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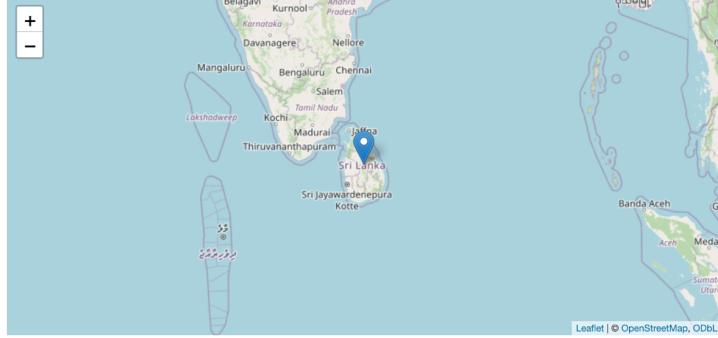
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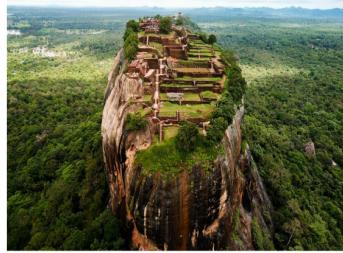
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Ethnic Groups

Sri Lanka's ethnic groups include:

- Sinhalese: The majority ethnic group, making up about 75% of the population.
- Sri Lankan Tamils: A predominantly Hindu ethnic group, making up about 15% of the population.
- Indian Tamils: Descendants of plantation workers brought from Tamil Nadu.
- Sri Lankan Moors: Predominantly Muslim, with ancestry tracing back to Arab traders.
- Burghers: A small Eurasian ethnic group descended from Europeans.
- Sri Lankan Malays: Of mixed Javanese, Malay, and Arabic origins.
- Sri Lankan Kaffirs: Descendants of Portuguese traders and Bantu slaves.

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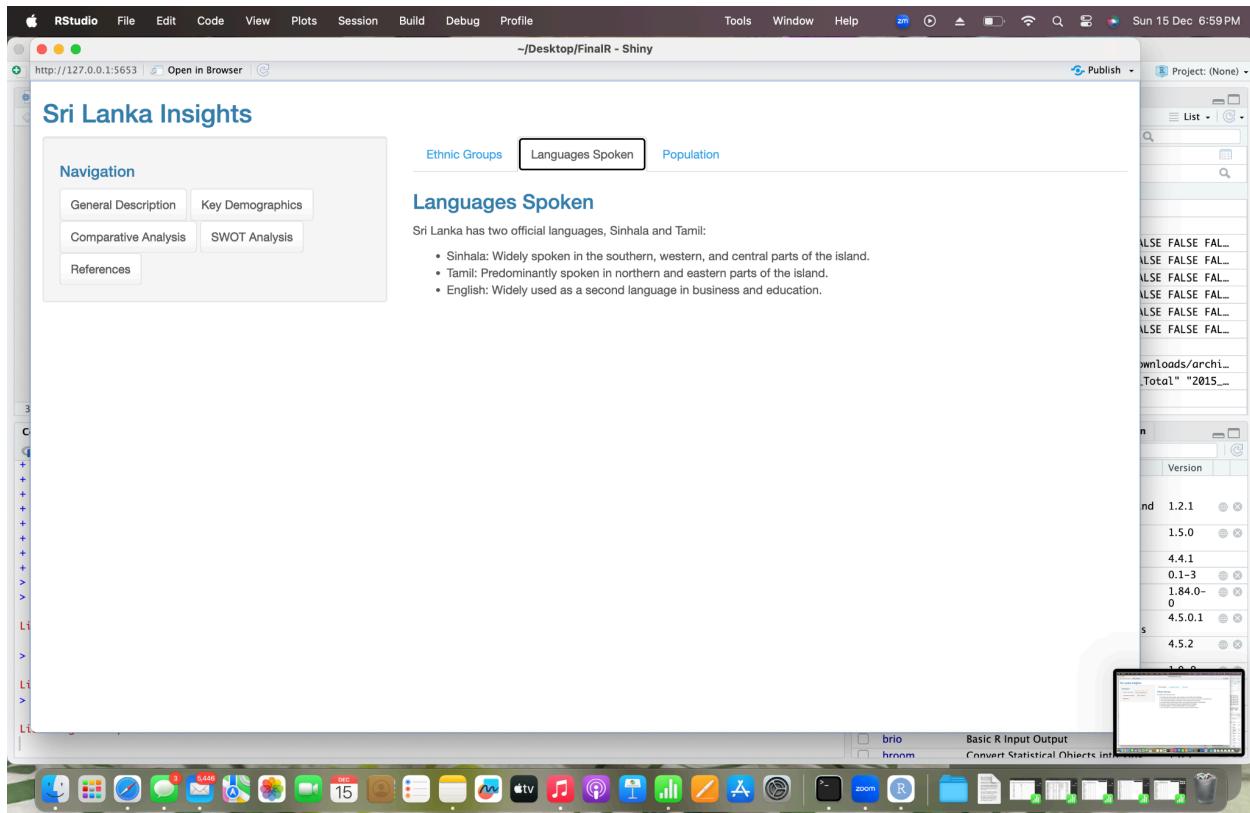
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Languages Spoken

