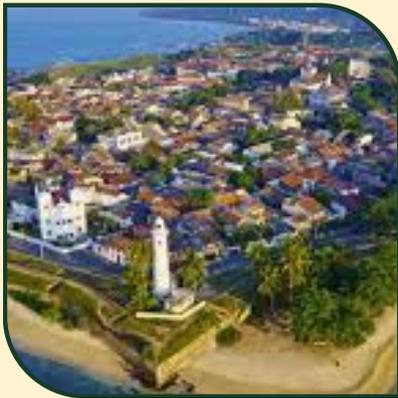




STATISTICAL DATA SHEET

2024

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 | 1,617 | 35 | 1,652 |
| Matara | 1,270 | 13 | 1,283 |
| Hambantota | 2,496 | 113 | 2,609 |
| Southern Province | 5,383 | 161 | 5,544 |

Source:-Surveyor Department

1.2 Land Extent in Southern Province Compare with the Country

| Region | Rank By Land Area | % (to Sri Lankan Land Extent) |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Galle | 19 | 2.52 |
| Matara | 22 | 1.96 |
| Hambantota | 12 | 3.98 |
| Southern Province | 7 | 8.45 |

Source:-Surveyor Department

1.3 Climate 2024

| Observation Station | Annual Rainfall (mm) | Average Temperature (C ^o) | Relative Humidity | |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| | | | Day | Night |
| Galle | 3,070 | 28.1 | 81 | 88 |
| Matara | 2,448 | NA | NA | NA |
| Hambantota | 1,162 | 28.4 | 79 | 90 |

- Not Available

Source:- Department of Meteorology

1.4 Administrative Structure 2024

| Region | DS Division | Pradeshiya Saba | 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, Elpitya | 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 PS, 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 2020-2024

| Region | The Number of Electors Relevant to each year | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Galle | 876,391 | 879,992 | 884,028 | 890,589 | 898,653 |
| Matara | 664,030 | 667,904 | 672,218 | 674,914 | 682,587 |
| Hambantota | 499,586 | 503,184 | 506,368 | 512,721 | 518,154 |
| Southern Province | 2,040,007 | 2,051,080 | 2,062,614 | 2,078,224 | 2,099,394 |

Source:- Election Commission

2. Population

2.1 Population - 2024

| Region | Population | % |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Galle | 1,096,585 | 42.09 |
| Matara | 837,884 | 32.16 |
| Hambantota | 671,037 | 25.75 |
| Southern Province | 2,605,506 | 100.00 |

Source:-Census of population & Housing 2024 -Preliminary Report (Provisional)

2.2 Population – 2024 ((Estimate)

| Region | Population | % |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Galle | 1,130,000 | 42.24 |
| Matara | 865,000 | 32.34 |
| Hambantota | 680,000 | 25.42 |
| Southern Province | 2,675,000 | 100.00 |

Source:-Department of Census and Statistics - Based on census &Population 2012

2.3 Population by Ethnicity - 2024 (Estimate)

| Region | Total Population | Ethnic Group | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Sinhalese | Sri Lankan Tamil | Indian Tamil | Sri Lankan Moor | Malay | Other |
| Galle | 1,130,000 | 1,066,651 | 14,828 | 6,531 | 41,222 | 113 | 656 |
| Matara | 865,000 | 815,624 | 9,321 | 12,886 | 26,835 | 62 | 273 |
| Hambantota | 680,000 | 660,048 | 2,386 | 136 | 7,514 | 9,254 | 661 |
| Southern Province | 2,675,000 | 2,542,322 | 26,535 | 19,553 | 75,571 | 9,428 | 1,591 |
| Sri Lanka | 21,916,000 | 16,416,011 | 2,442,761 | 903,687 | 2,037,338 | 47,504 | 68,699 |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics - Based on census & Population 2012

