

Tourism Growth Trends - 1985 to 2023

Year	Tourist Arrivals	Excursionist Arrivals	Tourist Nights '000	Official Tourist Receipts				Receipt per Tourist per day (US \$)	Average Duration (Nights)	Capacity (Graded)		Annual Room Occupancy Rate (Graded)	Sri Lankan Nationals		Employment	
				Rs. Mn	US\$ Mn	Euro Mn	SDR Mn			Rooms **	Beds		Arrivals	Departures	Direct	Indirect (Estd)
1985	257,456	9,882	2,365	2,233.3	82.2		80.8	34.8	9.2	9,826	19,352	32.7	220,094	239,272	22,723	31,810
1986	230,106	6,266	2,513	2,300.1	82.1		69.9	32.7	10.9	9,794	19,301	32.9	220,614	229,386	22,285	31,199
1987	182,620	2,417	2,414	2,415.2	82.0		63.4	34.0	13.2	9,921	19,322	31.5	217,127	257,760	20,338	28,473
1988	182,662	6,108	2,305	2,438.3	76.6		57.0	33.3	12.6	9,977	19,432	32.1	245,065	298,583	19,960	27,944
1989	184,732	4,064	1,970	2,739.7	76.0		59.3	38.6	10.7	9,459	18,464	31.0	258,950	285,510	21,958	30,741
1990	297,888	3,954	3,225	5,303.3	132.0		97.5	41.1	10.8	9,556	18,669	47.2	306,367	296,884	24,964	34,950
1991	317,703	2,665	3,633	6,485.8	156.8		114.6	42.8	11.4	9,679	18,947	48.4	237,424	310,373	26,878	37,629
1992	393,669	5,651	4,055	8,825.6	201.4		142.9	49.7	10.3	10,214	19,907	55.3	339,109	420,749	28,790	40,306
1993	392,250	6,093	4,148	10,036.8	208.0		149.0	50.1	10.6	10,365	20,242	57.0	375,740	416,246	30,710	42,994
1994	407,511	8,413	4,251	11,401.6	230.7		161.1	54.2	10.4	10,742	20,929	56.6	422,367	448,437	33,956	47,538
1995	403,101	10,556	4,024	11,551.6	225.4		148.6	56.1	10.0	11,255	21,680	52.6	459,441	504,420	35,068	49,095
1996	302,265	12,863	2,947	9,559.1	173.0		119.1	57.9	9.8	11,600	22,040	40.3	488,055	494,258	31,963	44,748
1997	366,165	18,265	3,680	12,980.3	216.7		160.4	58.6	10.1	12,370	22,944	49.1	482,850	530,712	34,006	47,608
1998	381,063	27,629	3,944	14,868.0	230.5		169.9	59.5	10.4	12,770	23,373	52.8	481,793	518,050	34,780	48,692
1999	436,440	28,335	4,479	19,297.3	274.9		201.0	61.4	10.3	12,918	24,216	57.6	521,073	496,963	36,560	51,184
2000	400,414	44,518	4,056	19,162.2	252.8	274.1	191.9	62.3	10.1	13,311	24,953	52.3	514,448	524,212	37,943	53,120
2001	336,794	60,084	3,342	18,863.3	211.1	236.1	165.7	63.1	9.9	13,626	25,595	42.1	487,356	505,341	33,710	47,194
2002	393,171	63,560	3,989	24,202.0	253.0	267.7	179.3	63.4	10.1	13,818	25,956	43.1	493,947	533,565	38,821	54,349
2003	500,642	82,066	5,093	32,810.0	340.0	300.5	242.6	66.8	10.2	14,137	26,511	53.2	560,602	591,126	46,761	65,465
2004	566,202	110,000	5,742	42,666.3	416.8	334.3	298.6	72.2	10.1	14,322	26,854	59.3	646,990	680,248	53,766	75,272
2005	549,308	119,618	4,754	36,377.30	362.3	289.8	244.6	74.6	8.7	13,162	24,740	45.4	683,169	727,301	52,085	72,919
