

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1976

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

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-GB-1976-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1976

### 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 1976 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
1976-01-01	1976-12-31

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

## Access policy

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**Data Dictionary**

Data file	Cases	Variables
<b>Births 1976</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1976.	380702	22



**Data file: Births 1976**

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Cases: 380702

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 1976****Overview**

Valid: 380702   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	174781	45.9%
2	Rural	180221	47.3%
3	Estate	25700	6.8%

**DISTRICT: District****Data file: Births 1976****Overview**

Valid: 380702   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	60661	15.9%
2	Negombo	9533	2.5%
3	Kalutara	17281	4.5%
4	Kandy	34259	9%
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%
13	Batticaloa	11505	3%
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%

## DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 380702    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 12  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 23    Format: Numeric

## REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 380702    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 67  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 79    Format: Numeric

## TOWN: Town

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 174798    Invalid: 205904    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 60    Format: Numeric

## MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 380702    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	30646	8%
2	February	30429	8%
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%

**YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year****Data file: Births 1976****Overview**

Valid: 380702   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 76   Maximum: 76  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 76 - 76   Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
76		380702	100%

**SEX: Sex****Data file: Births 1976****Overview**

Valid: 380702   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	194019	51%

2	Female	186683	49%
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### COL1\_ENTRY\_NO: No. of Registration Entry

Data file: Births 1976

#### Overview

Valid: 380698    Invalid: 4    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 1976

#### Overview

Valid: 380702    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 1976

#### Overview

Valid: 380702    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	32848	8.6%
2	February	29987	7.9%
3	March	31317	8.2%
4	April	30384	8%
5	May	30273	8%
6	June	29550	7.8%
7	July	31483	8.3%
8	August	33026	8.7%
9	September	33607	8.8%
10	October	34364	9%
11	November	31670	8.3%
12	December	32193	8.5%

**COL23\_BIRTH\_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year****Data file: Births 1976****Overview**

Valid: 380702    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 22    Maximum: 76  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 90    Format: Numeric

**COL3\_TOWN: Mother's Living Town****Data file: Births 1976****Overview**

Valid: 14377    Invalid: 366325    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 63  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 88    Format: Numeric

**COL5\_DIST\_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident****Data file: Births 1976****Overview**

Valid: 11750    Invalid: 368952    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%
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%
24	Kegalle	155	1.3%
Sysmiss		368952	

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

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 380702    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	167345	44%
1	In	213357	56%

## COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 290157    Invalid: 90545    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 0 - 9    Format: Numeric

## COL8\_RACE: Race

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 380702    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	266927	70.1%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	46901	12.3%
3	Sri lanka Moors	30611	8%
4	Burghers Eurasia	829	0.2%
5	Malays	1050	0.3%
6	Veddah	49	0%
7	Indian Tamil	33609	8.8%
8	Indian Moors	413	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	4	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	6	0%
11	Europeans	16	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	207	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	43	0%
14	Unknown Race	37	0%

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

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 380702    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 50  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 57    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		193	0.1%
12		6	0%
13		14	0%
14		72	0%
15		297	0.1%
16		1406	0.4%
17		3395	0.9%
18		9984	2.6%
19		12617	3.3%



20		21804	5.7%
21		17194	4.5%
22		25849	6.8%
23		26189	6.9%
24		26872	7.1%
25		26819	7%
26		28007	7.4%
27		20578	5.4%
28		27142	7.1%
29		16054	4.2%
30		23723	6.2%
31		10738	2.8%
32		14724	3.9%
33		10498	2.8%
34		8869	2.3%
35		13793	3.6%
36		7778	2%
37		5016	1.3%
38		7850	2.1%
39		3395	0.9%
40		4257	1.1%
41		1287	0.3%
42		1626	0.4%
43		904	0.2%
44		531	0.1%
45		723	0.2%
46		283	0.1%
47		67	0%
48		108	0%
49		25	0%
50		15	0%

## COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 380702    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	351265	92.3%
2	No	29437	7.7%

## COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 5548 Invalid: 375154 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 8  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%
Sysmiss		375154	

## SPACE\_A: Space

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 380702  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 98 Format: Numeric

## CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Data file: Births 1976

### Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 380702  
 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 1976

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Filename Return of Birth - Form 1976.pdf

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## Reports

### Study Documentation RGB 1976 Project

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## Technical documents

### Data Dictionary

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