

8. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

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8.1 Domestic and International Transport, 2016-2019

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Passengers (Thousand Persons)				
Railway	136,049	136,663	137,524	128,476
Ominibus Services@	3,001,896	2,940,413	3,233,443	3,159,088
Sri Lanka Transport Board	1,059,939**	1,005,205	989,581**	916,964*
National Carrier (Sri Lankan Airlines)	5,136	5,361	5,882	5,579
Foreign Airlines	4,206	4,559	4,917	4,321
Freight (Thousand metric tons)				
Railway	1,983	1,998	1,837	1,802
National Carrier (Sri Lanka Airlines)	113.31	128.87	135.64	122.82
Foreign Airlines	140.96	137.68	132.86	123.59

@ Estimated

* Provisional ** Revised

Source : Sri Lanka Transport Board, National Transport Commission
Department of Railway, Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka

8.2 Registered Motor Vehicles, 2015-2019

(Number)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total	6,302,141	6,795,469	7,247,122	7,727,921	8,095,224
Passenger Cars	672,502	717,674	756,856	837,632	875,864
Three Wheelers	1,059,042	1,115,987	1,139,524	1,159,587	1,175,077
Buses (SLTB+Private)	101,419	104,104	107,435	110,392	112,005
Motor Cycles	3,359,501	3,699,630	4,044,010	4,383,773	4,668,074
Lorries ^(a)	338,693	346,200	357,574	366,618	371,552
Ambulances and Hearses	3,218	3,274	3,332	3,659	3,948
Dual Purpose Vehicles	365,001	391,888	408,630	425,561	439,020
Tractors & Engines ^(b)	402,765	416,712	429,761	440,043	447,709
Quadricycle	-	-	-	654	1,972
Motor Home	-	-	-	2	3
Passenger Cars Per 100 Population (%)	3.21	3.38	3.53	3.87	4.02

(a) Include lorry proper, lorry tractors (prime movers), lorry trailers, fork lift and lorry others.

(b) Include land vehicle tractors (4 and 2 wheelers) and land vehicle trailers

Source: Department of Motor Traffic

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8.3 Postal Services, 2015-2019

	Unit	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1. Postal Service						
Post Offices	No.	653	652	653	653	653
Sub-post Offices	No.	3,410	3,410	3,409	3,410	3,390
Agency Post Offices	No.	524	524	523	307	} 136
Rural Agency Post Offices	No.	101	101	101	101	
Estate Agency Post Offices	No.	4	4	4	4	
2. Mail Traffic						
Letters and Parcels *	}	'000	365,586	369,445	373,283	382,771
Inland						
Letters and Parcels	}	'000	6,703	6,723	6,849	5,227
Foreign (inward & outward)						

* Estimated

Source: Department of Posts

8.4 Telecommunication Services, 2016-2019

	2016	2017	2018	2019*
1. Fixed Access Services (No.)				
Wireline Telephone Lines in Service	1,166,348	1,198,483	1,215,967	1,244,549
Wireless Local Loop Telephones & CDMA	1,384,084	1,404,695	1,268,649	1,055,218
2. Cellular Mobile (No. of subscribers)	26,227,631	28,199,083	32,528,104	32,884,099
3. Telephone Density				
(Telephones per 100 persons, including cellular subscriptions)	135.7	143.6	161.5	161.3
4. Other Services				
Public Pay Phones (No. of Booths)	5,297	5,137	2,135	476
Fixed Internet and E-mail (No. of Subscribers)	929,089	1,221,960	1,530,099	1,654,237
Mobile Broad Band (No. of Subscribers) **	4,429,344	5,525,194	9,032,576	11,754,166

* Provisional ** Subscriptions rebased

Source : Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka