

Number of pupils in schools by type of school classified by district, 1972 - 2002

Table 3

District	1972						1973					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private fee levying schools	Private non fee levying schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private fee levying schools	Private non fee levying schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	2,625,291	2,492,754	17,946	37,672	-	76,919	2,689,707	2,539,435	12,172	37,209	26,509	74,382
Colombo	561,515	524,348	12,621	24,257	-	289	563,767	526,842	9,158	22,683	5,036	48
Kalutara	142,334	139,009	-	1,145	-	2,180	148,461	142,217	-	1,179	3,011	2,054
Kandy	234,650	217,005	2,668	2,881	-	12,096	240,636	220,727	2,175	2,897	3,408	11,429
Matale	65,553	62,976	-	669	-	1,908	68,080	64,919	-	672	532	1,957
Nuwara Eliya	109,814	76,926	917	-	-	31,971	111,315	79,183	443	-	593	31,096
Galle	159,908	158,479	-	813	-	616	166,370	161,568	-	1,114	3,164	524
Matara	134,243	132,266	820	775	-	382	138,878	134,654	-	722	3,305	197
Hambantota	75,197	75,197	-	-	-	-	77,602	77,417	-	-	185	-
Jaffna	161,807	155,983	-	5,824	-	-	166,382	159,705	-	6,677	-	-
Mannar	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,419	15,419	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	19,105	19,105	-	-	-	-	19,438	19,438	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	44,666	44,666	-	-	-	-	46,254	46,254	-	-	-	-
Ampara	53,406	53,406	-	-	-	-	56,312	56,312	-	-	-	-
Trincomalee	37,500	37,500	-	-	-	-	38,370	38,370	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	190,986	189,797	187	879	-	123	196,032	191,986	-	833	3,080	133
Puttalam	109,937	109,138	283	429	-	87	111,109	110,476	-	432	132	69
Anuradhapura	85,708	85,708	-	-	-	-	88,089	87,925	-	-	164	-
Polonnaruwa	33,798	33,798	-	-	-	-	35,335	35,190	-	-	145	-
Badulla	91,666	74,583	450	-	-	16,633	93,554	77,287	396	-	646	15,225
Moneragala	33,389	33,270	-	-	-	119	35,667	34,921	-	-	25	721
Ratnapura	124,114	116,742	-	-	-	7,372	127,230	118,660	-	-	1,425	7,145
Kegalle	140,995	137,852	-	-	-	3,143	145,407	139,965	-	-	1,658	3,784

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District	1974						1975					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private fee levying schools	Private non fee levying schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private fee levying schools	Private non fee levying schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	2,599,408	2,525,433	12,156	35,983	25,836	62,517	2,457,129	2,431,626	11,324	33,412	25,503	58,614
Colombo	551,735	515,594	9,135	22,049	4,957	..	509,903	505,382	..	..	4,521	..
Kalutara	142,547	138,555	-	1,255	2,737	..	136,575	133,903	..	..	2,672	..
Kandy	220,466	211,744	2,150	2,856	3,716	..	207,146	203,644	..	..	3,502	..
Matale	63,814	62,647	-	613	554	..	62,330	61,768	-	..	562	..
Nuwara Eliya	75,789	74,930	436	-	423	..	70,652	70,198	..	-	454	..
Galle	159,510	155,859	-	1,031	2,620	..	152,947	150,433	-	..	2,514	..
Matara	186,167	182,041	-	789	3,337	..	131,430	128,363	-	..	3,067	..
Hambantota	76,167	75,968	-	-	199	-	76,898	76,653	-	-	245	-
Jaffna	164,393	157,833	-	6,560	-	-	157,249	157,249	-	..	-	-
Mannar	15,706	15,706	-	-	-	-	16,201	16,201	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	19,344	19,344	-	-	-	-	19,815	19,815	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	45,541	45,541	-	-	-	-	46,139	46,139	-	-	-	-
Ampara	57,314	57,314	-	-	-	-	56,484	56,407	-	-	77	-
Trincomalee	38,218	38,218	-	-	-	-	38,682	38,609	-	-	73	-
Kurunegala	190,521	186,360	-	830	3,331	..	191,016	187,658	-	..	3,358	..
Puttalam	108,924	108,792	-	-	132	..	109,326	109,048	-	-	278	..
Anuradhapura	86,616	86,457	-	-	159	-	85,367	85,152	-	-	215	-
Polonnaruwa	35,805	35,682	-	-	123	-	36,448	36,287	-	-	161	-
Badulla	74,212	73,164	435	-	613	..	70,091	69,425	..	-	666	..
Moneragala	34,388	34,367	-	-	21	..	35,288	35,268	-	-	20	..
Ratnapura	115,049	113,749	-	-	1,300	..	112,936	111,716	-	-	1,220	..
Kegalle	137,182	135,568	-	-	1,614	..	134,206	132,308	-	-	1,898	..

