

Statistical Data Sheet 2025 Southern Province



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1 Physical and Administration

1.1 Land Extent in Southern Province

Region	Land Area (Km ²)		
	Land Area	Internal Reservoir	Total
Galle	1580	37	1,617
Matara	1,294	23	1,317
Hambantota	2,463	164	2,627
Southern Province	5,337	224	5,561

Source:-Surveyor Department

1.2 Land Extent in Southern Province Compare with the Country

Region	Rank By Land Area	% (to Sri Lanka Land Extent)
Galle	20	2.54
Matara	23	2.08
Hambantota	11	3.95
Southern Province	7	8.57

Source:-Surveyor Department

1.3 Climate 2025

Observation Station	Annual Rainfall (mm)	Average Temperature (C°)	Relative Humidity (%)	
			Day	Night
Galle	2,474	27.7	81	88
Matara	1,545	NA	NA	NA
Hambantota	1,159	28.4	79	90

NA- Not Available

Source:- Department of Meteorology

1.4 Administrative Structure 2025

Region	DS Division	Pradeshiya Sabha	Municipal Council	Urban Council	Election Division	GN Division
Galle	22	17	1	2	10	895
Matara	16	15	1	1	7	650
Hambantota	12	10	1	1	4	576

Source: - Department of Census and Statistics

1.5 Electoral Divisions in Southern Province

District	Electoral Divisions	In Electoral Division	
		DS Divisions	Local Government Divisions
Galle	Balapitiya	Balapitiya	Balapitiya P.S
	Ambalangoda	Ambalangoda, Gonapeenuwala	Ambalangoda U.C, Ambalangoda P.S
	Karandeniya	Karandeniya, Welivitiya Devithura	Karandeniya P.S, Welivitiya Devithura P.S
	Bentara Elpitiya	Bentota, Elpitiya	Bentota P.S, Elpitiya P.S
	Hiniduma	Neluwa, Thawalama, Nagoda, Niyagama	Neluwa P.S, Thawalama P.S, Nagoda P.S, Niyagama P.S
	Baddegama	Baddegama, Yakkalamulla, Wanduramba	Baddegama P.S, Yakkalamulla P.S
	Rathgama	Hikkaduwa, Madampagama, Rathgama	Hikkaduwa U.C, Rathgama P.S
	Galle	Galle Four Gravets	Galle M.C
	Akmeemana	Bope Poddala, Akmeemana	Bope Poddala P.S, Akmeemana P.S
	Habaraduwa	Habaraduwa, Imaduwa	Habaraduwa P.S, Imaduwa P.S
Matara	Deniyaya	Kotapola, Pitabeddara	Kotapola P.S, Pitabeddara P.S
	Hakmana	Hakmana, Mulatiyana, Pasgoda	Hakmana P.S, Mulatiyana P.S, Pasgoda P.S
	Akuressa	Akuressa, Athuraliya, Malimbada	Akuressa P.S, Athuraliya P.S, Malimbada P.S
	Kamburupitiya	Kirinda Puhulwella, Thihagoda, Kamburupitiya	Kirinda Puhulwella P.S, Thihagoda P.S, Kamburupitiya P.S
	Devinuwara	Devinuwara, Dickwella	Devinuwara P.S, Dickwella P.S
	Matara	Matara	Matara M.C, Matara P.S
	Weligama	Weligama, Welipitiya	Weligama U.C, Weligama P.S
Hambantota	Mulkirigala	Weeraketiya, Katuwana, Walasmulla,	Weeraketiya P.S, Katuwana P.S,
	Beliatta	Beliatta, Weeraketiya, Okewela, Tangalle	Beliatta P.S, Tangalle P.S, Weeraketiya P.S
	Tangalle	Tangalle, Angunukolapelessa, Ambalantota	Tangalle U.C, Tangalle P.S, Ambalantota P.S, Angunukolapelessa P.S
	Tissamaharama	Ambalantota, Tissamaharama, Lunugamwehera, Sooriyawewa, Hambantota	Hambantota M.C, Tissamaharama P.S, Hambantota P.S, Lunugamwehera P.S, Sooriyawewa P.S, Ambalantota P.S

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

P.S - Pradeshiya sabha M.C - Municipal Council U.C - Urban Council

1.6 Elector Registration Statistics 2021-2025

Region	The Number of Electors Relevant to each year				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Galle	879,992	884,028	890,589	898,653	909,155
Matara	667,904	672,218	674,914	682,587	689,092
Hambantota	503,184	506,368	512,721	518,154	525,272
Southern Province	2,051,080	2,062,614	2,078,224	2,099,394	2,123,519

