

Sri Lanka



Overview

Sri Lanka has recently formulated and adopted an updated National Reproductive Health and Population Policy and Action Plan, which reflect the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), the Government's poverty alleviation framework, and the reconciliation framework.

Achieving gender equality is an important goal of the new policy. Well Women's Clinics have been set up at the primary health care level throughout the country in recent years, and they have played an important role facilitating the transformation of the national family planning programme into an integrated reproductive health programme.

Despite difficult circumstances, Sri Lanka has made a great deal of progress in recent years in terms of meeting ICPD goals. However, underserved areas and vulnerable groups (adolescents, conflict-affected populations, plant workers, slum dwellers, migrant workers) continue to lag and are attracting greater attention. Ageing is also a matter of concern to the Government, as the proportion of the population 60 years and over is expected to double by 2025. Other priorities include addressing the high prevalence of abortion and gender-based violence.

Statistics

POPULATION

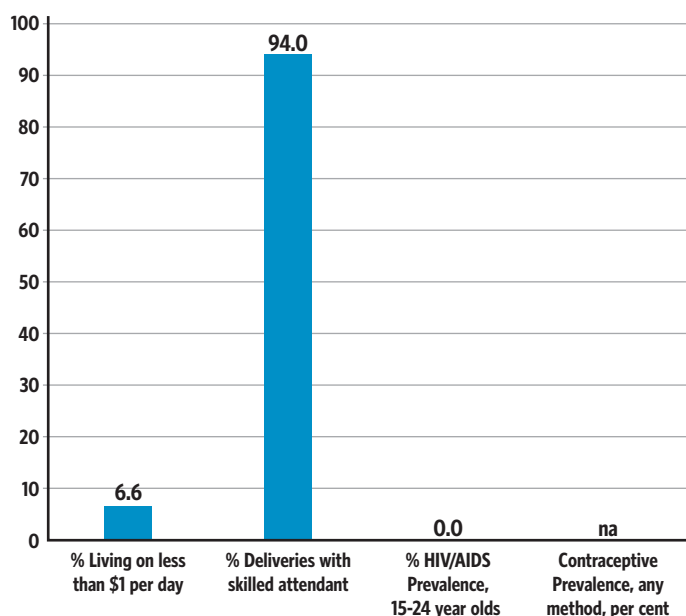
Population in Thousands, 2001, Total, Male	9,880.5
Population in Thousands, 2001, Total, Female	9,406.6
Population Growth Rate, Per Cent	1.0
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	17.4
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Population	6.1
Urban Population, Per Cent	23.5
Sex Ratio at Birth, Male Births per Female Birth	1.05
Women 15-49, Thousands	5,278.9
Women 15-49, Per Cent	56.1
Total Fertility Rate per Woman 15-49	2.10
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate for Women 15-49, Modern Method, Per Cent	43.6
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate for Women 15-49, Any Method, Per Cent	▲ na
Maternal Mortality Ratio per 100,000 Live Births (MMR)	●▲ 60
MMR, Lower Bound	●▲ 31
MMR, Upper Bound	●▲ 120
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	●▲ 22.9
Under Age 5 Mortality Rate, Total	●▲ 17
Under Age 5 Mortality Rate, Female	●▲ 16
Under Age 5 Mortality Rate, Male	●▲ 30
Life Expectancy at Birth, Combined, Years	●▲ 71.6
Life Expectancy at Birth, Female, Years	●▲ 74.7
Life Expectancy at Birth, Male, Years	●▲ 69.0
Population 60 Years and Over, Per Cent	10.2

Estimated Annual Resource Requirements for Population Programmes

Years 2005-2015 (in millions \$US)

