

Population and Population growth rates of Sri Lanka and district according to census
years 1871-2001

Table 2.1

Census year	Sri Lanka		District		Percentage of district population
	Population (1000)	Increase (%)	Population (1000)	Increase (%)	
1871	2,400.40	-	246.10	-	10.25
1881	2,759.80	15	265.10	8	9.61
1891	3,007.80	9	279.30	5	9.29
1901	3,566.00	19	300.90	8	8.44
1911	4,106.40	15	327.20	9	7.97
1921	4,497.90	10	330.60	1	7.35
1931	5,306.90	18	355.43	8	6.70
1940	6,657.30	25	424.80	20	6.38
1953	8,097.90	22	491.90	16	6.07
1963	10,582.00	31	612.60	25	5.79
1971	12,689.90	20	701.60	15	5.53
1981	14,846.80	17	738.79	5	4.98
2001	18,728.70	26	541.38	-27	2.89

Source --Department of Census and Statistics