Source:- Election Commission

2. Population

2.1 Population - 2025 (Estimate)

Region	Population	%
Galle	1,096,000	42
Matara	836,000	32
Hambantota	671,000	26
Southern Province	2,603,000	100

Source:-Department of Census and Statistics
Based on Census of Population and Housing 2024

2.2 Population by Ethnicity - 2025 (Estimate)

Region	Total Population	Ethnic Group					
		Sinhalese	Sri Lankan Tamil	Indian Tamil	Sri Lankan Moor	Malay	Other
Galle	1,096,000	1,029,066	17,578	2,879	45,615	85	777
Matara	836,000	787,026	11,094	8,064	29,364	44	409
Hambantota	671,000	650,869	2,053	121	13,800	3,929	229
Southern Province	2,603,000	2,466,960	30,725	11,064	88,779	4,057	1,415
Sri Lanka	21,756,000	16,124,914	2,678,451	599,649	2,280,542	26,618	45,826

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics
Based on Census of Population and Housing 2024

2.3 Population by Religion - 2025 (Estimate)

Region	Total Population	Religion					
		Buddhist	Hindu	Islam	Roman Catholic	Christian	Other
Galle	1,096,000	1,024,748	15,580	45,980	4,202	5,370	119
Matara	836,000	785,528	14,592	29,791	2,439	3,611	39
Hambantota	671,000	649,331	1,400	17,936	1,016	1,246	70
Southern Province	2,603,000	2,459,608	31,573	93,707	7,658	10,227	228
Sri Lanka	21,756,000	15,181,090	2,731,600	2,334,610	1,222,898	281,851	3,951

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics
Based on Census of Population and Housing 2024

2.4 Population by Sex and Age Groups - 2025 (Estimate)

Region	Population			Age Groups		
	Total Population	Male	Female	Below 15	15-59	60 & Above
Galle	1,096,000	527,000	569,000	218,534	659,658	217,807
Matara	836,000	401,000	435,000	172,886	492,433	170,680
Hambantota	671,000	329,000	342,000	150,859	399,151	120,990
Southern Province	2,603,000	1,257,000	1,346,000	542,280	1,551,243	509,477
Sri Lanka	21,756,000	10,500,000	11,256,000	4,502,000	13,339,000	3,915,000

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics
Based on Census of Population and Housing 2024

3 Vital Statistics

3.1 Mid-Year Population 2021 -2025

Region	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Galle	1,147,000	1,147,000	1,139,000	1,130,000	1,096,000
Matara	873,000	874,000	869,000	865,000	836,000
Hambantota	676,000	681,000	680,000	680,000	671,000
Southern Province	2,696,000	2,702,000	2,688,000	2,675,000	2,603,000

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

3.2 Registered Live Births 2021- 2025

Region	*2021	*2022	*2023	*2024	*2025
Galle	16,407	15,459	14,404	12,367	11,616
Matara	8,652	8,062	7,015	6,510	5,845
Hambantota	9,467	8,553	7,723	7,347	7,140
Southern Province	34,526	32,074	29,142	26,224	24,601
Sri Lanka	284,848	275,321	247,900	220,761	214,570

*Provisional

Source : Statistics branch, Registrar General's Department

3.3 Registered Deaths 2021 - 2025

Region	*2021	*2022	*2023	*2024	*2025
Galle	9,525	11,186	11,003	10,720	10,133
Matara	5,967	7,048	6,698	6,291	6,371
Hambantota	3,698	4,408	4,611	4,295	4,172
Southern Province	19,190	22,642	22,312	21,306	20,676
Sri Lanka	163,936	179,792	181,239	171,194	172,603

*Provisional

Source : Statistics branch, Registrar General's Department

3.4 Registered Marriages 2021 -2025

Region	*2021	*2022	*2023	*2024	*2025
Galle	8,119	8,772	7,623	6,889	6,961
Matara	6,074	6,252	5,518	5,086	5,431
Hambantota	4,932	4,876	4,374	4,090	4,402
Southern Province	19,125	19,900	17,515	16,065	16,794
Sri Lanka	162,628	171,140	151,356	139,290	144,182

