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#### Government Notifications

##### NOTICE

THE Population and Housing Census of Sri Lanka was conducted in February and March 2012 according to the Census Ordinance (Chapter 143). The population of Sri Lanka on district basis as per Census date 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 is published herewith and district basis population taken from the Censuses conducted in 1981 and 2001 are given for comparison purposes.

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District	Census 2012 (Pro- visional)	Census 1981 <sup>#</sup>	Census 2001 <sup>#</sup>	Number increased 1981-2012	Number increased 2001-2012	Percentage increase 1981-2012	Percentage increase 2001-2012	Average annual growth rate 1981-2012	Average annual growth rate 2001-2012
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Sri Lanka	20,277,597	14,846,274	-	5,431,323	-	36.6	-	1.00	0.71*
1. Colombo	2,323,826	1,675,847	2,239,696	647,979	84,130	38.7	3.76	1.05	0.35
2. Gampaha	2,298,588	1,367,813	2,060,470	930,775	238,118	68.0	11.56	1.67	1.02
3. Kalutara	1,214,880	823,964	1,065,635	390,916	149,245	47.4	14.01	1.25	1.23
4. Kandy	1,368,216	1,032,335	1,276,202	335,881	92,014	32.5	7.21	0.91	0.65
5. Matale	482,348	352,860	439,031	129,488	43,317	36.7	9.87	1.01	0.88
6. Nuwara Eliya	706,210	583,716	702,689	122,494	3,521	21.0	0.50	0.61	0.05
7. Galle	1,059,046	805,403	989,769	253,643	69,277	31.5	7.00	0.88	0.63
8. Matara	810,703	642,235	760,990	168,468	49,713	26.2	6.53	0.75	0.59
9. Hambanthota	595,877	421,277	525,913	174,600	69,964	41.4	13.30	1.12	1.17
10. Jaffna	583,071	734,474	-	-151,403	-	-20.6	-	-0.74	-

District visional)	Census 2012 (Pro-	Census 1981 <sup>#</sup>	Census 2001 <sup>#</sup>	Number increased 1981-2012	Number increased 2001-2012	Percentage increase 1981-2012	Percentage increase 2001-2012 rate	Average annual growth rate 1981-2012	Average annual growth rate 2001-2012
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
11. Mannar	99,063	105,276	-	-6,213	-	-5.9	-	-0.20	-
12. Vavuniya	172,789	93,694	-	79,095	-	84.4	-	1.97	-
13. Mulathivu	92,228	73,886	-	18,342	-	24.8	-	0.71	-
14. Killinochchi	112,872	90,778	-	22,094	-	24.3	-	0.70	-
15. Batticaloa	525,186	329,343	-	195,843	-	59.5	-	1.50	-
16. Ampara	645,825	383,275	592,596	262,550	53,229	68.5	8.98	1.68	0.81
17. Trincomalee	376,366	250,771	-	125,595	-	50.1	-	1.31	-
18. Kurunegala	1,611,407	1,198,795	1,458,385	412,612	153,022	34.4	10.49	0.95	0.93
19. Puttalam	760,778	485,619	709,002	275,159	51,776	56.7	7.30	1.45	0.66
20. Anuradhapura	855,562	575,546	742,535	280,016	113,027	48.7	15.22	1.28	1.33
21. Polonnaruwa	403,859	253,411	358,804	150,448	45,055	59.4	12.56	1.50	1.11
22. Badulla	811,225	620,839	778,422	190,386	32,803	30.7	4.21	0.86	0.39
23. Monaragala	448,194	269,684	396,521	178,510	51,673	66.2	13.03	1.64	1.15
24. Rathnapura	1,082,299	779,927	1,016,221	302,372	66,078	38.8	6.50	1.06	0.59
25. Kegalle	837,179	678,456	784,371	158,723	52,808	23.4	6.73	0.68	0.61

# As the enumeration in 2012 census was done based on usual residence, the comparison of data for 1981 and 2001 censuses stated here are the population of usual residence published in district basis.

- Data is not stated, as the 2001 census was not completed.

\* Annual growth rate of 2001-2012 was based on the total estimated population for 2001 census.