



STATISTICAL DATA SHEET

2023



Department of Census and Statistics
'Sankyana Mandiraya'
No. 306/71, Polduwa Road
Battaramulla
Sri Lanka

AREA, POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS					
AREA					
Total area	sq.km. 65,610				
Land area	sq.km. 62,705				
Inland water	sq.km. 2,905				
Maximum length	km. 435				
Maximum breadth	km. 225				
	2019*	2020*	2021*	2022*	
POPULATION					
Estimated mid year population					
Total ('000)	21,803	21,909	22,156	22,181	
Male ('000)	10,556	10,613	10,727	10,740	
Female ('000)	11,247	11,306	11,429	11,441	
Population density (per sq.km.)	348	350	353	354	
Population growth rate (%)	0.62	0.53	1.08	0.11	
Dependency ratio (%) (a)	49.4	49.4	49.4	49.5	
VITAL STATISTICS					
LIVE BIRTHS					
Total	319,010	301,706	284,848	275,321	
Male	163,019	154,068	145,045	139,301	
Female	155,991	147,638	139,803	136,020	
Sex ratio at birth (No. of male births per 100 female births)	105	104	104	102	
Crude Birth Rate (per 1000 population)	14.6	13.8	12.9	12.4	
DEATHS					
Total	146,056	132,431	163,936	179,792	
Male	79,728	72,874	90,836	98,144	
Female	66,328	59,557	73,100	81,648	
Crude Death Rate (per 1000 population)	6.7	6.0	7.4	8.1	
MARRIAGES					
Total	163,441	143,061	162,628	171,140	
General	142,341	126,873	139,015	149,466	
Kandyan	278	204	127	132	
Muslim	20,822	15,984	23,486	21,542	
MIGRATION					
Arrivals	3,497,613	875,909	598,885	1,602,945	
Departures	3,548,387	969,771	509,701	1,817,826	
Net Migration	(50,774)	(93,862)	89,184	(214,881)	

* Provisional

Note : Estimated mid year population can be vary with census of population.

(a) 65 or more years of population is considered as old population.

Sources : Survey Department, Registrar General's Department, Department of Immigration & Emigration

LABOUR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
LABOUR FORCE				
Total	8,592,010	8,466,606	8,553,290	8,547,062
Employed	8,180,693	7,999,093	8,113,507	8,147,731
Unemployed	411,318	467,513	439,783	399,332
LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (%)				
Total	52.3	50.6	49.9	49.8
Male	73.0	71.9	71.0	70.5
Female	34.5	32.0	31.8	32.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)				
Total	4.8	5.5	5.1	4.7
Male	3.3	4.0	3.7	3.7
Female	7.4	8.5	7.9	6.5
Source : Department of Census and Statistics				
DEPARTURES FOR FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT				
	2019	2020	2021	2022*-
Total	203,087	53,711	122,887	311,056
BY SEX				
Male	122,257	32,500	81,747	186,965
Female	80,830	21,211	41,140	124,091
BY MANPOWER LEVELS				
Professional level	9,861	2,957	8,575	14,307
Middle level	5,725	1,496	4,267	8,130
Clerical & related	9,163	2,496	6,570	12,134
Skilled	62,711	16,664	40,390	92,836
Semi-skilled other	2,950	789	1,938	4,133
Semi-skilled domestic housekeeping assistant	61,489	15,322	29,266	74,007
Low skilled	51,188	13,987	31,881	105,509
* Provisional Source : Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				
	2012/13	2016	2019	
Mean household income per month (Rs.)	45,878	62,237	76,414	
Median household income per month (Rs.)	30,814	43,511	53,333	
Gini coefficient of household income	0.48	0.45	0.46	
Household size (No.)	3.9	3.8	3.7	
No. of income receivers per household	1.8	1.8	1.8	
Income receivers mean income per month (Rs.)	25,963	33,894	42,308	
Gini coefficient of income receivers income	0.53	0.51	0.52	
Monitory income per month per household (Rs.)	39,300	52,979	65,264	
Non monetary income per month per household (Rs.)	6,578	9,257	11,151	
Mean household expenditure per month (Rs.)	41,444	54,999	63,130	
Expenditure on food and drink per month (Rs.)	15,651	19,114	22,130	
Expenditure on non food items (Excluding liquor narcotic drugs & tobacco) (Rs.)	25,088	35,885	40,040	
Expenditure on liquor, narcotic drugs & tobacco (Rs.)	705	1,056	960	
Food ratio (Expenditure on foods as a percentage)	37.8	34.8	35.1	
Source : Department of Census and Statistics				

