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Ethnic group, sex and sector	Population aged 10 years & over	Ability to speak						Ability to read and write					
		Sinhala		Tamil		English		Sinhala		Tamil		English	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Jaffna District													
All Sectors													
Both sexes													
Total	493,024	33,208	6.7	488,805	99.1	81,951	16.6	20,048	4.1	482,654	97.9	102,540	20.8
Sinhala	2,332	1,968	84.4	825	35.4	652	28.0	2,307	98.9	1,016	43.6	930	39.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	486,738	30,452	6.3	484,100	99.5	80,512	16.5	17,273	3.5	477,826	98.2	100,614	20.7
Indian Tamil	2,003	186	9.3	1,994	99.6	342	17.1	106	5.3	1,945	97.1	432	21.6
Sri Lanka Moor	1,704	558	32.7	1,693	99.4	336	19.7	310	18.2	1,661	97.5	361	21.2
Burgher	111	34	30.6	108	97.3	43	38.7	22	19.8	105	94.6	111	100.0
Malay	21	2	9.5	20	95.2	4	19.0	6	28.6	21	100.0	8	38.1
All Other	115	8	7.0	65	56.5	62	53.9	24	20.9	80	69.6	84	73.0
Male													
Total	228,670	24,699	10.8	226,287	99.0	41,242	18.0	12,893	5.6	223,923	97.9	49,158	21.5
Sinhala	1,692	1,495	88.4	564	33.3	463	27.4	1,680	99.3	617	36.5	647	38.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	225,212	22,697	10.1	223,983	99.5	40,434	18.0	10,986	4.9	221,587	98.4	48,108	21.4
Indian Tamil	822	110	13.4	820	99.8	153	18.6	54	6.6	810	98.5	174	21.2
Sri Lanka Moor	851	374	43.9	845	99.3	148	17.4	151	17.7	830	97.5	153	18.0
Burgher	53	19	35.8	53	100.0	23	43.4	12	22.6	48	90.6	53	100.0
Malay	8	2	25.0	7	87.5	2	25.0	3	37.5	8	100.0	2	25.0
All Other	32	2	6.3	15	46.9	19	59.4	7	21.9	23	71.9	21	65.6
Female													
Total	264,354	8,509	3.2	262,518	99.3	40,709	15.4	7,155	2.7	258,731	97.9	53,382	20.2
Sinhala	640	473	73.9	261	40.8	189	29.5	627	98.0	399	62.3	283	44.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	261,526	7,755	3.0	260,117	99.5	40,078	15.3	6,287	2.4	256,239	98.0	52,506	20.1
Indian Tamil	1,181	76	6.4	1,174	99.4	189	16.0	52	4.4	1,135	96.1	258	21.8
Sri Lanka Moor	853	184	21.6	848	99.4	188	22.0	159	18.6	831	97.4	208	24.4
Burgher	58	15	25.9	55	94.8	20	34.5	10	17.2	57	98.3	58	100.0
Malay	13	-	0.0	13	100.0	2	15.4	3	23.1	13	100.0	6	46.2
All Other	83	6	7.2	50	60.2	43	51.8	17	20.5	57	68.7	63	75.9

