

SRI LANKA

Location: Southern Asia, island in the Indian Ocean, south of India

Capital: Colombo

Government Type: Presidential Republic

Area:

Total: 65,610 sq km

Land: 64,630 sq km

Water: 980 sq km

Population: 22,037,000 WDI-2023

Rural Population: 17,803,472 (2023)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 358.16 2021 WDI

Population Growth Rate: -0.65% 2023 WDI

Population below Poverty Line: 14.3% (2019) WDI

Ethnic Groups: Sinhalese 74.9%, Sri Lankan Tamil 11.2%, Sri Lankan Moors 9.2%, Indian Tamil 4.2%, other 0.5%.

Climate: Tropical monsoon; northeast monsoon (December to March); southwest monsoon (June to October).

Natural Resources: Limestone, graphite, mineral sands, gems, phosphates, clay, hydropower.

Languages: Sinhala (official) 87%, Tamil (official) 28.5%, English 23.8%.

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 45.5% (2022) FAO. (Arable land 48.8% (2022) FAO/ Permanent crops 35.6% (2022) FAO/ Permanent meadows and pastures 15.7% (2022)

Forest: 34.10% 2021 WDI

Other: 27.1%

Natural Hazards: Occasional cyclones and tornadoes.

Literacy: 92.49% WDI 2022

GDP - Real Growth Rate: -2.29% WDI 2023

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$3,968.67 WDI 2023

Exports: \$16.9 billion (2021) WB

Exports Commodities: Textiles and apparel, tea and spices; rubber manufactures; precious stones; coconut products, fish.

Improved Drinking Water Source: 89.31% of population (2022) WDI.

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 95.08%. of population (2022) WDI