AGRICULTURE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
CULTIVATED EXTENT (HEC.)				
Paddy - Total	1,116,933	1,208,454	1,271,707	1,257,515
Maha	748,027	752,248	770,240	775,846
Yala	368,906	456,206	501,467	481,669
Tea	264,688	266,354	266,509	267,187
Rubber	137,608	137,834	138,034	138,511
Coconut	503,452	453,742	456,137	460,339
Cinnamon	33,924	35,462	37,028	38,007
Coffee	5,741	5,831	5,857	5,606
Pepper	45,267	48,274	46,235	48,179
PRODUCTION (MT.)				
Paddy - Total	4,592,056	5,120,924	5,149,596	3,392,905
Maha	3,072,581	3,196,752	3,061,394	1,931,230
Yala	1,519,475	1,924,172	2,088,202	1,461,675
Tea	300,120	278,852	299,488	251,499
Rubber	74,750	78,204	76,884	70,867
Coconut (million nuts)	3,086	2,792	3,120	3,391
Cinnamon	24,821	22,910	23,730	23,764
Coffee	4,887	6,725	5,306	4,828
Pepper	41,429	43,557	42,485	44,090
AVERAGE YIELD OF PADDY (KG. PER NET HECTARE)				
Maha	4,747	4,531	4,307	2,853
Yala	4,896	4,552	4,309	3,207
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
COST OF PRODUCTION (RS.)				
Tea (per kg.)	483.79	492.48	618.49#	638.99*
Rubber (per kg.)	296.99	316.86	349.55	375.57*
Coconut (per 1,000 nuts)	18,325	21,089	21958#	27209*
	2019	2020	2021	2022
VOLUME INDEX OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION (2002=100)				
Tea	96.80	89.83	96.60	81.12
Rubber	82.58	86.39	84.94	78.29
Coconut	125.50	125.50	126.88	137.90
Paddy	160.56#	179.05	180.06	118.63
Coarse Grain	771.15	981.90	1473.93	838.08
Other Food Crops	129.74	153.38	179.71	162.11
Vegetables	183.45	215.97	200.37	185.51
Fruits	159.50	212.97	180.01	322.35
Livestock & Livestock products	169.84	173.96	180.12	175.23
Minor export crops	180.95	184.36	193.00	188.51
Overall Index	180.11	195.02	199.10	160.44
* Provisional # Revised Sources : Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka Tea Board, Department of Rubber Development				

PRICE INDICES AND PRICES				
NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (BASE:2021=100)				
	2020	2021	2022	
ALL ITEMS	137.6	147.2	174.9	
SUB INDICES				
Food and non alcoholic beverages	143.1	159.2	205.7	
Non- food	133.2	137.8	155.0	
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics	214.4	220.4	156.6	
Clothing and footwear	132.2	137.7	155.8	
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	127.7	129.1	131.8	
Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	130.6	138.7	170.6	
Health	162.2	169.3	148.7	
Transport	119.3	127.9	204.6	
Communication	98.9	98.9	99.9	
Recreation and culture	124.9	126.4	142.7	
Education	143.7	144.6	136.9	
Restaurant and hotels	122.0	131.9	194.7	
Miscellaneous goods and services	144.2	148.3	155.0	
Rate of Change for NCPI (%)	6.2	7.0		
ANNUAL AVERAGE PRODUCER PRICE OF SELECTED DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, ALL ISLAND (RS. PER KG.)				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Paddy - Samba	42.38	50.43	64.04	107.22
Rice - Samba	81.33	92.86	116.51	189.73
- Parboiled, red	68.93	85.76	103.96	192.25
- Raw, red			94.57	186.65
Potatoes	131.83	139.61	139.32	241.67
Big onion	132.44	127.90	140.67	159.17
Dried chillies	341.07	434.71	562.5	1,205.68
Eggs (Rs. per each)	17.23	16.69	16.75	36.70
ANNUAL AVERAGE PRODUCER PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS OF COLOMBO DISTRICT (RS.)				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Rice - Samba (per kg.)	102.16	104.39	136.44	208.95
- Raw, red (per kg.)	84.10	99.30	103.22	209.45
- Raw, white (per kg.)	89.27	99.35	111.02	193.11
Wheat flour (per kg.)	94.46	92.71	101.62	265.85
Dhall, red (per kg.)	147.08	165.24	224.29	455.42
Milk powder - Anchor (per 400 g)	367.06	380.00	405.00	965.69
Kerosene oil (per litre)	70.00	70.00	73.87	174.09
Petrol (per litre)	136.36	137.66	148.28	343.06
Diesel (per litre)	104.11	104.00	108.26	322.88
L.P. Gas (per 12.5 Kg)	1682.29	1493.00	1,791.74	4258.10