Table 3 (Contd.)

District	1976						1977					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private fee levying schools	Private non fee levying schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private fee levying schools	Private non fee levying schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	2,482,833	2,461,503	11,072	28,924	21,330	50,816	2,566,381	2,462,147	10,161	27,946	19,406	46,721
Colombo	510,799	506,986	..	..	3,813	..	535,232	506,032	7,369	18,021	3,470	340
Kalutara	137,229	135,211	-	..	2,018	..	140,078	135,655	-	1,126	1,873	1,424
Kandy	206,653	203,369	..	..	3,284	..	214,256	201,722	2,233	2,562	2,632	5,107
Matale	63,406	62,936	-	..	470	..	65,109	63,167	-	530	271	1,141
Nuwara Eliya	70,640	70,225	..	-	415	..	89,365	71,519	-	-	415	17,431
Galle	152,562	150,604	-	..	1,958	..	153,904	149,970	-	982	2,534	418
Matara	131,052	128,588	-	..	2,464	..	129,883	127,018	-	898	1,704	263
Hambantota	78,543	78,294	-	-	249	-	77,631	77,460	-	-	171	-
Jaffna	157,247	157,247	-	-	-	-	159,578	155,751	-	3,827	-	-
Mannar	16,688	16,688	-	-	-	-	16,936	16,936	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	20,159	20,159	-	-	-	-	20,557	20,557	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	47,639	47,639	-	-	-	-	48,901	48,901	-	-	-	-
Ampara	58,328	58,328	-	-	-	-	62,346	62,346	-	-	-	-
Trincomalee	39,828	39,828	-	-	-	-	40,928	40,928	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	191,415	188,744	-	..	2,671	..	189,359	186,797	-	-	2,426	136
Puttalam	111,901	111,796	-	-	105	..	112,841	112,766	-	-	75	-
Anuradhapura	89,931	89,661	-	-	270	-	92,933	92,665	-	-	268	-
Polonnaruwa	38,396	38,265	-	-	131	-	39,283	39,098	-	-	185	-
Badulla	70,742	70,195	..	-	547	..	83,414	71,118	559	-	538	11,199
Moneragala	38,437	38,417	-	-	20	..	32,791	32,421	-	-	19	351
Ratnapura	116,383	115,198	-	-	1,185	..	125,117	117,940	-	-	1,097	6,080
Kegalle	134,855	133,125	-	-	1,730	..	135,939	131,380	-	-	1,728	2,831

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District	1978						1979					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private fee levying schools	Private non fee levying schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private fee levying schools	Private non fee levying schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	2,930,436	2,839,383	15,072	33,436	18,443	24,102	3,156,329	3,135,716	..	..	20,613	-
Colombo	351,009	319,785	11,131	17,683	2,410	-	334,064	332,271	..	..	1,793	-
Gampaha	287,503	281,106	-	4,996	1,401	-	290,640	289,149	..	..	1,491	-
Kalutara	168,861	164,987	-	1,572	2,302	-	175,842	173,175	..	..	2,667	-
Kandy	255,280	245,471	2,730	1,053	2,807	3,219	258,837	255,844	..	..	2,993	-
Matale	79,405	77,388	-	681	435	901	80,422	79,910	..	..	512	-
Nuwara Eliya	106,741	95,826	-	-	247	10,668	104,827	104,599	..	..	228	-
Galle	186,478	183,408	-	1,147	1,923	-	192,730	190,903	..	..	1,827	-
Matara	155,378	151,947	-	1,115	2,316	-	159,731	157,089	..	..	2,642	-
Hambantota	94,492	94,275	-	-	217	-	98,945	98,651	..	..	294	-
Jaffna	190,248	185,059	-	5,189	-	-	191,890	191,890	..	..	-	-
Mannar	19,178	19,178	-	-	-	-	20,397	20,397	..	..	-	-
Vavuniya	28,398	28,398	-	-	-	-	30,124	30,124	..	..	-	-
Mullaitivu								
Batticaloa	58,457	58,457	-	-	-	-	64,471	64,471	..	..	-	-
Ampara	76,105	76,105	-	-	-	-	81,562	81,511	..	..	51	-
Trincomalee	51,218	51,218	-	-	-	-	54,169	54,110	..	..	59	-
Kurunegala	269,678	267,397	-	-	2,281	-	282,116	279,662	..	..	2,454	-
Puttalam	91,148	91,081	-	-	67	-	96,673	96,658	..	..	15	-
Anuradhapura	113,504	113,293	-	-	211	-	123,225	122,966	..	..	259	-
Polonnaruwa	49,248	49,079	-	-	169	-	52,438	52,294	..	..	144	-
Badulla	100,044	91,816	1,211	-	541	6,476	97,159	96,648	..	..	511	-
Moneragala	48,955	48,955	-	-	-	-	51,921	51,921	..	..	-	-
Ratnapura	149,108	145,154	-	-	1,116	2,838	156,236	155,140	..	..	1,096	-
Kegalle	154,290	150,723	-	-	1,439	2,128	157,910	156,333	..	..	1,577	-

Table 3 (Contd.)

