

# Districts of Sri Lanka

In [Sri Lanka](#), **districts** ([Sinhala](#): , [Tamil](#): ) are the second-level [administrative divisions](#). The first level are the [provinces](#). Each province contains a number of districts. There are 25 districts in the country. They are organized into 9 provinces.<sup>[1]</sup> Each district is administered under a [District Secretary](#).<sup>[2]</sup> Secretaries are appointed by the central government.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Districts

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Map of Sri Lanka showing districts.

All population numbers are from the most recent [census](#) of Sri Lanka, in 2012. [Population density](#) has been calculated using the land area rather than the total area (total area would have included the area of rivers and lakes).

District	Area map	Province	District capital	Inland		Total area
				Land area in km <sup>2</sup> (mi <sup>2</sup> )	water area in km <sup>2</sup> (mi <sup>2</sup> )	
<a href="#">Ampara</a>	<a href="#">Area map of Ampara District, located along the east by south and south east coast and projecting into the interior of the country at the northern border, in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka</a>	<a href="#">Eastern</a>	<a href="#">Ampara</a>	4,222 (1,630)	193 (75)	4,415 (1,704)
<a href="#">Anuradhapura</a>	<a href="#">Area map of Anuradhapura District, located somewhat to the north of the centre of</a>	<a href="#">North Central</a>	<a href="#">Anuradhapura</a>	6,664 (2,573)	515 (199)	7,179 (2,771)

Badulla	<p><u>the country, in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka</u></p> <p><u>Area map of Badulla District which has its northern border near the centre of the country and extends to the south, located in the Uva Province of Sri Lanka</u></p>	<u>Uva</u>	<u>Badulla</u>	2,827 (1,092)	34 (13)	2,8 (1,10)
Batticaloa	<p><u>Area map of Batticaloa District, located along the east by north coast, in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka</u></p>	<u>Eastern</u>	<u>Batticaloa</u>	2,610 (1,010)	244 (94)	2,8 (1,10)
Colombo	<p><u>Area map of Colombo District, roughly rectangular in shape and extending inwards from the west south west coast in the Western Province of Sri Lanka</u></p>	<u>Western</u>	<u>Colombo</u>	676 (261)	23 (8.9)	6 (27)
Galle	<p><u>Area map of Galle District, converging inwards from the south west coast, in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka</u></p>	<u>Southern</u>	<u>Galle</u>	1,617 (624)	35 (14)	1,6 (63)
Gampaha	<p><u>Area map of Gampaha</u></p>	<u>Western</u>	<u>Gampaha</u>	1,341 (518)	46 (18)	1,3 (53)

	<u>District, extending inwards from the west by south west coast in a rough square shape, in the Western Province of Sri Lanka</u>					
	<u>Area map of Hambantota District, lying along the coast from south to south east, in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka</u>					
Hambantota		<u>Southern</u>	<u>Hambantota</u>	2,496 (964)	113 (44)	2,6 (1,00)
	<u>Area map of Jaffna District, in the peninsula to the north, in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka</u>					
Jaffna		<u>Northern</u>	<u>Jaffna</u>	929 (359)	96 (37)	1,0 (39)
	<u>Area map of Kalutara District, extending inwards from the south west by west coast, in the Western Province of Sri Lanka</u>					
Kalutara		<u>Western</u>	<u>Kalutara</u>	1,576 (608)	22 (8.5)	1,5 (61)
	<u>Area map of Kandy District, at the centre of the country with its south western boundary extending to the south, in the Central Province of Sri Lanka</u>					
Kandy		<u>Central</u>	<u>Kandy</u>	1,917 (740)	23 (8.9)	1,9 (75)
Kegalle		<u>Sabaragamuwa</u>	<u>Kegalle</u>		8 (3.1)	

	<p><u>Area map of Kegalle District, roughly oval in shape is located to the south east of the centre of the country, in the Sabaragamuwa Province of Sri Lanka</u></p>			1,685 (651)		1,6 (65)
<u>Kilinochchi</u>	<p><u>Area map of Kilinochchi District, along the northern coast of the mainland and south of the Jaffna peninsula, in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka</u></p>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Kilinochchi</u>	1,205 (465)	74 (29)	1,2 (49)
<u>Kurunegala</u>	<p><u>Area map of Kurunegala District, to the west of the centre of the country with its northern border extending towards the north west, in the North Western Province of Sri Lanka</u></p>	<u>North Western</u>	<u>Kurunegala</u>	4,624 (1,785)	192 (74)	4,8 (1,85)
<u>Mannar</u>	<p><u>Area map of Mannar District, along the north western coast with eastern border extending towards the interior, also including a</u></p>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Mannar</u>	1,880 (730)	116 (45)	1,9 (77)