Date	2005	2010	2015
Cost	76.38	82.04	85.97

Indicators for Population and Reproductive Health



Indicators

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC & HEALTH

Gross Domestic Product Per Capita, Purchasing Power Parity, International Dollars	3,530
Gross Domestic Product Growth Rate, Annual Per Cent	6.0
Income Group per World Bank Classification	Lower middle income
UNFPA Country Priority Classification	C
Population Below \$1/Day, Per Cent	▲ 6.6
Access to Improved Water Supply, Per Cent	▲ 83
Deliveries Attended by Skilled Attendants, Per Cent	● ▲ 94
Family Planning Programme Effort Index, 1999 (Total Mean Score)	69.0
Illiteracy Rate, Per Cent of Population Age 15 and Over, Male	6
Illiteracy Rate, Per Cent of Population Age 15 and Over, Female	11
Primary School Enrolment, Gross % of School Age Population, Male	● ▲ 112
Primary School Enrolment, Gross % of School Age Population, Female	● ▲ 110
Secondary School Enrolment, Gross Per Cent of School Age Population, Male	● ▲ 68
Secondary School Enrolment, Gross Per Cent of School Age Population, Female	● ▲ 74
Children Underweight Under 5, Male, Per Cent	32
Children Underweight Under 5, Female, Per Cent	33
Stunted Children Under 5, Moderate, Per Cent	17
Stunted Children Under 5, Severe, Per Cent	4
Wasted Children Under 5, Moderate, Per Cent	15
Wasted Children Under 5, Severe, Per Cent	na

● ICPD Goals ▲ MDG Indicators

ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Proportion of Population 15-24	19.1
Age-Specific Fertility Rate per 1000 Women, 15-20	23.4
Mean Age at Marriage, Male	27.9
Mean Age at Marriage, Female	24.4
HIV/AIDS Prevalence, 15-24, Lower Bound, Female	● ▲ 0.0
HIV/AIDS Prevalence, 15-24, Upper Bound, Female	● ▲ 0.0
HIV/AIDS Prevalence, 15-24, Lower Bound, Male	● ▲ 0.0
HIV/AIDS Prevalence, 15-24, Upper Bound, Male	● ▲ 0.0

GENDER EQUALITY

Labour Force Participation Rate, 15-64, Total	61.9
Labour Force Participation Rate, 15-64, Male	82.4
Labour Force Participation Rate, 15-64, Female	41.6
Women in Managerial or Technical Positions, Thousands	285.8
Seats in Parliament Held by Women, Per Cent	4.0

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMMODITY SECURITY

Projected Increase/Decrease in Women of Reproductive Age 2000-2015, Thousands	332.3
Projected Increase/Decrease in Women of Reproductive Age 2000-2015, Per Cent	6.4
Unmet Need for Family Planning, Spacing, Per Cent	● na
Unmet Need for Family Planning, Limiting, Per Cent	● na
Unmet Need for Family Planning, Total, Per Cent	● na
Unmet Need for Family Planning, Thousands	● na

INTERNAL DISPARITIES

Total Fertility Rate per Woman 15-49:		Adolescent Women 15-19 Begun Childbearing:		Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	
Urban	2.1	Urban, Per Cent	4.0	Provincial Low, Per Cent	34.0
Rural	2.8	Rural, Per Cent	5.1	Provincial High, Per Cent	45.3
No Education/Primary	na	No Education/Primary, Per Cent	78.7	Poorest, Per Cent	na
Highest Level of Education	na	Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	73.8	Richest, Per Cent	na
Provincial Low	2.1	Provincial Low, Per Cent	2.5	Children Underweight Under 5, Moderate:	
Provincial High	3.2	Provincial High, Per Cent	8.4	Urban, Per Cent	25.9
Poorest	na	Poorest, Per Cent	na	Rural, Per Cent	35.9
Richest	na	Richest, Per Cent	na	No Education/Primary, Per Cent	54.4
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births:		Deliveries Attended by Skilled Attendants:		Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	
Urban	36.5	Urban, Per Cent	95.6	Provincial Low, Per Cent	29.0
Rural	29.9	Rural, Per Cent	85.8	Provincial High, Per Cent	28.7
No Education/Primary	52.3	No Education/Primary, Per Cent	63.9	Provincial High, Per Cent	40.9
Highest Level of Education	32.0	Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	92.4	Poorest, Per Cent	na
Provincial Low	1.9	Provincial Low, Per Cent	76.4	Richest, Per Cent	na
Provincial High	21.7	Provincial High, Per Cent	98.1	Children Underweight Under 5, Severe:	
Poorest	na	Poorest, Per Cent	na	Urban, Per Cent	3.5
Richest	na	Richest, Per Cent	na	Rural, Per Cent	6.7
Age-Specific Fertility Rate, 15-19 Years:		Modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate for Women 15-49:		No Education/Primary, Per Cent	
Urban	34.0	Urban, Per Cent	41.0	Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	16.8
Rural	31.8	Rural, Per Cent	40.5	Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	3.8
Poorest	na	No Education/Primary, Per Cent	43.7	Provincial Low, Per Cent	3.5
Richest	na			Provincial High, Per Cent	9.1
				Richest, Per Cent	na
				Poorest, Per Cent	na