

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1973

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

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-RGB-1973-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1973

### 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 1973 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
1973-01-01	1973-12-31

## 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 Berths & Deaths	Registrar General's Department
Additional District Registrar	Registrar General's Department
Statistical Division - Registrar General Office	Registrar General's Department

## Access policy

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## CITATION REQUIREMENTS

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## ACCESS AUTHORITY

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**Data Dictionary**

Data file	Cases	Variables
<b>Births 1973</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1973.	367158	22



**Data file: Births 1973**

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Cases: 367158

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 1973****Overview**

Valid: 367158    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 3  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 3    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Urban	169819	46.3%
2	Rural	172580	47%
3	Estate	24759	6.7%

**DISTRICT: District****Data file: Births 1973****Overview**

Valid: 367158    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	62600	17%
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%
13	Batticaloa	10566	2.9%
14	Ampara	9143	2.5%
15	Trincomalee	7395	2%

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%

## DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 367158    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 12  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 23    Format: Numeric

## REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 367158    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 61  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 79    Format: Numeric

## TOWN: Town

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 169819    Invalid: 197339    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 23  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 60    Format: Numeric

## MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 367158    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 12  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 12    Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	32961	9%
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%
8	August	28357	7.7%
9	September	26222	7.1%
10	October	28711	7.8%
11	November	29246	8%
12	December	30406	8.3%

**YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year****Data file: Births 1973****Overview**

Valid: 367158   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 73   Maximum: 73  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 73 - 73   Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
73		367158	100%

**SEX: Sex****Data file: Births 1973****Overview**

Valid: 367158   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 2  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 1 - 2   Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	187251	51%

2	Female	179907	49%
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## COL1\_ENTRY\_NO: No. of Registration Entry

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 367139    Invalid: 19    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 1973

### Overview

Valid: 367158    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 31  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 31    Format: Numeric

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

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 367158    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 12  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 12    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%

**COL23\_BIRTH\_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year****Data file: Births 1973****Overview**

Valid: 367158    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 5    Maximum: 73  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 90    Format: Numeric

**COL3\_TOWN: Mother's Living Town****Data file: Births 1973****Overview**

Valid: 6097    Invalid: 361061    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 88    Format: Numeric

**COL5\_DIST\_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident****Data file: Births 1973****Overview**

Valid: 47764    Invalid: 319394    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		2	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%
12	Vavuniya	6	0%
13	Batticaloa	5	0%

14	Ampara	11	0%
15	Trincomalee	15	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%
23	Ratnapura	4872	10.2%
24	Kegalle	368	0.8%
Sysmiss		319394	

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

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 367158 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 1  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 1 Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Out	159299	43.4%
1	In	207859	56.6%

## COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 282465 Invalid: 84693 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

## COL8\_RACE: Race

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 367158 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 14  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 14 Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%
7	Indian Tamil	31853	8.7%
8	Indian Moors	443	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	1	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	4	0%
11	Europeans	25	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	249	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	46	0%
14	Unknown Race	36	0%

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

Data file: Births 1973

### Overview

Valid: 367158    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 55  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 57    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		370	0.1%
12		3	0%
13		16	0%
14		88	0%
15		352	0.1%
16		1236	0.3%
17		3237	0.9%
18		9062	2.5%
19		11133	3%



20		19350	5.3%
21		15388	4.2%
22		24939	6.8%
23		26604	7.2%
24		24679	6.7%
25		25620	7%
26		22851	6.2%
27		18915	5.2%
28		24987	6.8%
29		15050	4.1%
30		24330	6.6%
31		10613	2.9%
32		14837	4%
33		11435	3.1%
34		8317	2.3%
35		16058	4.4%
36		7395	2%
37		6096	1.7%
38		8894	2.4%
39		3776	1%
40		4930	1.3%
41		1579	0.4%
42		1960	0.5%
43		1184	0.3%
44		515	0.1%
45		868	0.2%
46		218	0.1%
47		99	0%
48		118	0%
49		32	0%
50		20	0%
51		2	0%
52		1	0%
55		1	0%

## COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status

Data file: Births 1973

## Overview

Valid: 367158    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 2  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 2    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Yes	339148	92.4%
2	No	28010	7.6%

## COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth

Data file: Births 1973

## Overview

Valid: 5514    Invalid: 361644    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 9    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%
7		2	0%
8		2	0%
9		2	0%
Sysmiss		361644	

## SPACE\_A: Space

Data file: Births 1973

## Overview

Valid: 0    Invalid: 367158  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

**CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable****Data file: Births 1973****Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 367158

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

**Questions and instructions**

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## CATEGORIES

Value	Category
Sysmiss	

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## Questionnaires

### Return of Birth - Form 1973

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## Reports

### Study Documentation RGB 1973 Project

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Country   Sri Lanka  
Filename Study Documentation RGB 1973 Project.pdf

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## Technical documents

### Data Dictionary

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