SRI LANKA

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Gotabaya RAJAPAKSA

Head of Government
President Gotabaya RAJAPAKSA

Government Type
presidential republic

Capital
Colombo

Legislature
unicameral Parliament (225 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court of the Republic (consists of the chief justice and 9 justices)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador E. Rodney M. PERERA

US Ambassador
Ambassador Alaina B. TEPLITZ

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
is attempting to sustain economic growth while maintaining macroeconomic stability under the IMF program it began in 2016

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$275.8 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$12,900 (2017 est.)

Exports
$11.36 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 24.6%, UK 9%, India 5.8%, Singapore 4.5%, Germany 4.3%, Italy 4.3% (2017)

Imports
$20.98 billion (2017 est.)
partners: India 22%, China 19.9%, Singapore 6.9%, UAE 5.7%, Japan 4.9% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
22.9 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
0.67% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
Sinhalese 74.9%, Sri Lankan Tamil 11.2%, Sri Lankan Moors 9.2%, Indian Tamil 4.2%, other 0.5% (2012 est.)

Language
Sinhala (official and national language) 87%, Tamil (official and national language) 28.5%, English 23.8% (2012 est.)

Religion
Buddhist (official) 70.2%, Hindu 12.6%, Muslim 9.7%, Roman Catholic 6.1%, other Christian 1.3%, other 0.05% (2012 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 18.7% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.85% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
91.9% (2015)

as of May 2020