592,997	100	235,652	39.7	100,213	16.9	245,179	41.3	7,816	1.3	3,969	0.7	168	0.0
Kurunegala	1,460,215	100	1,300,539	89.1	13,303	0.9	98,223	6.7	40,680	2.8	6,960	0.5	510	0.0
Puttalam	709,677	100	308,273	43.4	29,482	4.2	134,643	19.0	229,966	32.4	6,830	1.0	483	0.1
Anuradhapura	745,693	100	670,963	90.0	3,459	0.5	62,797	8.4	6,266	0.8	2,073	0.3	135	0.0
Polonnaruwa	358,984	100	320,491	89.3	6,592	1.8	27,225	7.6	3,883	1.1	691	0.2	102	0.0
Badulla	779,983	100	561,510	72.0	158,473	20.3	41,347	5.3	13,236	1.7	5,242	0.7	175	0.0
Moneragala	397,375	100	375,252	94.4	11,623	2.9	8,183	2.1	1,583	0.4	681	0.2	53	0.0
Ratnapura	1,015,807	100	880,151	86.6	96,738	9.5	21,901	2.2	11,728	1.2	4,924	0.5	365	0.0
Kegalle	785,524	100	667,618	85.0	51,662	6.6	51,675	6.6	9,365	1.2	4,977	0.6	227	0.0