

# Prices, Wages and Employment



Table 3.1

## Colombo Consumers' Price Index 1958 – 2007

1952 = 100

Year	All Items	Change, %	Food	Clothing	Fuel & Light	Rent	Miscellaneous
1958	105.0	2.1	105.8	87.5	101.0	101.5	113.1
1959	105.2	0.2	104.7	92.1	102.4	101.5	115.3
1960	103.5	-1.6	100.8	95.1	102.7	101.5	117.5
1961	104.8	1.3	99.8	103.9	104.4	101.5	122.8
1962	106.3	1.4	100.9	108.2	105.6	101.5	124.9
1963	108.8	2.4	103.0	118.2	103.0	101.5	126.6
1964	112.2	3.1	106.4	127.2	103.2	101.5	129.3
1965	112.5	0.3	107.3	126.7	100.7	101.5	128.3
1966	112.3	-0.2	109.1	117.3	95.9	101.5	127.3
1967	114.8	2.2	112.7	116.7	96.4	101.5	128.9
1968	121.5	5.8	121.2	120.1	103.2	101.5	133.6
1969	130.5	7.4	127.9	130.8	124.9	108.4	147.1
1970	138.2	5.9	136.6	137.3	136.1	109.8	153.2
1971	141.9	2.7	139.1	145.0	140.8	109.8	159.5
1972	150.9	6.3	147.5	163.5	145.9	109.8	169.5
1973	165.4	9.6	166.2	186.1	164.4	109.8	169.8
1974	185.8	12.3	189.7	204.6	220.9	109.8	178.3
1975	198.3	6.7	204.3	208.2	237.0	109.8	191.9
1976	200.7	1.2	202.1	211.7	265.2	109.8	203.8
1977	203.2	1.2	203.3	223.8	257.5	109.8	208.4
1978	227.8	12.1	237.5	226.2	262.1	109.8	224.8
1979	252.3	10.8	263.3	231.2	328.5	109.8	252.4
1980	318.2	26.1	339.7	239.9	563.9	109.8	293.8
1981	375.4	18.0	399.6	257.8	767.9	109.8	345.7
1982	416.1	10.8	450.4	273.8	816.4	109.8	377.1
1983	474.2	14.0	506.3	291.1	1,087.6	109.8	433.7
1984	553.1	16.6	598.0	307.5	1,282.7	109.8	496.9
1985	561.2	1.5	598.4	324.2	1,332.1	109.8	524.4
1986	606.0	8.0	641.4	374.5	1,347.6	109.8	599.7
1987	652.8	7.7	697.0	400.9	1,358.7	109.8	650.7
1988	744.1	14.0	802.0	419.8	1,535.1	109.8	742.6
1989	830.2	11.6	884.6	490.0	1,718.9	109.8	860.1
1990	1,008.6	21.5	1,090.9	610.2	1,934.2	109.8	1,021.0
1991	1,131.5	12.2	1,220.3	678.4	2,252.2	109.8	1,146.0
1992	1,260.4	11.4	1,366.0	723.6	2,334.3	109.8	1,318.7
1993	1,408.4	11.7	1,519.4	782.7	2,730.0	109.8	1,490.4
1994	1,527.4	8.4	1,654.1	795.7	3,131.6	109.8	1,578.7
1995	1,644.6	7.7	1,768.1	803.9	3,322.4	109.8	1,800.6
1996	1,906.7	15.9	2,107.6	821.8	3,591.6	109.8	1,994.7
1997	2,089.1	9.6	2,336.9	844.0	3,739.8	109.8	2,157.8
1998	2,284.9	9.4	2,592.1	852.3	3,872.8	109.8	2,319.9
1999	2,392.1	4.7	2,695.4	863.3	3,929.7	109.8	2,558.1
2000	2,539.8	6.2	2,815.8	872.9	4,660.9	109.8	2,802.4
2001	2,899.4	14.2	3,244.7	909.6	5,328.9	109.8	3,131.1
2002	3,176.4	9.6	3,589.9	950.5	5,795.8	109.8	3,327.9
2003	3,377.0	6.3	3,798.4	974.4	6,674.6	109.8	3,497.5
2004	3,632.8	7.6	4,096.2	984.0	7,315.3	109.8	3,726.4
2005	4,055.5	11.6	4,590.6	1,026.7	8,303.0	109.8	4,098.4
2006	4,610.8	13.7	5,198.7	1,067.2	10,641.8	109.8	4,482.6
2007	5,416.1	17.5	6,143.3	1,115.7	13,338.6	109.8	4,978.4

Note : This series was discontinued from May 2008, and was replaced by CCPI (2002=100).

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.2

Consumer Price Indices (2002=100) 2003 – 2010

Item	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Colombo Consumers' Price Index (2002=100)</b>								
<b>All Items</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>140.8</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>199.9</b>	<b>206.8</b>	<b>219.1</b>
Percentage Change	5.8	9.0	11.0	10.0	15.8	22.6	3.4	5.9
<b>Sub Indices</b>								
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	102.6	111.9	124.7	135.8	163.4	213.3	219.2	234.2
Clothing and Footwear	106.8	112.1	117.9	127.7	140.7	154.8	165.3	176.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	112.0	123.1	146.4	174.2	206.6	226.8	227.5	235.3
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	104.7	109.5	117.6	124.7	134.4	154.1	168.0	176.4
Health	107.1	107.1	108.0	113.1	115.5	163.2	194.8	227.8
Transport	106.7	125.4	141.2	156.7	178.1	240.3	238.8	240.7
Communication	107.8	121.6	121.4	120.5	119.8	100.0	107.0	109.4
Recreation and Culture	101.7	107.0	113.1	113.6	119.5	128.3	161.8	168.7
Education	107.9	114.1	119.7	126.3	133.7	141.0	152.0	171.3
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	111.6	119.3	124.5	131.3	140.5	156.3	168.5	180.7

Note: The series was discontinued from June 2011, and was replaced by CCPI (2006/07=100).

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Consumer Price Indices (2006/07=100) 2008 – 2016

Item	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Colombo Consumers' Price Index (2006/07=100)</b>									
<b>All Items</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>141.9</b>	<b>151.5</b>	<b>162.9</b>	<b>174.2</b>	<b>179.9</b>	<b>181.5</b>	<b>188.3</b>
Percentage Change		3.5	6.2	6.7	7.6	6.9	3.3	0.9	3.7
<b>Sub Indices</b>									
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	144.0	148.5	158.8	172.7	180.9	195.2	202.5	212.4	221.7
Clothing and Footwear	112.5	122.0	130.2	147.6	162.1	170.8	171.4	195.3	207.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	114.0	115.1	119.2	124.4	136.4	151.0	152.7	138.2	138.0
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	113.0	122.5	128.0	133.8	142.7	148.5	151.9	164.4	170.7
Health	150.4	184.7	233.9	240.3	247.5	251.7	273.1	311.4	345.6
Transport	141.7	138.4	139.7	149.6	181.9	190.2	198.9	182.9	187.1
Communication	82.6	88.2	90.3	90.3	90.3	90.3	93.9	94.0	100.5
Recreation and Culture	116.1	122.7	131.8	139.0	144.6	150.4	153.8	161.6	166.9
Education	110.3	120.7	135.9	140.6	141.2	142.6	143.3	148.1	155.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	113.3	122.4	126.3	131.1	136.5	142.2	146.8	154.2	160.8

Note: The series was discontinued from January 2017, and was replaced by CCPI (2013=100).

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Consumer Price Indices (2013=100) 2016 – 2021

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Colombo Consumers' Price Index (2013=100)</b>						
<b>All Items</b>	<b>111.7</b>	<b>119.0</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>143.4</b>
Percentage Change	4.0	6.6	4.3	4.3	4.6	6.0
<b>Sub Indices</b>						
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	116.7	127.5	131.8	132.8	147.9	165.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	153.8	186.0	193.5	215.9	223.5	231.2
Clothing and Footwear	119.2	126.3	134.9	145.5	153.2	163.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	110.1	110.2	111.4	115.5	117.8	119.3
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	107.8	118.0	127.2	135.2	134.3	142.4
Health	126.0	144.2	158.2	175.9	173.9	183.5
Transport	92.9	96.9	105.8	112.4	117.2	125.1
Communication	110.0	119.8	118.0	108.9	97.3	97.3
Recreation and Culture	107.4	109.9	112.9	117.0	117.5	118.2
Education	112.8	129.0	140.6	162.6	168.9	169.8
Restaurants and Hotels	107.2	116.4	127.8	135.0	138.5	151.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	118.5	134.0	139.4	144.6	148.0	153.0

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.3

## Consumers' Price Indices – National Consumer Price Index 2016 – 2021

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>National Consumer Price Index (2013=100)</b>						
<b>All Items</b>	113.8	122.6	125.2	129.6	137.6	147.2
Percentage Change	4.0	7.7	2.1	3.5	6.2	7.0
<b>Sub Indices</b>						
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	114.1	127.0	126.8	127.6	143.1	159.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	158.5	175.6	183.4	200.6	214.4	220.4
Clothing and Footwear	114.5	118.2	122.8	128.6	132.2	137.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels,	114.8	115.8	117.3	126.7	127.7	129.1
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	113.1	119.0	124.0	129.3	130.6	138.7
Health	128.0	140.7	151.3	162.3	162.2	169.3
Transport	97.6	103.3	112.0	116.4	119.3	127.9
Communication	110.9	121.2	119.7	110.3	98.9	98.9
Recreation and Culture	109.4	111.3	115.7	123.3	124.9	126.4
Education	115.0	119.8	127.0	137.1	143.7	144.6
Restaurants and Hotels	106.7	110.7	114.6	119.1	122.0	131.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	114.8	127.4	133.8	141.5	144.2	148.3

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.4(A)

## Producer Price Index 2016 – 2020

2013 Q4 = 100

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>All Items</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>125.3</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>137.1</b>	<b>145.0</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>159.9</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>174.0</b>
Growing of crops & cereals; Farming of animals	120.4	162.7	159.9	149.2	174.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>136.5</b>
Manufacture of food products and beverages	107.6	127.7	130.3	131.8	141.2
Manufacture of tobacco products	136.6	182.4	182.8	230.4	237.5
Manufacture of textiles	98.5	106.9	114.1	130.6	127.4
Manufacture of wearing apparel, dressing, and dyeing of fur	113.3	119.4	130.5	138.4	149.5
Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	97.0	95.8	108.6	129.9	128.1
Manufacture of coke, refine petroleum products and nuclear fuel	59.8	74.1	98.0	91.3	70.0
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	96.0	95.7	107.1	124.8	124.4
Manufacture of rubber and plastics	91.8	91.5	99.7	109.6	118.6
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	110.5	109.2	110.9	117.8	121.6
Manufacture of basic metals	96.2	101.1	106.5	116.3	120.1
Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus, n.e.c.	109.1	108.9	114.1	120.7	133.9
Manufacture of other transport equipment	102.1	105.3	115.7	125.9	114.0
Manufacture of furniture, Manufacturing, n.e.c.	105.5	117.6	122.1	130.0	135.8
<b>Electricity and Water Supply</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>89.2</b>
Electricity	82.8	83.2	83.1	84.2	86.4
Collection, purification and distribution of water	103.9	101.3	102.9	113.1	115.5

n.e.c. – not elsewhere classified

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Notes: Compilation of this index (2013 Q4=100) was discontinued since November 2021, and was replaced by PPI (2018 Q4=100)

Table 3.4(B)

Producer Price Index 2019 – 2021

2018 Q4 = 100

Item	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>All Items</b>	105.5	111.6	123.7
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>108.7</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>133.8</b>
Growing of non perianial crops	99.0	117.9	139.7
Growing of perianial crops	100.3	123.0	134.4
Animal production	109.3	108.4	113.7
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>122.9</b>
Manufacture of food products	100.9	107.0	117.3
Manufacture of beverages	101.0	104.4	109.7
Manufacture of tobacco products	114.5	118.0	120.0
Manufacture of textiles	103.2	100.6	113.0
Manufacture of wearing apparel	103.7	112.0	125.3
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	104.7	108.6	114.2
Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	90.2	69.2	94.9
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	115.9	115.6	135.6
Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	108.9	117.8	137.2
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	107.1	110.6	118.7
Manufacture of basic metals	157.6	162.8	201.2
Manufacture of other transport equipment	103.7	108.2	120.6
Manufacture of furniture	102.7	108.1	127.9
Other manufacturing	107.0	121.2	129.4
<b>Electricity and Water Supply</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>101.9</b>
Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	101.8	104.4	101.2
Water collection, treatment and supply	98.1	100.3	104.5

