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Vital Statistics - Births - 1976

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Sri Lanka (1976)
Vital Statistics - Births - 1976 (RGB - 1976)

| Overview | |
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| Type | Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth] |
| Identification | LKA-RGD-RGB-1976-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 1976 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 1976-01-01 end 1976-12-31 |
| 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) | Statistical Division - Registrar General Office , Registrar General's Department Additional District Registrar , Registrar General's Department Registrars of Berths & Deaths , 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 Authority | Registrar General (Registrar General's Department) , www.rgd.gov.lk , rg@rgd.gov.lk |
| Contact(s) | Statistics Division (Registrar General's Department) , www.rgd.gov.lk , ddstat@rgd.gov.lk |

Confidentiality

The degree of confidentiality of this microdata set is determined by the Access Authority. Please refer to the Access Authority for further details.

Access Conditions

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Citation Requirements

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

| Births 1976 | |
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| # Cases | 380702 |
| # Variable(s) | 22 |
| <u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1976. | |
| <u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department | |

Variables List

Dataset contains 22 variable(s)

| File Births 1976 | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------|---------|----------|
| # | Name | Label | Type | Format | Valid | Invalid | Question |
| 1 | SECTOR | Sector | discrete | numeric-1.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 2 | DISTRICT | District | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 3 | DRO_DIVISION | AGA Division | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 4 | REGISTRARS_DIVISION | Registration Division | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 5 | TOWN | Town | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 174798 | 205904 | - |
| 6 | MONTH_REGISTERED | Registered Month | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 7 | YEAR_REGISTERED | Registered Year | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 8 | SEX | Sex | discrete | numeric-1.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 9 | COL1_ENTRY_NO | No. of Registration Entry | discrete | numeric-4.0 | 380698 | 4 | - |
| 10 | COL21_BIRTH_DATE | Date of Birth - Day | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 11 | COL22_BIRTH_DATE | Date of Birth - Month | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 12 | COL23_BIRTH_DATE | Date of Birth - Year | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 13 | COL3_TOWN | Mother's Living Town | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 14377 | 366325 | - |
| 14 | COL5_DIST_RESIDENT | District of Mother's Resident | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 11750 | 368952 | - |
| 15 | COL6_OUTSIDE_DIVISION | Within the Registrars Division | discrete | numeric-1.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 16 | COL7_DISTIN_LTR | Distinguishing Letters | discrete | numeric-1.0 | 290157 | 90545 | - |
| 17 | COL8_RACE | Race | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 18 | COL9_16_AGE_MOTHER | Mother's Age | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 19 | COL17_PARENT_MARITAL_STATUS | Marital Status | discrete | numeric-1.0 | 380702 | 0 | - |
| 20 | COL18_TWIN_TYPE | Type of birth | discrete | numeric-1.0 | 5548 | 375154 | - |
| 21 | SPACE_A | Space | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 0 | 380702 | - |
| 22 | CLASS_RECORD | Programmer Defined Variable | discrete | numeric-2.0 | 0 | 380702 | - |

Variables Description

Dataset contains 22 variable(s)

File Births 1976

#1 SECTOR: Sector

| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*] | | |
|--------------------|--|--------|------------|
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] | | |
| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
| 1 | Urban | 174781 | 45.9% |
| 2 | Rural | 180221 | 47.3% |
| 3 | Estate | 25700 | 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=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] | | |
| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
| 1 | Colombo | 60661 | 15.9% |
| 2 | Negombo | 9533 | 2.5% |
| 3 | Kalutara | 17281 | 4.5% |
| 4 | Kandy | 34259 | 9.0% |
| 5 | Matale | 11212 | 2.9% |
| 6 | Nuwara Eliya | 12013 | 3.2% |
| 7 | Galle | 17958 | 4.7% |
| 8 | Matara | 17270 | 4.5% |
| 9 | Hambantota | 11070 | 2.9% |
| 10 | Jaffna | 23202 | 6.1% |
| 11 | Mannar | 2784 | 0.7% |
| 12 | Vavuniya | 3955 | 1.0% |
| 13 | Batticaloa | 11505 | 3.0% |
| 14 | Ampara | 10357 | 2.7% |
| 15 | Trincomalee | 8185 | 2.1% |
| 16 | Kurunegala | 28984 | 7.6% |
| 17 | Puttalam | 5051 | 1.3% |
| 18 | Chillaw | 8934 | 2.3% |
| 19 | Anuradhapura | 16027 | 4.2% |
| 20 | Polonnaruwa | 5582 | 1.5% |
| 21 | Badulla | 20144 | 5.3% |
| 22 | Monaragala | 8554 | 2.2% |
| 23 | Ratnapura | 21471 | 5.6% |
| 24 | Kegalle | 14710 | 3.9% |

File Births 1976 (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=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] |

#4 REGISTRARS_DIV: Registration Division

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*] |
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] |

#5 TOWN: Town

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*] |
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=174798 /-] [Invalid=205904 /-] |

#6 MONTH_REGISTER: Registered Month

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*] |
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] |

| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
|-------|-----------|-------|------------|
| 1 | January | 30646 | 8.0% |
| 2 | February | 30429 | 8.0% |
| 3 | March | 31948 | 8.4% |
| 4 | April | 29583 | 7.8% |
| 5 | May | 29964 | 7.9% |
| 6 | June | 30706 | 8.1% |
| 7 | July | 31982 | 8.4% |
| 8 | August | 31508 | 8.3% |
| 9 | September | 32730 | 8.6% |
| 10 | October | 31975 | 8.4% |
| 11 | November | 35181 | 9.2% |
| 12 | December | 34050 | 8.9% |

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#7 YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 76-76] [Missing=*] |
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] |

File Births 1976 (cont.)

