

**PRICES, WAGES AND  
EMPLOYMENT**

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Table 3.1

Colombo Consumers' Price Index

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 (A)

Consumer Price Indices (2002=100)

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

Table 3.2 (B)

Consumer Price Indices (2006/07=100)

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

Table 3.2 (C)

Consumer Price Indices (2013=100)

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<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>	<b>209.9</b>
Percentage Change	4.0	6.6	4.3	4.3	4.6	6.0	46.4
<b>Sub Indices</b>							
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	116.7	127.5	131.8	132.8	147.9	165.2	272.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	153.8	186.0	193.5	215.9	223.5	231.2	295.1
Clothing and Footwear	119.2	126.3	134.9	145.5	153.2	163.4	239.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	110.1	110.2	111.4	115.5	117.8	119.3	139.9
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	107.8	118.0	127.2	135.2	134.3	142.4	203.4
Health	126.0	144.2	158.2	175.9	173.9	183.5	228.7
Transport	92.9	96.9	105.8	112.4	117.2	125.1	252.3
Communication	110.0	119.8	118.0	108.9	97.3	97.3	109.3
Recreation and Culture	107.4	109.9	112.9	117.0	117.5	118.2	161.4
Education	112.8	129.0	140.6	162.6	168.9	169.8	202.0
Restaurants and hotels	107.2	116.4	127.8	135.0	138.5	151.4	251.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	118.5	134.0	139.4	144.6	148.0	153.0	223.0

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.3

Consumers' Price Indices – National Consumer Price Index

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>National Consumer Price Index (2013=100)</b>							
<b>All Items</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>122.6</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>137.6</b>	<b>147.2</b>	<b>221.5</b>
Percentage Change	4.0	7.7	2.1	3.5	6.2	7.0	50.4
<b>Sub Indices</b>							
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	114.1	127.0	126.8	127.6	143.1	159.2	255.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	158.5	175.6	183.4	200.6	214.4	220.4	300.4
Clothing and Footwear	114.5	118.2	122.8	128.6	132.2	137.7	189.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	114.8	115.8	117.3	126.7	127.7	129.1	156.9
Furnishing, H/H Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	113.1	119.0	124.0	129.3	130.6	138.7	222.9
Health	128.0	140.7	151.3	162.3	162.2	169.3	222.7
Transport	97.6	103.3	112.0	116.4	119.3	127.9	229.6
Communication	110.9	121.2	119.7	110.3	98.9	98.9	111.9
Recreation and Culture	109.4	111.3	115.7	123.3	124.9	126.4	170.6
Education	115.0	119.8	127.0	137.1	143.7	144.6	178.1
Restaurants and Hotels	106.7	110.7	114.6	119.1	122.0	131.9	221.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	114.8	127.4	133.8	141.5	144.2	148.3	211.3

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.4(A)

Producer Price Index

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

2018 Q4 = 100

Item	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>All Items</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>123.7</b>	<b>215.2</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>108.7</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>133.8</b>	<b>215.2</b>
Growing of non-perennial crops	99.0	117.9	139.7	240.5
Growing of perennial crops	100.3	123.0	134.4	196.5
Animal production	109.3	108.4	113.7	207.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>122.9</b>	<b>219.4</b>
Manufacture of food products	100.9	107.0	117.3	225.6
Manufacture of beverages	101.0	104.4	109.7	156.2
Manufacture of tobacco products	114.5	118.0	120.0	143.9
Manufacture of textiles	103.2	100.6	113.0	287.6
Manufacture of wearing apparel	103.7	112.0	125.3	177.7
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	104.7	108.6	114.2	178.4
Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	90.2	69.2	94.9	264.4
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	115.9	115.6	135.6	274.6
Manufacture of rubber and plastics products	108.9	117.8	137.2	260.5
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	107.1	110.6	118.7	241.4
Manufacture of basic metals	157.6	162.8	201.2	390.3
Manufacture of other transport equipment	103.7	108.2	120.6	201.5
Manufacture of furniture	102.7	108.1	127.9	227.2
Other manufacturing	107.0	121.2	129.4	255.8
<b>Electricity and Water Supply</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>129.8</b>
Electricity, gas, steam and Air conditioning supply	101.8	104.4	101.2	132.8
Water collection, treatment and supply	98.1	100.3	104.5	89.3

(a) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.5

Average Retail Prices of Selected Consumer Items

	Rupees									
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Rice, kg</b>										
Samba (Highest)	71.90	83.83	90.25	95.58	101.58	112.67	107.45	109.34	140.46	222.28
Par Boiled (Highest)	62.04	75.75	76.73	76.69	90.59	90.01	91.39	99.34	113.57	205.07
Kekulu (Highest)	58.33	71.92	74.85	69.60	86.03	83.29	83.38	97.42	106.29	204.89
<b>Up Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Beans	130.31	134.03	195.82	183.39	176.78	203.73	189.38	225.72	244.29	423.52
Carrot	131.03	133.37	182.54	168.30	176.58	220.60	178.90	219.57	226.40	380.48
Beet Root	99.31	104.50	131.40	129.69	125.89	137.34	132.02	148.68	169.04	304.97
Cabbage	87.31	88.57	113.86	115.48	118.60	132.44	119.69	145.24	173.25	296.05
Leeks	115.73	114.69	166.35	143.24	138.26	194.75	154.83	178.65	195.49	298.23
<b>Low Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Pumpkin	63.00	66.70	78.18	84.79	95.77	85.81	93.01	111.18	128.39	190.25
Brinjals	76.83	84.75	101.12	100.96	117.35	123.58	122.10	138.93	186.13	324.83
Capsicum	151.87	161.71	223.61	213.51	229.71	236.47	234.26	273.33	336.21	614.95
Limes	232.59	176.66	237.85	372.38	248.27	292.30	348.72	32.92	31.47	44.91
<b>Leafy Vegetables</b>										
Mukunuwenna (1 bundle)	20.71	21.52	24.11	26.35	27.58	29.97	30.15	31.43	33.56	55.01
Kan-kun (1 bundle)	19.73	20.60	23.09	25.16	26.30	29.26	29.85	30.93	32.50	53.52
Gotukola (1 bundle)	19.34	20.17	22.38	25.04	26.39	29.20	29.52	30.48	32.73	51.98
Katuru Murunga (1 bundle)	19.83	20.50	22.52	24.87	26.23	29.41	29.72	30.16	32.13	51.13
<b>Yams, kg</b>										
Potatoes	117.42	121.26	125.96	134.74	145.90	142.02	173.75	197.62	195.65	334.05
Manioc	50.44	52.92	56.99	61.62	72.59	65.28	81.58	103.50	84.11	126.54
Sweet Potatoes	64.33	66.75	80.59	82.27	85.23	94.80	98.70	102.05	102.85	164.07
<b>Meat and Eggs, kg</b>										
Beef (without bones)	472.24	497.29	539.55	650.60	747.09	851.12	942.76	957.61	991.31	1,514.20
Mutton (with bones)	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	2,496.42
Chicken (Ordinary)	411.82	420.27	458.79	496.94	498.80	540.07	542.78	566.90	651.65	1,151.89
Eggs (Farm)	14.56	13.55	14.94	16.19	14.19	15.61	19.03	18.60	17.96	39.52
<b>Sea Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	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	2,127.81
Trevally – Paraw	675.48	697.23	725.97	770.46	815.75	792.12	865.39	880.10	929.16	1,539.45
Skip Jack – Balaya	509.80	528.05	559.38	601.10	596.02	562.68	599.46	619.52	679.05	1,188.40
Tuna – Kelawalla	680.70	711.20	753.22	802.07	850.57	858.29	934.12	943.02	1,045.97	1,778.40
Shark – Mora	556.55	579.23	603.51	645.76	675.38	734.64	791.84	832.37	886.44	1,491.06
Sardine – Salaya	182.54	177.25	181.92	195.82	201.18	213.31	252.99	280.42	269.52	533.82
<b>Dried Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	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	2,428.51
Shark – Mora	834.35	861.14	889.07	941.71	978.26	1,039.35	1,053.26	1,125.23	1,317.92	2,152.89
Skip Jack – Balaya	662.20	693.03	717.22	747.16	740.10	729.43	744.92	805.61	840.17	1,469.17
Queen Fish – Kattawa	919.32	944.45	971.34	1,040.80	1,078.03	1,142.54	1,201.67	1,268.25	1,370.94	2,164.55
Sprats	578.03	495.14	493.22	573.50	613.53	670.99	687.42	678.86	643.08	1,409.90
<b>Canned and Preserved Fish, (425g)</b>										
Tinned Fish (Captain)	240.87	242.87	236.58	224.58	205.78	289.55	294.44	298.54	322.31	610.37
Tinned Fish (Other)	201.04	193.77	153.25	148.49	146.76	162.42	216.78	225.40	284.84	547.00
<b>Pulses, kg</b>										
Green Gram	271.56	299.73	252.11	228.94	234.31	229.64	247.32	318.45	678.64	868.99
Dhal – Mysore	153.58	161.37	181.88	183.29	167.56	128.95	125.19	155.84	201.27	441.41
Cowpea (Best)	238.17	217.98	236.06	239.38	272.66	260.62	265.67	333.91	565.67	738.45
<b>Condiments, kg</b>										
Dried Chillies	228.00	230.85	275.76	349.26	259.07	281.90	357.25	525.13	584.87	1,544.79
Pepper	1,076.80	1,320.54	1,489.80	1,594.28	1,510.30	1,216.90	1,457.98	1,409.70	1,439.40	2,389.80
Tamarind	215.00	228.13	274.19	305.56	349.61	324.20	349.90	41.58	53.89	56.23
Coriander	285.40	369.17	329.38	309.91	290.63	266.00	311.48	35.28	38.00	65.13
Turmeric (Dried)	689.93	687.19	671.18	677.69	692.04	704.10	718.51	187.96	400.60	363.20
Garlic	227.85	201.42	234.92	368.89	396.10	243.40	317.67	34.27	38.94	56.31
Washed Salt (1 Pkt)	33.07	34.58	34.80	55.28	61.13	60.59	59.03	57.92	49.26	77.22
Chillie Powder (100g)	40.21	40.61	43.93	49.87	48.80	49.98	54.80	70.94	81.02	185.41
Raw Ginger	394.17	526.35	429.88	396.84	702.76	689.60	537.29	49.51	49.16	47.72
<b>Spices, kg</b>										
Red Onion	171.87	102.46	125.91	123.39	236.50	180.61	201.71	310.79	340.85	434.68
Cummin Seed	638.91	642.11	638.42	661.80	684.64	753.30	799.63	818.91	835.50	1,624.24
Fennel Seed	388.76	386.79	411.29	434.90	466.84	519.50	586.07	630.73	694.50	1,422.86
Mathe Seed	273.97	288.28	306.02	321.43	321.93	345.20	-	381.95	411.60	682.42
Cinnamon Quills	1,817.27	1,810.70	1,890.27	2,021.74	2,394.81	5,731.00	6,084.26	3,313.90	3,623.50	4,804.16

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Table 3.5 (Contd.)

