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Sri Lanka (1990)  
Vital Statistics - Births - 1990 (RGB - 1990)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1990-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 a 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 1990 includes : <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 village</li> <li>-AGA's Division</li> <li>-District</li> <li>-Whether outside the 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 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 1990-01-01 end 1990-12-31
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's 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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## Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Births 1990	
# Cases	333555
# Variable(s)	23
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1990.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	



# Variables List

Dataset contains 23 variable(s)

File Births 1990							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	<a href="#">SECTOR</a>	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	333555	0	-
2	<a href="#">DISTRICT</a>	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	333555	0	-
3	<a href="#">DRO_DIVISION</a>	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	333555	0	-
4	<a href="#">REGISTRARS_DIV</a>	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	333555	0	-
5	<a href="#">TOWN</a>	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	186226	147329	-
6	<a href="#">MONTH_REGISTERED</a>	Registered Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	333555	0	-
7	<a href="#">YEAR_REGISTERED</a>	Registered Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	333555	0	-
8	<a href="#">SEX</a>	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	333555	0	-
9	<a href="#">COL1_ENTRY_NO</a>	No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	333547	8	-
10	<a href="#">COL21_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	333555	0	-
11	<a href="#">COL22_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	333555	0	-
12	<a href="#">COL23_BIRTH_DATE</a>	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	333555	0	-
13	<a href="#">COL3_TOWN</a>	Mother's Living Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	20	333535	-
14	<a href="#">COL5_DIST_RESIDENT</a>	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	333547	8	-
15	<a href="#">COL6_OUTSIDE_DIV</a>	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	333546	9	-
16	<a href="#">COL7_DISTIN_LIST</a>	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	282925	50630	-
17	<a href="#">COL8_RACE</a>	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	333547	8	-
18	<a href="#">COL9_16_AGE_MOTHER</a>	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	333547	8	-
19	<a href="#">COL17_PARENT_MARRI</a>	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	333547	8	-
20	<a href="#">COL18_TWIN_TYPE</a>	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	3959	329596	-
21	<a href="#">AGA_DIV_RESIDENT</a>	Mother's AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	333547	8	-
22	<a href="#">ORDER_BIRTH</a>	Live Birth Order	discrete	numeric-2.0	331336	2219	-
23	<a href="#">CLASS_RECORD</a>	Programmer Defined Variable	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	333555	-

# Variables Description

Dataset contains 23 variable(s)

## File Births 1990

### #1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	186047	55.8%
2	Rural	134373	40.3%
3	Estate	13135	3.9%

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.

### #2 DISTRICT: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-27] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	45351	13.6%
2	Negombo	7042	2.1%
3	Kalutara	15514	4.7%
4	Kandy	25019	7.5%
5	Matale	8281	2.5%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12358	3.7%
7	Galle	18844	5.6%
8	Matara	16514	5.0%
9	Hambantota	9894	3.0%
10	Jaffna	9310	2.8%
11	Mannar	1433	0.4%
12	Vavuniya	1842	0.6%
13	Batticaloa	5961	1.8%
14	Ampara	10629	3.2%
15	Trincomalee	5642	1.7%
16	Kurunegala	26273	7.9%
17	Puttalam	5792	1.7%
18	Chillaw	6547	2.0%
19	Anuradhapura	14554	4.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	6515	2.0%
21	Badulla	17999	5.4%
22	Monaragala	8556	2.6%
23	Ratnapura	22598	6.8%
24	Kegalle	11051	3.3%

## File Births 1990 (cont.)

## #2 DISTRICT: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
25	Mullativu	1562	0.5%
26	Gampaha	15418	4.6%
27	Kilinochchi	3056	0.9%

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## #3 DRO\_DIVISION: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-23] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #4 REGISTRARS\_DIV: Registration Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## #5 TOWN: Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-60] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=186226 /-] [Invalid=147329 /-]

## #6 MONTH\_REGISTER: Registered Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	31319	9.4%
2	February	28350	8.5%
3	March	30601	9.2%
4	April	27777	8.3%
5	May	29890	9.0%
6	June	27851	8.3%
7	July	24530	7.4%
8	August	24884	7.5%
9	September	25010	7.5%
10	October	26938	8.1%
11	November	27375	8.2%
12	December	29030	8.7%

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## File Births 1990 (cont.)