(a) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.5

Average Retail Prices of Selected Consumer Items 2012 – 2021

	Rupees									
Item	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Rice, kg.</b>										
Samba (Highest)	70.33	71.90	83.83	90.25	95.58	101.58	112.67	107.45	109.34	140.46
Par Boiled (Highest)	60.09	62.04	75.75	76.73	76.69	90.59	90.01	91.39	99.34	113.57
Kekulu (Highest)	56.63	58.33	71.92	74.85	69.60	86.03	83.29	83.38	97.42	106.29
<b>Up Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Beans	125.45	130.31	134.03	195.82	183.39	176.78	203.73	189.38	225.72	244.29
Carrot	121.12	131.03	133.37	182.54	168.30	176.58	220.60	178.90	219.57	226.40
Beet Root	101.88	99.31	104.50	131.40	129.69	125.89	137.34	132.02	148.68	169.04
Cabbage	80.99	87.31	88.57	113.86	115.48	118.60	132.44	119.69	145.24	173.25
Leeks	110.93	115.73	114.69	166.35	143.24	138.26	194.75	154.83	178.65	195.49
<b>Low Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Pumpkin	64.30	63.00	66.70	78.18	84.79	95.77	85.81	93.01	111.18	128.39
Brinjal	76.17	76.83	84.75	101.12	100.96	117.35	123.58	122.10	138.93	186.13
Capsicum	145.18	151.87	161.71	223.61	213.51	229.71	236.47	234.26	273.33	336.21
Lime	198.53	232.59	176.66	237.85	372.38	248.27	292.30	348.72	32.92	31.47
<b>Leafy Vegetables, 1 bundle</b>										
Mukunuwenna	19.35	20.71	21.52	24.11	26.35	27.58	29.97	30.15	31.43	33.56
Kan-kun	17.94	19.73	20.60	23.09	25.16	26.30	29.26	29.85	30.93	32.50
Gotukola	18.39	19.34	20.17	22.38	25.04	26.39	29.20	29.52	30.48	32.73
Katuru Murunga	18.08	19.83	20.50	22.52	24.87	26.23	29.41	29.72	30.16	32.13
<b>Yams, kg</b>										
Potato (Local)	110.60	117.42	121.26	125.96	134.74	145.90	142.02	173.75	197.62	195.65
Manioc	49.85	50.44	52.92	56.99	61.62	72.59	65.28	81.58	103.50	84.11
Sweet Potato	59.68	64.33	66.75	80.59	82.27	85.23	94.80	98.70	102.05	102.85
<b>Meat and Eggs, kg</b>										
Beef	441.15	472.24	497.29	539.55	650.60	747.09	851.12	942.76	957.61	991.31
Mutton	897.75	1,056.37	1,139.17	1,245.27	1,432.51	1,655.50	1,743.00	1,887.05	1,951.46	1,983.40
Chicken (Ordinary)	389.88	411.82	420.27	458.79	496.94	498.80	540.07	542.78	566.90	651.65
Eggs White (Farm - each)	11.81	14.56	13.55	14.94	16.19	14.19	15.61	19.03	18.60	17.96
<b>Sea Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	926.20	1,007.71	1,030.13	1,070.95	1,173.76	1,221.96	1,241.44	1,281.63	1,270.52	1,364.37
Trevally – Paraw	642.99	675.48	697.23	725.97	770.46	815.75	792.12	865.39	880.10	929.16
Skip Jack – Balaya	492.82	509.80	528.05	559.38	601.10	596.02	562.68	599.46	619.52	679.05
Tuna – Kelawalla	650.00	680.70	711.20	753.22	802.07	850.57	858.29	934.12	943.02	1,045.97
Shark – Mora	519.06	556.55	579.23	603.51	645.76	675.38	734.64	791.84	832.37	886.44
Sardine – Salaya	170.06	182.54	177.25	181.92	195.82	201.18	213.31	252.99	280.42	269.52
<b>Dried Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	982.49	1,092.87	1,117.16	1,140.73	1,213.61	1,256.88	1,310.67	1,369.46	1,454.83	1,537.07
Shark – Mora	753.77	834.35	861.14	889.07	941.71	978.26	1,039.35	1,053.26	1,125.23	1,317.92
Skip Jack – Balaya	623.65	662.20	693.03	717.22	747.16	740.10	729.43	744.92	805.61	840.17
Queen Fish – Kattawa	862.98	919.32	944.45	971.34	1,040.80	1,078.03	1,142.54	1,201.67	1,268.25	1,370.94
Sprats	388.08	578.03	495.14	493.22	573.50	613.53	670.99	687.42	678.86	643.08
<b>Canned and Preserved Fish, (425g)</b>										
Tinned Fish (Captain)	233.49	240.87	242.87	236.58	224.58	205.78	289.55	294.44	298.54	322.31
Tinned Fish (Other)	197.51	201.04	193.77	153.25	148.49	146.76	162.42	216.78	225.40	284.84
<b>Pulses, kg</b>										
Green Gram	224.37	271.56	299.73	252.11	228.94	234.31	229.64	247.32	318.45	678.64
Dhal – Mysore	142.57	153.58	161.37	181.88	183.29	167.56	128.95	125.19	155.83	201.27
Cowpea (Best)	220.78	238.17	217.98	236.06	239.38	272.66	260.62	265.67	333.91	565.67
<b>Condiments, kg</b>										
Dried Chilli	231.48	228.00	230.85	275.76	349.26	259.07	281.90	357.25	525.13	584.87
Pepper	1,237.63	1,076.80	1,320.54	1,489.80	1,594.28	1,510.30	1,216.90	1,457.98	140.97	143.94
Tamarind	219.35	215.00	228.13	274.19	305.56	349.61	324.20	349.90	41.58	53.89
Coriander	268.42	285.40	369.17	329.38	309.91	290.63	266.00	311.48	35.28	38.00
Turmeric (Dried)	672.52	689.93	687.19	671.18	677.69	692.04	704.10	718.51	187.96	400.60
Garlic	216.59	227.85	201.42	234.92	368.89	396.10	243.40	317.67	34.27	38.94
Washed Salt (1 Pkt)	32.57	33.07	34.58	34.80	55.28	61.13	60.59	59.03	57.92	49.26
Chillie Powder (100g)	40.06	40.21	40.61	43.93	49.87	48.80	49.98	54.80	70.94	81.02
Raw Ginger	288.32	394.17	526.35	429.88	396.84	702.76	689.60	537.29	49.51	49.16
<b>Spices, kg</b>										
Red Onion	108.13	171.87	102.46	125.91	123.39	236.50	180.61	201.71	310.79	340.85
Cummin Seed	593.62	638.91	642.11	638.42	661.80	684.64	753.30	799.63	818.91	835.50
Fennel Seed	383.33	388.76	386.79	411.29	434.90	466.84	519.50	586.07	630.73	694.50
Mathe Seed	255.90	273.97	288.28	306.02	321.43	321.93	345.20	-	381.95	411.60
Cinnamon Quills	1,551.40	1,817.27	1,810.70	1,890.27	2,021.74	2,394.81	5,731.00	6,084.26	66.28	3,623.50

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Table 3.5 (Contd.)

Average Retail Prices of Selected Consumer Items 2012 – 2021

	Rupees									
Item	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Coconut</b>										
Coconut (Medium), each	29.61	40.17	40.05	45.30	39.70	61.46	63.27	44.26	65.99	76.85
Coconut Oil, 750 ml	174.18	197.67	210.77	203.17	209.20	265.28	268.24	259.08	349.97	453.54
<b>Fruits, kg</b>										
Pineapple	114.37	112.51	110.73	121.20	150.04	178.73	150.67	153.80	158.93	164.63
Banana – Kolikuttu	129.74	133.64	125.51	145.06	176.87	197.44	177.94	188.27	200.36	201.62
Banana – Ambul	57.73	61.70	57.51	63.90	74.84	99.01	89.67	90.36	94.90	91.54
Papaw	61.51	63.64	61.38	84.30	83.79	79.66	79.78	91.20	82.09	92.20
<b>Milk Food and Beverages</b>										
Fresh Milk (Dairy), 750 ml	65.36	69.97	73.12	76.96	81.70	84.98	86.77	–	–	–
Fresh Milk (Ambewela), 1 litre	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	216.82	251.53	268.72
Tea (BOP) (1 kg)	822.45	936.64	1024.85	1122.02	1145.63	1,222.04	1455.20	1,455.32	1,332.29	1,327.60
Coffee Powder (1 kg)	1,138.66	1,156.55	1,177.64	1,179.13	1,295.63	1,643.99	2,046.00	2,099.78	2,119.65	2,602.80
Lakspray (400g)	289.11	316.96	379.40	329.76	324.78	324.70	326.01	366.20	380.15	388.10
Anchor (400g)	300.37	324.67	379.77	330.27	324.58	324.26	326.81	367.35	380.29	392.13
Lactogen (1) (400g)	372.38	402.19	460.73	464.95	464.91	480.71	542.69	590.00	590.00	591.88
Lactogen (2) (400g)	343.60	415.72	439.73	440.01	439.93	458.78	531.83	580.00	580.00	581.40
Milk Maid (390g)	173.71	184.59	188.53	195.42	206.93	214.22	215.12	227.81	241.85	275.09
<b>Tobacco and Tobacco Products, each</b>										
Chewing Tobacco – Jaffna	58.44	62.14	63.86	61.96	66.43	75.53	73.51	79.11	81.03	109.01
Cigarette – Bristol	18.81	20.45	–	20.01	24.66	34.99	35.00	44.09	49.62	–
<b>Soap, tablet</b>										
Sunlight (each)	33.95	36.90	39.60	40.00	40.87	43.83	45.96	48.90	49.99	54.75
Kohomba (each)	36.78	38.71	40.35	41.00	42.64	50.59	55.61	60.62	63.58	65.91
Signal Toothpaste – med. (70g)	59.62	63.13	67.15	70.00	70.00	73.26	79.31	83.96	86.91	87.88
<b>Fuel and Light</b>										
Kerosene, 1 litre	103.73	107.25	99.82	61.70	54.13	48.97	61.22	70.00	70.00	73.33
Fire Wood, 50 kg	401.73	437.01	454.24	452.79	510.97	517.08	582.50	611.18	683.73	619.48
LP Gas (Cylinder – 12.5 kg)	2,254.27	2,458.32	2,381.84	1,628.03	1,413.51	1,416.70	1,564.83	1,733.67	1,552.38	1,709.94
<b>Bakery Products</b>										
Bread (loaf)	55.17	59.46	59.74	53.87	56.64	57.71	60.19	62.67	61.39	63.03
<b>Cereal Preparations (bought from outside)</b>										
Hopper (each)	11.07	11.56	11.84	11.09	11.60	12.38	13.11	13.85	14.36	15.52
String Hopper (each)	3.02	3.22	3.28	3.23	3.46	3.70	4.17	4.48	4.81	5.15
<b>Other Cereal Preparation</b>										
Wheat Flour (1 kg)	91.07	98.05	98.07	86.29	90.20	89.89	90.82	92.65	90.49	95.90
Kurakkan Flour (400g)	88.53	126.63	131.49	132.70	136.24	143.85	146.85	151.71	165.88	280.73
Rice Flour (400g)	47.61	49.28	49.96	52.20	105.70	120.12	63.07	63.07	69.29	79.39
<b>Fats &amp; Oil</b>										
Margarine (Astra) (250g)	149.70	168.84	182.96	189.12	193.33	206.66	224.27	250.67	276.99	312.18
Butter (Anchor)	313.20	342.10	459.57	494.99	494.80	501.15	544.27	625.00	625.00	641.25
Butter (Highland)	242.51	251.04	250.36	272.17	332.68	368.14	378.87	387.50	414.70	441.41
<b>Sugar</b>										
Sugar (White) (1 kg)	100.63	102.37	101.95	86.92	100.14	106.73	107.74	105.54	125.82	127.03
<b>Preserved Food</b>										
Papadam (1 Pkt)	35.83	39.99	39.24	41.15	42.44	46.57	59.28	60.62	64.47	93.63
Jam (Woodapple) MD (485g)	220.68	252.06	274.54	296.53	317.37	331.84	339.15	362.94	364.36	347.93
Marmite (115g)	237.51	228.24	233.15	256.13	266.93	291.20	296.60	323.18	324.99	343.53
Dates (1 kg)	223.98	271.84	315.44	340.60	388.82	437.59	436.43	468.52	495.99	530.39
Soya Meat (Lanka Soy) (90g)	48.35	54.85	57.85	61.47	62.68	64.82	65.00	70.36	74.60	80.39
<b>Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>										
Orange Barley (400 ml)	35.11	39.46	44.05	45.01	46.77	49.54	60.52	69.32	70.49	71.82
Plain Tea (1 Cup)	11.85	13.63	14.37	12.56	13.63	14.95	15.75	17.40	19.04	21.05

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.6

Average Retail Prices of Selected Food Items by Province 2020 – 2021

Item	Rs. per kg.									
	Western	Central	Southern	Northern	Eastern	North Western	North Central	Uva	Sabara-gamuwa	All Island
<b>2020</b>										
Ash Plantain	148.56	125.15	126.03	97.62	133.96	106.41	120.03	129.34	108.22	122.03
Beans	230.68	218.01	234.04	220.18	206.23	239.57	267.91	220.48	205.48	225.72
Cabbage	161.56	127.27	156.65	144.52	149.60	137.06	153.67	137.19	124.54	145.24
Carrot	232.33	209.05	219.66	228.69	211.18	205.53	243.66	214.90	193.57	219.57
Pumpkin	129.94	105.16	121.43	92.99	106.20	109.63	122.63	124.18	93.37	111.18
Snake gourd	169.50	142.54	149.95	126.41	124.69	141.47	149.42	142.99	121.48	141.34
Brinjal	157.73	137.00	137.46	134.80	144.98	130.00	145.83	136.75	110.42	138.93
Tomato	193.62	169.98	160.98	171.86	160.83	166.06	166.56	156.84	157.84	169.45
Rice (Samba)	106.79	110.23	114.91	111.22	107.20	105.72	104.31	110.37	113.33	109.34
Rice (Kekulu)	99.44	98.36	94.46	102.08	93.24	98.84	95.05	92.44	97.21	97.42
Red Onion	357.09	291.12	338.87	263.30	274.46	306.69	346.44	343.96	323.13	310.79
Big Onion	165.10	175.75	196.84	138.62	169.64	180.67	165.58	178.61	158.68	168.44
Potato	210.77	192.86	208.80	167.59	188.80	199.01	211.28	202.50	191.96	197.62
Dried Chilli	530.21	552.51	542.40	503.54	510.40	514.47	518.13	531.25	533.55	525.13
Dhal – Mysore	150.69	155.45	156.10	157.24	161.63	156.13	158.35	154.56	155.61	155.83
Eggs (Each)	18.58	18.62	18.72	18.94	18.36	18.05	18.06	19.36	18.22	18.60
Coconut	69.65	66.16	72.11	58.43	68.21	62.99	65.00	67.92	65.88	65.99
Kelawalla	1,007.51	953.67	972.94	782.66	927.89	797.04	1,037.26	1,025.44	871.95	943.02
Balaya	708.50	545.85	650.47	569.70	699.13	489.86	620.91	557.48	669.18	619.52
Salaya	300.67	300.00	299.73	271.22	277.41	252.17	270.26	273.49	252.79	280.42
<b>2021<sup>(a)</sup></b>										
Ash Plantain	129.87	118.64	121.65	93.59	130.91	104.29	104.81	127.42	91.79	113.66
Beans	242.60	221.92	254.66	249.59	244.94	253.19	279.21	237.14	221.14	244.93
Cabbage	189.04	148.64	192.93	167.70	178.91	173.76	175.26	163.87	157.94	172.00
Carrot	223.40	204.88	227.43	242.15	233.20	216.63	250.17	229.73	197.58	225.02
Pumpkin	145.23	117.36	142.78	108.19	128.09	132.02	135.77	141.09	111.91	129.16
Snake gourd	186.91	158.99	181.04	145.47	145.67	178.20	176.91	171.22	159.93	167.15
Brinjal	203.00	173.94	185.13	185.34	192.36	187.01	197.18	176.68	160.56	184.58
Tomato	207.32	194.75	193.40	207.06	197.42	201.48	190.15	195.09	185.62	196.92
Rice (Samba)	139.51	142.65	145.98	136.54	127.31	144.87	139.08	149.02	145.55	141.17
Rice (Kekulu)	106.65	108.97	100.06	107.38	104.13	111.33	108.77	101.31	105.15	105.97
Red Onion	386.76	347.64	371.79	287.42	311.06	349.07	367.29	376.28	329.92	347.47
Big Onion	145.06	172.61	153.87	130.33	158.36	156.83	137.11	147.50	151.46	150.35
Potato	198.51	183.12	203.05	197.24	191.85	192.65	200.84	203.55	189.60	195.60
Dried Chilli	572.32	601.78	612.21	579.33	564.62	575.71	589.09	587.45	593.50	586.22
Dhal – Mysore	195.26	198.34	204.80	201.83	199.36	202.35	207.50	206.26	201.55	201.92
Eggs (Each)	17.48	17.52	17.74	18.73	17.97	17.83	17.76	18.60	17.54	17.91
Coconut	86.84	81.76	85.06	62.65	79.28	71.45	71.08	79.35	78.02	77.28
Kelawalla	1,103.78	1,055.61	1,089.75	763.51	1,039.31	842.08	1,199.22	1,135.63	1,055.05	1,031.55
Balaya	759.44	579.16	765.21	583.97	769.47	519.57	667.25	639.79	688.04	663.54
Salaya	270.05	294.68	274.22	277.10	277.03	226.99	244.84	268.94	267.33	266.80

