

2.3 Government School System at a Glance

Students - 2017

Students by Type of School

1 AB schools	1,657,886	40%
1 C schools	1,033,277	25%
Type 2 schools	793,966	19%
Type 3 schools	680,826	16%
Total	4,165,955	100%

Students by National & Provincial Schools

National schools	811,164	19.5%
Provincial schools	3,354,791	80.5%
Total	4,165,955	100%

Students by Gender

Male	2,059,796	49.44%
Female	2,106,159	50.56%
Total	4,165,955	100%

Students by Medium of Instruction

Sinhala Medium	3,123,281	75%
Tamil Medium	1,042,674	25%
Total	4,165,955	100%

Students by Cycle

Primary cycle (Grades 1-5 & Special Edu.)	1,700,666	41%
Junior Secondary cycle (Grades 6-9)	1,331,069	32%
Senior Secondary cycle (Grades 10-11)	621,520	15%
Collegiate cycle (Grades 12-13)	512,700	12%
Total	4,165,955	100%

Data Source: School Census 2017