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Sri Lanka (1977)  
Vital Statistics - Births - 1977 (RGB - 1977)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1977-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 1977 include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-District</li> <li>-AGA Division</li> <li>-Registrar's Division</li> <li>-Month &amp; Year</li> <li>-Date of Birth</li> <li>-If urban, assessment number, street and town</li> <li>-If rural, Name of villahe</li> <li>-AGA's Division</li> <li>-District</li> <li>-Whether outside division</li> <li>-Whether in hospital</li> <li>-Live birth order</li> <li>-Distinguishing letters</li> <li>-Race</li> <li>-Age of mother in years</li> <li>-Were parents married</li> <li>-Whether Twin, triple &amp; etc</li> </ul>	
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 1977-01-01 end 1977-12-31
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)	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

Access Authority	Registrar General (Registrar General's Department ) , <a href="http://www.rgd.gov.lk">www.rgd.gov.lk</a> , <a href="mailto:rg@rgd.gov.lk">rg@rgd.gov.lk</a>
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#### Citation Requirements

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## Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Births 1977	
# Cases	389522
# Variable(s)	22
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1977.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	



# Variables List

Dataset contains 22 variable(s)

File Births 1977							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	<a href="#">SECTOR</a>	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	389522	0	-
2	<a href="#">DISTRICT</a>	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
3	<a href="#">DRO_DIVISION</a>	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
4	<a href="#">REGISTRARS_DIVISION</a>	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
5	<a href="#">TOWN</a>	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	184250	205272	-
6	<a href="#">MONTH_REGISTERED</a>	Registered Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
7	<a href="#">YEAR_REGISTERED</a>	Registered Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
8	<a href="#">SEX</a>	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	389522	0	-
9	<a href="#">COL1_ENTRY_NO</a>	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	389522	0	-
10	<a href="#">COL21_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
11	<a href="#">COL22_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
12	<a href="#">COL23_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
13	<a href="#">COL3_TOWN</a>	Mother's Living Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	10090	379432	-
14	<a href="#">COL5_DIST_RESIDENT</a>	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	7830	381692	-
15	<a href="#">COL6_OUTSIDE_DIVISION</a>	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	389522	0	-
16	<a href="#">COL7_DISTIN_LIST</a>	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	295426	94096	-
17	<a href="#">COL8_RACE</a>	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
18	<a href="#">COL9_16_AGE_MOTHER</a>	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	389522	0	-
19	<a href="#">COL17_PARENT_MARITAL_STATUS</a>	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	389522	0	-
20	<a href="#">COL18_TWIN_TYPE</a>	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	5500	384022	-
21	<a href="#">SPACE_A</a>	Space	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	389522	-
22	<a href="#">CLASS_RECORD</a>	Programmer Defined Variable	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	389522	-

# Variables Description

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## File Births 1977

### #1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	184249	47.3%
2	Rural	179416	46.1%
3	Estate	25857	6.6%

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=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	64231	16.5%
2	Negombo	10252	2.6%
3	Kalutara	21543	5.5%
4	Kandy	34820	8.9%
5	Matale	10168	2.6%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12708	3.3%
7	Galle	19838	5.1%
8	Matara	16879	4.3%
9	Hambantota	10204	2.6%
10	Jaffna	22207	5.7%
11	Mannar	2945	0.8%
12	Vavuniya	3737	1.0%
13	Batticaloa	10186	2.6%
14	Ampara	9941	2.6%
15	Trincomalee	8562	2.2%
16	Kurunegala	29272	7.5%
17	Puttalam	5477	1.4%
18	Chillaw	8638	2.2%
19	Anuradhapura	16672	4.3%
20	Polonnaruwa	5925	1.5%
21	Badulla	17607	4.5%
22	Monaragala	8894	2.3%
23	Ratnapura	23162	5.9%
24	Kegalle	15654	4.0%

## File Births 1977 (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=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #4 REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #5 TOWN: Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=184250 /-] [Invalid=205272 /-]

## #6 MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	33287	8.5%
2	February	30551	7.8%
3	March	34986	9.0%
4	April	31411	8.1%
5	May	34520	8.9%
6	June	31254	8.0%
7	July	30142	7.7%
8	August	33927	8.7%
9	September	30898	7.9%
10	October	33006	8.5%
11	November	32293	8.3%
12	December	33247	8.5%

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## #7 YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 77-77] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## File Births 1977 (cont.)

## #7 YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
77		389522	100.0%

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.

## #8 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	198267	50.9%
2	Female	191255	49.1%

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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=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #10 COL21\_BIRTH\_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

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

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	34777	8.9%
2	February	31970	8.2%
3	March	36028	9.2%
4	April	32750	8.4%
5	May	30692	7.9%
6	June	30187	7.7%
7	July	30789	7.9%
8	August	30310	7.8%
9	September	31596	8.1%
10	October	33147	8.5%
11	November	32667	8.4%
12	December	34609	8.9%

## File Births 1977 (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=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #13 COL3\_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=10090 /-] [Invalid=379432 /-]

## #14 COL5\_DIST\_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=7830 /-] [Invalid=381692 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	4840	61.8%
2	Negombo	188	2.4%
3	Kalutara	677	8.6%
4	Kandy	105	1.3%
5	Matale	187	2.4%
6	Nuwara Eliya	743	9.5%
7	Galle	125	1.6%
8	Matara	31	0.4%
9	Hambantota	65	0.8%
10	Jaffna	12	0.2%
11	Mannar	14	0.2%
12	Vavuniya	24	0.3%
13	Batticaloa	17	0.2%
14	Ampara	21	0.3%
15	Trincomalee	35	0.4%
16	Kurunegala	108	1.4%
17	Puttalam	7	0.1%
18	Chillaw	35	0.4%
19	Anuradhapura	141	1.8%
20	Polonnaruwa	94	1.2%
21	Badulla	84	1.1%
22	Monaragala	13	0.2%
23	Ratnapura	48	0.6%

## File Births 1977 (cont.)

## #14 COL5\_DIST\_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
24	Kegalle	216	2.8%
Sysmiss		381692	

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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=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	172111	44.2%
1	In	217411	55.8%

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## #16 COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=295426 /-] [Invalid=94096 /-]

## #17 COL8\_RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	278812	71.6%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	45221	11.6%
3	Sri lanka Moors	31130	8.0%
4	Burghers Eurasia	834	0.2%
5	Malays	999	0.3%
6	Veddah	35	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	31827	8.2%
8	Indian Moors	386	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	4	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	5	0.0%
11	Europeans	13	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	197	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	30	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	29	0.0%

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## File Births 1977 (cont.)

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

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-57] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (44 Modalities)	

## #19 COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389522 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Yes	359727	92.4%
2	No	29795	7.6%
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.			

## #20 COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=5500 /-] [Invalid=384022 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	2930	53.3%
2	Twins	2522	45.9%
3	Triple	22	0.4%
4	Quard	12	0.2%
5		12	0.2%
7		1	0.0%
9		1	0.0%
Sysmiss		384022	
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.			

## #21 SPACE\_A: Space

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=389522 /-]

## #22 CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-20] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=389522 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		389522	

**File Births 1977** (cont.)

**#22 CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable** (cont.)

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### Questionnaires

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### Technical documents

Data Dictionary, "Documents\Technical\Data Dictionary Births 1972-1980.pdf"