## #7 YEAR\_REGISTER: Registered Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 90-90] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
90		333555	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=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	170334	51.1%
2	Female	163221	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=333547 /-] [Invalid=8 /-]		

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

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-31] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

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

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		5	0.0%
1	January	32023	9.6%
2	February	25700	7.7%
3	March	29745	8.9%
4	April	28012	8.4%
5	May	26177	7.8%
6	June	23933	7.2%
7	July	25058	7.5%
8	August	25406	7.6%

## File Births 1990 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
9	September	26224	7.9%
10	October	30087	9.0%
11	November	30103	9.0%
12	December	31082	9.3%

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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=333555 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

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

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-88] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=20 /-] [Invalid=333535 /-]

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

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333547 /-] [Invalid=8 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	34083	10.2%
2	Negombo	8766	2.6%
3	Kalutara	16063	4.8%
4	Kandy	22802	6.8%
5	Matale	8322	2.5%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12942	3.9%
7	Galle	18803	5.6%
8	Matara	15603	4.7%
9	Hambantota	11385	3.4%
10	Jaffna	9289	2.8%
11	Mannar	1457	0.4%
12	Vavuniya	1981	0.6%
13	Batticaloa	5858	1.8%
14	Ampara	11325	3.4%
15	Trincomalee	5955	1.8%
16	Kurunegala	25935	7.8%
17	Puttalam	6342	1.9%
18	Chillaw	6431	1.9%

## File Births 1990 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
19	Anuradhapura	14928	4.5%
20	Polonnaruwa	7020	2.1%
21	Badulla	17915	5.4%
22	Monaragala	9227	2.8%
23	Ratnapura	22514	6.7%
24	Kegalle	13887	4.2%
25	Mullativu	1652	0.5%
26	Gampaha	20003	6.0%
27	Kilinochchi	3031	0.9%
98		28	0.0%
Sysmiss		8	

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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=333546 /-] [Invalid=9 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	175795	52.7%
1	In	157751	47.3%
Sysmiss		9	

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

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=282925 /-] [Invalid=50630 /-]		

## #17 COL8\_RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=333547 /-] [Invalid=8 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	250073	75.0%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	33039	9.9%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	30020	9.0%
4	Burghers Eurasia	707	0.2%
5	Malays	1077	0.3%
6	Veddah	43	0.0%

## File Births 1990 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
7	Indian Tamil	18086	5.4%
8	Indian Moors	115	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	6	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	39	0.0%
11	Europeans	33	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	191	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	75	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	43	0.0%
Sysmiss		8	

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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=333547 /-] [Invalid=8 /-]
Frequency table not shown (45 Modalities)	

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

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]	
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=333547 /-] [Invalid=8 /-]	
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Yes	324615	97.3%
2	No	8932	2.7%
Sysmiss		8	

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

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=3959 +/-] [Invalid=329596 +/-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage	
1	Single	1948	<div></div>	49.2%
2	Twins	1848	<div></div>	46.7%
3	Triple	9	<div></div>	0.2%
4	Quard	6	<div></div>	0.2%
5		146	<div></div>	3.7%
9		2	<div></div>	0.1%
Sysmiss		329596		

## File Births 1990 (cont.)

## #20 COL18\_TWIN\_TRIPL: Type of birth (cont.)

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.

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

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=333547 /-] [Invalid=8 /-]

## #22 ORDER\_BIRTH: Live Birth Order

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=331336 /-] [Invalid=2219 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		123162	37.2%
2		94586	28.5%
3		60154	18.2%
4		28871	8.7%
5		13111	4.0%
6		6038	1.8%
7		2865	0.9%
8		1470	0.4%
9		542	0.2%
10		332	0.1%
11		102	0.0%
12		48	0.0%
13		21	0.0%
14		21	0.0%
15		4	0.0%
16		4	0.0%
17		1	0.0%
20		4	0.0%
Sysmiss		2219	

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## #23 CLASS\_RECORD: Programmer Defined Variable

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=333555 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		333555	

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