

2.3 Government School System at a Glance

Students - 2024

Students by Type of School

1AB schools	1,566,798	41.1%
1C schools	986,367	25.8%
Type 2 schools	667,735	17.5%
Type 3 schools	595,427	15.6%
Total	3,816,327	100%

Students by Gender

Male	1,888,632	49.5%
Female	1,927,695	50.5%
Total	3,816,327	100%

Students by Medium of Instruction

Sinhala Medium	2,759,490	72.3%
Tamil Medium	922,668	24.2%
English Medium	134,169	3.5%
Total	3,816,327	100%

Students by National & Provincial Schools

National schools	833,331	21.8%
Provincial schools	2,982,996	78.2%
Total	3,816,327	100%

Students by Cycle

Primary cycle (Grades 1-5 & Special Edu.)	1,478,968	38.8%
Junior Secondary cycle (Grades 6-9)	1,287,445	33.7%
Senior Secondary cycle (Grades 10-11)	636,471	16.7%
Collegiate cycle (Grades 12-13)	413,443	10.8%
Total	3,816,327	100%

Data Source: School Census 2024