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Table 3.7

Average Producer Prices of Selected Items 2012 – 2021

Commodity	Rupees									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Paddy, kg.</b>	31.37	33.22	41.12	41.12	38.58	49.07	47.93	44.49	51.66	54.01
<b>Up Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Beans	72.98	77.40	83.01	125.74	117.10	112.18	109.39	96.20	127.18	144.39
Carrot	68.95	80.39	81.57	119.69	108.78	112.28	126.14	105.47	125.90	126.75
Beet Root	58.09	59.79	61.02	79.52	82.20	75.26	73.69	74.15	84.74	97.35
<b>Low Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Pumpkin (Red)	33.26	31.85	34.83	39.32	43.76	52.25	42.60	46.06	54.75	65.55
Brinjal	43.72	43.39	48.72	56.75	57.90	66.28	65.34	62.87	70.95	114.37
Capsicum	90.23	96.36	103.58	151.32	138.73	151.16	132.93	139.56	159.74	230.50
Lime	95.20	116.87	82.46	112.50	207.48	129.57	127.58	173.56	162.18	174.44
<b>Yams, kg</b>										
Potato	76.52	84.29	88.88	93.80	99.78	113.34	88.64	108.38	118.13	125.27
Manioc	28.11	28.91	30.76	33.29	35.75	43.67	36.15	45.25	61.28	47.42
Sweet Potato	35.07	36.06	37.74	46.30	47.95	49.65	52.41	50.37	57.36	57.73
<b>Eggs (Farm), each</b>	10.03	12.46	11.77	12.88	14.19	12.47	13.10	15.76	15.55	14.92
<b>Sea Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	576.01	644.24	653.12	723.43	793.22	811.22	839.20	908.03	861.45	974.57
Trevally – Paraw	434.63	461.19	460.25	504.49	550.80	590.65	627.74	636.04	679.40	708.77
Skip Jack – Balaya	307.59	309.61	324.29	357.21	391.65	378.12	340.47	355.17	443.47	454.78
Tuna – Kelawalla	412.90	432.85	453.41	478.90	498.73	535.85	528.91	585.07	614.19	671.94
Shark – Mora	368.11	380.00	392.24	425.64	477.22	509.09	496.65	844.62	590.89	629.48
Sardine – Salaya	95.06	105.59	106.39	104.61	108.22	114.88	123.33	149.53	177.58	167.82
<b>Dried Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	656.36	649.58	728.71	713.94	829.77	852.67	975.68	997.37	1,042.11	1,103.00
Shark – Mora	546.90	574.06	605.48	587.08	675.51	667.78	872.62	844.62	947.78	1,012.50
Skip Jack – Balaya	521.88	530.56	532.47	537.25	567.16	553.04	515.75	486.04	534.81	538.71
Queen Fish – Kattawa	676.04	657.36	649.95	673.45	724.25	780.91	948.57	936.07	1,009.85	1,119.01
Sprats	310.92	509.71	454.87	397.16	446.72	502.07	567.78	488.48	515.23	549.81
<b>Pulses, kg</b>										
Green Gram	169.99	199.71	225.81	197.38	182.81	183.23	174.30	193.12	232.75	477.87
Cowpea MI 35 (White)	156.31	165.68	145.94	161.71	162.21	177.87	160.84	163.31	222.36	346.11
Sorghum	85.76	120.00	130.19	137.86	138.13	139.77	145.34	186.18	221.82	660.00
<b>Curry Stuff, kg</b>										
Dried Chilli	180.49	183.47	188.51	217.68	264.25	210.62	206.69	271.64	399.59	440.18
Pepper	848.93	749.72	987.07	1,072.10	1,177.48	931.54	649.68	557.01	557.12	665.57
Turmeric (Dried)	249.10	274.58	308.75	227.89	262.40	304.06	269.32	296.32	1,410.31	3,445.12
<b>Spices, kg</b>										
Red Onion	64.14	108.94	66.55	75.66	74.29	136.14	106.68	118.71	185.71	212.76
Cloves	1,184.32	1,181.60	1,361.98	1,052.26	1,041.66	990.03	1,096.64	1,024.91	915.60	1,064.02
Cardamom	1,697.18	1,978.62	1,808.33	1,544.86	1,569.59	2,044.35	2,525.81	4,896.55	9,921.05	8,569.23
Cinnamon Quills	954.16	1,006.07	1,060.19	1,132.31	1,345.09	1,598.12	1,743.24	1,691.79	1,763.19	2,157.58
<b>Coconut</b>										
Coconut, each	22.79	31.14	31.22	34.66	29.19	47.33	47.54	31.77	49.39	59.11
Copra, 250 kg	26,215.38	33,064.98	34,682.00	33,912.33	32,511.68	42,567.42	38,631.94	34,625.00	45,928.57	49,748.85
Coconut Charcoal, 50 kg	1,915.84	2,133.45	2,369.95	2,254.63	2,250.67	2,356.41	2,480.68	2,598.10	2,766.87	3,232.53
<b>Fruits, 50 kg</b>										
Pineapple	3,031.14	2,735.75	2,723.10	2,868.93	3,354.61	4,382.65	4,482.80	4,265.53	4,227.13	4,497.86
Banana – Kolikuttu	3,750.80	4,014.56	3,747.69	4,196.37	5,139.15	5,766.30	5,253.39	5,307.54	5,635.81	5,697.27
Banana – Ambul	1,535.76	1,700.80	1,567.22	1,696.99	1,975.24	2,636.28	2,383.37	2,239.26	2,414.31	2,325.81
<b>Betel and Arecanut, 1,000</b>										
Betel	838.08	857.22	923.41	1,214.12	1,792.10	1,192.29	1,270.61	1,647.30	1,769.83	1,735.09
Arecanut (Seasoned)	1,301.06	1,373.92	1,715.34	2,399.38	2,435.48	1,913.21	2,316.35	2,165.20	4,494.25	3,693.50
<b>Jaggery and Treacle</b>										
Coconut Jaggery, kg	203.40	229.51	211.61	208.62	238.46	219.35	234.00	213.85	166.25	392.58
Coconut Treacle, 750 ml	254.58	271.16	278.15	289.51	307.06	318.00	264.64	282.20	299.76	387.12
<b>Coffee Seed, kg</b>	248.55	223.33	224.52	241.14	332.69	410.10	480.69	465.13	565.99	810.14
<b>Cocoa, kg</b>	283.59	193.72	236.22	248.36	301.06	300.76	356.16	385.49	370.96	345.93
<b>Tea Leaves, kg</b>	55.47	61.42	69.12	63.69	64.93	88.94	89.11	85.05	95.01	95.52
<b>Building Materials</b>										
Bricks, 1,000	10,317.25	11,423.24	11,436.49	12,229.93	14,054.92	15,010.47	12,684.72	12,681.82	14,034.95	15,952.90
Sand, cube	4,714.20	4,999.73	4,946.45	5,111.19	5,967.74	7,788.08	8,687.69	9,383.55	8,566.98	8,623.25
Metal ¼", cube	6,243.18	6,577.43	6,501.87	6,387.03	6,643.85	6,903.74	7,108.21	7,278.49	7,540.28	7,520.89

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.8

Average Producer Prices of Selected Food Items by Province 2020 – 2021

Rs. per kg.

Item	Western	Central	Southern	Northern	Eastern	North Western	North Central	Uva	Sabara-gamuwa	All Island
<b>2020</b>										
Ash Plantain	59.80	64.86	51.96	57.28	52.79	42.35	52.94	65.17	67.50	57.49
Pumpkin	54.38	60.00	62.78	55.50	47.17	53.44	55.14	57.90	35.83	54.75
Snake gourd	76.43	76.67	77.50	71.56	41.42	80.00	64.03	74.58	56.36	67.25
Brinjal	65.42	81.20	60.77	79.21	61.03	71.25	65.88	64.71	44.17	70.95
Beans	-	148.89	-	112.86	-	-	90.00	107.69	-	127.18
Cabbage	-	69.17	-	80.56	96.67	80.71	-	60.38	-	73.08
Carrot	-	133.17	-	200.00	99.17	200.00	-	108.75	-	125.90
Tomato	-	97.91	73.13	121.72	80.00	81.36	80.75	66.58	-	92.50
Dried Chilli	-	260.00	-	422.07	-	376.67	342.00	-	-	399.59
Potato	-	126.50	-	83.33	-	-	-	120.00	-	118.13
Red Onion	-	-	-	181.82	212.65	160.63	-	-	-	185.71
Big Onion	-	-	-	96.50	-	118.00	85.00	-	-	102.50
Eggs (Farm) (100 Nos.)	1,599.29	1,417.14	1,580.00	1,591.26	1,572.50	1,419.05	1,620.69	1,550.00	1,552.08	1,555.45
Paraw	715.38	-	566.67	628.18	869.17	570.83	-	-	-	679.40
Balaya	400.00	-	359.55	353.33	666.15	345.83	-	-	-	443.47
Kelawalla	625.38	-	603.18	-	664.44	509.17	-	-	-	614.19
Salaya	184.29	-	135.71	206.36	174.21	172.73	-	-	-	177.58
<b>2021<sup>(a)</sup></b>										
Ash Plantain	62.34	62.32	54.86	56.36	58.47	52.20	53.45	55.00	49.67	56.07
Pumpkin	52.00	79.65	70.77	67.05	41.34	71.00	80.91	67.11	44.23	63.78
Snake gourd	106.25	98.14	122.63	95.68	45.11	95.67	93.87	95.63	86.00	93.22
Brinjal	105.00	125.58	100.56	135.98	95.71	88.33	95.15	100.22	98.46	105.00
Beans	-	154.04	-	162.12	-	-	122.22	132.27	-	142.66
Cabbage	-	89.69	-	103.33	-	67.86	-	67.86	-	82.18
Carrot	-	139.39	-	155.00	-	128.89	-	87.50	-	127.70
Tomato	-	123.48	75.00	150.93	138.06	90.79	84.86	108.97	-	110.30
Dried Chilli	-	520.00	-	480.00	-	416.67	423.33	-	-	460.00
Potato	-	145.56	-	105.71	-	-	-	106.25	-	119.17
Red Onion	-	-	-	202.46	299.38	166.92	-	-	-	222.92
Big Onion	-	-	-	105.83	-	92.00	-	-	80.00	92.61
Eggs (Farm) (100 Nos.)	1,419.29	1,262.30	1,797.50	1,500.40	1,564.93	1,358.45	1,549.48	1,487.00	1,457.58	1,488.55
Paraw	1,058.72	-	876.53	869.58	975.00	844.83	-	-	-	924.93
Balaya	578.28	-	467.28	408.59	580.56	432.92	-	-	-	493.52
Kelawalla	687.50	-	709.52	-	694.29	547.50	-	-	-	659.70
Salaya	153.57	-	169.69	179.63	161.54	166.36	-	-	-	166.16

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka





Table 3.11

Nominal Wage Rate Indices 1967 – 2021

1978 December = 100

Year	Workers in Wages Boards				Government Employees <sup>(a)</sup>			
	Workers in Agriculture	Workers in Industry and Commerce	Workers in Services	All Workers	Non-Executive Officers	Minor Employees	Central Government Employees	Government School Teachers
1967	25.1	36.3	–	26.2	53.5	44.1	47.7	58.6
1968	29.0	42.3	–	30.2	59.7	52.8	55.4	63.6
1969	29.0	42.3	–	30.2	61.6	54.4	57.2	65.0
1970	29.3	43.4	–	30.6	67.0	59.2	62.2	69.2
1971	29.6	46.1	–	31.1	67.0	59.2	62.2	69.2
1972	31.0	47.5	–	33.6	67.1	59.4	62.4	69.2
1973	35.1	52.2	–	36.4	69.5	62.9	65.4	70.6
1974	43.9	62.0	–	45.5	77.4	71.4	73.7	78.0
1975	50.4	72.0	–	52.4	84.2	79.8	81.5	84.3
1976	51.5	73.9	–	53.6	88.2	84.9	86.2	89.1
1977	64.8	79.5	–	66.2	89.2	86.2	87.3	90.6
1978	94.2	98.8	–	94.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1979	123.1	111.3	113.9	119.6	115.6	118.7	117.2	112.3
1980	153.6	138.8	130.5	147.3	126.0	132.0	129.1	120.1
1981	153.9	151.0	146.4	152.2	140.9	151.1	146.1	133.1
1982	181.2	161.0	169.7	175.8	180.6	194.7	187.8	166.4
1983	198.7	163.1	177.8	188.8	204.6	226.2	215.7	188.1
1984	250.3	183.3	190.7	228.8	231.4	260.9	246.6	211.4
1985	273.5	203.9	190.7	247.9	264.4	303.2	284.3	247.3
1986	288.1	224.3	190.7	261.3	276.6	317.2	297.4	247.3
1987	302.3	256.3	196.6	277.7	276.6	317.2	297.4	247.3
1988	378.4	271.7	229.5	335.8	364.0	414.1	390.0	331.5
1989	435.9	334.9	245.9	388.1	396.0	444.6	421.8	367.8
1990	517.2	379.5	267.8	453.5	439.6	513.5	476.8	404.5
1991	577.7	459.6	336.5	518.8	488.2	582.3	534.6	444.8
1992	664.1	510.8	365.9	590.0	507.2	609.9	557.6	461.8
1993	803.7	528.7	365.9	685.8	622.1	728.3	675.5	567.1
1994	821.5	555.8	431.4	712.4	692.7	772.3	735.5	595.6
1995	830.9	651.6	456.7	740.3	749.4	828.1	792.5	760.5
1996	907.9	682.8	559.7	801.7	757.1	878.7	818.2	760.5
1997	971.8	710.8	487.2	849.1	842.9	966.7	906.5	778.5
1998	1,097.7	807.7	506.4	953.3	959.6	1,029.1	1,001.4	805.5
1999	1,116.0	829.2	559.7	977.6	959.6	1,029.1	1,001.4	805.5
2000	1,142.7	857.2	559.7	1,000.4	1,031.3	1,125.8	1,084.7	865.1
2001	1,176.4	919.7	657.6	1,049.3	1,225.9	1,388.2	1,310.8	1,026.8
2002	1,269.6	986.5	678.0	1,126.5	1,410.3	1,636.7	1,525.0	1,180.1
2003	1,382.2	1,009.4	678.0	1,205.2	1,410.3	1,636.7	1,525.0	1,180.1
2004	1,397.7	1,044.1	751.0	1,233.0	1,709.0	2,039.5	1,872.1	1,428.4
2005	1,527.4	1,078.4	779.7	1,329.7	2,178.4	2,672.4	2,417.5	1,818.6
2006	1,567.1	1,090.7	779.7	1,358.2	2,853.8	3,463.0	3,150.8	2,304.2
2007	1,821.4	1,522.4	1,057.1	1,648.8	3,493.4	4,172.7	3,828.4	2,740.0
2008	2,286.6	1,877.5	1,370.8	2,070.4	3,749.5	4,494.7	4,116.1	2,938.6
2009	2,349.4	2,054.0	1,545.8	2,171.4	4,082.4	4,943.5	4,502.8	3,215.3
2010	3,327.6	2,199.0	1,673.3	2,865.3	4,210.4	5,116.1	4,651.6	3,321.7
2011	3,427.2	2,402.1	1,851.8	2,996.1	4,490.1	5,465.1	4,964.5	3,576.1
2012	4,433.0	2,402.1	1,851.8	3,662.0	4,803.6	5,831.8	5,304.7	3,821.8
2013	4,435.9	3,191.6	2,241.5	3,869.2	5,035.6	6,130.5	5,568.3	4,011.0
2014	4,560.9	3,459.1	2,313.2	4,012.2	5,462.2	6,691.7	6,058.0	4,361.9
2015	4,734.4	3,459.1	2,313.2	4,127.1	7,152.1	8,970.2	8,021.6	5,766.6
2016	4,735.7	3,459.1	2,313.2	4,127.9	7,413.0	9,341.6	8,333.2	6,067.7
2017	4,736.7	3,459.1	2,313.2	4,128.6	7,413.0	9,341.6	8,333.2	6,067.7
2018	4,748.8	3,545.3	2,331.2	4,155.2	–	–	–	–
2019	4,784.5	3,796.6	2,659.3	4,275.5	–	–	–	–
2020	4,785.6	3,806.2	2,684.2	4,282.0	–	–	–	–
2021 <sup>(b)</sup>	9,492.0	4,061.1	2,845.1	7,469.5	–	–	–	–

(a) This series was discontinued from 2018 and was replaced by Public Sector Wage Rate Index (2012=100).

