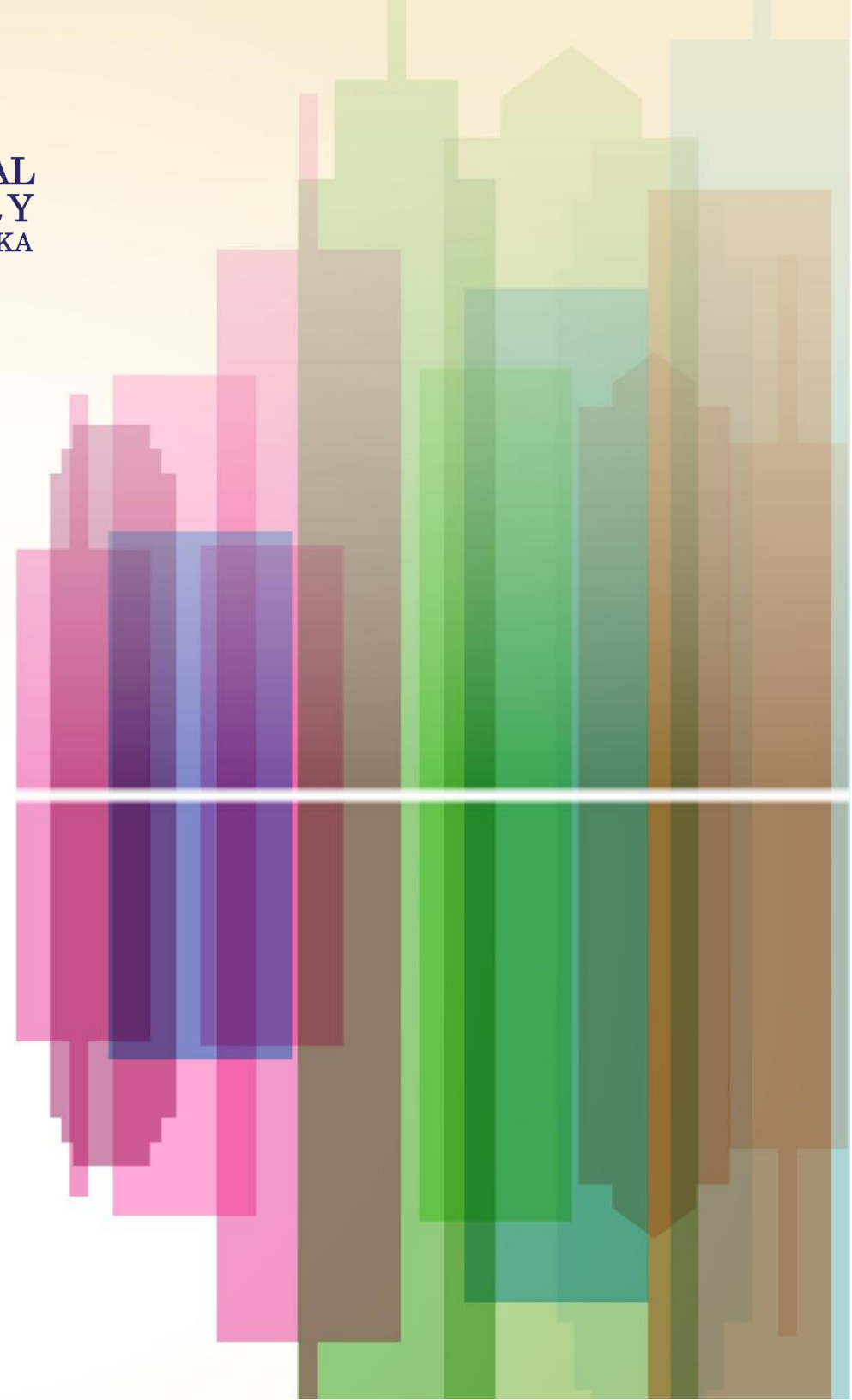




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STATISTICS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN SRI LANKA 2025

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NUMBER OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN SRI LANKA BY PROVINCE AND TYPE 2025