Sri Lanka has two official languages, Sinhala and Tamil:

- Sinhala: Widely spoken in the southern, western, and central parts of the island.
- Tamil: Predominantly spoken in northern and eastern parts of the island.
- English: Widely used as a second language in business and education.



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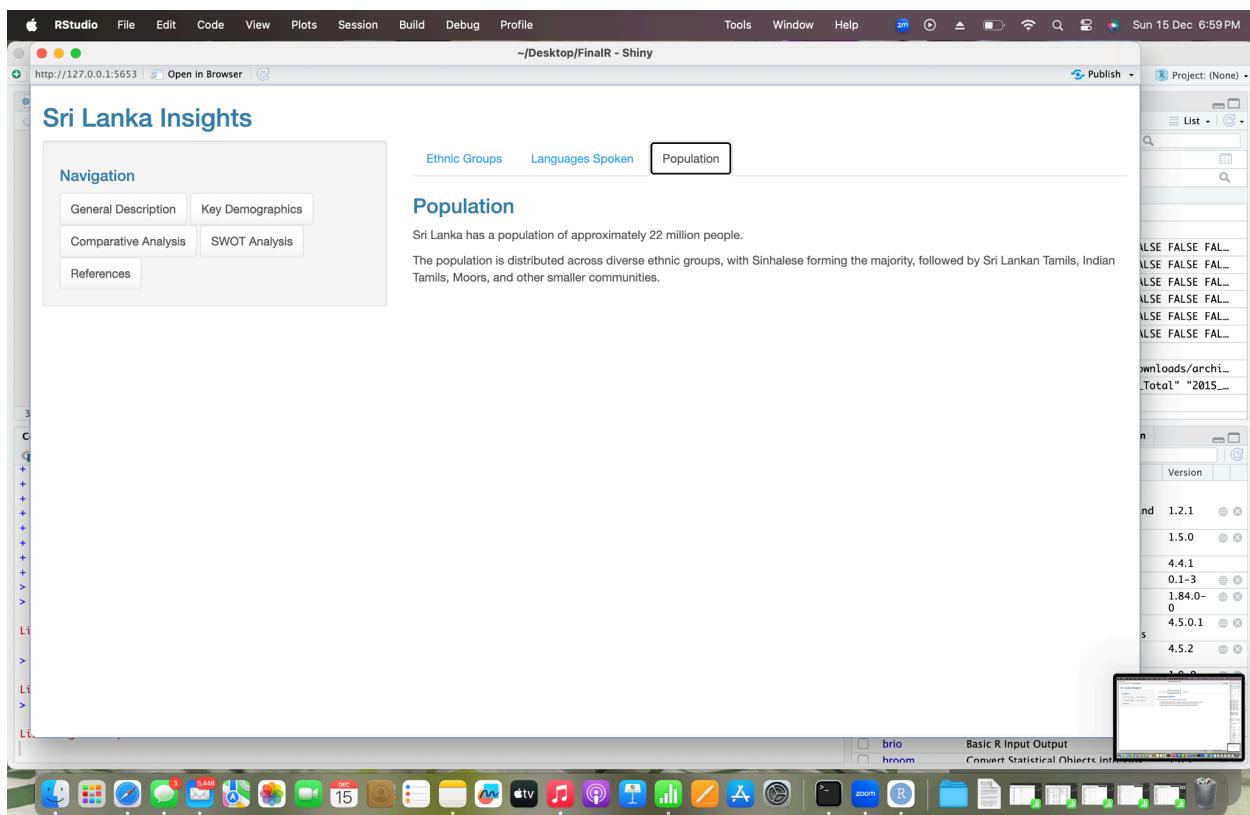
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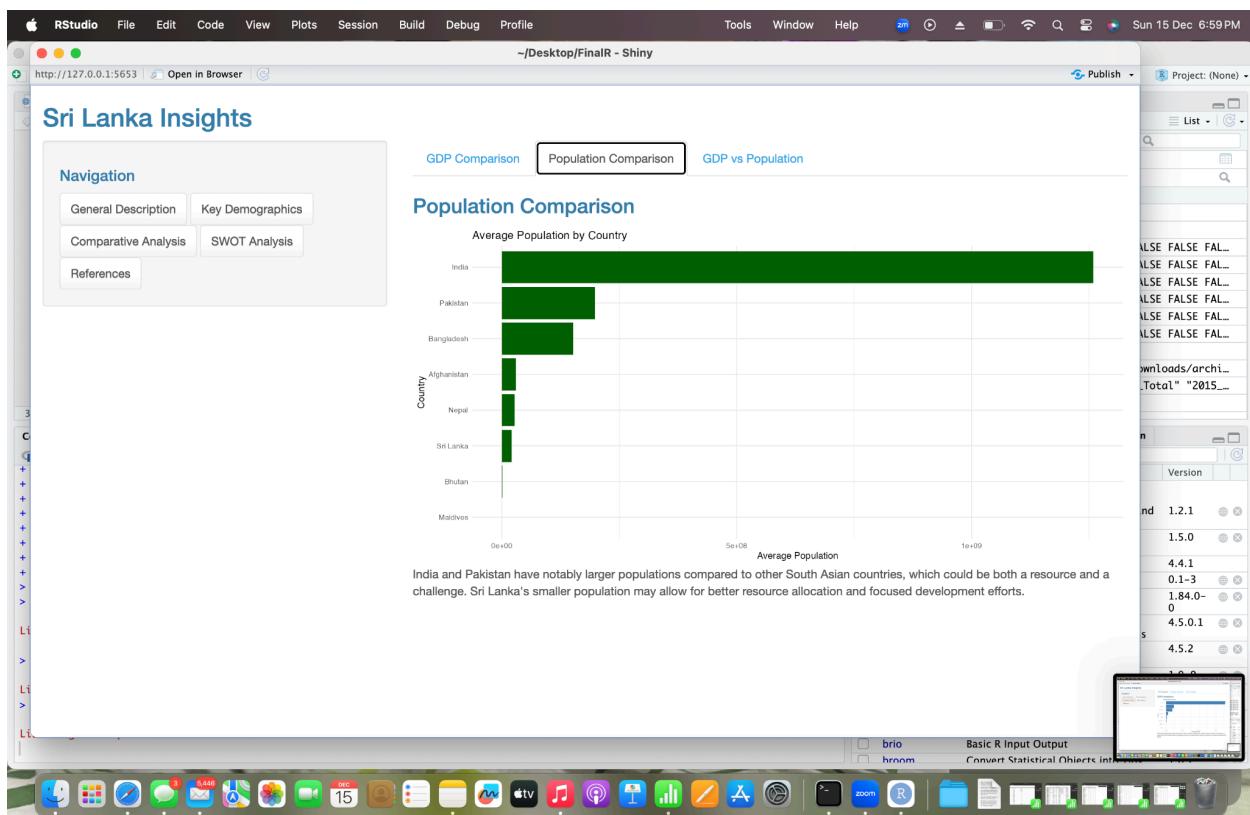
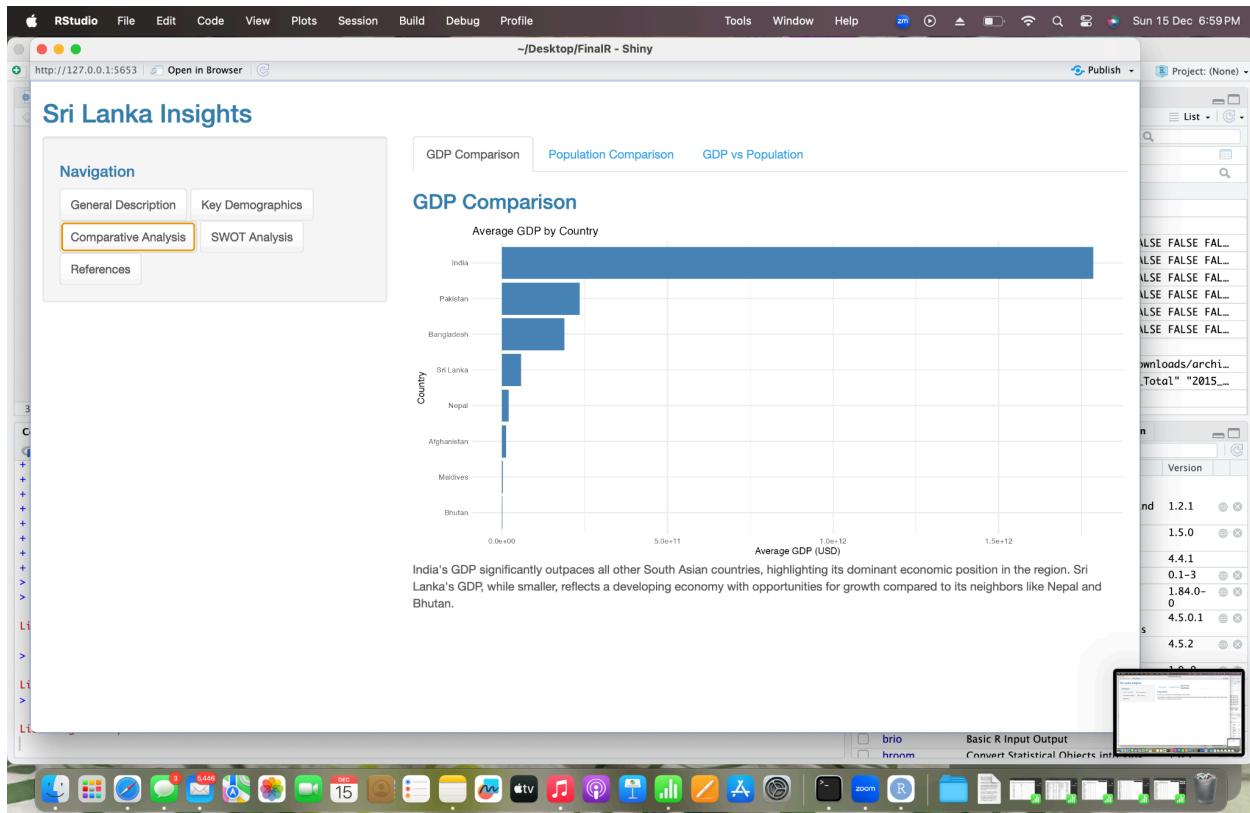