*Provisional

Source : Statistics branch, Registrar General's Department

3.5 Annual Birth Rate 2021-2025

Region	*2021	2022*	2023*	2024*	2025*
Galle	13.2	12.4	11.6	10.1	9.7
Matara	10.8	10.1	8.9	8.2	8.3
Hambantota	15.8	14.2	12.7	12.0	11.3
Southern Province	13.1	12.1	11.0	10.0	9.7
Sri Lanka	12.9	12.4	11.2	10.1	9.9

Source:-Department of Census and Statistics

3.6 Annual Death Rate 2021 - 2025

Region	*2021	*2022	*2023	*2024	*2025
Galle	8.2	9.6	9.5	9.4	8.7
Matara	7.1	8.4	8.0	7.6	8.4
Hambantota	6.2	7.3	7.6	7.1	7.1
Southern Province	7.4	8.6	8.6	8.2	8.2
Sri Lanka	7.4	8.1	8.2	7.8	7.9

Source:-Department of Census and Statistics

3.7 Infant Mortality Rate , Child Mortality Rate under 5 years, Still Birth Rate and Maternal Mortality rate 2023

Region	Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 live Births)	Child Mortality Rate under 5 years (Per 1,000 live Births)	Still Birth Rate (Per 1,000 live Births)	Maternal Mortality Rate (Per 100,000 live Births)
Galle	9.0	10.8	5.6	20.8
Matara	10.1	11.5	4.4	14.2
Hambantota	9.1	10.7	4.1	
Sri Lanka	10.5	12.5	6.4	25.0

Source:-Annual Report 2023, Family Health Bureau

4 Agriculture

4.1 Cultivation of Minor export crops 2025

Region	Type of crop							
	Cinnamon		Coffee		Pepper		Cloves	
	Cultivated area (Hec.)	Production (Kg)	Cultivated area (Hec.)	Production (Kg)	Cultivated area (Hec.)	Production (Kg)	Cultivated area (Hec.)	Production (Kg)
Galle	12,615	6,821,840	42	16,082	1,332	545,874	11	4,564
Matara	8,722	4,718,580	94	42,060	1,947	1,434,510	141	69,900
Hambantota	4,437	2,767,111	91	70,635	3,434	2,479,645	97	107,050
Southern Province	25,774	14,307,531	227	128,777	6,713	4,460,029	249	181,514

Source:- Statistics Division, District Secretariat ,Galle,matara,Hambantota

4.2 Paddy Cultivation 2024/2025

Region	Irrigation Method	2024/2025 Maha		2025 Yala	
		Sown Extent (Hectares)	Production (MT)	Sown Extent (Hectares)	Production (MT)
Galle	Major Schemes		17,198		12,436
	Minor Schemes	244.0		320.0	
	Rain Fed	7,222.0		5,000.0	
Matara	Major Schemes	2,922.0	29,671	2,687.0	30,869
	Minor Schemes	3,156.0		3,141.0	
	Rain Fed	4,733.0		4,024.0	
Hambantota	Major Schemes	29,320.0	180,925	29,034.0	187,772
	Minor Schemes	5,891.0		5,692.0	
	Rain Fed	1,127.0		1,005.0	

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

5 Education

5.1 Number of Teachers and Students in Southern Province - 2025

Region	Number of Schools		Number of Teachers		Number of Students	
	National	Provincial	National	Provincial	National	Provincial
Galle	30	392	3,230	8,091	75,405	123,222
Matara	23	330	2,404	7,258	49,952	100,308
Hambantota	17	301	1,524	6,375	33,739	100,761
Southern Province	70	1,023	7,158	21,724	159,096	324,291

Source:- Zonal Education Office Information

5.2 Basic Statistics of Government schools by District & Province 2025

Region	Schools by Type				Student Population (Size)				
	1AB	1C	Type 2	Type 3	0-49	50-99	100 - 199	200- 299	300- 999
Galle	56	86	99	181	50	83	94	50	91
Matara	38	87	107	121	43	61	74	43	96
Hambantota	35	74	116	93	25	48	83	41	85
Southern Province	129	247	322	395	118	192	251	134	272

Source:- Zonal Education Office Information

5.3 Basic Statistics of Piriven (Temple Schools) by District & Province 2025

Region	No of Pirivena			
	Mulika	Maha	Vidyayathana	Total
Galle	51	19	3	73
Matara	49	12	7	68
Hambantota	28	9	1	38
Southern Province	128	40	11	179

