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Sri Lanka (1972)
Vital Statistics - Births - 1972 (RGB - 1972)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1972-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 1972 include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -District -AGA Division -Registrar's Division -Month & Year -Date of Birth -If urban, assessment number, street and town -If rural, Name of villahe -AGA's Division -District -Whether outside division -Whether in hospital -Live birth order -Distinguishing letters -Race -Age of mother in years -Were parents married -Whether Twin, triple & etc 	
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 1972-01-01 end 1972-12-31
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 Births & Deaths , Registrar General's Derpartment Additional District Registrar , Registrar General's Derpartment Statistical Division - Registrar General's Office , Registrar General's Derpartment

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

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Access Conditions

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Citation Requirements

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Births 1972	
# Cases	385379
# Variable(s)	22
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1972.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 22 variable(s)

File Births 1972							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SECTOR	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	385379	0	-
2	DISTRICT	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	385379	0	-
3	DRO_DIVISION	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	385379	0	-
4	REGISTRARS_DIV	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	385335	44	-
5	TOWN	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	176261	209118	-
6	MONTH_REGISTERED	Registered Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	385379	0	-
7	YEAR_REGISTERED	Registered Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	385379	0	-
8	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	385379	0	-
9	COL1_ENTRY_NO	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	385371	8	-
10	COL21_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	385379	0	-
11	COL22_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	385379	0	-
12	COL23_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	385293	86	-
13	COL3_TOWN	Mother's Living Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	9614	375765	-
14	COL5_DIST_RESIDENT	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	124210	261169	-
15	COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	385329	50	-
16	COL7_DISTIN_LTR	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	293310	92069	-
17	COL8_RACE	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	385377	2	-
18	COL9_16_AGE_MOTHER	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	385376	3	-
19	COL17_PARENT_MARITAL	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	385290	89	-
20	COL18_TWIN_TYPE	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	5929	379450	-
21	SPACE_A	Space	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	385379	-
22	CLASS_RECORD	Programmer Defined Variable	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	385379	-

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File Births 1972

#1 SECTOR: Sector			
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385379 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		84	0.0%
1	Urban	176176	45.7%
2	Rural	181488	47.1%
3	Estate	27631	7.2%

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=385379 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	65733	17.1%
2	Negombo	9063	2.4%
3	Kalutara	20192	5.2%
4	Kandy	37330	9.7%
5	Matale	10004	2.6%
6	Nuwara Eliya	13214	3.4%
7	Galle	21215	5.5%
8	Matara	17724	4.6%
9	Hambantota	10301	2.7%
10	Jaffna	21223	5.5%
11	Mannar	2619	0.7%
12	Vavuniya	3637	0.9%
13	Batticaloa	10227	2.7%
14	Ampara	9354	2.4%
15	Trincomalee	7292	1.9%
16	Kurunegala	29525	7.7%
17	Puttalam	4577	1.2%
18	Chillaw	8037	2.1%
19	Anuradhapura	14895	3.9%
20	Polonnaruwa	5190	1.3%
21	Badulla	21321	5.5%
22	Monaragala	6865	1.8%
23	Ratnapura	20116	5.2%

File Births 1972 (cont.)

#2 DISTRICT: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
24	Kegalle	15725	4.1%

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#3 DRO_DIVISION: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-23] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385379 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#4 REGISTRARS_DIV: Registration Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385335 /-] [Invalid=44 /-]

#5 TOWN: Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=176261 /-] [Invalid=209118 /-]

#6 MONTH_REGISTER: Registered Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385379 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		15	0.0%
1	January	32903	8.5%
2	February	31690	8.2%
3	March	34505	9.0%
4	April	32622	8.5%
5	May	34595	9.0%
6	June	34216	8.9%
7	July	30645	8.0%
8	August	31114	8.1%
9	September	28534	7.4%
10	October	30229	7.8%
11	November	30606	7.9%
12	December	33705	8.7%

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#7 YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 72-72] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385379 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
62		84	0.0%
72		385295	100.0%

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#8 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385379 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		36	0.0%
1	Male	196274	50.9%
2	Female	189069	49.1%

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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=385371 /-] [Invalid=8 /-]		

#10 COL21_BIRTH_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385379 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

#11 COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385379 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		42	0.0%
1	January	34211	8.9%
2	February	31018	8.0%
3	March	34538	9.0%
4	April	32938	8.5%
5	May	32960	8.6%
6	June	28956	7.5%

File Births 1972 (cont.)

#11 COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage	
7	July	29267		7.6%
8	August	29030		7.5%
9	September	29144		7.6%
10	October	32859		8.5%
11	November	34729		9.0%
12	December	35687		9.3%

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#12 COL23_BIRTH_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-90] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385293 /-] [Invalid=86 /-]

#13 COL3_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=9614 /-] [Invalid=375765 /-]

#14 COL5_DIST_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=124210 /-] [Invalid=261169 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage	
0		1		0.0%
1	Colombo	31250		25.2%
2	Negombo	903		0.7%
3	Kalutara	1140		0.9%
4	Kandy	26565		21.4%
5	Matale	4748		3.8%
6	Nuwara Eliya	13506		10.9%
7	Galle	21437		17.3%
8	Matara	191		0.2%
9	Hambantota	4770		3.8%
10	Jaffna	150		0.1%
11	Mannar	11		0.0%
12	Vavuniya	4		0.0%
13	Batticaloa	12		0.0%
14	Ampara	28		0.0%
15	Trincomalee	53		0.0%

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#14 COL5_DIST_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
16	Kurunegala	147	0.1%
17	Puttalam	11	0.0%
18	Chillaw	129	0.1%
19	Anuradhapura	190	0.2%
20	Polonnaruwa	5318	4.3%
21	Badulla	243	0.2%
22	Monaragala	6930	5.6%
23	Ratnapura	5922	4.8%
24	Kegalle	551	0.4%
Sysmiss		261169	

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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=385329 /-] [Invalid=50 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	166371	43.2%
1	In	218958	56.8%
Sysmiss		50	

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#16 COL7_DISTIN_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=293310 /-] [Invalid=92069 /-]

#17 COL8_RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385377 /-] [Invalid=2 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		48	0.0%
1	Sinhalese	272554	70.7%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	44702	11.6%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	29850	7.7%
4	Burghers Eurasia	1006	0.3%
5	Malays	1079	0.3%
6	Veddah	54	0.0%

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#17 COL8_RACE: Race (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
7	Indian Tamil	35140	9.1%
8	Indian Moors	518	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	1	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	3	0.0%
11	Europeans	18	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	301	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	65	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	38	0.0%
Sysmiss		2	

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#18 COL9_16_AGE_MOTH: Mother's Age

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-57] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=385376 /-] [Invalid=3 /-]
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=385290 /-] [Invalid=89 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		83	0.0%
1	Yes	355473	92.3%
2	No	29734	7.7%
Sysmiss		89	

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#20 COL18_TWIN_TRIPL: Type of birth

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=5929 /-] [Invalid=379450 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	3029	51.1%
2	Twins	2809	47.4%
3	Triple	34	0.6%
4	Quard	30	0.5%
5		27	0.5%
Sysmiss		379450	

File Births 1972 (cont.)

#20 COL18_TWIN_TRIPL: Type of birth (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.

#21 SPACE_A: Space

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=385379 /-]

#22 CLASS_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-20] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=385379 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		385379	

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