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Jaffna District													
Urban Sector													
Both sexes													
Total	99,878	9,714	9.7	99,163	99.3	23,019	23.0	5,830	5.8	98,518	98.6	28,910	28.9
Sinhala	559	482	86.2	273	48.8	235	42.0	555	99.3	304	54.4	360	64.4
Sri Lanka Tamil	97,482	8,739	9.0	97,069	99.6	22,441	23.0	5,036	5.2	96,431	98.9	28,120	28.8
Indian Tamil	413	53	12.8	413	100.0	100	24.2	30	7.3	405	98.1	129	31.2
Sri Lanka Moor	1,339	413	30.8	1,332	99.5	201	15.0	189	14.1	1,306	97.5	217	16.2
Burgher	66	24	36.4	65	98.5	27	40.9	16	24.2	63	95.5	66	100.0
Malay	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0
All Other	18	2	11.1	10	55.6	14	77.8	3	16.7	8	44.4	17	94.4
Male													
Total	46,434	7,094	15.3	46,018	99.1	11,775	25.4	3,761	8.1	45,772	98.6	14,140	30.5
Sinhala	410	371	90.5	197	48.0	178	43.4	408	99.5	210	51.2	275	67.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	45,123	6,370	14.1	44,926	99.6	11,426	25.3	3,217	7.1	44,682	99.0	13,659	30.3
Indian Tamil	174	34	19.5	174	100.0	43	24.7	17	9.8	170	97.7	55	31.6
Sri Lanka Moor	688	304	44.2	685	99.6	107	15.6	107	15.6	676	98.3	112	16.3
Burgher	33	13	39.4	33	100.0	15	45.5	9	27.3	30	90.9	33	100.0
Malay	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0
All Other	5	1	20.0	2	40.0	5	100.0	2	40.0	3	60.0	5	100.0
Female													
Total	53,444	2,620	4.9	53,145	99.4	11,244	21.0	2,069	3.9	52,746	98.7	14,770	27.6
Sinhala	149	111	74.5	76	51.0	57	38.3	147	98.7	94	63.1	85	57.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	52,359	2,369	4.5	52,143	99.6	11,015	21.0	1,819	3.5	51,749	98.8	14,461	27.6
Indian Tamil	239	19	7.9	239	100.0	57	23.8	13	5.4	235	98.3	74	31.0
Sri Lanka Moor	651	109	16.7	647	99.4	94	14.4	82	12.6	630	96.8	105	16.1
Burgher	33	11	33.3	32	97.0	12	36.4	7	21.2	33	100.0	33	100.0
Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	13	1	7.7	8	61.5	9	69.2	1	7.7	5	38.5	12	92.3

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Jaffna District													
Rural Sector													
Both sexes													
Total	393,146	23,494	6.0	389,642	99.1	58,932	15.0	14,218	3.6	384,136	97.7	73,630	18.7
Sinhala	1,773	1,486	83.8	552	31.1	417	23.5	1,752	98.8	712	40.2	570	32.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	389,256	21,713	5.6	387,031	99.4	58,071	14.9	12,237	3.1	381,395	98.0	72,494	18.6
Indian Tamil	1,590	133	8.4	1,581	99.4	242	15.2	76	4.8	1,540	96.9	303	19.1
Sri Lanka Moor	365	145	39.7	361	98.9	135	37.0	121	33.2	355	97.3	144	39.5
Burgher	45	10	22.2	43	95.6	16	35.6	6	13.3	42	93.3	45	100.0
Malay	20	1	5.0	19	95.0	3	15.0	5	25.0	20	100.0	7	35.0
All Other	97	6	6.2	55	56.7	48	49.5	21	21.6	72	74.2	67	69.1
Male													
Total	182,236	17,605	9.7	180,269	98.9	29,467	16.2	9,132	5.0	178,151	97.8	35,018	19.2
Sinhala	1,282	1,124	87.7	367	28.6	285	22.2	1,272	99.2	407	31.7	372	29.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	180,089	16,327	9.1	179,057	99.4	29,008	16.1	7,769	4.3	176,905	98.2	34,449	19.1
Indian Tamil	648	76	11.7	646	99.7	110	17.0	37	5.7	640	98.8	119	18.4
Sri Lanka Moor	163	70	42.9	160	98.2	41	25.2	44	27.0	154	94.5	41	25.2
Burgher	20	6	30.0	20	100.0	8	40.0	3	15.0	18	90.0	20	100.0
Malay	7	1	14.3	6	85.7	1	14.3	2	28.6	7	100.0	1	14.3
All Other	27	1	3.7	13	48.1	14	51.9	5	18.5	20	74.1	16	59.3
Female													
Total	210,910	5,889	2.8	209,373	99.3	29,465	14.0	5,086	2.4	205,985	97.7	38,612	18.3
Sinhala	491	362	73.7	185	37.7	132	26.9	480	97.8	305	62.1	198	40.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	209,167	5,386	2.6	207,974	99.4	29,063	13.9	4,468	2.1	204,490	97.8	38,045	18.2
Indian Tamil	942	57	6.1	935	99.3	132	14.0	39	4.1	900	95.5	184	19.5
Sri Lanka Moor	202	75	37.1	201	99.5	94	46.5	77	38.1	201	99.5	103	51.0
Burgher	25	4	16.0	23	92.0	8	32.0	3	12.0	24	96.0	25	100.0
Malay	13	-	-	13	100.0	2	15.4	3	23.1	13	100.0	6	46.2
All Other	70	5	7.1	42	60.0	34	48.6	16	22.9	52	74.3	51	72.9

Source: Census of population and housing -2012