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Overview

Type	Population and Housing Census [hh/popcen]
Identification	LKA-DCS-DISAB-1981-v1.0
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Abstract

At the 1981 Census of Population and Housing the information relating to physical disabilities was collected during the Preliminary Census taken during the period 1st - 10th March, 1981.

For the purpose of the census, totally blind, totally dear and/or dumb persons and persons with a disability in one or more legs or arms were regarded as physically disabled. The coverage of physical disabilities at the 1981 Census was broader in scope than at the 1946 and 1963 Censuses at which only the totally blind, deaf-mutes and the crippled in both legs were included as disabled, Information on physical disabilities was not collected at the 1971 Census.

Kind of Data	Census/enumeration data [cen]
Unit of Analysis	Individuals

Scope & Coverage	- 2 -

Scope
The scope of SPDP 1981 includes the following :-

- Name
- Sex
- Age
- Place of birth
- Whether blind/deaf or dumb
- Age at which blindness/deafness/dumbness occured
- Cause of blindness/deafness/dumbness
- Disability in hands
- Age at which disablity in hands occured
- Cause of disability in hands
- Disability in legs
- Age at which disability in legs occured
- Cause of disability in legs
- Other disability
- Age at which other disability occured
- Cause of other disability
- Means of livelihood
- Whether living in an Institution
- Occupation

(b) Information on household
- Description of unit
- Is the unit occupied or vacant
- Type of structure
- Principal material of outer wall
- Principal material of roof
- Principal material of floor
- Year of construction of unit
Information of housing unit
- Water supply
- Bathing facilities
- Toilet facilities
- Principal type of lighting
- Number of rooms
- Floor space
- Cooking facilities
- Tenure
- Rent
- Number of families and persons occupying unit
- Number of households in the unit

Topics	censuses [14.1]

Geographic Coverage
National coverage

Universe

Producers & Sponsors	
Primary Investigator(s)	Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of Finance and Planning , ,
Funding Agency/ies	Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) , Source of funds

Data Collection	
Data Collection Dates	Preliminary Census: start 1981-03-01 Preliminary Census: end 1981-03-01
Data Collection Mode	Face-to-face [f2f]
Data Collector(s)	

Supervision
A number of Census Blocks grouped together according to contiguity and compactness formed a Census Circle, each of which was placed in charge of a Supervisor. Only persons possessing administrative capacity and of high integrity and education were chosen as Supervisors. Generally, government or local government officers of intermediate grades were so appointed. The supervisor was responsible for the supervision of the census arrangements and the work of the census enumeration within his circle.

Accessibility	
Access Authority	Director General (Department of Census and Statistics) , http//:www.statistics.gov.lk , dgcensus@sltnet.lk
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[Department : The Department of Census and Statistics]

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Files Description

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Dataset contains 1 file(s)

inf81spss	
# Cases	63405
# Variable(s)	28
File Content The file contains the data related to the Physical Infirmity Schedule of Census of Population and Housing, Sri Lanka - 1981.	
Producer Department of Census & Statistics	

Variables List

Dataset contains 28 variable(s)

File inf81spss							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	A1	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	63405	0	-
2	A2	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	63405	0	-
3	A3	Electorate	discrete	numeric-3.0	63405	0	-
4	A4	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	63405	0	-
5	A5	MC/UC/TC/GS Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	63405	0	-
6	A6	Ward/village/estate	discrete	numeric-2.0	63405	0	-
7	A7	Census block no	discrete	numeric-2.0	63405	0	-
8	CENSUS_UNIT_NO	Census unit no	discrete	numeric-3.0	43987	19418	-
9	SERIAL_NO_OF_UNIT	Serial no of unit	discrete	numeric-3.0	63405	0	-
10	SERIAL_NO_OF_PERSON_IN_THE_SCHED	Serial no of person in the schedule	discrete	numeric-3.0	27305	36100	-
11	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	63405	0	-
12	AGE	Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	63405	0	-
13	PLACE_OF_BIRTH	Place of birth	discrete	numeric-2.0	63405	0	-
14	WHETHER_BLIND	Whether blind deaf or dump	discrete	numeric-1.0	33976	29429	-
15	AGE_AT_BLINDNESS	Age at blindness deafness dum	discrete	numeric-2.0	33976	29429	-
16	CAUSE_OF_BLINDNESS	Cause of blindness dea dum	discrete	numeric-1.0	33976	29429	-
17	DISABILITY_IN_HANDS	Disability in hands	discrete	numeric-1.0	13564	49841	-
18	AGE_AT_WHICH_DISABILITY_IN_HANDS	Age at which disability in hands occured	discrete	numeric-2.0	13564	49841	-
19	CAUSE_OF_DISABILITY_IN_HANDS	Cause of disability in hands	discrete	numeric-1.0	13564	49841	-
20	DISABILITY_IN_LEGS	Disability in legs	discrete	numeric-1.0	25573	37832	-
21	AGE_AT_WHICH_DISABILITY_IN_LEGS	Age at which disability in legs occured	discrete	numeric-2.0	25573	37832	-
22	CAUSE_OF_DISABILITY	Cause of disability in legs	discrete	numeric-1.0	25573	37832	-
23	OTHER_DISABILITY	Other disability describe	discrete	numeric-1.0	3335	60070	-
24	AGE_AT_WHICH_OTHER_DISABILITY_OC	Age at which other disability occured	discrete	numeric-2.0	3335	60070	-
25	CAUSE_OF_OTHER_DISABILITY	Cause of other disability	discrete	numeric-1.0	3335	60070	-
26	MEANS_OF_LIVELIHOOD	Means of livelihood	discrete	numeric-1.0	63405	0	-
27	WHERE_LIVING_IN_AN_INSTITUTION	Where living in an institution	discrete	numeric-1.0	63405	0	-
28	OCCUPATION	Occupation	discrete	character-4	6366	0	-

