

Census of Population and Housing 2024

Listing of Buildings

Introduction to Census of Population and Housing

The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) conducts a Census of Population and Housing (CPH) in Sri Lanka once in every 10 years. Data is collected about the population of the entire island, related economic and sociological, demographic, educational, health and living conditions in CPH.

An important condition followed is that the counting is done ensuring the same person is not counted twice and no person is missed. Because of this, the census process is an extremely complex process, and census work is carried out in several steps, according to a scientific methodology accepted by the international community and within a conceptual framework.

The Process of CPH

There are 04 stages in a CPH. They are,

1. Preparation of Maps
2. Listing of Buildings
3. Enumeration of personal information
4. Data dissemination

In the first stage of CPH, each Grama Niladhari division was divided into smaller sections called census blocks and all of them were mapped. About 88,000 such maps have been prepared covering the entire country. In the second stage, listing of buildings will be done using these maps. Personal information will be collected and the population will be counted based on the building list prepared as the third stage. The statistics including the population of the country will be published in the last stage.

Why do we paste a Red Label?

The buildings which are in the census blocks and the census units in a building are identified and numbered and labeled according to the census block maps prepared in the first stage. A building number is given for each building which has at least one census unit in the census block and a unit number is given for each census unit. These numbers are written on a red sticker known as census label and affixed in a visible and safe place in the relevant census unit. A building can have 4 types of census units namely Housing Unit, Collective Living Quarters, Residential Institutes, Non-Residential Unit. A building may have one or more of these types of census units. Each unit is listed by affixing a separate census label.

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If your place of residence / place of work has not affixed by a census label by 31st of January 2024, please be kind enough to contact through 1901.