Sources: Department of Labour  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Provisional

Table 3.12

Average Daily Wages of Selected Activities 2012 – 2021

		Rupees									
Activity	Type of Labour	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Paddy</b>											
Ploughing with Ploughs	M	844	939	1,070	1,129	1,197	1,295	1,404	1,508	1,545	1,660
Ploughing with Mammothies	M	795	885	940	1,045	1,128	1,229	1,365	1,464	1,517	1,619
Sowing	M	783	879	931	1,041	1,134	1,237	1,340	1,465	1,516	1,606
Transplanting and Harvesting	M	753	818	885	970	1,073	1,150	1,298	1,412	1,484	1,552
	F	597	653	695	749	783	835	996	1,090	1,140	1,168
Manuring	M	776	850	912	1,012	1,122	1,224	1,327	1,450	1,513	1,627
Spraying	M	848	950	1,050	1,172	1,264	1,399	1,507	1,600	1,662	1,810
Threshing	M	784	916	981	1,077	1,157	1,266	1,482	1,568	1,579	1,653
Winnowing	M	775	857	922	1,019	1,095	1,174	1,339	1,475	1,493	1,600
	F	586	662	687	795	864	909	1,010	1,081	1,195	1,255
<b>Coconut</b>											
Digging Pits	M	841	943	1,013	1,096	1,165	1,270	1,403	1,464	1,490	1,600
Planting	M	805	901	954	1,024	1,108	1,202	1,312	1,419	1,485	1,595
	F	581	663	668	710	742	822	942	1,045	1,128	1,193
Plucking	M	1,114	1,281	1,361	1,352	1,434	1,523	1,576	1,594	1,650	1,817
Collecting Nuts	M	687	748	791	856	896	972	1,105	1,247	1,260	1,330
	F	520	581	602	646	660	703	802	888	943	1,002
Husking	M	894	1,000	1,076	1,129	1,200	1,305	1,349	1,410	1,488	1,586
<b>Tea</b>											
Preparing Land	M	683	759	817	888	947	1,065	1,255	1,302	1,374	1,490
Planting	M	679	748	805	869	937	1,073	1,243	1,271	1,324	1,420
	F	511	580	628	667	703	809	916	926	975	1,019
Manuring	M	684	760	820	875	953	1,085	1,268	1,334	1,338	1,404
Weeding	M	661	728	781	854	916	1,036	1,204	1,246	1,261	1,346
	F	514	570	622	671	705	798	913	923	946	1,028
Pruning	M	776	854	929	1,019	1,083	1,246	1,375	1,425	1,416	1,487
Plucking	M	548	620	637	679	703	790	847	863	864	959
	F	435	489	524	555	582	672	768	799	806	861
<b>Rubber</b>											
Uprooting and Cleaning	M	687	763	823	878	975	1,103	1,246	1,334	1,379	1,491
Planting	M	732	851	890	941	979	1,118	1,197	1,312	1,343	1,441
Pruning	M	728	816	852	888	924	1,047	1,176	1,278	1,296	1,350
Manuring	M	789	907	938	998	1,061	1,194	1,320	1,415	1,429	1,588
Tapping	M	586	653	614	610	632	707	795	825	868	954
	F	533	594	566	548	579	665	747	788	815	896
<b>Building Construction</b>											
<b>Carpentry</b>											
Master Carpenter	M	1,248	1,334	1,407	1,487	1,619	1,794	1,990	2,107	2,309	2,590
Skilled Helper	M	913	995	1,053	1,135	1,241	1,374	1,481	1,550	1,658	1,838
Unskilled Helper	M	734	811	863	933	1,017	1,122	1,190	1,271	1,373	1,493
<b>Masonry</b>											
Master Mason	M	1,216	1,304	1,376	1,450	1,593	1,784	1,994	2,109	2,310	2,610
Skilled Helper	M	906	985	1,044	1,122	1,236	1,381	1,469	1,519	1,645	1,836
Unskilled Helper	M	740	816	867	936	1,024	1,132	1,230	1,299	1,388	1,541

M – Male F – Female

(a) Provisional

Note: These wage rates represent payment in cash without meals.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.13

Wage Rate Indices of Formal Private Sector Employees<sup>(a)</sup>

1978 December = 100

Period	Workers in Agriculture <sup>(b)</sup>		Workers in Industry and Commerce <sup>(c)</sup>		Workers in Services <sup>(d)</sup>		Workers in Wages Boards Trades <sup>(e)</sup>		
	Nominal	Real Wage <sup>(f)</sup>	Nominal	Real Wage <sup>(f)</sup>	Nominal	Real Wage <sup>(f)</sup>	Nominal	Real Wage <sup>(f)</sup>	
2020	January	4,785.3	99.8	3,806.2	79.4	2,684.2	56.0	4,281.8	89.3
	February	4,785.6	99.8	3,806.2	79.4	2,684.2	56.0	4,281.9	89.3
	March	4,785.3	100.7	3,806.2	80.1	2,684.2	56.5	4,281.9	90.1
	April	4,785.3	100.6	3,806.2	80.0	2,684.2	56.4	4,281.9	90.0
	May	4,785.4	100.1	3,806.2	79.6	2,684.2	56.2	4,281.9	89.6
	June	4,785.6	99.3	3,806.2	79.0	2,684.2	55.7	4,282.0	88.9
	July	4,785.6	99.3	3,806.2	78.9	2,684.2	55.7	4,282.0	88.8
	August	4,785.6	99.3	3,806.2	78.9	2,684.2	55.7	4,282.0	88.8
	September	4,785.7	98.6	3,806.2	78.4	2,684.2	55.3	4,282.0	88.2
	October	4,785.9	98.5	3,806.2	78.3	2,684.2	55.2	4,282.1	88.1
	November	4,785.9	98.0	3,806.2	78.0	2,684.2	55.0	4,282.2	87.7
	December	4,786.0	97.4	3,806.2	77.5	2,684.2	54.6	4,282.2	87.1
2021 <sup>(g)</sup>	January	4,786.2	96.9	3,806.2	77.1	2,684.2	54.3	4,282.4	86.7
	February	4,786.4	96.6	3,806.2	76.8	2,684.2	54.2	4,282.4	86.5
	March	10,432.9	210.9	3,806.2	77.0	2,684.2	54.3	8,020.7	162.2
	April	10,432.8	211.1	3,806.2	77.0	2,684.2	54.3	8,020.6	162.3
	May	10,432.9	208.8	3,806.2	76.2	2,684.2	53.7	8,020.7	160.5
	June	10,433.1	205.7	3,806.2	75.1	2,684.2	52.9	8,020.8	158.2
	July	10,433.3	204.7	3,806.2	74.7	2,684.2	52.7	8,021.0	157.4
	August	10,432.5	204.2	4,417.9	86.5	3,070.3	60.1	8,192.5	160.3
	September	10,432.5	203.3	4,417.9	86.1	3,070.3	59.8	8,192.5	159.7
	October	10,433.5	199.5	4,417.9	84.5	3,070.3	58.7	8,193.1	156.6
	November	10,433.9	194.4	4,417.9	82.3	3,070.3	57.2	8,193.4	152.7
	December	10,434.5	189.4	4,417.9	80.2	3,070.3	55.7	8,193.8	148.7

(a) The Index numbers are calculated on fixed weights based on the numbers employed as at 31st December 1978. The wage rate used in the calculation of index numbers are minimum wages for different trades fixed by the Wages Boards.

Sources: Department of Labour  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) The Index refers to wage rates of tea growing and manufacturing, rubber growing and manufacturing, coconut, cocoa, cardamoms and pepper growing trades only.

(c) Including baking, brick and tile manufacturing, coconut manufacturing, printing, textile, tyre and tube manufacturing, coir mattresses and bristle export, hosiery manufacturing, engineering, garment manufacturing, match manufacturing, biscuit and confectionery, tea export and rubber export trades only

(d) This includes cinema, motor transport and nursing home trades only

(e) Combined index for workers in agriculture, industry & commerce and services

(f) Based on Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)

(g) Provisional

Table 3.14

Wage Rate Indices of Public Sector Employees<sup>(a)</sup>

2012 = 100

Period	Senior Level Officers		Tertiary Level Officers		Secondary Level Officers		Primary Level Officers		All Government Officers		
	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	
2019	January	158.4	124.1	162.5	127.3	161.7	126.7	170.4	133.4	162.2	127.0
	February	158.4	124.6	162.5	127.9	161.7	127.3	170.4	134.1	162.2	127.6
	March	158.4	124.9	162.5	128.2	161.7	127.6	170.4	134.4	162.2	127.9
	April	158.4	124.1	162.5	127.3	161.7	126.7	170.4	133.4	162.2	127.0
	May	158.4	122.7	162.5	125.9	161.7	125.3	170.4	132.0	162.2	125.6
	June	158.4	122.2	162.5	125.4	161.7	124.8	170.4	131.5	162.2	125.1
	July	165.6	127.6	172.4	132.8	169.4	130.5	183.6	141.5	170.2	131.2
	August	165.6	127.3	172.4	132.5	169.4	130.2	183.6	141.2	170.2	130.9
	September	165.6	126.4	172.4	131.6	169.4	129.3	183.6	140.2	170.2	130.0
	October	165.6	125.2	172.4	130.3	169.4	128.0	183.6	138.8	170.2	128.7
	November	165.6	124.2	172.4	129.3	169.4	127.1	183.6	137.8	170.2	127.7
	December	165.6	122.3	172.4	127.3	169.4	125.1	183.6	135.6	170.2	125.7
2020 <sup>(c)</sup>	January	179.1	130.3	187.6	136.5	177.5	129.2	184.3	134.1	178.5	129.9
	February	179.1	130.3	187.6	136.5	177.5	129.2	184.3	134.1	178.5	129.9
	March	179.1	132.1	187.6	138.3	177.5	130.9	184.3	135.9	178.5	131.7
	April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) This index covers all levels of public sector employees, under the disaggregation of Senior, Tertiary, Secondary and Primary levels. The base period employment structure was based on a special Annual Public Sector Employment Survey (APSES) conducted in 2012. Initial salary scales of specific occupations and due allowances as specified in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2006 issued by the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs on 25th April 2006 were used to construct the Index.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Based on National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) (2013 = 100)

(c) Discontinued from April 2020



Table 3.15

 Wage Rate Indices of Public Sector Employees<sup>(a)</sup>

2016 = 100

Period	Senior Level Officers		Tertiary Level Officers		Secondary Level Officers		Primary Level Officers		All Government Officers		
	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	
2020	January	131.4	109.1	121.0	100.5	115.1	95.6	108.3	90.0	114.6	95.2
	February	131.4	109.1	121.0	100.5	115.1	95.6	108.3	90.0	114.6	95.2
	March	131.4	110.6	121.0	101.8	115.1	96.9	108.3	91.2	114.6	96.5
	April	131.4	110.9	121.0	102.1	115.1	97.2	108.3	91.4	114.6	96.8
	May	131.4	110.4	121.0	101.7	115.1	96.8	108.3	91.0	114.6	96.3
	June	131.4	108.9	121.0	100.3	115.1	95.4	108.3	89.8	114.6	95.0
	July	131.4	108.9	121.0	100.3	115.1	95.4	108.3	89.8	114.6	95.0
	August	131.4	108.5	121.0	99.9	115.1	95.1	108.3	89.5	114.6	94.6
	September	131.4	107.6	121.0	99.1	115.1	94.3	108.3	88.8	114.6	93.9
	October	131.4	107.5	121.0	99.0	115.1	94.2	108.3	88.6	114.6	93.8
	November	131.4	106.9	121.0	98.5	115.1	93.7	108.3	88.2	114.6	93.3
	December	131.4	105.9	121.0	97.5	115.1	92.8	108.3	87.3	114.6	92.4
2021 <sup>(c)</sup>	January	131.4	105.2	121.0	96.9	115.1	92.2	108.3	86.8	114.6	91.8
	February	131.4	104.7	121.0	96.4	115.1	91.7	108.3	86.3	114.6	91.3
	March	131.4	105.2	121.0	96.9	115.1	92.2	108.3	86.8	114.6	91.8
	April	131.4	105.1	121.0	96.8	115.1	92.1	108.3	86.7	114.6	91.7
	May	131.4	104.1	121.0	95.9	115.1	91.2	108.3	85.8	114.6	90.8
	June	131.4	102.6	121.0	94.5	115.1	89.9	108.3	84.6	114.6	89.5
	July	131.4	102.0	121.0	93.9	115.1	89.4	108.3	84.1	114.6	89.0
	August	131.4	101.6	121.0	93.6	115.1	89.1	108.3	83.8	114.6	88.7
	September	131.4	101.4	121.0	93.3	115.1	88.8	108.3	83.6	114.6	88.4
	October	131.4	99.3	121.0	91.4	115.1	87.0	108.3	81.9	114.6	86.6
	November	131.4	96.3	121.0	88.6	115.1	84.4	108.3	79.4	114.6	84.0
	December	131.4	92.9	121.0	85.5	115.1	81.4	108.3	76.6	114.6	81.0

(a) Public sector wage rate index was rebased to 2016 (from 2012) in order to capture the changes introduced to public sector salary structure by the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 issued by the Ministry of Public Administration and Management on 25 February 2016. The data relating to the base period employment structure was obtained from the Census of Public and Semi Government Sector Employment conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics in November 2016.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Based on National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) (2013 = 100)

(c) Provisional

Table 3.16

Wage Rate Indices of Informal Private Sector Employees

2012 = 100

Period	Agriculture		Industry		Services		Informal Private Sector		
	Nominal	Real <sup>(a)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(a)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(a)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(a)</sup>	
2020	January	191.5	139.4	181.7	132.2	175.4	127.6	180.8	131.6
	February	194.0	141.2	187.8	136.7	182.4	132.8	186.7	135.9
	March	194.0	143.1	187.8	138.5	182.4	134.5	186.7	137.7
	April	194.0	143.5	187.8	138.9	182.4	134.9	186.7	138.1
	May	197.2	145.2	184.5	135.9	174.1	128.2	182.4	134.3
	June	194.5	141.2	185.0	134.3	180.1	130.8	184.6	134.1
	July	195.5	142.0	185.5	134.7	183.1	132.9	186.3	135.3
	August	195.8	141.7	189.1	136.8	179.5	129.8	186.3	134.8
	September	195.7	140.5	188.0	134.9	183.1	131.4	187.3	134.4
	October	194.8	139.6	187.6	134.5	179.5	128.7	185.5	133.0
	November	198.5	141.6	192.0	136.9	180.6	128.8	188.4	134.4
	December	195.7	138.2	190.2	134.3	183.9	129.8	188.6	133.1
2021 <sup>(b)</sup>	January	197.3	138.5	191.0	134.0	185.6	130.2	189.9	133.2
	February	198.1	138.3	194.1	135.6	189.8	132.5	193.0	134.8
	March	198.7	139.4	198.1	139.0	190.7	133.8	195.1	136.9
	April	200.1	140.3	196.2	137.6	190.9	133.8	194.7	136.5
	May	202.6	140.7	197.3	137.0	190.7	132.4	195.5	135.7
	June	202.9	138.9	202.6	138.6	194.5	133.1	199.3	136.4
	July	203.5	138.4	203.0	138.1	194.6	132.3	199.6	135.7
	August	205.6	139.4	204.8	138.8	195.6	132.6	201.1	136.3
	September	215.5	145.7	213.1	144.1	204.1	137.9	209.8	141.8
	October	218.5	144.6	218.8	144.9	214.8	142.2	217.1	143.7
	November	222.8	143.1	221.4	142.2	216.0	138.7	219.4	140.9
	December	226.4	140.2	223.8	138.6	215.3	133.3	220.7	136.7

(a) Based on National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) (2013 = 100)

(b) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.17

All Island Average Wages in the Informal Private Sector<sup>(a)</sup> – 2020

Rupees

Activity	Type of Labour	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<b>Agriculture</b>														
<b>Tea</b>	Preparing Land	Male	1,307	1,393	1,393	1,393	1,369	1,357	1,400	1,320	1,380	1,375	1,393	1,406
	Plucking	Male	833	870	870	870	888	875	890	855	850	875	867	828
		Female	791	798	798	798	827	813	820	802	805	805	815	798
<b>Rubber</b>	Planting	Male	1,329	1,314	1,314	1,314	1,343	1,386	1,367	1,363	1,363	1,250	1,400	1,378
	Tapping	Male	815	861	861	861	861	865	861	925	855	839	915	895
		Female	770	789	789	789	800	820	822	880	805	783	880	850
<b>Coconut</b>	Digging Pits	Male	1,475	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,505	1,505	1,496	1,527	1,496	1,488	1,519	1,492
	Plucking with Sticks	Male	1,577	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,750	1,682	1,636	1,690	1,675	1,650	1,600	1,675
<b>Paddy</b>	Ploughing with Mammoties	Male	1,485	1,521	1,521	1,521	1,500	1,472	1,505	1,535	1,540	1,536	1,541	1,532
	Transplanting and Harvesting	Male	1,489	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,540	1,488	1,478	1,521	1,471	1,461	1,452	1,471
		Female	1,171	1,156	1,156	1,156	1,166	1,163	1,109	1,169	1,100	1,134	1,106	1,098
<b>Housing Construction<sup>(b)</sup></b>														
<b>Carpentry</b>	Master Carpenter	Male	2,253	2,271	2,271	2,271	2,267	2,312	2,309	2,296	2,342	2,319	2,361	2,439
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,628	1,651	1,651	1,651	1,632	1,640	1,644	1,633	1,680	1,686	1,688	1,710
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,327	1,372	1,372	1,372	1,346	1,366	1,357	1,376	1,378	1,385	1,415	1,406
<b>Masonry</b>	Master Mason	Male	2,214	2,246	2,246	2,246	2,246	2,310	2,352	2,338	2,371	2,337	2,361	2,457
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,615	1,631	1,631	1,631	1,615	1,639	1,670	1,602	1,649	1,684	1,677	1,698
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,393	1,346	1,346	1,346	1,365	1,385	1,393	1,395	1,407	1,410	1,458	1,409

(a) Daily wages represent payments in cash where meals are not provided by the employer.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Wages in the construction sector are paid on daily payment basis.