<a href="#">Matale</a>	<a href="#">large island</a> <a href="#">roughly oval in</a> <a href="#">shape, in the</a> <a href="#">Northern</a> <a href="#">Province of Sri</a> <a href="#">Lanka</a> <a href="#">Area map of</a> <a href="#">Matale</a> <a href="#">District,</a> <a href="#">located</a> <a href="#">immediately</a> <a href="#">north of the</a> <a href="#">middle of the</a> <a href="#">country,</a> <a href="#">roughly the</a> <a href="#">shape of a</a> <a href="#">letter "C" and</a> <a href="#">located in the</a> <a href="#">Central</a> <a href="#">Province of Sri</a> <a href="#">Lanka</a> <a href="#">Area map of</a> <a href="#">Matara</a> <a href="#">District,</a> <a href="#">roughly</a> <a href="#">rectangular in</a> <a href="#">shape and</a> <a href="#">extending</a> <a href="#">inwards from</a> <a href="#">the southern</a> <a href="#">coast, in the</a> <a href="#">Southern</a> <a href="#">Province of Sri</a> <a href="#">Lanka</a> <a href="#">Area map of</a> <a href="#">Moneragala</a> <a href="#">District,</a> <a href="#">located east of</a> <a href="#">the centre of</a> <a href="#">the country,</a> <a href="#">has its south</a> <a href="#">east border</a> <a href="#">extending</a> <a href="#">towards the</a> <a href="#">west, in the</a> <a href="#">Uva Province</a> <a href="#">of Sri Lanka</a> <a href="#">Area map of</a> <a href="#">Mullaitivu</a> <a href="#">District,</a> <a href="#">extending to</a>	<a href="#">Central</a>	<a href="#">Matale</a>	1,952 (754)	41 (16)	1,9 (77
<a href="#">Matara</a>		<a href="#">Southern</a>	<a href="#">Matara</a>	1,270 (490)	13 (5.0)	1,2 (49
<a href="#">Monaragala</a>		<a href="#">Uva</a>	<a href="#">Monaragala</a>	5,508 (2,127)	131 (51)	5,6 (2,17
<a href="#">Mullaitivu</a>		<a href="#">Northern</a>	<a href="#">Mullaitivu</a>	2,415 (932)	202 (78)	2,6 (1,01

<a href="#">Nuwara Eliya</a>	<a href="#">the west from the north by east coast in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka</a> <a href="#">Area map of Nuwara Eliya District, located immediately south of the middle of the country and running roughly south west to north east, in the Central Province of Sri Lanka</a> <a href="#">Area map of Polonnaruwa District, roughly square in shape, located at the middle from north east of the centre of the country and south west of the north eastern coast, in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka</a>	<a href="#">Central</a>	<a href="#">Nuwara Eliya</a>	1,706 (659)	35 (14)	1,706 (659)
<a href="#">Polonnaruwa</a>	<a href="#">Area map of Polonnaruwa District, roughly square in shape, located at the middle from north east of the centre of the country and south west of the north eastern coast, in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka</a>	<a href="#">North Central</a>	<a href="#">Polonnaruwa</a>	3,077 (1,188)	216 (83)	3,293 (1,279)
<a href="#">Puttalam</a>	<a href="#">Area map of Puttalam District, lying along the western coast, in the North Western Province of Sri Lanka</a>	<a href="#">North Western</a>	<a href="#">Puttalam</a>	2,882 (1,113)	190 (73)	3,072 (1,186)
<a href="#">Ratnapura</a>	<a href="#">Area map of Ratnapura District, some distance from</a>	<a href="#">Sabaragamuwa</a>	<a href="#">Ratnapura</a>	3,236 (1,249)	39 (15)	3,275 (1,260)

the south western coast with its western and southern borders converging towards the north west, in the Sabaragamuwa Province of Sri Lanka					
Area map of Trincomalee District, along the north eastern coast with its south western border extending inwards, in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka	Eastern	Trincomalee	2,529 (976)	198 (76)	2,7 (1,05
Area map of Vavuniya District, located in the middle of the northern half of the country, running roughly in a south west— north east direction, in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka	Northern	Vavuniya	1,861 (719)	106 (41)	1,9 (75
<b>Total</b>			<b>62,705 (24,211)</b>	<b>2,905 (1,122)</b>	<b>65,6 (25,33</b>

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