

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1989

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

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-RGB-1989-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1989

### 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

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.

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

2008-07-29

## Scope

### NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Birth 1989 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

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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
1989-01-01	1989-12-31

## 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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**Data Dictionary**

Data file	Cases	Variables
<b>Births 1989</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1989.	363343	23



**Data file: Births 1989**

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Cases: 363343

Variables: 23

**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	AGA_DIV_RESIDENC	Mother's AGA Division	
V126	ORDER_BIRTH	Live Birth Order	
V127	CLASS_RECORD	Programmer Defined Variable	

Total: 23





**SECTOR: Sector****Data file: Births 1989****Overview**

Valid: 363343    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	196020	53.9%
2	Rural	151191	41.6%
3	Estate	16132	4.4%

**DISTRICT: District****Data file: Births 1989****Overview**

Valid: 363343    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 27  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 27    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	42730	11.8%
2	Negombo	7657	2.1%
3	Kalutara	17099	4.7%
4	Kandy	27950	7.7%
5	Matale	8881	2.4%
6	Nuwara Eliya	14769	4.1%
7	Galle	19228	5.3%
8	Matara	17305	4.8%
9	Hambantota	10538	2.9%
10	Jaffna	17414	4.8%
11	Mannar	3394	0.9%
12	Vavuniya	2391	0.7%
13	Batticaloa	11219	3.1%
14	Ampara	11472	3.2%
15	Trincomalee	6098	1.7%

16	Kurunegala	28699	7.9%
17	Puttalam	5631	1.5%
18	Chillaw	6840	1.9%
19	Anuradhapura	16250	4.5%
20	Polonnaruwa	6247	1.7%
21	Badulla	17923	4.9%
22	Monaragala	8328	2.3%
23	Ratnapura	22604	6.2%
24	Kegalle	12112	3.3%
25	Mullativu	1989	0.5%
26	Gampaha	15636	4.3%
27	Kilinochchi	2939	0.8%

## DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Data file: Births 1989

### Overview

Valid: 363343    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 18  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 23    Format: Numeric

## REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Data file: Births 1989

### Overview

Valid: 363343    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 79  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 79    Format: Numeric

## TOWN: Town

Data file: Births 1989

### Overview

Valid: 196086    Invalid: 167257    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 14  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 60    Format: Numeric

## MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Data file: Births 1989

### Overview

Valid: 363343    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	33009	9.1%
2	February	27426	7.5%
3	March	32381	8.9%
4	April	29465	8.1%
5	May	32324	8.9%
6	June	29707	8.2%
7	July	27369	7.5%
8	August	28167	7.8%
9	September	30717	8.5%
10	October	31060	8.5%
11	November	30065	8.3%
12	December	31653	8.7%

## YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year

Data file: Births 1989

### Overview

Valid: 363343 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 89 Maximum: 89  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 89 - 89 Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
89		363343	100%

## SEX: Sex

Data file: Births 1989

### Overview

Valid: 363343 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	185607	51.1%
2	Female	177736	48.9%

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

Data file: Births 1989

#### Overview

Valid: 363340 Invalid: 3 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 1989

#### Overview

Valid: 363343 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 1989

#### Overview

Valid: 363343 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		3	0%
1	January	30684	8.4%
2	February	27017	7.4%
3	March	32230	8.9%
4	April	29856	8.2%
5	May	29914	8.2%
6	June	28573	7.9%
7	July	29105	8%
8	August	28594	7.9%
9	September	29484	8.1%
10	October	33398	9.2%

11	November	32655	9%
12	December	31830	8.8%

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

Data file: Births 1989

#### Overview

Valid: 363343    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 15    Maximum: 89  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 90    Format: Numeric

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

Data file: Births 1989

#### Overview

Valid: 9    Invalid: 363334    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 99  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 88    Format: Numeric

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

Data file: Births 1989

#### Overview

Valid: 363343    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 98  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	33204	9.1%
2	Negombo	8594	2.4%
3	Kalutara	16979	4.7%
4	Kandy	25984	7.2%
5	Matale	8645	2.4%
6	Nuwara Eliya	15458	4.3%
7	Galle	19515	5.4%
8	Matara	16169	4.5%
9	Hambantota	12336	3.4%
10	Jaffna	16944	4.7%
11	Mannar	3468	1%
12	Vavuniya	2501	0.7%