Source:- Zonal Education Office Information

5.4 Basic Statistics of Piriven (Temple schools) by District & Province 2025

Region	No. of Students			Approved Teachers		
	Clergy	Laity	Total	Clergy	Laity	Total
Galle	2,631	1,976	4,607	312	303	615
Matara	2,473	2,054	4,527	242	366	608
Hambantota	1122	568	1,690	150	219	369
Southern Province	6,226	4,598	10,824	704	888	1,592

Source:- Zonal Education Office Information

5.5 Basic Statistics of Special Schools by District & Province 2025

Region	Schools	Students			Teachers		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Galle	2	56	33	89	5	16	21
Matara	1	36	34	70	0	16	16
Hambantota	1	57	41	98	12	16	28
Southern Province	4	149	108	257	17	48	65

Source:- School Census 2025

Note: Island wide, There are 32 Special Schools purview under the Ministry of Education dedicated only for students with special needs. Out of these 32 schools 27 are government assisted special schools and those 27 schools are administrated by boards of management. This table included statistics of them only. Other 5 schools are administrated by Provincial councils. Since this census those 5 schools included under government schools category.

5.6 Examination Results - 2025

Examination	Region	Number of Sat	Number of Passed	Passed Percentage (%)
Grade Five Scholarship Examination	Galle	15,796	2,463	15.59
	Matara	12,313	2,152	17.48
	Hambantota	10,871	2,703	24.86
	Southern Province	38,980	7,318	18.77
G.C.E O/L	Galle	16,400	12,178	74.26
	Matara	12,671	9,747	76.92
	Hambantota	10,513	7,988	75.98
	Southern Province	39,584	29,913	75.57
G.C.E A/L	Galle	12,969	8,701	67.09
	Matara	10,521	6,988	66.42
	Hambantota	8,280	5,186	62.63
	Southern Province	31,770	20,875	65.71

Source:- Department of Education, Southern Province

6 Health

6.1 Classification of hospitals in the Southern Province – 2025

Type of hospital	Galle	Matara	Hambantota	Southern province
National Hospitals	1	0	0	1
Teaching Hospitals	1	0	0	1
General Hospitals	0	1	1	2
Base Hospital	3	2	3	8
Divisional Hospital	21	16	17	54
Primary Health care Unit	25	18	14	57

Source - Health Department of Southern Province

6.2 Special Unit 2025

Name	Galle	Matara	Hambantota	Southern Province
Rabies Control National Program	1	1	1	3
Filaria Control National Program	1	1	1	3
Malaria Control National Program	1	1	1	3
STD Control National Program	1	1	1	3
Anti-Leprosy Campaign	1	1	1	3
TB & Rheumatism Control National Program	1	1	1	3

Source - Health Department of Southern Province

7 Industry

7.1 Regional Distribution of Industrial Enterprises (a)

Region	Industries registered Under Ministry of Industries		Industries Under BOI						Total	
			Under Section 17 of the BOI Act (b)		200 Garment Factory Programme (c)		Under Section 16 of the BOI Act			
	2024 (e)	2025 (e)	2024 (e)	2025 (e)	2024 (e)	2025 (e)	2024 (e)	2025 (e)	2024 (e)	2025 (e)
Galle	102	103	99	92	7	7	51	47	259	249
Matara	94	97	70	70	4	4	2	1	170	172
Hambantota	45	46	45	47	8	8	4	2	102	103
Southern Province	241	246	214	209	19	19	57	50	531	524

Source:- Central Bank of Sri Lanka ,Economic Review 2025

(a) As at year end

(b) Includes expanded projects (Excludes Projects agreement cancelled, approval withdrawn and Includes Operation Suspended/Closed)

(c) Includes expanded projects (Excludes Projects agreement cancelled, approval withdrawn and Operation Suspended/Closed)

(d) Revised

(e). Provisional

8.Road

8.1 Road Information Developed in Southern Province 2025

District	Road Development Authority (Km)				Road Development Authority of Southern Province (Km)		
	High Way	A Type	B Type	Total	C Type	D Type	Total
Galle	60.00	97.53	390.69	548.22	387.24	271.90	659.14
Matara	30.00	139.55	276.59	446.14	288.45	243.32	531.77
Hambantota	72.00	114.39	499.21	685.60	239.78	200.23	440.01
Southern Province	162.00	351.47	1,166.49	1,679.96	915.47	715.45	1,630.92

Source:- Road Development Authority of Southern Province

9 Labour Force

9.1 Labour Force,

Region	Labour Force Rate		
	2022	2023	2024
Galle	50.5	49.4	48.8
Matara	45.7	42.9	43.0
Hambantota	49.4	50.2	48.7
Southern Province	48.7	47.4	46.9
Sri Lanka	49.8	48.6	47.4

