KEY SOCIAL INDICATORS

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CLIMATE

Location
Between 5° 55' & 9° 50' North Latitude
Between 79° 41' & 81° 53' East Longitude

Distance
433 km (269 miles) North to South (Maximum Length)
241 km (150 miles) West to East (Maximum Width)

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

Area
Total area   : 67,240 sq.km.   Land area   : 62,302 sq.km.
Internal waters : 3,186 sq.km.   Lagoon area : 1,406.5 sq.km.
Bay area   : 345.5 sq.km.

Climate
Low country   : min. 25.1° C - max. 32.5° C
Hill country   : min. 19.2° C - max. 28.0° C
Annual rainfall (average) mm : 2024 : 2,371
                                              2023 : 2,536

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Population Statistics (a)
Mid-year population ('000) (2024)   : 21,916
Age distribution ('000) (2024)
    0 - 14 years   : 5,538
    15 - 64 years   : 14,662
    65 years and over   : 1,716
Population density (2024)   : 352 persons per sq.km.
Crude birth rate (2024)   : 10.1 per 1,000 persons
Crude death rate (2024)   : 7.8 per 1,000 persons
Rate of natural increase (2024)   : 2.3 per 1,000 persons
Infant mortality rate (2020)   : 6.4 per 1,000 live births (revised)
Dependency ratio (2024)   : 49.5%
Average household size (2019) (b)   : 3.7 persons

Employment (2024)
Employed persons ('000) (d)   : 7,910
    Agriculture   : 25.7%
    Industry   : 25.5%
    Services   : 48.8%
Public sector employees ('000) (e)   : 1,336
    Government sector   : 84.9%
    State Owned Enterprises   : 15.1%

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 (2023) (d)
Average   : 93.2%
Male   : 94.0%
Female   : 92.6%

PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

	Unit	2024		Unit	2024
Transport			**Water Supply and Sanitation**		
Length of national roads (A & B)	km	12,263	Access to safe drinking water	%	98.8
Length of expressways	km	312.6	Access to pipe borne water	%	63.1
Length of operating railway track (2022)	km	1,610.9			
Electricity			**General Education (2023)**		
Electrification level (2016)	%	99.3	Area covered by a school (i)	sq. km.	6.5
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh	693.2	Student/teacher ratio (i)	number	16.3
			Age specific enrolment ratio (grade 1-9)	%	89.1
Communication			Primary net enrolment ratio	%	83.1
Telephone penetration					
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	9.7	**University Education (j)**		
Including cellular phones	per 100 persons	141.2	Student/teacher ratio	number	23.0
Internet penetration (f)	per 100 persons	105.6	Age specific enrolment ratio		
Average population served			(age 18-22 yrs) (k)	%	9.9
by a post office	number	5,296	Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Financial Infrastructure			Eligible for university admission	%	64.3
Banks			Admission as a percentage of eligible	%	24.9
Branches of LCBs (g)	number	2,936	Government expenditure on		
Branches of LSBs (g)	number	706	education (l)(2023)	% of GDP	1.6
Credit cards in use	per 100,000 persons	9,081			
Banking density	branches per 100,000 persons	17			
Other financial institutions			**Public Health**		
Branches of LFCs	number	1,908	Hospital beds (m)	per 1,000 persons	4.1
Branches of SLCs (h)	number	05	Persons per doctor (m)	number	985
Branches of LMFCs	number	134	Nurses (m)	per 10,000 persons	17.8
ATMs, CRMs and CDMs	per 100,000 persons	33	Government expenditure on health (2023)	% of GDP	1.5

Note : Data for 2024 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 the average of first three quarters of the Quarterly Labour Force Survey-2024 conducted by DCS
(e) Based on data of Department of Management Services, MoF
(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