Average Retail Prices of Selected Consumer Items

Rupees

Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Coconut</b>										
Coconut (Medium), each	40.17	40.05	45.30	39.70	61.46	63.27	44.26	65.99	76.85	74.52
Coconut Oil, 750 ml	197.67	210.77	203.17	209.20	265.28	268.24	259.08	349.97	453.54	562.73
<b>Fruits, each</b>										
Pineapple (Murusu) (1 kg)	112.51	110.73	121.20	150.04	178.73	150.67	153.80	158.93	164.63	309.56
Banana – Kolikuttu (1 kg)	133.64	125.51	145.06	176.87	197.44	177.94	188.27	200.36	201.62	252.79
Banana – Ambul (1 kg)	61.70	57.51	63.90	74.84	99.01	89.67	90.36	94.90	91.54	118.70
Papaw (1 kg)	63.64	61.38	84.30	83.79	79.66	79.78	91.20	82.09	92.20	170.24
<b>Milk Foods and Beverages</b>										
Fresh Milk (Dairy), 750 ml	69.97	73.12	76.96	81.70	84.98	86.77	-	-	-	-
Fresh Milk (Ambewela), 1 litre	-	-	-	-	-	-	216.82	251.53	268.72	401.15
Tea (BOP) (1 kg)	936.64	1,024.85	1,122.02	1,145.63	1,222.04	1,455.20	1,455.32	1,332.29	1,327.60	1,735.95
Coffee Powder (1 kg)	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	3,568.43
Lakspray (400g)	316.96	379.40	329.76	324.78	324.70	326.01	366.20	380.15	388.10	1,044.55
Anchor (400g)	324.67	379.77	330.27	324.58	324.26	326.81	367.35	380.29	392.13	1,038.30
Lactogen (1) (400g)	402.19	460.73	464.95	464.91	480.71	542.69	590.00	590.00	591.88	1,357.42
Lactogen (2) (400g)	415.72	439.73	440.01	439.93	458.78	531.83	580.00	580.00	581.40	1,331.35
Milk Maid (390g)	184.59	188.53	195.42	206.93	214.22	215.12	227.81	241.85	275.09	470.68
<b>Tobacco and Tobacco Products, each</b>										
Chewing Tobacco – Jaffna	62.14	63.86	61.96	66.43	75.53	73.51	79.11	81.03	109.01	176.54
Cigarettes – Bristol	20.45	-	20.01	24.66	34.99	35.00	44.09	49.62	-	-
<b>Soap, tablet</b>										
Sunlight (each)	36.90	39.60	40.00	40.87	43.83	45.96	48.90	49.99	54.75	124.88
Kohomba (each)	38.71	40.35	41.00	42.64	50.59	55.61	60.62	63.58	65.91	134.35
Signal Toothpaste – med. (70g)	63.13	67.15	70.00	70.00	73.26	79.31	83.96	86.91	87.88	135.25
<b>Fuel and Light</b>										
Kerosene, 1 litre	107.25	99.82	61.70	54.13	48.97	61.22	70.00	70.00	73.33	155.97
Fire Wood, 50 kg	437.01	454.24	452.79	510.97	517.08	582.50	611.18	683.73	619.48	921.24
LP Gas (Cylinder – 12.5 kg)	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	4,310.92
<b>Bakery Products</b>										
Bread (loaf)	59.46	59.74	53.87	56.64	57.71	60.19	62.67	61.39	63.03	151.85
<b>Cereal Preparations (bought from outside)</b>										
Hopper (each)	11.56	11.84	11.09	11.60	12.38	13.11	13.85	14.36	15.52	24.79
String Hopper (each)	3.22	3.28	3.23	3.46	3.70	4.17	4.48	4.81	5.15	8.78
<b>Other Cereal Preparation</b>										
Wheat Flour (1 kg)	98.05	98.07	86.29	90.20	89.89	90.82	92.65	90.49	95.90	255.70
Kurakkan Flour (400g)	126.63	131.49	132.70	136.24	143.85	146.85	151.71	165.88	280.73	386.15
Rice Flour (400g)	49.28	49.96	52.20	105.70	120.12	63.07	63.07	69.29	79.39	144.95
<b>Fats &amp; Oil</b>										
Margarine (Astra) (250g)	168.84	182.96	189.12	193.33	206.66	224.27	250.67	276.99	312.18	434.09
Butter (Anchor)	342.10	459.57	494.99	494.80	501.15	544.27	625.00	625.00	641.25	895.83
Butter (Highland)	251.04	250.36	272.17	332.68	368.14	378.87	387.50	414.70	441.41	577.70
<b>Sugar, Jaggery &amp; Treacle</b>										
Sugar (White) (1 kg)	102.37	101.95	86.92	100.14	106.73	107.74	105.54	125.82	127.03	249.39
<b>Preserved Food</b>										
Papadam (1 Pkt)	39.99	39.24	41.15	42.44	46.57	59.28	60.62	64.47	93.63	104.03
Jam (Woodapple) MD (485g)	252.06	274.54	296.53	317.37	331.84	339.15	362.94	364.36	347.93	402.02
Marmite (115g)	228.24	233.15	256.13	266.93	291.20	296.60	323.18	324.99	343.53	520.54
Dates (1kg)	271.84	315.44	340.60	388.82	437.59	436.43	468.52	495.99	530.39	844.82
Soya Meat (Lanka Soy) (90g)	54.85	57.85	61.47	62.68	64.82	65.00	70.36	74.60	80.39	119.83
<b>Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>										
Orange Barley (400 ml)	39.46	44.05	45.01	46.77	49.54	60.52	69.32	70.49	71.82	99.86
Plain Tea (1 Cup)	13.63	14.37	12.56	13.63	14.95	15.75	17.40	19.04	21.05	35.51

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.6

Average Retail Prices of Selected Food Items by Province

Rs. per kg.

Item	Western	Central	Southern	Northern	Eastern	North Western	North Central	Uva	Sabara-gamuwa	All Island
<b>Year 2021</b>										
Ash Plantains	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
Brinjals	203.00	173.94	185.13	185.34	192.36	187.01	197.18	176.68	160.56	184.58
Tomatoes	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 Onions	386.76	347.64	371.79	287.42	311.06	349.07	367.29	376.28	329.92	347.47
Big Onions	145.06	172.61	153.87	130.33	158.36	156.83	137.11	147.50	151.46	150.35
Potatoes	198.51	183.12	203.05	197.24	191.85	192.65	200.84	203.55	189.60	195.60
Dried Chillies	572.32	601.78	612.21	579.33	564.62	575.71	589.09	587.45	593.50	586.22
Dhal	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
<b>Year 2022 <sup>(a)</sup></b>										
Ash Plantains	191.06	173.41	181.35	135.21	171.55	159.78	144.08	154.80	127.03	159.81
Beans	433.59	401.59	440.92	431.82	401.10	446.76	440.35	424.98	383.86	422.77
Cabbage	313.30	271.89	313.38	303.45	304.26	301.78	292.13	281.24	255.93	293.04
Carrot	382.04	357.91	391.04	418.21	370.26	369.05	388.67	391.84	311.47	375.61
Pumpkin	212.29	185.43	203.47	168.72	190.11	186.67	186.35	209.10	173.76	190.66
Snake gourd	322.81	286.37	310.80	254.46	239.67	274.30	263.34	282.86	238.48	274.79
Brinjals	350.97	328.31	331.03	329.83	325.66	327.94	325.14	311.24	250.05	320.02
Tomatoes	367.61	343.11	342.06	366.39	359.10	344.57	311.86	344.92	336.55	346.24
Rice (Samba)	210.79	224.77	211.35	217.25	234.32	216.75	210.14	215.45	217.31	217.57
Rice (Kekulu)	193.31	199.32	194.90	187.95	193.23	196.82	191.14	188.49	199.51	193.85
Red Onions	464.72	447.95	452.51	398.68	397.56	469.50	447.55	474.66	422.60	441.75
Big Onions	221.92	268.97	240.96	226.35	219.23	249.67	215.54	217.69	221.77	231.35
Potatoes	353.22	314.69	345.61	344.69	317.00	341.03	304.90	354.88	324.57	333.40
Dried Chillies	1,542.81	1,537.01	1,554.73	1,544.34	1,537.57	1,566.23	1,528.82	1,575.23	1,524.85	1,545.73
Dhal	433.80	430.33	436.40	454.24	442.41	446.90	452.96	434.69	443.16	441.65
Eggs (Each)	39.53	39.65	38.74	40.19	40.24	39.63	39.06	39.21	38.40	39.41
Coconut	85.04	82.73	82.97	61.00	73.99	70.17	66.91	75.17	73.87	74.65
Kelawalla	1,916.23	1,746.59	1,706.08	1,354.27	1,746.23	1,627.15	1,954.32	1,912.00	1,765.71	1,747.62
Balaya	1,461.81	981.20	1,178.29	1,052.88	1,277.48	964.82	1,414.49	1,019.84	1,020.39	1,152.36
Salaya	574.93	557.02	496.97	563.33	539.93	456.17	532.25	496.02	503.51	524.46

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Table 3.7

Average Producer Prices of Selected Items

Rupees

Commodity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Paddy, kg</b>	33.22	41.12	41.12	38.58	49.07	47.93	44.49	51.66	54.01	110.72
<b>Up-Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Beans	77.40	83.01	125.74	117.10	112.18	109.39	96.20	127.18	144.39	334.27
Carrot	80.39	81.57	119.69	108.78	112.28	126.14	105.47	125.90	126.75	232.75
Beet Root	59.79	61.02	79.52	82.20	75.26	73.69	74.15	84.74	97.35	181.09
<b>Low-Country Vegetables, kg</b>										
Pumpkin (Red)	31.85	34.83	39.32	43.76	52.25	42.60	46.06	54.75	65.55	105.21
Brinjals	43.39	48.72	56.75	57.90	66.28	65.34	62.87	70.95	114.37	218.52
Curry Chillies	96.36	103.58	151.32	138.73	151.16	132.93	139.56	159.74	230.50	432.71
Lime	116.87	82.46	112.50	207.48	129.57	127.58	173.56	162.18	174.44	243.01
<b>Yams, kg</b>										
Potatoes	84.29	88.88	93.80	99.78	113.34	88.64	108.38	118.13	125.27	250.83
Manioc	28.91	30.76	33.29	35.75	43.67	36.15	45.25	61.28	47.42	79.01
Sweet Potatoes	36.06	37.74	46.30	47.95	49.65	52.41	50.37	57.36	57.73	99.24
<b>Eggs (Farm), each</b>	12.46	11.77	12.88	14.19	12.47	13.10	15.76	15.55	14.92	34.40
<b>Sea Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	644.24	653.12	723.43	793.22	811.22	839.20	908.03	861.45	974.57	1,661.41
Trevally – Paraw	461.19	460.25	504.49	550.80	590.65	627.74	636.04	679.40	708.77	1,241.65
Skip Jack – Balaya	309.61	324.29	357.21	391.65	378.12	340.47	355.17	443.47	454.78	813.89
Tuna – Kelawalla	432.85	453.41	478.90	498.73	535.85	528.91	585.07	614.19	671.94	1,264.84
Shark – Mora	380.00	392.24	425.64	477.22	509.09	496.65	844.62	590.89	629.48	1,149.86
Sardine – Salaya	105.59	106.39	104.61	108.22	114.88	123.33	149.53	177.58	167.82	365.10
<b>Dried Fish, kg</b>										
Seer – Thora	649.58	728.71	713.94	829.77	852.67	975.68	997.37	1,042.11	1,103.00	2,046.88
Shark – Mora	574.06	605.48	587.08	675.51	667.78	872.62	844.62	947.78	1,012.50	1,814.29
Skip Jack – Balaya	530.56	532.47	537.25	567.16	553.04	515.75	486.04	534.81	538.71	1,148.94
Queen Fish – Kattawa	657.36	649.95	673.45	724.25	780.91	948.57	936.07	1,009.85	1,119.01	1,939.84
Sprats	509.71	454.87	397.16	446.72	502.07	567.78	488.48	515.23	549.81	1,156.22
<b>Pulses, kg</b>										
Green Gram	199.71	225.81	197.38	182.81	183.23	174.30	193.12	232.75	477.87	639.85
Cowpea MI 35 (White)	165.68	145.94	161.71	162.21	177.87	160.84	163.31	222.36	346.11	494.21
Sorghum	120.00	130.19	137.86	138.13	139.77	145.34	186.18	221.82	660.00	506.76
<b>Curry Stuff, kg</b>										
Dried Chillies	183.47	188.51	217.68	264.25	210.62	206.69	271.64	399.59	440.18	1,150.94
Pepper	749.72	987.07	1,072.10	1,177.48	931.54	649.68	557.01	557.12	665.57	1,570.68
Turmeric (Dried)	274.58	308.75	227.89	262.40	304.06	269.32	296.32	1,410.31	3,445.12	1,670.65
<b>Spices, kg</b>										
Red Onion	108.94	66.55	75.66	74.29	136.14	106.68	118.71	185.71	212.76	287.44
Cloves	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	2,204.74
Cardamom	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	7,405.41
Cinnamon Quills	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	3,043.62
<b>Coconut</b>										
Coconut, each	31.14	31.22	34.66	29.19	47.33	47.54	31.77	49.39	59.11	57.88
Copra, 250 kg	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	60,666.67
Coconut Charcoal, 50 kg	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	4,975.40
<b>Fruits, 50 kg</b>										
Pineapple	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	9,200.54
Banana – Kolikuttu	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	8,068.73
Banana – Ambul	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	3,531.54
<b>Betel and Arecanut, 1,000</b>										
Betel	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	3,808.22
Arecanut (Seasoned)	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	6,226.39
<b>Jaggery and Treacle</b>										
Coconut Jaggery, kg	229.51	211.61	208.62	238.46	219.35	234.00	213.85	166.25	392.58	470.97
Coconut Treacle, 750 ml	271.16	278.15	289.51	307.06	318.00	264.64	282.20	299.76	387.12	539.55
<b>Coffee Seed, kg</b>	223.33	224.52	241.14	332.69	410.10	480.69	465.13	565.99	810.14	977.34
<b>Cocoa, kg</b>	193.72	236.22	248.36	301.06	300.76	356.16	385.49	370.96	345.93	379.81
<b>Tea Leaves, kg</b>	61.42	69.12	63.69	64.93	88.94	89.11	85.05	95.01	95.52	172.23
<b>Building Materials</b>										
Bricks, 1,000	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	22,043.48
Sand, cube	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	12,732.83
Metal ¾", cube	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	11,022.50

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.8

Average Producer Prices of Selected Food Items by Province

Rs. per kg.

