

2.3 Government School System at a Glance

Students - 2023

Students by Type of School

1AB schools	1,544,233	40%
1C schools	1,033,882	27%
Type 2 schools	693,146	18%
Type 3 schools	611,427	16%
Total	3,882,688	100%

Students by Gender

Male	1,923,591	50%
Female	1,959,097	50%
Total	3,882,688	100%

Students by Medium of Instruction

Sinhala Medium	2,827,538	73%
Tamil Medium	934,579	24%
Bilingual and English Medium	120,571	3%
Total	3,882,688	100%

Students by National & Provincial Schools

National schools	830,021	21%
Provincial schools	3,052,667	79%
Total	3,882,688	100%

Students by Cycle

Primary cycle (Grades 1-5)	1,521,394	39%
Junior Secondary cycle (Grades 6-9)	1,291,066	33%
Senior Secondary cycle (Grades 10-11)	651,377	17%
Senior Secondary A/L cycle (Grades 12-13)	411,305	11%
Special Education Unit	7,546	0%
Total	3,882,688	100%

Data Source: School Census 2023