

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. 24.2° C - max. 31.6°C
Hill country : min. 18.2° C - max. 26.6°C
Annual Rainfall (average) mm :
(2010) 1,992 (2011) 2,027
Number of Rainy days :
(2010) 88 (2011) 103

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS (a)

Mid-year population ('000) in 2011 : 20,869
Age distribution ('000) 2011
0 - 14 yrs : 5,488
15 - 64 yrs : 14,065
65 years and over : 1,316
Population density (2011) : 333 persons per sq.km.
Crude birth rate (2010) : 17.6 per 1,000
Crude death rate (2010) : 6.2 per 1,000
Rate of natural increase (2010) : 11.4 per 1,000
Infant mortality rate (2007) : 8.5 per 1,000 live births
Dependency ratio (2010) : 48.4 %
Average household size (2009/2010)(b) : 4.0

Expectation of life at birth (2011) : 74.9

Literacy rate (2010) (c)

Average : 91.9 %
Male : 93.2 %
Female : 90.8 %

Income distribution (b)

Gini coefficient of household income (2009/2010) : 0.49
Mean household income (2009/2010) : Rs. 36,451 per month
Median household income (2009/2010) : Rs. 23,746 per month

Poverty

Average daily calorie intake (2009/2010) (b) : 2,094
Poverty Head Count Index:
(2002) 22.7 (2006/2007) 15.2 (2009/2010) 8.9 (b)

Human Development Index (2011) : 0.691

Rank among 187 countries : 97

Employment (d)

Employed persons ('000) (2011) : 7,894
Agriculture : 32.9%
Industry : 24.3%
Services : 42.8%

Government employees ('000) (2011) : 1,232
State sector : 53.7%
Provincial public sector : 26.3%
Semi government sector : 20.0%

PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

Transport

Length of national roads (A & B) : 12,019 km
Length of railway route : 1,640 km

	Unit	2011
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Water Supply & Sanitation

Access to safe drinking water	per cent (b)	87.7
Access to pipe borne water	per cent	42.4

Electricity

Electrification Level	per cent	91.0
Per capita electricity consumption	kWh	480.3

Communications

Telephone density		
Fixed lines	per 100 persons	17.3
Including cellular phones	per 100 persons	105.1
Internet and e-mail (e)	per 1,000 persons	40.4
Average population served by a post office	number	4,401

Public Health

Hospital beds	per 1,000 persons	3.3
Persons per doctor	number	1,274
Nurses	per 10,000 persons	13.9
Government expenditure on health	per cent of GDP (f)	1.4

General Education (g) (2010)

School density (area covered by a school)	sq. km.	6.5
Student/teacher ratio (government schools)	number	18
Age specific enrolment ratio	per cent	81.2
Primary net enrolment ratio	per cent	90.3

University Education

Student/teacher ratio	number	16
Age specific enrolment ratio (age 20-24 yrs)	per cent	4.4
Progression to university from GCE (A/L)		
Eligible for university admission	per cent	61.0
Admission as a percentage of eligible	per cent	15.5
Government expenditure on education	per cent of GDP (f) (h)	1.9

Financial Institutions

Banks		
Branches of LCBs	number	2,559
Branches of LSBs	number	587
Credit cards in use	per 100,000 persons	4,132
Banking density	no. of bank branches per 100,000 persons	15
Other Financial Institutions		
Branches of LFCs	number	532
Branches of SLCs	number	172
ATMs	per 100,000 persons	11

Sources: Relevant Institutions and Human Development Report 2011

- (a) Registrar General-DCS Statistical Branch
(b) Based on data of Household Income and Expenditure Survey - 2009/2010 published by DCS.
(c) Based on Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey - 2010 conducted by the DCS.
(d) Data excluding Northern Province.

- (e) Including mobile broadband services
(f) Based on GDP estimates compiled by the DCS.
(g) Ministry of Education-DCS Statistical Branch
(h) Government expenditure on general and higher education