Item	Western	Central	Southern	Northern	Eastern	North Western	North Central	Uva	Sabara-gamuwa	All Island
<b>Year 2021</b>										
Ash Plantains	62.34	62.32	54.86	56.36	58.47	52.20	53.45	55.00	49.67	56.07
Pumpkins	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
Brinjals	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
Cabbages	-	89.69	-	103.33	-	67.86	-	67.86	-	82.18
Carrot	-	139.39	-	155.00	-	128.89	-	87.50	-	127.70
Tomatoes	-	123.48	75.00	150.93	138.06	90.79	84.86	108.97	-	110.30
Dried Chillies	-	520.00	-	480.00	-	416.67	423.33	-	-	460.00
Potatoes	-	145.56	-	105.71	-	-	-	106.25	-	119.17
Red Onions	-	-	-	202.46	299.38	166.92	-	-	-	222.92
Big Onions	-	-	-	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	300.00	694.29	547.50	-	-	-	587.76
Salaya	153.57	-	169.69	179.63	161.54	166.36	-	-	-	166.16
<b>Year 2022 <sup>(a)</sup></b>										
Ash Plantains	117.20	100.15	90.00	80.94	92.51	71.19	70.00	88.00	67.79	86.42
Pumpkins	135.83	108.47	113.50	108.00	89.45	105.53	96.82	110.32	79.58	105.28
Snake gourd	224.67	151.72	215.45	164.62	118.16	137.27	107.65	174.44	132.50	158.50
Brinjals	206.88	230.00	192.86	236.25	248.00	180.56	202.35	188.44	172.31	206.40
Beans	-	278.68	-	359.13	-	-	150.00	314.14	-	275.49
Cabbages	-	167.11	-	207.08	-	175.00	-	142.08	-	172.82
Carrot	-	233.57	-	-	-	-	-	230.83	-	232.20
Tomatoes	-	213.29	170.00	265.88	367.22	198.18	115.50	208.41	-	219.78
Dried Chillies	-	1,550.00	-	1,268.46	-	1,061.00	907.14	-	-	1,196.65
Potatoes	-	260.77	-	135.00	-	-	-	249.50	-	215.09
Red Onions	-	-	-	277.99	336.82	-	-	-	380.00	331.60
Big Onions	-	-	-	153.33	-	200.00	-	-	165.00	172.78
Eggs (Farm) (100 Nos.)	3,338.46	3,325.00	3,448.28	3,489.25	3,660.71	3,195.24	3,535.14	3,193.33	3,444.44	3,403.32
Paraw	1,435.71	-	1,258.97	1,428.22	1,518.93	1,070.00	-	-	-	1,342.36
Balaya	1,075.00	-	861.05	848.44	1,066.77	775.26	-	-	-	925.31
Kelawalla	1,363.08	-	1,191.43	790.00	1,462.67	1,038.00	-	-	-	1,169.03
Salaya	366.15	-	343.62	368.93	395.38	333.33	-	-	-	361.48

(a) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.9

Retail Prices of Selected Food Items in Selected Districts 2021

Rs. per kg

Item	District	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
<b>Samba Rice</b>	Colombo	129.75	129.67	136.58	137.33	147.84	157.50	155.31	148.25	130.00	146.07	160.75	159.08	144.84
	Kandy	n.a.	133.33	139.08	150.00	159.12	166.09	157.50	150.60	147.40	148.00	164.50	168.13	153.07
	Matara	130.00	127.50	132.86	135.00	130.00	135.00	138.75	144.00	136.25	166.25	169.33	165.00	142.50
	Anuradhapura	118.75	117.86	122.50	122.00	127.00	138.33	135.00	141.00	117.71	142.50	157.80	164.00	133.70
<b>Kekulu Rice</b>	Colombo	103.50	103.64	101.86	101.60	104.97	109.22	111.19	104.79	101.06	111.40	123.95	129.17	108.86
	Kandy	104.20	104.00	103.29	105.00	108.06	115.36	113.50	106.25	97.40	110.50	131.00	132.38	110.91
	Matara	110.00	108.40	104.25	109.50	107.00	108.56	109.40	112.00	107.50	110.00	116.40	133.75	111.40
	Anuradhapura	101.38	100.29	96.55	94.60	100.90	105.17	102.00	100.30	96.86	109.50	122.80	133.29	105.30
<b>Beans</b>	Colombo	241.82	192.86	227.14	193.33	226.15	288.33	235.00	274.21	210.00	290.67	349.50	455.00	265.33
	Kandy	196.00	193.75	195.71	131.43	143.08	227.27	202.50	186.00	195.00	260.00	293.33	351.43	214.63
	Matara	223.33	203.75	188.57	177.50	220.00	268.00	227.50	263.33	185.00	240.00	373.33	425.00	249.61
	Anuradhapura	200.00	234.29	243.64	212.00	156.00	173.33	200.00	323.33	237.14	312.50	344.00	409.29	253.79
<b>Cabbage</b>	Colombo	123.64	158.57	177.86	180.67	179.49	227.27	200.00	220.00	191.25	204.00	263.00	430.00	212.98
	Kandy	80.00	90.00	108.57	115.71	106.15	174.29	154.29	135.00	153.33	135.00	168.89	316.00	144.77
	Matara	123.33	145.75	141.43	147.50	170.00	208.00	212.50	208.89	182.50	192.50	286.67	387.50	200.55
	Anuradhapura	87.50	111.43	140.73	128.00	128.00	153.33	160.00	184.00	180.00	182.50	259.00	524.29	186.56
<b>Brinjals</b>	Colombo	189.09	235.71	131.43	204.67	191.35	239.17	198.75	230.00	210.63	242.67	279.00	380.00	227.71
	Kandy	130.00	171.43	97.86	98.33	110.77	177.78	140.00	162.00	200.00	210.00	211.00	305.00	167.85
	Matara	166.67	176.25	110.00	145.00	148.89	184.00	177.50	180.00	160.00	175.00	268.89	320.00	184.35
	Anuradhapura	147.50	204.29	118.18	136.00	116.00	153.33	160.00	201.11	153.75	207.50	300.50	381.43	189.97
<b>Pumpkins</b>	Colombo	201.00	214.29	148.57	140.00	116.76	140.00	165.00	170.53	156.25	134.67	125.26	127.27	153.30
	Kandy	165.00	160.00	102.86	91.43	84.62	110.00	127.50	125.71	122.00	80.00	81.00	87.50	111.47
	Matara	170.00	205.00	145.71	150.00	120.00	110.00	130.00	168.89	158.75	130.00	111.11	101.25	141.73
	Anuradhapura	175.00	188.57	118.18	112.00	105.00	113.33	140.00	150.00	113.75	77.50	92.00	82.86	122.35
<b>Red Onion</b>	Colombo	621.00	529.50	309.09	350.00	396.19	390.00	368.75	340.00	318.89	337.78	345.63	371.67	389.87
	Kandy	450.00	432.50	n.a.	n.a.	440.00	436.00	393.33	321.67	352.00	332.00	337.86	295.00	379.04
	Matara	550.00	663.33	324.00	375.00	372.22	433.33	378.00	356.00	310.00	293.75	290.00	334.29	389.99
	Anuradhapura	570.00	576.67	320.00	368.00	364.00	450.00	n.a.	278.57	243.75	266.25	284.00	291.43	364.79
<b>Big Onion <sup>(a)</sup></b>	Colombo	126.44	136.37	138.27	108.57	117.71	125.25	120.94	127.08	142.87	167.86	200.67	217.52	144.13
	Kandy	103.00	118.13	108.57	92.50	109.33	120.56	106.88	118.75	140.63	191.43	190.70	218.79	134.94
	Matara	130.00	136.25	203.64	93.13	101.07	108.00	111.25	127.00	137.92	149.64	205.21	205.63	142.39
	Anuradhapura	145.63	114.29	89.55	85.13	90.00	126.67	112.50	109.72	124.58	160.83	192.00	243.93	132.90
<b>Potatoes</b>	Colombo	207.27	182.86	171.07	173.08	200.00	200.00	216.88	240.00	206.88	190.67	246.00	280.42	209.59
	Kandy	240.00	179.17	135.00	138.13	152.35	171.00	173.57	205.00	225.00	192.00	192.00	288.57	190.98
	Matara	223.33	185.00	158.57	151.25	187.50	195.00	196.25	208.00	227.50	200.00	251.11	272.50	204.67
	Anuradhapura	244.00	211.67	197.00	176.00	184.00	210.00	205.00	231.00	190.00	180.00	220.00	246.67	207.94
<b>Dried Chillies</b>	Colombo	581.82	571.79	570.18	571.00	579.14	590.00	588.75	605.75	588.75	594.00	593.75	661.67	591.38
	Kandy	566.00	576.25	581.54	588.75	598.67	575.71	578.33	558.00	580.00	555.00	589.29	607.50	579.59
	Matara	565.00	568.75	577.14	576.25	598.89	624.50	613.75	618.00	637.50	600.00	608.89	648.75	603.12
	Anuradhapura	546.25	560.00	565.00	566.00	580.00	581.67	570.00	556.00	582.50	575.00	566.50	654.29	575.27
<b>Kelawalla</b>	Colombo	1,004.00	997.14	1,077.86	1,132.86	1,202.65	1,298.67	1,235.38	1,166.11	1,200.00	1,268.00	1,380.00	1,425.00	1,198.97
	Kandy	960.00	927.50	775.56	892.00	1,007.50	756.67	977.14	1,032.00	1,026.67	750.00	1,041.43	1,344.29	957.56
	Matara	1,083.33	1,100.00	1,142.86	1,080.00	1,122.22	987.50	1,118.75	1,083.33	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,237.50	1,431.25	1,148.90
	Anuradhapura	948.75	1,164.29	1,166.36	1,170.00	1,180.00	1,275.00	1,175.00	1,107.00	1,242.86	1,331.25	1,240.00	1,495.71	1,208.02
<b>Hurulla</b>	Colombo	542.22	557.69	561.25	585.00	620.61	604.62	616.00	632.73	565.00	536.43	572.63	560.00	579.51
	Kandy	530.00	580.00	491.54	618.57	620.00	600.00	568.33	580.00	n.a.	472.86	566.67	574.29	563.84
	Matara	546.67	575.71	546.43	571.43	548.00	533.33	604.00	525.00	506.25	542.50	591.67	578.33	555.78
	Anuradhapura	362.50	366.67	369.29	362.50	403.00	366.25	377.50	476.00	432.50	458.75	600.00	589.00	430.33
<b>Eggs (Farm) (each)</b>	Colombo	15.55	17.50	16.32	15.63	15.28	16.50	18.25	18.85	18.75	18.73	20.20	23.67	17.94
	Kandy	16.00	17.50	17.36	16.13	15.12	17.11	18.25	19.00	19.13	19.13	20.30	24.75	18.31
	Matara	15.83	16.13	16.64	15.50	15.00	17.80	18.94	19.33	18.88	18.38	19.78	22.50	17.89
	Anuradhapura	16.38	17.29	16.18	15.10	15.40	16.33	18.50	19.00	18.86	17.88	20.40	24.86	18.01
<b>Coconut (each)</b>	Colombo	102.73	100.00	94.64	85.33	83.33	83.96	71.88	71.50	73.13	75.67	81.00	86.25	84.12
	Kandy	91.00	93.13	91.07	85.63	84.41	83.64	73.13	72.50	72.50	71.25	76.00	79.38	81.13
	Matara	101.67	106.88	105.71	98.75	102.50	99.00	71.88	68.50	68.75	70.63	74.44	80.63	87.44
	Anuradhapura	78.13	77.86	71.36	77.00	70.00	68.33	56.25	60.00	52.50	55.63	63.50	70.71	66.77