Source : Department of Census and Statistics

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS				
	2019	2020#	2021#	2022*
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)				
At current market prices (Rs.Mn.)	15,910,976	15,671,535	17,600,191	24,147,726
At constant (2015) prices (Rs.Mn.)	13,206,276	12,595,550	13,037,934	12,017,849
GROSS NATIONAL INCOME (GNI)				
At current market prices (Rs.Mn.)	15,469,582	15,248,473	17,204,651	23,526,373
At constant (2015) prices (Rs.Mn.)	12,833,457	12,258,930	12,743,843	11,713,600
PER CAPITA GNI				
At current market prices (Rs.)	709,516	695,674	776,523	1,060,654
At current market prices (US \$)	3,969	3,750	3,904	3,268
GDP IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR (2015=100)				
Index Number	120.5	124.4	135.0	200.9
Annual average price change (%)	3.9	3.3	8.5	48.8
GROWTH RATE OF GDP AT CONSTANT (2015) PRICES				
GDP	(0.2)	(4.6)	3.5	(7.8)
Agriculture	0.5	(0.9)	0.9	(4.6)
Industry	(4.1)	(5.3)	5.7	(16.0)
Services	2.9	(1.9)	3.5	(2.0)
Taxes less subsidies on product	(6.8)	(24.9)	(3.6)	(27.1)
COMPOSITION OF GDP (AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP) AT CURRENT PRICE				
Agriculture	7.3	8.2	8.8	8.7
Industry	29.2	28.2	30.0	30.3
Services	55.7	57.7	55.6	56.1
Taxes less subsidies on products	7.8	5.8	5.6	4.9
STRUCTURE OF DEMAND ON GDP AT CURRENT PRICES (AS A PERCENTAGE)				
Private consumption	62.7	62.8	61.2	62.0
Government consumption	9.0	10.4	9.5	7.2
Gross domestic fixed capital formation	28.5	25.5	26.3	23.4
Exports of goods and services	21.8	15.4	16.9	21.5
Imports of goods and services	27.6	21.6	24.3	25.0
CONSUMPTION & INVESTMENT AT CONSTANT (2015) PRICES (PERCENTAGE CHANGE)				
Private consumption	3.8	(5.8)	2.6	(9.0)
Government consumption	6.6	0.0	(2.8)	1.4
Gross domestic fixed capital formation	(10.6)	(8.6)	6.7	(22.7)
* Provisional # Revised				
Source : Department of Census and Statistics				

INTERNATIONAL TRADE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
TRADE (RS.MN.)				
Value of Imports	3,482,346	2,891,600	3,988,063	5,419,580
Value of Exports	2,140,876	1,980,785	2,472,541	4,194,854
Domestic Exports	2,103,220	1,834,145	2,436,109	4,135,708
Re-Exports	37,656	146,640	36,432	59,146
Trade Balance	(1,341,470)	(910,814)	(1,515,522)	(1,224,726)
VALUE OF IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES (RS.MN.)				
Rice	2,292	1,936	14,680	87,422
Wheat & Meslin	55,613	67,819	80,341	71,493
Sugar	33,557	49,075	54,468	77,879
Crude Oil	134,051	75,014	90,796	120,122
Fertilizer	3,256,833	2,697,761	3,747,774	5,062,665
VALUE OF EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES (RS.MN.)				
Tea & Instant Tea	240,637	230,170	262,877	410,932
Rubber	4,321	5,579	8,377	12,742
Major Coconut products	81,675	94,158	126,901	189,354
Garment	948,665	768,276	1,008,727	1,805,188
Petroleum oils	58,626	46,619	38,238	87,098
Gems	31,958	11,940	30,828	75,212
QUANTITY OF IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES ('000 MT.)				
Rice	24	16	147	783
Wheat & Meslin	1,159	1404	1,307	583
Sugar	537	668	570	447
Crude Oil	1,829	1,667	1,186	650
Fertilizer	24,502	21,556	20,519	14,918
QUANTITY OF EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES				
Tea and Instant tea ('000 MT.)	293	266	285	250
Rubber ('000 MT.)	13	16	15	15
Major Coconut products ('000 MT.)	540	584	658	622
Garment ('000 MT.)	1093	819	1,125	1,186
Petroleum oils ('000 MT.)	677	506	367	341
Gems ('000 Carats)	4,763	1,449	3,337	2,700
Sources : Sri Lanka Customs, Central Bank of Sri Lanka				
TOURISM				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Tourist arrivals (No.)	1,913,702	507,704	194,495	719,978
Tourist nights ('000)	19,902*	4,315*	2,937**	38,811
Tourist receipts (Rs.Mn.)	644,847*	126,608*	100,813*	362,426
Tourist receipts (US\$ Mn.)	3,606.9*	682.5*	507**	1,136.3*
Average duration of stay (Nights)	10.4*	8.5*	15.1*	9.3*
Receipt per tourist per day (US\$)	181.2*	158.1*	172.6**	164.4*
Annual room occupancy rate (%)	57.1*	14.96*	18.6**	30.4*
EMPLOYMENT				
Direct (No.)	173,592*	175,990*	177,476*	190,521*
Indirect (No.)	229,015*	171,767*	180,451*	195,715*
* Estimated ** -Provisional				
Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority				

