

Census of Population and Housing 2001

Number of households , average size of household and percentage of female headed households by district

| | Total number of households in occupied housing units | Number of Households by Sector | | | Average size of household | Female headed households | |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | | Urban | Rural | Estate | | No. | % |
| Total (18 districts) | 4,054,186 | 511,717 | 3,320,198 | 222,271 | 4.2 | 814,725 | 20.1 |
| Colombo | 493,085 | 254,576 | 236,651 | 1,858 | 4.4 | 105,140 | 21.3 |
| Gampaha | 487,184 | 64,254 | 422,722 | 208 | 4.2 | 98,424 | 20.2 |
| Kalutara | 250,939 | 22,018 | 219,320 | 9,601 | 4.3 | 48,830 | 19.5 |
| Kandy | 299,870 | 31,683 | 244,976 | 23,211 | 4.3 | 66,914 | 22.3 |
| Matale | 110,886 | 7,460 | 97,769 | 5,657 | 4.0 | 23,014 | 20.8 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 169,540 | 9,545 | 71,496 | 88,499 | 4.3 | 30,810 | 18.2 |
| Galle | 233,027 | 21,256 | 207,441 | 4,330 | 4.3 | 50,163 | 21.5 |
| Matara | 177,613 | 13,176 | 159,718 | 4,719 | 4.4 | 39,188 | 22.1 |
| Hambantota | 128,008 | 4,523 | 123,398 | 87 | 4.2 | 25,504 | 19.9 |
| Ampara | 137,741 | 25,115 | 112,626 | - | 4.2 | 27,505 | 20.0 |
| Kurunegala | 380,213 | 6,511 | 371,906 | 1,796 | 3.9 | 79,141 | 20.8 |
| Puttalam | 176,544 | 14,208 | 161,713 | 623 | 4.1 | 35,162 | 19.9 |
| Anuradhapura | 189,699 | 11,030 | 178,427 | 242 | 3.9 | 36,560 | 19.3 |
| Polonnaruwa | 91,718 | - | 91,620 | 98 | 3.9 | 17,164 | 18.7 |
| Badulla | 189,925 | 10,849 | 139,571 | 39,505 | 4.2 | 34,959 | 18.4 |
| Moneragala | 96,598 | - | 94,295 | 2,303 | 4.2 | 14,556 | 15.1 |
| Ratnapura | 245,743 | 12,059 | 208,081 | 25,603 | 4.2 | 40,151 | 16.3 |
| Kegalle | 195,853 | 3,454 | 178,468 | 13,931 | 4.1 | 41,540 | 21.2 |