2.4 Population by Religion - 2024 (Estimate)

| Region | Total Population | Religion | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | Buddhist | Hindu | Islam | Roman Catholic | Christian | Other |
| Galle | 1,130,000 | 1,061,257 | 16,561 | 41,729 | 4,692 | 5,648 | 113 |
| Matara | 865,000 | 815,427 | 17,746 | 25,745 | 2,586 | 3,445 | 53 |
| Hambantota | 680,000 | 657,830 | 1,385 | 17,234 | 1,291 | 1,918 | 342 |
| Southern Province | 2,675,000 | 2,534,514 | 35,692 | 84,708 | 8,568 | 11,011 | 508 |
| Sri Lanka | 21,916,000 | 15,363,212 | 2,757,121 | 2,117,948 | 1,357,617 | 313,213 | 6,889 |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics - Based on census & Population 2012

2.5 Population by Sex and Age Groups - 2024 (Estimate)

| Region | Population | | | Age Groups | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Total Population | Male | Female | 0-19 | 20-59 | 60 & Above |
| Galle | 1,130,000 | 546,186 | 592,814 | 189,010 | 592,492 | 165,776 |
| Matara | 865,000 | 416,223 | 452,777 | 146,616 | 452,399 | 127,611 |
| Hambantota | 680,000 | 334,088 | 345,912 | 123,531 | 368,833 | 80,382 |
| Southern Province | 2,675,000 | 1,296,498 | 1,391,502 | 459,157 | 1,413,724 | 373,769 |
| Sri Lanka | 21,916,000 | 10,611,000 | 11,305,000 | 7,311,000 | 11,903,000 | 2,702,000 |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics - Based on census &Population 2012

3. Vital Statistics

3.1 Midyear Population 2020 -2024

| Region | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Galle | 1,135,000 | 1,147,000 | 1,147,000 | 1,139,000 | 1,130,000 |
| Matara | 866,000 | 873,000 | 874,000 | 869,000 | 865,000 |
| Hambantota | 668,000 | 676,000 | 681,000 | 680,000 | 680,000 |
| Southern Province | 2,669,000 | 2,696,000 | 2,696,000 | 2,688,000 | 2,675,000 |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

3.2 Registered Live Births 2020 - 2024

| Region | *2020 | *2021 | *2022 | *2023 | *2024 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Galle | 17,638 | 16,407 | 15,459 | 14,404 | 12,367 |
| Matara | 9,891 | 8,652 | 8,062 | 7,015 | 6,510 |
| Hambantota | 9,709 | 9,467 | 8,553 | 7,723 | 7,347 |
| Southern Province | 37,238 | 34,526 | 32,074 | 29,142 | 26,224 |
| Sri Lanka | 301,706 | 284,848 | 275,321 | 247,900 | 220,761 |

*Provisional

Source : Statistics branch, registrar General's Department

3.3 Registered Deaths 2020 - 2024

| Region | *2020 | *2021 | *2022 | *2023 | *2024 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Galle | 8,252 | 9,525 | 11,186 | 11,003 | 10,720 |
| Matara | 5,204 | 5,967 | 7,048 | 6,698 | 6,291 |
| Hambantota | 3,061 | 3,698 | 4,408 | 4,611 | 4,295 |
| Southern Province | 16,517 | 19,190 | 22,642 | 22,312 | 21,306 |
| Sri Lanka | 132,431 | 163,936 | 179,792 | 181,239 | 171,194 |

*Provisional

Source : Statistics branch, Registrar General's Department

3.4 Registered Marriages 2020 -2024

| Region | *2020 | *2021 | *2022 | *2023 | *2024 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Galle | 7,362 | 8,119 | 8,772 | 7,623 | 6,889 |
| Matara | 5,642 | 6,074 | 6,252 | 5,518 | 5,086 |
| Hambantota | 4,715 | 4,932 | 4,876 | 4,374 | 4,090 |
| Southern Province | 17,719 | 19,125 | 19,900 | 17,515 | 16,065 |
| Sri Lanka | 143,061 | 162,628 | 171,140 | 151,356 | 139,290 |