13	Batticaloa	11006	3%
14	Ampara	12066	3.3%
15	Trincomalee	6401	1.8%
16	Kurunegala	28265	7.8%
17	Puttalam	5853	1.6%
18	Chillaw	6902	1.9%
19	Anuradhapura	16825	4.6%
20	Polonnaruwa	6791	1.9%
21	Badulla	17591	4.8%
22	Monaragala	9011	2.5%
23	Ratnapura	22114	6.1%
24	Kegalle	15106	4.2%
25	Mullativu	2220	0.6%
26	Gampaha	20353	5.6%
27	Kilinochchi	3037	0.8%
98		5	0%

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

Data file: Births 1989

### Overview

Valid: 363343    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	138791	38.2%
1	In	224552	61.8%

## COL7\_DISTIN\_LETR: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Births 1989

### Overview

Valid: 294375    Invalid: 68968    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 0 - 9    Format: Numeric

**COL8\_RACE: Race****Data file: Births 1989****Overview**

Valid: 363343    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	261039	71.8%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	47046	12.9%
3	Sri lanka Moors	31825	8.8%
4	Burghers Eurasia	798	0.2%
5	Malays	1038	0.3%
6	Veddah	34	0%
7	Indian Tamil	21272	5.9%
8	Indian Moors	104	0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	7	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	28	0%
11	Europeans	23	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	75	0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	39	0%
14	Unknown Race	15	0%

**COL9\_16\_AGE\_MOTH: Mother's Age****Data file: Births 1989****Overview**

Valid: 363343    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 53  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 57    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		1	0%
12		14	0%
13		24	0%
14		73	0%



15		388	0.1%
16		1478	0.4%
17		4315	1.2%
18		9540	2.6%
19		12737	3.5%
20		17893	4.9%
21		18036	5%
22		22484	6.2%
23		22216	6.1%
24		24637	6.8%
25		23579	6.5%
26		23533	6.5%
27		22191	6.1%
28		22750	6.3%
29		19851	5.5%
30		20681	5.7%
31		14167	3.9%
32		14792	4.1%
33		11986	3.3%
34		10904	3%
35		10424	2.9%
36		7823	2.2%
37		6578	1.8%
38		6029	1.7%
39		4659	1.3%
40		3569	1%
41		2076	0.6%
42		1568	0.4%
43		861	0.2%
44		576	0.2%
45		414	0.1%
46		200	0.1%
47		121	0%
48		96	0%
49		57	0%
50		21	0%
53		1	0%

**COL17\_PARENT\_MAR: Marital Status****Data file: Births 1989****Overview**

Valid: 363343    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	352429	97%
2	No	10914	3%

**COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth****Data file: Births 1989****Overview**

Valid: 3627    Invalid: 359716    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 9  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 9    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Single	1982	54.6%
2	Twins	1575	43.4%
3	Triple	13	0.4%
4	Quard	16	0.4%
5		35	1%
8		2	0.1%
9		4	0.1%
Sysmiss		359716	

**AGA\_DIV\_RESIDENC: Mother's AGA Division****Data file: Births 1989****Overview**

Valid: 363343    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 98  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 98    Format: Numeric

**ORDER\_BIRTH: Live Birth Order****Data file: Births 1989****Overview**

Valid: 362214    Invalid: 1129    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 20  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 20    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		132726	36.6%
2		101696	28.1%
3		65757	18.2%
4		32742	9%
5		15485	4.3%
6		7165	2%
7		3549	1%
8		1685	0.5%
9		786	0.2%
10		377	0.1%
11		121	0%
12		70	0%
13		26	0%
14		14	0%
15		5	0%
16		4	0%
17		1	0%
18		1	0%
20		4	0%
Sysmiss		1129	

**CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable****Data file: Births 1989****Overview**

Valid: 0    Invalid: 363343  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: -    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category
Sysmiss	

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## Questionnaires

### Return of Birth - Form 1989

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Filename Return of Birth - Form 1989.pdf

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## Reports

### Study Documentation RGB 1989 Project

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Country   Sri Lanka  
Filename Study Documentation RGB 1989 Project.pdf

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## Technical documents

### Data Dictionary

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