2006	559,603	128,719	5,793	42,585.5	410.3	326.1	278.3	83.4	10.4	14,218	27,117	47.8	734,421	756,735	55,649	77,909
2007	494,008	98,432	4,940	42,519.3	384.4	280.5	250.9	79.1	10.0	14,604	27,500	46.2	817,524	862,011	60,516	84,722
2008	438,475	87,695	4,166	37,094.0	319.5	217.2	202.1	76.7	9.5	14,793	28,698	43.9	900,815	966,337	51,306	71,828
2009	447,890	89,526	4,075	40,133.0	349.3	250.5	226.5	81.8	9.1	14,461	28,344	48.4	914,584	962,786	52,071	72,899
2010	654,476	112,497	6,548	65,018.0	575.9	433.2	376.9	88.0	10.0	14,714	28,978	70.1	1,081,417	1,122,212	55,023	77,032
2011	855,975	119,875	8,560	91,926.0	838.9	603.4	530.2	98.0	10.0	14,653	28,844	77.1	1,210,951	1,239,290	57,786	80,899
2012	1,005,605	126,523	10,056	132,427.0	1038.3	807.5	677.7	103.0	10.0	15,510	30,880	71.2	1,210,914	1,268,792	67,862	95,007
2013	1,274,593	140,009	10,909	2,211,471	1,715.5	1,291.4	1,128.8	156.5	8.6	16,223	32,284	71.7	1,200,788	1,261,711	112,550	157,600
2014	1,527,153	138,097*	15,119*	317,501.7	2,431.1	1,830.0	1,600.3	160.8	9.9	18,078	35,976	74.3	1,263,494	1,311,063	129,790	170,100
2015	1,798,380	195,134*	18,163*	405,492.0	2,980.6	2,686.1	2,129.7	164.1	10.1	18,954	37,720*	74.5	1,361,877	1,356,411	135,930	183,506
2016	2,050,832	116,544*	20,918*	512,593.6	3,518.5	3,178.9	2,531.3	168.2	10.2	21,888	45,965	74.76	1,485,004	1,447,786	146,115	189,544
2017	2,116,407	131,409*	23,068*	598,356.0	3,924.9	3,484.3	2,829.2	170.1	10.9	23,477	48,550	73.27*	1,481,239	1,439,429	156,369*	202,846*
2018	2,333,796	186,862*	25,205*	712,027.3	4,380.6*	3,714.3*	3,097.1*	173.8	10.8	24,757	52,237	72.77*	1,484,891	1,471,481	169,003*	219,484*
2019	1,913,702	113,449	19,902*	644,846.9	3606.9*	3,222.0	2,611.1	181.2	10.4	24,831	52,393	57.09	1,424,095	1,441,462	173,592	229,015*
2020	507,704	32,215*	4,315*	126,608.1*	682.5*	597.0*	489.6*	158.1*	8.5	25,407	53,269	14.96*	320,996	305,143	175,990*	171,761*
2021	194,495	600*	2,936	100,813.2*	506.9*	428.5	356.0	172.6*	15.1	25,958	54,512	18.6*	344,719	309,220	177,476*	180,451*
2022	719,978	38,811*	6,724	362,426	1,136.3*	1,074	843	164.4*	9	25,597	53,754	30.4*	894,873	1,127,512	190,521*	195,715*
2023	1,487,303	100,431	12,553	677,360.3	2,067.90	1,912.9	1,550	164.4*	8.4	26,422	54,576	39.0*	1,249,965	1,462,246	204,591*	225,050*

*Provisional

Source - Exchange Rate : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Graded - Boutique / Classified & Tourist Hotels (Unclassified)

Arrival Statistics : Department of Immigration & Emigration

** Room count can be changed when establishments are upgraded, downgraded and not in operation