*Provisional

Source : Statistics branch, Registrar General's Department

3.5 Annual Birth Rate 2019-2023

| Region | *2020 | *2021 | 2022* | 2023* | 2024* |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Galle | 14.3 | 13.2 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 10.1 |
| Matara | 12.2 | 10.8 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 8.2 |
| Hambantota | 16.7 | 15.8 | 14.2 | 12.7 | 12.0 |
| Southern Province | 14.2 | 13.1 | 12.1 | 11.0 | 10.0 |
| Sri Lanka | 13.8 | 12.9 | 12.4 | 11.2 | 10.1 |

Source:-Department of Census and Statistics

3.6 Annual Death Rate 2020 - 2024

| Region | *2020 | *2021 | *2022 | *2023 | *2024 |
|-------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Galle | 7.2 | 8.2 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.4 |
| Matara | 6.2 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 8 | 7.6 |
| Hambantota | 5.3 | 6.2 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.1 |
| Southern Province | 6.4 | 7.4 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.2 |
| Sri Lanka | 6 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 7.8 |

Source:-Department of Census and Statistics

3.7 Infant Mortality Rate , Child Mortality Rate under 5 years, Still Birth Rate and Maternal Mortality rate 2022

| 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 | 8.5 | 10.3 | 6.2 | 21.4 |
| Matara | 8.5 | 10.2 | 5.1 | 49.6 |
| Hambantota | 9.4 | 10.3 | 4.2 | 11.69 |
| Sri Lanka | 10.1 | 12.1 | 6.2 | 33.05 |

Source:-Annual report 2022,Family Health Bureau

4 Agriculture

4.1 Cultivated extent and Production - 2024

| Region | Type of crop | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | Cinnamon | | Coffee | | Pepper | | Cloves | |
| | Cultivated area (Hectares) | Production (Kg) | Cultivated area(Hectares) | Production (Kg) | Cultivated area (Hectares) | Production (Kg) | Cultivated area (Hectares) | Production (Kg) |
| Galle | 11,896 | 6,426,317 | 52 | 22,352 | 1,174 | 482,175 | 2 | 938 |
| Matara | 8,681 | 5,065,412 | 91 | 54,155 | 2,038 | 1,716,748 | 142 | 73,174 |
| Hambantota | 4,226 | 2,378,550 | 86 | 51,635 | 3,490 | 2,318,310 | 90 | 82,400 |
| Southern Province | 24,803 | 13,870,280 | 229 | 128,142 | 6,702 | 4,517,232 | 235 | 156,512 |

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

4.2 Paddy Cultivation 2023/2024

| Region | Irrigation Method | 2023/2024 Maha | | 2024 Yala | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | | Sown Extent (Hectares) | Production (MT) | Sown Extent (Hectares) | Production (MT) |
| Galle | Major Schemes | 0 | 15,980 | 115 | 7,658 |
| | Minor Schemes | 122 | | | |
| | Rain Fed | 6,892 | | | |
| Matara | Major Schemes | 2,537 | 25,432 | 3,178 | 24,687 |
| | Minor Schemes | 2,731 | | | |
| | Rain Fed | 5,108 | | | |
| Hambantota | Major Schemes | 29,547 | 178,053 | 5,131 | 165,702 |
| | Minor Schemes | 5,764 | | | |
| | Rain Fed | 1,216 | | | |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

5 Education

5.1 Number of Teachers and Students in Southern Province - 2024

| Region | Number of Schools | | Number of Teachers | | Number of Students | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | National | Provincial | National | Provincial | National | Provincial |
| Galle | 30 | 396 | 3,342 | 8,389 | 79,563 | 132,430 |
| Matara | 23 | 333 | 2,522 | 7,411 | 51,763 | 106,373 |
| Hambantota | 17 | 302 | 1,475 | 6,354 | 35,764 | 104,032 |
| Southern Province | 70 | 1,031 | 7,339 | 22,154 | 167,090 | 342,835 |

