

**Census of Population and Housing of Sri Lanka, 2012**

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		Sinhala		Tamil		English		None		Sinhala		Tamil		English		None	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Matara District</b>																	
<b>Both sexes</b>																	
<b>AGE</b>																	
10 and over	676,068	666,104	98.5	49,873	7.4	95,393	14.1	3,487	0.5	628,040	92.9	48,372	7.2	143,803	21.3	34,943	5.2
10 - 14	64,903	63,134	97.3	7,562	11.7	8,045	12.4	242	0.4	62,071	95.6	10,563	16.3	15,464	23.8	756	1.2
15 - 19	65,320	64,134	98.2	5,994	9.2	13,492	20.7	274	0.4	62,918	96.3	7,621	11.7	22,187	34.0	859	1.3
20 - 24	59,368	58,557	98.6	4,738	8.0	14,303	24.1	246	0.4	57,226	96.4	5,298	8.9	20,351	34.3	958	1.6
25 - 29	57,673	57,017	98.9	4,230	7.3	10,691	18.5	216	0.4	55,384	96.0	4,000	6.9	15,734	27.3	1,197	2.1
30 - 34	58,628	57,970	98.9	4,134	7.1	9,236	15.8	266	0.5	56,098	95.7	3,647	6.2	13,582	23.2	1,477	2.5
35 - 39	53,356	52,708	98.8	3,691	6.9	7,936	14.9	269	0.5	50,668	95.0	3,057	5.7	11,464	21.5	1,745	3.3
40 - 44	51,974	51,471	99.0	3,505	6.7	6,905	13.3	204	0.4	48,888	94.1	2,818	5.4	10,230	19.7	2,246	4.3
45 - 49	49,907	49,366	98.9	3,294	6.6	5,874	11.8	206	0.4	46,292	92.8	2,582	5.2	8,527	17.1	2,777	5.6
50 - 54	49,654	49,076	98.8	3,150	6.3	5,304	10.7	219	0.4	45,858	92.4	2,342	4.7	7,603	15.3	2,968	6.0
55 - 59	45,191	44,635	98.8	2,876	6.4	4,413	9.8	211	0.5	41,477	91.8	2,070	4.6	6,245	13.8	2,898	6.4
60 - 64	38,603	38,095	98.7	2,493	6.5	3,413	8.8	195	0.5	34,777	90.1	1,724	4.5	4,869	12.6	3,131	8.1
65 - 69	28,886	28,451	98.5	1,775	6.1	2,366	8.2	195	0.7	25,209	87.3	1,173	4.1	3,255	11.3	3,159	10.9
70 - 74	18,925	18,646	98.5	1,038	5.5	1,491	7.9	150	0.8	15,833	83.7	623	3.3	1,895	10.0	2,805	14.8
75 - 79	15,769	15,449	98.0	745	4.7	1,066	6.8	204	1.3	12,206	77.4	479	3.0	1,340	8.5	3,361	21.3
80 & over	17,911	17,395	97.1	648	3.6	858	4.8	390	2.2	13,135	73.3	375	2.1	1,057	5.9	4,606	25.7

