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		Sinhala		Tamil		English		Sinhala		Tamil		English	
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<b>Nuwara Eliya District</b>													
<b>All Sectors</b>													
<b>Both sexes</b>													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>573,816</b>	<b>410,162</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>384,623</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>93,300</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>279,216</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>318,608</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>136,653</b>	<b>23.8</b>
Sinhalese	233,123	231,966	99.5	46,166	19.8	41,607	17.8	218,874	93.9	16,897	7.2	56,756	24.3
Sri Lanka Tamil	27,368	18,774	68.6	27,038	98.8	7,670	28.0	7,950	29.0	25,051	91.5	9,196	33.6
Indian Tamil	298,321	147,507	49.4	296,890	99.5	38,311	12.8	44,684	15.0	262,740	88.1	63,516	21.3
Sri Lanka Moor	13,507	10,618	78.6	13,304	98.5	4,877	36.1	6,688	49.5	12,846	95.1	5,950	44.1
Burgher	647	565	87.3	525	81.1	370	57.2	432	66.8	391	60.4	606	93.7
Malay	455	442	97.1	400	87.9	248	54.5	362	79.6	435	95.6	286	62.9
All Other	395	290	73.4	300	75.9	217	54.9	226	57.2	248	62.8	343	86.8
<b>Male</b>													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>270,832</b>	<b>211,625</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>185,822</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>49,210</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>137,365</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>158,923</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>68,946</b>	<b>25.5</b>
Sinhalese	110,617	110,136	99.6	26,666	24.1	21,046	19.0	106,223	96.0	8,507	7.7	27,540	24.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	12,840	9,920	77.3	12,683	98.8	4,006	31.2	4,041	31.5	12,207	95.1	4,635	36.1
Indian Tamil	140,367	85,663	61.0	139,725	99.5	21,292	15.2	23,362	16.6	131,602	93.8	33,301	23.7
Sri Lanka Moor	6,264	5,265	84.1	6,160	98.3	2,420	38.6	3,229	51.5	6,095	97.3	2,836	45.3
Burgher	318	294	92.5	267	84.0	192	60.4	222	69.8	190	59.7	302	95.0
Malay	202	197	97.5	171	84.7	114	56.4	172	85.1	197	97.5	132	65.3
All Other	224	150	67.0	150	67.0	140	62.5	116	51.8	125	55.8	200	89.3
<b>Female</b>													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>302,984</b>	<b>198,537</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>198,801</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>44,090</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>141,851</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>159,685</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>67,707</b>	<b>22.3</b>
Sinhalese	122,506	121,830	99.4	19,500	15.9	20,561	16.8	112,651	92.0	8,390	6.8	29,216	23.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	14,528	8,854	60.9	14,355	98.8	3,664	25.2	3,909	26.9	12,844	88.4	4,561	31.4
Indian Tamil	157,954	61,844	39.2	157,165	99.5	17,019	10.8	21,322	13.5	131,138	83.0	30,215	19.1
Sri Lanka Moor	7,243	5,353	73.9	7,144	98.6	2,457	33.9	3,459	47.8	6,751	93.2	3,114	43.0
Burgher	329	271	82.4	258	78.4	178	54.1	210	63.8	201	61.1	304	92.4
Malay	253	245	96.8	229	90.5	134	53.0	190	75.1	238	94.1	154	60.9
All Other	171	140	81.9	150	87.7	77	45.0	110	64.3	123	71.9	143	83.6

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<b>Nuwara Eliya District</b>													
<b>Urban Sector</b>													
<b>Both sexes</b>													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>33,529</b>	<b>29,508</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>24,744</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>15,973</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>22,094</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>20,591</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>17,918</b>	<b>53.4</b>
Sinhalese	14,206	14,144	99.6	5,683	40.0	6,675	47.0	14,020	98.7	2,186	15.4	7,643	53.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	6,021	4,876	81.0	5,971	99.2	3,098	51.5	2,438	40.5	5,764	95.7	3,288	54.6
Indian Tamil	8,923	6,693	75.0	8,859	99.3	4,094	45.9	3,180	35.6	8,480	95.0	4,570	51.2