Province /District	No. of Total Public Libraries	No of Libraries in Municipal Council			No of Libraries in Urban Council			No of Libraries in Pradeshiya Sabha			Grading Status		No of Graded Libraries			
		Public Libraries	Branch Libraries	Children Libraries	Public Libraries	Branch Libraries	Children Libraries	Public Libraries	Branch Libraries	Children Libraries	Graded	Not Graded	Supra	I	II	III
Sri Lanka	1284	62	49	1	55	14	1	1100	2	-	968	316	4	31	152	781
Western Province	212	19	20	-	22	8	-	143	-	-	184	28	2	14	47	121
Central Province	202	4	9	1	8	-	1	177	2	-	172	30	-	4	27	141
Southern Province	153	8	-	-	8	6	-	131	-	-	106	47	1	2	14	89
Northern Province	112	1	4	-	6	-	-	101	-	-	61	51	1	-	5	55
Eastern Province	171	19	-	-	6	-	-	146	-	-	149	22	-	3	17	129
North Western Province	198	4	-	-	2	-	-	192	-	-	152	46	-	4	20	128
North Central Province	56	3	-	-	-	-	-	53	-	-	37	19	-	1	4	32
Uva Province	87	2	-	-	1	-	-	84	-	-	50	37	-	2	10	38
Sabaragamuwa Province	93	2	16	-	2	-	-	73	-	-	57	36	-	1	8	48

Source: Department of Local Government by Provinces and Districts in Sri Lanka

NUMBER OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN SRI LANKA BY PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND TYPE 2025

Province /District	No of Total Public Libraries	No of Libraries in Municipal Council			No of Libraries in Urban Council			No of Libraries in Pradeshiya Sabha			Grading Status		No of Graded Libraries			
		Public Libraries	Branch Libraries	Children Libraries	Public Libraries	Branch Libraries	Children Libraries	Public Libraries	Branch Libraries	Children Libraries	Graded	Not Graded	Supra	I	II	III
Sri Lanka	1284	62	49	1	55	14	1	1100	2	-	968	316	4	31	152	781
Western Province	212	19	20	-	22	8	-	143	-	-	184	28	2	14	47	121
Colombo	55	12	20	-	10	-	-	13	-	-	48	7	1	9	18	20
Gampaha	90	6	-	-	7	-	-	77	-	-	76	14	1	3	22	50
Kalutara	67	1	-	-	5	8	-	53	-	-	60	7	-	2	7	51
Central Province	202	4	9	1	8	-	1	177	2	-	172	30	-	4	27	141
Kandy	111	1	6	1	5	-	1	96	1	-	104	7	-	2	14	88
Matale	48	2	3	-	-	-	-	42	1	-	41	7	-	1	9	31
Nuwara Eliya	43	1	-	-	3	-	-	39	-	-	27	16	-	1	4	22
Southern Province	153	8	-	-	8	6	-	131	-	-	106	47	1	2	14	89
Galle	73	1	-	-	5	6	-	61	-	-	49	24	1	-	6	42
Matara	48	5	-	-	2	-	-	41	-	-	33	15	-	1	4	28
Hambantota	32	2	-	-	1	-	-	29	-	-	24	8	-	1	4	19
Northern Province	112	1	4	-	6	-	-	101	-	-	61	51	1	-	5	55
Jaffna	62	1	4	-	5	-	-	52	-	-	39	23	1	-	1	37
Mannar	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	17	-	-	5	13	-	-	3	2
Vavuniya	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	6
Mullaitivu	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	3	10	-	-	-	3
Kilinochchi	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	8	2	-	-	1	7

Eastern Province	171	19	-	-	6	-	-	146	-	-	149	22	-	3	17	129
Batticaloa	77	9	-	-	5	-	-	63	-	-	76	1	-	1	1	74
Ampara	55	6	-	-	1	-	-	48	-	-	37	18	-	-	13	24
Trincomalee	39	4	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	36	3	-	2	3	31
North-Western Province	198	4			2			192			152	46		4	20	128
Kurunegala	125	1	-	-	1		-	123	-	-	105	20	-	4	14	87
Puttalam	73	3	-	-	1	-	-	69	-	-	47	26	-	-	6	41
North - Central Province	56	3	-	-	-	-	-	53	-	-	37	19	-	1	4	32
Anuradhapura	33	1	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	-	26	7	-	1	1	24
Polonnaruwa	23	2	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	11	12	-	-	3	8
Uva Province	87	2			1			84			50	37		2	10	38
Badulla	50	2	-	-	1	-	-	47	-	-	27	23	-	1	4	22
Monaragala	37		-	-		-	-	37	-	-	23	14	-	1	6	16
Sabaragamuwa Province	93	2	16		2			73			57	36		1	8	48
Ratnapura	57	1	16	-	2	-	-	38	-	-	29	28	-	1	3	25
Kegalle	36	1	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	28	8	-	-	5	23

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