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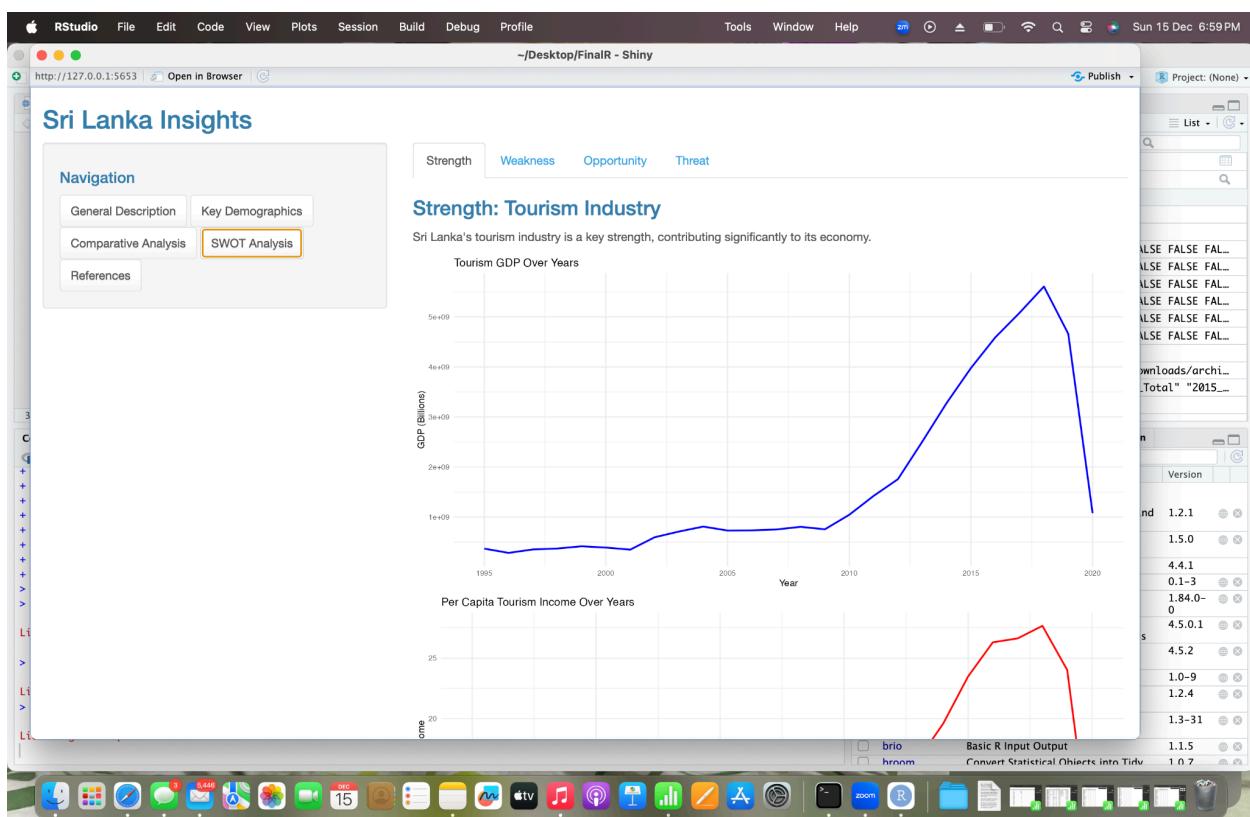
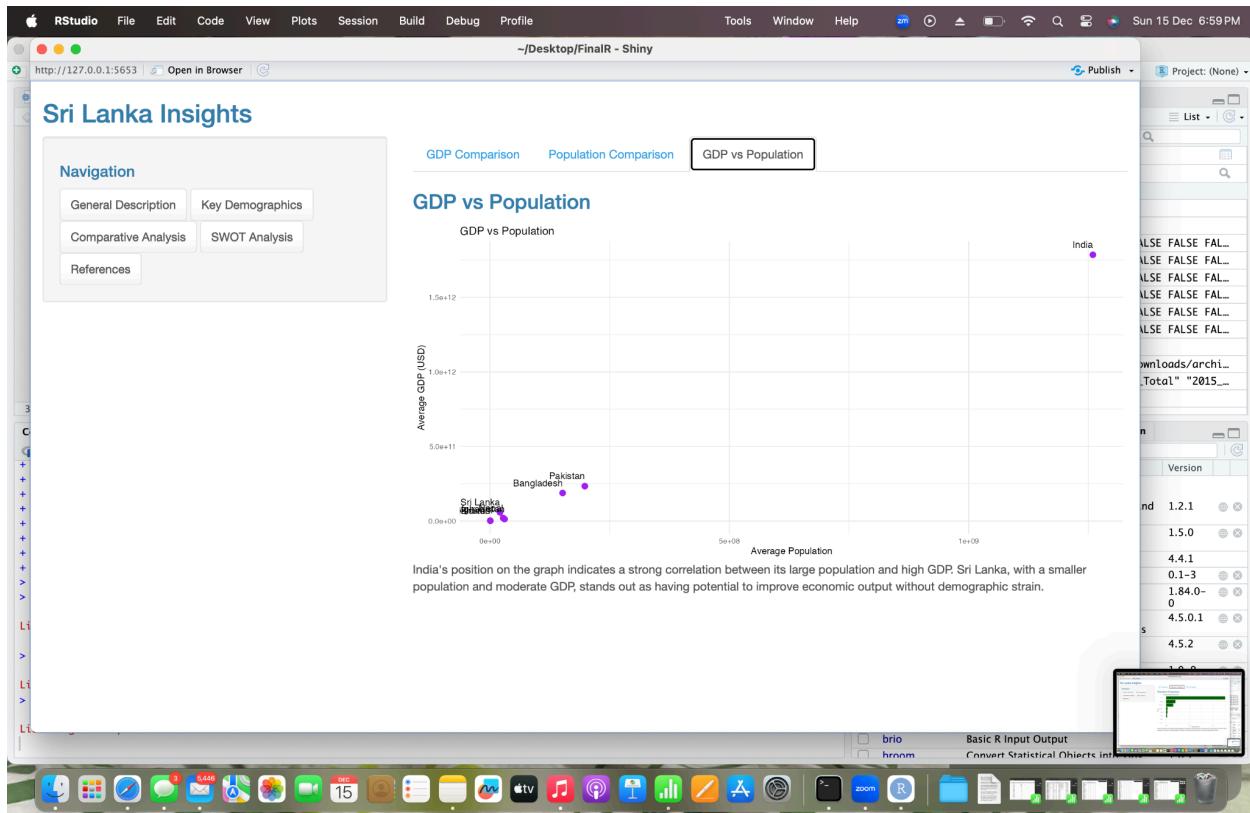
Population

