

KEY SOCIAL INDICATORS

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CLIMATE

Location

Between 5° 55' & 9° 50' North Latitude
Between 79° 31' & 81° 53' East Longitude

Distance

433 km (269 miles) North to South
226 km (140 miles) West to East

Elevation

2,525 metres (8,284 ft.) Highest

Area

Total area : 65,610 sq.km.
Land area : 62,705 sq.km.
Inland waters : 2,905 sq.km.

Climate

Low country : min. 24.5° C - max. 31.8° C
Hill country : min. 18.4° C - max. 27.0° C
Annual rainfall (average) mm : 2020 : 1,613
2021 : 2,312

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Population Statistics (a)

Mid-year population ('000) (2021) : 22,156
Age distribution ('000) (2021)
0 - 14 years : 5,596
15 - 64 years : 14,823
65 years and over : 1,737
Population density (2021) : 353 persons per sq.km.
Crude birth rate (2021) : 12.9 per 1,000 persons
Crude death rate (2021) : 7.4 per 1,000 persons
Rate of natural increase (2021) : 5.5 per 1,000 persons
Infant mortality rate (2015) : 7.5 per 1,000 live births (revised)
Dependency ratio (2021) : 49.4%
Average household size (2019) (b) : 3.7 persons

Employment (2021)

Employed persons ('000) (d)(e) : 8,114
Agriculture : 27.3%
Industry : 26.0%
Services : 46.7%
Public sector employees ('000) (f) : 1,493
State sector : 57.5%
Provincial public sector : 26.8%
Semi government sector : 15.7%

Income Distribution (b)

Gini coefficient of household income (2019) : 0.46
Mean household income (2019) : Rs. 76,414 per month
Median household income (2019) : Rs. 53,333 per month

Poverty (b)

Average daily kilo calorie intake (2019) : 2,120
Poverty Head Count Index (c) : 14.3 (2019)
: 16.0 (2016)
: 22.5 (2012/13)

Human Development Index (2019)

Rank among 189 countries : 72

Sri Lanka Prosperity Index (2020)

Economy and Business Climate Sub-Index : 0.846
Well-being of the People Sub-Index : 0.795
Socio-Economic Infrastructure Sub-Index : 0.718

Expectation of Life at Birth (2017)

: 75.5 years

Literacy Rate (2020) (d)

Average : 93.0%
Male : 93.8%
Female : 92.2%

PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

Unit

2021

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2021

Transport

Length of national roads (A & B) km : 12,225
Length of expressways km : 312.6
Length of operating railway track (2020) km : 1,648

Electricity

Electrification level (2016) per cent : 99.3
Per capita electricity consumption kWh : 686.7

Communication

Telephone penetration
Fixed lines per 100 persons : 12.9
Including cellular phones per 100 persons : 148.1
Internet penetration (g) per 100 persons : 100.4
Average population served
by a post office number : 5,283

Financial Infrastructure

Banks
Branches of LCBs (h) number : 2,919
Branches of LSBs (h) number : 705
Credit cards in use per 100,000 persons : 9,275
Banking density branches per 100,000 persons : 16
Other financial institutions
Branches of LFCs number : 1,647
Branches of SLCs number : 60
Branches of LMFCs number : 123
ATMs, CRMs and CDMs per 100,000 persons : 31

Water Supply & Sanitation

Access to safe drinking water per cent : 94.4
Access to pipe borne water per cent : 54.3

General Education

Area covered by a school (i) sq. km. : 6.5
Student/teacher ratio (i) number : 16.0
Age specific enrolment ratio (grade 1-9) (2019) per cent : 94.8
Primary net enrolment ratio (j) per cent : 94.4

University Education (k)

Student/teacher ratio number : 19.7
Age specific enrolment ratio
(age 19-23 yrs) (l) per cent : 8.7
Progression to university from GCE (A/L)
Eligible for university admission per cent : 62.4
Admission as a percentage of eligible per cent : 22.5
Government expenditure on education (m) per cent of GDP : 1.8

Public Health

Hospital beds per 1,000 persons : 3.5
Persons per doctor number : 1,167
Nurses per 10,000 persons : 17.5
Government expenditure on health per cent of GDP : 2.3

Note : Data for 2021 are provisional

(a) Registrar General's Department

(b) Based on Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) (2019), Department of Census and Statistics (DCS)

(c) In the 2019 survey round of HIES of the DCS, the Official Poverty Line (OPL), which was previously based on the 2002 HIES data, has been revised using the 2012/13 HIES data. With the revision in the OPL, Poverty Head Count Index data has also been revised.

(d) Based on Quarterly Labour Force Survey conducted by DCS

(e) Average of four quarters of 2021

Sources: Relevant institutions and United Nations Development Programme Statistics

(f) Based on Annual Public Sector Employment Survey, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(g) Including mobile internet services

(h) All banking outlets excluding student savings units

(i) Government schools only

(j) Government and private schools only

(k) Details of the universities under University Grants Commission's purview

(l) Only includes internal enrolment of students

(m) Government expenditure on general and higher education