Table 3.18

All Island Average Wages in the Informal Private Sector<sup>(a)</sup> – 2021<sup>(b)</sup>

Rupees

Activity	Type of Labour	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<b>Agriculture</b>														
<b>Tea</b>	Preparing Land	Male	1,436	1,447	1,371	1,386	1,479	1,481	1,450	1,482	1,583	1,563	1,614	1,586
	Plucking	Male	881	900	933	989	938	930	950	964	973	955	1,038	1,035
		Female	811	825	816	871	838	839	863	883	868	878	907	932
<b>Rubber</b>	Planting	Male	1,386	1,386	1,383	1,417	1,417	1,388	1,388	1,371	1,444	1,494	1,650	1,529
	Tapping	Male	900	890	906	883	888	950	970	972	995	970	1,040	1,067
		Female	856	844	861	806	825	915	915	906	950	915	960	967
<b>Coconut</b>	Digging Pits	Male	1,479	1,496	1,504	1,531	1,554	1,513	1,527	1,554	1,710	1,753	1,796	1,779
	Plucking with Sticks	Male	1,621	1,592	1,720	1,771	1,800	1,760	1,727	1,780	1,925	1,945	2,050	2,000
<b>Paddy</b>	Ploughing with Mammoties	Male	1,523	1,508	1,552	1,588	1,556	1,510	1,516	1,568	1,631	1,756	1,797	1,774
	Transplanting and Harvesting	Male	1,441	1,490	1,486	1,514	1,524	1,483	1,508	1,502	1,593	1,683	1,665	1,730
		Female	1,057	1,100	1,116	1,069	1,067	1,175	1,200	1,200	1,288	1,274	1,250	1,257
<b>Housing Construction<sup>(c)</sup></b>														
<b>Carpentry</b>	Master Carpenter	Male	2,416	2,454	2,497	2,494	2,535	2,570	2,545	2,531	2,702	2,734	2,756	2,814
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,721	1,732	1,721	1,769	1,791	1,795	1,782	1,795	1,980	1,940	1,975	2,019
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,432	1,458	1,395	1,447	1,456	1,486	1,449	1,426	1,536	1,549	1,609	1,652
<b>Masonry</b>	Master Mason	Male	2,431	2,452	2,506	2,511	2,548	2,555	2,551	2,553	2,731	2,791	2,805	2,852
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,718	1,686	1,669	1,747	1,776	1,813	1,805	1,799	1,942	1,983	1,995	2,040
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,473	1,471	1,447	1,488	1,496	1,495	1,491	1,510	1,605	1,619	1,664	1,695

(a) Daily wages represent payments in cash where meals are not provided by the employer.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Provisional

(c) Wages in the construction sector are paid on daily payment basis.

Table 3.19

## Cost Indices for Construction 2012 – 2021

1990 = 100

Year	Quarter	Modern Housing	Semi Permanent Housing	All Housing	Non-Residential Building	All Civil Works	All Construction
2012	1st Quarter	547.6	826.9	564.9	527.2	479.1	524.7
	2nd Quarter	569.9	850.2	587.2	550.3	505.0	548.6
	3rd Quarter	583.9	861.4	601.1	561.4	513.5	559.9
	4th Quarter	601.6	871.0	618.3	573.9	515.2	570.2
2013	1st Quarter	616.4	899.5	633.9	587.2	524.8	583.1
	2nd Quarter	622.2	924.2	640.9	591.4	526.6	587.6
	3rd Quarter	630.7	941.9	650.0	598.5	530.8	594.4
	4th Quarter	633.7	943.7	652.9	600.9	532.1	596.6
2014	1st Quarter	638.0	948.2	657.2	604.9	534.0	599.9
	2nd Quarter	644.7	957.9	664.1	610.7	537.9	605.5
	3rd Quarter	645.7	983.6	666.7	611.4	538.6	606.9
	4th Quarter	646.8	986.4	667.9	611.4	538.6	607.4
2015	1st Quarter	654.7	993.6	675.8	615.8	538.8	611.7
	2nd Quarter	662.7	1,036.7	685.9	621.5	542.2	618.4
	3rd Quarter	672.8	1,040.5	695.6	628.3	544.2	624.6
	4th Quarter	681.4	1,051.4	704.3	634.1	546.5	630.3
2016	1st Quarter	692.7	1,061.4	715.5	641.7	528.8	629.8
	2nd Quarter	711.9	1,075.5	734.4	654.9	531.6	641.5
	3rd Quarter	720.9	1,085.1	743.4	661.2	536.0	648.2
	4th Quarter	728.2	1,093.5	750.9	667.2	540.1	654.1
2017	1st Quarter	738.2	1,107.3	761.1	675.3	546.0	662.2
	2nd Quarter	746.7	1,120.7	769.9	682.5	562.0	673.4
	3rd Quarter	754.6	1,139.2	778.4	692.4	570.1	682.1
	4th Quarter	764.7	1,148.6	788.5	701.3	575.6	690.2
2018	1st Quarter	773.5	1,156.9	797.3	707.9	581.6	697.4
	2nd Quarter	780.0	1,161.9	803.6	713.9	587.4	703.5
	3rd Quarter	784.6	1,169.9	808.5	719.8	595.0	709.6
	4th Quarter	787.2	1,171.3	811.0	722.6	600.9	713.5
2019	1st Quarter	804.1	1,186.3	827.8	740.4	614.7	729.3
	2nd Quarter	814.5	1,191.7	837.9	748.9	619.1	737.0
	3rd Quarter	816.4	1,193.1	839.7	750.4	620.4	738.5
	4th Quarter	828.2	1,201.5	851.3	760.0	626.0	747.4
2020	1st Quarter	839.7	1,216.8	863.1	771.6	632.2	757.1
	2nd Quarter	838.1	1,216.1	861.6	772.7	634.5	757.5
	3rd Quarter	841.5	1,223.0	865.1	779.7	641.2	763.0
	4th Quarter	844.6	1,231.3	868.5	782.3	646.1	766.8
2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	1st Quarter	859.4	1,245.2	883.4	796.0	662.5	782.0
	2nd Quarter	891.3	1,269.1	914.7	825.8	685.1	809.7
	3rd Quarter	938.0	1,318.4	961.6	884.4	751.4	866.3
	4th Quarter	1,028.0	1,362.6	1,048.7	972.4	822.0	947.3

(a) Provisional

Source: Construction Industry Development Authority

Table 3.20

Population by District and Sector 2001 and 2012

District	2001 Census <sup>(a)</sup>							2012 Census <sup>(b)</sup>						
	No. '000				Per cent			No. '000				Per cent		
	Total	Urban	Rural	Estate	Urban	Rural	Estate	Total	Urban	Rural	Estate	Urban	Rural	Estate
Colombo	2,251.3	1,229.6	1,014.4	7.3	54.6	45.1	0.3	2,324.3	1,802.9	513.5	7.9	77.6	22.1	0.3
Gampaha	2,063.7	300.9	1,762.0	0.7	14.6	85.4	0.0	2,304.8	360.2	1,943.4	1.2	15.6	84.3	0.1
Kalutara	1,066.2	113.2	915.5	37.6	10.6	85.9	3.5	1,221.9	109.1	1,075.2	37.6	8.9	88.0	3.1
Kandy	1,279.0	156.0	1,030.2	92.9	12.2	80.5	7.3	1,375.4	170.5	1,119.2	85.6	12.4	81.4	6.2
Matale	441.3	36.1	383.5	21.8	8.2	86.9	4.9	484.5	60.3	405.2	19.1	12.4	83.6	3.9
Nuwara Eliya	703.6	43.1	283.7	376.9	6.1	40.3	53.6	711.6	40.2	290.9	380.6	5.6	40.9	53.5
Galle	990.5	109.9	863.3	17.3	11.1	87.2	1.7	1,063.3	133.4	911.2	18.8	12.5	85.7	1.8
Matara	761.4	64.4	676.5	20.5	8.5	88.9	2.7	814.0	96.6	694.9	22.5	11.9	85.4	2.8
Hambantota	526.4	21.6	503.4	1.4	4.1	95.6	0.3	599.9	31.7	568.2	-	5.3	94.7	-
Jaffna	490.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	583.9	117.6	466.3	-	20.1	79.9	-
Mannar	151.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	99.6	24.4	75.2	-	24.5	75.5	-
Vavuniya	149.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	172.1	34.8	137.3	-	20.2	79.8	-
Mullaitivu	121.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	92.2	-	92.2	-	-	100.0	-
Kilinochchi	127.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	113.5	-	113.5	-	-	100.0	-
Batticaloa	486.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	526.6	151.2	375.3	-	28.7	71.3	-
Ampara	593.0	112.5	480.5	-	19.0	81.0	-	649.4	153.3	496.1	-	23.6	76.4	-
Trincomalee	340.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	379.5	85.1	294.4	-	22.4	77.6	-
Kurunegala	1,460.2	34.7	1,418.9	6.6	2.4	97.2	0.5	1,618.5	30.3	1,580.6	7.6	1.9	97.7	0.5
Puttalam	709.7	65.3	642.2	2.2	9.2	90.5	0.3	762.4	67.0	693.8	1.6	8.8	91.0	0.2
Anuradhapura	745.7	53.2	691.6	1.0	7.1	92.7	0.1	860.6	50.6	810.0	-	5.9	94.1	-
Polonnaruwa	359.0	-	358.7	0.3	-	99.9	0.1	406.1	-	406.1	...	-	100.0	-
Badulla	780.0	51.5	567.2	161.3	6.6	72.7	20.7	815.4	69.8	591.7	153.9	8.6	72.6	18.9
Monaragala	397.4	-	388.2	9.1	-	97.7	2.3	451.1	-	442.7	8.3	-	98.1	1.9
Ratnapura	1,015.8	58.2	855.2	102.4	5.7	84.2	10.1	1,088.0	99.5	888.8	99.7	9.1	81.7	9.2
Kegalle	785.5	17.1	712.9	55.5	2.2	90.8	7.1	840.6	16.0	767.5	57.2	1.9	91.3	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,797.3</b>	<b>2,467.3</b>	<b>13,547.7</b>	<b>914.7</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>20,359.4</b>	<b>3,704.5</b>	<b>15,753.3</b>	<b>901.6</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>

(a) Census of Population and Housing – 2001 which covered 18 districts

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Census of Population and Housing of Sri Lanka – 2012

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Table 3.21

Population by Religion and Ethnicity – Census Years

Census Year	Total Population '000	By Religion (%)					By Ethnicity (%)						
		Buddhist	Hindu	Islam	Christian	Other	Sinhalese	Sri Lankan Tamil	Indian Tamil	Sri Lankan Moor	Burgher	Malay	Other
1881	2,759.7	61.5	21.5	7.2	9.7	0.1	66.9	24.9	6.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	
1891	3,007.8	62.4	20.5	7.0	10.0	...	67.9	24.1	6.6	0.7	0.3	0.5	
1901	3,566.0	60.1	23.2	6.9	9.8	0.1	65.4	26.7	6.4	0.7	0.3	0.6	
1911	4,106.4	60.3	22.8	6.9	10.0	...	66.1	12.9	12.9	6.5	0.7	0.3	0.6
1921	4,498.6	61.6	21.8	6.7	9.9	...	67.1	11.5	13.4	6.3	0.7	0.3	0.8
1931	5,306.9	61.6	22.0	6.7	9.8	...	65.4	11.3	15.4	6.1	0.6	0.3	0.8
1946	6,657.3	64.5	19.8	6.6	9.1	...	69.4	11.0	11.7	6.1	0.6	0.3	0.7
1953	8,097.9	64.3	19.9	6.7	8.9	0.1	69.4	10.9	12.0	6.3	0.6	0.3	0.5
1963	10,582.0	66.2	18.5	6.8	8.4	0.1	71.0	11.0	10.6	6.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
1971	12,689.8	67.3	17.6	7.1	7.9	0.1	72.0	11.2	9.3	6.7	0.4	0.3	0.1
1981	14,846.8	69.3	15.5	7.5	7.6	0.1	74.0	12.7	5.5	7.0	0.3	0.3	0.2
2001 <sup>(a)</sup>	18,797.3	76.7	7.8	8.5	7.0	...	82.0	4.3	5.1	7.9	0.2	0.3	0.2
2012 <sup>(b)</sup>	20,359.4	70.1	12.6	9.7	7.6	...	74.9	11.2	4.1	9.3	0.2	0.2	0.1