Source:- Zonal Education Office Information

5.2 Basic Statistics of Government schools by District & Province 2024

| Region | Schools by Type | | | | Student Population (Size) | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1AB | 1C | Type 2 | Type 3 | 0-49 | 50-99 | 100-199 | 200-299 | 300-999 | Above 1000 |
| Galle | 65 | 82 | 95 | 184 | 48 | 77 | 93 | 55 | 97 | 56 |
| Matara | 45 | 79 | 107 | 125 | 43 | 58 | 73 | 38 | 106 | 38 |
| Hambantota | 36 | 75 | 113 | 95 | 23 | 46 | 82 | 42 | 89 | 37 |
| Southern Province | 146 | 236 | 315 | 404 | 114 | 181 | 248 | 135 | 292 | 131 |

Source:- Zonal Education Office Information

5.3 Basic Statistics of Piriven (Temple schools) by District & Province 2024

| Region | No of Pirivena | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| | Mulika | Maha | Vidyayathana | Total |
| Galle | 54 | 16 | 4 | 75 |
| Matara | 48 | 12 | 7 | 67 |
| Hambantota | 29 | 9 | 1 | 39 |
| Southern Province | 131 | 37 | 12 | 181 |

Source:- Zonal Education Office Information

5.4 Basic Statistics of Piriven (Temple schools) by District & Province 2024

| Region | No. of Students | | | Approved Teachers | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Clergy | Laity | Total | Clergy | Laity | Total |
| Galle | 2,747 | 2,086 | 4,833 | 300 | 283 | 583 |
| Matara | 2,728 | 1,692 | 4,420 | 331 | 239 | 570 |
| Hambantota | 962 | 978 | 1,940 | 118 | 182 | 300 |
| Southern Province | 6,437 | 4,756 | 11,193 | 749 | 704 | 1,453 |

Source:- Zonal Education Office Information

5.5 Basic Statistics of Special Schools by District & Province 2023

| Region | Schools | Students | | | Teachers | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Galle | 2 | 72 | 33 | 105 | 5 | 14 | 19 |
| Matara | 1 | 56 | 46 | 102 | 1 | 18 | 19 |
| ,Hambantota | 1 | 91 | 71 | 162 | 14 | 16 | 30 |
| Southern Province | 4 | 219 | 150 | 369 | 20 | 48 | 68 |
| Sri Lanka | 32 | 1,314 | 924 | 2,238 | 92 | 393 | 485 |

Source:- school censuses 2023/2024

5.6 Examination Results

| Examination | Region | Numbers Sat | Numbers Passed | Passed Percentage (%) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Grade Five Scholarship Examination (2024) | Galle | 16,238 | 2,562 | 15.78 |
| | Matara | 12,987 | 2,267 | 17.46 |
| | Hambantota | 11,608 | 2,666 | 22.97 |
| | Southern Province | 40,833 | 7,495 | 18.36 |
| G.C.E O/L (2023) | Galle | 17,301 | 13,242 | 76.54 |
| | Matara | 13,460 | 10,845 | 80.57 |
| | Hambantota | 10,541 | 8,214 | 77.92 |
| | Southern Province | 41,302 | 32,301 | 78.21 |
| G.C.E A/L (2024) | Galle | 12,639 | 8,594 | 68.00 |
| | Matara | 10,278 | 7,081 | 68.89 |
| | Hambantota | 7,759 | 4,987 | 64.27 |
| | Southern Province | 30,676 | 20,662 | 67.36 |

Source:- Department of Education, Southern Province

6 Health

6.1 Classification of hospitals in the Southern Province - 2024

| 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 2023

| 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 | | | |
| | 2023(d) | 2024(e) | 2023(d) | 2024(e) | 2023(d) | 2024(e) | 2023(d) | 2024(e) | 2023(d) | 2024(e) |
| Galle | 92 | 102 | 95 | 99 | 7 | 7 | 48 | 51 | 242 | 259 |
| Matara | 83 | 94 | 67 | 31 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 154 | 133 |
| Hambantota | 37 | 45 | 46 | 42 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 93 | 100 |
| Southern Province | 212 | 241 | 208 | 172 | 17 | 12 | 52 | 67 | 489 | 492 |

