

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1977

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

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-GB-1977-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1977

### 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.

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

## 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 1977 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
1977-01-01	1977-12-31

## 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 1977</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1977.	389522	22



**Data file: Births 1977**

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Cases: 389522

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 1977****Overview**

Valid: 389522    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	184249	47.3%
2	Rural	179416	46.1%
3	Estate	25857	6.6%

**DISTRICT: District****Data file: Births 1977****Overview**

Valid: 389522    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	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%
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%

## DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Data file: Births 1977

### Overview

Valid: 389522    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 16  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 23    Format: Numeric

## REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Data file: Births 1977

### Overview

Valid: 389522    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 67  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 79    Format: Numeric

## TOWN: Town

Data file: Births 1977

### Overview

Valid: 184250    Invalid: 205272    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 60    Format: Numeric

## MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Data file: Births 1977

### Overview

Valid: 389522    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	33287	8.5%
2	February	30551	7.8%
3	March	34986	9%
4	April	31411	8.1%
5	May	34520	8.9%
6	June	31254	8%
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%

**YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year****Data file: Births 1977****Overview**

Valid: 389522   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 77   Maximum: 77  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 77 - 77   Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
77		389522	100%

**SEX: Sex****Data file: Births 1977****Overview**

Valid: 389522   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	198267	50.9%

2	Female	191255	49.1%
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## COL1\_ENTRY\_NO: No. of Registration Entry

Data file: Births 1977

### Overview

Valid: 389522   Invalid: 0   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 1977

### Overview

Valid: 389522   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 1977

### Overview

Valid: 389522   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	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%

**COL23\_BIRTH\_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year****Data file: Births 1977****Overview**

Valid: 389522    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 24    Maximum: 77  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 90    Format: Numeric

**COL3\_TOWN: Mother's Living Town****Data file: Births 1977****Overview**

Valid: 10090    Invalid: 379432    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 27  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 88    Format: Numeric

**COL5\_DIST\_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident****Data file: Births 1977****Overview**

Valid: 7830    Invalid: 381692    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%
24	Kegalle	216	2.8%
Sysmiss		381692	

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

Data file: Births 1977

### Overview

Valid: 389522    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	172111	44.2%
1	In	217411	55.8%

## COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Births 1977

### Overview

Valid: 295426    Invalid: 94096    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 0 - 9    Format: Numeric

## COL8\_RACE: Race

Data file: Births 1977

### Overview

Valid: 389522    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	278812	71.6%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	45221	11.6%
3	Sri lanka Moors	31130	8%
4	Burghers Eurasia	834	0.2%
5	Malays	999	0.3%
6	Veddah	35	0%
7	Indian Tamil	31827	8.2%
8	Indian Moors	386	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	4	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	5	0%
11	Europeans	13	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	197	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	30	0%
14	Unknown Race	29	0%

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

Data file: Births 1977

#### Overview

Valid: 389522    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		88	0%
12		1	0%
13		13	0%
14		50	0%
15		261	0.1%
16		1125	0.3%
17		3814	1%
18		10170	2.6%
19		12940	3.3%



20		22205	5.7%
21		18104	4.6%
22		26572	6.8%
23		26332	6.8%
24		27246	7%
25		27049	6.9%
26		26512	6.8%
27		24500	6.3%
28		26017	6.7%
29		18271	4.7%
30		24714	6.3%
31		11390	2.9%
32		14956	3.8%
33		10633	2.7%
34		8894	2.3%
35		14057	3.6%
36		6746	1.7%
37		6198	1.6%
38		7218	1.9%
39		3549	0.9%
40		4227	1.1%
41		1431	0.4%
42		1613	0.4%
43		885	0.2%
44		598	0.2%
45		691	0.2%
46		164	0%
47		140	0%
48		101	0%
49		26	0%
50		15	0%
51		2	0%
52		2	0%
53		1	0%
55		1	0%

## COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status

Data file: Births 1977

## Overview

Valid: 389522   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	359727	92.4%
2	No	29795	7.6%

## COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth

Data file: Births 1977

## Overview

Valid: 5500   Invalid: 384022   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%
9		1	0%
Sysmiss		384022	

## SPACE\_A: Space

Data file: Births 1977

## Overview

Valid: 0   Invalid: 389522  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 1 - 98   Format: Numeric

## CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Data file: Births 1977

## Overview

Valid: 0    Invalid: 389522

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 1977

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## Reports

### Study Documentation RGB 1977 Project

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Filename Study Documentation RGB 1977 Project.pdf

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## Technical documents

### Data Dictionary

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