

NORTHERN POPULATION DROP

According to the Enumeration of Vital Events, 2011 the population of Northern Province has dropped by 10 percent during last 3 decades. The total population of the Northern Province is now 997,754, a figure on the lower side 1 million. According to the last Population of Census and Housing covering the entire province conducted by Department of Census and Statistics in 1981, the population of the province was 1,109,404.

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1981

997,754

2011

Nearly 57% or the highest percentage of the total Northern Province population lives in the Jaffna District and only 6.7 percent, or the least percentage lives in the Mullaitivu District.

All ethnic groups live in the five districts with Sri Lankan Tamil being the majority.

Sri Lankan Tamil: 934,382 (93.6%)

Other: 411 (0.9%)

Muslim: 32,659 (3.3%)

Sinhala: 21,860 (2.2%)

The Department of Census and Statistics conducted the Enumeration of Vital Events (EVE)-2011 during the months of June/ July 2011.

Approximately 60% of the Sri Lankan Tamil population lives in Jaffna District. Of the Sinhalese in Jaffna the majority (about 75%) live in Vavuniya District. Most of the Muslims live in the Mannar District.

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