

Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1996

Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department

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TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1996

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.

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ABSTRACT

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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

2008-06-17

Scope

NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Birth 1996 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	Link

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

Name	Affiliation
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
1996-01-01	1996-12-31

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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ACCESS AUTHORITY

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Data Dictionary

Data file	Cases	Variables
Birth 1996 The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1996.	340649	26

Data file: Birth 1996

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Cases: 340649

Variables: 26

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V158	d_r		
V159	sector	Sector	
V160	sex	Sex	
V161	district	District	
V162	agad	AGA Division	
V163	rgadv	Registration Division	
V164	town	Town	
V165	month	Month	
V166	year	Year	
V167	sheetno	Sheet Number	
V168	entno	No. Of Registration Entry	
V169	bday	Date of Birth - Day	
V170	bmonth	Date of Birth - Month	
V171	byear	Date of Birth - Year	
V172	mrtwvl		
V173	mrage	Mother's AGA Division	
V174	mrdistri	District of Mother's Residence	
V175	inout	Within the Registrars Division	
V176	plbrt	Place of birth	
V177	brord	Live Birth Oder	
V178	distin	Distinguishing Letters	
V179	race	Race	
V180	mrage	Mother's Age	
V181	mari	Marital status	
V182	brtp	Type of Birth	
V183	bytp	Type of Birth Oder	

Total: 26

D_R:**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Width: 1 Range: - Format: character

SECTER: Sector**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Urban	234715	68.9%
2	Rural	99115	29.1%
3	Estate	6819	2%

SEX: Sex**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	173603	51%
2	Female	167046	49%

DISTRICT: District**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 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	55616	16.3%
2	Gampaha	23535	6.9%
3	Kalutara	16028	4.7%
4	Kandy	27761	8.1%
5	Matale	8111	2.4%
6	Nuwara Eliya	10610	3.1%
7	Galle	18353	5.4%
8	Matara	16005	4.7%
9	Hambantota	7526	2.2%
10	Jaffna	7251	2.1%
11	Mannar	2071	0.6%
12	Vavuniya	3320	1%
13	Batticaloa	9753	2.9%
14	Ampara	10310	3%
15	Trincomalee	7305	2.1%
16	Kurunegala	23072	6.8%
17	Puttalam	13231	3.9%
19	Anuradhapura	14830	4.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	5539	1.6%
21	Badulla	17236	5.1%
22	Monaragala	7112	2.1%
23	Ratnapura	16929	5%
24	Kegalle	9459	2.8%
25	Mullativu	4109	1.2%
27	Kilinochchi	5577	1.6%

AGAD: AGA Division

Data file: Birth 1996

Overview

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 26 Mean: 4.453 Standard deviation: 4.734
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 26 Format: Numeric

RGADV: Registration Division**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 79 Mean: 12.985 Standard deviation: 15.011
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 79 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		6998	2.1%
1		92885	27.3%
2		41274	12.1%
3		3836	1.1%
4		8876	2.6%
5		8976	2.6%
6		22631	6.6%
7		2886	0.8%
8		7177	2.1%
9		7256	2.1%
10		2884	0.8%
11		2974	0.9%
12		3766	1.1%
13		4126	1.2%
14		8524	2.5%
15		2235	0.7%
16		1804	0.5%
17		5626	1.7%
18		1348	0.4%
19		1789	0.5%
20		5190	1.5%
21		3917	1.1%
22		5536	1.6%
23		11474	3.4%
24		2653	0.8%
25		4280	1.3%
26		6485	1.9%
27		1863	0.5%
28		8208	2.4%
29		1981	0.6%

30		2772	0.8%
31		908	0.3%
32		6375	1.9%
33		1412	0.4%
34		2653	0.8%
35		359	0.1%
36		4407	1.3%
37		6289	1.8%
38		2212	0.6%
39		815	0.2%
40		730	0.2%
41		1045	0.3%
42		1737	0.5%
43		254	0.1%
44		4052	1.2%
45		668	0.2%
46		1517	0.4%
47		286	0.1%
48		1916	0.6%
49		1119	0.3%
50		411	0.1%
51		49	0%
52		33	0%
53		1264	0.4%
54		140	0%
55		67	0%
56		1320	0.4%
57		934	0.3%
58		21	0%
59		470	0.1%
60		3029	0.9%
61		38	0%
62		180	0.1%
63		667	0.2%
64		633	0.2%
65		30	0%
66		12	0%
67		3	0%
68		77	0%