District	1980						1981					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	3,391,776	3,282,787	16,605	38,373	22,347	31,664	3,451,358	3,369,694	56,115	-	22,735	2,814
Colombo	376,122	342,336	11,607	19,948	2,231	-	374,859	341,849	31,240	-	1,770	-
Gampaha	305,949	297,104	-	7,193	1,652	-	306,668	296,934	7,949	-	1,785	-
Kalutara	182,921	178,495	-	1,925	2,501	-	185,408	180,941	2,004	-	2,463	-
Kandy	278,760	266,940	3,390	1,316	3,140	3,974	280,888	272,248	4,937	-	3,289	414
Matale	85,678	83,077	-	806	453	1,342	87,021	85,368	812	-	415	426
Nuwara Eliya	124,064	109,841	-	-	396	13,827	88,928	88,657	-	-	63	208
Galle	198,974	196,737	-	-	2,237	-	199,717	197,486	-	-	2,231	-
Matara	167,373	163,174	-	1,358	2,841	-	168,248	164,788	1,501	-	1,959	-
Hambantota	106,897	106,647	-	-	250	-	108,086	107,738	-	-	348	-
Jaffna	203,143	197,316	-	5,827	-	-	206,810	200,906	5,904	-	-	-
Mannar	21,603	21,603	-	-	-	-	22,796	22,796	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	33,004	33,004	-	-	-	-	20,889	20,889	-	-	-	-
Mullaitivu			-	-	-	-	14,489	14,489	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	68,392	68,392	-	-	-	-	70,284	70,284	-	-	-	-
Ampara	89,176	89,140	-	-	36	-	93,543	93,469	-	-	74	-
Trincomalee	59,213	59,160	-	-	53	-	62,397	62,345	-	-	52	-
Kurunegala	294,713	292,063	-	-	2,568	82	302,637	299,773	-	-	2,864	-
Puttalam	102,441	102,296	-	-	145	-	105,695	105,517	-	-	178	-
Anuradhapura	131,805	131,549	-	-	256	-	139,421	139,005	-	-	416	-
Polonnaruwa	54,637	54,424	-	-	213	-	56,845	56,544	-	-	301	-
Badulla	111,906	102,705	1,608	-	586	7,007	150,260	146,448	1,768	-	1,064	980
Moneragala	58,156	58,024	-	-	132	-	61,865	61,671	-	-	194	-
Ratnapura	169,668	165,728	-	-	1,233	2,707	175,967	174,338	-	-	1,629	-
Kegalle	167,181	163,032	-	-	1,424	2,725	167,637	165,211	-	-	1,640	786

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District	1982						1983					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/ Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/ Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	3,484,661	3,398,056	59,383	-	24,712	2,510	3,390,056	3,460,375	62,704	-	29,079	1,869
Colombo	377,359	341,330	33,483	-	2,546	-	383,308	345,689	35,191	-	2,428	-
Gampaha	303,545	293,508	8,274	-	1,763	-	310,391	299,565	8,938	-	1,888	-
Kalutara	186,137	181,548	2,088	-	2,501	-	192,457	187,678	2,258	-	2,521	-
Kandy	279,581	271,262	5,082	-	2,998	239	282,816	273,601	5,448	-	3,574	193
Matale	87,395	85,854	768	-	463	310	88,959	87,365	763	-	546	285
Nuwara Eliya	88,392	88,125	-	-	63	204	91,277	91,018	-	-	55	204
Galle	200,015	197,490	-	-	2,525	-	203,783	200,201	-	-	3,582	-
Matara	168,787	164,306	1,629	-	2,852	-	169,590	164,426	1,657	-	3,507	-
Hambantota	109,275	108,880	-	-	395	-	110,522	109,967	-	-	555	-
Jaffna	210,477	204,326	6,151	-	-	-	213,950	207,524	6,426	-	-	-
Mannar	23,540	23,540	-	-	-	-	24,750	24,750	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	21,805	21,805	-	-	-	-	22,301	22,301	-	-	-	-
Mullaitivu	15,967	15,967	-	-	-	-	16,758	16,758	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	71,181	71,181	-	-	-	-	72,533	72,533	-	-	-	-
Ampara	96,816	96,707	-	-	109	-	99,883	99,749	-	-	134	-
Trincomalee	64,607	64,549	-	-	58	-	66,482	66,347	-	-	135	-
Kurunegala	305,468	302,320	-	-	3,148	-	307,666	303,651	-	-	4,015	-
Puttalam	109,767	109,584	-	-	183	-	113,856	113,652	-	-	204	-
Anuradhapura	146,477	146,060	-	-	417	-	152,651	152,115	-	-	536	-
Polonnaruwa	59,293	58,954	-	-	339	-	61,343	60,858	-	-	485	-
Badulla	151,711	147,833	1,908	-	1,031	939	152,638	149,792	2,023	-	277	546
Moneragala	65,305	65,089	-	-	216	-	69,839	68,022	-	-	1,176	641
Ratnapura	177,456	175,959	-	-	1,497	-	182,303	180,745	-	-	1,558	-
Kegalle	164,305	161,879	-	-	1,608	818	163,971	162,068	-	-	1,903	-