(a) Average of local and imported  
n.a. - not available

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.10

Retail Prices of Selected Food Items in Selected Districts 2022

Rs. per kg

Item	District	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
<b>Samba Rice</b>	Colombo	172.00	170.83	183.58	218.18	230.00	240.00	236.25	235.00	233.75	234.25	232.50	234.00	218.36
	Kandy	174.44	172.86	183.57	218.75	229.80	261.38	264.38	251.00	240.00	235.11	230.88	227.00	224.10
	Matara	183.33	220.00	177.50	220.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	270.00	258.75	245.00	244.38	245.00	229.33
	Anuradhapura	172.50	173.75	185.71	228.75	235.50	250.80	242.00	230.00	235.00	236.25	233.75	233.75	221.48
<b>Kekulu Rice</b>	Colombo	148.67	160.83	172.50	207.27	214.33	221.00	218.13	226.54	217.81	216.25	213.75	213.21	202.52
	Kandy	153.20	156.88	170.00	201.25	208.70	247.75	249.63	230.00	224.00	214.33	211.63	209.25	206.38
	Matara	153.33	158.33	175.00	197.50	n.a.	300.00	n.a.	200.00	203.75	205.00	209.00	204.71	200.66
	Anuradhapura	153.33	155.00	164.17	189.88	196.50	208.75	216.25	209.50	204.38	205.00	203.75	204.29	192.57
<b>Beans</b>	Colombo	381.87	300.73	245.00	318.18	576.00	706.67	550.00	504.29	488.75	460.50	485.00	456.00	456.08
	Kandy	334.00	248.75	215.00	270.00	470.00	574.29	364.00	395.56	442.50	365.71	367.50	438.75	373.84
	Matara	387.50	248.57	254.29	294.29	408.00	600.00	470.00	500.00	480.00	457.00	471.25	537.50	425.70
	Anuradhapura	382.50	290.00	297.14	390.00	551.80	670.00	508.75	500.00	483.75	426.67	476.25	400.00	448.07
<b>Cabbage</b>	Colombo	346.67	265.00	175.67	181.82	268.00	458.33	423.33	373.33	431.25	355.79	330.00	292.00	325.10
	Kandy	257.78	197.50	140.00	145.00	168.75	313.33	323.33	386.67	388.57	282.50	248.75	218.75	255.91
	Matara	327.50	195.71	194.29	208.57	272.00	430.00	385.00	408.57	465.00	392.00	341.25	267.50	323.95
	Anuradhapura	362.00	248.75	157.14	120.00	240.00	363.50	382.86	411.11	437.50	361.11	327.50	272.50	307.00
<b>Brinjals</b>	Colombo	342.67	271.67	231.67	292.73	421.43	406.67	423.33	397.33	412.50	435.00	448.75	376.00	371.64
	Kandy	292.00	262.50	217.50	261.14	314.00	400.00	375.00	414.00	377.50	317.78	340.00	310.00	323.45
	Matara	272.50	191.43	188.57	214.29	344.00	330.00	290.00	423.33	335.00	390.00	385.00	280.00	303.68
	Anuradhapura	358.00	265.00	248.57	275.00	330.00	372.50	307.14	351.00	390.00	340.89	385.00	300.00	326.93
<b>Pumpkins</b>	Colombo	169.33	241.67	205.00	154.55	195.71	256.36	318.33	243.57	248.75	274.00	232.50	192.00	227.65
	Kandy	138.00	195.00	157.50	97.50	146.00	205.00	251.43	202.00	205.00	222.22	205.71	157.50	181.91
	Matara	162.50	195.71	205.71	182.86	180.00	252.50	230.00	245.71	182.50	235.00	191.43	190.00	204.49
	Anuradhapura	135.00	205.71	171.43	126.25	128.00	247.50	277.14	222.00	244.29	263.33	212.50	177.14	200.86
<b>Red Onion</b>	Colombo	417.86	445.00	333.64	386.00	336.67	518.89	477.50	444.00	460.00	507.78	656.67	690.00	472.83
	Kandy	450.00	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	440.00	440.00	445.00	545.71	622.50	662.86	515.15
	Matara	361.00	443.33	350.00	392.00	430.00	492.50	487.50	450.00	467.50	446.00	630.00	653.33	466.93
	Anuradhapura	322.86	360.00	330.00	385.00	425.71	503.33	495.00	388.00	423.33	516.67	728.57	676.00	462.87
<b>Big Onion <sup>(a)</sup></b>	Colombo	211.75	181.88	184.25	247.58	212.25	240.00	236.00	200.33	195.33	228.05	278.21	233.00	220.72
	Kandy	233.75	161.88	189.06	223.13	200.00	218.75	207.50	179.00	167.50	232.50	272.50	208.21	207.81
	Matara	210.63	178.33	161.43	228.33	244.00	270.00	250.00	186.07	173.13	236.25	291.33	199.36	219.07
	Anuradhapura	215.28	176.25	167.50	244.58	201.57	210.50	221.50	198.93	171.43	223.61	272.71	208.50	209.36
<b>Potatoes</b>	Colombo	256.67	285.83	251.67	302.00	309.33	374.17	441.82	402.67	430.71	406.11	424.29	400.00	357.11
	Kandy	255.50	300.00	237.14	221.43	262.86	321.25	345.00	350.00	388.75	373.33	388.75	436.00	323.33
	Matara	237.50	217.14	230.00	271.43	260.00	307.50	362.50	394.29	385.00	372.50	424.00	425.71	323.96
	Anuradhapura	219.00	200.00	182.86	267.50	301.00	327.50	306.25	304.00	367.50	355.56	370.00	380.63	298.48
<b>Dried Chillies</b>	Colombo	770.67	1,015.00	1,169.17	1,627.27	1,590.00	1,913.64	2,033.33	1,800.00	1,728.13	1,761.50	1,817.50	1,761.43	1,582.30
	Kandy	740.56	964.29	1,141.25	1,468.57	1,577.27	1,893.75	1,918.75	1,756.00	1,712.50	1,715.56	1,681.25	1,703.75	1,522.79
	Matara	802.50	990.00	1,093.57	1,587.50	1,680.00	2,125.00	2,165.00	1,678.57	1,725.00	1,748.89	1,717.50	1,760.00	1,589.46
	Anuradhapura	740.00	912.50	1,053.57	1,412.50	1,690.00	1,987.50	1,988.75	1,914.20	1,762.50	1,643.33	1,637.50	1,581.25	1,526.97
<b>Kelawalla</b>	Colombo	1,472.67	1,540.00	1,565.45	1,692.73	1,815.71	2,284.00	2,506.67	2,618.57	2,687.50	2,457.78	2,218.67	2,053.33	2,076.09
	Kandy	1,462.22	1,342.50	1,387.50	1,210.00	1,588.57	1,712.50	1,500.00	1,884.00	1,852.00	1,606.00	1,663.00	1,537.50	1,562.15
	Matara	1,425.00	1,400.00	1,350.00	1,416.67	1,320.00	2,800.00	2,500.00	2,357.14	2,325.00	1,878.57	1,528.57	1,400.00	1,808.41
	Anuradhapura	1,281.25	1,385.71	1,442.86	1,631.25	1,783.33	2,391.67	2,128.57	2,700.00	2,625.00	2,405.56	2,064.29	1,753.75	1,966.10
<b>Hurulla</b>	Colombo	586.00	606.00	678.00	712.22	884.62	1,115.00	1,158.18	1,226.67	1,088.00	918.57	828.33	916.00	893.13
	Kandy	546.25	588.33	672.50	643.33	818.57	1,045.00	1,092.50	1,240.00	1,052.86	763.75	778.33	817.14	838.21
	Matara	503.33	640.00	682.50	703.33	700.00	1,200.00	1,050.00	1,200.00	900.00	794.44	700.00	757.50	819.26
	Anuradhapura	662.86	666.43	666.43	662.50	770.83	916.67	925.00	1,233.33	1,020.00	877.14	903.75	851.25	846.35
<b>Eggs (Farm) (each)</b>	Colombo	23.73	19.17	28.58	27.55	30.07	42.17	43.83	54.40	49.92	50.11	50.79	53.91	39.52
	Kandy	23.40	20.13	28.50	28.50	30.30	43.63	42.13	54.78	50.00	50.00	50.50	53.75	39.63
	Matara	24.75	21.00	27.86	26.86	32.20	43.25	43.25	52.50	47.50	49.00	49.71	54.43	39.36
	Anuradhapura	24.10	19.75	29.29	27.13	31.00	43.63	41.50	54.78	50.63	50.00	50.50	54.71	39.75
<b>Coconut (each)</b>	Colombo	83.67	81.25	81.67	82.73	79.00	80.83	80.83	80.33	84.33	83.25	93.13	97.67	84.06
	Kandy	78.00	75.63	80.00	86.25	85.91	85.00	85.00	85.00	82.50	80.00	82.50	93.13	83.24
	Matara	85.00	87.14	88.57	94.29	87.00	83.75	80.00	80.00	77.50	66.00	85.00	85.63	83.32
	Anuradhapura	68.50	67.50	70.00	70.00	62.50	63.75	67.50	63.00	59.38	66.11	73.13	75.63	67.25

(a) Average of local and imported  
n.a. - not available

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.11

Nominal Wage Rate Indices

1978 December = 100

Year	Workers in Wage 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	1097.7	807.7	506.4	953.3	959.6	1029.1	1001.4	805.5
1999	1116.0	829.2	559.7	977.6	959.6	1029.1	1001.4	805.5
2000	1142.7	857.2	559.7	1000.4	1031.3	1125.8	1084.7	865.1
2001	1,176.4	919.7	657.6	1049.3	1225.9	1,388.2	1,310.8	1026.8
2002	1,269.6	986.5	678.0	1126.5	1410.3	1,636.7	1,525.0	1180.1
2003	1,382.2	1009.4	678.0	1,205.2	1,410.3	1,636.7	1,525.0	1180.1
2004	1,397.7	1044.1	751.0	1,233.0	1,709.0	2,039.5	1,872.1	1,428.4
2005	1,527.4	1078.4	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	1057.1	1,648.8	3,493.4	4,172.7	3,828.4	2,740.0
2008	2,286.6	1,877.5	1370.8	2,070.4	3,749.5	4,494.7	4,116.1	2,938.6
2009	2,349.4	2,054.0	1545.8	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	9,492.0	4,061.1	2,845.1	7,469.5	-	-	-	-
2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	10,441.7	4,417.9	3,070.3	8,198.6	-	-	-	-

(a) This series was discontinued from 2018 and was replaced by Public Sector Wage Rate Index (2016=100)

(b) Provisional

Sources: Department of Labour  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.12

