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Sri Lanka (1992)
Vital Statistics - Births - 1992 (RGB - 1992)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1992-v1.0
Version	Production Date: 2008-06-16 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 1992 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 1992-01-01 end 1992-12-31
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 1992	
# Cases	356842
# Variable(s)	25
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1992.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 25 variable(s)

File Births 1992							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	d_r	-	discrete	character-1	0	0	-
2	sector	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	356842	0	-
3	sex	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	356842	0	-
4	district	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
5	agad	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
6	rgadv	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
7	town	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	218925	137917	-
8	month	Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
9	year	Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
10	sheetno	Sheet Number	continuous	numeric-2.0	356804	38	-
11	entno	No. of Registration Entry	continuous	numeric-4.0	356840	2	-
12	bday	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-4.0	356842	0	-
13	bmonth	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
14	byear	Date of Birth - Year	continuous	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
15	mrtwvl	-	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	356842	-
16	mraga	Mother's AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
17	mrdistri	District of Mother's Resident	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
18	inout	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	356842	0	-
19	plbrt	Place of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	334635	22207	-
20	brord	Live Birth Order	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
21	distin	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	356842	-
22	race	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
23	mrage	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	356842	0	-
24	mari	Marital Status	discrete	numeric-1.0	356842	0	-
25	brtp	Type of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	3201	353641	-

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File Births 1992

#1 d_r

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#2 sector: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	218925	61.4%
2	Rural	126946	35.6%
3	Estate	10971	3.1%

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.

#3 sex: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	181625	50.9%
2	Female	175217	49.1%

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#4 district: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-27] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	51663	14.5%
2	Negombo	6513	1.8%
3	Kalutara	15016	4.2%
4	Kandy	27958	7.8%
5	Matale	8899	2.5%
6	Nuwara Eliya	13029	3.7%
7	Galle	19286	5.4%
8	Matara	16679	4.7%
9	Hambantota	9201	2.6%

File Births 1992 (cont.)

#4 district: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
10	Jaffna	14114	4.0%
11	Mannar	1689	0.5%
12	Vavuniya	1825	0.5%
13	Batticaloa	12275	3.4%
14	Ampara	13267	3.7%
15	Trincomalee	5723	1.6%
16	Kurunegala	25470	7.1%
17	Puttalam	7044	2.0%
18	Chillaw	6467	1.8%
19	Anuradhapura	15654	4.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	7122	2.0%
21	Badulla	17474	4.9%
22	Monaragala	7766	2.2%
23	Ratnapura	19854	5.6%
24	Kegalle	10197	2.9%
25	Mullativu	2331	0.7%
26	Gampaha	16700	4.7%
27	Kilinochchi	3626	1.0%

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#5 agad: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-23] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#6 rgadv: Registration Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (80 Modalities)	

#7 town: Town

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=218925 /-] [Invalid=137917 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage	
1		142644	<div></div>	65.2%
2		26037	<div></div>	11.9%
3		5863	<div></div>	2.7%

File Births 1992 (cont.)

#7 town: Town (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
4		6675	3.0%
5		6712	3.1%
6		13872	6.3%
7		7166	3.3%
8		4381	2.0%
9		200	0.1%
10		858	0.4%
11		3791	1.7%
12		350	0.2%
13		369	0.2%
14		7	0.0%
Sysmiss		137917	

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#8 month: Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	30938	8.7%
2	February	27669	7.8%
3	March	29189	8.2%
4	April	27369	7.7%
5	May	29809	8.4%
6	June	30636	8.6%
7	July	31593	8.9%
8	August	28848	8.1%
9	September	29566	8.3%
10	October	28395	8.0%
11	November	31155	8.7%
12	December	31675	8.9%

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#9 year: Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 91-91] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
92		356842	100.0%

File Births 1992 (cont.)

#9 year: Year (cont.)

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#10 sheetno: Sheet Number

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-99] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356804 /-] [Invalid=38 /-] [Mean=22.453 /-] [StdDev=19.026 /-]

#11 entno: No. of Registration Entry

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9999] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356840 /-] [Invalid=2 /-] [Mean=4741.888 /-] [StdDev=2946.08 /-]

#12 bday: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-31] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=15.676 /-] [StdDev=8.799 /-]
Frequency table not shown (31 Modalities)	

#13 bmonth: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	29920	8.4%
2	February	26118	7.3%
3	March	30135	8.4%
4	April	30339	8.5%
5	May	30444	8.5%
6	June	28051	7.9%
7	July	28894	8.1%
8	August	28659	8.0%
9	September	28847	8.1%
10	October	32103	9.0%
11	November	31933	8.9%
12	December	31399	8.8%

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#14 byear: Date of Birth - Year

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 48-91] [Missing=*]
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File Births 1992 (cont.)

