

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1972

**Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department**

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-RGB-1972-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1972

### COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Sri Lanka	LKA

### STUDY TYPE

Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]

### SERIES INFORMATION

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.

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### ABSTRACT

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Although birth and death registrations are compulsory by law, few events are missed and not registered for various reasons.

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.

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### KIND OF DATA

Administrative records data [adm]

### UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individual Birth

## Version

### VERSION DESCRIPTION

v1.0: Full edited dataset, original version for internal DPD use.

### VERSION DATE

2008-07-30

## Scope

### NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Birth 1972 include :

- 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

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION [14]	CESSDA	<a href="#">Link</a>

## Coverage

## GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage.

## UNIVERSE

Records pertaining to Live births of Sri Lankan Nationals whose birth occurs in Sri Lanka

## Producers and sponsors

## PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department	Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs

## PRODUCERS

Name	Role
Divisional Secretariats	Data Collection

## FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation
Government of Sri Lanka	GOSL

## Data Collection

## DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
1972-01-01	1972-12-31

## DATA COLLECTION MODE

Other [oth]

## DATA COLLECTION NOTES

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 COLLECTORS

Name	Affiliation
Registrars of Births & Deaths	Registrar General's Department
Additional District Registrar	Registrar General's Department
Statistical Division - Registrar General's Office	Registrar General's Department

## Access policy

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## CITATION REQUIREMENTS

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**Data Dictionary**

Data file	Cases	Variables
<b>Births 1972</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1972.	385379	22



**Data file: Births 1972**

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Cases: 385379

Variables: 22

**Variables**

ID	Name	Label	Question
V105	SECTOR	Sector	
V106	DISTRICT	District	
V107	DRO_DIVISION	AGA Division	
V108	REGISTRARS_DIV	Registration Division	
V109	TOWN	Town	
V110	MONTH_REGISTER	Registered Month	
V111	YEAR_REGISTER	Registered Year	
V112	SEX	Sex	
V113	COL1_ENTRY_NO	No. of Registration Entry	
V114	COL21_BIRTH_DAY	Date of Birth - Day	
V115	COL22_BIRTH_MONT	Date of Birth - Month	
V116	COL23_BIRTH_YEAR	Date of Birth - Year	
V117	COL3_TOWN	Mother's Living Town	
V118	COL5_DIST_RESIDE	District of Mother's Resident	
V119	COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV	Within the Registrars Division	
V120	COL7_DISTIN_LETR	Distinguishing Letters	
V121	COL8_RACE	Race	
V122	COL9_16_AGE_MOTH	Mother's Age	
V123	COL17_PARENT_MAR	Marital Status	
V124	COL18_TWIN_TRIPL	Type of birth	
V125	SPACE_A	Space	
V126	CLASS_RECORD	Programmer Defined Variable	

Total: 22





**SECTOR: Sector****Data file: Births 1972****Overview**

Valid: 385379    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 3  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 3    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		84	0%
1	Urban	176176	45.7%
2	Rural	181488	47.1%
3	Estate	27631	7.2%

**DISTRICT: District****Data file: Births 1972****Overview**

Valid: 385379    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 27    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%
24	Kegalle	15725	4.1%

## DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 385379    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 12  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 23    Format: Numeric

## REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 385335    Invalid: 44    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 61  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 79    Format: Numeric

## TOWN: Town

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 176261    Invalid: 209118    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 19  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 60    Format: Numeric

## MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 385379    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 12  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 12    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		15	0%
1	January	32903	8.5%
2	February	31690	8.2%
3	March	34505	9%
4	April	32622	8.5%
5	May	34595	9%
6	June	34216	8.9%
7	July	30645	8%
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%

## YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 385379    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 62    Maximum: 72  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 72 - 72    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
62		84	0%
72		385295	100%

## SEX: Sex

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 385379    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 2  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 2    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		36	0%
1	Male	196274	50.9%
2	Female	189069	49.1%

