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Sri Lanka (1978)
Vital Statistics - Births - 1978 (RGB - 1978)

Overview

Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1978-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..

Abstract

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.

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

Scope & Coverage	
<u>Scope</u> The scope of the Registration of Birth 1978 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 1978-01-01 end 1978-12-31
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

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Citation Requirements

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Births 1978	
# Cases	404831
# Variable(s)	22
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1978.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 22 variable(s)

File Births 1978							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SECTOR	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	404831	0	-
2	DISTRICT	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
3	DRO_DIVISION	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
4	REGISTRARS_DIV	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
5	TOWN	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	193296	211535	-
6	MONTH_REGISTERED	Registered Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
7	YEAR_REGISTERED	Registered Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
8	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	404831	0	-
9	COL1_ENTRY_NO	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	404822	9	-
10	COL21_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
11	COL22_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
12	COL23_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
13	COL3_TOWN	Mother's Living Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	10020	394811	-
14	COL5_DIST_RESIDENT	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	10651	394180	-
15	COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	404831	0	-
16	COL7_DISTIN_LTR	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	313458	91373	-
17	COL8_RACE	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
18	COL9_16_AGE_MOTHER	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	404831	0	-
19	COL17_PARENT_MARRI	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	404831	0	-
20	COL18_TWIN_TYPE	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	5215	399616	-
21	SPACE_A	Space	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	404831	-
22	CLASS_RECORD	Programmer Defined Variable	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	404831	-

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File Births 1978

#1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	193286	47.7%
2	Rural	186680	46.1%
3	Estate	24865	6.1%

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=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	63991	15.8%
2	Negombo	10517	2.6%
3	Kalutara	19028	4.7%
4	Kandy	37846	9.3%
5	Matale	11333	2.8%
6	Nuwara Eliya	13892	3.4%
7	Galle	19360	4.8%
8	Matara	18721	4.6%
9	Hambantota	11305	2.8%
10	Jaffna	23907	5.9%
11	Mannar	3454	0.9%
12	Vavuniya	4498	1.1%
13	Batticaloa	11576	2.9%
14	Ampara	10673	2.6%
15	Trincomalee	8281	2.0%
16	Kurunegala	32072	7.9%
17	Puttalam	5958	1.5%
18	Chillaw	9092	2.2%
19	Anuradhapura	18220	4.5%
20	Polonnaruwa	5882	1.5%
21	Badulla	17160	4.2%
22	Monaragala	9262	2.3%
23	Ratnapura	22920	5.7%
24	Kegalle	15883	3.9%

File Births 1978 (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=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#4 REGISTRARS_DIV: Registration Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#5 TOWN: Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=193296 /-] [Invalid=211535 /-]

#6 MONTH_REGISTER: Registered Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	32671	8.1%
2	February	29646	7.3%
3	March	33805	8.4%
4	April	32095	7.9%
5	May	34241	8.5%
6	June	34458	8.5%
7	July	34225	8.5%
8	August	33767	8.3%
9	September	33310	8.2%
10	October	37088	9.2%
11	November	34312	8.5%
12	December	35213	8.7%

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#7 YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 78-78] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

File Births 1978 (cont.)

#7 YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
78		404831	100.0%

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#8 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	206845	51.1%
2	Female	197986	48.9%

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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=404822 /-] [Invalid=9 /-]		

#10 COL21_BIRTH_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

#11 COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		2	0.0%
1	January	33423	8.3%
2	February	30055	7.4%
3	March	36132	8.9%
4	April	34324	8.5%
5	May	32232	8.0%
6	June	32000	7.9%
7	July	32947	8.1%
8	August	33947	8.4%
9	September	35777	8.8%
10	October	37047	9.2%
11	November	33123	8.2%

File Births 1978 (cont.)

#11 COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
12	December	33822	8.4%

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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=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#13 COL3_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=10020 /-] [Invalid=394811 /-]

#14 COL5_DIST_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=10651 /-] [Invalid=394180 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	3986	37.4%
2	Negombo	140	1.3%
3	Kalutara	612	5.7%
4	Kandy	174	1.6%
5	Matale	186	1.7%
6	Nuwara Eliya	1007	9.5%
7	Galle	820	7.7%
8	Matara	117	1.1%
9	Hambantota	472	4.4%
10	Jaffna	10	0.1%
11	Mannar	7	0.1%
12	Vavuniya	8	0.1%
13	Batticaloa	34	0.3%
14	Ampara	171	1.6%
15	Trincomalee	23	0.2%
16	Kurunegala	572	5.4%
17	Puttalam	38	0.4%
18	Chillaw	284	2.7%
19	Anuradhapura	307	2.9%
20	Polonnaruwa	179	1.7%
21	Badulla	101	0.9%

File Births 1978 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
22	Monaragala	288	2.7%
23	Ratnapura	261	2.5%
24	Kegalle	854	8.0%
Sysmiss		394180	

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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=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	179376	44.3%
1	In	225455	55.7%

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#16 COL7_DISTIN_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=313458 /-] [Invalid=91373 /-]		

#17 COL8_RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	289406	71.5%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	49434	12.2%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	32198	8.0%
4	Burghers Eurasia	746	0.2%
5	Malays	993	0.2%
6	Veddah	32	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	31472	7.8%
8	Indian Moors	266	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	5	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	0	0.0%
11	Europeans	23	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	217	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	30	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	9	0.0%

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#17 COL8_RACE: Race (cont.)

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#18 COL9_16_AGE_MOTH: Mother's Age

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-57] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (41 Modalities)

#19 COL17_PARENT_MAR: Marital Status

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=404831 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Yes	374667	92.5%
2	No	30164	7.5%

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#20 COL18_TWIN_TRIPL: Type of birth

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=5215 /-] [Invalid=399616 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	2760	52.9%
2	Twins	2393	45.9%
3	Triple	19	0.4%
4	Quard	17	0.3%
5		16	0.3%
6		6	0.1%
7		2	0.0%
8		1	0.0%
9		1	0.0%
Sysmiss		399616	

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#21 SPACE_A: Space

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=404831 /-]

File Births 1978 (cont.)

#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=404831 /-]
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Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		404831	

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Reports and analytical documents

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