Average Daily Wages of Selected Activities

Rupees

Activity	Type of Labour	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Paddy</b>											
Ploughing with Ploughs	M	939	1,070	1,129	1,197	1,295	1,404	1,508	1,545	1,633	2,133
Ploughing with Mammothies	M	885	940	1,045	1,128	1,229	1,365	1,464	1,517	1,594	2,163
Sowing	M	879	931	1,041	1,134	1,237	1,340	1,465	1,516	1,584	2,115
Transplanting and Harvesting	M	818	885	970	1,073	1,150	1,298	1,412	1,484	1,532	2,053
	F	653	695	749	783	835	996	1,090	1,140	1,145	1,599
Manuring	M	850	912	1,012	1,122	1,224	1,327	1,450	1,513	1,612	2,075
Spraying	M	950	1,050	1,172	1,264	1,399	1,507	1,600	1,662	1,791	2,403
Threshing	M	916	981	1,077	1,157	1,266	1,482	1,568	1,579	1,633	2,195
Winnowing	M	857	922	1,019	1,095	1,174	1,339	1,475	1,493	1,581	2,104
	F	662	687	795	864	909	1,010	1,081	1,195	1,230	1,649
<b>Coconut</b>											
Digging Pits	M	943	1,013	1,096	1,165	1,270	1,403	1,464	1,490	1,571	2,129
Planting	M	901	954	1,024	1,108	1,202	1,312	1,419	1,485	1,567	2,096
	F	663	668	710	742	822	942	1,045	1,128	1,179	1,555
Plucking	M	1,281	1,361	1,352	1,434	1,523	1,576	1,594	1,650	1,802	2,494
Collecting Nuts	M	748	791	856	896	972	1,105	1,247	1,260	1,312	1,802
	F	581	602	646	660	703	802	888	943	992	1,357
Husking	M	1,000	1,076	1,129	1,200	1,305	1,349	1,410	1,488	1,560	2,136
<b>Tea</b>											
Preparing Land	M	759	817	888	947	1,065	1,255	1,302	1,374	1,471	1,775
Planting	M	748	805	869	937	1,073	1,243	1,271	1,324	1,396	1,733
	F	580	628	667	703	809	916	926	975	995	1,284
Manuring	M	760	820	875	953	1,085	1,268	1,334	1,338	1,389	1,732
Weeding	M	728	781	854	916	1,036	1,204	1,246	1,261	1,332	1,644
	F	570	622	671	705	798	913	923	946	1,014	1,281
Pruning	M	854	929	1,019	1,083	1,246	1,375	1,425	1,416	1,460	1,895
Plucking	M	620	637	679	703	790	847	863	864	946	1,215
	F	489	524	555	582	672	768	799	806	852	1,102
<b>Rubber</b>											
Uprooting and Cleaning	M	763	823	878	975	1,103	1,246	1,334	1,379	1,479	1,814
Planting	M	851	890	941	979	1,118	1,197	1,312	1,343	1,426	1,886
Pruning	M	816	852	888	924	1,047	1,176	1,278	1,296	1,335	1,750
Manuring	M	907	938	998	1,061	1,194	1,320	1,415	1,429	1,570	2,169
Tapping	M	653	614	610	632	707	795	825	868	936	1,268
	F	594	566	548	579	665	747	788	815	882	1,118
<b>Building Construction</b>											
Carpentry											
Master Carpenter	M	1,334	1,407	1,487	1,619	1,794	1,990	2,107	2,309	2,561	3,092
Skilled Helper	M	995	1,053	1,135	1,241	1,374	1,481	1,550	1,658	1,811	2,292
Unskilled Helper	M	811	863	933	1,017	1,122	1,190	1,271	1,373	1,474	1,863
Masonry											
Master Mason	M	1,304	1,376	1,450	1,593	1,784	1,994	2,109	2,310	2,576	3,130
Skilled Helper	M	985	1,044	1,122	1,236	1,381	1,469	1,519	1,645	1,804	2,280
Unskilled Helper	M	816	867	936	1,024	1,132	1,230	1,299	1,388	1,520	1,900

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

Minimum 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 Wage Boards <sup>(e)</sup>		
	Wage Rate Index		Wage Rate Index		Wage Rate Index		Wage Rate Index		
	Nominal	Real <sup>(f)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(f)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(f)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(f)</sup>	
2021	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
2022 <sup>(g)</sup>	January	10,435.4	185.0	4,417.9	78.3	3,070.3	54.4	8,194.4	145.3
	February	10,436.0	183.0	4,417.9	77.5	3,070.3	53.9	8,194.8	143.7
	March	10,436.2	177.7	4,417.9	75.2	3,070.3	52.3	8,194.9	139.6
	April	10,436.7	162.6	4,417.9	68.8	3,070.3	47.8	8,195.3	127.7
	May	10,438.9	150.2	4,417.9	63.6	3,070.3	44.2	8,196.7	117.9
	June	10,441.1	133.2	4,417.9	56.3	3,070.3	39.2	8,198.2	104.6
	July	10,444.1	127.5	4,417.9	53.9	3,070.3	37.5	8,200.1	100.1
	August	10,445.6	124.4	4,417.9	52.6	3,070.3	36.6	8,201.1	97.7
	September	10,446.2	119.9	4,417.9	50.7	3,070.3	35.2	8,201.5	94.1
	October	10,446.7	120.3	4,417.9	50.9	3,070.3	35.4	8,201.9	94.5
	November	10,446.8	120.9	4,417.9	51.1	3,070.3	35.5	8,201.9	94.9
	December	10,446.6	120.6	4,417.9	51.0	3,070.3	35.5	8,201.8	94.7

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

Sources: Department of Labour  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.14

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>	
2021	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
2022 <sup>(c)</sup>	January	141.5	97.0	141.2	96.8	135.4	92.8	123.8	84.9	133.1	91.3
	February	141.5	96.0	141.2	95.7	135.4	91.8	123.8	84.0	133.1	90.3
	March	141.5	93.3	141.2	93.0	135.4	89.2	123.8	81.6	133.1	87.7
	April	141.5	84.6	141.2	84.4	135.4	81.0	123.8	74.0	133.1	79.6
	May	141.5	77.2	141.2	77.0	135.4	73.8	123.8	67.5	133.1	72.6
	June	141.5	69.6	141.2	69.4	135.4	66.6	123.8	60.9	133.1	65.4
	July	141.5	65.9	141.2	65.7	135.4	63.0	123.8	57.7	133.1	62.0
	August	141.5	64.3	141.2	64.2	135.4	61.5	123.8	56.3	133.1	60.5
	September	141.5	62.9	141.2	62.7	135.4	60.1	123.8	55.0	133.1	59.1
	October	141.5	62.7	141.2	62.5	135.4	60.0	123.8	54.9	133.1	59.0
	November	141.5	62.8	141.2	62.7	135.4	60.1	123.8	55.0	133.1	59.1
	December	141.5	62.8	141.2	62.7	135.4	60.1	123.8	55.0	133.1	59.1

(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.

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

(c) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Table 3.15

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

2018 = 100

Period	Agriculture		Industry		Services		Informal Private Sector		
	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	Nominal	Real <sup>(b)</sup>	
2021	January	114.4	100.8	119.7	105.5	113.2	99.7	117.0	103.0
	February	113.4	99.4	119.8	105.0	113.5	99.5	116.8	102.4
	March	112.9	99.5	120.2	105.9	115.8	102.0	117.4	103.4
	April	114.5	100.8	123.2	108.4	115.8	101.9	119.4	105.1
	May	114.3	99.7	122.7	106.9	114.2	99.6	118.7	103.5
	June	115.4	99.2	123.8	106.4	115.8	99.5	120.0	103.1
	July	116.0	99.1	124.4	106.2	116.4	99.4	120.5	102.9
	August	116.2	98.9	124.9	106.3	118.9	101.1	121.3	103.3
	September	121.6	103.2	133.0	112.9	124.2	105.4	128.2	108.8
	October	124.4	103.4	135.8	112.9	126.8	105.4	130.9	108.8
	November	127.1	102.4	138.1	111.3	128.4	103.5	133.2	107.4
	December	130.3	101.3	138.9	108.0	127.0	98.7	134.2	104.3
2022 <sup>(c)</sup>	January	133.0	100.3	141.5	106.7	130.0	98.1	136.9	103.2
	February	133.4	99.5	141.2	105.3	130.3	97.2	136.9	102.1
	March	136.6	99.0	149.3	108.2	137.7	99.8	143.5	104.0
	April	142.6	93.8	151.5	99.6	143.6	94.5	147.5	97.0
	May	146.6	88.0	152.9	91.7	147.3	88.3	150.1	90.0
	June	146.0	79.0	155.5	84.1	151.0	81.6	152.1	82.2
	July	150.3	77.0	158.7	81.3	156.4	80.1	156.0	79.9
	August	160.4	80.2	160.8	80.4	159.1	79.5	160.3	80.1
	September	162.1	79.2	160.6	78.5	160.5	78.4	161.0	78.7
	October	165.9	80.8	165.6	80.7	163.8	79.8	165.3	80.6
	November	167.6	81.9	163.8	80.0	163.6	79.9	164.8	80.5
	December	167.6	81.9	165.0	80.6	164.7	80.4	165.6	80.9

(a) Informal private sector wage rate index was rebased to 2018 (from 2012) in order to capture the recent changes occurred in the informal sector wages and the employment structure. The index numbers are calculated using wages data of informal private sector collected through Country Wide Data Collection System. Base period employment structure was derived from the Quarterly Labour Force Survey conducted by the DCS in 2018.

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

(c) Provisional

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.16

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

Rupees

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
<b>Agriculture</b>														
<b>Tea</b>	Preparing Land	Male	1,436	1,430	1,393	1,386	1,479	1,481	1,450	1,482	1,583	1,563	1,614	1,586
	Plucking	Male	881	896	937	978	938	930	950	964	945	955	1,038	1,035
		Female	811	820	822	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	895	900	883	888	950	970	972	965	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	1,491	1,509	1,531	1,554	1,513	1,527	1,554	1,710	1,753	1,796	1,779
	Plucking with Sticks	Male	1,630	1,608	1,752	1,800	1,830	1,772	1,807	1,780	1,925	1,945	2,050	2,000
<b>Paddy</b>	Ploughing with Mammothies	Male	1,516	1,508	1,552	1,588	1,556	1,503	1,516	1,568	1,631	1,756	1,797	1,774
	Transplanting and	Male	1,445	1,482	1,495	1,514	1,524	1,483	1,508	1,502	1,593	1,683	1,665	1,730
	Harvesting	Female	1,060	1,093	1,122	1,069	1,067	1,175	1,200	1,200	1,288	1,274	1,250	1,257
<b>Housing Construction<sup>(b)</sup></b>														
<b>Carpentry</b>	Master Carpenter	Male	2,433	2,460	2,492	2,494	2,535	2,571	2,549	2,531	2,702	2,734	2,756	2,814
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,720	1,730	1,728	1,768	1,791	1,797	1,782	1,795	1,980	1,940	1,975	2,019
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,427	1,433	1,396	1,446	1,449	1,489	1,449	1,426	1,536	1,549	1,609	1,652
<b>Masonry</b>	Master Mason	Male	2,444	2,458	2,501	2,511	2,548	2,556	2,551	2,553	2,731	2,791	2,805	2,852
	Skilled Helper	Male	1,711	1,692	1,668	1,746	1,785	1,813	1,805	1,799	1,942	1,983	1,995	2,040
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,469	1,466	1,452	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.  
 (b) Wages in the construction sector are paid on daily payment basis.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.17

All Island Average Wages in the Informal Private Sector<sup>(a)</sup> 2022<sup>(b)</sup>

Rupees

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
<b>Agriculture</b>														
<b>Tea</b>	Preparing Land	Male	1,608	1,690	1,545	1,700	1,708	1,842	1,804	1,843	1,896	1,890	1,846	1,846
	Plucking	Male	1,040	1,050	1,078	1,175	1,189	1,171	1,129	1,400	1,359	1,208	1,340	1,370
		Female	936	969	992	1,054	1,059	1,046	1,127	1,190	1,195	1,189	1,200	1,217
<b>Rubber</b>	Planting	Male	1,500	1,717	1,720	1,883	1,829	1,829	1,917	2,033	1,900	2,063	2,056	2,071
	Tapping	Male	1,013	1,144	1,188	1,188	1,250	1,306	1,406	1,329	1,375	1,300	1,300	1,413
		Female	925	1,063	1,063	1,075	1,125	1,163	1,225	1,143	1,188	1,117	1,130	1,200
<b>Coconut</b>	Digging Pits	Male	1,850	1,878	1,895	2,022	2,039	2,110	2,193	2,148	2,302	2,340	2,356	2,356
	Plucking with Sticks	Male	2,056	2,187	2,106	2,273	2,317	2,546	2,568	2,526	2,843	2,834	2,785	2,890
<b>Paddy</b>	Ploughing with Mammothies	Male	1,853	1,869	1,888	2,064	2,080	2,129	2,312	2,262	2,278	2,364	2,377	2,356
	Transplanting and	Male	1,796	1,824	1,893	1,954	1,961	2,007	2,054	2,158	2,230	2,277	2,238	2,178
	Harvesting	Female	1,352	1,369	1,539	1,525	1,529	1,622	1,675	1,759	1,741	1,755	1,650	1,682
<b>Housing Construction<sup>(c)</sup></b>														
<b>Carpentry</b>	Master Carpenter	Male	2,868	2,875	2,912	2,992	3,026	3,110	3,107	3,164	3,187	3,301	3,258	3,291
	Skilled Helper	Male	2,062	2,096	2,177	2,225	2,273	2,289	2,348	2,384	2,377	2,436	2,402	2,425
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,735	1,701	1,792	1,811	1,830	1,878	1,929	1,936	1,914	1,915	1,959	1,962
<b>Masonry</b>	Master Mason	Male	2,878	2,888	2,974	3,031	3,071	3,167	3,199	3,187	3,206	3,336	3,288	3,317
	Skilled Helper	Male	2,103	2,042	2,168	2,204	2,247	2,279	2,346	2,412	2,351	2,419	2,356	2,423
	Unskilled Helper	Male	1,704	1,690	1,854	1,870	1,851	1,907	1,979	1,973	1,952	2,000	2,035	1,991