Source:- Central Bank of Sri Lanka ,Economic Review 2024

(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 2024

| District | Road Development Authority (Km) | | | | | Road Development Authority of Southern Province (Km) | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | High Way | A Type | B Type | A B Type | Total | C Type | D Type | E Type | Total |
| Galle | 60.00 | 97.53 | 390.69 | - | 548.22 | 387.24 | 271.90 | 13.35 | 672.49 |
| Matara | 30.00 | 139.55 | 274.83 | - | 444.38 | 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 | 1,164.73 | - | 1,678.20 | 915.47 | 715.45 | 13.35 | 1,644.27 |

Source:- Road Development Authority of Southern Province

9.Labour Force

9.1 Labour Force Rate 2021-2023

| Region | Labour Force Rate | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Galle | 49.0 | 50.5 | 49.4 |
| Matara | 47.1 | 45.7 | 42.9 |
| Hambantota | 50.8 | 49.4 | 50.2 |
| Southern Province | 48.8 | 48.7 | 47.4 |
| Sri Lanka | 49.9 | 49.8 | 48.6 |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

9.2 Employment and Unemployment

| Region | Employment Rate | | | Unemployment Rate | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Galle | 94.3 | 93.8 | 93.7 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| Matara | 94.8 | 93.9 | 93.9 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| Hambantota | 93.1 | 92.7 | 94.5 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 5.5 |
| Southern Province | 94.2 | 92.7 | 94.0 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 6.0 |
| Sri Lanka | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

9.3 Percentage Distribution of Economically Active Population by Gender & District (2023 - 2024)

| Region | Economically Active Population 2023 | | | Economically Active Population 2024 | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Galle | 100 | 64.0 | 36.0 | 100 | 61.1 | 38.9 |
| Matara | 100 | 69.5 | 30.5 | 100 | 69.6 | 30.4 |
| Hambantota | 100 | 65.8 | 34.2 | 100 | 67.7 | 32.3 |
| Sri Lanka | 100 | 68.6 | 31.3 | 100 | 66.4 | 33.6 |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

9.4 Percentage Distribution of Employed Population by Major Industry Group (2023 -2024)

| Region | 2023 | | | 2024 | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Agriculture | Industries | Services | Agriculture | Industries | Services |
| Galle | 26.1 | 25.6 | 48.4 | 26 | 26.9 | 47.1 |
| Matara | 33.1 | 23.6 | 43.3 | 29.3 | 23.4 | 47.2 |
| Hambantota | 38.5 | 20.2 | 41.4 | 40.1 | 21.4 | 38.5 |
| Southern Province | 31.4 | 23.5 | 45.0 | 30.7 | 24.4 | 44.9 |
| Sri Lanka | 26.1 | 25.5 | 48.4 | 26 | 25.6 | 48.5 |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

9.5 Percentage Distribution of Employed Population by Employment status - 2023

| Region | Employee | Self Employed | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Employer | Own Account worker | Contributing family worker |
| Galle | 58.8 | 3.2 | 31.6 | 6.4 |
| Matara | 62.9 | 2.2 | 31.2 | 3.7 |
| Hambantota | 48.7 | 1.9 | 42.4 | 7.0 |
| Southern Province | 57.4 | 2.5 | 34.3 | 5.8 |
| Sri Lanka | 59.0 | 2.6 | 32.8 | 5.5 |

