

Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1978

Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department

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TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1978

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.

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

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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 1978 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	Link

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
1978-01-01	1978-12-31

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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ACCESS AUTHORITY

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Data Dictionary

Data file	Cases	Variables
Births 1978 The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1978.	404831	22

Data file: Births 1978

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Cases: 404831

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 1978****Overview**

Valid: 404831 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	193286	47.7%
2	Rural	186680	46.1%
3	Estate	24865	6.1%

DISTRICT: District**Data file: Births 1978****Overview**

Valid: 404831 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	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%

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%

DRO_DIVISION: AGA Division

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 404831 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 16
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 23 Format: Numeric

REGISTRARS_DIV: Registration Division

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 404831 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 67
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 79 Format: Numeric

TOWN: Town

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 193296 Invalid: 211535 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 24
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 60 Format: Numeric

MONTH_REGISTER: Registered Month

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 404831 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	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%

YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year**Data file: Births 1978****Overview**

Valid: 404831 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 78 Maximum: 78
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 78 - 78 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
78		404831	100%

SEX: Sex**Data file: Births 1978****Overview**

Valid: 404831 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	206845	51.1%

2	Female	197986	48.9%
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COL1_ENTRY_NO: No. of Registration Entry

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 404822 Invalid: 9 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 1978

Overview

Valid: 404831 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 1978

Overview

Valid: 404831 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 12
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		2	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%
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%
12	December	33822	8.4%

COL23_BIRTH_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year**Data file: Births 1978****Overview**

Valid: 404831 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 8 Maximum: 78
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 90 Format: Numeric

COL3_TOWN: Mother's Living Town**Data file: Births 1978****Overview**

Valid: 10020 Invalid: 394811 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 78
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 88 Format: Numeric

COL5_DIST_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident**Data file: Births 1978****Overview**

Valid: 10651 Invalid: 394180 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 24
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 98 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%
22	Monaragala	288	2.7%
23	Ratnapura	261	2.5%
24	Kegalle	854	8%
Sysmiss		394180	

COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV: Within the Registrars Division

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 404831 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	179376	44.3%
1	In	225455	55.7%

COL7_DISTIN_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 313458 Invalid: 91373 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 9
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

COL8_RACE: Race

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 404831 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	289406	71.5%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	49434	12.2%
3	Sri lanka Moors	32198	8%
4	Burghers Eurasia	746	0.2%
5	Malays	993	0.2%
6	Veddah	32	0%
7	Indian Tamil	31472	7.8%
8	Indian Moors	266	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	5	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	0	0%
11	Europeans	23	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	217	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	30	0%
14	Unknown Race	9	0%

COL9_16_AGE_MOTH: Mother's Age

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 404831 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 12 Maximum: 54
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 57 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
12		2	0%
13		7	0%
14		42	0%
15		218	0.1%
16		1064	0.3%
17		3417	0.8%
18		11379	2.8%
19		13961	3.4%
20		23861	5.9%

21		19039	4.7%
22		28786	7.1%
23		27281	6.7%
24		28194	7%
25		28377	7%
26		26930	6.7%
27		23346	5.8%
28		30007	7.4%
29		17888	4.4%
30		26460	6.5%
31		12115	3%
32		15150	3.7%
33		11066	2.7%
34		9089	2.2%
35		13483	3.3%
36		7471	1.8%
37		5096	1.3%
38		7799	1.9%
39		3300	0.8%
40		4194	1%
41		1482	0.4%
42		1656	0.4%
43		954	0.2%
44		567	0.1%
45		622	0.2%
46		250	0.1%
47		92	0%
48		134	0%
49		28	0%
50		21	0%
52		2	0%
54		1	0%

COL17_PARENT_MAR: Marital Status

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 404831 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	374667	92.5%
2	No	30164	7.5%

COL18_TWIN_TRIPL: Type of birth

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 5215 Invalid: 399616 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 9
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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%
8		1	0%
9		1	0%
Sysmiss		399616	

SPACE_A: Space

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 404831
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 98 Format: Numeric

CLASS_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Data file: Births 1978

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 404831

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 20 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
Sysmiss	

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