

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. 24.4° C - max. 31.7° C
Hill country : min. 18.4° C - max. 26.9° C
Annual rainfall (average) mm : 2021 : 2,312
2022 : 1,966

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Population Statistics (a)

Mid-year population ('000) (2022) : 22,181
Age distribution ('000) (2022)
0 - 14 years : 5,603
15 - 64 years : 14,840
65 years and over : 1,738
Population density (2022) : 354 persons per sq.km.
Crude birth rate (2022) : 12.4 per 1,000 persons
Crude death rate (2022) : 8.1 per 1,000 persons
Rate of natural increase (2022) : 5.0 per 1,000 persons
Infant mortality rate (2015) : 7.5 per 1,000 live births (revised)
Dependency ratio (2022) : 49.4%
Average household size (2019) (b) : 3.7 persons

Employment (2022)

Employed persons ('000) (d) : 8,148
Agriculture : 26.5%
Industry : 26.5%
Services : 47.0%
Public sector employees ('000) (e) : 1,394
Government sector : 84.8%
State Owned Enterprises : 15.2%

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 (2021)

Rank among 189 countries : 73

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 (2021) (d)

Average : 93.3%
Male : 94.3%
Female : 92.3%

PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

	Unit	2022		Unit	2022
Transport			Water Supply and Sanitation		
Length of national roads (A & B)	km	12,225	Access to safe drinking water	per cent	96.0
Length of expressways	km	312.6	Access to pipe borne water	per cent	60.4
Length of operating railway track (2020)	km	1,648	General Education		
Electricity			Area covered by a school (i)	sq. km.	6.5
Electrification level (2016)	per cent	99.3	Student/teacher ratio (i)	number	16.8
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh	654.6	Age specific enrolment ratio (grade 1-9)	per cent	94.8
Communication			Primary net enrolment ratio (i)	per cent	95.3
Telephone penetration			University Education (k)		
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	12.0	Student/teacher ratio	number	20.2
Including cellular phones	per 100 persons	142.0	Age specific enrolment ratio (age 18-22 yrs) (l)	per cent	9.3
Internet penetration (f)	per 100 persons	97.7	Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Average population served by a post office	number	5,365	Eligible for university admission	per cent	62.9
Financial Infrastructure			Admission as a percentage of eligible (2021)	per cent	22.6
Banks			Government expenditure on education (m)	per cent of GDP	1.5
Branches of LCBs (g)	number	2,924	Public Health		
Branches of LSBs (g)	number	706	Hospital beds	per 1,000 persons	3.5
Credit cards in use	per 100,000 persons	9,264	Persons per doctor	number	1,054
Banking density	branches per 100,000 persons	16	Nurses	per 10,000 persons	18.4
Other financial institutions			Government expenditure on health	per cent of GDP	1.3
Branches of LFCs	number	1,832			
Branches of SLCs (h)	number	02			
Branches of LMFCs	number	124			
ATMs, CRMs and CDMs	per 100,000 persons	32			

Note : Data for 2022 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) After mergers and acquisitions

(i) Government schools only

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

(l) Only includes internal enrolment of students

(m) Government expenditure on general and higher education