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Sri Lanka (1985)
Vital Statistics - Births - 1985 (RGB - 1985)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1985-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 1985 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 1985-01-01 end 1985-12-31
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 1985	
# Cases	389599
# Variable(s)	23
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1985.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 23 variable(s)

File Births 1985							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SECTOR	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	389599	0	-
2	DISTRICT	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
3	DRO_DIVISION	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
4	REGISTRARS_DIV	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
5	TOWN	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	186336	203263	-
6	MONTH_REGISTERED	Registered Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
7	YEAR_REGISTERED	Registered Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
8	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	389599	0	-
9	COL1_ENTRY_NO	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	389598	1	-
10	COL21_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
11	COL22_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
12	COL23_BIRTH_DATE	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
13	COL3_TOWN	Mother's Living Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	11	389588	-
14	COL5_DIST_RESIDENT	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
15	COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	389599	0	-
16	COL7_DISTIN_LETTERS	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	336692	52907	-
17	COL8_RACE	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
18	COL9_16_AGE_MOTHER	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
19	COL17_PARENT_MARITAL	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	389599	0	-
20	COL18_TWIN_TYPE	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	4226	385373	-
21	AGA_DIV_RESIDENT	Mother's AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	389599	0	-
22	ORDER_BIRTH	Live Birth Order	discrete	numeric-2.0	377712	11887	-
23	CLASS_RECORD	Programmer Defined Variable	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	389599	-

Variables Description

Dataset contains 23 variable(s)

File Births 1985

#1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	186308	47.8%
2	Rural	182235	46.8%
3	Estate	21056	5.4%

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=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	43727	11.2%
2	Negombo	8379	2.2%
3	Kalutara	18894	4.8%
4	Kandy	30233	7.8%
5	Matale	10628	2.7%
6	Nuwara Eliya	18012	4.6%
7	Galle	19631	5.0%
8	Matara	19847	5.1%
9	Hambantota	12327	3.2%
10	Jaffna	22182	5.7%
11	Mannar	2622	0.7%
12	Vavuniya	2364	0.6%
13	Batticaloa	11537	3.0%
14	Ampara	13893	3.6%
15	Trincomalee	6850	1.8%
16	Kurunegala	30554	7.8%
17	Puttalam	6575	1.7%
18	Chillaw	8595	2.2%
19	Anuradhapura	16074	4.1%
20	Polonnaruwa	7021	1.8%
21	Badulla	15969	4.1%
22	Monaragala	9016	2.3%
23	Ratnapura	23911	6.1%
24	Kegalle	13412	3.4%

File Births 1985 (cont.)

#2 DISTRICT: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
25	Mullativu	2355	0.6%
26	Gampaha	14991	3.8%

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#3 DRO_DIVISION: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-23] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#4 REGISTRARS_DIV: Registration Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#5 TOWN: Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=186336 /-] [Invalid=203263 /-]

#6 MONTH_REGISTER: Registered Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	33300	8.5%
2	February	30450	7.8%
3	March	31561	8.1%
4	April	30608	7.9%
5	May	32706	8.4%
6	June	32766	8.4%
7	July	32860	8.4%
8	August	30443	7.8%
9	September	30964	7.9%
10	October	35674	9.2%
11	November	32280	8.3%
12	December	35987	9.2%

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#7 YEAR_REGISTER: Registered Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 85-85] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
85		389599	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=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	198935	51.1%
2	Female	190664	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=389598 /-] [Invalid=1 /-]		

#10 COL21_BIRTH_DAY: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

#11 COL22_BIRTH_MONT: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		4	0.0%
1	January	33906	8.7%
2	February	27759	7.1%
3	March	31769	8.2%
4	April	32381	8.3%
5	May	33493	8.6%
6	June	31571	8.1%
7	July	32546	8.4%
8	August	31273	8.0%

File Births 1985 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
9	September	34088	8.7%
10	October	35909	9.2%
11	November	31399	8.1%
12	December	33501	8.6%

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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=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#13 COL3_TOWN: Mother's Living Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=11 /-] [Invalid=389588 /-]

#14 COL5_DIST_RESIDE: District of Mother's Resident

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	34175	8.8%
2	Negombo	8604	2.2%
3	Kalutara	18371	4.7%
4	Kandy	28267	7.3%
5	Matale	9885	2.5%
6	Nuwara Eliya	18915	4.9%
7	Galle	21420	5.5%
8	Matara	18249	4.7%
9	Hambantota	12890	3.3%
10	Jaffna	21967	5.6%
11	Mannar	2667	0.7%
12	Vavuniya	2437	0.6%
13	Batticaloa	11432	2.9%
14	Ampara	14589	3.7%
15	Trincomalee	7002	1.8%
16	Kurunegala	31001	8.0%
17	Puttalam	6632	1.7%
18	Chillaw	8576	2.2%

File Births 1985 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
19	Anuradhapura	16578	4.3%
20	Polonnaruwa	7144	1.8%
21	Badulla	15586	4.0%
22	Monaragala	9474	2.4%
23	Ratnapura	23780	6.1%
24	Kegalle	15706	4.0%
25	Mullativu	2466	0.6%
26	Gampaha	21784	5.6%
98		2	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=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	150328	38.6%
1	In	239271	61.4%

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#16 COL7_DISTIN_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=336692 /-] [Invalid=52907 /-]		

#17 COL8_RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	280660	72.0%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	46657	12.0%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	32961	8.5%
4	Burghers Eurasia	821	0.2%
5	Malays	1085	0.3%
6	Veddah	67	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	27128	7.0%
8	Indian Moors	29	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	6	0.0%

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#17 COL8_RACE: Race (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
10	Pakistan Moors	17	0.0%
11	Europeans	41	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	20	0.0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	10	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	97	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=389599 /-] [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=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage	
1	Yes	371427	<div></div>	95.3%
2	No	18172	<div></div>	4.7%

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#20 COL18_TWIN_TRIPL: Type of birth

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]	
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=4226 /-] [Invalid=385373 /-]	
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	2711	<div></div> 64.2%
2	Twins	1505	<div></div> 35.6%
3	Triple	8	<div></div> 0.2%
4	Quard	1	<div></div> 0.0%
5		1	<div></div> 0.0%
Sysmiss		385373	

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#21 AGA_DIV_RESIDENC: Mother's AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=389599 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

File Births 1985 (cont.)

#22 ORDER_BIRTH: Live Birth Order

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-20] [Missing=*]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=377712 /-] [Invalid=11887 /-]
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Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		128155	33.9%
2		103734	27.5%
3		70462	18.7%
4		37500	9.9%
5		18709	5.0%
6		9367	2.5%
7		4761	1.3%
8		2551	0.7%
9		1225	0.3%
10		721	0.2%
11		279	0.1%
12		135	0.0%
13		59	0.0%
14		28	0.0%
15		7	0.0%
16		2	0.0%
17		2	0.0%
18		3	0.0%
19		2	0.0%
20		10	0.0%
Sysmiss		11887	

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#23 CLASS_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=389599 /-]
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Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		389599	

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