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Sector, sex and ethnic group	Population aged 10 years & over	Ability to speak								Ability to read and write							
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Kandy District																	
All Sectors																	
Both sexes																	
Total	1,138,036	301,121	26.5	337,944	29.7	147,415	13.0	139,752	12.3	182,497	16.0	396,734	34.9	162,554	14.3	136,807	12.0
Sinhalese	856,978	92,708	10.8	249,360	29.1	53,443	6.2	53,372	6.2	61,466	7.2	312,564	36.5	53,992	6.3	53,975	6.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	58,180	47,300	81.3	18,250	31.4	18,886	32.5	17,816	30.6	24,914	42.8	15,937	27.4	21,382	36.8	15,933	27.4
Indian Tamil	68,632	45,629	66.5	9,413	13.7	10,086	14.7	9,314	13.6	15,600	22.7	8,619	12.6	13,202	19.2	8,614	12.6
Sri Lanka Moor	148,474	111,866	75.3	57,436	38.7	62,401	42.0	56,783	38.2	77,748	52.4	55,906	37.7	70,764	47.7	55,892	37.6
Burgher	2,658	1,341	50.5	1,584	59.6	952	35.8	883	33.2	739	27.8	1,867	70.2	1,268	47.7	734	27.6
Malay	2,045	1,672	81.8	1,377	67.3	1,205	58.9	1,188	58.1	1,637	80.0	1,283	62.7	1,416	69.2	1,281	62.6
All Other	1,069	605	56.6	524	49.0	442	41.3	396	37.0	393	36.8	558	52.2	530	49.6	378	35.4
Male																	
Total	535,450	160,357	29.9	167,396	31.3	77,952	14.6	75,167	14.0	90,016	16.8	189,691	35.4	78,150	14.6	65,962	12.3
Sinhalese	405,050	54,693	13.5	121,721	30.1	30,598	7.6	30,551	7.5	29,246	7.2	148,057	36.6	24,964	6.2	24,960	6.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	27,646	23,715	85.8	9,446	34.2	9,678	35.0	9,244	33.4	12,502	45.2	7,909	28.6	10,661	38.6	7,908	28.6
Indian Tamil	31,614	23,686	74.9	5,153	16.3	5,397	17.1	5,107	16.2	7,990	25.3	4,453	14.1	6,735	21.3	4,450	14.1
Sri Lanka Moor	68,461	56,545	82.6	29,398	42.9	31,007	45.3	29,057	42.4	38,974	56.9	27,508	40.2	34,289	50.1	27,501	40.2
Burgher	1,207	689	57.1	759	62.9	487	40.3	461	38.2	354	29.3	866	71.7	578	47.9	352	29.2
Malay	908	739	81.4	648	71.4	556	61.2	551	60.7	753	82.9	600	66.1	659	72.6	598	65.9
All Other	564	290	51.4	271	48.0	229	40.6	196	34.8	197	34.9	298	52.8	264	46.8	193	34.2
Female																	
Total	602,586	140,764	23.4	170,548	28.3	69,463	11.5	64,585	10.7	92,481	15.3	207,043	34.4	84,404	14.0	70,845	11.8
Sinhalese	451,928	38,015	8.4	127,639	28.2	22,845	5.1	22,821	5.0	32,220	7.1	164,507	36.4	29,028	6.4	29,015	6.4
Sri Lanka Tamil	30,534	23,585	77.2	8,804	28.8	9,208	30.2	8,572	28.1	12,412	40.6	8,028	26.3	10,721	35.1	8,025	26.3
Indian Tamil	37,018	21,943	59.3	4,260	11.5	4,689	12.7	4,207	11.4	7,610	20.6	4,166	11.3	6,467	17.5	4,164	11.2
Sri Lanka Moor	80,013	55,321	69.1	28,038	35.0	31,394	39.2	27,726	34.7	38,774	48.5	28,398	35.5	36,475	45.6	28,391	35.5