69		21	0%
70		16	0%
71		2	0%
72		3	0%
73		1	0%
74		12	0%
75		184	0.1%
76		1	0%
77		32	0%
78		14	0%
79		1	0%

TOWN: Town

Data file: Birth 1996

Overview

Valid: 234715 Invalid: 105934
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 15 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		152945	65.2%
2		22929	9.8%
3		7894	3.4%
4		7447	3.2%
5		9482	4%
6		12350	5.3%
7		4021	1.7%
8		6362	2.7%
9		175	0.1%
10		1389	0.6%
11		43	0%
12		4124	1.8%
13		5272	2.2%
14		12	0%
15		270	0.1%
Sysmiss		105934	

MONTH: Month**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	28406	8.3%
2	February	27172	8%
3	March	27631	8.1%
4	April	25883	7.6%
5	May	28646	8.4%
6	June	29808	8.8%
7	July	28519	8.4%
8	August	28517	8.4%
9	September	27899	8.2%
10	October	29594	8.7%
11	November	30294	8.9%
12	December	28280	8.3%

YEAR: Year**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 96 - 96 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
96		340649	100%

SHEETNO: Sheet Number**Data file: Birth 1996**

Overview

Valid: 340612 Invalid: 37 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 99 Mean: 22.317 Standard deviation: 18.275
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

ENTNO: No. Of Registration Entry

Data file: Birth 1996

Overview

Valid: 340634 Invalid: 15 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 9999 Mean: 4455.115 Standard deviation: 2978.881
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 0 - 9999 Format: Numeric

BDAY: Date of Birth - Day

Data file: Birth 1996

Overview

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 31 Mean: 15.892 Standard deviation: 8.691
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 31 Format: Numeric

BMONTH: Date of Birth - Month

Data file: Birth 1996

Overview

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	28773	8.4%
2	February	25263	7.4%
3	March	28431	8.3%
4	April	28316	8.3%
5	May	29358	8.6%
6	June	27683	8.1%
7	July	27586	8.1%
8	August	27775	8.2%
9	September	28442	8.3%
10	October	30642	9%
11	November	29270	8.6%
12	December	29110	8.5%

BYEAR: Date of Birth - Year**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 47 Maximum: 96 Mean: 95.815 Standard deviation: 1.252
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 47 - 96 Format: Numeric

MRTWVL:**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 340649
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: - Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
Sysmiss	

MRAGA: Mother's AGA Division**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 98 Mean: 6.224 Standard deviation: 4.952
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 98 Format: Numeric

MRDISTRI: District of Mother's Residence**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 98
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 98 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	39151	11.5%
2	Gampaha	31772	9.3%

3	Kalutara	17534	5.1%
4	Kandy	24489	7.2%
5	Matale	7500	2.2%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12446	3.7%
7	Galle	18279	5.4%
8	Matara	14567	4.3%
9	Hambantota	9586	2.8%
10	Jaffna	8130	2.4%
11	Mannar	2126	0.6%
12	Vavuniya	3459	1%
13	Batticaloa	9475	2.8%
14	Ampara	11128	3.3%
15	Trincomalee	7650	2.2%
16	Kurunegala	24136	7.1%
17	Puttalam	14009	4.1%
19	Anuradhapura	14476	4.2%
20	Polonnaruwa	6144	1.8%
21	Badulla	16271	4.8%
22	Monaragala	8511	2.5%
23	Ratnapura	18145	5.3%
24	Kegalle	12920	3.8%
25	Mullativu	3692	1.1%
27	Kilinochchi	5031	1.5%

INOUT: Within the Registrars Division

Data file: Birth 1996

Overview

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 1 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Out	202182	59.4%
1	In	138467	40.6%

PLBRT: Place of birth**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Hospital	324661	95.3%
2	Other	15988	4.7%

BRORD: Live Birth Oder**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 15 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		156193	45.9%
2		98082	28.8%
3		50175	14.7%
4		21299	6.3%
5		8365	2.5%
6		3603	1.1%
7		1590	0.5%
8		816	0.2%
9		336	0.1%
10		143	0%
11		34	0%
12		8	0%
13		3	0%
14		1	0%
15		1	0%