(a) Daily wages represent payments in cash where meals are not provided by the employer.  
 (b) Provisional  
 (c) Wages in the construction sector are paid on daily payment basis

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 3.18

Cost Indices for Construction

1990 = 100

Year	Quarter	Modern Housing	Semi Permanent Housing	All Housing	Non-Residential Building	All Civil Works	All Construction
2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	547.6	826.9	564.9	527.2	479.1	524.7
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	569.9	850.2	587.2	550.3	505.0	548.6
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	583.9	861.4	601.1	561.4	513.5	559.9
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	601.6	871.0	618.3	573.9	515.2	570.2
2013	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	616.4	899.5	633.9	587.2	524.8	583.1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	622.2	924.2	640.9	591.4	526.6	587.6
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	630.7	941.9	650.0	598.5	530.8	594.4
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	633.7	943.7	652.9	600.9	532.1	596.6
2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	638.0	948.2	657.2	604.9	534.0	599.9
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	644.7	957.9	664.1	610.7	537.9	605.5
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	645.4	983.6	666.7	611.4	538.6	606.9
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	646.8	986.4	667.9	611.4	538.6	607.4
2015	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	654.7	993.6	675.8	615.8	538.8	611.7
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	662.7	1036.7	685.9	621.5	542.2	618.4
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	672.8	1040.5	695.6	628.3	544.2	624.6
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	681.4	1051.4	704.3	634.1	546.5	630.3
2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	692.7	1061.4	715.5	641.7	528.8	629.8
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	711.9	1,075.5	734.4	654.9	531.6	641.5
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	720.9	1,085.1	743.4	661.2	536.0	648.2
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	728.2	1,093.5	750.9	667.2	540.1	654.1
2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	738.2	1,107.3	761.1	675.3	546.0	662.2
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	746.7	1,120.7	769.9	682.5	562.0	673.4
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	754.6	1,139.2	778.4	692.4	570.1	682.1
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	764.7	1,148.6	788.5	701.3	575.6	690.2
2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	773.5	1,156.9	797.3	707.9	581.6	697.4
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	780.0	1,161.9	803.6	713.9	587.4	703.5
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	784.6	1,169.9	808.5	719.8	595.0	709.6
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	787.2	1,171.3	811.0	722.6	600.9	713.5
2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	804.1	1,186.3	827.8	740.4	614.7	729.3
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	814.5	1,191.7	837.9	748.9	619.1	737.0
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	816.4	1,193.1	839.7	750.4	620.4	738.5
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	828.2	1,201.5	851.3	760.0	626.0	747.4
2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	839.7	1,216.8	863.1	771.6	632.2	757.1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	838.1	1,216.1	861.6	772.7	634.5	757.5
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	841.5	1,223.0	865.1	779.7	641.2	763.0
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	844.6	1231.3	868.5	782.3	646.1	766.8
2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	859.4	1,245.2	883.4	796.0	662.5	782.0
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	891.3	1,269.1	914.7	825.8	685.1	809.7
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	938.0	1,318.4	961.6	884.4	751.4	866.3
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	1,028.0	1,362.6	1,048.7	972.4	822.0	947.3
2022	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	1,121.0	1,391.7	1,137.8	1,062.3	880.3	1,024.9
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	1,513.9	1,644.0	1,522.0	1,575.2	1,327.1	1,458.6
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	1,783.7	1,930.6	1,792.8	1,758.9	1,490.4	1,671.1
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	1,700.7	1,878.6	1,711.8	1,641.2	1,412.1	1,583.8

Source: Construction Industry Development Authority

Table 3.19

Population by District and Sector

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 3.20

Population by Religion and Ethnicity

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	6.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	
1921	4,498.6	61.6	21.8	6.7	9.9	...	67.1	11.5	6.3	0.7	0.3	0.8	
1931	5,306.9	61.6	22.0	6.7	9.8	...	65.4	11.3	6.1	0.6	0.3	0.8	
1946	6,657.3	64.5	19.8	6.6	9.1	...	69.4	11.0	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	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	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	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	0.2	
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

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Table 3.21

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
Killinochchi	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
Total	20,359.4	70.1	12.6	9.7	6.2	1.4	0.0	74.9	11.2	4.1	9.3	0.5

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

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Table 3.22

Mid Year Population by Age Group <sup>(a)</sup>

Thousands

Age Group	2014		2015		2016		2017 <sup>(b)</sup>		2018 <sup>(b)</sup>		2019 <sup>(b)</sup>		2020 <sup>(b)</sup>		2021 <sup>(b)</sup>		2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 4	898	883	907	891	917	901	927	912	938	921	943	928	949	932	959	943	960	945
5 - 9	900	884	909	892	920	902	930	913	940	923	946	928	951	934	962	944	963	945
10 - 14	846	828	854	836	864	845	874	855	884	864	889	870	894	874	904	884	905	885
15 - 19	837	841	845	849	854	859	864	869	873	879	879	884	884	889	894	899	895	900
20 - 24	757	807	764	814	773	824	782	832	790	842	795	847	799	852	808	861	809	862
25 - 29	759	826	766	834	774	843	783	853	791	862	796	867	800	872	809	881	810	882
30 - 34	813	860	821	868	830	878	839	888	848	897	854	902	858	907	867	917	868	918
35 - 39	700	738	706	745	715	753	723	761	730	769	734	774	738	778	746	787	747	787
40 - 44	675	712	681	719	689	727	697	734	704	742	708	747	712	750	720	758	720	759
45 - 49	631	681	637	687	644	695	651	703	658	710	662	715	665	719	672	726	673	727
50 - 54	593	651	599	657	605	665	612	672	618	679	622	683	626	686	632	694	633	694
55 - 59	511	575	516	580	522	587	527	593	533	599	536	603	539	605	544	612	545	613
60 - 64	434	503	438	507	443	513	448	518	452	523	455	526	457	529	462	534	463	535
65 - 69	290	356	292	360	295	364	298	368	301	371	303	373	305	375	308	379	308	379
70 - 74	186	235	187	237	189	240	191	242	193	245	194	246	195	248	197	250	198	250
75 & over	229	339	231	341	234	345	236	349	239	352	240	354	241	356	243	360	243	360
<b>Total</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>10,740</b>	<b>11,441</b>
<b>Total Population</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>		<b>22,181</b>	

M – Male F – Female

Source: Registrar General's Department

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

(b) Provisional

Table 3.23

Mid Year Population by Province and District

Thousands

Province / District	2001 <sup>(a)</sup>	2012 <sup>(b)</sup>	2014 <sup>(b)</sup>	2015 <sup>(b)</sup>	2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	2017 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2018 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2019 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2020 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2021 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2022 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>
<b>Western</b>	<b>5,381</b>	<b>5,865</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>	<b>6,209</b>
Colombo	2,251	2,330	2,353	2,367	2,387	2,419	2,439	2,448	2,455	2,480	2,478
Gampaha	2,064	2,310	2,339	2,355	2,373	2,391	2,409	2,417	2,423	2,443	2,439
Kalutara	1,066	1,225	1,242	1,252	1,263	1,271	1,281	1,284	1,287	1,296	1,292
<b>Central</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>2,582</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>	<b>2,812</b>
Kandy	1,279	1,381	1,404	1,417	1,434	1,452	1,468	1,476	1,483	1,501	1,499
Matale	441	486	496	501	508	514	519	522	525	530	530
Nuwara Eliya	704	715	733	741	749	756	763	768	773	780	783
<b>Southern</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,485</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>	<b>2,702</b>
Galle	991	1,066	1,083	1,092	1,104	1,113	1,124	1,130	1,135	1,147	1,147
Matara	761	817	832	840	848	851	858	863	866	873	874
Hambantota	526	602	618	625	634	647	655	661	668	676	681
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>1,065</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>	<b>1,173</b>
Jaffna	491	585	593	596	600	608	613	617	621	626	629
Kilinochchi	127	114	118	119	120	124	126	129	130	133	135
Mannar	152	100	102	103	105	107	109	111	112	114	115
Vavuniya	150	173	178	181	183	184	187	189	191	194	195
Mullaitivu	121	93	95	96	97	96	96	97	98	98	99
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>1,561</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>	<b>1,788</b>
Batticaloa	486	528	535	541	551	560	570	575	579	590	590
Ampara	593	652	666	674	686	705	719	728	736	752	754
Trincomalee	340	381	391	396	404	412	421	426	431	441	444
<b>North Western</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,389</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>	<b>2,592</b>
Kurunegala	1,460	1,624	1,647	1,661	1,680	1,694	1,711	1,719	1,726	1,743	1,742
Puttalam	710	765	778	786	797	814	825	832	837	849	850
<b>North Central</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>1,272</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>	<b>1,406</b>
Anuradhapura	745	864	886	896	909	918	930	937	943	954	957
Polonnaruwa	359	408	416	422	428	431	436	440	443	448	449
<b>Uva</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,271</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>	<b>1,408</b>
Badulla	780	818	836	846	857	864	873	880	886	895	899
Moneragala	398	453	467	475	483	485	491	496	501	505	509
<b>Sabaragamuwa</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,935</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>	<b>2,091</b>
Ratnapura	1,016	1,092	1,114	1,125	1,138	1,151	1,163	1,171	1,179	1,190	1,193
Kegalle	786	843	856	863	871	877	884	887	891	898	898
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,797</b>	<b>20,425</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>	<b>22,181</b>

(a) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2001  
 (b) Based on Census of Population and Housing – 2012  
 (c) Provisional

Source: Registrar General's Department

Table 3.24

Population Density

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	
					2021 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2022 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2021 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	2022 <sup>(b)(c)</sup>
<b>Western</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>6,209</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>1,728</b>
Colombo	699	23	15	676	2,480	2,478	3,669	3,666
Gampaha	1,387	46	14	1,341	2,443	2,439	1,822	1,819
Kalutara	1,598	22	166	1,576	1,296	1,292	822	820
<b>Central</b>	<b>5,674</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>5,575</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>2,812</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>504</b>
Kandy	1,940	23	317	1,917	1,501	1,499	783	782
Matale	1,993	41	599	1,952	530	530	272	272
Nuwara Eliya	1,741	35	486	1,706	780	783	457	459
<b>Southern</b>	<b>5,544</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>5,383</b>	<b>2,696</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>502</b>
Galle	1,652	35	236	1,617	1,147	1,147	709	709
Matara	1,283	13	187	1,270	873	874	687	688
Hambantota	2,609	113	509	2,496	676	681	271	273
<b>Northern</b>	<b>8,884</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>8,290</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>141</b>
Jaffna	1,025	96	3	929	626	629	674	677
Kilinochchi	1,279	74	351	1,205	133	135	110	72
Mannar	1,996	116	1,024	1,880	114	115	61	62
Vavuniya	1,967	106	889	1,861	194	195	104	81
Mullaitivu	2,617	202	1,679	2,415	98	99	41	82
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>9,996</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>9,361</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>191</b>
Batticaloa	2,854	244	517	2,610	590	590	226	226
Ampara	4,415	193	1,696	4,222	752	754	178	179
Trincomalee	2,727	198	817	2,529	441	444	174	176
<b>North Western</b>	<b>7,888</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>
Kurunegala	4,816	192	185	4,624	1,743	1,742	377	377
Puttalam	3,072	190	817	2,882	849	850	295	295
<b>North Central</b>	<b>10,472</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>9,741</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>144</b>
Anuradhapura	7,179	515	1,979	6,664	954	957	143	144
Polonnaruwa	3,293	216	1,347	3,077	448	449	146	146
<b>Uva</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>8,335</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>169</b>
Badulla	2,861	34	683	2,827	895	899	317	318
Moneragala	5,639	131	1,317	5,508	505	509	92	92
<b>Sabaragamuwa</b>	<b>4,968</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>4,921</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>425</b>
Ratnapura	3,275	39	648	3,236	1,190	1,193	368	369
Kegalle	1,693	8	117	1,685	898	898	533	533
<b>All Island</b>	<b>65,610</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>16,598</b>	<b>62,705</b>	<b>22,156</b>	<b>22,181</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>354</b>