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

9.2 Employment and Unemployment

Region	Employment Rate			Unemployment Rate		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Galle	93.8	93.7	95.1	6.2	6.3	4.9
Matara	93.9	93.9	95.2	6.1	6.1	4.8
Hambantota	92.7	94.5	93.4	7.3	5.5	6.6
Southern Province	92.7	94.0	94.7	6.5	6.0	5.3
Sri Lanka	95.3	95.6	96.1	4.7	4.4	3.9

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

9.3 Percentage Distribution of Economically Active Population by Gender & District (2024 - 2025)

Region	Economically Active Population 2024			Economically Active Population 2025		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Galle	100	61.1	38.9	100	62.9	37.1
Matara	100	69.6	30.4	100	65.2	34.8
Hambantota	100	67.7	32.3	100	68.3	31.7
Sri Lanka	100	66.4	33.6	100	64.8	35.2

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

9.4 Percentage Distribution of Employed Population by Major Industry Group (2024 -2025)

Region	2024			2025		
	Agriculture	Industries	Services	Agriculture	Industries	Services
Galle	26.0	26.9	47.1	23.1	27.5	49.4
Matara	29.3	23.4	47.2	34.2	20.4	45.4
Hambantota	40.1	21.4	38.5	36.5	23.2	40.4
Southern Province	30.7	24.4	44.9	30.0	24.2	45.8
Sri Lanka	26.0	25.6	48.5	23.9	26.2	49.8

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

9.5 Percentage Distribution of Employed Population by Employment status - 2024

Region	Employee	Self Employed		
		Employer	Own Account worker	Contributing family worker
Galle	61.2	2.3	31.1	5.4
Matara	64.4	1.6	31.1	2.9
Hambantota	47.0	1.7	44.7	6.6
Southern Province	58.4	1.9	34.7	5.0
Sri Lanka	58.8	2.9	33.1	5.2

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

10 National Accounts

10.1 Gross Domestic product by Province at current Market Prices (base year 2015)

Share of GDP by Province at Current Market Price (base year 2015 - %)						
Province	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Western	42.1	42.1	42.6	44.3	44.0	42.4
Central	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.1	10.0	10.7
North Western	10.9	10.9	11.3	10.8	11.0	11.5
Southern	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.3	8.9
Sabaragamuwa	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.7
Eastern	5.2	5.9	5.5	5.0	4.7	5.0
North Central	4.7	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.6
Uva	5.5	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.8
Northern	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.4

Source - Central Bank of Sri Lanka

10.2 Sectoral GDP - Southern Province

Sector	Years					
	2019	2020	2021	2022(b)	2023(b/c)	2024©
Agriculture	185,250	180,294	238,953	293,546	279,338	300,290
Industry	310,520	297,113	334,557	454,758	479,066	508,986
Services	877,142	870,546	950,222	1,331,478	1,645,798	1,649,595
Gross Domestic Out put	1,489,169	1,429,135	1,610,399	2,180,912	2,563,950	2,691,602

Since the adjustment of taxes and subsidies imposed on goods and services is not included, the sum of the values of the agricultural, industrial and service sectors is the same. is not equal to GDP

(b)Revised

(c) Provisional

10.3 Sectoral composition of Gross Value Added by Province at Current Market Prices

Province	Agriculture		Industry		Services	
	2023(a)	2024(b)	2023(a)	2024(b)	2023(a)	2024(b)
Central	12.6	13.9	9.4	9.6	9.9	10.7
Eastern	9.8	9.6	3.5	4.3	4.6	4.7
North Central	8.4	9.3	3.8	3.2	4.7	4.6
North western	19.9	20.0	12.0	12.0	9.2	10.1
Northern	8.5	7.1	4.5	4.9	3.8	3.8
Sabaragamuwa	7.8	8.9	7.4	8.0	6.9	7.3
Southern	12.6	11.8	6.8	6.7	10.3	9.5
Uva	8.3	8.9	3.6	3.7	4.5	4.7
Western	12.2	10.5	49.0	47.6	46.0	44.5
Sri Lanka	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source:- Central Bank of Sri Lanka ,Press Release 2025.12.22 -

