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Sri Lanka (1973)  
Vital Statistics - Births - 1973 (RGB - 1973)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1973-v1.0
Version	Production Date: 2008-07-30 v1.0: Full edited dataset, original version for internal DPD use.
Series	Registration of vital events commenced in 1867 with the enactment of civil registration laws which conferred the legal sanction for the registration of events namely, live births, deaths, still births and marriages. According to the law every live birth has to be registered within 42 days and death within 5 days from the date of occurrence. Although birth registrations are compulsory by law, few events are missed and not registered for various reasons. Births are registered at the place of occurrence and not in the area of residence of the mother..
<p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>Registration of vital events commenced in 1867 with the enactment of civil registration laws which conferred the legal sanction for the registration of events namely, live births, deaths, still births and marriages. According to the law every live birth has to be registered within 42 days from the date of occurrence.</p> <p>Although birth and death registrations are compulsory by law, few events are missed and not registered for various reasons.</p> <p>By the survey conducted in 1980, to assess the completeness of birth and death registrations, it was found that about 98.8 per cent of births and 94.0 per cent of deaths are being registered at any given time.</p> <p>Births are registered at the place of occurrence and not in the area of residence of the mother.</p>	
Kind of Data	Administrative records data [adm]
Unit of Analysis	Individual Birth

Scope & Coverage	
<u>Scope</u> The scope of the Registration of Birth 1973 include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-District</li> <li>-AGA Division</li> <li>-Registrar's Division</li> <li>-Month &amp; Year</li> <li>-Date of Birth</li> <li>-If urban, assessment number, street and town</li> <li>-If rural, Name of villahe</li> <li>-AGA's Division</li> <li>-District</li> <li>-Whether outside division</li> <li>-Whether in hospital</li> <li>-Live birth order</li> <li>-Distinguishing letters</li> <li>-Race</li> <li>-Age of mother in years</li> <li>-Were parents married</li> <li>-Whether Twin, triple &amp; etc</li> </ul>	
Topics	DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION [14]
<u>Geographic Coverage</u> National coverage.	
<u>Universe</u> Records pertaining to Live births of Sri Lankan Nationals whose birth occurs in Sri Lanka	

Producers & Sponsors	
Primary Investigator(s)	Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs
Other Producer(s)	Divisional Secretariats , Data Collection
Funding Agency/ies	Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL)

Data Collection	
Data Collection Dates	start 1973-01-01 end 1973-12-31
Data Collection Mode	Other [oth]
<u>Data Collection Notes</u> The Registrars of Births and Deaths attached to the Divisional Secretariat Offices send a monthly return of Births to the Additional District Registrars who in turn collect all such returns and send them to the Statistical Division of the Registrar General's Office for Data Processing purposes.	
Data Collector(s)	Registrars of Berths & Deaths , Registrar General's Department Additional District Registrar , Registrar General's Department Statistical Division - Registrar General Office , Registrar General's Department

#### Other Processing

Data processing included the following steps.

1. Accepting the filled birth return forms by the Statistical Division
2. Do a visual check for completeness
3. Coding of data
4. Entry of data
5. Run edit program for each District batch
6. Produce error report
7. Correction of errors on the report
8. Change incorrect data using the corrected error report
9. Re-run the edit program and repeat the error correction procedure
10. Produce final tables on clean data with a backup of clean data.

#### Accessibility

Access Authority	Registrar General (Individual Birth Registrar General's Department) , <a href="http://www.rgd.gov.lk">www.rgd.gov.lk</a> , <a href="mailto:rg@rgd.gov.lk">rg@rgd.gov.lk</a>
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#### Citation Requirements

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## Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Births 1973	
# Cases	367158
# Variable(s)	22
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1973.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	



# Variables List

Dataset contains 22 variable(s)

File Births 1973							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	<a href="#">SECTOR</a>	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	367158	0	-
2	<a href="#">DISTRICT</a>	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
3	<a href="#">DRO_DIVISION</a>	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
4	<a href="#">REGISTRARS_DIV</a>	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
5	<a href="#">TOWN</a>	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	169819	197339	-
6	<a href="#">MONTH_REGISTERED</a>	Registered Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
7	<a href="#">YEAR_REGISTERED</a>	Registered Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
8	<a href="#">SEX</a>	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	367158	0	-
9	<a href="#">COL1_ENTRY_NO</a>	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	367139	19	-
10	<a href="#">COL21_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
11	<a href="#">COL22_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
12	<a href="#">COL23_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
13	<a href="#">COL3_TOWN</a>	Mother's Living Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	6097	361061	-
14	<a href="#">COL5_DIST_RESIDENT</a>	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	47764	319394	-
15	<a href="#">COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV</a>	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	367158	0	-
16	<a href="#">COL7_DISTIN_LIST</a>	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	282465	84693	-
17	<a href="#">COL8_RACE</a>	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
18	<a href="#">COL9_16_AGE_MOTHER</a>	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	367158	0	-
19	<a href="#">COL17_PARENT_MARITAL</a>	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	367158	0	-
20	<a href="#">COL18_TWIN_TYPE</a>	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	5514	361644	-
21	<a href="#">SPACE_A</a>	Space	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	367158	-
22	<a href="#">CLASS_RECORD</a>	Programmer Defined Variable	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	367158	-

# Variables Description

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## File Births 1973

### #1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	169819	46.3%
2	Rural	172580	47.0%
3	Estate	24759	6.7%

Warning: these figures indicate the number of cases found in the data file. They cannot be interpreted as summary statistics of the population of interest.

