

## The Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka



<b>Area</b>	: Total: 65,610 sq km Land: 64,740 sq km
<b>Population</b>	: 20,926,315 (July 2007 est.)
<b>Population growth rate:</b>	0.982% (2007 est.)
<b>Languages</b>	: Sinhala 74%, Tamil 18%, other 8%
<b>Religions</b>	: Buddhist 69.1%, Muslim 7.6%, Hindu 7.1%, Christian 6.2%, unspecified 10% (2001 census provisional data)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	: Sinhalese 73.8%, Sri Lankan Moors 7.2%, Indian Tamil 4.6%, Sri Lankan Tamil 3.9%, other 0.5%, unspecified 10% (2001 census provisional data)
<b>Climate</b>	: tropical monsoon; northeast monsoon (December to March); southwest monsoon (June to October)
<b>Natural resources</b>	: limestone, graphite, mineral sands, gems, phosphates, clay, hydropower
<b>Literacy rate</b>	: Total population: 90.7% Male: 92.3% Female: 89.1% (2001 census)

<b>Currency</b>	: Sri Lankan rupee (LKR)
<b>National Day</b>	: 4 February
<b>Major cities With population</b>	:Colombo – 669700 Dehiwala-mount lavinia – 218800 Moratuwa – 184800 Jaffna – 172300 Negombo – 127200 Sri Jayewardenepura – 120800 Kandy – 114800 Chavakachcheri - 111100
<b>GDP (PPP)</b>	: \$95.55 billion (2006 est.)
<b>GDP - real growth rate</b>	: 7.5% (2006 est.)
<b>GDP - per capita (PPP)</b>	: \$4,700 (2006 est.)
<b>GDP – Composition by Sectors</b>	: <i>Agriculture</i> : 17.3% <i>Industry</i> : 27.3% <i>Services</i> : 55.3% (2006 est.)
<b>Exchange rates</b>	: Sri Lankan rupees per US dollar - 103.99 (2006)
<b>Major Industries</b>	: processing of rubber, tea, coconuts, tobacco and other agricultural commodities; telecommunications, insurance, banking; clothing, textiles; cement, petroleum refining.
<b>Major Imports</b>	: textile fabrics, mineral products, petroleum, foodstuffs, machinery and transportation equipment
<b>Major Exports</b>	: textiles and apparel, tea and spices; diamonds, emeralds, rubies; coconut products, rubber manufactures, fish
<b>Major Markets</b>	: US 31.1%, UK 12.2%, India 8.9%, Germany 4.3% (2005)
<b>Major Suppliers</b>	: India 20.7%, Singapore 8.3%, Hong Kong 7.3%, China 7.1%, Iran 5.9%, Malaysia 4.4%, Japan 4.3% (2005)