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<b>Male</b>																	
<b>AGE</b>																	
10 and over	320,276	316,131	98.7	25,058	7.8	45,041	14.1	1,600	0.5	300,996	94.0	22,536	7.0	65,141	20.3	13,004	4.1
10 - 14	32,901	31,973	97.2	3,559	10.8	3,549	10.8	134	0.4	31,371	95.3	4,840	14.7	6,961	21.2	417	1.3
15 - 19	32,383	31,779	98.1	2,804	8.7	5,698	17.6	160	0.5	31,058	95.9	3,324	10.3	9,563	29.5	477	1.5
20 - 24	28,581	28,201	98.7	2,246	7.9	6,018	21.1	140	0.5	27,486	96.2	2,228	7.8	8,392	29.4	491	1.7
25 - 29	27,190	26,925	99.0	1,968	7.2	4,521	16.6	112	0.4	26,070	95.9	1,676	6.2	6,376	23.4	608	2.2
30 - 34	27,944	27,660	99.0	2,026	7.3	4,179	15.0	141	0.5	26,693	95.5	1,613	5.8	5,736	20.5	761	2.7
35 - 39	25,501	25,226	98.9	1,895	7.4	3,884	15.2	136	0.5	24,220	95.0	1,451	5.7	5,201	20.4	851	3.3
40 - 44	24,668	24,466	99.2	1,849	7.5	3,450	14.0	100	0.4	23,213	94.1	1,410	5.7	4,788	19.4	1,072	4.3
45 - 49	23,448	23,249	99.2	1,679	7.2	2,913	12.4	100	0.4	21,789	92.9	1,234	5.3	3,943	16.8	1,293	5.5
50 - 54	23,520	23,301	99.1	1,638	7.0	2,778	11.8	114	0.5	21,815	92.8	1,160	4.9	3,789	16.1	1,323	5.6
55 - 59	20,961	20,754	99.0	1,548	7.4	2,421	11.6	105	0.5	19,434	92.7	1,085	5.2	3,243	15.5	1,179	5.6
60 - 64	17,700	17,555	99.2	1,406	7.9	2,035	11.5	76	0.4	16,401	92.7	981	5.5	2,728	15.4	1,002	5.7
65 - 69	13,120	12,989	99.0	1,040	7.9	1,483	11.3	70	0.5	11,970	91.2	681	5.2	1,920	14.6	920	7.0
70 - 74	8,392	8,309	99.0	597	7.1	896	10.7	51	0.6	7,548	89.9	350	4.2	1,087	13.0	725	8.6
75 - 79	6,706	6,632	98.9	439	6.5	658	9.8	47	0.7	5,823	86.8	286	4.3	775	11.6	801	11.9
80 & over	7,261	7,112	97.9	364	5.0	558	7.7	114	1.6	6,105	84.1	217	3.0	639	8.8	1,084	14.9

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<b>AGE</b>																	
10 and over	355,792	349,973	98.4	24,815	7.0	50,352	14.2	1,887	0.5	327,044	91.9	25,836	7.3	78,662	22.1	21,939	6.2
10 - 14	32,002	31,161	97.4	4,003	12.5	4,496	14.0	108	0.3	30,700	95.9	5,723	17.9	8,503	26.6	339	1.1
15 - 19	32,937	32,355	98.2	3,190	9.7	7,794	23.7	114	0.3	31,860	96.7	4,297	13.0	12,624	38.3	382	1.2
20 - 24	30,787	30,356	98.6	2,492	8.1	8,285	26.9	106	0.3	29,740	96.6	3,070	10.0	11,959	38.8	467	1.5
25 - 29	30,483	30,092	98.7	2,262	7.4	6,170	20.2	104	0.3	29,314	96.2	2,324	7.6	9,358	30.7	589	1.9
30 - 34	30,684	30,310	98.8	2,108	6.9	5,057	16.5	125	0.4	29,405	95.8	2,034	6.6	7,846	25.6	716	2.3
35 - 39	27,855	27,482	98.7	1,796	6.4	4,052	14.5	133	0.5	26,448	94.9	1,606	5.8	6,263	22.5	894	3.2
40 - 44	27,306	27,005	98.9	1,656	6.1	3,455	12.7	104	0.4	25,675	94.0	1,408	5.2	5,442	19.9	1,174	4.3
45 - 49	26,459	26,117	98.7	1,615	6.1	2,961	11.2	106	0.4	24,503	92.6	1,348	5.1	4,584	17.3	1,484	5.6
50 - 54	26,134	25,775	98.6	1,512	5.8	2,526	9.7	105	0.4	24,043	92.0	1,182	4.5	3,814	14.6	1,645	6.3
55 - 59	24,230	23,881	98.6	1,328	5.5	1,992	8.2	106	0.4	22,043	91.0	985	4.1	3,002	12.4	1,719	7.1
60 - 64	20,903	20,540	98.3	1,087	5.2	1,378	6.6	119	0.6	18,376	87.9	743	3.6	2,141	10.2	2,129	10.2
65 - 69	15,766	15,462	98.1	735	4.7	883	5.6	125	0.8	13,239	84.0	492	3.1	1,335	8.5	2,239	14.2
70 - 74	10,533	10,337	98.1	441	4.2	595	5.6	99	0.9	8,285	78.7	273	2.6	808	7.7	2,080	19.7
75 - 79	9,063	8,817	97.3	306	3.4	408	4.5	157	1.7	6,383	70.4	193	2.1	565	6.2	2,560	28.2
80 & over	10,650	10,283	96.6	284	2.7	300	2.8	276	2.6	7,030	66.0	158	1.5	418	3.9	3,522	33.1

Source: Census of population and housing -2012