(a) Total land area excluding inland waters

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

(c) Provisional

Source: Surveyor General's Office

Registrar General's Department

Table 3.25

Vital Statistics

Item	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017 <sup>(a)</sup>	2018 <sup>(a)</sup>	2019 <sup>(a)</sup>	2020 <sup>(a)</sup>	2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>
Mid-year Population, '000 <sup>(b)</sup>	20,425	20,778	20,970	21,209	21,444	21,670	21,803	21,919	22,156	22,181
0 – 14 years	5,148	5,239	5,289	5,349	5,411	5,470	5,504	5,534	5,596	5,603
15 – 54 years	11,680	11,881	11,992	12,128	12,263	12,392	12,469	12,535	12,671	12,684
55 years & over	3,597	3,658	3,689	3,732	3,770	3,808	3,830	3,850	3,889	3,894
Mid-year Population Growth Rate, %	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.1
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000	17.6	16.8	16.0	15.6	15.2	15.1	14.6	13.8	12.9	12.4
Crude Death Rate per 1,000	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.0	7.4	8.1
Rate of Natural Increase per 1,000	11.6	10.7	9.7	9.6	8.7	8.7	8.0	7.3	5.5	5.0
Mid-year In-Migration, '000	2,496	2,875	3,252	3,652	3,730	4,038	3,498	876	599	1,603
Mid-year Out-Migration, '000	2,548	2,917	3,238	3,608	3,680	4,020	3,548	970	510	1,818
Mid-year Net Migration Rate per 1,000	-2.5	-2.0	0.7	2.1	2.3	0.7	-2.3	-4.3	4.0	-9.7
Density of Population, (Persons per sq. km)	326	331	334	338	342	346	348	350	353	354
Infant Mortality per 1,000 Live Births	8.3	7.6	8.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Provisional

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

n.a. – not available

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Registrar General's Department

Table 3.26

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

District	2015		2016		2017 <sup>(b)</sup>		2018 <sup>(b)</sup>		2019 <sup>(b)</sup>		2020 <sup>(b)</sup>		2021 <sup>(b)</sup>		2022 <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	Crude Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate
	Per 1,000 Persons															
Colombo	14.4	7.0	14.0	7.1	13.7	7.4	13.6	7.4	13.4	7.5	11.6	6.3	11.4	7.8	11.1	8.0
Gampaha	13.1	6.2	12.8	6.2	12.4	6.5	12.0	6.3	11.6	6.7	10.3	5.8	10.2	7.5	10.1	8.0
Kalutara	14.2	6.8	13.3	6.5	13.0	7.1	12.6	7.1	11.7	7.2	10.8	6.7	9.8	8.6	9.6	9.0
Kandy	17.5	7.0	16.4	6.8	15.9	7.2	15.7	7.0	15.4	7.2	14.5	6.5	12.8	7.8	12.3	8.6
Matale	17.4	6.4	16.9	6.1	14.8	6.5	14.9	6.6	14.3	6.7	13.9	6.6	12.6	7.4	12.2	8.6
Nuwara Eliya	16.5	6.3	17.0	6.1	15.2	6.1	14.1	6.2	13.6	6.5	14.4	6.2	13.2	7.4	12.0	8.1
Galle	16.4	7.6	15.9	7.1	15.2	7.7	15.6	7.6	15.2	8.1	14.3	7.2	13.2	8.2	12.4	9.6
Matara	14.2	6.6	13.9	6.3	13.3	6.5	13.3	6.6	13.1	6.8	12.2	6.2	10.8	7.1	10.1	8.4
Hambantota	19.7	5.6	19.3	5.3	17.6	5.5	17.0	5.6	16.9	5.8	16.7	5.3	15.8	6.2	14.2	7.3
Jaffna	13.6	6.9	14.1	7.3	14.9	7.4	15.4	7.2	15.4	7.8	14.1	6.9	14.0	8.7	14.2	9.2
Kilinochchi	16.9	3.1	19.5	3.6	21.8	4.1	21.0	4.0	21.9	4.4	19.9	3.7	21.0	4.8	19.7	5.5
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	18.7	5.5
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	15.5	5.6
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	11.8	4.2
Batticaloa	17.3	4.9	16.9	5.6	17.8	4.9	18.9	4.6	17.9	5.0	16.8	4.7	15.6	6.0	16.7	6.2
Ampara	20.5	4.7	20.5	4.6	20.2	4.8	22.0	4.7	21.0	5.0	20.3	4.7	17.3	6.1	18.1	6.4
Trincomalee	20.5	4.4	20.2	4.4	20.4	4.5	22.4	4.4	21.3	4.8	20.2	4.6	18.9	5.7	18.3	5.7
Kurunegala	15.4	6.7	15.2	6.3	14.6	6.9	14.8	6.9	14.4	7.3	13.1	6.5	12.3	7.8	12.0	9.1
Puttalam	18.4	5.5	17.6	5.5	17.4	5.9	17.1	5.8	16.5	6.2	15.5	5.9	14.5	7.2	14.8	7.8
Anuradhapura	17.3	5.8	17.1	5.1	16.9	6.1	16.7	5.9	15.8	6.0	15.0	5.5	13.3	6.4	12.8	7.3
Polonnaruwa	16.9	5.2	16.8	5.1	16.4	5.9	16.7	6.3	15.9	6.4	15.2	5.8	14.3	6.9	13.1	7.7
Badulla	16.2	6.1	16.8	6.2	16.6	6.3	16.6	6.3	14.6	6.3	14.9	5.7	13.8	7.5	12.8	7.8
Moneragala	18.4	4.8	17.5	4.9	17.0	5.1	17.0	5.1	15.2	5.1	14.3	4.9	13.4	5.8	12.6	6.5
Ratnapura	16.7	6.1	15.9	6.1	15.7	6.5	15.7	6.5	14.9	6.6	14.4	6.2	13.2	7.6	11.7	8.3
Kegalle	14.9	6.9	14.4	6.8	13.8	7.4	13.8	7.4	13.4	7.2	12.8	6.7	12.2	8.5	11.9	9.5
<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>14.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>

(a) Figures are based on usual residence  
(b) Provisional

Source: Registrar General's Department



Table 3.27

Labour Force<sup>(a)</sup>

Item	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Household Population '000</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>17,162</b>
<b>Labour Force '000</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>	<b>8,547</b>
Employed '000	7,700	7,831	7,948	8,208	8,015	8,181	7,999	8,114	8,148
Unemployed '000	348	383	363	359	373	411	468	440	399
<b>Labour Force Participation Rates, %</b>									
<b>By Age Groups</b>									
15 – 19	15.2	15.0	13.8	13.3	11.7	12.0	11.2	8.8	7.7
20 – 24	52.7	55.5	55.6	57.4	53.2	54.9	51.5	47.6	48.0
25 – 29	63.8	65.4	65.8	67.6	66.3	68.1	66.4	66.8	67.0
30 – 39	68.0	67.4	67.6	68.1	66.0	67.6	66.8	67.3	67.1
40 & above	53.4	54.0	54.4	54.6	52.8	52.6	51.0	50.8	51.0
All Ages (15 years & above)	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6	49.9	49.8
<b>By Sector and Sex</b>									
<b>Urban</b>									
Male	70.4	70.0	72.6	72.5	72.1	70.8	68.6	66.7	68.0
Female	29.4	30.0	30.2	31.6	30.1	32.7	28.0	29.8	29.3
Total	48.7	48.6	49.8	50.5	49.7	50.3	47.0	46.9	47.2
<b>Rural</b>									
Male	75.4	75.6	75.6	75.0	73.2	73.5	72.6	71.9	71.0
Female	35.7	37.1	37.0	37.7	34.3	34.8	32.9	32.2	32.6
Total	54.1	54.8	54.6	54.8	52.3	52.7	51.3	50.5	50.3
<b>All Island</b>									
Male	74.6	74.7	75.1	74.5	73.0	73.0	71.9	71.0	70.5
Female	34.6	35.9	35.9	36.6	33.6	34.5	32.0	31.8	32.1
Total	53.2	53.8	53.8	54.1	51.8	52.3	50.6	49.9	49.8

(a) Household population aged 15 years and above

(b) Provisional

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

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.

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 3.28

Employment<sup>(a)</sup>

Per cent

Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>By Industrial Category<sup>(c)</sup></b>										
Agriculture	30.2	28.9	28.7	27.1	26.1	25.5	25.3	27.1	27.3	26.5
Mining and Quarrying	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	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	17.3
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	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	14.0
Transport and Storage	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.5	5.9	6.0
Accommodation and Food Services Activities	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.9
Information and Communication	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9
Financial and Insurance Activities	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	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	1.1
Administrative and Support Service Activities	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.9	2.1	2.5	2.1	1.7	1.8
Public Administration and Defence Compulsory Social Security	7.4	7.7	7.7	7.7	6.4	5.4	5.3	5.6	6.0	5.6
Education	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.6	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.7
Human Health and Social Work Activities	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.1
Other <sup>(d)</sup>	4.3	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.9
<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>100.0</b>
<b>By Occupational Groups</b>										
Senior Officials and Managers	4.8	4.6	6.1	6.0	6.8	7.7	7.6	6.4	4.0	4.2
Professionals	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.8	7.0	7.4	6.6	7.1	7.3
Technicians & Associate Professionals	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.8	8.3	9.1	8.7	8.4	8.4
Clerks	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.6
Sales & Service Workers; Proprietors & Managers of Enterprises	11.0	11.7	10.9	11.2	10.0	8.8	8.7	9.5	11.7	11.1
Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers	19.4	20.3	18.6	18.1	17.1	16.3	16.8	17.2	16.1	16.1
Craft & Related Workers	17.0	17.1	16.2	16.0	16.7	16.2	16.0	15.3	14.1	14.4
Plant & Machine Operators & Assemblers	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.7	9.1	10.1	9.6
Elementary Occupations	23.1	21.2	22.6	22.6	22.4	22.9	21.5	22.9	24.7	24.6
Not Identified	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6
<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>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>By Employment Status</b>										
Public Employees	15.2	15.5	15.1	14.6	14.4	14.5	14.9	14.8	15.2	15.1
Private Employees	40.5	40.9	41.0	43.3	43.3	43.4	43.0	42.7	42.0	42.9
Employers	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.9
Own Account Workers	32.2	32.0	32.3	31.6	31.3	32.3	32.5	33.2	33.4	33.1
Unpaid Family Workers	9.1	8.9	8.4	7.8	8.0	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.6	5.9
<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>100.0</b>

(a) Household population aged 15 years and above

(b) Provisional

(c) Based on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) - Revision 4

(d) 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 3.29

Unemployment

Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>By Age Group</b>										
<b>% of Labour Force</b>										
15 – 19	18.8	21.4	24.1	27.1	21.0	26.5	26.0	31.7	25.1	27.9
20 – 29	13.1	13.6	14.2	14.2	13.5	15.0	15.3	18.1	18.3	16.3
30 – 39	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.8	3.1
40 and above	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.2
Total	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.1	4.7
<b>Percentage Distribution</b>										
15 – 19	13.7	14.2	14.5	16.1	12.8	14.1	13	13.5	8.9	9.6
20 – 24	41.0	39.8	37.4	39.7	37.7	38.9	36	39.3	42.5	37.2
25 – 29	18.1	19.3	20.5	21.1	22.2	22.5	22.8	21.5	22.3	24.4
30 – 39	15.1	15.4	15.8	13.2	14.8	15	14.3	13.8	15.2	14.1
Above 40	12.1	11.3	11.8	9.8	12.4	9.5	13.8	12	11.1	14.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>By Level of Education</b>										
<b>% of Labour Force</b>										
Grade 5 and below	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grades 6 – 10	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.9	3.3	4.0	3.4	3.4
G.C.E. (O/L)	6.0	5.9	6.4	5.8	5.9	5.2	6.5	7.2	7.1	6.2
G.C.E. (A/L) and above	8.7	8.2	9.2	8.3	8.1	9.1	8.5	9.8	9.1	7.8
Total	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.1	4.7
<b>Percentage Distribution</b>										
Grade 5 and below	3.9	3.1	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.2	2.9	2.2	1.4	1.8
Grades 6 – 10	36.5	37.7	34.4	35.4	30.3	30.5	31.4	32.6	29.5	32.1
G.C.E. (O/L)	22.1	22.4	24.4	22.1	24.7	21.4	23.9	23.5	25.0	23.6
G.C.E. (A/L) and above	37.5	36.8	38.7	39.8	41.9	45.8	41.9	41.7	44.1	42.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>By Sex, % of Labour Force</b>										
Male	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.3	4.0	3.7	3.7
Female	6.6	6.5	7.6	7.0	6.5	7.1	7.4	8.5	7.9	6.5
Total	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.5	5.1	4.7

(a) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

... - Negligible

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.

