

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. 24.6° C - max. 32.3° C
Hill country : min. 18.4° C - max. 27.6° C
Annual rainfall (average) mm : 2018 : 1,944
2019 : 2,054

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Population Statistics (a)

Mid-year population ('000) (2019) : 21,803
Age distribution ('000) (2019)
0 - 14 years : 5,504
15 - 64 years : 14,589
65 years and over : 1,710
Population density (2019) : 348 persons per sq.km.
Crude birth rate (2019) : 14.6 per 1,000 persons
Crude death rate (2019) : 6.6 per 1,000 persons
Rate of natural increase (2019) : 8.0 per 1,000 persons
Infant mortality rate (2015) : 8.5 per 1,000 live births
Dependency ratio (2019) : 49.4%
Average household size (2016) (b) : 3.8 persons

Employment (2019)

Employed persons ('000) (c) : 8,181
Agriculture : 25.3%
Industry : 27.6%
Services : 47.1%
Public sector employees ('000) (d) : 1,434
State sector : 52.5%
Provincial public sector : 30.3%
Semi government sector : 17.2%

Income Distribution (b)

Gini coefficient of household income (2016) : 0.45
Mean household income (2016) : Rs. 62,237 per month
Median household income (2016) : Rs. 43,511 per month

Poverty (b)

Average daily kilo calorie intake (2016) : 2,095
Poverty Head Count Index : 8.9 (2009/10)
: 6.7 (2012/13)
: 4.1 (2016)

Human Development Index (2018)

Rank among 189 countries : 71

Sri Lanka Prosperity Index (2018)

Economy and Business Climate Sub-Index : 1.034
Well-being of the People Sub-Index : 0.764
Socio-Economic Infrastructure Sub-Index : 0.550

Expectation of Life at Birth (2017)

: 75.5 years

Literacy Rate (2018) (c)

Average : 92.5%
Male : 93.4%
Female : 91.6%

PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

	Unit	2019		Unit	2019
Transport			Water Supply & Sanitation		
Length of national roads (A & B)	km	12,220	Access to safe drinking water	per cent	91.9
Length of expressways	km	217.8	Access to pipe borne water	per cent	51.8
Length of operating railway track	km	1,648	General Education		
Electricity			Area covered by a school (g)	sq. km.	6.5
Electrification level (2016)	per cent	99.3	Student/teacher ratio (g)	number	17.0
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh	670.2	Age specific enrolment ratio (grade 1-9) (2018)	per cent	95.4
Communication			Primary net enrolment ratio (2018)	per cent	91.9
Telephone penetration			University Education (h)		
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	10.5	Student/teacher ratio	number	17.7
Including cellular phones	per 100 persons	161.4	Age specific enrolment ratio		
Internet penetration (e)	per 100 persons	61.5	(age 19-23 yrs) (i)	per cent	7.5
Average population served			Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
by a post office	number	4,872	Eligible for university admission	per cent	62.9
Financial Infrastructure			Admission as a percentage of eligible (2018)	per cent	19.1
Banks			Government expenditure on education (j)	per cent of GDP	1.9
Branches of LCBs (f)	number	2,907	Public Health		
Branches of LSBs (f)	number	697	Hospital beds	per 1,000 persons	3.6
Credit cards in use	per 100,000 persons	8,504	Persons per doctor	number	1,203
Banking density	branches per 100,000 persons	17	Nurses	per 10,000 persons	17.6
Other financial institutions			Government expenditure on health	per cent of GDP	1.6
Branches of LFCs	number	1,374			
Branches of SLCs	number	58			
Branches of LMFCs	number	106			
ATMs	per 100,000 persons	23			

Note : Data for 2019 are provisional

(a) Registrar General's Department

(b) Based on Household Income and Expenditure Survey (2016), Department of Census and Statistics (DCS)

(c) In July 2016, DCS published a re-weighted and revised labour force data series for 2011 onwards. This is based on Quarterly Labour Force Survey conducted covering the entire island.

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

(e) Including mobile internet services

Sources: Relevant institutions and United Nations Development Programme Statistics

(f) All banking outlets excluding student savings units

(g) Government schools only

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

(i) Only includes internal enrolment of students

(j) Government expenditure on general and higher education