

Fertility

Age Specific fertility Rates (ASFR) are generally falling over the years. But during 1975 and 1987 the decline is mainly confined to women aged 30 and over. However, significant declines in ASFR's for women aged below 30 years as well was recorded after 1993. As a result of falling ASFR's total fertility rates too show a substantial decline from 5.0 to 1.9 during 1963 – 2000. That is in 2000 an average woman in Sri Lanka would have 1.9 children by the end her child bearing period, if current age specific fertility rates remained unchanged in the future.

Age specific fertility rates, 1963-2000

Age (In years)	1963	WFS 1975	DHS 1987	DHS 1993	DHS 2000
15-19	52	31	38	35	27
20-24	228	146	147	110	83
25-29	278	161	161	134	118
30-34	240	158	122	104	98
35-39	157	126	71	54	40
40-44	46	43	23	14	8
45-49	7	6	3	4	1
TFR	5.0	3.4	2.8	2.3	1.9

WFS - World fertility Survey

DHS - Demographic and Health Survey