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

Table 3.30

Public Sector Employment

Category	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Government Institutions<sup>(b)</sup></b>					
Senior Level <sup>(c)</sup>	44,837	44,528	58,559	46,010	42,283
Tertiary Level <sup>(d)</sup>	30,770	31,169	35,891	36,808	30,803
Secondary level <sup>(e)</sup>	560,911	565,503	531,752	533,717	609,704
Primary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	242,653	249,356	318,295	303,667	251,856
Total	879,171	890,556	944,497	920,202	934,646
Tri Forces	256,317	250,915	251,366	261,220	247,120
State Owned Enterprises	235,145	236,293	227,253	219,838	212,117
<b>Total Public Sector</b>	<b>1,370,633</b>	<b>1,377,764</b>	<b>1,423,116</b>	<b>1,401,260</b>	<b>1,393,883</b>
<b>Percentage</b>					
<b>Government Institutions<sup>(b)</sup></b>					
Senior Level <sup>(c)</sup>	3.3	3.2	4.1	3.3	3.0
Tertiary Level <sup>(d)</sup>	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.2
Secondary level <sup>(e)</sup>	40.9	41.0	37.4	38.1	43.7
Primary Level <sup>(f)</sup>	17.7	18.1	22.4	21.7	18.1
Total	64.1	64.6	66.4	65.7	67.1
Tri Forces	18.7	18.2	17.7	18.6	17.7
State Owned Enterprises	17.2	17.2	16.0	15.7	15.2
<b>Total Public Sector</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Provisional

(b) Based on the definitions given in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006 issued on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006

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

(d) 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/ PSM Services and Para-Medical Services; and Medical Practitioners

(e) 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

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

Sources: Department of Management Services,  
Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilisation  
and National Policies

Table 3.31

Migration for Foreign Employment

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	2022 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Total Migration for Employment (No.)</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>	<b>311,056</b>
Male (No.)	190,217	172,788	160,306	139,268	129,712	122,257	32,500	81,110	186,965
%	63.3	65.6	66.0	65.7	61.4	60.2	60.5	66.3	60.1
Female (No.)	110,486	90,655	82,510	72,724	81,499	80,830	21,211	41,154	124,091
%	36.7	34.4	34.0	34.3	38.6	39.8	39.5	33.7	39.9
Average No. of Migrant travellers for employment per day	824	722	665	581	579	557	147	335	852
Migration for employment as a % of all departures	22.9	19.4	16.8	15.0	14.0	14.1	17.1	35.5	34.8
Migrant Employment by skills (%)									
Professional	1.8	2.4	2.7	3.0	4.3	4.9	5.5	6.8	4.6
Middle level	6.9	2.6	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.5	2.6
Clerical & related	9.7	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	5.3	3.9
Skilled Labour	25.7	32.8	33.1	34.1	33.0	32.3	32.5	34.5	31.1
Unskilled Labour	26.4	29.6	29.5	28.8	24.5	25.2	26.0	25.9	33.9
Housemaids	29.5	27.8	26.8	26.4	30.7	30.3	28.5	24.0	23.8
Migrant remittances (Rs. mn)									
Middle-East	509,487	512,437	566,260	565,642	582,719	618,394	680,892	560,989	640,030
Other	406,857	436,520	488,229	526,330	555,405	582,372	636,115	526,199	612,474
Middle-East remittances as a % of total remittances	55.6	54.0	53.7	51.8	51.2	51.5	51.7	51.6	51.1
Total remittances as a % of export earnings	63.1	66.2	70.2	63.1	59.0	56.3	70.7	43.9	28.9

(a) Revised  
(b) Provisional

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

Table 3.32

Departures for Foreign Employment by Country

Country	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022(a)		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Middle Eastern Countries</b>																			
Bahrain	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	3,370	1.08	
Jordan	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	5,997	1.80	
Kuwait	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	79,123	25.44	
Lebanon	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	1,284	0.41	
Oman	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	10,669	3.43	
Qatar	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	71,954	23.13	
Saudi Arabia	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	53,902	17.33	
UAE	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	35,563	11.43	
<b>South East Asian Countries</b>																			
Brunei	12	0.00	9	0.00	14	0.01	9	0.00	8	0.00	17	0.01	3	0.01	4	0.00	17	0.01	
Hong Kong	468	0.16	493	0.19	574	0.24	636	0.30	582	0.28	624	0.31	217	0.40	127	0.10	511	0.16	
Malaysia	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	1,941	0.62	
Singapore	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	3,007	0.97	
South Korea	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	9,394	3.02	
<b>European Countries</b>																			
Cyprus	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	2,964	0.95	
Greece	31	0.01	14	0.01	31	0.01	40	0.02	29	0.01	28	0.01	7	0.01	13	0.01	40	0.01	
Italy	48	0.02	78	0.03	72	0.03	37	0.02	34	0.02	72	0.04	25	0.05	33	0.03	36	0.01	
<b>Other Countries</b>																			
Maldives	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	9,916	3.19	
Mauritius	149	0.05	196	0.07	250	0.10	140	0.07	195	0.09	91	0.04	31	0.06	-	-	247	0.08	
Seychelles	536	0.18	464	0.18	702	0.29	852	0.40	826	0.39	977	0.48	291	0.54	860	0.70	1,606	0.52	
United States	9	0.00	4	0.00	3	0.00	13	0.01	4	0.00	15	0.01	2	0.00	2	0.00	7	0.00	
Other	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	6.70	19,908	6.40	
<b>Total</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>	<b>311,056</b>	<b>100.00</b>	

(a) Provisional

Source: Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

Table 3.33

Departures for Foreign Employment by Skill Level, Age Group and Gender

Year		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>									
2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	648	2,656	3,743	3,258	2,705	1,781	2,036	16,827
	Female	171	535	489	365	310	225	247	2,342
	<b>Total</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>3,191</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>3,623</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>19,169</b>
2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	1,936	5,369	6,458	5,407	4,201	2,774	3,078	29,223
	Female	465	1,316	1,192	797	608	429	541	5,348
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>6,685</b>	<b>7,650</b>	<b>6,204</b>	<b>4,809</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>34,571</b>
<b>Departures for Skilled Level Jobs</b>									
2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	3,796	6,490	6,429	6,220	6,143	3,959	4,486	37,523
	Female	499	504	358	332	345	256	357	2,651
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,295</b>	<b>6,994</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>6,552</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>4,215</b>	<b>4,843</b>	<b>40,174</b>
2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	9,599	14,693	14,404	13,822	13,910	9,456	10,094	85,978
	Female	1,558	1,570	1,048	877	752	515	538	6,858
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,157</b>	<b>16,263</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>14,699</b>	<b>14,662</b>	<b>9,971</b>	<b>10,632</b>	<b>92,836</b>
<b>Departures for Semi Skilled Level Jobs</b>									
2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	344	442	345	249	192	120	106	1,798
	Female	19	37	12	22	14	7	21	132
	<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1,930</b>
2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	593	1,037	766	510	385	213	217	3,721
	Female	56	96	77	47	54	25	57	412
	<b>Total</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>4,133</b>
<b>Departures for Unskilled Level Jobs</b>									
2021 <sup>(a)</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>
2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	11,664	16,125	13,100	9,861	8,331	4,669	4,293	68,043
	Female	2,834	4,542	4,980	6,179	7,407	5,526	5,998	37,466
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,498</b>	<b>20,667</b>	<b>18,080</b>	<b>16,040</b>	<b>15,738</b>	<b>10,195</b>	<b>10,291</b>	<b>105,509</b>
<b>Departures for Housemaid Jobs (Female only)</b>									
2021 <sup>(a)</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>
2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>6,142</b>	<b>9,428</b>	<b>13,089</b>	<b>16,388</b>	<b>12,400</b>	<b>15,197</b>	<b>74,007</b>
<b>Departures for all Occupations</b>									
2021 <sup>(a)</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>
2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	23,792	37,224	34,728	29,600	26,827	17,112	17,682	186,965
	Female	6,276	13,666	16,725	20,989	25,209	18,895	22,331	124,091
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30,068</b>	<b>50,890</b>	<b>51,453</b>	<b>50,589</b>	<b>52,036</b>	<b>36,007</b>	<b>40,013</b>	<b>311,056</b>
<b>Departures for all Occupations as a % of Total Departures</b>									
2021 <sup>(a)</sup>	Male	26.9	24.5	19.2	18.8	19.7	14.4	5.1	15.6
	Female	7.3	7.3	8.6	16.0	24.8	22.2	6.8	11.1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>13.7</b>
2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	Male	20.7	80.6	62.6	59.7	62.3	50.6	26.8	45.7
	Female	8.3	66.1	75.0	110.0	131.2	112.4	52.6	57.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>49.8</b>

(a) Revised  
(b) Provisional

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

Table 3.34

Departures for Foreign Employment by District, Province and Gender

Province / District	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022 <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
<b>Western</b>																
Colombo	49,951	21,997	47,022	22,873	40,799	20,924	37,974	20,863	37,188	21,558	10,465	5,925	25,380	12,281	51,418	31,390
Gampaha	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	21,878	12,826
Kalutara	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	19,273	11,598
<b>Central</b>																
Kandy	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	10,267	6,966
Matale	21,221	13,396	20,440	11,732	16,574	9,229	16,284	10,864	15,679	10,649	4,379	2,812	10,902	5,635	24,238	20,498
Nuwara Eliya	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	18,646	12,026
<b>Southern</b>																
Galle	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	4,365	4,236
Matarra	681	509	1,048	1,526	649	1,118	704	1,415	725	1,593	183	376	498	992	1,227	4,236
<b>Northern</b>																
Hambanthota	14,113	7,357	13,552	6,920	11,528	6,061	11,031	7,035	11,150	7,311	2,947	1,823	6,706	3,575	17,139	10,991
Jaffna	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	9,030	6,300
Kilinochchi	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	4,661	2,302
Mannar	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	3,448	2,389
Mullaitivu	7,717	1,228	7,940	1,590	6,164	1,063	5,509	1,265	4,356	1,096	1,049	226	2,206	498	6,778	1,930
Vavuniya	5,632	257	5,875	338	4,493	346	3,987	299	3,083	240	703	47	1,449	107	4,290	359
<b>Eastern</b>																
Batticaloa	296	83	292	70	188	44	143	72	134	66	28	7	79	37	298	139
Ampara	666	382	672	684	602	258	479	358	426	195	115	56	239	103	785	366
Trincomalee	14	-	10	2	39	24	97	66	84	67	33	18	72	33	239	137
<b>North Western</b>																
Kurunegala	1,109	506	1,091	496	842	391	803	470	629	528	170	98	367	218	1,166	929
Puttalam	37,034	9,798	32,827	7,622	29,950	6,146	27,138	7,943	24,248	7,064	6,173	1,814	18,257	3,977	41,392	11,033
<b>North Central</b>																
Anuradhapura	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	18,010	4,076
Polonnaruwa	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	17,870	2,504
<b>Uva</b>	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	5,512	4,453
Badulla	21,594	16,972	18,159	14,449	16,540	14,098	15,504	15,747	14,212	15,132	3,627	4,167	8,468	7,233	21,602	20,312
Moneragala	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	12,873	13,262
Ratnapura	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	8,729	7,050
Kegalle	8,107	9,129	7,907	7,847	7,414	7,506	6,307	8,737	6,114	9,241	1,405	2,194	3,495	3,574	9,468	12,554
<b>Total</b>	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	6,075	8,412
	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	3,393	4,142
	4,033	4,294	3,673	3,631	3,203	2,678	2,821	3,037	2,532	2,998	694	772	1,601	1,486	4,391	5,820
	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	3,113	4,652
	1,134	812	1,018	775	1,164	632	741	672	677	706	185	197	446	315	1,278	1,168
	8,839	6,285	8,756	5,837	7,096	5,019	6,897	5,693	6,778	5,781	1,756	1,477	4,095	2,895	10,539	9,563
	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	4,322	5,040
	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	6,217	4,523
<b>Not Indicated</b>	179	199	30	9	-	-	247	315	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	172,788	90,655	160,306	82,510	139,268	72,724	129,712	81,499	122,257	80,830	32,500	21,211	81,110	41,154	186,965	124,091

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