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District	1984						1985					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/ Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/ Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	3,626,023	3,539,222	58,658	-	26,925	1,218	3,750,131	3,640,080	65,353	11,498	32,145	1,055
Colombo	376,470	341,598	33,320	-	1,552	-	391,636	348,682	35,620	4,932	2,402	-
Gampaha	312,375	304,413	5,802	-	2,160	-	326,396	312,689	9,707	1,990	2,010	-
Kalutara	196,296	191,470	2,221	-	2,605	-	204,092	196,967	2,415	1,615	3,095	-
Kandy	287,788	278,623	5,557	-	3,608	-	275,142	265,401	5,838	-	3,903	-
Matale	90,129	88,940	669	-	485	35	92,225	90,977	719	-	478	51
Nuwara Eliya	96,940	96,649	-	-	64	227	121,203	119,999	-	541	461	202
Galle	206,057	203,715	-	-	2,342	-	212,018	208,992	-	-	3,026	-
Matara	172,670	167,596	1,713	-	3,361	-	177,455	169,453	1,693	2,358	3,951	-
Hambantota	113,911	113,476	-	-	435	-	118,338	117,879	-	-	459	-
Jaffna	201,996	194,497	7,499	-	-	-	201,211	193,866	7,345	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	22,220	22,220	-	-	-	-	23,703	23,703	-	-	-	-
Mannar	25,850	25,850	-	-	-	-	25,183	25,183	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	23,693	23,693	-	-	-	-	23,544	23,544	-	-	-	-
Mullaitivu	18,203	18,203	-	-	-	-	17,904	17,904	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	74,757	74,757	-	-	-	-	77,289	77,289	-	-	-	-
Ampara	104,497	104,438	-	-	59	-	110,710	110,685	-	-	25	-
Trincomalee	68,046	67,925	-	-	121	-	70,383	70,188	-	-	195	-
Kurunegala	314,518	310,323	-	-	4,195	-	323,029	318,112	-	-	4,917	-
Puttalam	118,598	118,398	-	-	200	-	123,691	123,424	-	-	267	-
Anuradhapura	159,872	159,294	-	-	578	-	166,841	166,107	-	-	734	-
Polonnaruwa	64,469	64,070	-	-	399	-	68,410	67,857	-	-	553	-
Badulla	154,536	150,804	1,877	-	1,225	630	158,800	155,172	2,016	62	1,293	257
Moneragala	71,404	71,159	-	-	245	-	75,266	74,848	-	-	418	-
Ratnapura	188,163	186,682	-	-	1,481	-	195,458	193,525	-	-	1,933	-
Kegalle	162,565	160,429	-	-	1,810	326	170,204	167,634	-	-	2,025	545