(a) Census of Population and Housing – 2001 which covered 18 districts

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

... - Negligible

Table 3.22

Population by District, Religion and Ethnicity – 2012 Census<sup>(a)</sup>

District	Population '000	Population by Religion, %						Population by Ethnicity, %				
		Buddhist	Hindu	Islam	Roman Catholic	Christian	Other	Sinhalese	Sri Lankan Tamil	Indian Tamil	Sri Lankan Moor	Other
Colombo	2,324.3	70.2	8.0	11.8	7.0	2.9	0.1	76.5	10.1	1.0	10.7	1.6
Gampaha	2,304.8	71.3	2.3	4.9	19.5	2.0	0.0	90.5	3.5	0.4	4.2	1.3
Kalutara	1,221.9	83.4	3.2	9.4	3.3	0.7	0.0	86.8	1.9	1.9	9.3	0.2
Kandy	1,375.4	73.4	9.7	14.3	1.6	0.9	0.0	74.4	5.0	6.2	13.9	0.4
Matale	484.5	79.5	9.0	9.4	1.6	0.5	0.0	80.8	5.0	4.8	9.2	0.2
Nuwara Eliya	711.6	39.1	51.0	3.0	4.7	2.2	0.0	39.6	4.6	53.1	2.5	0.2
Galle	1,063.3	93.9	1.5	3.7	0.4	0.5	0.0	94.4	1.3	0.6	3.6	0.1
Matara	814.0	94.1	2.0	3.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	94.3	1.1	1.5	3.1	0.0
Hambantota	599.9	96.7	0.2	2.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	97.1	0.4	0.0	1.1	1.5
Jaffna	583.9	0.4	82.8	0.4	12.9	3.5	0.0	0.4	98.9	0.3	0.4	0.0
Mannar	99.6	1.8	24.1	16.6	52.6	4.8	0.0	2.3	80.4	0.7	16.5	0.0
Vavuniya	172.1	9.8	69.4	7.0	8.9	4.9	0.0	10.0	82.0	1.1	6.8	0.1
Mullaitivu	92.2	8.9	75.2	2.0	9.8	4.0	0.1	9.7	85.8	2.5	2.0	0.1
Kilinochchi	113.5	1.1	81.9	0.6	10.6	5.7	0.0	1.2	97.3	0.9	0.6	0.0
Batticaloa	526.6	1.2	64.4	25.5	4.6	4.3	0.0	1.3	72.3	0.4	25.4	0.6
Ampara	649.4	38.7	15.8	43.4	1.2	0.9	0.0	38.9	17.3	0.1	43.4	0.3
Trincomalee	379.5	26.2	25.9	42.0	3.8	2.0	0.0	26.7	30.7	0.3	41.8	0.4
Kurunegala	1,618.5	88.5	0.9	7.3	2.7	0.6	0.0	91.4	1.1	0.2	7.1	0.2
Puttalam	762.4	43.2	3.8	19.7	31.5	1.6	0.2	73.6	6.3	0.3	19.4	0.5
Anuradhapura	860.6	90.1	0.4	8.3	0.8	0.4	0.0	91.0	0.5	0.1	8.2	0.2
Polonnaruwa	406.1	89.7	1.7	7.5	0.8	0.3	0.0	90.7	1.8	0.0	7.4	0.1
Badulla	815.4	72.6	19.3	5.8	1.5	0.8	0.0	73.0	2.7	18.5	5.5	0.4
Monaragala	451.1	94.6	2.7	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	94.9	1.8	1.1	2.1	0.1
Ratnapura	1,088.0	86.7	9.4	2.2	1.0	0.7	0.0	87.1	5.0	5.7	2.1	0.1
Kegalle	840.6	84.4	6.5	7.3	1.0	0.8	0.0	85.5	2.1	5.2	7.1	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,359.4</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>

(a) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.23

Mid-year Population by Age Group<sup>(a)</sup> 2013 - 2021

Thousands

Age Group	2013		2014		2015		2016 <sup>(b)</sup>		2017 <sup>(c)</sup>		2018 <sup>(c)</sup>		2019 <sup>(c)</sup>		2020 <sup>(c)</sup>		2021 <sup>(c)</sup>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 4	889	874	898	883	907	891	917	901	927	912	938	921	943	928	949	932	959	943
5 - 9	892	875	900	884	909	892	920	902	930	913	940	923	946	928	951	934	962	944
10 - 14	838	820	846	828	854	836	864	845	874	855	884	864	889	870	894	874	904	884
15 - 19	829	834	837	841	845	849	854	859	864	869	873	879	879	884	884	889	894	899
20 - 24	751	799	757	807	764	814	773	824	782	832	790	842	795	847	799	852	808	861
25 - 29	752	818	759	826	766	834	774	843	783	853	791	862	796	867	800	872	809	881
30 - 34	806	852	813	860	821	868	830	878	839	888	848	897	854	902	858	907	867	917
35 - 39	694	731	700	738	706	745	715	753	723	761	730	769	734	774	738	778	746	787
40 - 44	669	705	675	712	681	719	689	727	697	734	704	742	708	747	712	750	720	758
45 - 49	625	675	631	681	637	687	644	695	651	703	658	710	662	715	665	719	672	726
50 - 54	588	645	593	651	599	657	605	665	612	672	618	679	622	683	626	686	632	694
55 - 59	506	570	511	575	516	580	522	587	527	593	533	599	536	603	539	605	544	612
60 - 64	430	498	434	503	438	507	443	513	448	518	452	523	455	526	457	529	462	534
65 - 69	287	353	290	356	292	360	295	364	298	368	301	371	303	373	305	375	308	379
70 - 74	184	233	186	235	187	237	189	240	191	242	193	245	194	246	195	248	197	250
75 & over	226	337	229	339	231	341	234	345	236	349	239	352	240	354	241	356	243	360
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,966</b>	<b>10,619</b>	<b>10,059</b>	<b>10,719</b>	<b>10,153</b>	<b>10,817</b>	<b>10,268</b>	<b>10,941</b>	<b>10,382</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>10,492</b>	<b>11,178</b>	<b>10,556</b>	<b>11,247</b>	<b>10,613</b>	<b>11,306</b>	<b>10,727</b>	<b>11,429</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>20,585</b>		<b>20,778</b>		<b>20,970</b>		<b>21,209</b>		<b>21,444</b>		<b>21,670</b>		<b>21,803</b>		<b>21,919</b>		<b>22,156</b>	

M – Male F – Female

Source: Registrar General's Department

(a) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

Table 3.24

Mid-year Population by Province and District 2001 and 2012 – 2021

Thousands

Province / District	2001 <sup>(a)</sup>	2012 <sup>(b)</sup>	2013 <sup>(b)</sup>	2014 <sup>(b)</sup>	2015 <sup>(b)</sup>	2016 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2017 <sup>(b)(d)</sup>	2018 <sup>(b)(d)</sup>	2019 <sup>(b)(d)</sup>	2020 <sup>(b)(d)</sup>	2021 <sup>(b)(d)</sup>
<b>Western</b>	<b>5,381</b>	<b>5,865</b>	<b>5,896</b>	<b>5,936</b>	<b>5,974</b>	<b>6,023</b>	<b>6,081</b>	<b>6,129</b>	<b>6,149</b>	<b>6,165</b>	<b>6,219</b>
Colombo	2,251	2,330	2,339	2,353	2,367	2,387	2,419	2,439	2,448	2,455	2,480
Gampaha	2,064	2,310	2,324	2,339	2,355	2,373	2,391	2,409	2,417	2,423	2,443
Kalutara	1,066	1,225	1,233	1,242	1,252	1,263	1,271	1,281	1,284	1,287	1,296
<b>Central</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>2,606</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>2,781</b>	<b>2,811</b>
Kandy	1,279	1,381	1,391	1,404	1,417	1,434	1,452	1,468	1,476	1,483	1,501
Matale	441	486	491	496	501	508	514	519	522	525	530
Nuwara Eliya	704	715	724	733	741	749	756	763	768	773	780
<b>Southern</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>2,696</b>
Galle	991	1,066	1,074	1,083	1,092	1,104	1,113	1,124	1,130	1,135	1,147
Matara	761	817	824	832	840	848	851	858	863	866	873
Hambantota	526	602	610	618	625	634	647	655	661	668	676
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>1,165</b>
Jaffna	491	585	589	593	596	600	608	613	617	621	626
Kilinochchi	127	114	116	118	119	120	124	126	129	130	133
Mannar	152	100	101	102	103	105	107	109	111	112	114
Vavuniya	150	173	175	178	181	183	184	187	189	191	194
Mullaitivu	121	93	93	95	96	97	96	96	97	98	98
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>1,783</b>
Batticaloa	486	528	531	535	541	551	560	570	575	579	590
Ampara	593	652	658	666	674	686	705	719	728	736	752
Trincomalee	340	381	385	391	396	404	412	421	426	431	441
<b>North Western</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,389</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>2,592</b>
Kurunegala	1,460	1,624	1,634	1,647	1,661	1,680	1,694	1,711	1,719	1,726	1,743
Puttalam	710	765	771	778	786	797	814	825	832	837	849
<b>North Central</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>1,402</b>
Anuradhapura	745	864	874	886	896	909	918	930	937	943	954
Polonnaruwa	359	408	411	416	422	428	431	436	440	443	448
<b>Uva</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>1,400</b>
Badulla	780	818	826	836	846	857	864	873	880	886	895
Moneragala	398	453	460	467	475	483	485	491	496	501	505
<b>Sabaragamuwa</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>2,088</b>
Ratnapura	1,016	1,092	1,102	1,114	1,125	1,138	1,151	1,163	1,171	1,179	1,190
Kegalle	786	843	849	856	863	871	877	884	887	891	898
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,797</b>	<b>20,425</b>	<b>20,585</b>	<b>20,778</b>	<b>20,970</b>	<b>21,209</b>	<b>21,444</b>	<b>21,670</b>	<b>21,803</b>	<b>21,919</b>	<b>22,156</b>

(a) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2001

(b) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

(c) Revised

(d) Provisional

Source: Registrar General's Department

Table 3.25

## Population Density 2020 and 2021

Province / District	Total Area Sq. km.	Inland Waters Sq. km.	Forests Sq. km.	Land Area <sup>(a)</sup> Sq. km.	Mid-year Population, '000		Density, Persons per Sq. km.	
					2020 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2021 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2020 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2021 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>
<b>Western</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>6,165</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>1,731</b>
Colombo	699	23	15	676	2,455	2,480	3,632	3,669
Gampaha	1,387	46	14	1,341	2,423	2,443	1,807	1,822
Kalutara	1,598	22	166	1,576	1,287	1,296	817	822
<b>Central</b>	<b>5,674</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>5,575</b>	<b>2,781</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>504</b>
Kandy	1,940	23	317	1,917	1,483	1,501	774	783
Matale	1,993	41	599	1,952	525	530	269	272
Nuwara Eliya	1,741	35	486	1,706	773	780	453	457
<b>Southern</b>	<b>5,544</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>5,383</b>	<b>2,669</b>	<b>2,696</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>501</b>
Galle	1,652	35	236	1,617	1,135	1,147	702	709
Matara	1,283	13	187	1,270	866	873	682	687
Hambantota	2,609	113	509	2,496	668	676	268	271
<b>Northern</b>	<b>8,884</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>8,290</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>141</b>
Jaffna	1,025	96	3	929	621	626	668	674
Kilinochchi	1,279	74	351	1,205	130	133	108	110
Mannar	1,996	116	1,024	1,880	112	114	60	61
Vavuniya	1,967	106	889	1,861	191	194	103	104
Mullaitivu	2,617	202	1,679	2,415	98	98	41	41
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>9,996</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>9,361</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>190</b>
Batticaloa	2,854	244	517	2,610	579	590	222	226
Ampara	4,415	193	1,696	4,222	736	752	174	178
Trincomalee	2,727	198	817	2,529	431	441	170	174
<b>North Western</b>	<b>7,888</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>345</b>
Kurunegala	4,816	192	185	4,624	1,726	1,743	373	377
Puttalam	3,072	190	817	2,882	837	849	290	295
<b>North Central</b>	<b>10,472</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>9,741</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>144</b>
Anuradhapura	7,179	515	1,979	6,664	943	954	142	143
Polonnaruwa	3,293	216	1,347	3,077	443	448	144	146
<b>Uva</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>8,335</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>168</b>
Badulla	2,861	34	683	2,827	886	895	313	317
Moneragala	5,639	131	1,317	5,508	501	505	91	92
<b>Sabaragamuwa</b>	<b>4,968</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>4,921</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>424</b>
Ratnapura	3,275	39	648	3,236	1,179	1,190	364	368
Kegalle	1,693	8	117	1,685	891	898	529	533
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,610</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>16,598</b>	<b>62,705</b>	<b>21,919</b>	<b>22,156</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>353</b>

(a) Total land area excluding inland waters

(b) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012

(c) Provisional

Sources: Surveyor General's Office

Registrar General's Department

Table 3.26

## Vital Statistics 2012 – 2021

Item	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 <sup>(a)</sup>	2017 <sup>(b)</sup>	2018 <sup>(b)</sup>	2019 <sup>(b)</sup>	2020 <sup>(b)</sup>	2021 <sup>(b)</sup>
Mid-year Population, '000 <sup>(c)</sup>	20,425	20,585	20,778	20,970	21,209	21,444	21,670	21,803	21,919	22,156
0 – 14 years	5,148	5,188	5,239	5,289	5,349	5,411	5,470	5,504	5,534	5,596
15 – 54 years	11,680	11,773	11,881	11,992	12,128	12,263	12,392	12,469	12,535	12,671
55 years & over	3,597	3,624	3,658	3,689	3,732	3,770	3,808	3,830	3,850	3,889
Mid-year Population Growth Rate, %	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.5	1.1
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000	17.6	17.8	16.8	16.0	15.6	15.2	15.1	13.4 <sup>(a)</sup>	12.8 <sup>(a)</sup>	12.2
Crude Death Rate per 1,000	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.4	7.2 <sup>(a)</sup>	6.7 <sup>(a)</sup>	8.5
Rate of Natural Increase per 1,000	11.6	11.6	10.7	9.7	9.3	8.6	8.7	8.6	7.3	5.5
Mid-year In-Migration, '000	2,496	2,629	2,875	3,252	3,652	3,730	4,038	3,498	876	599
Mid-year Out-Migration, '000	2,548	2,677	2,917	3,238	3,608	3,680	4,020	3,548	970	510
Mid-year Net Migration Rate per 1,000	-2.5	-2.3	-2.0	0.7	2.1	2.3	0.7	-2.3	-4.3	4.0
Density of Population, (Persons per Sq. km.)	326	328	331	334	338	342	346	348	350	353
Infant Mortality per 1,000 Live Births	8.3	8.3	7.6	8.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional

(c) Based on Census of Population and Housing - 2012

n.a. – not available

Sources: Department of Census and Statistics

Registrar General's Department



Table 3.27

Crude Birth Rates and Death Rates by District 2015 – 2021<sup>(a)</sup>

Per 1,000 Persons

District	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019 <sup>(b)</sup>		2020 <sup>(b)</sup>		2021 <sup>(b)</sup>	
	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate
Colombo	14.4	7.0	14.0	7.1	13.7	7.4	13.6	7.4	14.6	6.7	13.8	6.0	12.9	7.4
Gampaha	13.1	6.2	12.8	6.2	12.4	6.5	12.0	6.3	13.4	7.5	11.6	6.3	11.4	7.8
Kalutara	14.2	6.8	13.3	6.5	13.0	7.1	12.6	7.1	11.6	6.7	10.3	5.8	10.2	7.5
Kandy	17.5	7.0	16.4	6.8	15.9	7.2	15.7	7.0	11.7	7.2	10.8	6.7	9.8	8.6
Matale	17.4	6.4	16.9	6.1	14.8	6.5	14.9	6.6	15.4	7.2	14.5	6.5	12.8	7.8
Nuwara Eliya	16.5	6.3	17.0	6.1	15.2	6.1	14.1	6.2	14.3	6.7	13.9	6.6	12.6	7.4
Galle	16.4	7.6	15.9	7.1	15.2	7.7	15.6	7.6	13.6	6.5	14.4	6.2	13.2	7.4
Matara	14.2	6.6	13.9	6.3	13.3	6.5	13.3	6.6	15.2	8.1	14.3	7.2	13.2	8.2
Hambantota	19.7	5.6	19.3	5.3	17.6	5.5	17.0	5.6	13.1	6.8	12.2	6.2	10.8	7.1
Jaffna	13.6	6.9	14.1	7.3	14.9	7.4	15.4	7.2	16.9	5.8	16.7	5.3	15.8	6.2
Kilinochchi	16.9	3.1	19.5	3.6	21.8	4.1	21.0	4.0	15.4	7.8	14.1	6.9	14.0	8.7
Mannar	18.1	3.8	18.5	3.9	19.6	4.0	17.4	3.9	18.5	4.6	19.1	4.5	19.9	5.0
Vavuniya	17.6	4.7	16.1	4.2	17.8	4.8	18.8	5.2	15.3	4.9	16.7	4.5	17.3	5.9
Mullaitivu	12.2	3.8	10.5	3.8	11.4	3.9	11.1	4.6	8.8	4.0	10.7	3.4	11.5	3.6
Batticaloa	17.3	4.9	16.9	5.6	17.8	4.9	18.9	4.6	21.9	4.4	19.9	3.7	21.0	4.8
Ampara	20.5	4.7	20.5	4.6	20.2	4.8	22.0	4.7	17.9	5.0	16.8	4.7	15.6	6.0
Trincomalee	20.5	4.4	20.2	4.4	20.4	4.5	22.4	4.4	21.0	5.0	20.3	4.7	17.3	6.1
Kurunegala	15.4	6.7	15.2	6.3	14.6	6.9	14.8	6.9	21.3	4.8	20.2	4.6	18.9	5.7
Puttalam	18.4	5.5	17.6	5.5	17.4	5.9	17.1	5.8	14.4	7.3	13.1	6.5	12.3	7.8
Anuradhapura	17.3	5.8	17.1	5.1	16.9	6.1	16.7	5.9	16.5	6.2	15.5	5.9	14.5	7.2
Polonnaruwa	16.9	5.2	16.8	5.1	16.4	5.9	16.7	6.3	15.8	6.0	15.0	5.5	13.3	6.4
Badulla	16.2	6.1	16.8	6.2	16.6	6.3	16.6	6.3	15.9	6.4	15.2	5.8	14.3	6.9
Moneragala	18.4	4.8	17.5	4.9	17.0	5.1	17.0	5.1	14.6	6.3	14.9	5.7	13.8	7.5
Ratnapura	16.7	6.1	15.9	6.1	15.7	6.5	15.7	6.5	15.2	5.1	14.3	4.9	13.4	5.8
Kegalle	14.9	6.9	14.4	6.8	13.8	7.4	13.8	7.4	14.9	6.6	14.4	6.2	13.2	7.6
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>8.5</b>

(a) District Level figures are based on the usual residence.

