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## Vital Statistics - Births - 1981

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Sri Lanka (1981)  
Vital Statistics - Births - 1981 (RGB - 1981)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1981-v1.0
Version	Production Date: 2008-07-29 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 1981 include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-District</li> <li>-AGA Division</li> <li>-Registrar's Division</li> <li>-Month &amp; Year</li> <li>-Date of Birth</li> <li>-If urban, assessment number, street and town</li> <li>-If rural, Name of villahe</li> <li>-AGA's Division</li> <li>-District</li> <li>-Whether outside division</li> <li>-Whether in hospital</li> <li>-Live birth order</li> <li>-Distinguishing letters</li> <li>-Race</li> <li>-Age of mother in years</li> <li>-Were parents married</li> <li>-Whether Twin, triple &amp; etc</li> </ul>	
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 1981-01-01 end 1981-12-31
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

Access Authority	Registrar General (Registrar General's Department ) , <a href="http://www.rgd.gov.lk">www.rgd.gov.lk</a> , <a href="mailto:rg@rgd.gov.lk">rg@rgd.gov.lk</a>
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#### Citation Requirements

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## Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Births 1981	
# Cases	423793
# Variable(s)	23
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1981.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	



# Variables List

Dataset contains 23 variable(s)

File Births 1981							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	<a href="#">SECTOR</a>	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	423793	0	-
2	<a href="#">DISTRICT</a>	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
3	<a href="#">DRO_DIVISION</a>	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
4	<a href="#">REGISTRARS_DIV</a>	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
5	<a href="#">TOWN</a>	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	197389	226404	-
6	<a href="#">MONTH_REGISTERED</a>	Registered Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
7	<a href="#">YEAR_REGISTERED</a>	Registered Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
8	<a href="#">SEX</a>	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	423793	0	-
9	<a href="#">COL1_ENTRY_NO</a>	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	423766	27	-
10	<a href="#">COL21_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
11	<a href="#">COL22_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
12	<a href="#">COL23_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
13	<a href="#">COL3_TOWN</a>	Mother's Living Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	13472	410321	-
14	<a href="#">COL5_DIST_RESIDENT</a>	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
15	<a href="#">COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV</a>	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	423793	0	-
16	<a href="#">COL7_DISTIN_LTR</a>	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	345501	78292	-
17	<a href="#">COL8_RACE</a>	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
18	<a href="#">COL9_16_AGE_MOTHER</a>	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
19	<a href="#">COL17_PARENT_MARRI</a>	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	423793	0	-
20	<a href="#">COL18_TWIN_TYPE</a>	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	10092	413701	-
21	<a href="#">AGA_DIV_RESIDENT</a>	Mother's AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	423793	0	-
22	<a href="#">ORDER_BIRTH</a>	Live Birth Order	discrete	numeric-2.0	316759	107034	-
23	<a href="#">CLASS_RECORD</a>	Programmer Defined Variable	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	423793	-

# Variables Description

Dataset contains 23 variable(s)

## File Births 1981

### #1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	194712	45.9%
2	Rural	201246	47.5%
3	Estate	27835	6.6%

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=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	50796	12.0%
2	Negombo	9885	2.3%
3	Kalutara	22771	5.4%
4	Kandy	34936	8.2%
5	Matale	11470	2.7%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12702	3.0%
7	Galle	20587	4.9%
8	Matara	20335	4.8%
9	Hambantota	12992	3.1%
10	Jaffna	23150	5.5%
11	Mannar	3772	0.9%
12	Vavuniya	3646	0.9%
13	Batticaloa	11395	2.7%
14	Ampara	11351	2.7%
15	Trincomalee	9405	2.2%
16	Kurunegala	32345	7.6%
17	Puttalam	5928	1.4%
18	Chillaw	9691	2.3%
19	Anuradhapura	18476	4.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	7284	1.7%
21	Badulla	17724	4.2%
22	Monaragala	10109	2.4%
23	Ratnapura	26912	6.4%
24	Kegalle	16431	3.9%

## File Births 1981 (cont.)

## #2 DISTRICT: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
25	Mullativu	2074	0.5%
26	Gampaha	17626	4.2%

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## #3 DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-23] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #4 REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #5 TOWN: Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=197389 /-] [Invalid=226404 /-]

## #6 MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	33611	7.9%
2	February	32642	7.7%
3	March	35731	8.4%
4	April	34205	8.1%
5	May	36889	8.7%
6	June	39094	9.2%
7	July	34761	8.2%
8	August	34560	8.2%
9	September	31064	7.3%
10	October	33606	7.9%
11	November	38399	9.1%
12	December	39231	9.3%

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## File Births 1981 (cont.)

