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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.	%
Matale District													
All Sectors													
Both sexes													
Total	397,755	380,464	95.7	97,791	24.6	78,115	19.6	336,287	84.5	83,689	21.0	103,179	25.9
Sinhala	323,263	321,610	99.5	24,613	7.6	55,493	17.2	305,735	94.6	15,305	4.7	76,719	23.7
Sri Lanka Tamil	20,053	17,091	85.2	19,453	97.0	6,067	30.3	8,602	42.9	18,357	91.5	6,877	34.3
Indian Tamil	18,852	13,634	72.3	18,644	98.9	1,882	10.0	4,326	22.9	15,777	83.7	2,550	13.5
Sri Lanka Moor	34,797	27,400	78.7	34,502	99.2	14,126	40.6	17,041	49.0	33,724	96.9	16,366	47.0
Burgher	337	320	95.0	197	58.5	213	63.2	256	76.0	137	40.7	324	96.1
Malay	335	323	96.4	305	91.0	249	74.3	264	78.8	325	97.0	244	72.8
All Other	118	86	72.9	77	65.3	85	72.0	63	53.4	64	54.2	99	83.9
Male													
Total	189,722	184,000	97.0	49,109	25.9	39,103	20.6	163,984	86.4	40,065	21.1	49,161	25.9
Sinhala	155,014	154,269	99.5	15,051	9.7	27,612	17.8	148,498	95.8	7,227	4.7	36,059	23.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	9,554	8,580	89.8	9,242	96.7	2,953	30.9	4,289	44.9	8,995	94.1	3,320	34.7
Indian Tamil	8,577	6,901	80.5	8,481	98.9	954	11.1	2,118	24.7	7,707	89.9	1,268	14.8
Sri Lanka Moor	16,238	13,943	85.9	16,095	99.1	7,341	45.2	8,834	54.4	15,918	98.0	8,225	50.7
Burgher	141	136	96.5	80	56.7	95	67.4	107	75.9	50	35.5	138	97.9
Malay	137	131	95.6	126	92.0	101	73.7	110	80.3	134	97.8	99	72.3
All Other	61	40	65.6	34	55.7	47	77.0	28	45.9	34	55.7	52	85.2
Female													
Total	208,033	196,464	94.4	48,682	23.4	39,012	18.8	172,303	82.8	43,624	21.0	54,018	26.0
Sinhala	168,249	167,341	99.5	9,562	5.7	27,881	16.6	157,237	93.5	8,078	4.8	40,660	24.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	10,499	8,511	81.1	10,211	97.3	3,114	29.7	4,313	41.1	9,362	89.2	3,557	33.9
Indian Tamil	10,275	6,733	65.5	10,163	98.9	928	9.0	2,208	21.5	8,070	78.5	1,282	12.5
Sri Lanka Moor	18,559	13,457	72.5	18,407	99.2	6,785	36.6	8,207	44.2	17,806	95.9	8,141	43.9
Burgher	196	184	93.9	117	59.7	118	60.2	149	76.0	87	44.4	186	94.9
Malay	198	192	97.0	179	90.4	148	74.7	154	77.8	191	96.5	145	73.2
All Other	57	46	80.7	43	75.4	38	66.7	35	61.4	30	52.6	47	82.5

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Matale District													
Urban Sector													
Both sexes													
Total	50,129	46,847	93.5	21,348	42.6	20,868	41.6	40,561	80.9	19,522	38.9	23,128	46.1
Sinhala	32,498	32,349	99.5	4,018	12.4	11,421	35.1	31,736	97.7	2,470	7.6	12,952	39.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,053	5,774	81.9	6,913	98.0	3,019	42.8	3,101	44.0	6,754	95.8	3,336	47.3
Indian Tamil	949	775	81.7	941	99.2	314	33.1	360	37.9	879	92.6	367	38.7
Sri Lanka Moor	9,360	7,695	82.2	9,266	99.0	5,895	63.0	5,171	55.2	9,235	98.7	6,234	66.6