(b) Provisional

Source: Registrar General's Department

Table 3.28

 Labour Force<sup>(a)</sup> 2013 – 2021

Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Household Population '000</b>	<b>14,959</b>	<b>15,134</b>	<b>15,282</b>	<b>15,449</b>	<b>15,844</b>	<b>16,196</b>	<b>16,424</b>	<b>16,739</b>	<b>17,134</b>
<b>Labour Force '000</b>	<b>8,034</b>	<b>8,049</b>	<b>8,214</b>	<b>8,311</b>	<b>8,567</b>	<b>8,388</b>	<b>8,592</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>8,553</b>
Employed '000	7,681	7,700	7,831	7,948	8,208	8,015	8,181	7,999	8,114
Unemployed '000	353	348	383	363	359	373	411	468	440
<b>Labour Force Participation Rates, %</b>									
<b>By Age Groups</b>									
15 – 19	16.2	15.2	15.0	13.8	13.3	11.7	12.0	11.2	8.8
20 – 24	55.0	52.7	55.5	55.6	57.4	53.2	54.9	51.5	47.6
25 – 29	64.7	63.8	65.4	65.8	67.6	66.3	68.1	66.4	66.8
30 – 39	67.9	68.0	67.4	67.6	68.1	66.0	67.6	66.8	67.3
40 & above	54.1	53.4	54.0	54.4	54.6	52.8	52.6	51.0	50.8
All Ages (15 years & above)	53.7	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6	49.9
<b>By Sector and Sex</b>									
<b>Urban</b>									
Male	70.2	70.4	70.0	72.6	72.5	72.1	70.8	68.6	66.7
Female	27.5	29.4	30.0	30.2	31.6	30.1	32.7	28.0	29.8
Total	47.7	48.7	48.6	49.8	50.5	49.7	50.3	47.0	46.9
<b>Rural</b>									
Male	75.9	75.4	75.6	75.6	75.0	73.2	73.5	72.6	71.9
Female	37.0	35.7	37.1	37.0	37.7	34.3	34.8	32.9	32.2
Total	54.9	54.1	54.8	54.6	54.8	52.3	52.7	51.3	50.5
<b>All Island</b>									
Male	74.9	74.6	74.7	75.1	74.5	73.0	73.0	71.9	71.0
Female	35.4	34.6	35.9	35.9	36.6	33.6	34.5	32.0	31.8
Total	53.7	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6	49.9

(a) Household population aged 15 years and above

(b) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

**Labour Force** : The current economically active population, i.e., the number of persons (aged 15 years and above), who are employed or unemployed during the reference one-week period.

**Labour Force Participation Rate** : The ratio of the labour force to the household population

Note : In July 2016, the Department of Census and Statistics published a re-weighted and revised labour force data series for 2011 onwards.

**Employed** : Persons, who work as paid employees, employers, own account workers (self-employed), or unpaid family workers during the reference period are said to be employed. This includes persons with a job but not at work during the reference period.

**Unemployed** : Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period.

Table 3.29

Employment<sup>(a)</sup> 2012 – 2021

Per cent

Item	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>By Industrial Category<sup>(c)</sup></b>										
Agriculture	31.2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Manufacturing	17.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Construction <sup>(d)</sup>	8.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Trade & Hotels	15.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Transport, Storage & Communication	6.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Insurance & Real Estate	3.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Personal Services	17.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	100.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>By Industrial Category<sup>(e)</sup></b>										
Agriculture	–	30.2	28.9	28.7	27.1	26.1	25.5	25.3	27.1	27.3
Mining and Quarrying	–	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Manufacturing	–	17.8	18.0	18.0	17.9	19.3	18.3	18.4	17.5	16.8
Construction, Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply, Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste management and Remediation activities	–	7.0	7.3	7.0	7.8	8.4	8.9	8.5	8.7	8.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motor Cycles	–	13.6	13.1	13.5	13.9	14.1	14.2	13.9	13.7	14.2
Transport and Storage	–	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.5	5.9
Accommodation and Food Services Activities	–	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.6
Information and Communication	–	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9
Financial and Insurance Activities	–	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	–	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Administrative and Support Service Activities Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security	–	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.9	2.1	2.5	2.1	1.7
Education	–	7.4	7.7	7.7	7.7	6.4	5.4	5.3	5.6	6.0
Human Health and Social Work Activities	–	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.6	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.2
Other <sup>(f)</sup>	–	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.2
Total	–	4.3	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.7
Total	–	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>By Occupational Groups</b>										
Senior Officials and Managers	1.7	4.8	4.6	6.1	6.0	6.8	7.7	7.6	6.4	4.0
Professionals	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.8	7.0	7.4	6.6	7.1
Technicians & Associate Professionals	5.7	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.8	8.3	9.1	8.7	8.4
Clerks	4.4	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.5
Sales & Service Workers; Proprietors & Managers of Enterprises	14.4	11.0	11.7	10.9	11.2	10.0	8.8	8.7	9.5	11.7
Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers	21.5	19.4	20.3	18.6	18.1	17.1	16.3	16.8	17.2	16.1
Craft & Related Workers	16.9	17.0	17.1	16.2	16.0	16.7	16.2	16.0	15.3	14.1
Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.7	9.1	10.1
Elementary Occupations	19.8	23.1	21.2	22.6	22.6	22.4	22.9	21.5	22.9	24.7
Not Identified	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>By Employment Status</b>										
Public Employees	15.3	15.2	15.5	15.1	14.6	14.4	14.5	14.9	14.8	15.2
Private Employees	41.2	40.5	40.9	41.0	43.3	43.3	43.4	43.0	42.7	42.0
Employers	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.7
Own Account Workers	31.9	32.2	32.0	32.3	31.6	31.3	32.3	32.5	33.2	33.4
Unpaid Family Workers	8.7	9.1	8.9	8.4	7.8	8.0	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Household population aged 15 years and above

(b) Provisional

(c) Based on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) - Revision 3

(d) Mining & Quarrying, Electricity, Gas & Water also included

(e) Based on ISIC - Revision 4

(f) This includes activities of households as Employers; Real estate; Arts, Entertainment and Recreation; and Extra Territorial Organisations and Bodies

Note : In July 2016, the Department of Census and Statistics published a re-weighted and revised labour force data series for 2011 onwards.

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.30

## Unemployment 2012 – 2021

Item	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>By Age Group</b>										
<b>% of Labour Force</b>										
15 – 19	18.9	18.8	21.4	24.1	27.1	21.0	26.5	26.0	31.7	25.1
20 – 29	11.3	13.1	13.6	14.2	14.2	13.5	15.0	15.3	18.1	18.3
30 – 39	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.8
40 and above	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.0
Total	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.1
<b>Percentage Distribution</b>										
15 – 19	14.1	13.7	14.2	14.5	16.1	12.8	14.1	13.0	13.5	n.a.
20 – 24	40.5	41.0	39.8	37.4	39.7	37.7	38.9	36.0	39.3	n.a.
25 – 29	18.8	18.1	19.3	20.5	21.1	22.2	22.5	22.8	21.5	n.a.
30 – 39	15.8	15.1	15.4	15.8	13.2	14.8	15.0	14.3	13.8	n.a.
Above 40	10.8	12.1	11.3	11.8	9.8	12.4	9.5	13.8	12.0	n.a.
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	n.a.
<b>By Level of Education</b>										
<b>% of Labour Force</b>										
Grade 5 and below	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grades 6 – 10	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.9	3.3	4.0	3.4
G.C.E. (O/L)	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.4	5.8	5.9	5.2	6.5	7.2	7.1
G.C.E. (A/L) and above	7.6	8.7	8.2	9.2	8.3	8.1	9.1	8.5	9.8	9.1
Total	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.1
<b>Percentage Distribution</b>										
Grade 5 and below	2.6 <sup>(b)</sup>	3.9	3.1	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.2	2.9	2.2	n.a.
Grades 6 – 10	37.4	36.5	37.7	34.4	35.4	30.3	30.5	31.4	32.6	n.a.
G.C.E. (O/L)	27.2	22.1	22.4	24.4	22.1	24.7	21.4	23.9	23.5	n.a.
G.C.E. (A/L) and above	32.9	37.5	36.8	38.7	39.8	41.9	45.8	41.9	41.7	n.a.
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	n.a.
<b>By Sex, % of Labour Force</b>										
Male	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.3	4.0	3.7
Female	6.3	6.6	6.5	7.6	7.0	6.5	7.1	7.4	8.5	7.9
Total	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.1

(a) Provisional

(b) These figures are to be treated with caution as the corresponding CV (Coefficient of Variation) values are high.

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

... – Negligible

n.a. – not available

Note : In July 2016, the Department of Census and Statistics published a re-weighted and revised labour force data series for 2011 onwards.

**Unemployment Rate** : The number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force.

**Unemployed** : Persons who are seeking and available for work, but had no employment during the reference period.

Table 3.31

Public Sector Employment<sup>(a)</sup> 2019 – 2021

Service Level	2019 <sup>(b)</sup>			2020 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>			2021 <sup>(c)</sup>		
	Regular	Other <sup>(d)</sup>	Total	Regular	Other <sup>(d)</sup>	Total	Regular	Other <sup>(d)</sup>	Total
<b>Government Institutions</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	50,601	2,998	53,599	50,348	2,716	53,064	51,472	2,810	54,282
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	73,602	12,497	86,099	75,090	12,606	87,696	41,528	2,528	44,056
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	728,151	58,018	786,169	755,953	56,747	812,700	819,242	70,342	889,584
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	231,825	14,379	246,204	259,075	11,082	270,157	260,556	9,962	270,518
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,084,179</b>	<b>87,892</b>	<b>1,172,071</b>	<b>1,140,466</b>	<b>83,151</b>	<b>1,223,617</b>	<b>1,172,798</b>	<b>85,642</b>	<b>1,258,440</b>
<b>Semi-Government Institutions</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	18,071	1,602	19,673	19,648	1,814	21,462	19,921	1,963	21,884
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	28,508	2,597	31,105	27,966	2,161	30,127	27,335	2,352	29,687
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	71,541	4,984	76,525	68,743	4,239	72,982	67,576	4,211	71,787
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	95,222	22,748	117,970	95,501	17,382	112,883	99,327	12,347	111,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>213,342</b>	<b>31,931</b>	<b>245,273</b>	<b>211,858</b>	<b>25,596</b>	<b>237,454</b>	<b>214,159</b>	<b>20,873</b>	<b>235,032</b>
<b>Public Sector (Total)</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	68,672	4,600	73,272	69,996	4,530	74,526	71,393	4,773	76,166
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	102,110	15,094	117,204	103,056	14,767	117,823	68,863	4,880	73,743
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	799,692	63,002	862,694	824,696	60,986	885,682	886,818	74,553	961,371
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	327,047	37,127	364,174	354,576	28,464	383,040	359,883	22,309	382,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,297,521</b>	<b>119,823</b>	<b>1,417,344</b>	<b>1,352,324</b>	<b>108,747</b>	<b>1,461,071</b>	<b>1,386,957</b>	<b>106,515</b>	<b>1,493,472</b>
<b>Government Institutions</b>									
	<b>Per cent</b>								
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	4.7	3.4	4.6	4.4	3.3	4.3	4.4	3.3	4.3
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	6.8	14.2	7.3	6.6	15.2	7.2	3.5	3.0	3.5
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	67.2	66.0	67.1	66.3	68.2	66.4	69.9	82.1	70.7
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	21.4	16.4	21.0	22.7	13.3	22.1	22.2	11.6	21.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Semi-Government Institutions</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	8.5	5.0	8.0	9.3	7.1	9.0	9.3	9.4	9.3
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	13.4	8.1	12.7	13.2	8.4	12.7	12.8	11.3	12.6
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	33.5	15.6	31.2	32.4	16.6	30.7	31.6	20.2	30.5
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	44.6	71.2	48.1	45.1	67.9	47.5	46.4	59.2	47.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Public Sector (Total)</b>									
Senior Level <sup>(e)</sup>	5.3	3.8	5.2	5.2	4.2	5.1	5.1	4.5	5.1
Tertiary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	7.9	12.6	8.3	7.6	13.6	8.1	5.0	4.6	4.9
Secondary Level <sup>(g)</sup>	61.6	52.6	60.9	61.0	56.1	60.6	63.9	70.0	64.4
Primary Level <sup>(h)</sup>	25.2	31.0	25.7	26.2	26.2	26.2	25.9	20.9	25.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Re-categorized in accordance with the definitions given in the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 issued on 25th April 2006.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional

(d) Employees on contract and casual basis

(e) Represents Executives/Senior Executives; Judicial/Law Officers and Medical Officers

(f) Represents Field/Office based Officers; Supra/Special Class Management Assistants; Sri Lanka Principals' Service; Police Inspectors/Chief Inspectors and similar posts in other Regulatory Services; Special Grades of Nurses/Professions Supplementary to Medical Services and Para-Medical Services; and Medical Practitioners

(g) Represents Management Assistant (Technical and Non-Technical); Associate Officers; Sri Lanka Teachers' Service; Police Constables/Sergeants/Sergeant Major/Sub-Inspectors and similar posts in other Regulatory Services; Supervisory Management Assistants; and Nurses/PSM Services and Para-Medical Services except the Special Grades of these services

(h) Represents primary level un-skilled, semi-skilled and skilled employees

Table 3.32

Migration for Foreign Employment 2013 – 2021

Category / Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>(a)</sup>	2021 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Total Migration for Employment (No.)</b>	<b>293,218</b>	<b>300,703</b>	<b>263,443</b>	<b>242,816</b>	<b>211,992</b>	<b>211,211</b>	<b>203,087</b>	<b>53,711</b>	<b>122,264</b>
Male (No.)	175,185	190,217	172,788	160,306	139,268	129,712	122,257	32,500	81,110
%	59.7	63.3	65.6	66.0	65.7	61.4	60.2	60.5	66.3
Female (No.)	118,033	110,486	90,655	82,510	72,724	81,499	80,830	21,211	41,154
%	40.3	36.7	34.4	34.0	34.3	38.6	39.8	39.5	33.7
<b>Average No. of Migrant travellers for employment per day</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>Migration for employment as a % of all departures</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>39.5</b>
<b>Migrant Employment by skills (%)</b>									
Professional	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.7	3.0	4.3	4.9	5.5	6.8
Middle level	5.6	6.9	2.6	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.5
Clerical & related	9.1	9.7	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	5.3
Skilled and Semi-skilled	26.3	25.7	32.8	33.1	34.1	33.0	32.3	32.5	34.4
Unskilled	24.2	26.4	29.6	29.5	28.8	24.5	25.2	26.0	25.9
Housemaids	33.0	29.5	27.8	26.8	26.4	30.7	30.3	28.5	24.0
<b>Migrant remittances (Rs. mn.)</b>									
Middle-East	460,195	509,487	512,437	566,260	565,642	582,719	618,394	680,892	560,989
Other	367,494	406,857	436,520	488,229	526,330	555,405	582,372	636,115	526,199
Middle-East remittances as a % of total remittances	55.6	55.6	54.0	53.7	51.8	51.2	51.5	51.7	51.6
Total remittances as a % of export earnings	61.6	63.1	66.2	70.2	63.1	59.0	56.3	70.7	43.9

