

SPECIFIC CONTEMPORARY TRENDS OF THE POPULATION DYNAMICS IN SRI LANKA - A GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS

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Abstract

Sri Lanka is far ahead of her South Asian neighbors in the accomplishment of human development goals. Life expectancy at birth is currently 72 years and is close to the estimated lifespan in the developed countries. High literacy rates, low mortality rates and the steadily declining population growth, reflect the country's progress in the sphere of social development. All these human development indicators are a tribute to Sri Lanka's social service net work, which was established in the latter part of the 1940 decade, ensuring sound educational policies, an extensive health care program and an effective medical system for all sectors of the nation.

- This study is based on secondary data and the primary data. Focused group discussions, life history method and personal interviews were the main data collecting methods for primary data.*
- This paper mainly discusses about the specific contemporary trends of fertility, mortality and the internal and international migration patterns of Sri Lanka.*

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