Source:- Department of Census and Statistics

10. National Accounts

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

| Province | 2022(b) | | 2023(b)(c) | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Value (Rs.mn) | Share (%) | Value (Rs.mn) | Share (%) |
| Central | 2,414,836 | 10.0 | 2,818,367 | 10.3 |
| Eastern | 1,225,670 | 5.1 | 1,283,126 | 4.7 |
| North Central | 1,151,326 | 4.8 | 1,315,224 | 4.8 |
| North western | 2,673,035 | 11.1 | 2,984,703 | 10.9 |
| Nothern | 974,944 | 4.0 | 1,227,018 | 4.5 |
| Sabaragamuwa | 1,722,894 | 7.2 | 1,923,496 | 7.0 |
| Southern | 2,176,530 | 9.0 | 2,554,245 | 9.3 |
| Uva | 1,161,714 | 4.8 | 1,277,737 | 4.7 |
| Western | 10,574,955 | 43.9 | 12,035,888 | 43.9 |
| Sri Lanka | 24,075,902 | 100.0 | 27,419,804 | 100.0 |

Source:- Central Bank of Sri Lanka ,Economic Review 2024

(b) Provisional (c)Revised

10.2 Sectoral GDP (Rs.Mn) - Southern Province

| Sector | Years | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Agriculture | 187,689 | 185,250 | 180,294 | 238,953 | 296,623 | 298,660 |
| Industry | 255,884 | 310,520 | 297,113 | 334,557 | 454,507 | 478,677 |
| Services | 882,754 | 877,142 | 870,546 | 950,222 | 1,323,599 | 1,617,219 |
| Gross Domestic Out put | 1,447,992 | 1,489,169 | 1,429,135 | 1,610,399 | 2,176,530 | 2,554,245 |

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

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

| Province | Agriculture | | Industry | | Services | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | 2022(a) | 2023(b) | 2022(a) | 2023(b) | 2022(a) | 2023(b) |
| Central | 14.5 | 12.4 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 10.1 | 10.4 |
| Eastern | 9.5 | 9.4 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| North Central | 7.6 | 8.4 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| North western | 18.5 | 19.6 | 11.6 | 12.3 | 9.8 | 9.1 |
| Nothern | 6.1 | 8.4 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| Sabaragamuwa | 8.8 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 6.8 |
| Southern | 14.5 | 13.5 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 9.6 | 9.9 |
| Uva | 8.8 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| Western | 11.7 | 12.1 | 49.9 | 48.7 | 45.6 | 45.9 |
| Sri Lanka | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100 | 100.0 | 100 | 100.0 |

Source:- Central Bank of Sri Lanka ,PressRelease 2024.12.20

(a)Revised (b) Provisional

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

| Province | 2022(a) | | | | 2023(b) | | | |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | Agriculture | Industry | Services | Gross Value Added | Agriculture | Industry | Services | Gross Value Added |
| | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| Central | 12.9 | 27.2 | 59.9 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 24.7 | 64.6 | 100.0 |
| Eastern | 16.6 | 26.5 | 56.9 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 20.2 | 62.2 | 100.0 |
| North Central | 14.1 | 27.2 | 58.7 | 100.0 | 15.4 | 21.1 | 63.5 | 100.0 |
| North western | 14.9 | 32.6 | 52.5 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 30.9 | 53.3 | 100.0 |
| Nothern | 13.4 | 33.0 | 53.7 | 100.0 | 16.4 | 29.0 | 54.7 | 100.0 |
| Sabaragamuwa | 10.9 | 29.4 | 59.7 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 28.3 | 62.1 | 100.0 |
| Southern | 14.3 | 21.9 | 63.8 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 19.6 | 67.6 | 100.0 |
| Uva | 16.3 | 25.7 | 57.9 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 21.0 | 63.0 | 100.0 |
| Western | 2.4 | 35.6 | 62.1 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 30.4 | 67.1 | 100.0 |
| Sri Lanka | 8.9 | 31.3 | 59.8 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 27.3 | 63.9 | 100.0 |