(a) Revised  
(b) Provisional

Sources: Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment  
Department of Immigration and Emigration

Table 3.33

## Departures for Foreign Employment by Country 2013 – 2021

Country \ Year	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020 <sup>(a)</sup>		2021 <sup>(b)</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Middle Eastern Countries</b>																		
Bahrain	4,547	1.55	3,979	1.32	3,722	1.41	3,225	1.33	3,002	1.42	2,922	1.38	3,017	1.49	1,048	1.95	1,918	1.57
Jordan	7,060	2.41	6,197	2.06	4,809	1.83	3,867	1.59	3,925	1.85	4,162	1.97	4,611	2.27	954	1.78	2,095	1.71
Kuwait	42,740	14.58	43,552	14.48	38,473	14.60	32,400	13.34	37,410	17.65	46,914	22.21	43,073	21.21	8,015	14.92	12,816	10.48
Lebanon	3,537	1.21	3,058	1.02	2,604	0.99	2,644	1.09	2,408	1.14	2,228	1.05	1,902	0.94	541	1.01	703	0.57
Oman	5,317	1.81	5,759	1.92	7,082	2.69	9,729	4.01	8,865	4.18	8,329	3.94	9,016	4.44	2,719	5.06	6,433	5.26
Qatar	80,724	27.53	84,622	28.14	65,139	24.73	59,523	24.51	56,637	26.72	50,749	24.03	40,783	20.08	9,655	17.98	30,516	24.96
Saudi Arabia	80,887	27.59	80,480	26.76	74,894	28.43	63,293	26.07	37,745	17.80	35,733	16.92	35,415	17.44	9,330	17.37	27,313	22.34
UAE	48,502	16.54	50,347	16.74	43,666	16.58	40,117	16.52	36,667	17.30	32,821	15.54	32,860	16.18	10,681	19.89	20,185	16.51
<b>South East Asian Countries</b>																		
Brunei	15	0.01	12	0.00	9	0.00	14	0.01	9	0.00	8	0.00	17	0.01	3	0.01	4	0.00
Hong Kong	513	0.17	468	0.16	493	0.19	574	0.24	636	0.30	582	0.28	624	0.31	217	0.40	127	0.10
Malaysia	3,297	1.12	3,312	1.10	3,239	1.23	2,914	1.20	1,996	0.94	2,452	1.16	3,296	1.62	523	0.97	266	0.22
Singapore	1,265	0.43	1,470	0.49	1,461	0.55	1,841	0.76	1,795	0.85	1,918	0.91	2,124	1.05	763	1.42	1,184	0.97
South Korea	5,402	1.84	6,686	2.22	6,967	2.64	8,630	3.55	5,807	2.74	5,410	2.56	6,207	3.06	1,291	2.40	1,428	1.17
<b>European Countries</b>																		
Cyprus	1,609	0.55	1,656	0.55	1,578	0.60	2,054	0.85	2,110	1.00	2,249	1.06	2,421	1.19	786	1.46	1,703	1.39
Greece	24	0.01	31	0.01	14	0.01	31	0.01	40	0.02	29	0.01	28	0.01	7	0.01	13	0.01
Italy	5	0.00	48	0.02	78	0.03	72	0.03	37	0.02	34	0.02	72	0.04	25	0.05	33	0.03
<b>Other Countries</b>																		
Maldives	3,485	1.19	4,511	1.50	4,813	1.83	6,116	2.52	6,279	2.96	7,298	3.46	7,767	3.82	2,411	4.49	7,136	5.84
Mauritius	382	0.13	149	0.05	196	0.07	250	0.10	140	0.07	195	0.09	91	0.04	31	0.06	-	-
Seychelles	315	0.11	536	0.18	464	0.18	702	0.29	852	0.40	826	0.39	977	0.48	291	0.54	860	0.70
United States	5	0.00	9	0.00	4	0.00	3	0.00	13	0.01	4	0.00	15	0.01	2	0.00	2	0.00
Other	3,587	1.22	3,821	1.27	3,738	1.42	4,817	1.98	5,619	2.65	6,348	3.01	8,771	4.32	4,418	8.23	8,232	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>293,218</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>300,703</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>263,443</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>242,816</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>211,992</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>211,211</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>203,087</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>53,711</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>122,264</b>	<b>100.00</b>

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional

Source: Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

Table 3.34

## Departures for Foreign Employment by Skill Level, Age Group and Gender 2020 – 2021

Year \ Age Group	Below 25	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44	45 – 49	Above 49	Total
<b>Departures for Professional, Middle and Clerical Level Jobs</b>								
2020 <sup>(a)</sup> Male	309	1,135	1,275	1,164	848	590	808	6,129
Female	45	199	175	138	76	78	109	820
<b>Total</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>6,949</b>
2021 <sup>(b)</sup> Male	4,302	7,995	8,552	8,009	7,639	4,978	5,581	47,056
Female	541	669	542	467	455	315	432	3,421
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,843</b>	<b>8,664</b>	<b>9,094</b>	<b>8,476</b>	<b>8,094</b>	<b>5,293</b>	<b>6,013</b>	<b>50,477</b>
<b>Departures for Skilled Level Jobs</b>								
2020 <sup>(a)</sup> Male	1,224	2,701	2,268	2,574	2,369	1,550	2,133	14,819
Female	300	309	183	221	220	232	380	1,845
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>2,451</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>2,589</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>16,664</b>
2021 <sup>(b)</sup> Male	166	612	767	700	601	346	426	3,618
Female	35	150	132	95	80	71	75	638
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>4,256</b>
<b>Departures for Semi Skilled Level Jobs</b>								
2020 <sup>(a)</sup> Male	116	160	128	108	87	53	53	705
Female	13	20	13	16	9	4	9	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>789</b>
2021 <sup>(b)</sup> Male	320	981	1,198	1,018	800	536	621	5,474
Female	113	257	185	157	134	102	118	1,066
<b>Total</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>6,540</b>
<b>Departures for Unskilled Level Jobs</b>								
2020 <sup>(a)</sup> Male	1,625	2,548	1,953	1,648	1,335	851	887	10,847
Female	147	236	270	351	526	605	1,005	3,140
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>13,987</b>
2021 <sup>(b)</sup> Male	4,989	5,706	4,517	3,631	2,878	1,679	1,562	24,962
Female	547	692	638	895	1,143	1,143	1,656	6,714
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,536</b>	<b>6,398</b>	<b>5,155</b>	<b>4,526</b>	<b>4,021</b>	<b>2,822</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>31,676</b>
<b>Departures for Housemaid Jobs (Female only)</b>								
2020 <sup>(a)</sup> <b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>3,161</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>15,322</b>
2021 <sup>(b)</sup> <b>Total</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>4,845</b>	<b>6,553</b>	<b>5,552</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>29,315</b>
<b>Departures for all Occupations</b>								
2020 <sup>(a)</sup> Male	3,274	6,544	5,624	5,494	4,639	3,044	3,881	32,500
Female	633	1,529	2,077	3,165	4,046	4,080	5,681	21,211
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,907</b>	<b>8,073</b>	<b>7,701</b>	<b>8,659</b>	<b>8,685</b>	<b>7,124</b>	<b>9,562</b>	<b>53,711</b>
2021 <sup>(b)</sup> Male	9,777	15,294	15,034	13,358	11,918	7,539	8,190	81,110
Female	1,527	3,691	4,647	6,459	8,365	7,183	9,282	41,154
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,304</b>	<b>18,985</b>	<b>19,681</b>	<b>19,817</b>	<b>20,283</b>	<b>14,722</b>	<b>17,472</b>	<b>122,264</b>
<b>Departures for all Occupations as a % of Total Departures</b>								
2020 <sup>(a)</sup> Male	4.6	10.5	7.2	7.7	7.7	5.8	2.4	5.9
Female	1.0	3.0	3.8	7.9	12.0	12.6	4.1	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>5.5</b>
2021 <sup>(b)</sup> Male	21.7	33.1	27.1	26.9	27.7	22.3	12.4	23.9
Female	5.1	17.8	20.9	33.9	43.5	42.7	21.9	24.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>24.0</b>

(a) Revised  
(b) Provisional

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Table 3.35

## Departures for Foreign Employment by District, Province and Gender 2013 – 2020

Province / District	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020(a)		2021(b)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
<b>Western</b>	<b>52,969</b>	<b>27,253</b>	<b>49,951</b>	<b>21,997</b>	<b>47,022</b>	<b>22,873</b>	<b>40,799</b>	<b>20,924</b>	<b>37,974</b>	<b>20,863</b>	<b>37,188</b>	<b>21,558</b>	<b>10,465</b>	<b>5,925</b>	<b>25,380</b>	<b>12,281</b>
Colombo	23,925	11,731	22,504	8,935	21,682	10,086	18,572	9,252	16,933	8,516	15,905	8,541	4,453	2,299	10,977	5,196
Gampaha	18,892	9,802	17,735	8,309	16,810	8,290	14,835	7,716	14,091	7,793	14,134	8,255	4,072	2,341	9,273	4,607
Kalutara	10,152	5,720	9,712	4,753	8,530	4,497	7,392	3,956	6,950	4,554	7,149	4,762	1,940	1,285	5,130	2,478
<b>Central</b>	<b>22,716</b>	<b>15,256</b>	<b>21,221</b>	<b>13,396</b>	<b>20,440</b>	<b>11,732</b>	<b>16,574</b>	<b>9,229</b>	<b>16,284</b>	<b>10,864</b>	<b>15,679</b>	<b>10,649</b>	<b>4,379</b>	<b>2,812</b>	<b>10,902</b>	<b>5,635</b>
Kandy	17,595	11,355	16,642	10,037	15,733	7,531	13,261	6,219	12,617	7,028	12,191	7,002	3,459	1,896	8,523	3,594
Matale	4,396	3,478	3,898	2,850	3,659	2,675	2,664	1,892	2,963	2,421	2,763	2,054	737	540	1,881	1,049
Nuwara Eliya	725	423	681	509	1,048	1,526	649	1,118	704	1,415	725	1,593	183	376	498	992
<b>Southern</b>	<b>14,424</b>	<b>8,611</b>	<b>14,113</b>	<b>7,357</b>	<b>13,552</b>	<b>6,920</b>	<b>11,528</b>	<b>6,061</b>	<b>11,091</b>	<b>7,035</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>7,311</b>	<b>2,947</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>3,575</b>
Galle	7,968	4,986	7,786	4,310	7,336	4,039	6,562	3,574	6,220	4,330	6,190	4,449	1,671	1,095	4,003	2,117
Matara	3,782	1,899	3,917	1,612	3,776	1,422	3,009	1,148	2,917	1,273	3,074	1,387	778	322	1,701	705
Hambanthota	2,674	1,726	2,410	1,435	2,440	1,459	1,957	1,339	1,894	1,432	1,886	1,475	498	406	1,002	753
<b>Northern</b>	<b>10,722</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>7,717</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>7,940</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>6,164</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>4,356</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>498</b>
Jaffna	7,817	473	5,632	257	5,875	338	4,493	346	3,987	299	3,083	240	703	47	1,449	107
Kilinochchi	447	85	296	83	292	70	188	44	143	72	134	66	28	7	79	37
Mannar	835	366	666	382	672	684	602	258	479	358	426	195	115	56	239	103
Mullaitivu	11	-	14	-	10	2	39	24	97	66	84	67	33	18	72	33
Vavuniya	1,612	978	1,109	506	1,091	496	842	391	803	470	629	528	170	98	367	218
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>43,232</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>37,034</b>	<b>9,798</b>	<b>32,827</b>	<b>7,622</b>	<b>29,950</b>	<b>6,146</b>	<b>27,138</b>	<b>7,943</b>	<b>24,248</b>	<b>7,064</b>	<b>6,173</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>18,257</b>	<b>3,977</b>
Batticaloa	18,786	4,821	15,881	4,111	13,921	2,856	12,874	2,357	11,350	2,844	10,308	2,599	2,780	654	7,366	1,510
Ampara	17,442	2,950	15,501	3,090	14,017	2,247	12,968	1,540	12,137	2,198	10,658	1,789	2,675	430	9,008	795
Trincomalee	7,004	5,479	5,652	2,597	4,889	2,519	4,108	2,249	3,651	2,901	3,282	2,676	718	730	1,883	1,672
<b>North Western</b>	<b>23,502</b>	<b>20,795</b>	<b>21,594</b>	<b>16,972</b>	<b>18,159</b>	<b>14,449</b>	<b>16,540</b>	<b>14,098</b>	<b>15,504</b>	<b>15,747</b>	<b>14,212</b>	<b>15,132</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>8,468</b>	<b>7,233</b>
Kurunegala	14,206	13,791	13,238	11,261	10,472	9,016	9,923	9,120	9,499	10,415	8,892	9,776	2,217	2,640	4,921	4,554
Puttalam	9,296	7,004	8,356	5,711	7,687	5,433	6,617	4,978	6,005	5,332	5,320	5,356	1,410	1,527	3,547	2,679
<b>North Central</b>	<b>9,262</b>	<b>11,732</b>	<b>8,107</b>	<b>9,129</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>7,847</b>	<b>7,414</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>8,737</b>	<b>6,114</b>	<b>9,241</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>3,574</b>
Anuradhapura	6,074	7,850	5,382	6,312	5,247	5,196	5,180	5,241	4,212	6,148	4,047	6,537	937	1,573	2,195	2,445
Polonnaruwa	3,188	3,882	2,725	2,817	2,660	2,651	2,234	2,265	2,095	2,589	2,067	2,704	468	621	1,300	1,129
<b>Uva</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>4,033</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>3,631</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>2,998</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>1,486</b>
Badulla	3,105	3,444	2,899	3,482	2,655	2,856	2,039	2,046	2,080	2,365	1,855	2,292	509	575	1,155	1,171
Moneragala	1,254	1,000	1,134	812	1,018	775	1,164	632	741	672	677	706	185	197	446	315
<b>Sabaragamuwa</b>	<b>9,030</b>	<b>7,239</b>	<b>8,839</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>8,756</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>7,096</b>	<b>5,019</b>	<b>6,897</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>6,778</b>	<b>5,781</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>4,095</b>	<b>2,895</b>
Ratnapura	3,319	3,303	3,297	2,874	3,616	2,711	2,741	2,326	2,716	2,687	2,676	2,834	696	708	1,362	1,450
Kegalle	5,711	3,936	5,542	3,411	5,140	3,126	4,355	2,693	4,181	3,006	4,102	2,947	1,060	769	2,733	1,445
<b>Not Indicated</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>190,217</b>	<b>110,486</b>	<b>172,788</b>	<b>90,655</b>	<b>160,306</b>	<b>82,510</b>	<b>139,268</b>	<b>72,724</b>	<b>129,712</b>	<b>81,499</b>	<b>122,257</b>	<b>80,830</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>21,211</b>	<b>81,110</b>	<b>41,154</b>

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional

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