

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1974

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

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-GB-1974-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1974

### 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 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

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
1974-01-01	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 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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**Data Dictionary**

Data file	Cases	Variables
<b>Births 1974</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1974.	365789	22



**Data file: Births 1974**

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Cases: 365789

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 1974****Overview**

Valid: 365789   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	165539	45.3%
2	Rural	175227	47.9%
3	Estate	25023	6.8%

**DISTRICT: District****Data file: Births 1974****Overview**

Valid: 365789   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	59259	16.2%
2	Negombo	9153	2.5%
3	Kalutara	17776	4.9%
4	Kandy	32906	9%
5	Matale	9850	2.7%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12098	3.3%
7	Galle	18389	5%
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%

16	Kurunegala	30097	8.2%
17	Puttalam	4748	1.3%
18	Chillaw	7419	2%
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%

## DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 365789    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 12  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 23    Format: Numeric

## REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 365789    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 66  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 79    Format: Numeric

## TOWN: Town

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 165539    Invalid: 200250    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 23  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 60    Format: Numeric

## MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 365789    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	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%

**YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year****Data file: Births 1974****Overview**

Valid: 365789    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 74    Maximum: 74  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 74 - 74    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
74		365789	100%

**SEX: Sex****Data file: Births 1974****Overview**

Valid: 365789    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	186003	50.8%

2	Female	179786	49.2%
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### COL1\_ENTRY\_NO: No. of Registration Entry

Data file: Births 1974

#### Overview

Valid: 365784    Invalid: 5    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 1974

#### Overview

Valid: 365789    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 1974

#### Overview

Valid: 365789    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	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%

**COL23\_BIRTH\_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year****Data file: Births 1974****Overview**

Valid: 365789    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 11    Maximum: 74  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 90    Format: Numeric

**COL3\_TOWN: Mother's Living Town****Data file: Births 1974****Overview**

Valid: 13875    Invalid: 351914    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 28  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 88    Format: Numeric

**COL5\_DIST\_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident****Data file: Births 1974****Overview**

Valid: 79635    Invalid: 286154    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	29400	36.9%
2	Negombo	272	0.3%
3	Kalutara	934	1.2%
4	Kandy	84	0.1%
5	Matale	37	0%
6	Nuwara Eliya	358	0.4%
7	Galle	18326	23%
8	Matara	134	0.2%
9	Hambantota	10182	12.8%
10	Jaffna	277	0.3%
11	Mannar	17	0%
12	Vavuniya	32	0%
13	Batticaloa	7	0%
14	Ampara	5	0%

15	Trincomalee	26	0%
16	Kurunegala	226	0.3%
17	Puttalam	23	0%
18	Chillaw	46	0.1%
19	Anuradhapura	13820	17.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	90	0.1%
21	Badulla	34	0%
22	Monaragala	71	0.1%
23	Ratnapura	5161	6.5%
24	Kegalle	73	0.1%
Sysmiss		286154	

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

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 365789    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	153441	41.9%
1	In	212348	58.1%

## COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 276212    Invalid: 89577    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 0 - 9    Format: Numeric

## COL8\_RACE: Race

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 365789    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	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%
7	Indian Tamil	32782	9%
8	Indian Moors	381	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	4	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	1	0%
11	Europeans	24	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	237	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	37	0%
14	Unknown Race	27	0%

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

Data file: Births 1974

#### Overview

Valid: 365789    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		760	0.2%
12		1	0%
13		10	0%
14		76	0%
15		306	0.1%
16		1213	0.3%
17		3200	0.9%
18		9404	2.6%
19		11657	3.2%



20		19671	5.4%
21		15361	4.2%
22		25325	6.9%
23		24637	6.7%
24		28343	7.7%
25		24335	6.7%
26		24164	6.6%
27		19352	5.3%
28		24570	6.7%
29		15107	4.1%
30		23445	6.4%
31		9870	2.7%
32		15336	4.2%
33		9402	2.6%
34		9521	2.6%
35		14963	4.1%
36		6964	1.9%
37		5814	1.6%
38		8456	2.3%
39		3654	1%
40		4528	1.2%
41		1409	0.4%
42		1894	0.5%
43		979	0.3%
44		730	0.2%
45		807	0.2%
46		221	0.1%
47		99	0%
48		146	0%
49		39	0%
50		18	0%
53		1	0%
55		1	0%

## COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 365789    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	337905	92.4%
2	No	27884	7.6%

## COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 5850    Invalid: 359939    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 5  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 9    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Single	3160	54%
2	Twins	2645	45.2%
3	Triple	20	0.3%
4	Quard	12	0.2%
5		13	0.2%
Sysmiss		359939	

## SPACE\_A: Space

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 0    Invalid: 365789  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

## CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Data file: Births 1974

### Overview

Valid: 0    Invalid: 365789  
 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 1974

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## Reports

### Study Documentation RGB 1974 Project

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Country   Sri Lanka  
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## Technical documents

### Data Dictionary

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