#14 byear: Date of Birth - Year (cont.)

Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=91.867 /-] [StdDev=0.677 /-]
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#15 mrtwvl

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=356842 /-]
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Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		356842	

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#16 mraga: Mother's AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*98]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=5.812 /-] [StdDev=4.688 /-]
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Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		80090	22.4%
2		31938	9.0%
3		28128	7.9%
4		32899	9.2%
5		29599	8.3%
6		26071	7.3%
7		19854	5.6%
8		21117	5.9%
9		18448	5.2%
10		12614	3.5%
11		8145	2.3%
12		7623	2.1%
13		8853	2.5%
14		7880	2.2%
15		8733	2.4%
16		4347	1.2%
17		2954	0.8%
18		1681	0.5%
19		1254	0.4%
20		732	0.2%
21		2074	0.6%
22		1426	0.4%
23		382	0.1%

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File Births 1992 (cont.)

#17 mrdistri: District of Mother's Resident

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]	
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]	
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	38142	10.7%
2	Negombo	8612	2.4%
3	Kalutara	15843	4.4%
4	Kandy	24767	6.9%
5	Matale	8763	2.5%
6	Nuwara Eliya	14804	4.1%
7	Galle	19450	5.5%
8	Matara	15277	4.3%
9	Hambantota	10854	3.0%
10	Jaffna	13838	3.9%
11	Mannar	1773	0.5%
12	Vavuniya	1977	0.6%
13	Batticaloa	12815	3.6%
14	Ampara	13670	3.8%
15	Trincomalee	5989	1.7%
16	Kurunegala	25302	7.1%
17	Puttalam	7140	2.0%
18	Chillaw	7061	2.0%
19	Anuradhapura	16110	4.5%
20	Polonnaruwa	7698	2.2%
21	Badulla	17008	4.8%
22	Monaragala	8309	2.3%
23	Ratnapura	20226	5.7%
24	Kegalle	13430	3.8%
25	Mullativu	2328	0.7%
26	Gampaha	21916	6.1%
27	Kilinochchi	3740	1.0%

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#18 inout: Within the Registrars Division

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-1] [Missing=*]	
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]	
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	192095	53.8%
1	In	164747	46.2%

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File Births 1992 (cont.)

#19 plbrt: Place of birth

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=334635 /-] [Invalid=22207 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Hospital Estate Other	163	0.0%
1	Estate Labour	5765	1.7%
2	Estate other	918	0.3%
3	Non Estate	737	0.2%
4	Hospital	135933	40.6%
5	Jail	164	0.0%
6	Out side hospital	186860	55.8%
7	Out side hospital Estate Labour	3464	1.0%
8	out side hospital Estate Other	367	0.1%
9	hospital Estate Labour	264	0.1%
Sysmiss		22207	

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#20 brord: Live Birth Order

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-16] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		141737	39.7%
2		101932	28.6%
3		60242	16.9%
4		30071	8.4%
5		12329	3.5%
6		5883	1.6%
7		2607	0.7%
8		1130	0.3%
9		497	0.1%
10		232	0.1%
11		89	0.0%
12		49	0.0%
13		27	0.0%
14		15	0.0%
15		2	0.0%

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File Births 1992 (cont.)

#21 distin: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=356842 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		356842	

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#22 race: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	254203	71.2%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	46930	13.2%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	36150	10.1%
4	Burghers Eurasia	822	0.2%
5	Malays	1152	0.3%
6	Veddah	58	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	17058	4.8%
8	Indian Moors	111	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	7	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	10	0.0%
11	Europeans	47	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	84	0.0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	199	0.1%
14	Unknown Race	11	0.0%

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#23 mrage: Mother's Age

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 11-55] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

#24 mari: Marital Status

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=356842 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Yes	350293	98.2%
2	No	6549	1.8%

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File Births 1992 (cont.)

#25 brtp: Type of birth

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=3201 /-] [Invalid=353641 /-]
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Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	1735	54.2%
2	Twins	1450	45.3%
3	Triple	16	0.5%
4	Quard	0	0.0%
Sysmiss		353641	

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