### #2 DISTRICT: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-27] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	62600	17.0%
2	Negombo	9925	2.7%
3	Kalutara	17754	4.8%
4	Kandy	35760	9.7%
5	Matale	9886	2.7%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12335	3.4%
7	Galle	18811	5.1%
8	Matara	18001	4.9%
9	Hambantota	9836	2.7%
10	Jaffna	19458	5.3%
11	Mannar	2583	0.7%
12	Vavuniya	3565	1.0%
13	Batticaloa	10566	2.9%
14	Ampara	9143	2.5%
15	Trincomalee	7395	2.0%
16	Kurunegala	27305	7.4%
17	Puttalam	4206	1.1%
18	Chillaw	7117	1.9%
19	Anuradhapura	14031	3.8%
20	Polonnaruwa	5480	1.5%
21	Badulla	19158	5.2%
22	Monaragala	6574	1.8%
23	Ratnapura	20585	5.6%
24	Kegalle	15084	4.1%

## File Births 1973 (cont.)

## #2 DISTRICT: District (cont.)

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## #3 DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-23] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #4 REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #5 TOWN: Town

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=169819 /-] [Invalid=197339 /-]

## #6 MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	32961	9.0%
2	February	30981	8.4%
3	March	33928	9.2%
4	April	30428	8.3%
5	May	33945	9.2%
6	June	32756	8.9%
7	July	29217	8.0%
8	August	28357	7.7%
9	September	26222	7.1%
10	October	28711	7.8%
11	November	29246	8.0%
12	December	30406	8.3%

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## #7 YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 73-73] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## File Births 1973 (cont.)

## #7 YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
73		367158	100.0%

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## #8 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	187251	51.0%
2	Female	179907	49.0%

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## #9 COL1\_ENTRY\_NO: No. of Registration Entry

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9999] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367139 /-] [Invalid=19 /-]

## #10 COL21\_BIRTH\_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #11 COL22\_BIRTH\_MONT: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	33808	9.2%
2	February	30919	8.4%
3	March	34703	9.5%
4	April	32168	8.8%
5	May	31489	8.6%
6	June	28315	7.7%
7	July	26463	7.2%
8	August	26737	7.3%
9	September	27397	7.5%
10	October	32140	8.8%
11	November	31176	8.5%
12	December	31843	8.7%

## File Births 1973 (cont.)

## #11 COL22\_BIRTH\_MONT: Date of Birth - Month (cont.)

Warning: these figures indicate the number of cases found in the data file. They cannot be interpreted as summary statistics of the population of interest.

## #12 COL23\_BIRTH\_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-90] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #13 COL3\_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=6097 /-] [Invalid=361061 /-]

## #14 COL5\_DIST\_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=47764 /-] [Invalid=319394 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		2	0.0%
1	Colombo	32279	67.6%
2	Negombo	998	2.1%
3	Kalutara	1237	2.6%
4	Kandy	449	0.9%
5	Matale	4572	9.6%
6	Nuwara Eliya	257	0.5%
7	Galle	584	1.2%
8	Matara	257	0.5%
9	Hambantota	33	0.1%
10	Jaffna	54	0.1%
11	Mannar	4	0.0%
12	Vavuniya	6	0.0%
13	Batticaloa	5	0.0%
14	Ampara	11	0.0%
15	Trincomalee	15	0.0%
16	Kurunegala	396	0.8%
17	Puttalam	58	0.1%
18	Chillaw	174	0.4%
19	Anuradhapura	183	0.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	616	1.3%
21	Badulla	213	0.4%
22	Monaragala	121	0.3%

## File Births 1973 (cont.)

## #14 COL5\_DIST\_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
23	Ratnapura	4872	10.2%
24	Kegalle	368	0.8%
Sysmiss		319394	

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## #15 COL6\_OUTSIDE\_DIV: Within the Registrars Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-1] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	159299	43.4%
1	In	207859	56.6%

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## #16 COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=282465 /-] [Invalid=84693 /-]		

## #17 COL8\_RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	261826	71.3%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	41668	11.3%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	28979	7.9%
4	Burghers Eurasia	956	0.3%
5	Malays	1024	0.3%
6	Veddah	48	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	31853	8.7%
8	Indian Moors	443	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	1	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	4	0.0%
11	Europeans	25	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	249	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	46	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	36	0.0%

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## File Births 1973 (cont.)

## #18 COL9\_16\_AGE\_MOTH: Mother's Age

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-57] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (43 Modalities)	

## #19 COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=367158 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Yes	339148	92.4%
2	No	28010	7.6%
Warning: these figures indicate the number of cases found in the data file. They cannot be interpreted as summary statistics of the population of interest.			

## #20 COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=5514 /-] [Invalid=361644 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	2891	52.4%
2	Twins	2549	46.2%
3	Triple	28	0.5%
4	Quard	19	0.3%
5		19	0.3%
6		2	0.0%
7		2	0.0%
8		2	0.0%
9		2	0.0%
Sysmiss		361644	
Warning: these figures indicate the number of cases found in the data file. They cannot be interpreted as summary statistics of the population of interest.			

## #21 SPACE\_A: Space

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=367158 /-]

## #22 CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-20] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=367158 /-]

## File Births 1973 (cont.)

## #22 CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		367158	

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### Technical documents

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