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District	1986						1987					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/ Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/ Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	3,864,187	3,751,708	67,686	11,124	32,562	1,107	3,974,705	3,855,119	69,065	11,863	37,031	1,627
Colombo	400,897	355,861	36,882	4,931	3,223	-	406,070	360,324	37,272	5,074	3,400	-
Gampaha	336,213	321,815	9,890	2,309	2,199	-	344,186	329,453	10,043	2,429	2,261	-
Kalutara	209,478	203,674	2,443	1,771	1,590	-	216,944	209,107	2,605	1,801	3,431	-
Kandy	286,083	275,689	6,084	-	4,310	-	293,344	282,370	6,202	-	4,772	-
Matale	96,555	95,142	767	-	595	51	100,424	98,767	834	-	766	57
Nuwara Eliya	127,392	126,210	-	600	354	228	134,667	133,110	-	589	362	606
Galle	217,823	214,958	-	-	2,865	-	222,439	219,388	-	-	3,051	-
Matara	178,987	171,451	1,719	1,405	4,412	-	182,218	174,218	1,881	1,812	4,307	-
Hambantota	123,670	123,256	-	-	414	-	128,560	127,979	-	-	581	-
Jaffna	205,298	197,604	7,694	-	-	-	205,477	197,604	7,873	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	25,121	25,121	-	-	-	-	24,226	24,226	-	-	-	-
Mannar	22,320	22,320	-	-	-	-	22,981	22,981	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	20,052	20,052	-	-	-	-	21,777	21,735	-	-	42	-
Mullaitivu	19,497	19,497	-	-	-	-	21,365	21,365	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	79,724	79,724	-	-	-	-	81,161	81,161	-	-	-	-
Ampara	115,988	115,826	-	-	162	-	121,274	121,059	-	-	215	-
Trincomalee	66,146	65,957	-	-	189	-	66,131	65,957	-	-	174	-
Kurunegala	332,544	327,563	-	-	4,981	-	341,946	335,986	-	-	5,960	-
Puttalam	129,013	128,708	-	-	305	-	134,306	133,857	-	-	449	-
Anuradhapura	176,554	175,741	-	-	813	-	182,629	181,723	-	-	906	-
Polonnaruwa	72,677	72,158	-	-	519	-	76,464	75,955	-	-	509	-
Badulla	164,103	160,222	2,207	108	1,297	269	171,400	167,342	2,355	158	1,244	301
Moneragala	79,559	79,062	-	-	497	-	83,970	83,298	-	-	672	-
Ratnapura	204,091	202,189	-	-	1,902	-	212,346	210,589	-	-	1,757	-
Kegalle	174,402	171,908	-	-	1,935	559	178,400	175,565	-	-	2,172	663

Table 3 (Contd.)

District	1988						1989					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	4,083,773	3,962,992	70,917	12,054	37,810	-	4,179,520	4,057,815	71,328	12,488	37,889	-
Colombo	405,701	359,396	38,860	4,240	3,205	-	410,571	364,081	39,148	4,234	3,108	-
Gampaha	349,868	334,925	10,095	2,539	2,309	-	352,253	337,402	9,928	2,599	2,324	-
Kalutara	227,408	218,880	2,504	1,731	4,293	-	222,883	214,541	2,480	1,696	4,166	-
Kandy	299,066	287,889	6,349	-	4,828	-	302,037	291,354	6,118	-	4,565	-
Matale	103,878	102,085	879	-	914	-	106,562	104,757	897	-	908	-
Nuwara Eliya	140,515	139,538	-	541	436	-	149,878	148,402	-	1,050	426	-
Galle	223,747	220,987	-	-	2,760	-	225,798	223,070	-	-	2,728	-
Matara	193,456	184,497	1,968	2,845	4,146	-	186,219	176,838	2,042	2,751	4,588	-
Hambantota	133,413	132,833	-	-	580	-	136,903	136,274	-	-	629	-
Jaffna	208,796	200,805	7,991	-	-	-	219,297	210,868	8,429	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	26,650	26,650	-	-	-	-	29,388	29,388	-	-	-	-
Mannar	26,214	26,214	-	-	-	-	29,907	29,907	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	24,274	24,227	-	-	47	-	27,615	27,553	-	-	62	-
Mullaitivu	21,666	21,666	-	-	-	-	22,030	22,030	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	83,638	83,638	-	-	-	-	91,891	91,891	-	-	-	-
Ampara	126,048	125,787	-	-	261	-	130,913	130,682	-	-	231	-
Trincomalee	66,106	65,957	-	-	149	-	76,624	76,441	-	-	183	-
Kurunegala	349,904	343,980	-	-	5,924	-	355,642	349,889	-	-	5,753	-
Puttalam	139,194	138,715	-	-	479	-	143,953	143,456	-	-	497	-
Anuradhapura	188,233	187,217	-	-	1,016	-	191,374	190,254	-	-	1,120	-
Polonnaruwa	79,645	79,112	-	-	533	-	80,640	80,037	-	-	603	-
Badulla	177,707	173,968	2,271	158	1,310	-	183,129	179,354	2,286	158	1,331	-
Moneragala	88,695	87,862	-	-	833	-	92,138	91,359	-	-	779	-
Ratnapura	219,697	217,955	-	-	1,742	-	228,939	227,085	-	-	1,854	-
Kegalle	180,254	178,209	-	-	2,045	-	182,936	180,902	-	-	2,034	-

Table 3 (Contd.)