EDUCATION				
	2019	2020#	2021*	2022
TOTAL NO. OF SCHOOLS				
Government Schools (a)	11,084	11,091	11,095	n.a
Private Schools and Special Assisted Schools (b)	10,165	10,155	10,152	n.a
Pirivenas(c)	118	120	124	n.a
	801	816	819	n.a
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS				
Government Schools (a)	4,268,039	4,272,289	4,238,760	n.a
Private Schools and Special Assisted Schools (b)	4,061,653	4,063,685	4,032,211	n.a
Private Schools and Special Assisted Schools (b)	138,067	138,726	137,049	n.a
Pirivenas(c)	68,319	69,878	69,500	n.a
	261,803	265,394	264,215	n.a
TOTAL NO. OF TEACHERS				
Government Schools (d)	246,592	249,494	248,500	n.a
Private Schools and Special Assisted Schools (b)	8,011	8,564	8,315	n.a
Pirivenas(c)	7,200	7,336	7,400	n.a
STUDENT /TEACHER RATIO				
Government Schools (a)	17	16	16	n.a
Private Schools and Special Assisted Schools (b)	11	11	11	n.a
Pirivenas (c)	10	10	9	n.a
New admissions to government schools	333,074	319,405	307,415	n.a
* Provisional # Revised n.a. not available (a) Functioning schools only. (b) Government approved private schools and special assisted schools only.(c) Government approved Pirivenas only (d) Teachers drawing salary from school and released full time also included.				
. Source : Ministry of Education				
PERFORMANCE OF CANDIDATES, G.C.E.(O/L) AND G.C.E.(A/L)				
	2020	2021	2022	
School candidates sat for the GCE (O/L)	320,615		318,680	The Examination
Percentage of school candidates qualifying for GCE (A/L)	75.15		73.51	has not yet been
All candidates sat for the GCE (O/L)	339,450		333,915	held
Percentage of all candidates qualifying for GCE (A/L)	73.61		72.55	
	New Syllabus	Old Syllabus		
School candidates sat for the GCE (A/L)	251,168		236,035	Results have not
School candidates qualifying to enter University	165,711		149,946	yet been
			63.53	released
Percentage of school candidates qualifying to enter University	65.98			
All candidates applied for the GCE (A/L)	316,737	41,702	341,464	
All candidates sat for the GCE (A/L)	277,625	24,146	272,682	
All candidates qualifying to enter University	178,337	15,960	171,497	
Percentage qualifying to enter University	64.24	66.10	62.89	
Source : Department of Examinations				
Percentage of school candidate qualifying to enter university is calculated by using six or upper passes in GCE O/L examination.				
HIGHER EDUCATION				
	2019	2020*	2021	2022
Number of universities	15	15	17	17
Number of other higher educational institutions	20	20	18	17
Number of students (Undergraduates)				
(Exclude external degrees)				
Universities	100,944	106,641	119,068	128,461
Institutes	3,724	3,844	3,611	3,712
Open University	25,165	26,255	28,824	27,715
Total No. of lecturers (Exclude temporary staff)	6,321	6,525	7,004	7,204
No. graduated (Include external and open university)				
Basic degree	24,890	24,565	25,890	n.a.
Post graduate degree	9,991	7,501	10,122	n.a.
New admissions for basic degrees	31,902	41,669	43,927	n.a.
Admissions as a percentage of eligible for university entrance	18.98	22.98	22.58	n.a.
* Provisional n.a.not available				
Source : University Grants Commission				