

5.2 - Lower Secondary (Grades 6-9) Students - 2024 (in National Schools)

Province	District	Sinhala Medium			Tamil Medium			Bilingual			Total		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Western	Colombo	17,958	12,566	30,524	1,982	985	2,967	6,241	4,947	11,188	26,181	18,498	44,679
	Gampaha	9,732	7,400	17,132	375	118	493	1,593	1,650	3,243	11,700	9,168	20,868
	Kalutara	8,131	7,270	15,401	657	255	912	665	774	1,439	9,453	8,299	17,752
	Total	35,821	27,236	63,057	3,014	1,358	4,372	8,499	7,371	15,870	47,334	35,965	83,299
Central	Kandy	7,691	7,332	15,023	2,267	2,052	4,319	1,828	2,527	4,355	11,786	11,911	23,697
	Matale	2,610	2,274	4,884	993	950	1,943	795	837	1,632	4,398	4,061	8,459
	Nuwaraeliya	1,618	1,479	3,097	142	404	546	268	290	558	2,028	2,173	4,201
	Total	11,919	11,085	23,004	3,402	3,406	6,808	2,891	3,654	6,545	18,212	18,145	36,357
Southern	Galle	12,660	10,804	23,464	394	276	670	2,042	2,166	4,208	15,096	13,246	28,342
	Mathara	8,747	7,885	16,632	399	370	769	1,356	1,505	2,861	10,502	9,760	20,262
	Hambantota	6,327	6,380	12,707	189	221	410	829	1,254	2,083	7,345	7,855	15,200
	Total	27,734	25,069	52,803	982	867	1,849	4,227	4,925	9,152	32,943	30,861	63,804
Northern	Jaffna	-	-	-	3,072	2,023	5,095	611	748	1,359	3,683	2,771	6,454
	Mannar	-	-	-	794	784	1,578	143	147	290	937	931	1,868
	Vavuniya	181	169	350	866	751	1,617	157	185	342	1,204	1,105	2,309
	Mullativu	122	138	260	247	310	557	24	22	46	393	470	863
	Kilinochchi	-	-	-	550	511	1,061	17	13	30	567	524	1,091
	Total	303	307	610	5,529	4,379	9,908	952	1,115	2,067	6,784	5,801	12,585
Eastern	Batticaloa	-	-	-	4,717	2,936	7,653	131	77	208	4,848	3,013	7,861
	Ampara	1,447	1,785	3,232	3,712	3,223	6,935	1,037	1,297	2,334	6,196	6,305	12,501
	Trincomalee	843	859	1,702	2,275	1,629	3,904	345	377	722	3,463	2,865	6,328
	Total	2,290	2,644	4,934	10,704	7,788	18,492	1,513	1,751	3,264	14,507	12,183	26,690
North Western	Kurunegala	10,142	9,615	19,757	741	777	1,518	1,865	2,247	4,112	12,748	12,639	25,387
	Puttlam	2,635	2,206	4,841	1,220	393	1,613	543	304	847	4,398	2,903	7,301
	Total	12,777	11,821	24,598	1,961	1,170	3,131	2,408	2,551	4,959	17,146	15,542	32,688
North Central	Anuradhapura	3,363	4,437	7,800	124	131	255	536	952	1,488	4,023	5,520	9,543
	Polonnaruwa	3,494	4,147	7,641	316	290	606	393	553	946	4,203	4,990	9,193
	Total	6,857	8,584	15,441	440	421	861	929	1,505	2,434	8,226	10,510	18,736
Uva	Badulla	4,671	5,198	9,869	731	477	1,208	956	1,341	2,297	6,358	7,016	13,374
	Monaragala	3,711	3,858	7,569	-	-	-	832	1,086	1,918	4,543	4,944	9,487
	Total	8,382	9,056	17,438	731	477	1,208	1,788	2,427	4,215	10,901	11,960	22,861
Sabaragamuwa	Ratnapura	5,365	6,508	11,873	495	565	1,060	1,182	1,757	2,939	7,042	8,830	15,872
	Kegalle	5,418	5,848	11,266	343	296	639	1,197	1,439	2,636	6,958	7,583	14,541
	Total	10,783	12,356	23,139	838	861	1,699	2,379	3,196	5,575	14,000	16,413	30,413
Sri Lanka		116,866	108,158	225,024	27,601	20,727	48,328	25,586	28,495	54,081	170,053	157,380	327,433

Data Source: School Census 2024