

**TABLE 1.2 MARRIAGES OF WOMEN BY DISTRICT AND CIVIL CONDITION IN 1996: ALL MARRIAGES**

| District         | All    |          |          |              | Spinster who married |          |              |          | Widow who married |          |              |          | Divorced-women who married |          |              |          |
|------------------|--------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                  | Women  | Spinster | Widowers | Divorced-men | Bachelors            | Widowers | Divorced-men | Polygamy | Bachelors         | Widowers | Divorced-men | Polygamy | Bachelors                  | Widowers | Divorced-men | Polygamy |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b> | 173873 | 171901   | 908      | 1064         | 170172               | 847      | 867          | 15       | 623               | 200      | 83           | 2        | 496                        | 105      | 450          | 13       |
| Colombo          | 23575  | 23270    | 146      | 159          | 22975                | 134      | 154          | 7        | 116               | 14       | 14           | 2        | 82                         | 11       | 58           | 8        |
| Gampaha          | 18790  | 18580    | 96       | 114          | 18429                | 70       | 81           | 0        | 75                | 14       | 7            | 0        | 63                         | 10       | 41           | 0        |
| Kalutara         | 10195  | 10042    | 47       | 106          | 9956                 | 28       | 58           | 0        | 28                | 18       | 1            | 0        | 36                         | 10       | 60           | 0        |
| Kandy            | 11040  | 10913    | 48       | 79           | 10795                | 55       | 63           | 0        | 32                | 11       | 5            | 0        | 31                         | 12       | 35           | 1        |
| Matale           | 5695   | 5641     | 28       | 26           | 5583                 | 33       | 24           | 1        | 19                | 6        | 3            | 0        | 13                         | 4        | 8            | 1        |
| Nuwara eliya     | 5770   | 5732     | 34       | 4            | 5680                 | 38       | 14           | 0        | 22                | 11       | 1            | 0        | 1                          | 0        | 3            | 0        |
| Galle            | 9083   | 9021     | 35       | 27           | 8951                 | 34       | 35           | 1        | 26                | 5        | 4            | 0        | 14                         | 5        | 8            | 0        |
| Matara           | 7229   | 7193     | 20       | 16           | 7148                 | 33       | 12           | 0        | 15                | 5        | 0            | 0        | 8                          | 2        | 5            | 1        |
| Hambantota       | 5051   | 5001     | 41       | 9            | 4970                 | 16       | 15           | 0        | 28                | 11       | 2            | 0        | 4                          | 3        | 2            | 0        |
| Jaffna           | 1922   | 1920     | 2        | 0            | 1919                 | 1        | 0            | 0        | 2                 | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0                          | 0        | 0            | 0        |
| Kilinochchi      | 1332   | 1328     | 4        | 0            | 1324                 | 4        | 0            | 0        | 2                 | 2        | 0            | 0        | 0                          | 0        | 0            | 0        |
| Mannar           | 704    | 699      | 4        | 1            | 689                  | 8        | 2            | 0        | 2                 | 2        | 0            | 0        | 1                          | 0        | 0            | 0        |
| Vavuniya         | 1151   | 1145     | 2        | 4            | 1143                 | 1        | 1            | 0        | 2                 | 0        | 0            | 0        | 2                          | 0        | 2            | 0        |
| Mullaitivu       | 1147   | 1146     | 1        | 0            | 1146                 | 0        | 0            | 0        | 1                 | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0                          | 0        | 0            | 0        |
| Batticaloa       | 2887   | 2776     | 31       | 80           | 2697                 | 26       | 52           | 1        | 13                | 13       | 5            | 0        | 40                         | 7        | 33           | 0        |
| Ampara           | 4862   | 4715     | 42       | 105          | 4606                 | 28       | 77           | 4        | 24                | 7        | 11           | 0        | 38                         | 5        | 60           | 2        |
| Trincomalee      | 3048   | 2983     | 26       | 39           | 2947                 | 8        | 28           | 0        | 12                | 7        | 7            | 0        | 13                         | 6        | 20           | 0        |
| Kurunegala       | 15088  | 14954    | 58       | 76           | 14746                | 127      | 81           | 0        | 33                | 17       | 8            | 0        | 33                         | 9        | 34           | 0        |
| Puttalama        | 6926   | 6818     | 46       | 62           | 6732                 | 32       | 53           | 1        | 31                | 12       | 3            | 0        | 30                         | 6        | 26           | 0        |
| Anuradhapura     | 8018   | 7924     | 46       | 48           | 7856                 | 23       | 45           | 0        | 35                | 6        | 5            | 0        | 25                         | 4        | 19           | 0        |
| Polonnaruwa      | 3701   | 3661     | 16       | 24           | 3635                 | 14       | 12           | 0        | 11                | 4        | 1            | 0        | 12                         | 2        | 10           | 0        |
| Badulla          | 6872   | 6799     | 43       | 30           | 6730                 | 45       | 24           | 0        | 31                | 10       | 2            | 0        | 13                         | 2        | 15           | 0        |
| Monaragala       | 3880   | 3844     | 30       | 6            | 3822                 | 22       | 0            | 0        | 23                | 7        | 0            | 0        | 4                          | 2        | 0            | 0        |
| Ratnapura        | 8729   | 8658     | 38       | 33           | 8606                 | 34       | 18           | 0        | 26                | 9        | 3            | 0        | 25                         | 4        | 4            | 0        |
| Kegalle          | 7178   | 7138     | 24       | 16           | 7087                 | 33       | 18           | 0        | 14                | 9        | 1            | 0        | 8                          | 1        | 7            | 0        |