Burgher	117	112	95.7	77	65.8	93	79.5	86	73.5	51	43.6	113	96.6
Malay	116	111	95.7	112	96.6	98	84.5	85	73.3	116	100.0	94	81.0
All Other	36	31	86.1	21	58.3	28	77.8	22	61.1	17	47.2	32	88.9
Male													
Total	24,106	23,000	95.4	10,507	43.6	10,477	43.5	19,951	82.8	9,301	38.6	11,285	46.8
Sinhala	15,759	15,688	99.5	2,317	14.7	5,741	36.4	15,478	98.2	1,153	7.3	6,267	39.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,364	2,951	87.7	3,291	97.8	1,455	43.3	1,554	46.2	3,266	97.1	1,597	47.5
Indian Tamil	408	347	85.0	405	99.3	138	33.8	149	36.5	384	94.1	160	39.2
Sri Lanka Moor	4,468	3,912	87.6	4,412	98.7	3,055	68.4	2,696	60.3	4,428	99.1	3,163	70.8
Burgher	49	47	95.9	31	63.3	40	81.6	34	69.4	19	38.8	48	98.0
Malay	41	40	97.6	40	97.6	35	85.4	31	75.6	41	100.0	35	85.4
All Other	17	15	88.2	11	64.7	13	76.5	9	52.9	10	58.8	15	88.2
Female													
Total	26,023	23,847	91.6	10,841	41.7	10,391	39.9	20,610	79.2	10,221	39.3	11,843	45.5
Sinhala	16,739	16,661	99.5	1,701	10.2	5,680	33.9	16,258	97.1	1,317	7.9	6,685	39.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,689	2,823	76.5	3,622	98.2	1,564	42.4	1,547	41.9	3,488	94.6	1,739	47.1
Indian Tamil	541	428	79.1	536	99.1	176	32.5	211	39.0	495	91.5	207	38.3
Sri Lanka Moor	4,892	3,783	77.3	4,854	99.2	2,840	58.1	2,475	50.6	4,807	98.3	3,071	62.8
Burgher	68	65	95.6	46	67.6	53	77.9	52	76.5	32	47.1	65	95.6
Malay	75	71	94.7	72	96.0	63	84.0	54	72.0	75	100.0	59	78.7
All Other	19	16	84.2	10	52.6	15	78.9	13	68.4	7	36.8	17	89.5

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		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Matale District													
Rural Sector													
Both sexes													
Total	332,353	322,714	97.1	62,046	18.7	55,953	16.8	291,920	87.8	52,382	15.8	78,064	23.5
Sinhala	289,382	287,890	99.5	19,976	6.9	43,733	15.1	272,751	94.3	12,615	4.4	63,317	21.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	10,899	9,741	89.4	10,464	96.0	2,902	26.6	5,079	46.6	9,803	89.9	3,280	30.1
Indian Tamil	6,338	5,086	80.2	6,217	98.1	859	13.6	1,927	30.4	5,332	84.1	1,017	16.0
Sri Lanka Moor	25,242	19,546	77.4	25,045	99.2	8,143	32.3	11,790	46.7	24,310	96.3	10,045	39.8
Burgher	200	192	96.0	104	52.0	112	56.0	159	79.5	74	37.0	192	96.0
Malay	218	212	97.2	192	88.1	151	69.3	179	82.1	208	95.4	150	68.8
All Other	74	47	63.5	48	64.9	53	71.6	35	47.3	40	54.1	63	85.1
Male													
Total	158,589	155,360	98.0	31,995	20.2	27,890	17.6	142,084	89.6	24,924	15.7	36,812	23.2
Sinhala	138,568	137,899	99.5	12,415	9.0	21,661	15.6	132,374	95.5	5,966	4.3	29,538	21.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	5,174	4,798	92.7	4,946	95.6	1,411	27.3	2,528	48.9	4,802	92.8	1,579	30.5
Indian Tamil	2,952	2,525	85.5	2,897	98.1	427	14.5	923	31.3	2,618	88.7	496	16.8