Variables Description

Dataset contains28 variable(s)

File inf81spss

#1 A1: District	
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-24] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	5642	8.9%
2	Gampaha	6663	10.5%
3	Kalutara	3684	5.8%
4	Kandy	4956	7.8%
5	Matale	1900	3.0%
6	Nuwara Eliya	1826	2.9%
7	Galle	3880	6.1%
8	Matara	3283	5.2%
9	Hambantota	2297	3.6%
10	Jaffna	3811	6.0%
11	Mannar	462	0.7%
12	Vavuniya	350	0.6%
13	Mulativu	325	0.5%
14	Batticaloa	1329	2.1%
15	Ampara	1493	2.4%
16	Trincomalee	1051	1.7%
17	Kurunegala	5234	8.3%
18	Puttalam	1884	3.0%
19	Anuradhapura	2237	3.5%
20	Polonnaruwa	601	0.9%
21	Badulla	2320	3.7%
22	Monaragala	1222	1.9%
23	Ratnapura	3759	5.9%
24	Kegalle	3196	5.0%

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.

#2 A2: AGA Division	
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-17] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#3 A3: Electorate	
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-160] [Missing=*]

File inf81spss (cont.)

#3 A3: Electorate (cont.)
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (160 Modalities)

#4 A4: Sector
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	10335	16.3%
2	Rural	50293	79.3%
3	Estate	2777	4.4%

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#5 A5: MC/UC/TC/GS Division
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#6 A6: Ward/village/estate
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-95] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#7 A7: Census block no
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-74] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#8 CENSUS_UNIT_NO: Census unit no
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-998] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=43987 /-] [Invalid=19418 /-]

#9 SERIAL_NO_OF_UNIT: Serial no of unit
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-900] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

File inf81spss (cont.)

#10 SERIAL_NO_OF_PERSON_IN_THE_SCHED: Serial no of person in the schedule

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-989] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=27305 /-] [Invalid=36100 /-]

#11 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	38058	60.0%
2	Female	25347	40.0%

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.

#12 AGE: Age

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-99] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (100 Modalities)

#13 PLACE_OF_BIRTH: Place of birth

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-39] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	6234	9.8%
2	Gampaha	5639	8.9%
3	Kalutara	3888	6.1%
4	Kandy	5464	8.6%
5	Matale	1908	3.0%
6	Nuwara Eliya	1974	3.1%
7	Galle	4189	6.6%
8	Matara	3824	6.0%
9	Hambantota	2200	3.5%
10	Jaffna	3845	6.1%
11	Mannar	439	0.7%
12	Vavuniya	249	0.4%
13	Mulativu	219	0.3%
14	Batticaloa	1258	2.0%
15	Ampara	1335	2.1%
16	Trincomalee	863	1.4%

File inf81spss (cont.)

#13 PLACE_OF_BIRTH: Place of birth (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
17	Kurunegala	5299	8.4%
18	Puttalam	1652	2.6%
19	Anuradhapura	1824	2.9%
20	Polonnaruwa	405	0.6%
21	Badulla	2519	4.0%
22	Monaragala	959	1.5%
23	Ratnapura	3663	5.8%
24	Kegalle	3444	5.4%
32		109	0.2%
39		3	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.

