

Table 1.16 : Percentage distribution of Population Aged 15 yrs. And above according to Marital Status and Sex, 1963 - 2012

Marital Status	1963		1971		1981		2001*		2012	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Never married	26.2	40.6	31.3	43.7	32.4	42.5	25.8	35.6	22.0	30.0
Married	63.0	55.9	59.1	53.6	59.0	55.2	63.8	61.4	67.9	67.7
Widowed	10.5	3.2	9.0	2.3	8.0	1.8	7.4	1.3	8.7	1.3
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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note : * Excludes unspecified 69,306 persons.

** Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Batticaloa and Trincomalee Districts in which 2001 census enumeration was not completed are not included here.

M=Men, W=Women

Source : Census of Population and Housing 1953- 2012

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Figure 1.08 : Percentage distribution of Population (Aged 15 yrs. and above) by Marital Status, 2012