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

Data file: Births 1972

#### Overview

Valid: 385371    Invalid: 8    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 9999  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 4    Range: 0 - 9999    Format: Numeric

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

Data file: Births 1972

#### Overview

Valid: 385379    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 31  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 31    Format: Numeric

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

Data file: Births 1972

#### Overview

Valid: 385379    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 12  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 12    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		42	0%
1	January	34211	8.9%
2	February	31018	8%
3	March	34538	9%
4	April	32938	8.5%
5	May	32960	8.6%
6	June	28956	7.5%

7	July	29267	7.6%
8	August	29030	7.5%
9	September	29144	7.6%
10	October	32859	8.5%
11	November	34729	9%
12	December	35687	9.3%

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

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 385293   Invalid: 86   Minimum: 12   Maximum: 72  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 1 - 90   Format: Numeric

## COL3\_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 9614   Invalid: 375765   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 59  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 0 - 88   Format: Numeric

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

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 124210   Invalid: 261169   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 1 - 98   Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		1	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%
12	Vavuniya	4	0%
13	Batticaloa	12	0%
14	Ampara	28	0%
15	Trincomalee	53	0%
16	Kurunegala	147	0.1%
17	Puttalam	11	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	

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

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 385329   Invalid: 50   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 1  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 0 - 1   Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Out	166371	43.2%
1	In	218958	56.8%
Sysmiss		50	

## COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 293310   Invalid: 92069   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 0 - 9   Format: Numeric

**COL8\_RACE: Race****Data file: Births 1972****Overview**

Valid: 385377    Invalid: 2    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 14  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 14    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		48	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%
7	Indian Tamil	35140	9.1%
8	Indian Moors	518	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	1	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	3	0%
11	Europeans	18	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	301	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	65	0%
14	Unknown Race	38	0%
Sysmiss		2	

**COL9\_16\_AGE\_MOTH: Mother's Age****Data file: Births 1972****Overview**

Valid: 385376    Invalid: 3    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 50  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 57    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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0		311	0.1%
6		1	0%
8		4	0%
12		2	0%
13		10	0%
14		92	0%
15		338	0.1%
16		1414	0.4%
17		3501	0.9%
18		9612	2.5%
19		11695	3%
20		20379	5.3%
21		16475	4.3%
22		28522	7.4%
23		24702	6.4%
24		26544	6.9%
25		25326	6.6%
26		23373	6.1%
27		19920	5.2%
28		26005	6.7%
29		15649	4.1%
30		25902	6.7%
31		10243	2.7%
32		16961	4.4%
33		10390	2.7%
34		9086	2.4%
35		17541	4.6%
36		8125	2.1%
37		6838	1.8%
38		9654	2.5%
39		4262	1.1%
40		5401	1.4%
41		1577	0.4%
42		2378	0.6%
43		963	0.2%
44		681	0.2%
45		932	0.2%
46		250	0.1%
47		128	0%

48		130	0%
49		29	0%
50		30	0%
Sysmiss		3	

## COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 385290   Invalid: 89   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 2  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 1 - 2   Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		83	0%
1	Yes	355473	92.3%
2	No	29734	7.7%
Sysmiss		89	

## COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth

Data file: Births 1972

### Overview

Valid: 5929   Invalid: 379450   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 5  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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	

**SPACE\_A: Space****Data file: Births 1972****Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 385379

Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

**CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable****Data file: Births 1972****Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 385379

Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 20    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category
Sysmiss	

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## Questionnaires

### Return of Birth - Form 1972

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Filename Return of Birth - Form 1972.pdf

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## Reports

### Study Documentation RGB 1972 Project

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Title      Study Documentation RGB 1972 Project  
Country   Sri Lanka  
Filename Study Documentation RGB 1972 Project.pdf

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## Technical documents

### Data Dictionary

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Title      Data Dictionary  
Filename Data Dictionary Births 1972-1980.pdf

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