District	1990						1991					
	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/ Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate	Total	Govt. schools	Private schools	Approved/ Certified schools	Pirivenas	Estate
Sri Lanka	4,232,356	4,111,272	70,466	12,127	38,491	-	4,258,697	4,135,114	71,918	11,650	40,015	-
Colombo	409,222	363,583	38,507	4,188	2,944	-	398,035	350,653	40,240	4,090	3,052	-
Gampaha	355,346	340,339	10,087	2,491	2,429	-	353,146	337,846	10,167	2,593	2,540	-
Kalutara	227,013	218,342	2,559	1,655	4,457	-	223,514	214,893	2,437	1,629	4,555	-
Kandy	301,758	291,045	6,238	-	4,475	-	306,358	295,722	6,059	-	4,577	-
Matale	108,335	106,467	844	-	1,024	-	109,033	107,273	761	-	999	-
Nuwara Eliya	157,141	155,543	-	1,158	440	-	161,121	159,533	-	1,160	428	-
Galle	233,265	226,079	1,965	2,506	2,715	-	226,981	224,172	-	-	2,809	-
Matara	184,211	179,711	-	-	4,500	-	187,109	179,014	1,973	2,049	4,073	-
Hambantota	149,376	140,188	8,429	-	759	-	141,185	140,430	-	-	755	-
Jaffna	210,868	210,868	-	-	-	-	217,505	209,182	8,323	-	-	-
Kilinochchi	29,388	29,388	-	-	-	-	30,474	30,474	-	-	-	-
Mannar	29,907	29,907	-	-	-	-	20,405	20,405	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	27,649	27,553	-	-	96	-	20,738	20,618	-	-	120	-
Mullaitivu	22,030	22,030	-	-	-	-	24,182	24,182	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	91,891	91,891	-	-	-	-	100,865	100,865	-	-	-	-
Ampara	133,748	133,500	-	-	248	-	146,602	146,359	-	-	243	-
Trincomalee	76,630	76,441	-	-	189	-	78,106	77,908	-	-	198	-
Kurunegala	359,411	353,748	-	-	5,663	-	359,661	353,529	-	-	6,132	-
Puttalam	146,370	145,884	-	-	486	-	156,088	155,573	-	-	515	-
Anuradhapura	195,636	194,363	-	-	1,273	-	199,918	198,568	-	-	1,350	-
Polonnaruwa	83,652	82,868	-	-	784	-	87,263	86,211	-	-	1,052	-
Badulla	185,795	182,458	1,837	129	1,371	-	189,218	185,627	1,958	129	1,504	-
Moneragala	95,268	94,475	-	-	793	-	100,124	99,250	-	-	874	-
Ratnapura	235,035	233,124	-	-	1,911	-	238,194	236,142	-	-	2,052	-
Kegalle	183,411	181,477	-	-	1,934	-	182,872	180,685	-	-	2,187	-

Table 3 (Contd.)

District	1992				1993				1994			
	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas
Sri Lanka	4,289,334	4,159,313	86,782	41,052	4,303,539	4,172,897	83,933	44,218	4,328,521	4,194,448	87,759	46,314
Colombo	408,622	358,840	46,616	3,166	403,553	353,869	46,161	3,523	404,918	354,068	47,322	3,528
Gampaha	352,664	336,728	12,907	3,029	350,009	336,117	10,792	3,100	351,132	336,579	11,387	3,166
Kalutara	224,764	215,425	4,051	5,288	225,142	215,625	4,037	5,480	225,779	215,610	4,238	5,931
Kandy	307,985	296,546	6,602	4,837	308,586	296,727	6,783	5,076	310,899	298,738	7,350	4,811
Matale	109,570	107,777	776	1,017	110,841	108,414	1,417	1,010	109,899	108,039	784	1,076
Nuwara Eliya	164,152	162,620	1,129	403	167,126	166,277	436	413	168,436	166,868	1,150	418
Galle	229,398	226,282	-	3,116	233,117	229,815	48	3,254	234,759	231,074	156	3,529
Matara	188,714	179,615	4,657	4,442	192,583	182,692	4,280	5,611	191,787	182,235	4,723	4,829
Hambantota	142,917	142,071	-	846	143,718	142,829	-	889	145,506	144,511	127	868
Jaffna	201,948	194,009	7,939	-	194,618	186,782	7,836	-	188,667	180,839	7,828	-
Kilinochchi	34,136	34,136	-	-	37,625	37,625	-	-	38,699	38,699	-	-
Mannar	16,036	16,036	-	-	16,805	16,805	-	-	18,801	18,801	-	-
Vavuniya	20,674	20,561	-	113	24,256	24,173	-	83	26,317	26,252	-	65
Mullaitivu	23,928	23,928	-	-	24,995	24,995	-	-	27,587	27,587	-	-
Batticaloa	103,645	103,645	-	-	107,490	107,490	-	-	108,720	108,720	-	-
Ampara	149,770	149,473	-	297	151,968	151,657	-	311	155,072	154,729	-	343
Trincomalee	74,564	74,355	-	209	81,065	80,859	-	206	82,623	82,424	-	199
Kurunegala	362,313	355,816	-	6,497	359,596	352,982	-	6,614	358,107	351,379	173	6,555
Puttalam	160,229	159,709	-	520	160,121	159,526	-	595	161,085	160,306	134	645
Anuradhapura	206,201	204,724	-	1,477	197,844	196,228	-	1,616	197,752	195,950	129	1,673
Polonnaruwa	87,517	86,279	-	1,238	86,826	85,612	-	1,214	87,315	86,063	-	1,252
Badulla	193,318	189,693	2,105	1,520	195,402	191,410	2,143	1,849	198,216	194,271	2,173	1,772
Moneragala	103,521	102,644	-	877	106,284	105,293	-	991	108,450	107,433	-	1,017
Ratnapura	240,467	238,307	-	2,160	242,857	240,474	-	2,383	246,135	243,738	85	2,312
Kegalle	182,281	180,094	-	2,187	181,112	178,621	-	2,491	181,860	179,535	-	2,325