Burgher	1,451	652	44.9	825	56.9	465	32.0	422	29.1	385	26.5	1,001	69.0	690	47.6	382	26.3
Malay	1,137	933	82.1	729	64.1	649	57.1	637	56.0	884	77.7	683	60.1	757	66.6	683	60.1
All Other	505	315	62.4	253	50.1	213	42.2	200	39.6	196	38.8	260	51.5	266	52.7	185	36.6
Urban Sector																	
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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Kandy District																	
Total	144,622	58,339	40.3	78,578	54.3	40,066	27.7	38,839	26.9	40,949	28.3	79,820	55.2	39,830	27.5	33,906	23.4
Sinhalese	95,768	16,215	16.9	50,900	53.1	12,051	12.6	12,041	12.6	11,687	12.2	56,178	58.7	10,728	11.2	10,728	11.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	13,803	11,862	85.9	6,711	48.6	6,997	50.7	6,594	47.8	7,246	52.5	5,457	39.5	7,209	52.2	5,456	39.5
Indian Tamil	5,194	4,276	82.3	2,225	42.8	2,371	45.6	2,195	42.3	2,212	42.6	1,669	32.1	2,497	48.1	1,668	32.1
Sri Lanka Moor	27,808	24,577	88.4	17,279	62.1	17,523	63.0	16,924	60.9	18,698	67.2	15,078	54.2	18,229	65.6	15,075	54.2
Burgher	691	348	50.4	556	80.5	289	41.8	286	41.4	188	27.2	575	83.2	242	35.0	186	26.9
Malay	934	820	87.8	701	75.1	643	68.8	634	67.9	759	81.3	638	68.3	706	75.6	636	68.1
All Other	424	241	56.8	206	48.6	192	45.3	165	38.9	159	37.5	225	53.1	219	51.7	157	37.0
Male																	
Total	68,868	29,653	43.1	38,675	56.2	20,661	30.0	20,196	29.3	20,063	29.1	38,742	56.3	19,278	28.0	16,552	24.0
Sinhalese	45,964	9,270	20.2	24,903	54.2	6,846	14.9	6,844	14.9	5,621	12.2	27,106	59.0	5,123	11.1	5,123	11.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	6,592	5,893	89.4	3,409	51.7	3,506	53.2	3,353	50.9	3,633	55.1	2,708	41.1	3,542	53.7	2,708	41.1
Indian Tamil	2,399	2,115	88.2	1,158	48.3	1,219	50.8	1,145	47.7	1,118	46.6	859	35.8	1,248	52.0	858	35.8
Sri Lanka Moor	12,975	11,732	90.4	8,536	65.8	8,549	65.9	8,340	64.3	9,180	70.8	7,406	57.1	8,829	68.0	7,405	57.1
Burgher	301	172	57.1	250	83.1	151	50.2	150	49.8	92	30.6	254	84.4	110	36.5	91	30.2
Malay	412	363	88.1	327	79.4	296	71.8	293	71.1	345	83.7	295	71.6	325	78.9	293	71.1
All Other	225	108	48.0	92	40.9	94	41.8	71	31.6	74	32.9	114	50.7	101	44.9	74	32.9
Female																	
Total	75,754	28,686	37.9	39,903	52.7	19,405	25.6	18,643	24.6	20,886	27.6	41,078	54.2	20,552	27.1	17,354	22.9
Sinhalese	49,804	6,945	13.9	25,997	52.2	5,205	10.5	5,197	10.4	6,066	12.2	29,072	58.4	5,605	11.3	5,605	11.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,211	5,969	82.8	3,302	45.8	3,491	48.4	3,241	44.9	3,613	50.1	2,749	38.1	3,667	50.9	2,748	38.1
Indian Tamil	2,795	2,161	77.3	1,067	38.2	1,152	41.2	1,050	37.6	1,094	39.1	810	29.0	1,249	44.7	810	29.0
Sri Lanka Moor	14,833	12,845	86.6	8,743	58.9	8,974	60.5	8,584	57.9	9,518	64.2	7,672	51.7	9,400	63.4	7,670	51.7
