

KEY SOCIAL INDICATORS

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CLIMATE

Location

Between 5° 55' & 9° 50' North Latitude
Between 79° 42' & 81° 53' East Longitude
432 km (270 miles) North to South
224 km (140 miles) West to East
Highest elevation : 2,524 meters (8,281 ft.)

Area

Total area : 65,610 sq.km.
Land area : 62,705 sq.km.
Inland waters : 2,905 sq.km.

Climate

Low country : min. 24.4° C - max. 31.7°C
Hill country : min. 17.1° C - max. 26.3°C
Annual Rainfall (average) mm :
(2008) 2,020 (2009) 1,711
Number of Rainy days :
(2008) 99 (2009) 85

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Mid-year population ('000) in 2009 : 20,450
Age distribution ('000) 2009
0 - 14 yrs : 5,378
15 - 64 yrs : 13,784
65 years and over : 1,288
Population density (2009) : 326 persons per sq.km.
Crude birth rate (2009) : 18.4 per 1,000
Crude death rate (2009) : 5.9 per 1,000
Rate of natural increase (2009) : 12.6 per 1,000
Infant mortality rate (2006) : 10.0 per 1,000 live births
Dependency ratio (2006) : 48.3 %
Average household size (2006/2007)(a) : 4.1

Expectation of life at birth (2007)

Male : 70.3 years
Female : 77.9 years

Literacy rate (2008) (b)

Average : 91.3 %
Male : 92.8 %
Female : 90.0 %

Income distribution (a)

Gini coefficient of household income (2006/2007) : 0.49
Mean household income (2006/2007) : Rs. 26,286 per month
Median household income (2006/2007) : Rs. 16,735 per month

Poverty

Population below US \$ 1 a day (1990-2005) : 5.6 %
Population below US \$ 2 a day (1990-2005) : 41.6 %
Average daily calorie intake (2006/2007) (a) : 2,118
Poverty Head Count Index (a):
(1995/96) 28.8 (2002) 22.7 (2006/2007) 15.2

Prosperity Index (2007) : 52.7

Human Development Index (2007) : 0.759

Rank among 182 countries : 102

Employment (c)

Employed persons ('000) (2009) : 7,603
Agriculture : 32.6 %
Industry : 25.1 %
Services : 42.3 %

Government employees ('000) (2009) : 1,314
State sector : 53.3 %
Provincial public sector : 26.4 %
Semi-government sector : 20.3 %

PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

Transport

Length of national roads (A & B) : 11,919 km
Length of railway route : 1,245 km

| | Unit | 2009 |
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| Water Supply & Sanitation | | |
| Access to safe drinking water | per cent (a) | 84.8 |
| Access to pipe borne water | per cent | 35.5 |
| Electricity | | |
| Households with electricity | per cent | 86.0 |
| Per capita electricity consumption | kWh/person | 412.8 |
| Communications | | |
| Telephone density | | |
| Fixed lines | per 100 persons | 16.8 |
| Including cellular phones | per 100 persons | 85.0 |
| Internet and e-mail | per 1,000 persons | 11.7 |
| Average population served by a post office | number | 4,311 |
| Public Health | | |
| Hospital beds | per 1,000 persons | 3.4 |
| Persons per doctor | number | 1,500 |
| Nurses | per 10,000 persons | 12.5 |
| Government expenditure on health | per cent of GDP (d) | 1.5 |
| General Education | | |
| School density (area covered by a school) | sq. km | 6.5 |
| Pupil/teacher ratio (government schools) | number | 19 |
| Age specific enrolment ratio (age 5 - 19 yrs) (2007) | per cent | 71.5 |
| Primary net enrolment ratio (2007) | per cent | 89.9 |

University Education

Student/teacher ratio : number 16.2
Age specific enrolment ratio (age 20-24 yrs) : per cent 4.1
Progression to university from GCE (A/L)
Eligible for university admissions : per cent 62.5
Admission as a percentage of eligible : per cent 16.0
Government expenditure on education : per cent of GDP (d) (e) 2.1

Banking

Total number of commercial banks : number 22
Domestic banks : number 11
Foreign banks : number 11
ATMs : per 100,000 persons 9.6
Credit cards in use : per 100,000 persons 4,110
Banking density:
No. of commercial bank branches : per 100,000 persons 10.8

(a) Based on Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2006/2007.

(b) Based on Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey-2008 conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics

(c) Data excluding Northern Province.

(d) Based on GDP estimates compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics.

(e) Government expenditure on general and higher education.