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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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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Kegalle District																	
All Sectors																	
Both Sexes																	
Total	700,925	113,918	16.3	130,315	18.6	42,045	6.0	40,912	5.8	74,525	10.6	179,799	25.7	53,556	7.6	49,701	7.1
Sinhalese	603,861	32,914	5.5	107,217	17.8	18,109	3.0	18,104	3.0	28,885	4.8	154,637	25.6	24,727	4.1	24,720	4.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	14,604	12,631	86.5	2,215	15.2	2,183	14.9	2,130	14.6	6,321	43.3	2,475	16.9	2,895	19.8	2,473	16.9
Indian Tamil	35,396	29,231	82.6	2,844	8.0	2,865	8.1	2,804	7.9	10,708	30.3	3,799	10.7	4,502	12.7	3,796	10.7
Sri Lanka Moor	46,238	38,607	83.5	17,664	38.2	18,607	40.2	17,606	38.1	28,122	60.8	18,396	39.8	21,058	45.5	18,395	39.8
Burgher	219	105	47.9	125	57.1	65	29.7	63	28.8	67	30.6	180	82.2	86	39.3	67	30.6
Malay	159	121	76.1	102	64.2	87	54.7	87	54.7	132	83.0	95	59.7	104	65.4	95	59.7
Other	448	309	69.0	148	33.0	129	28.8	118	26.3	290	64.7	217	48.4	184	41.1	155	34.6
Male																	
Total	330,340	59,338	18.0	63,831	19.3	22,028	6.7	21,630	6.5	35,963	10.9	84,519	25.6	25,010	7.6	23,193	7.0
Sinhalese	284,680	19,292	6.8	51,955	18.3	9,904	3.5	9,900	3.5	12,928	4.5	71,913	25.3	10,692	3.8	10,687	3.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,105	6,327	89.0	1,156	16.3	1,134	16.0	1,120	15.8	3,263	45.9	1,283	18.1	1,479	20.8	1,281	18.0
Indian Tamil	16,973	14,899	87.8	1,553	9.1	1,554	9.2	1,531	9.0	5,619	33.1	2,007	11.8	2,391	14.1	2,006	11.8
Sri Lanka Moor	21,169	18,544	87.6	8,952	42.3	9,276	43.8	8,922	42.1	13,899	65.7	9,041	42.7	10,250	48.4	9,040	42.7
Burgher	108	52	48.1	71	65.7	37	34.3	36	33.3	37	34.3	98	90.7	42	38.9	37	34.3
Malay	88	69	78.4	58	65.9	50	56.8	50	56.8	79	89.8	62	70.5	64	72.7	62	70.5
Other	217	155	71.4	86	39.6	73	33.6	71	32.7	138	63.6	115	53.0	92	42.4	80	36.9
Female																	
Total	370,585	54,580	14.7	66,484	17.9	20,017	5.4	19,282	5.2	38,562	10.4	95,280	25.7	28,546	7.7	26,508	7.2
Sinhalese	319,181	13,622	4.3	55,262	17.3	8,205	2.6	8,204	2.6	15,957	5.0	82,724	25.9	14,035	4.4	14,033	4.4
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,499	6,304	84.1	1,059	14.1	1,049	14.0	1,010	13.5	3,058	40.8	1,192	15.9	1,416	18.9	1,192	15.9
Indian Tamil	18,423	14,332	77.8	1,291	7.0	1,311	7.1	1,273	6.9	5,089	27.6	1,792	9.7	2,111	11.5	1,790	9.7
Sri Lanka Moor	25,069	20,063	80.0	8,712	34.8	9,331	37.2	8,684	34.6	14,223	56.7	9,355	37.3	10,808	43.1	9,355	37.3
Burgher	111	53	47.7	54	48.6	28	25.2	27	24.3	30	27.0	82	73.9	44	39.6	30	27.0
Malay	71	52	73.2	44	62.0	37	52.1	37	52.1	53	74.6	33	46.5	40	56.3	33	46.5
Other	231	154	66.7	62	26.8	56	24.2	47	20.3	152	65.8	102	44.2	92	39.8	75	32.5

