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. 24.8° C - max. 32.1° C
Hill country	:	min. 18.8° C - max. 27.4° C
Annual rainfall (average) mm	:	2023 : 2,536
		2022 : 1,966

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Population Statistics (a)
Mid-year population ('000) (2023)	:	22,037
Age distribution ('000) (2023)		
0 - 14 years	:	5,568
15 - 64 years	:	14,742
65 years and over	:	1,727
Population density (2023)	:	351 persons per sq.km.
Crude birth rate (2023)	:	11.2 per 1,000 persons
Crude death rate (2023)	:	8.2 per 1,000 persons
Rate of natural increase (2023)	:	3.0 per 1,000 persons
Infant mortality rate (2019)	:	7.4 per 1,000 live births (revised)
Dependency ratio (2023)	:	49.4%
Average household size (2019) (b)	:	3.7 persons

Employment (2023)
Employed persons ('000) (d)	:	8,010
Agriculture	:	26.1%
Industry	:	25.5%
Services	:	48.4%
Public sector employees ('000) (e)	:	1,354
Government sector	:	84.7%
State Owned Enterprises	:	15.3%

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 (2022) : 0.780
Rank among 193 countries : 78

Sri Lanka Prosperity Index (2021) : 0.796
Economy and Business Climate Sub-Index : 0.825
Well-being of the People Sub-Index : 0.786
Socio Economic Infrastructure Sub-Index : 0.777

Expectation of Life at Birth (2017) : 75.5 years

Literacy Rate (2021) (d)
Average	:	93.3%
Male	:	94.3%
Female	:	92.3%

PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

	Unit	2023		Unit	2023
Transport			**Water Supply and Sanitation**		
Length of national roads (A & B)	km	12,225	Access to safe drinking water	per cent	97.3
Length of expressways	km	312.6	Access to pipe borne water	per cent	61.6
Length of operating railway track (2021)	km	1,607.3			
Electricity			**General Education (2022)**		
Electrification level (2016)	per cent	99.3	Area covered by a school (i)	sq. km.	6.5
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh	642.2	Student/teacher ratio (i)	number	16.8
Communication			Age specific enrolment ratio (grade 1-9)	per cent	90.6
Telephone penetration			Primary net enrolment ratio	per cent	85.1
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	10.5			
Including cellular phones	per 100 persons	142.0	**University Education (j)**		
Internet penetration (f)	per 100 persons	103.8	Student/teacher ratio	number	22.5
Average population served			Age specific enrolment ratio		
by a post office	number	5,317	(age 18-22 yrs) (k)	per cent	9.9
Financial Infrastructure			Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Banks			Eligible for university admission	per cent	63.3
Branches of LCBs (g)	number	2,929	Admission as a percentage of eligible (2021)	per cent	25.2
Branches of LSBs (g)	number	706	Government expenditure on education (l)	per cent of GDP	1.6
Credit cards in use	per 100,000 persons	8,507			
Banking density	branches per 100,000 persons	16	**Public Health (m)**		
Other financial institutions			Hospital beds	per 1,000 persons	4.1
Branches of LFCs	number	1,828	Persons per doctor	number	985
Branches of SLCs (h)	number	05	Nurses	per 10,000 persons	17.8
Branches of LMFCs	number	129	Government expenditure on health	per cent of GDP	1.5
ATMs, CRMs and CDMs	per 100,000 persons	32			

Note : Data for 2023 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) Based on data of Department of Management Services, MoF

Sources: Relevant institutions and United Nations Development Programme Statistics

(f) Including mobile internet services
(g) All banking outlets excluding student savings units
(h) Including other outlets
(i) Government schools only
(j) Details of the universities under University Grants Commission's purview
(k) Only includes internal enrolment of students
(l) Government expenditure on general and higher education
(m) As of end June 2023