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Population lower than estimated

Sri Lanka's first countrywide census conducted after the end of a 30-year-long conflict showed that the population was 20.277 million, the statistics office said. That was lower than earlier estimates.

Earlier estimates put mid-year population in 2011 at 20.869 million with an annual growth rate of 1.0 percent. The census conducted in March 2012 shows that the population growth had fallen to 0.7 percent in the past 10 years.

Sri Lanka's current population of 20.227 is around the level of the 20.217 million mid-year population estimated for 2008.

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About 28.8 percent of the population was in the Western Province around the capital Colombo and 5.2 percent was in the North.

Colombo district had the highest population of 2,323,824 and the lowest was in the Mullaitivu district, in the North of the island, at 92,527.

The highest population growth rate of 1.33 percent was seen in the Anuradhapura District, in North Central Sri Lanka.

The lowest population growth of 0.5 percent was seen in Nuwara Eliya district. (LBO)



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