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Sri Lanka (1980)
Vital Statistics - Births - 1980 (RGB - 1980)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1980-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 1980 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 1980-01-01 end 1980-12-31
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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Access Conditions

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Citation Requirements

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Births 1980	
# Cases	418373
# Variable(s)	22
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1980.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 22 variable(s)

File Births 1980							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SECTOR	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	418373	0	-
2	DISTRICT	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
3	DRO_DIVISION	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
4	REGISTRARS_DIV	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
5	TOWN	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	194518	223855	-
6	MONTH_REGISTERED	Registered Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
7	YEAR_REGISTERED	Registered Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
8	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	418373	0	-
9	COL1_ENTRY_NO	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	418276	97	-
10	COL21_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
11	COL22_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
12	COL23_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
13	COL3_TOWN	Mother's Living Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	1245	417128	-
14	COL5_DIST_RESIDENT	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	18479	399894	-
15	COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	418373	0	-
16	COL7_DISTIN_LTR	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	334660	83713	-
17	COL8_RACE	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
18	COL9_16_AGE_MOTHER	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	418373	0	-
19	COL17_PARENT_MARRI	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	418373	0	-
20	COL18_TWIN_TYPE	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	5283	413090	-
21	SPACE_A	Space	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	418373	-
22	CLASS_RECORD	Programmer Defined Variable	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	418373	-

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File Births 1980

#1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	194356	46.5%
2	Rural	198626	47.5%
3	Estate	25391	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=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	48494	11.6%
2	Negombo	10045	2.4%
3	Kalutara	21118	5.0%
4	Kandy	37092	8.9%
5	Matale	10658	2.5%
6	Nuwara Eliya	13918	3.3%
7	Galle	20194	4.8%
8	Matara	19299	4.6%
9	Hambantota	12347	3.0%
10	Jaffna	25233	6.0%
11	Mannar	3660	0.9%
12	Vavuniya	3381	0.8%
13	Batticaloa	12738	3.0%
14	Ampara	10666	2.5%
15	Trincomalee	9564	2.3%
16	Kurunegala	30886	7.4%
17	Puttalam	5949	1.4%
18	Chillaw	9136	2.2%
19	Anuradhapura	18672	4.5%
20	Polonnaruwa	7115	1.7%
21	Badulla	18743	4.5%
22	Monaragala	9625	2.3%
23	Ratnapura	24886	5.9%
24	Kegalle	15713	3.8%

File Births 1980 (cont.)

#2 DISTRICT: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
25	Mullativu	2238	0.5%
26	Gampaha	17003	4.1%

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#3 DRO_DIVISION: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-23] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#4 REGISTRARS_DIV: Registration Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#5 TOWN: Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=194518 /-] [Invalid=223855 /-]

#6 MONTH_REGISTER: Registered Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	34170	8.2%
2	February	32583	7.8%
3	March	34773	8.3%
4	April	33772	8.1%
5	May	35767	8.5%
6	June	35218	8.4%
7	July	33316	8.0%
8	August	31452	7.5%
9	September	34272	8.2%
10	October	38236	9.1%
11	November	37949	9.1%
12	December	36865	8.8%

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File Births 1980 (cont.)

#7 YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 80-80] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
80		418373	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=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	213584	51.1%
2	Female	204789	48.9%
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.			

#9 COL1_ENTRY_NO: No. of Registration Entry

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9999] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=418276 /-] [Invalid=97 /-]		

#10 COL21_BIRTH_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

#11 COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		5	0.0%
1	January	35287	8.4%
2	February	32458	7.8%
3	March	35949	8.6%
4	April	35007	8.4%
5	May	35391	8.5%
6	June	33200	7.9%
7	July	34240	8.2%
8	August	34468	8.2%

File Births 1980 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
9	September	36387	8.7%
10	October	37058	8.9%
11	November	34798	8.3%
12	December	34125	8.2%

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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=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#13 COL3_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=1245 /-] [Invalid=417128 /-]

#14 COL5_DIST_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=18479 /-] [Invalid=399894 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		9	0.0%
1	Colombo	3112	16.8%
2	Negombo	942	5.1%
3	Kalutara	1104	6.0%
4	Kandy	1296	7.0%
5	Matale	911	4.9%
6	Nuwara Eliya	1303	7.1%
7	Galle	1507	8.2%
8	Matara	698	3.8%
9	Hambantota	1042	5.6%
10	Jaffna	260	1.4%
11	Mannar	170	0.9%
12	Vavuniya	90	0.5%
13	Batticaloa	64	0.3%
14	Ampara	494	2.7%
15	Trincomalee	99	0.5%
16	Kurunegala	750	4.1%
17	Puttalam	551	3.0%

File Births 1980 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
18	Chillaw	272	1.5%
19	Anuradhapura	369	2.0%
20	Polonnaruwa	254	1.4%
21	Badulla	215	1.2%
22	Monaragala	542	2.9%
23	Ratnapura	745	4.0%
24	Kegalle	1489	8.1%
25	Mullativu	15	0.1%
26	Gampaha	176	1.0%
Sysmiss		399894	

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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=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	172007	41.1%
1	In	246366	58.9%

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#16 COL7_DISTIN_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=334660 /-] [Invalid=83713 /-]		

#17 COL8_RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	295198	70.6%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	54396	13.0%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	34275	8.2%
4	Burghers Eurasia	717	0.2%
5	Malays	998	0.2%
6	Veddah	67	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	32185	7.7%
8	Indian Moors	206	0.0%

File Births 1980 (cont.)

#17 COL8_RACE: Race (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
9	Pakistan Tamil	4	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	8	0.0%
11	Europeans	19	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	195	0.0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	79	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	26	0.0%

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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=418373 /-] [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=418373 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage	
1	Yes	392001	93.7%	
2	No	26372	6.3%	

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#20 COL18_TWIN_TRIPL: Type of birth

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]	
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=5283 -] [Invalid=413090 -]	
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	2932	<div></div> 55.5%
2	Twins	2284	<div></div> 43.2%
3	Triple	29	<div></div> 0.5%
4	Quard	13	<div></div> 0.2%
5		10	<div></div> 0.2%
6		5	<div></div> 0.1%
7		8	<div></div> 0.2%
8		2	<div></div> 0.0%
Sysmiss		413090	

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#21 SPACE_A: Space

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=418373 /-]

#22 CLASS_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-20] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=418373 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		418373	

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