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Sri Lanka (1977)
Vital Statistics - Marriages - 1977 (RGM - 1977)

Overview

Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGO-RGM-1977-v1.0
Version	Production Date: 2008-08-11 v1.0: Full edited dataset, original version for internal DPD use.
Series	<p>The computerization of marriage statistics is a continuous process where the event by event data are collected on a monthly basis and the final outputs (reports) are produced annually for dissemination.</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.</p>
<p><u>Abstract</u></p> <p>Vital Statistics cover Births, Deaths, Still births and Marriages which are called vital events. The source for the collection of data for the preparation of Vital statistics is the certificate issued to the respondent when the registration of the occurrence of the vital event is done. Maintaining Vital statistics is an Administrative record keeping operation and is a continuous process where the event by event data are collected on a monthly basis and the final outputs (reports) are produced annually for dissemination.</p> <p>The computerization of vital statistics came into being after the arrival of computers to the Department of Census and Statistics in 1960's.</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.</p>	
Kind of Data	Administrative records data [adm]
Unit of Analysis	Each marriage registered within the month

Scope & Coverage	
<p><u>Scope</u> The scope of the Registration of Marriage 1977 include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -District -Division -Name of Registrar -Month & Year -Whether General, Kandyan or Muslim -Registration Entry Number -Village or Locality(Male) -Race(Male) -Whether Bachelor, Widower or Divorcee(Male) -Age(Male) -Was Register signed with a Mark or in Letters(Male) -Village or Locality(Female) -Race(Female) -Whether Bachelor, Widower or Divorcee(Female) -Age(Female) -Was Register signed with a Mark or in Letters(Female) -Remarks 	
Topics	DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION [14]
<p><u>Geographic Coverage</u> National coverage.</p>	
<p><u>Universe</u> Marriages and divorces recorded by the representatives of the Registrar Generals Office.</p>	

Producers & Sponsors	
Primary Investigator(s)	Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department, Ministray 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 1977-01-01 end 1977-12-31
Data Collection Mode	Other [oth]
<p><u>Data Collection Notes</u> A respondent from the general public reports the event to a local representative - (a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in the case of deaths and marriages or an officer in a public or private maternity home) and obtains a certificate from him. The Registrar/officer produces a monthly return from the vital event records (different formats for each type of event) and send it to the collection centre of the Additional District Registrar who in turn channels the returns to the Statistics Division of the Registrar General's office for data processing purposes.</p>	
Data Collector(s)	Registrars of Berths, Deaths & Marriages , Registrar General's Department

	Additional District Registrar , Registrar General's Department Statistical Division - Registrar General Office , Registrar General's Department
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Other Processing

Data processing included the following steps.

1. Accepting the filled 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

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Confidentiality

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Access Conditions

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Marriages 1977	
# Cases	106318
# Variable(s)	18
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Marriages form 1977.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 18 variable(s)

File Marriages 1977							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	DISTRICT	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	106318	0	-
2	YEAR	Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	106318	0	-
3	MONTH	Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	106318	0	-
4	GENR_KAND_MARR	Marriage Category	discrete	numeric-1.0	106318	0	-
5	REGISTRATION_DIV	Registrar's Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	106318	0	-
6	CODE_OF_REGISTRAR	Code of Registrar	discrete	numeric-2.0	106318	0	-
7	ENTRY_NUMBER	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	106318	0	-
8	M1_RACE	3. Race(Male)	discrete	numeric-2.0	106318	0	-
9	M2_CIVIL_CONDITION	4. Whether Bachelor, Widower or Divorcee(Male)	discrete	numeric-1.0	106318	0	-
10	M3_AGE	5. Age(Male)	discrete	numeric-2.0	106318	0	-
11	M4_SIGNED_MARK	6. Register signed with a mark or in letters (Male)	discrete	numeric-1.0	106318	0	-
12	F1_RACE	8. Race(Female)	discrete	numeric-2.0	106318	0	-
13	F2_CIVIL_CONDITION	9. Whether Spinster, Widower or Divorcee(Female)	discrete	numeric-1.0	106318	0	-
14	F3_AGE	10. Age(Female)	discrete	numeric-2.0	106318	0	-
15	F4_SIGNED_MARK	11. Register signed with a mark or in letters (Female)	discrete	numeric-1.0	97245	9073	-
16	SOLEMN_REGISTRAR	12. Solemnized by Registrar or Minister	discrete	numeric-1.0	97245	9073	-
17	RMTAPE	RMTAPE	discrete	character-1	0	0	-
18	CLASS_OF_RECORD	CLASS_OF_RECORD	discrete	character-1	106318	0	-