Sri Lanka Moor	3,849	3,294	85.6	3,772	98.0	1,749	45.4	2,056	53.4	3,742	97.2	1,965	51.1
Burgher	138	125	90.6	107	77.5	114	82.6	106	76.8	72	52.2	135	97.8
Malay	211	207	98.1	181	85.8	143	67.8	172	81.5	207	98.1	149	70.6
All Other	181	169	93.4	171	94.5	100	55.2	122	67.4	140	77.3	168	92.8
<b>Male</b>													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>16,227</b>	<b>14,866</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>12,263</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>10,937</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>9,943</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>9,059</b>	<b>55.8</b>
Sinhalese	7,054	7,032	99.7	3,233	45.8	3,489	49.5	6,990	99.1	1,060	15.0	3,908	55.4
Sri Lanka Tamil	2,776	2,426	87.4	2,755	99.2	1,574	56.7	1,164	41.9	2,706	97.5	1,612	58.1
Indian Tamil	4,244	3,479	82.0	4,204	99.1	2,155	50.8	1,557	36.7	4,114	96.9	2,331	54.9
Sri Lanka Moor	1,920	1,705	88.8	1,873	97.6	916	47.7	1,042	54.3	1,880	97.9	1,003	52.2
Burgher	60	55	91.7	47	78.3	49	81.7	48	80.0	32	53.3	59	98.3
Malay	89	88	98.9	73	82.0	66	74.2	79	88.8	88	98.9	70	78.7
All Other	84	81	96.4	78	92.9	51	60.7	57	67.9	63	75.0	76	90.5
<b>Female</b>													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>17,302</b>	<b>14,642</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>12,481</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>7,673</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>11,157</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>10,648</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>8,859</b>	<b>51.2</b>
Sinhalese	7,152	7,112	99.4	2,450	34.3	3,186	44.5	7,030	98.3	1,126	15.7	3,735	52.2
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,245	2,450	75.5	3,216	99.1	1,524	47.0	1,274	39.3	3,058	94.2	1,676	51.6
Indian Tamil	4,679	3,214	68.7	4,655	99.5	1,939	41.4	1,623	34.7	4,366	93.3	2,239	47.9
Sri Lanka Moor	1,929	1,589	82.4	1,899	98.4	833	43.2	1,014	52.6	1,862	96.5	962	49.9
Burgher	78	70	89.7	60	76.9	65	83.3	58	74.4	40	51.3	76	97.4
Malay	122	119	97.5	108	88.5	77	63.1	93	76.2	119	97.5	79	64.8
All Other	97	88	90.7	93	95.9	49	50.5	65	67.0	77	79.4	92	94.8

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<b>Nuwara Eliya District</b>													
<b>Rural Sector</b>													
<b>Both sexes</b>													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>239,787</b>	<b>230,085</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>67,074</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>46,210</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>205,131</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>47,229</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>61,629</b>	<b>25.7</b>
Sinhalese	201,792	200,899	99.6	29,692	14.7	31,646	15.7	189,557	93.9	11,557	5.7	44,247	21.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,247	5,940	82.0	7,081	97.7	2,760	38.1	3,066	42.3	6,761	93.3	3,058	42.2
Indian Tamil	21,914	16,199	73.9	21,769	99.3	8,509	38.8	7,717	35.2	20,730	94.6	10,119	46.2
Sri Lanka Moor	8,151	6,462	79.3	8,031	98.5	2,927	35.9	4,305	52.8	7,758	95.2	3,654	44.8
Burgher	348	327	94.0	266	76.4	194	55.7	257	73.9	187	53.7	327	94.0
Malay	189	185	97.9	166	87.8	77	40.7	159	84.1	175	92.6	101	53.4
All Other	146	73	50.0	69	47.3	97	66.4	70	47.9	61	41.8	123	84.2
<b>Male</b>													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>112,769</b>	<b>109,543</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>35,107</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>23,203</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>99,070</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>22,626</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>29,674</b>	<b>26.3</b>
Sinhalese	95,153	94,789	99.6	17,812	18.7	15,723	16.5	91,359	96.0	5,739	6.0	21,031	22.1
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,417	2,993	87.6	3,332	97.5	1,441	42.2	1,585	46.4	3,269	95.7	1,559	45.6
Indian Tamil	10,187	8,384	82.3	10,118	99.3	4,418	43.4	3,837	37.7	9,856	96.8	5,100	50.1
Sri Lanka Moor	3,640	3,076	84.5	3,586	98.5	1,403	38.5	2,033	55.9	3,552	97.6	1,673	46.0