DISTIN: Distinguishing Letters**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Estate labour	7111	2.1%
2	Estate other	1406	0.4%
3	Non Estate	332132	97.5%

RACE: Race**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 14 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	239457	70.3%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	45264	13.3%
3	Sri lanka Moors	38427	11.3%
4	Burghers Eurasia	1539	0.5%
5	Malays	1075	0.3%
6	Veddah	3	0%
7	Indian Tamil	14544	4.3%
8	Indian Moors	44	0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	4	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	19	0%
11	Europeans	44	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	93	0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	132	0%

14	Unknown Race	4	0%
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MRAGE: Mother's Age

Data file: Birth 1996

Overview

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 10 Maximum: 58 Mean: 27.694 Standard deviation: 6.007
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 10 - 58 Format: Numeric

MARI: Marital status

Data file: Birth 1996

Overview

Valid: 340649 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Yes	336003	98.6%
2	No	4646	1.4%

BRTP: Type of Birth

Data file: Birth 1996

Overview

Valid: 3390 Invalid: 337259
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Single	0	0%
2	Twins	3351	98.8%
3	Triple	39	1.2%
4	Quard	0	0%
Sysmiss		337259	

BYTP: Type of Birth Oder**Data file: Birth 1996****Overview**

Valid: 3653 Invalid: 336996

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	First baby	1839	50.3%
2	Second baby	1673	45.8%
3	Third baby	141	3.9%
4	Forth baby	0	0%
Sysmiss		336996	

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Questionnaires

Return of Birth - Form 1996

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Reports

Study Documentation RGB 1996 Project

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Other materials

Table 2.1 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY DISTRICT, SECTOR AND SEX - 1996

Title Table 2.1 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY DISTRICT, SECTOR AND SEX - 1996
 Filename Table 2.1.pdf

Table 2.2 : LIVE BIRTHS BY DISTRICT OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND SEX OF CHILD - 1996

Title Table 2.2 : LIVE BIRTHS BY DISTRICT OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND SEX OF CHILD - 1996
 Filename Table 2.2.pdf

Table 2.2a : LIVE BIRTHS BY DISTRICT OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND MONTH - 1996

Title Table 2.2a : LIVE BIRTHS BY DISTRICT OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND MONTH - 1996
 Filename Table 2.2a.pdf

Table 2.3 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY LIVE BIRTH ORDER, SEX AND DISTRICT - 1996

Title Table 2.3 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY LIVE BIRTH ORDER, SEX AND DISTRICT - 1996
 Filename Table 2.3.pdf

Table 2.4 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER AND DISTRICT - 1996

Title Table 2.4 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER AND DISTRICT - 1996
 Filename Table 2.4.pdf

Table 2.5 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE - 1996

Title Table 2.5 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE - 1996
 Filename Table 2.5.pdf

Table 2.6 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY MONTH, SEX AND DISTRICT - 1996

Title Table 2.6 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY MONTH, SEX AND DISTRICT - 1996
 Filename Table 2.6.pdf

Table 2.7 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER AND DISTRICT - 1996

Title Table 2.7 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER AND DISTRICT - 1996
 Filename Table 2.7.pdf

Table 2.8 : SEX RATIO AT BIRTH AND LIVE BIRTHS OCCURRED IN HOSPITAL AND HOME BY DISTRICT - 1996

Title Table 2.8 : SEX RATIO AT BIRTH AND LIVE BIRTHS OCCURRED IN HOSPITAL AND HOME BY DISTRICT - 1996
 Filename Table 2.8.pdf

Table 2.9 : PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY SECTOR AND AGE OF MOTHER - 1996

Title Table 2.9 : PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY SECTOR AND AGE OF MOTHER - 1996
 Filename Table 2.9.pdf

Table 2.10 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER, SEX, LEGITIMACY AND SECTORS - 1996

Title Table 2.10 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER, SEX, LEGITIMACY AND SECTORS - 1996
 Filename Table 2.10.pdf

Table 2.11 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY MONTH, RACE AND SEX - 1996

Title Table 2.11 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY MONTH, RACE AND SEX - 1996
 Filename Table 2.11.pdf

Table 2.12 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR BY DISTRICT, SEX AND YEAR OF OCCURANCE - 1996

Title Table 2.12 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR BY DISTRICT, SEX AND YEAR OF OCCURANCE - 1996
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