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File Marriages 1977

#1 DISTRICT: District			
Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-24] [Missing=*]	
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]	
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	20747	19.5%
2	Negombo	2950	2.8%
3	Kalutara	6292	5.9%
4	Kandy	9419	8.9%
5	Matale	2594	2.4%
6	Nuwara Eliya	3681	3.5%
7	Galle	5683	5.3%
8	Matara	4350	4.1%
9	Hambantota	2719	2.6%
10	Jaffna	4749	4.5%
11	Mannar	633	0.6%
12	Vavuniya	766	0.7%
13	Batticaloa	1330	1.3%
14	Ampara	2415	2.3%
15	Trincomalee	1824	1.7%
16	Kurunegala	9155	8.6%
17	Puttalam	1675	1.6%
18	Chillaw	2505	2.4%
19	Anuradhapura	4206	4.0%
20	Polonnaruwa	1451	1.4%
21	Badulla	4958	4.7%
22	Monaragala	1785	1.7%
23	Ratnapura	5474	5.1%
24	Kegalle	4957	4.7%

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 YEAR: Year			
Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 75-77] [Missing=*]	
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]	
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
75		4	0.0%
77		106314	100.0%

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File Marriages 1977 (cont.)

#3 MONTH: Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	8297	7.8%
2	February	6896	6.5%
3	March	10209	9.6%
4	April	6915	6.5%
5	May	10168	9.6%
6	June	9995	9.4%
7	July	7912	7.4%
8	August	9130	8.6%
9	September	8944	8.4%
10	October	9664	9.1%
11	November	8706	8.2%
12	December	9482	8.9%

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#4 GENR_KAND_MUSL: Marriage Category

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	General	85225	80.2%
2	Kandyan	12020	11.3%
3	Muslim	9073	8.5%

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#5 REGISTRATION_DIV: Registrar's Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-39] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		3813	3.6%
1		40749	38.3%
2		10104	9.5%
3		11574	10.9%
4		8629	8.1%
5		7159	6.7%
6		4708	4.4%

File Marriages 1977 (cont.)

#5 REGISTRATION_DIV: Registrar's Division (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
7		5690	5.4%
8		3408	3.2%
9		2345	2.2%
10		1729	1.6%
11		1639	1.5%
12		1135	1.1%
13		132	0.1%
14		382	0.4%
15		223	0.2%
16		1636	1.5%
18		1170	1.1%
19		57	0.1%
20		8	0.0%
22		11	0.0%
26		6	0.0%
27		6	0.0%
35		3	0.0%
48		2	0.0%

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#6 CODE_OF_REGISTRA: Code of Registrar

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-67] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (75 Modalities)	

#7 ENTRY_NUMBER: 1. No. of Registration Entry

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9999] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#8 M1_RACE: 3. Race(Male)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	78825	74.1%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	8758	8.2%
3	Sri lanka Moors	8777	8.3%

File Marriages 1977 (cont.)

#8 M1_RACE: 3. Race(Male) (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
4	Burghers Eurasia	363	0.3%
5	Malays	363	0.3%
6	Veddah	0	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	8986	8.5%
8	Indian Moors	19	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	0	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	0	0.0%
11	Europeans	46	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	110	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	69	0.1%
14	Unknown Race	2	0.0%

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.

#9 M2_CIVIL_CONDITI: 4. Whether Bachelor,Widower or Divorcee(Male)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Bachelor	104425	98.2%
2	Widower	1120	1.1%
3	Divorcee	773	0.7%

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.

#10 M3_AGE: 5. Age(Male)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 16-90] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (69 Modalities)	

#11 M4_SIGNED_MK_LT: 6. Register signed with a mark or in letters (Male)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Mark	1858	1.7%
2	Letters	104460	98.3%

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#12 F1_RACE: 8. Race(Female)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	79228	74.5%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	8597	8.1%
3	Sri lanka Moors	8723	8.2%
4	Burghers Eurasia	409	0.4%
5	Malays	401	0.4%
6	Veddah	0	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	8743	8.2%
8	Indian Moors	24	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	0	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	0	0.0%
11	Europeans	19	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	123	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	45	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	6	0.0%

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.

#13 F2_CIVIL_CONDITI: 9. Whether Spinster,Widower or Divorcee(Female)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Spinster	105000	98.8%
2	Widower	701	0.7%
3	Divorcee	617	0.6%

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.

#14 F3_AGE: 10. Age(Female)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 12-92] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Frequency table not shown (62 Modalities)			

#15 F4_SIGNED_MR_LT: 11. Register signed with a mark or in letters (Female)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=97245 /-] [Invalid=9073 /-]		

Vital Statistics - Marriages - 1977 - Variables Description

File Marriages 1977 (cont.)

#15 F4_SIGNED_MR_LT: 11. Register signed with a mark or in letters (Female) (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Mark	4570	4.7%
2	Letters	92675	95.3%
Sysmiss		9073	

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#16 SOLEMNI_REG_MINI: 12. Solemnized by Registrar or Minister

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=97245 /-] [Invalid=9073 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Registrar	92350	95.0%
2	Minister	4895	5.0%
Sysmiss		9073	

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.

#17 RMTAPE: RMTAPE

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
R	RMTAPE		

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.

#18 CLASS_OF_RECORD: CLASS_OF_RECORD

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=106318 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
M		106318	100.0%

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Questionnaires

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Technical documents

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