

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1979

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

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-GB-1979-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1979

### 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.

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 1979 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
1979-01-01	1979-12-31

## 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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## CITATION REQUIREMENTS

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**Data Dictionary**

Data file	Cases	Variables
<b>Births 1979</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1979.	417986	22



**Data file: Births 1979**

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Cases: 417986

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 1979****Overview**

Valid: 417986   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	193622	46.3%
2	Rural	196726	47.1%
3	Estate	27638	6.6%

**DISTRICT: District****Data file: Births 1979****Overview**

Valid: 417986   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 26  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 1 - 27   Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	48110	11.5%
2	Negombo	11258	2.7%
3	Kalutara	21264	5.1%
4	Kandy	36322	8.7%
5	Matale	11083	2.7%
6	Nuwara Eliya	11840	2.8%
7	Galle	20122	4.8%
8	Matara	18525	4.4%
9	Hambantota	12391	3%
10	Jaffna	24086	5.8%
11	Mannar	3631	0.9%
12	Vavuniya	3455	0.8%
13	Batticaloa	12096	2.9%
14	Ampara	11307	2.7%
15	Trincomalee	9539	2.3%

16	Kurunegala	32784	7.8%
17	Puttalam	5888	1.4%
18	Chillaw	8794	2.1%
19	Anuradhapura	18102	4.3%
20	Polonnaruwa	6742	1.6%
21	Badulla	20983	5%
22	Monaragala	9219	2.2%
23	Ratnapura	24701	5.9%
24	Kegalle	16423	3.9%
25	Mullativu	1938	0.5%
26	Gampaha	17383	4.2%

## DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 417986   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 16  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 1 - 23   Format: Numeric

## REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 417986   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 67  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 0 - 79   Format: Numeric

## TOWN: Town

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 193806   Invalid: 224180   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 18  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 1 - 60   Format: Numeric

## MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 417986   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	36727	8.8%
2	February	32585	7.8%
3	March	35802	8.6%
4	April	33888	8.1%
5	May	34954	8.4%
6	June	36278	8.7%
7	July	33544	8%
8	August	34542	8.3%
9	September	32710	7.8%
10	October	37205	8.9%
11	November	35162	8.4%
12	December	34589	8.3%

## YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 417986 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 79 Maximum: 79  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 79 - 79 Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
79		417986	100%

## SEX: Sex

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 417986 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	213238	51%
2	Female	204748	49%

### COL1\_ENTRY\_NO: No. of Registration Entry

Data file: Births 1979

#### Overview

Valid: 417979    Invalid: 7    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 1979

#### Overview

Valid: 417986    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 1979

#### Overview

Valid: 417986    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		9	0%
1	January	35843	8.6%
2	February	32628	7.8%
3	March	38391	9.2%
4	April	34894	8.3%
5	May	33858	8.1%
6	June	32888	7.9%
7	July	33269	8%
8	August	33136	7.9%
9	September	34817	8.3%
10	October	37817	9%

11	November	35544	8.5%
12	December	34892	8.3%

## COL23\_BIRTH\_YEAR: Date of Birth - Year

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 417986    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 6    Maximum: 79  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 90    Format: Numeric

## COL3\_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 7362    Invalid: 410624    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 79  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 88    Format: Numeric

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

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 10872    Invalid: 407114    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 26  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		2	0%
1	Colombo	958	8.8%
2	Negombo	78	0.7%
3	Kalutara	557	5.1%
4	Kandy	322	3%
5	Matale	262	2.4%
6	Nuwara Eliya	884	8.1%
7	Galle	937	8.6%
8	Matara	272	2.5%
9	Hambantota	937	8.6%
10	Jaffna	61	0.6%
11	Mannar	9	0.1%

12	Vavuniya	31	0.3%
13	Batticaloa	43	0.4%
14	Ampara	533	4.9%
15	Trincomalee	84	0.8%
16	Kurunegala	812	7.5%
17	Puttalam	496	4.6%
18	Chillaw	243	2.2%
19	Anuradhapura	441	4.1%
20	Polonnaruwa	283	2.6%
21	Badulla	155	1.4%
22	Monaragala	675	6.2%
23	Ratnapura	433	4%
24	Kegalle	1358	12.5%
25	Mullativu	3	0%
26	Gampaha	3	0%
Sysmiss		407114	

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

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 417986    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	178623	42.7%
1	In	239363	57.3%

## COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 332736    Invalid: 85250    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 0 - 9    Format: Numeric

**COL8\_RACE: Race****Data file: Births 1979****Overview**

Valid: 417986    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	295901	70.8%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	51655	12.4%
3	Sri lanka Moors	35358	8.5%
4	Burghers Eurasia	732	0.2%
5	Malays	935	0.2%
6	Veddah	49	0%
7	Indian Tamil	32883	7.9%
8	Indian Moors	214	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	3	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	4	0%
11	Europeans	35	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	169	0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	44	0%
14	Unknown Race	4	0%

**COL9\_16\_AGE\_MOTH: Mother's Age****Data file: Births 1979****Overview**

Valid: 417986    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		2	0%
12		3	0%
13		13	0%
14		49	0%



15		286	0.1%
16		1256	0.3%
17		3610	0.9%
18		11055	2.6%
19		16100	3.9%
20		24978	6%
21		19789	4.7%
22		29296	7%
23		28311	6.8%
24		28876	6.9%
25		28273	6.8%
26		27195	6.5%
27		24045	5.8%
28		28177	6.7%
29		21317	5.1%
30		26308	6.3%
31		14086	3.4%
32		16071	3.8%
33		11193	2.7%
34		9949	2.4%
35		13933	3.3%
36		7369	1.8%
37		5983	1.4%
38		6729	1.6%
39		4080	1%
40		3994	1%
41		1434	0.3%
42		1682	0.4%
43		835	0.2%
44		549	0.1%
45		668	0.2%
46		196	0%
47		114	0%
48		104	0%
49		51	0%
50		20	0%
52		1	0%
53		2	0%
54		2	0%

55		2	0%
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## COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 417986 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	389452	93.2%
2	No	28534	6.8%

## COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth

Data file: Births 1979

### Overview

Valid: 5103 Invalid: 412883 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Single	2663	52.2%
2	Twins	2382	46.7%
3	Triple	31	0.6%
4	Quard	13	0.3%
5		5	0.1%
7		4	0.1%
8		3	0.1%
9		2	0%
Sysmiss		412883	

## SPACE\_A: Space

Data file: Births 1979

## Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 417986

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

## CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Data file: Births 1979

## Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 417986

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

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category
Sysmiss	

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## Questionnaires

### Return of Birth - Form 1979

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Filename Return of Birth - Form 1979.pdf

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## Reports

### Study Documentation RGB 1979 Project

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Title      Study Documentation RGB 1979 Project  
Country   Sri Lanka  
Filename Study Documentation RGB 1979 Project.pdf

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## Technical documents

### Data Dictionary

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