Sri Lanka has a population of approximately 22 million people.

The population is distributed across diverse ethnic groups, with Sinhalese forming the majority, followed by Sri Lankan Tamils, Indian Tamils, Moors, and other smaller communities.







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Weakness

Strength Weakness Opportunity Threat

Weakness: Mental Health Challenges

Sri Lanka faces significant challenges with mental health, as indicated by the high suicide rates across age groups.

Suicide Trends by Age Group and Year

Age Group	2014	2015	2016	2017
0-9 yrs	100	100	100	100
10-19 yrs	200	200	200	200
21-30 yrs	280	280	290	290
31-40 yrs	280	270	260	270
41-50 yrs	220	230	240	250
51-60 yrs	260	270	280	290
61-70 yrs	240	250	260	270
71+ yrs	150	160	170	180

Suicide rates across different age groups remain a concerning issue in Sri Lanka. The high rates in young and middle-aged groups emphasize the need for better mental health resources and interventions.

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Opportunity: Agricultural Potential

Sri Lanka's districts have significant potential for agricultural production, as shown by their total production values.

Agricultural Production by District

District	Total Production
SRI LANKA	1,800,000
POLONNARUWA	350,000
ANURADHAPURA	300,000
KURUNEGALA	250,000
HAMBANTOTA	200,000
TRINCOMALEE	150,000
BATTICALOA	100,000
MONERAGALA	80,000
PUTTALAM	50,000
AMPARA	40,000
RATNAPURA	30,000
KILINOCHCHI	20,000
MULLAITIVU	15,000
MATARA	10,000
VAVUNIYA	8,000
KALLUTTRA	5,000
GAMPHA	3,000
AGALE	2,000
MANNAR	1,000
GALE	1,000
NUWARAELIYA	1,000
COLOMBO	1,000

Sri Lanka's agricultural production is highly concentrated in certain districts like Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura, with significant contributions. This highlights an opportunity to diversify and develop underutilized regions to boost overall production.

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Threat: Natural Disasters

Sri Lanka faces various natural disasters, causing significant human and economic losses.

Impact of Natural Disasters

Event	Metric	Impact (Deaths, Injuries, Losses)
Tsunami	Total_Deaths	~50,000
Flood	Total_Injuries	~15,000
Cyclone	Total_Losses	~10,000
Earthquake	Total_Missing	~5,000
Wind	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Fire	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Volcano	Total_Losses	~1,000
Lightning	Total_Missing	~1,000
Structural Failure	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Rockfall	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Losses	~1,000
Cutting Failure	Total_Missing	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Losses	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Missing	~1,000
Lightning	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Lightning	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Lightning	Total_Losses	~1,000
Lightning	Total_Missing	~1,000
Flash Flood	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Flash Flood	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Flash Flood	Total_Losses	~1,000
Flash Flood	Total_Missing	~1,000
Rockfall	Total_Deaths	~1,000
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Rockfall	Total_Losses	~1,000
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Earthquake	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Losses	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Missing	~1,000
Leak/Spill	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Leak/Spill	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Leak/Spill	Total_Losses	~1,000
Leak/Spill	Total_Missing	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Losses	~1,000
Earthquake	Total_Missing	~1,000
Constitutive	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Constitutive	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Constitutive	Total_Losses	~1,000
Constitutive	Total_Missing	~1,000
Ground Failure	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Ground Failure	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Ground Failure	Total_Losses	~1,000
Ground Failure	Total_Missing	~1,000
Pluvial	Total_Deaths	~1,000
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Syndrome	Total_Deaths	~1,000
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Tornado	Total_Deaths	~1,000
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Tornado	Total_Losses	~1,000
Tornado	Total_Missing	~1,000
Urban Flood	Total_Deaths	~1,000
Urban Flood	Total_Injuries	~1,000
Urban Flood	Total_Losses	~1,000
Urban Flood	Total_Missing	~1,000

Natural disasters such as floods, landslides, and cyclones have caused considerable human and economic losses in Sri Lanka. Floods, in particular, stand out as the most devastating event, underlining the need for effective disaster management and mitigation strategies.

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