(a)Revised (b) Provisional

10.4 Provincial Composition of Gross Value Added By Sector at current Market Price

Province	2023 (a)				2024 (b)			
	Agriculture	Industry	Services	Gross Value Added	Agriculture	Industry	Services	Gross Value Added
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Central	10.9	25.9	63.2	100.0	11.8	25.2	63.0	100.0
Eastern	17.9	20.2	61.9	100.0	17.3	23.7	59.0	100.0
North Central	15.2	21.7	63.1	100.0	18.3	19.5	62.2	100.0
North western	15.8	30.3	53.9	100.0	15.8	29.1	55.2	100.0
Northern	16.8	27.9	55.3	100.0	14.6	31.1	54.3	100.0
Sabaragamuwa	9.5	28.7	61.8	100.0	10.5	29.4	60.0	100.0
Southern	11.5	19.7	68.8	100.0	12.0	20.8	67.2	100.0
Uva	15.5	21.5	63.0	100.0	16.8	21.3	61.9	100.0
Western	2.4	30.7	66.9	100.0	2.3	31.5	66.3	100.0
Sri Lanka	8.7	27.5	63.8	100.0	9.1	28.0	62.9	100.0

Source:- Central Bank of Sri Lanka ,Press Release 2025.12.22

(a)Revised

(b) Provisional

10.5 Prosperity Index 2020 – 2021

Region	2020	2021
Southern Province	0.571	0.582
Sri Lanka	0.764	0.796

Source:- Central Bank of Sri Lanka

11 Poverty

11.1Official poverty line by District - 2025 - 2026

(Minimum Expenditure per person per month to fulfill the basic needs)

Time Period	National	Galle	Matara	Hambantota
2025 Jul. Rs.	16,484	16,748	16,098	16,016
2025 Aug. Rs.	16,397	16,660	16,013	15,931
2025 Sep. Rs.	16,413	16,676	16,029	15,947
2025 Oct. Rs.	16,421	16,684	16,037	15,954
2025 Nov. Rs.	16,397	16,660	16,013	15,931
2025 Dec. Rs.	16,658	16,925	16,268	16,185
2026 Jan. Rs.	16,730	16,998	16,339	16,255
2026 Feb. Rs.	16,571	16,837	16,183	16,100
2026 Mar. Rs.	16,690	16,958	16,300	16,216
2026 Apr. Rs.	17,117	17,392	16,717	16,631
2026 May Rs.	17,315	17,593	16,910	16,823
2026 June Rs.	17,592	17,874	17,181	17,092
2026 Jul. Rs.	17,679	17,963	17,266	17,177

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

12 Literacy

12.1 Literacy Rate

Region	Literacy Rate (%)				
	Of the Total Population				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Galle	93.3	95.0	93.1	93.9	93.8
Matara	92.5	93.0	93.9	91.4	93.2
Hambantota	90.8	93.1	91.9	90.6	91.4
Sri lanka	93.0	93.3	92.4	93.2	93.3

Source: Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey 2024

12.2 Computer literacy

Region	Computer Literacy Rate				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sri Lanka	32.3	34.3	36.0	39.0	35.9
Southern Province	31.6	30.7	33.9	39.6	34.3

Source: Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey 2024

13 Tourism

13.1 Number of Tourist Visiting, Tourist Attractions in Southern Province and Income - 2025

Place	Number of Tourist			Income (Rs.)		
	Local	Foreign	Total	Local Tourists	Foreign Tourists	Total
Kottawa Conservation Forest	1,270	136	1,406	67,931.80	106,797.21	174,729.01
Kanneliya Conservation Forest	37,361	2,626	39,987	8,556,720.09	2,733,618.43	11,290,338.52
Andahelena Ella	12,005	2,342	14,347	751,767.00	1,811,518.84	2,563,285.84
Sinharaja Conservation Forest	47,666	25,504	73,170	4,729,203.40	24,307,675.86	29,036,879.26
Yala	346,229	426,535	772,764	47,182,740.00	2,663,491,140.48	2,710,673,880.48
Bundala	8,706	9,203	17,909	516,450.00	32,145,737.87	32,662,187.87
Hikkaduwa	35,042	1,613	36,655	1,338,750.00	2,153,576.00	3,492,326.00
Mirissa	33,213	107,324	140,537	3,254,350.00	235,042,434.00	238,296,784.00
Galle National Museum	26,621	4,879	31,500	817,685.00	2,224,400.00	3,042,085.00
Total	548,113	580,162	1,128,275	67,215,597.29	2,964,016,898.69	3,031,232,495.98

Source-Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

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