Sri Lanka

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

Vital Statistics - Births - 1974

Study Documentation

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Vital Statistics - Births - 1974 (RGB - 1974)	

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1974-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..

Abstract

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.

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.

Births are registered at the place of occurrence and not in the area of residence of the mother.

Kind of Data	Administrative records data [adm]
Unit of Analysis	Individual Birth

Scope & Coverage

Scope
The scope of the Registration of Birth 1974 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	DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION [14]

Geographic Coverage
National coverage.

Universe
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	Goverment of Sri Lanka (GOSL)

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates	start 1974-01-01 end 1974-12-31
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 Collector(s)	Registrars of Berths & Deaths , Registrar General's Department Additional District Registrar , Registrar General's Department Statistical Division - Registrar General Office , Registrar General's Department

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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Files Description

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Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Births 1974	
# Cases	365789
# Variable(s)	22
File Content The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1974.	
Producer Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 22 variable(s)

#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
	File Births 1974						
1	SECTOR	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	365789	0	-
2	DISTRICT	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
3	DRO_DIVISION	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
4	REGISTRARS_DR	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
5	TOWN	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	165539	200250	-
6	MONTH_REGISTRE	Registered Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
7	YEAR_REGISTER	Registered Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
8	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	365789	0	-
9	COL1_ENTRY_NO	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	365784	5	-
10	COL21_BIRTH_DAY	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
11	COL22_BIRTH_MONT	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
12	COL23_BIRTH_YEAR	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
13	COL3_TOWN	Mother's Living Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	13875	351914	-
14	COL5_DIST_RESIDE	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	79635	286154	-
15	COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	365789	0	-
16	COL7_DISTIN_LETS	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	276212	89577	-
17	COL8_RACE	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
18	COL9_16_AGE_MOTH	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	365789	0	-
19	COL17_PARENT_MAR	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	365789	0	-
20	COL18_TWIN_TYPE	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	5850	359939	-
21	SPACE_A	Space	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	365789	-
22	CLASS_RECORD	Programmer Defined Variable	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	365789	-

Variables Description

Dataset contains22 variable(s)

File Births 1974

#1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	165539	45.3%
2	Rural	175227	47.9%
3	Estate	25023	6.8%

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.

#2 DISTRICT: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-27] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	59259	16.2%
2	Negombo	9153	2.5%
3	Kalutara	17776	4.9%
4	Kandy	32906	9.0%
5	Matale	9850	2.7%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12098	3.3%
7	Galle	18389	5.0%
8	Matara	17575	4.8%
9	Hambantota	10323	2.8%
10	Jaffna	21367	5.8%
11	Mannar	2850	0.8%
12	Vavuniya	3952	1.1%
13	Batticaloa	10041	2.7%
14	Ampara	9628	2.6%
15	Trincomalee	7377	2.0%
16	Kurunegala	30097	8.2%
17	Puttalam	4748	1.3%
18	Chillaw	7419	2.0%
19	Anuradhapura	14086	3.9%
20	Polonnaruwa	5428	1.5%
21	Badulla	17475	4.8%
22	Monaragala	7050	1.9%
23	Ratnapura	21260	5.8%
24	Kegalle	15682	4.3%

File Births 1974 (cont.)

#2 DISTRICT: District (cont.)
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#3 DRO_DIVISION: AGA Division	
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-23] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#4 REGISTRARS_DIV: Registration Division	
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#5 TOWN: Town	
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=165539 /-] [Invalid=200250 /-]

#6 MONTH_REGISTER: Registered Month			
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	29969	8.2%
2	February	28966	7.9%
3	March	31579	8.6%
4	April	29845	8.2%
5	May	31625	8.6%
6	June	31953	8.7%
7	July	29900	8.2%
8	August	28443	7.8%
9	September	28188	7.7%
10	October	30881	8.4%
11	November	31001	8.5%
12	December	33439	9.1%

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#7 YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year	
Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 74-74] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

File Births 1974 (cont.)

#7 YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
74		365789	100.0%

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#8 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	186003	50.8%
2	Female	179786	49.2%

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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=365784 /-] [Invalid=5 /-]

#10 COL21_BIRTH_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#11 COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	31865	8.7%
2	February	30175	8.2%
3	March	34363	9.4%
4	April	30932	8.5%
5	May	29989	8.2%
6	June	28104	7.7%
7	July	28914	7.9%
8	August	29061	7.9%
9	September	28836	7.9%
10	October	31144	8.5%
11	November	30592	8.4%
12	December	31814	8.7%

File Births 1974 (cont.)

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

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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=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#13 COL3_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=13875 /-] [Invalid=351914 /-]

#14 COL5_DIST_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=79635 /-] [Invalid=286154 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	29400	36.9%
2	Negombo	272	0.3%
3	Kalutara	934	1.2%
4	Kandy	84	0.1%
5	Matale	37	0.0%
6	Nuwara Eliya	358	0.4%
7	Galle	18326	23.0%
8	Matara	134	0.2%
9	Hambantota	10182	12.8%
10	Jaffna	277	0.3%
11	Mannar	17	0.0%
12	Vavuniya	32	0.0%
13	Batticaloa	7	0.0%
14	Ampara	5	0.0%
15	Trincomalee	26	0.0%
16	Kurunegala	226	0.3%
17	Puttalam	23	0.0%
18	Chillaw	46	0.1%
19	Anuradhapura	13820	17.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	90	0.1%
21	Badulla	34	0.0%
22	Monaragala	71	0.1%
23	Ratnapura	5161	6.5%

File Births 1974 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
24	Kegalle	73	0.1%
Sysmiss		286154	

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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=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	153441	41.9%
1	In	212348	58.1%

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#16 COL7_DISTIN_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=276212 /-] [Invalid=89577 /-]

#17 COL8_RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	258384	70.6%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	43398	11.9%
3	Sri lanka Moors	28536	7.8%
4	Burghers Eurasia	835	0.2%
5	Malays	1116	0.3%
6	Veddah	27	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	32782	9.0%
8	Indian Moors	381	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	4	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	1	0.0%
11	Europeans	24	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	237	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	37	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	27	0.0%

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File Births 1974 (cont.)

#18 COL9_16_AGE_MOTH: Mother's Age

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-57] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (42 Modalities)

#19 COL17_PARENT_MAR: Marital Status

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=365789 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Yes	337905	92.4%
2	No	27884	7.6%

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#20 COL18_TWIN_TRIPL: Type of birth

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=5850 /-] [Invalid=359939 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	3160	54.0%
2	Twins	2645	45.2%
3	Triple	20	0.3%
4	Quard	12	0.2%
5		13	0.2%
Sysmiss		359939	

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#21 SPACE_A: Space

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=365789 /-]

#22 CLASS_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-20] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=365789 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		365789	

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Documentation

Reports and analytical documents

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