Urban Sector

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Kegalle District																	
Both Sexes																	
Total	13,691	1,796	13.1	6,318	46.1	1,230	9.0	1,223	8.9	1,838	13.4	7,555	55.2	1,578	11.5	1,516	11.1
Sinhalese	12,640	898	7.1	5,812	46.0	762	6.0	762	6.0	1,084	8.6	7,052	55.8	1,031	8.2	1,031	8.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	404	337	83.4	180	44.6	171	42.3	166	41.1	270	66.8	164	40.6	187	46.3	164	40.6
Indian Tamil	99	88	88.9	35	35.4	35	35.4	34	34.3	48	48.5	20	20.2	36	36.4	20	20.2
Sri Lanka Moor	477	438	91.8	243	50.9	236	49.5	235	49.3	388	81.3	261	54.7	283	59.3	261	54.7
Burgher	17	1	5.9	13	76.5	-	0.0	-	0.0	1	5.9	13	76.5	1	5.9	1	5.9
Malay	43	29	67.4	29	67.4	23	53.5	23	53.5	42	97.7	34	79.1	35	81.4	34	79.1
Other	11	5	45.5	6	54.5	3	27.3	3	27.3	5	45.5	11	100.0	5	45.5	5	45.5
Male																	
Total	6,492	929	14.3	3,072	47.3	633	9.8	631	9.7	872	13.4	3,634	56.0	735	11.3	696	10.7
Sinhalese	5,929	435	7.3	2,789	47.0	372	6.3	372	6.3	454	7.7	3,357	56.6	428	7.2	428	7.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	195	167	85.6	82	42.1	79	40.5	77	39.5	143	73.3	79	40.5	89	45.6	79	40.5
Indian Tamil	67	60	89.6	21	31.3	20	29.9	20	29.9	30	44.8	10	14.9	23	34.3	10	14.9
Sri Lanka Moor	259	245	94.6	148	57.1	143	55.2	143	55.2	213	82.2	150	57.9	166	64.1	150	57.9
Burgher	8	-	-	8	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	87.5	-	-	-	-
Malay	29	19	65.5	20	69.0	16	55.2	16	55.2	29	100.0	26	89.7	26	89.7	26	89.7
Other	5	3	60.0	4	80.0	3	60.0	3	60.0	3	60.0	5	100.0	3	60.0	3	60.0
Female																	
Total	7,199	867	12.0	3,246	45.1	597	8.3	592	8.2	966	13.4	3,921	54.5	843	11.7	820	11.4
Sinhalese	6,711	463	6.9	3,023	45.0	390	5.8	390	5.8	630	9.4	3,695	55.1	603	9.0	603	9.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	209	170	81.3	98	46.9	92	44.0	89	42.6	127	60.8	85	40.7	98	46.9	85	40.7
Indian Tamil	32	28	87.5	14	43.8	15	46.9	14	43.8	18	56.3	10	31.3	13	40.6	10	31.3
Sri Lanka Moor	218	193	88.5	95	43.6	93	42.7	92	42.2	175	80.3	111	50.9	117	53.7	111	50.9
Burgher	9	1	11.1	5	55.6	-	-	-	-	1	11.1	6	66.7	1	11.1	1	11.1
Malay	14	10	71.4	9	64.3	7	50.0	7	50.0	13	92.9	8	57.1	9	64.3	8	57.1
Other	6	2	33.3	2	33.3	-	-	-	-	2	33.3	6	100.0	2	33.3	2	33.3
Rural Sector																	
Both Sexes																	

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Kegalle District																	
Total	641,285	78,023	12.2	120,271	18.8	37,670	5.9	36,604	5.7	60,729	9.5	166,863	26.0	47,085	7.3	43,998	6.9
Sinhalese	583,625	29,791	5.1	100,346	17.2	16,908	2.9	16,904	2.9	26,981	4.6	146,012	25.0	23,307	4.0	23,300	4.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	6,247	5,312	85.0	1,409	22.6	1,377	22.0	1,340	21.5	3,354	53.7	1,429	22.9	1,684	27.0	1,428	22.9
Indian Tamil	5,130	4,417	86.1	812	15.8	800	15.6	787	15.3	2,324	45.3	914	17.8	1,050	20.5	913	17.8
Sri Lanka Moor	45,585	38,042	83.5	17,397	38.2	18,346	40.2	17,347	38.1	27,655	60.7	18,095	39.7	20,729	45.5	18,094	39.7
Burgher	186	95	51.1	104	55.9	59	31.7	57	30.6	61	32.8	158	84.9	77	41.4	61	32.8
Malay	86	66	76.7	63	73.3	55	64.0	55	64.0	70	81.4	52	60.5	60	69.8	52	60.5
Other	426	300	70.4	140	32.9	125	29.3	114	26.8	284	66.7	203	47.7	178	41.8	150	35.2
Male																	
Total	301,731	40,910	13.6	58,748	19.5	19,644	6.5	19,268	6.4	28,790	9.5	78,109	25.9	21,686	7.2	20,289	6.7
Sinhalese	275,072	17,611	6.4	48,605	17.7	9,239	3.4	9,236	3.4	12,031	4.4	67,789	24.6	10,059	3.7	10,054	3.7
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,044	2,650	87.1	749	24.6	727	23.9	719	23.6	1,721	56.5	752	24.7	866	28.4	751	24.7
Indian Tamil	2,452	2,186	89.2	439	17.9	433	17.7	424	17.3	1,191	48.6	477	19.5	548	22.3	476	19.4
Sri Lanka Moor	20,825	18,231	87.5	8,786	42.2	9,114	43.8	8,761	42.1	13,642	65.5	8,867	42.6	10,054	48.3	8,866	42.6
Burgher	92	48	52.2	57	62.0	33	35.9	32	34.8	35	38.0	86	93.5	39	42.4	35	38.0
Malay	40	34	85.0	31	77.5	28	70.0	28	70.0	36	90.0	30	75.0	32	80.0	30	75.0
Other	206	150	72.8	81	39.3	70	34.0	68	33.0	134	65.0	108	52.4	88	42.7	77	37.4
Female																	
Total	339,554	37,113	10.9	61,523	18.1	18,026	5.3	17,336	5.1	31,939	9.4	88,754	26.1	25,399	7.5	23,709	7.0
Sinhalese	308,553	12,180	3.9	51,741	16.8	7,669	2.5	7,668	2.5	14,950	4.8	78,223	25.4	13,248	4.3	13,246	4.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,203	2,662	83.1	660	20.6	650	20.3	621	19.4	1,633	51.0	677	21.1	818	25.5	677	21.1
Indian Tamil	2,678	2,231	83.3	373	13.9	367	13.7	363	13.6	1,133	42.3	437	16.3	502	18.7	437	16.3
Sri Lanka Moor	24,760	19,811	80.0	8,611	34.8	9,232	37.3	8,586	34.7	14,013	56.6	9,228	37.3	10,675	43.1	9,228	37.3
Burgher	94	47	50.0	47	50.0	26	27.7	25	26.6	26	27.7	72	76.6	38	40.4	26	27.7
Malay	46	32	69.6	32	69.6	27	58.7	27	58.7	34	73.9	22	47.8	28	60.9	22	47.8
Other	220	150	68.2	59	26.8	55	25.0	46	20.9	150	68.2	95	43.2	90	40.9	73	33.2
Estate Sector																	
Both Sexes																	
Total	45,949	34,099	74.2	3,726	8.1	3,145	6.8	3,085	6.7	11,958	26.0	5,381	11.7	4,893	10.6	4,187	9.1

