

The State of Sri Lankan Cities Database

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The State of Sri Lankan Cities Database (SoSLC) provides a platform for easy access to city-level data. For evidence-based decision making, data is of paramount importance. The State of Sri Lankan Cities database presents a well-structured and systematic presentation of data on aspects of urbanization in urban local authorities across Sri Lanka, and includes statistical and spatial city-specific data.

The database is led by the State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs and implemented through the country's nine Provincial Councils and the urbanized Local Authorities of these provinces. Funding for the first phase of the project was provided by the Government of Australia. Initiative and technical inputs were provided by UN-Habitat. The current phase supporting four provinces, i.e. the North Central, Northern, Eastern and Uva, is funded by the Capacity Development of Local Government (CDLG) project which is part of the European Union's Strengthening Transformation, Reconciliation and Inclusive Democratic Engagement (STRIDE) Programme.

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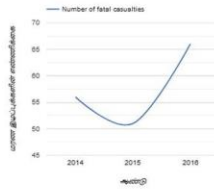
Contents of the Database

City specific data pages

The Cities pages form the core of this trilingual database. There are 3 tabs leading to different types of data. The City Information tab is organised according to thematic areas such as Demography, Education, Transport, Economy, Urban Governance, Housing, Municipal Service and Environment, which are largely statistical data shown graphically, with some maps where available. The other tabs are Land Use and City Expansion data.

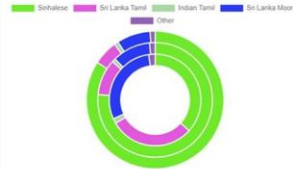
Data elaborative graphs with descriptions

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Composition of the Ethnic Profile - by Urban Area, District, and Province



Source - Department of Census and Statistics

According to the Census Survey conducted in 2012, within the Colombo Municipal Council limits Sinhalese, Tamil and Moors, the main ethnic groups constitute 36.7%, 31.5% and 29.4% respectively. That figures for the Colombo district are 76%, 11% and 10.7% respectively and in the Western Province 84%, 7% and 7.8% respectively.

Spatial data

Land use

In order to create well planned cities and manage them well, having a better understanding of current land use is imperative. Land use maps are categorized into 36 sub-categories under two types – built-up and non built-up. The extent of land in each of these sub categories are also indicated below the map.



Thematic spatial data

Spatial data on various aspects pertaining to the particular city with latitudinal and longitudinal positioning



Expansion maps

Higher densities of population are concentrated in the city centres and the expansion takes place over the years, often shaped by the geography of the surrounding area, or along major roads. City expansion maps are available for the provincial capital cities. The expansion is mapped giving the rough boundary where the physical urban character disappears.



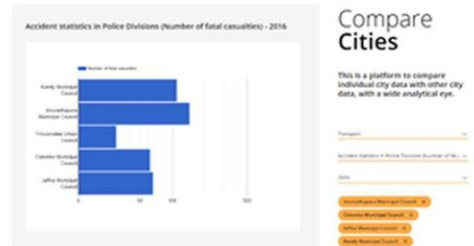
Provincial Pages

While this database is focused on cities, the cities are administered by the Provincial Administration, and thus there are pages that reflect the collective and comparative data from the cities within the respective province.



City Comparison

If your city is part of the database, you can check how your city compares with others, and see in what areas you can get a competitive edge. Data of individual cities and provinces can be compared with that of others, where the data from multiple cities/ provinces exist.



Projects & Initiatives

The site also focuses on selected projects and initiatives. e.g. the Capacity Development for Local Government project, implemented by UNDP, and can be accessed from the Home Page. Urban planning tools, such as the Her City Tool that has been developed by UN-Habitat, can also be found in this section of the database.

Archives

Downloadable statistical and spatial data are stored in this space. City datasets have a link to downloadable sections.

Urban Sri Lanka

Provides space for professionals to contribute and discuss city specific topics. Researchers and professionals are encouraged to publish their work and open discussions in this platform.

Who can use this database?

- Local Authorities: especially Municipal and Urban Councils, and urbanized Pradeshiya Sabhas
- Government Ministries/Departments responsible for urban matters
- Decision makers on urban policies and programmes
- Academia & research institutions
- Students
- Land developers and investors
- General public/ interested citizens

Management and sustainability mechanism

The management mechanism of the database involves the State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs in the lead, and the implementation by the Provincial Councils and the local authorities to ensure robustness and accuracy of data. Other national level institutions dealing with statistical and spatial data such as the Department of Census and Statistics, the Land Use Policy Planning Department, the Urban Development Authority and the Survey Department; as well as urban research institutions, are part of the Steering Committee and project implementation team.

Contact Us:

- If you would like your city to be part of this
- If you would like to ensure that the data for your city is kept updated
- If you would like to be trained on updating the database
- If you would like to be part of a discussion forum on any of the urban aspects covered

You could use the **Tell Us** tab to contact us from within the database to let us know what your needs or complaints are.

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