Burgher	390	176	45.1	306	78.5	138	35.4	136	34.9	96	24.6	321	82.3	132	33.8	95	24.4
Malay	522	457	87.5	374	71.6	347	66.5	341	65.3	414	79.3	343	65.7	381	73.0	343	65.7
All Other	199	133	66.8	114	57.3	98	49.2	94	47.2	85	42.7	111	55.8	118	59.3	83	41.7
Rural Sector																	
Both sexes																	
Total	925,280	201,459	21.8	252,998	27.3	101,376	11.0	95,438	10.3	129,832	14.0	309,509	33.5	114,144	12.3	97,308	10.5
Sinhalese	752,050	71,820	9.5	196,703	26.2	40,508	5.4	40,448	5.4	48,491	6.4	253,921	33.8	42,596	5.7	42,580	5.7

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Kandy District																	
Sri Lanka Tamil	32,301	26,926	83.4	10,189	31.5	10,438	32.3	9,877	30.6	14,805	45.8	9,045	28.0	12,083	37.4	9,042	28.0
Indian Tamil	17,351	13,800	79.5	4,117	23.7	4,280	24.7	4,058	23.4	6,120	35.3	3,667	21.1	5,168	29.8	3,665	21.1
Sri Lanka Moor	119,974	86,775	72.3	40,004	33.3	44,714	37.3	39,708	33.1	58,783	49.0	40,648	33.9	52,312	43.6	40,637	33.9
Burgher	1,897	942	49.7	1,002	52.8	637	33.6	573	30.2	527	27.8	1,260	66.4	981	51.7	524	27.6
Malay	1,106	847	76.6	672	60.8	558	50.5	550	49.7	876	79.2	643	58.1	706	63.8	643	58.1
All Other	601	349	58.1	311	51.7	241	40.1	224	37.3	230	38.3	325	54.1	298	49.6	217	36.1
Male																	
Total	434,981	108,781	25.0	125,138	28.8	53,947	12.4	51,788	11.9	63,872	14.7	147,149	33.8	54,483	12.5	46,519	10.7
Sinhalese	354,701	42,948	12.1	95,865	27.0	23,192	6.5	23,148	6.5	22,944	6.5	119,711	33.7	19,501	5.5	19,497	5.5
Sri Lanka Tamil	15,392	13,408	87.1	5,314	34.5	5,424	35.2	5,169	33.6	7,419	48.2	4,483	29.1	6,070	39.4	4,482	29.1
Indian Tamil	8,034	6,825	85.0	2,190	27.3	2,245	27.9	2,160	26.9	3,062	38.1	1,857	23.1	2,618	32.6	1,856	23.1
Sri Lanka Moor	55,171	44,561	80.8	20,781	37.7	22,376	40.6	20,637	37.4	29,670	53.8	20,021	36.3	25,359	46.0	20,015	36.3
Burgher	875	493	56.3	496	56.7	324	37.0	299	34.2	250	28.6	595	68.0	447	51.1	249	28.5
Malay	492	372	75.6	318	64.6	257	52.2	255	51.8	406	82.5	303	61.6	331	67.3	303	61.6
All Other	316	174	55.1	174	55.1	129	40.8	120	38.0	121	38.3	179	56.6	157	49.7	117	37.0
Female																	
Total	490,299	92,678	18.9	127,860	26.1	47,429	9.7	43,650	8.9	65,960	13.5	162,360	33.1	59,661	12.2	50,789	10.4
Sinhalese	397,349	28,872	7.3	100,838	25.4	17,316	4.4	17,300	4.4	25,547	6.4	134,210	33.8	23,095	5.8	23,083	5.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	16,909	13,518	79.9	4,875	28.8	5,014	29.7	4,708	27.8	7,386	43.7	4,562	27.0	6,013	35.6	4,560	27.0
Indian Tamil	9,317	6,975	74.9	1,927	20.7	2,035	21.8	1,898	20.4	3,058	32.8	1,810	19.4	2,550	27.4	1,809	19.4
Sri Lanka Moor	64,803	42,214	65.1	19,223	29.7	22,338	34.5	19,071	29.4	29,113	44.9	20,627	31.8	26,953	41.6	20,622	31.8