Table 3 (Contd.)

District	1995				1996				1997			
	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas
Sri Lanka	4,350,686+	4,216,571	86,630	47,485	4,251,954	4,119,627	86,707	45,620	4,259,655	4,124,108	85,890	49,657
Colombo	51,596		48,037	3,559	395,243	344,092	47,732	3,419	401,572	349,175	48,641	3,756
Gampaha	15,057		11,758	3,299	344,067	329,741	11,156	3,170	343,138	328,225	11,309	3,604
Kalutara	10,618		4,516	6,102	220,656	210,181	4,613	5,862	217,533	207,728	4,728	5,077
Kandy	12,055		7,086	4,969	309,546	297,395	7,377	4,774	307,906	295,753	7,064	5,089
Matale	1,833		810	1,023	109,383	107,592	808	983	108,069	105,973	814	1,282
Nuwara Eliya	1,525		1,130	395	167,147	165,630	1,138	379	164,287	162,689	1,075	523
Galle	3,503		144	3,359	235,072	231,702	143	3,227	235,600	231,963	157	3,480
Matara	9,835		4,527	5,308	191,612	181,952	4,560	5,100	190,471	180,351	4,024	6,096
Hambantota	1,163		207	956	147,148	145,987	243	918	146,538	145,270	208	1,060
Jaffna	5,804		5,804	-	108,428	102,140	6,288	-	118,008	112,634	5,374	-
Kilinochchi	-		-	-	51,347	51,347	-	-	39,549	39,549	-	-
Mannar	-		-	-	24,408	24,408	-	-	23,256	23,256	-	-
Vavuniya	79		-	79	35,509	35,433	-	76	41,728	41,605	-	123
Mullaitivu	-		-	-	27,944	27,944	-	-	48,076	48,076	-	-
Batticaloa	-		-	-	110,249	110,249	-	-	109,080	109,080	-	-
Ampara	318		-	318	156,464	156,158	-	306	155,950	155,319	-	631
Trincomalee	207		-	207	85,717	85,518	-	199	87,188	86,976	-	212
Kurunegala	6,794		131	6,663	352,638	346,095	142	6,401	348,176	341,546	138	6,492
Puttalam	678		131	547	159,645	158,984	135	526	158,145	157,374	126	645
Anuradhapura	1,855		130	1,725	196,103	194,318	128	1,657	195,353	193,187	130	2,036
Polonnaruwa	984		-	984	85,844	84,899	-	945	84,409	83,357	-	1,052
Badulla	3,979		2,051	1,928	198,105	194,177	2,076	1,852	198,975	195,192	1,942	1,841
Moneragala	1,056		-	1,056	111,790	110,775	-	1,015	111,466	110,465	-	1,001
Ratnapura	2,594		85	2,509	247,556	245,058	88	2,410	246,965	244,205	78	2,682
Kegalle	2,582		83	2,499	180,333	177,852	80	2,401	178,217	175,160	82	2,975

Table 3 (Contd.)