Burgher	182	175	96.2	146	80.2	108	59.3	138	75.8	93	51.1	172	94.5
Malay	87	85	97.7	74	85.1	35	40.2	78	89.7	84	96.6	48	55.2
All Other	103	41	39.8	39	37.9	75	72.8	40	38.8	33	32.0	91	88.3
<b>Female</b>													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>127,018</b>	<b>120,542</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>31,967</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>23,007</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>106,061</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>24,603</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>31,955</b>	<b>25.2</b>
Sinhalese	106,639	106,110	99.5	11,880	11.1	15,923	14.9	98,198	92.1	5,818	5.5	23,216	21.8
Sri Lanka Tamil	3,830	2,947	76.9	3,749	97.9	1,319	34.4	1,481	38.7	3,492	91.2	1,499	39.1
Indian Tamil	11,727	7,815	66.6	11,651	99.4	4,091	34.9	3,880	33.1	10,874	92.7	5,019	42.8
Sri Lanka Moor	4,511	3,386	75.1	4,445	98.5	1,524	33.8	2,272	50.4	4,206	93.2	1,981	43.9
Burgher	166	152	91.6	120	72.3	86	51.8	119	71.7	94	56.6	155	93.4
Malay	102	100	98.0	92	90.2	42	41.2	81	79.4	91	89.2	53	52.0
All Other	43	32	74.4	30	69.8	22	51.2	30	69.8	28	65.1	32	74.4

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<b>Nuwara Eliya District</b>													
Estate Sector													
Both sexes													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>300,500</b>	<b>150,569</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>292,805</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>31,117</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>51,991</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>250,788</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>57,106</b>	<b>19.0</b>
Sinhalese	17,125	16,923	98.8	10,791	63.0	3,286	19.2	15,297	89.3	3,154	18.4	4,866	28.4
Sri Lanka Tamil	14,100	7,958	56.4	13,986	99.2	1,812	12.9	2,446	17.3	12,526	88.8	2,850	20.2
Indian Tamil	267,484	124,615	46.6	266,262	99.5	25,708	9.6	33,787	12.6	233,530	87.3	48,827	18.3
Sri Lanka Moor	1,507	862	57.2	1,501	99.6	201	13.3	327	21.7	1,346	89.3	331	22.0
Burgher	161	113	70.2	152	94.4	62	38.5	69	42.9	132	82.0	144	89.4
Malay	55	50	90.9	53	96.4	28	50.9	31	56.4	53	96.4	36	65.5
All Other	68	48	70.6	60	88.2	20	29.4	34	50.0	47	69.1	52	76.5
Male													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>141,836</b>	<b>87,216</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>138,452</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>17,707</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>27,358</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>126,354</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>30,213</b>	<b>21.3</b>
Sinhalese	8,410	8,315	98.9	5,621	66.8	1,834	21.8	7,874	93.6	1,708	20.3	2,601	30.9
Sri Lanka Tamil	6,647	4,501	67.7	6,596	99.2	991	14.9	1,292	19.4	6,232	93.8	1,464	22.0
Indian Tamil	125,936	73,800	58.6	125,403	99.6	14,719	11.7	17,968	14.3	117,632	93.4	25,870	20.5
Sri Lanka Moor	704	484	68.8	701	99.6	101	14.3	154	21.9	663	94.2	160	22.7
Burgher	76	64	84.2	74	97.4	35	46.1	36	47.4	65	85.5	71	93.4
Malay	26	24	92.3	24	92.3	13	50.0	15	57.7	25	96.2	14	53.8
All Other	37	28	75.7	33	89.2	14	37.8	19	51.4	29	78.4	33	89.2
Female													
<b>All groups</b>	<b>158,664</b>	<b>63,353</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>154,353</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>13,410</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>24,633</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>124,434</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>26,893</b>	<b>16.9</b>
Sinhalese	8,715	8,608	98.8	5,170	59.3	1,452	16.7	7,423	85.2	1,446	16.6	2,265	26.0
Sri Lanka Tamil	7,453	3,457	46.4	7,390	99.2	821	11.0	1,154	15.5	6,294	84.4	1,386	18.6
Indian Tamil	141,548	50,815	35.9	140,859	99.5	10,989	7.8	15,819	11.2	115,898	81.9	22,957	16.2
Sri Lanka Moor	803	378	47.1	800	99.6	100	12.5	173	21.5	683	85.1	171	21.3
Burgher	85	49	57.6	78	91.8	27	31.8	33	38.8	67	78.8	73	85.9
Malay	29	26	89.7	29	100.0	15	51.7	16	55.2	28	96.6	22	75.9
All Other	31	20	64.5	27	87.1	6	19.4	15	48.4	18	58.1	19	61.3

Source: Census of population and housing -2012