Sri Lanka Moor	11,676	9,945	85.2	11,590	99.3	4,242	36.3	6,096	52.2	11,398	97.6	5,017	43.0
Burgher	85	82	96.5	44	51.8	51	60.0	69	81.2	29	34.1	83	97.6
Malay	95	91	95.8	85	89.5	66	69.5	79	83.2	92	96.8	64	67.4
All Other	39	20	51.3	18	46.2	32	82.1	15	38.5	19	48.7	35	89.7
Female													
Total	173,764	167,354	96.3	30,051	17.3	28,063	16.2	149,836	86.2	27,458	15.8	41,252	23.7
Sinhala	150,814	149,991	99.5	7,561	5.0	22,072	14.6	140,377	93.1	6,649	4.4	33,779	22.4
Sri Lanka Tamil	5,725	4,943	86.3	5,518	96.4	1,491	26.0	2,551	44.6	5,001	87.4	1,701	29.7
Indian Tamil	3,386	2,561	75.6	3,320	98.1	432	12.8	1,004	29.7	2,714	80.2	521	15.4
Sri Lanka Moor	13,566	9,601	70.8	13,455	99.2	3,901	28.8	5,694	42.0	12,912	95.2	5,028	37.1
Burgher	115	110	95.7	60	52.2	61	53.0	90	78.3	45	39.1	109	94.8
Malay	123	121	98.4	107	87.0	85	69.1	100	81.3	116	94.3	86	69.9
All Other	35	27	77.1	30	85.7	21	60.0	20	57.1	21	60.0	28	80.0

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Matale District													
Estate sector													
Both sexes													
Total	15,273	10,903	71.4	14,397	94.3	1,294	8.5	3,806	24.9	11,785	77.2	1,987	13.0
Sinhala	1,383	1,371	99.1	619	44.8	339	24.5	1,248	90.2	220	15.9	450	32.5
Sri Lanka Tamil	2,101	1,576	75.0	2,076	98.8	146	6.9	422	20.1	1,800	85.7	261	12.4
Indian Tamil	11,565	7,773	67.2	11,486	99.3	709	6.1	2,039	17.6	9,566	82.7	1,166	10.1
Sri Lanka Moor	195	159	81.5	191	97.9	88	45.1	80	41.0	179	91.8	87	44.6
Burgher	20	16	80.0	16	80.0	8	40.0	11	55.0	12	60.0	19	95.0
Malay	1	-	-	1	100.0	-	-	-	-	1	100.0	-	-
All Other	8	8	100.0	8	100.0	4	50.0	6	75.0	7	87.5	4	50.0
Male													
Total	7,027	5,640	80.3	6,607	94.0	736	10.5	1,949	27.7	5,840	83.1	1,064	15.1
Sinhala	687	682	99.3	319	46.4	210	30.6	646	94.0	108	15.7	254	37.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	1,016	831	81.8	1,005	98.9	87	8.6	207	20.4	927	91.2	144	14.2
Indian Tamil	5,217	4,029	77.2	5,179	99.3	389	7.5	1,046	20.0	4,705	90.2	612	11.7
Sri Lanka Moor	94	86	91.5	93	98.9	44	46.8	42	44.7	92	97.9	45	47.9
Burgher	7	7	100.0	5	71.4	4	57.1	4	57.1	2	28.6	7	100.0
Malay	1	-	-	1	100.0	-	-	-	-	1	100.0	-	-
All Other	5	5	100.0	5	100.0	2	40.0	4	80.0	5	100.0	2	40.0
Female													
Total	8,246	5,263	63.8	7,790	94.5	558	6.8	1,857	22.5	5,945	72.1	923	11.2
Sinhala	696	689	99.0	300	43.1	129	18.5	602	86.5	112	16.1	196	28.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	1,085	745	68.7	1,071	98.7	59	5.4	215	19.8	873	80.5	117	10.8
Indian Tamil	6,348	3,744	59.0	6,307	99.4	320	5.0	993	15.6	4,861	76.6	554	8.7
Sri Lanka Moor	101	73	72.3	98	97.0	44	43.6	38	37.6	87	86.1	42	41.6
Burgher	13	9	69.2	11	84.6	4	30.8	7	53.8	10	76.9	12	92.3
Malay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other	3	3	100.0	3	100.0	2	66.7	2	66.7	2	66.7	2	66.7

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