Burgher	1,022	449	43.9	506	49.5	313	30.6	274	26.8	277	27.1	665	65.1	534	52.3	275	26.9
Malay	614	475	77.4	354	57.7	301	49.0	295	48.0	470	76.5	340	55.4	375	61.1	340	55.4
All Other	285	175	61.4	137	48.1	112	39.3	104	36.5	109	38.2	146	51.2	141	49.5	100	35.1
Estate Sector																	
Both sexes																	
Total	68,134	41,323	60.6	6,368	9.3	5,973	8.8	5,475	8.0	11,716	17.2	7,405	10.9	8,580	12.6	5,593	8.2
Sinhalese	9,160	4,673	51.0	1,757	19.2	884	9.7	883	9.6	1,288	14.1	2,465	26.9	668	7.3	667	7.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	12,076	8,512	70.5	1,350	11.2	1,451	12.0	1,345	11.1	2,863	23.7	1,435	11.9	2,090	17.3	1,435	11.9
Indian Tamil	46,087	27,553	59.8	3,071	6.7	3,435	7.5	3,061	6.6	7,268	15.8	3,283	7.1	5,537	12.0	3,281	7.1
Sri Lanka Moor	692	514	74.3	153	22.1	164	23.7	151	21.8	267	38.6	180	26.0	223	32.2	180	26.0

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Kandy District																	
Burgher	70	51	72.9	26	37.1	26	37.1	24	34.3	24	34.3	32	45.7	45	64.3	24	34.3
Malay	5	5	100.0	4	80.0	4	80.0	4	80.0	2	40.0	2	40.0	4	80.0	2	40.0
All Other	44	15	34.1	7	15.9	9	20.5	7	15.9	4	9.1	8	18.2	13	29.5	4	9.1
Male																	
Total	31,601	21,923	69.4	3,583	11.3	3,344	10.6	3,183	10.1	6,081	19.2	3,800	12.0	4,389	13.9	2,891	9.1
Sinhalese	4,385	2,475	56.4	953	21.7	560	12.8	559	12.7	681	15.5	1,240	28.3	340	7.8	340	7.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	5,662	4,414	78.0	723	12.8	748	13.2	722	12.8	1,450	25.6	718	12.7	1,049	18.5	718	12.7
Indian Tamil	21,181	14,746	69.6	1,805	8.5	1,933	9.1	1,802	8.5	3,810	18.0	1,737	8.2	2,869	13.5	1,736	8.2
Sri Lanka Moor	315	252	80.0	81	25.7	82	26.0	80	25.4	124	39.4	81	25.7	101	32.1	81	25.7
Burgher	31	24	77.4	13	41.9	12	38.7	12	38.7	12	38.7	17	54.8	21	67.7	12	38.7
Malay	4	4	100.0	3	75.0	3	75.0	3	75.0	2	50.0	2	50.0	3	75.0	2	50.0
All Other	23	8	34.8	5	21.7	6	26.1	5	21.7	2	8.7	5	21.7	6	26.1	2	8.7
Female																	
Total	36,533	19,400	53.1	2,785	7.6	2,629	7.2	2,292	6.3	5,635	15.4	3,605	9.9	4,191	11.5	2,702	7.4
Sinhalese	4,775	2,198	46.0	804	16.8	324	6.8	324	6.8	607	12.7	1,225	25.7	328	6.9	327	6.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	6,414	4,098	63.9	627	9.8	703	11.0	623	9.7	1,413	22.0	717	11.2	1,041	16.2	717	11.2
Indian Tamil	24,906	12,807	51.4	1,266	5.1	1,502	6.0	1,259	5.1	3,458	13.9	1,546	6.2	2,668	10.7	1,545	6.2
Sri Lanka Moor	377	262	69.5	72	19.1	82	21.8	71	18.8	143	37.9	99	26.3	122	32.4	99	26.3
Burgher	39	27	69.2	13	33.3	14	35.9	12	30.8	12	30.8	15	38.5	24	61.5	12	30.8
Malay	1	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	1	100.0	-	-	-	-	1	100.0	-	-
All Other	21	7	33.3	2	9.5	3	14.3	2	9.5	2	9.5	3	14.3	7	33.3	2	9.5

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