#7 YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year (cont.)

| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
|-------|-------|--------|------------|
| 76 | | 380702 | 100.0% |

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#8 SEX: Sex

| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*] | | |
|--------------------|--|--------|------------|
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] | | |
| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
| 1 | Male | 194019 | 51.0% |
| 2 | Female | 186683 | 49.0% |

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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=380698 /-] [Invalid=4 /-] |

#10 COL21_BIRTH_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*] |
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] |

#11 COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month

| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*] | | |
|--------------------|---|-------|------------|
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] | | |
| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
| 1 | January | 32848 | 8.6% |
| 2 | February | 29987 | 7.9% |
| 3 | March | 31317 | 8.2% |
| 4 | April | 30384 | 8.0% |
| 5 | May | 30273 | 8.0% |
| 6 | June | 29550 | 7.8% |
| 7 | July | 31483 | 8.3% |
| 8 | August | 33026 | 8.7% |
| 9 | September | 33607 | 8.8% |
| 10 | October | 34364 | 9.0% |
| 11 | November | 31670 | 8.3% |
| 12 | December | 32193 | 8.5% |

File Births 1976 (cont.)

#11 COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month (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.

#12 COL23_BIRTH_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-90] [Missing=*] |
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] |

#13 COL3_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*] |
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=14377 /-] [Invalid=366325 /-] |

#14 COL5_DIST_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*] |
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=11750 /-] [Invalid=368952 /-] |

| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
|-------|--------------|-------|------------|
| 1 | Colombo | 7623 | 64.9% |
| 2 | Negombo | 185 | 1.6% |
| 3 | Kalutara | 718 | 6.1% |
| 4 | Kandy | 84 | 0.7% |
| 5 | Matale | 129 | 1.1% |
| 6 | Nuwara Eliya | 652 | 5.5% |
| 7 | Galle | 1106 | 9.4% |
| 8 | Matara | 115 | 1.0% |
| 9 | Hambantota | 62 | 0.5% |
| 10 | Jaffna | 19 | 0.2% |
| 11 | Mannar | 27 | 0.2% |
| 12 | Vavuniya | 35 | 0.3% |
| 13 | Batticaloa | 17 | 0.1% |
| 14 | Ampara | 30 | 0.3% |
| 15 | Trincomalee | 42 | 0.4% |
| 16 | Kurunegala | 132 | 1.1% |
| 17 | Puttalam | 8 | 0.1% |
| 18 | Chillaw | 163 | 1.4% |
| 19 | Anuradhapura | 135 | 1.1% |
| 20 | Polonnaruwa | 138 | 1.2% |
| 21 | Badulla | 62 | 0.5% |
| 22 | Monaragala | 25 | 0.2% |
| 23 | Ratnapura | 88 | 0.7% |

File Births 1976 (cont.)

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

| Value (cont.) | Label | Cases | Percentage |
|---------------|---------|--------|------------|
| 24 | Kegalle | 155 | 1.3% |
| Sysmiss | | 368952 | |

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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=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] | | |
| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
| 0 | Out | 167345 | 44.0% |
| 1 | In | 213357 | 56.0% |

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#16 COL7_DISTIN_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*] |
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=290157 /-] [Invalid=90545 /-] |

#17 COL8_RACE: Race

| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*] | | |
|--------------------|---|--------|------------|
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] | | |
| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
| 1 | Sinhalese | 266927 | 70.1% |
| 2 | Sri Lanka Tamil | 46901 | 12.3% |
| 3 | Sri lanka Moors | 30611 | 8.0% |
| 4 | Burghers Eurasia | 829 | 0.2% |
| 5 | Malays | 1050 | 0.3% |
| 6 | Veddah | 49 | 0.0% |
| 7 | Indian Tamil | 33609 | 8.8% |
| 8 | Indian Moors | 413 | 0.1% |
| 9 | Pakistan Tamil | 4 | 0.0% |
| 10 | Pakistan Moors | 6 | 0.0% |
| 11 | Europeans | 16 | 0.0% |
| 12 | Other - Ind - Pak | 207 | 0.1% |
| 13 | Other Non Ind - Pak | 43 | 0.0% |
| 14 | Unknown Race | 37 | 0.0% |

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#18 COL9_16_AGE_MOTH: Mother's Age

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-57] [Missing=*] |
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|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] |
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Frequency table not shown (40 Modalities)

#19 COL17_PARENT_MAR: Marital Status

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*] |
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| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=380702 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|

| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
|-------|-------|--------|------------|
| 1 | Yes | 351265 | 92.3% |
| 2 | No | 29437 | 7.7% |

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#20 COL18_TWIN_TRIPL: Type of birth

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*] |
|-------------|--|

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=5548 /-] [Invalid=375154 /-] |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|

| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| 1 | Single | 2914 | 52.5% |
| 2 | Twins | 2592 | 46.7% |
| 3 | Triple | 19 | 0.3% |
| 4 | Quard | 12 | 0.2% |
| 5 | | 10 | 0.2% |
| 8 | | 1 | 0.0% |
| Sysmiss | | 375154 | |

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#21 SPACE_A: Space

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*] |
|-------------|---|

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=380702 /-] |
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#22 CLASS_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Information | [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-20] [Missing=*] |
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|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Statistics [NW/ W] | [Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=380702 /-] |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|

| Value | Label | Cases | Percentage |
|---------|-------|--------|------------|
| Sysmiss | | 380702 | |

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