Source:- Central Bank of Sri Lanka ,Press Release 2024.12.20

(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

11.1 Official poverty line by District - 2024 - 2025

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

| Time Period | National | Galle | Matara | Hambantota |
|---------------|----------|--------|--------|------------|
| 2024 May. Rs. | 16,326 | 16,588 | 15,944 | 15,862 |
| 2024 Jun. Rs. | 16,468 | 16,732 | 16,083 | 16,000 |
| 2024 Jul. Rs. | 16,373 | 16,636 | 15,990 | 15,908 |
| 2024 Aug. Rs. | 16,152 | 16,411 | 15,774 | 15,693 |
| 2024 Sep. Rs. | 16,073 | 16,331 | 15,697 | 15,616 |
| 2024 Oct. Rs. | 15,994 | 16,251 | 15,620 | 15,539 |
| 2024 Nov. Rs. | 16,017 | 16,274 | 15,642 | 15,562 |
| 2024 Dec. Rs. | 16,191 | 16,451 | 15,812 | 15,731 |
| 2025 Jan. Rs. | 16,334 | 16,596 | 15,952 | 15,870 |
| 2025 Feb. Rs. | 16,318 | 16,580 | 15,936 | 15,854 |
| 2025 Mar. Rs. | 16,302 | 16,563 | 15,921 | 15,839 |
| 2025 Apr. Rs. | 16,342 | 16,604 | 15,960 | 15,878 |
| 2025 May Rs. | 16,421 | 16,684 | 16,037 | 15,954 |

12 Literacy

12.1 Literacy Rate

| Region | Literacy Rate (%) | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | Of the Total Population | | | | |
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Galle | 93.0 | 93.3 | 95.0 | 93.1 | 93.9 |
| Matara | 92.5 | 92.5 | 93.0 | 93.9 | 91.4 |
| Hambantota | 90.9 | 90.8 | 93.1 | 91.9 | 90.6 |
| Sri Lanka | 92.9 | 93.0 | 93.3 | 92.4 | 93.2 |

12.2 Computer literacy

| Region | Computer Literacy Rate | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Sri Lanka | 30.8 | 32.3 | 34.3 | 36.0 | 39.0 |
| Southern Province | 31.2 | 31.6 | 30.7 | 33.9 | 39.6 |

13. Tourism

13.1 Number of Tourist Visiting Tourist Attractions in Southern Province and Income - 2024

| Place | Number of Tourist | | | Income (Rs.) | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | local | foreign | Total | Local Tourists | Foreign Tourists | Total |
| Kottawa Conservetion Forest | 982 | 233 | 1,215 | 58,969.89 | 180,407.79 | 239,377.68 |
| Kanneliya Conservetion Forest | 40,762 | 2,781 | 43,543 | 3,474,203.96 | 1,962,660.44 | 5,436,864.40 |
| Andahelena Ella | 3,952 | 1,637 | 5,589 | 351,042.50 | 880,911.81 | 1,231,954.31 |
| Sinharaja Conservetion Forest | 48,865 | 21,216 | 70,081 | 4,681,943.06 | 20,665,336.59 | 25,347,279.65 |
| Yala | 293,058 | 353,646 | 646,704 | 44,990,039.00 | 2,718,936,703.32 | 2,763,926,742.32 |
| Bundala | 7,469 | 7,194 | 14,663 | 442,140.00 | 26,033,899.60 | 26,476,039.60 |
| Hikkaduwa | 36,421 | 1,492 | 37,913 | 1,394,160.00 | 2,063,637.00 | 3,457,797.00 |
| Mirissa | 31,417 | 88,201 | 119,618 | 2,797,850.00 | 150,795,180.00 | 153,593,030.00 |
| Galle National Museum | 50,100 | 14,118 | 64,218 | 5,369,533.00 | 23,039,800.66 | 28,409,333.66 |
| Total | 513,026 | 490,518 | 1,003,544 | 63,559,881.41 | 2,944,558,537.21 | 3,008,118,418.62 |

Source-Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority



Mirissa



Koggala



Light house - Matara