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Kegalle District																	
Sinhalese	7,596	2,225	29.3	1,059	13.9	439	5.8	438	5.8	820	10.8	1,573	20.7	389	5.1	389	5.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,953	6,982	87.8	626	7.9	635	8.0	624	7.8	2,697	33.9	882	11.1	1,024	12.9	881	11.1
Indian Tamil	30,167	24,726	82.0	1,997	6.6	2,030	6.7	1,983	6.6	8,336	27.6	2,865	9.5	3,416	11.3	2,863	9.5
Sri Lanka Moor	176	127	72.2	24	13.6	25	14.2	24	13.6	79	44.9	40	22.7	46	26.1	40	22.7
Burgher	16	9	56.3	8	50.0	6	37.5	6	37.5	5	31.3	9	56.3	8	50.0	5	31.3
Malay	30	26	86.7	10	33.3	9	30.0	9	30.0	20	66.7	9	30.0	9	30.0	9	30.0
Other	11	4	36.4	2	18.2	1	9.1	1	9.1	1	9.1	3	27.3	1	9.1	-	-
Male																	
Total	22,117	17,499	79.1	2,011	9.1	1,751	7.9	1,731	7.8	6,301	28.5	2,776	12.6	2,589	11.7	2,208	10.0
Sinhalese	3,679	1,246	33.9	561	15.2	293	8.0	292	7.9	443	12.0	767	20.8	205	5.6	205	5.6
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,866	3,510	90.8	325	8.4	328	8.5	324	8.4	1,399	36.2	452	11.7	524	13.6	451	11.7
Indian Tamil	14,454	12,653	87.5	1,093	7.6	1,101	7.6	1,087	7.5	4,398	30.4	1,520	10.5	1,820	12.6	1,520	10.5
Sri Lanka Moor	85	68	80.0	18	21.2	19	22.4	18	21.2	44	51.8	24	28.2	30	35.3	24	28.2
Burgher	8	4	50.0	6	75.0	4	50.0	4	50.0	2	25.0	5	62.5	3	37.5	2	25.0
Malay	19	16	84.2	7	36.8	6	31.6	6	31.6	14	73.7	6	31.6	6	31.6	6	31.6
Other	6	2	33.3	1	16.7	-	-	-	-	1	16.7	2	33.3	1	16.7	-	-
Female																	
Total	23,832	16,600	69.7	1,715	7.2	1,394	5.8	1,354	5.7	5,657	23.7	2,605	10.9	2,304	9.7	1,979	8.3
Sinhalese	3,917	979	25.0	498	12.7	146	3.7	146	3.7	377	9.6	806	20.6	184	4.7	184	4.7
Sri Lanka Tamil	4,087	3,472	85.0	301	7.4	307	7.5	300	7.3	1,298	31.8	430	10.5	500	12.2	430	10.5
Indian Tamil	15,713	12,073	76.8	904	5.8	929	5.9	896	5.7	3,938	25.1	1,345	8.6	1,596	10.2	1,343	8.5
Sri Lanka Moor	91	59	64.8	6	6.6	6	6.6	6	6.6	35	38.5	16	17.6	16	17.6	16	17.6
Burgher	8	5	62.5	2	25.0	2	25.0	2	25.0	3	37.5	4	50.0	5	62.5	3	37.5
Malay	11	10	90.9	3	27.3	3	27.3	3	27.3	6	54.5	3	27.3	3	27.3	3	27.3
Other	5	2	40.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	-	-	1	20.0	-	-	-	-

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