

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. 24.8° C - max. 32.1° C
Hill country : min. 18.9° C - max. 27.3° C
Annual rainfall (average) mm : 2025 : 2,325
2024 : 2,371

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Population Statistics (a)

Mid-year population ('000) (2025) : 21,756
Age distribution ('000) (2025)
0 - 14 years : 4,502
15 - 64 years : 14,520
65 years and over : 2,734
Population density (2025) : 349 persons per sq.km.
Crude birth rate (2025) : 9.9 per 1,000 persons
Crude death rate (2025) : 7.9 per 1,000 persons
Rate of natural increase (2025) : 1.9 per 1,000 persons
Infant mortality rate (2021) : 6.0 per 1,000 live births (revised)
Dependency ratio (2025) : 49.8%
Average household size (2019) (b) : 3.7 persons

Employment (2025)

Employed persons ('000) (d) : 8,219
Agriculture : 23.9%
Industry : 26.2%
Services : 49.9%
Public sector employees ('000) (2024) (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 (2023)

Rank among 193 countries : 89

Sri Lanka Prosperity Index (2021)

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 (2024) (d)

Average : 93.3%
Male : 94.0%
Female : 92.6%

PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

	Unit	2025		Unit	2025
Transport					
Length of national roads (A & B)	km	12,263	Water Supply and Sanitation		
Length of expressways	km	312.6	Access to safe drinking water	%	93.9
Length of operating railway track (2023)	km	1,610.9	Access to pipe borne water	%	62.3
Electricity					
Electrification level (2016)	%	99.3	General Education		
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh	738.6	Area covered by a school (i)	sq. km.	6.7
Communication					
Telephone penetration			Student/teacher ratio (i)	number	15.5
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	12.1	Age specific enrolment ratio (grade 1-9)	%	95.0
Including cellular phones	per 100 persons	147.6	Primary net enrolment ratio	%	95.5
Internet penetration (f)	per 100 persons	109.6	University Education (j)		
Average population served by a post office	number	5,352	Student/teacher ratio	number	26.3
Financial Infrastructure					
Banks			Age specific enrolment ratio (age 18-22 yrs) (k)	%	10.9
Branches of LCBs (g)	number	2,931	Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Branches of LSBs (g)	number	711	Eligible for university admission	%	62.4
Credit cards in use	per 100,000 persons	9,954	Admission as a percentage of eligible	%	24.3
Banking density	branches per 100,000 persons	17	Government expenditure on education (l)(2023)	% of GDP	1.6
Other financial institutions			Public Health (2024)		
Branches of FCs	number	1,998	Hospital beds	per 1,000 persons	4.2
Branches of SLCs (h)	number	05	Persons per doctor	number	905
Branches of LMFCs	number	156	Nurses	per 10,000 persons	22.8
ATMs, CRMs and CDMs	per 100,000 persons	34	Government expenditure on health (2023)	% of GDP	1.5

Note : Data for 2025 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 four quarters of the Quarterly Labour Force Survey-2025 conducted by DCS

(e) Provisional. Based on data of Department of Management Services, MoF

(f) Including mobile internet services

Sources: Relevant institutions and United Nations Development Programme Statistics

(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 enrollment of students

(l) Government expenditure on general and higher education