

Population by Ethnic Group (Census Years)

Year	Sinhalese		Tamils		Muslims		Others		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1971	82280	30.18	62290	22.85	127119	46.63	916	0.34	272605	100
1981	146943	37.78	79247	20.37	161568	41.54	1222	0.31	388980	100
2001	236583	39.90	109188	18.41	244620	41.25	2606	0.44	592997	100
2007	228938	37.49	112006	18.34	268630	43.99	1145	0.19	610719	100

Population by Ethnic Group -2008											
S.No.	D.S. Division	Sinhalese		Tamils		Muslims		Others		Total	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1	Addalaiachenai	2332	5.40	524	1.21	40358	93.39			43214	100.00
2	Akkaraipattu	89	0.22	30	0.07	40105	99.70		0.00	40224	100.00
3	Alayadiwembu	229	0.91	24836	99.09					25065	100.00
4	Ampara	38862	98.50	158	0.40	197	0.50	237	0.60	39454	100.00
5	Damana	37319	99.60	30	0.60	120	0.33	15		37484	100.00
6	Dehiyatakandiyā	55827	99.61	89	0.16	117	0.21	10	0.02	56043	100.00
7	Irakkamam	862	5.75	331	2.21	13795	92.04			14988	100.00
8	Kalmunai (MD)	30	0.06	28	0.06	47353	99.88			47411	100.00
9	Kalmunai (TD)	167	0.50	30675	92.58	1479	4.46	814	2.46	33135	100.00
10	Karaitheevu	25	0.13	11193	58.78	7665	40.26	158	0.83	19041	100.00
11	Lahugala	8312	92.20	703	7.80		0.00		0.00	9015	100.00
12	Mahaoya	18004	99.69	16	0.09	40	0.22		0.00	18060	100.00
13	Navithanveli	77	0.36	14669	68.67	6604	30.91	12	0.06	21362	100.00
14	Nintavur			960	3.28	28347	96.72			29307	100.00
15	Padiyathalawa	18153	99.81	12	0.07	23	0.13			18188	100.00
16	Pottuvil	696	2.03	5284	15.39	27955	81.43	396	1.15	34331	100.00
17	Sainthamaruthu					26872	100.00		0.00	26872	100.00
18	Sammanthurai	80	0.12	10358	15.38	56794	84.33	116	0.17	67348	100.00
19	Thirukkivil	36	0.12	30011	99.88	1	0.00		0.00	30048	100.00
20	Uhana	57716	99.68	46	0.08	48	0.08	92	0.16	57902	100.00
	Total	238816	35.72	129953	19.44	297873	44.56	1850	0.28	668492	100.00
		Source: Kachcheri, Ampara									
		Note: Others consists of Indian Tamils, Burghers, Malays, Chetties & Bharathas									

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