## #7 YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 81-81] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
81		423793	100.0%

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## #8 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	217314	51.3%
2	Female	206479	48.7%

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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=423766 /-] [Invalid=27 /-]		

## #10 COL21\_BIRTH\_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

## #11 COL22\_BIRTH\_MONT: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	38674	9.1%
2	February	33371	7.9%
3	March	38582	9.1%
4	April	34957	8.2%
5	May	34187	8.1%
6	June	31480	7.4%
7	July	32393	7.6%
8	August	31593	7.5%
9	September	35053	8.3%

## File Births 1981 (cont.)

## #11 COL22\_BIRTH\_MONT: Date of Birth - Month (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
10	October	37974	9.0%
11	November	36837	8.7%
12	December	38692	9.1%

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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=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #13 COL3\_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=13472 /-] [Invalid=410321 /-]

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

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	39009	9.2%
2	Negombo	9686	2.3%
3	Kalutara	23098	5.5%
4	Kandy	34462	8.1%
5	Matale	11094	2.6%
6	Nuwara Eliya	13502	3.2%
7	Galle	21803	5.1%
8	Matara	18431	4.3%
9	Hambantota	13409	3.2%
10	Jaffna	23582	5.6%
11	Mannar	3836	0.9%
12	Vavuniya	3707	0.9%
13	Batticaloa	11109	2.6%
14	Ampara	12399	2.9%
15	Trincomalee	9575	2.3%
16	Kurunegala	32646	7.7%
17	Puttalam	5820	1.4%
18	Chillaw	9956	2.3%
19	Anuradhapura	18895	4.5%

## File Births 1981 (cont.)

## #14 COL5\_DIST\_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
20	Polonnaruwa	7856	1.9%
21	Badulla	17486	4.1%
22	Monaragala	10133	2.4%
23	Ratnapura	27047	6.4%
24	Kegalle	18598	4.4%
25	Mullativu	1986	0.5%
26	Gampaha	24663	5.8%
98		5	0.0%

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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=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	182480	43.1%
1	In	241313	56.9%

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## #16 COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=345501 /-] [Invalid=78292 /-]		

## #17 COL8\_RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	304336	71.8%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	52313	12.3%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	33625	7.9%
4	Burghers Eurasia	953	0.2%
5	Malays	907	0.2%
6	Veddah	95	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	30959	7.3%
8	Indian Moors	157	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	20	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	39	0.0%

## File Births 1981 (cont.)

## #17 COL8\_RACE: Race (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
11	Europeans	37	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	229	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	83	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	40	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=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (42 Modalities)	

## #19 COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage	
1	Yes	399858	<div></div>	94.4%
2	No	23935	<div></div>	5.6%

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## #20 COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]	
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=10092 /-] [Invalid=413701 /-]	
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	8196	<div><div></div></div> 81.2%
2	Twins	1754	<div><div></div></div> 17.4%
3	Triple	41	<div><div></div></div> 0.4%
4	Quard	31	<div><div></div></div> 0.3%
5		22	<div><div></div></div> 0.2%
6		10	<div><div></div></div> 0.1%
7		9	<div><div></div></div> 0.1%
8		18	<div><div></div></div> 0.2%
9		11	<div><div></div></div> 0.1%
Sysmiss		413701	

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## File Births 1981 (cont.)

## #21 AGA\_DIV\_RESIDENC: Mother's AGA Division

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=423793 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #22 ORDER\_BIRTH: Live Birth Order

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-20] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=316759 /-] [Invalid=107034 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		95336	30.1%
2		81519	25.7%
3		61274	19.3%
4		35583	11.2%
5		18975	6.0%
6		11253	3.6%
7		5922	1.9%
8		3296	1.0%
9		1798	0.6%
10		989	0.3%
11		432	0.1%
12		192	0.1%
13		71	0.0%
14		76	0.0%
15		14	0.0%
16		4	0.0%
17		1	0.0%
19		2	0.0%
20		22	0.0%
Sysmiss		107034	

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## #23 CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=423793 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		423793	

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