#14 WHETHER_BLIND_DEAF_OR_DUMP: Whether blind deaf or dump

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=33976 /-] [Invalid=29429 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Blind	9331	27.5%
2	Deaf	3459	10.2%
3	Dumb	11845	34.9%
4	Dumb & Deaf	9341	27.5%
Sysmiss		29429	

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.

#15 AGE_AT_BLINDNESS_DEAFNESS_DUM: Age at blindness deafness dum

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-99] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=33976 /-] [Invalid=29429 /-]
Frequency table not shown (100 Modalities)	

#16 CAUSE_OF_BLINDNESS_DEA_DUM: Cause of blindness dea dum

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=33976 /-] [Invalid=29429 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Since Birth	23734	69.9%
2	Due to Illness	4749	14.0%
3	Due to Accident	1455	4.3%
4	Due to Violence	104	0.3%

File inf81spss (cont.)

#16 CAUSE_OF_BLINDNESS_DEA_DUM: Cause of blindness dea dum (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
9	Unspecified	3934	11.6%
Sysmiss		29429	

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 DISABILITY_IN_HANDS: Disability in hands

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=13564 /-] [Invalid=49841 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Loss of one hand	1708	12.6%
2	Paralysis of one hand	7571	55.8%
3	Loss of both hands	204	1.5%
4	Paralysis of both hands	4081	30.1%
Sysmiss		49841	

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 AGE_AT_WHICH_DISABILITY_IN_HANDS: Age at which disability in hands occured

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-99] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=13564 /-] [Invalid=49841 /-]

Frequency table not shown (96 Modalities)

#19 CAUSE_OF_DISABILITY_IN_HANDS: Cause of disability in hands

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=13564 /-] [Invalid=49841 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Since Birth	4591	33.8%
2	Due to Illness	3888	28.7%
3	Due to Accident	2174	16.0%
4	Due to Violence	202	1.5%
9	Unspecified	2709	20.0%
Sysmiss		49841	

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 DISABILITY_IN_LEGS: Disability in legs

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=25573 /-] [Invalid=37832 /-]

File inf81spss (cont.)

#20 DISABILITY_IN_LEGS: Disability in legs (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Loss of one leg	2832	11.1%
2	Paralysis of one leg	11062	43.3%
3	Loss of both legs	646	2.5%
4	Paralysis of both legs	11033	43.1%
Sysmiss		37832	

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 AGE_AT_WHICH_DISABILITY_IN_LEGS: Age at which disability in legs occured

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=25573 /-] [Invalid=37832 /-]

Frequency table not shown (100 Modalities)

#22 CAUSE_OF_DISABILITY_IN_LEGS: Cause of disability in legs

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=25573 /-] [Invalid=37832 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Since Birth	9475	37.1%
2	Due to Illness	7923	31.0%
3	Due to Accident	3990	15.6%
4	Due to Violence	163	0.6%
9	Unspecified	4022	15.7%
Sysmiss		37832	

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.

#23 OTHER_DISABILITY_DESCRIBE: other disability describe

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=3335 /-] [Invalid=60070 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		190	5.7%
2		523	15.7%
3		287	8.6%
4		854	25.6%
5		1481	44.4%
Sysmiss		60070	

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.

File inf81spss (cont.)

#24 AGE_AT_WHICH_OTHER_DISABILITY_OC: Age at which other disability occured

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-99] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=3335 /-] [Invalid=60070 /-]

Frequency table not shown (90 Modalities)

#25 CAUSE_OF_OTHER_DISABILITY: Cause of other disability

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=3335 /-] [Invalid=60070 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Since Birth	1398	41.9%
2	Due to Illness	707	21.2%
3	Due to Accident	488	14.6%
4	Due to Violence	27	0.8%
9	Unspecified	715	21.4%
Sysmiss		60070	

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.

#26 MEANS_OF_LIVELIHOOD: Means of livelihood

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-5] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Employment	6246	9.9%
2	Supported by family or relations	47456	74.8%
3	Supported by an institution or an organization	3672	5.8%
4	Begging	722	1.1%
5	Other	5309	8.4%

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.

#27 WHERE_LIVING_IN_AN_INSTITUTION: Where living in an institution

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=63405 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Yes	3929	6.2%
2	No	59476	93.8%

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.

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#28 OCCUPATION: Occupation	
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=6366 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (233 Modalities)	

Documentation

Reports and analytical documents

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