District	1998				1999				2000			
	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas
Sri Lanka	4,279,315	4,136,029	91,370	51,916	4,277,124	4,134,082	93,385	49,657	4,340,447	4,193,908	95,383	51,156
Colombo	406,941	351,437	51,602	3,902	413,717	357,346	52,615	3,756	420,680	363,696	53,236	3,748
Gampaha	348,431	332,298	12,557	3,576	340,188	323,407	13,177	3,604	350,553	332,856	13,958	3,739
Kalutara	219,778	206,665	4,870	8,243	213,943	204,136	4,730	5,077	217,445	207,149	5,010	5,286
Kandy	308,202	295,634	7,608	4,960	307,460	294,848	7,523	5,089	311,200	298,489	7,541	5,170
Matale	107,840	105,708	836	1,296	107,050	104,941	827	1,282	107,113	105,091	750	1,272
Nuwara Eliya	165,821	164,178	1,119	524	165,882	164,286	1,073	523	167,934	166,355	1,046	533
Galle	235,585	231,891	134	3,560	238,247	234,624	143	3,480	238,945	235,193	162	3,590
Matara	192,458	182,371	4,254	5,833	192,305	182,096	4,113	6,096	195,802	185,361	4,074	6,367
Hambantota	146,185	144,917	214	1,054	145,964	144,626	278	1,060	147,902	146,562	268	1,072
Jaffna	127,293	121,619	5,674	-	132,360	125,977	6,383	-	136,521	129,878	6,643	-
Kilinochchi	37,305	37,305	-	-	36,261	36,261	-	-	35,209	35,209	-	-
Mannar	23,245	23,245	-	-	24,388	24,388	-	-	25,350	25,350	-	-
Vavuniya	42,319	42,199	-	120	44,698	44,575	-	123	45,381	45,178	-	203
Mullaitivu	43,915	43,915	-	-	40,300	40,300	-	-	39,096	39,096	-	-
Batticaloa	108,910	108,910	-	-	108,881	108,881	-	-	111,588	111,588	-	-
Ampara	156,557	156,018	-	539	158,469	157,838	-	631	161,292	160,661	-	631
Trincomalee	88,233	88,051	-	182	90,785	90,573	-	212	92,811	92,581	-	230
Kurunegala	345,922	339,430	132	6,360	344,534	337,912	130	6,492	348,943	342,063	149	6,731
Puttalam	159,603	158,884	115	604	161,748	160,993	110	645	163,548	162,865	122	561
Anuradhapura	194,740	192,771	116	1,853	194,673	192,522	115	2,036	197,003	194,722	102	2,179
Polonnaruwa	84,260	83,403	-	857	86,398	85,346	-	1,052	86,112	84,961	-	1,151
Badulla	198,861	195,092	1,998	1,771	199,703	195,844	2,018	1,841	202,231	198,247	2,175	1,809
Moneragala	112,204	111,150	-	1,054	112,625	111,624	-	1,001	113,972	112,973	-	999
Ratnapura	247,148	244,368	57	2,723	242,020	239,278	60	2,682	247,155	244,258	62	2,835
Kegalle	177,559	174,570	84	2,905	174,525	171,460	90	2,975	176,661	173,526	85	3,050

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District	2001				2002			
	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas	Total	Govt. schools **	Private schools	Pirivenas
Sri Lanka	4,337,314	4,187,146	97,262	52,906	4,178,375	4,026,233	97,174	54,968
Colombo	421,932	363,398	54,485	4,049	409,946	351,348	54,579	4,019
Gampaha	350,808	332,479	14,302	4,027	342,560	324,167	14,123	4,270
Kalutara	216,389	205,993	5,032	5,364	209,059	198,810	5,084	5,165
Kandy	310,324	297,563	7,566	5,195	293,921	280,876	7,319	5,726
Matale	106,411	104,329	762	1,320	100,093	97,947	804	1,342
Nuwara Eliya	167,168	165,562	1,104	502	162,129	160,413	1,169	547
Galle	239,807	236,159	168	3,480	230,445	226,606	170	3,669
Matara	195,338	184,796	4,039	6,503	186,490	176,181	3,847	6,462
Hambantota	145,877	144,375	224	1,278	142,623	140,734	127	1,762
Jaffna	138,778	132,025	6,753	-	132,329	125,426	6,903	-
Kilinochchi	36,528	36,528	-	-	33,243	33,243	-	-
Mannar	26,005	26,005	-	-	25,789	25,789	-	-
Vavuniya	45,239	45,043	-	196	44,885	44,683	-	202
Mullaitivu	40,787	40,787	-	-	35,538	35,538	-	-
Batticaloa	114,356	114,356	-	-	114,525	114,525	-	-
Ampara	163,785	162,968	-	817	155,834	154,888	-	946
Trincomalee	94,455	94,222	-	233	94,030	93,810	-	220
Kurunegala	344,161	337,174	147	6,840	329,134	321,692	484	6,958
Puttalam	164,190	163,523	120	547	160,123	159,470	113	540
Anuradhapura	195,544	193,080	107	2,357	186,577	184,111	103	2,363
Polonnaruwa	84,709	83,679	-	1,030	86,093	84,998	-	1,095
Badulla	203,246	198,941	2,302	2,003	194,905	190,626	2,121	2,158
Moneragala	113,844	112,693	-	1,151	110,498	109,142	73	1,283
Ratnapura	243,126	240,154	67	2,905	230,839	227,767	73	2,999
Kegalle	174,507	171,314	84	3,109	166,767	163,443	82	3,242

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