

Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Births - 1997

Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department

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TITLE

Vital Statistics - Births - 1997

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

2008-06-17

Scope

NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Birth 1997 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
1997-01-01	1997-12-31

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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Registrar General's Department	RGD	Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs	Data Collection

DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

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Data Dictionary

Data file	Cases	Variables
Birth 1997 The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1997.	333219	26

Data file: Birth 1997

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Cases: 333219

Variables: 26

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V184	d_r		
V185	sector	Sector	
V186	sex	Sex	
V187	district	District	
V188	agad	AGA Division	
V189	rgadv	Registration Division	
V190	town	Town	
V191	month	Month	
V192	year	Year	
V193	sheetno	Sheet Number	
V194	entno	No. Of Registration Entry	
V195	bday	Date of Birth - Day	
V196	bmonth	Date of Birth - Month	
V197	byear	Date of Birth - Year	
V198	mrtwvl		
V199	mrage	Mother's AGA Division	
V200	mrdistri	District of Mother's Residence	
V201	inout	Within the Registrars Division	
V202	plbrt	Place of birth	
V203	brord	Live Birth Oder	
V204	distin	Distinguishing Letters	
V205	race	Race	
V206	mrage	Mother's Age	
V207	mari	Marital status	
V208	brtp	Type of Birth	
V209	bytp	Type of Birth Oder	

Total: 26

D_R:**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

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

SECTER: Sector**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Urban	236809	71.1%
2	Rural	89778	26.9%
3	Estate	6632	2%

SEX: Sex**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	170403	51.1%
2	Female	162816	48.9%

DISTRICT: District**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 333219 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	56008	16.8%
2	Gampaha	23771	7.1%
3	Kalutara	15404	4.6%
4	Kandy	27340	8.2%
5	Matale	8063	2.4%
6	Nuwara Eliya	10817	3.2%
7	Galle	17988	5.4%
8	Matara	14907	4.5%
9	Hambantota	7478	2.2%
10	Jaffna	7476	2.2%
11	Mannar	2072	0.6%
12	Vavuniya	2753	0.8%
13	Batticaloa	9078	2.7%
14	Ampara	10724	3.2%
15	Trincomalee	7993	2.4%
16	Kurunegala	22271	6.7%
17	Puttalam	14080	4.2%
19	Anuradhapura	14764	4.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	5014	1.5%
21	Badulla	16165	4.9%
22	Monaragala	5700	1.7%
23	Ratnapura	15918	4.8%
24	Kegalle	9432	2.8%
25	Mullativu	4910	1.5%
27	Kilinochchi	3093	0.9%

AGAD: AGA Division

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 26 Mean: 4.338 Standard deviation: 4.682
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 26 Format: Numeric

RGADV: Registration Division**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 78 Mean: 12.668 Standard deviation: 14.942
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 78 Format: Numeric

TOWN: Town**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 236809 Invalid: 96410
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 15 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		156318	66%
2		21042	8.9%
3		8738	3.7%
4		7928	3.3%
5		9221	3.9%
6		11954	5%
7		4099	1.7%
8		6660	2.8%
9		403	0.2%
10		490	0.2%
11		38	0%
12		3663	1.5%
13		5990	2.5%
14		35	0%
15		230	0.1%
Sysmiss		96410	

MONTH: Month**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	29185	8.8%
2	February	25432	7.6%
3	March	26902	8.1%
4	April	25429	7.6%
5	May	28355	8.5%
6	June	28750	8.6%
7	July	28551	8.6%
8	August	27580	8.3%
9	September	29314	8.8%
10	October	29166	8.8%
11	November	26735	8%
12	December	27820	8.3%

YEAR: Year

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 97 - 97 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
97		333219	100%

SHEETNO: Sheet Number

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333174 Invalid: 45 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 99 Mean: 21.453 Standard deviation: 17.434
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

ENTNO: No. Of Registration Entry

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333203 Invalid: 16 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 9999 Mean: 4543.509 Standard deviation: 3082.736
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 0 - 9999 Format: Numeric

BDAY: Date of Birth - Day

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 31 Mean: 15.804 Standard deviation: 8.705
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 31 Format: Numeric

BMONTH: Date of Birth - Month

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	29186	8.8%
2	February	23518	7.1%
3	March	28031	8.4%
4	April	27175	8.2%
5	May	29224	8.8%
6	June	27020	8.1%
7	July	27913	8.4%
8	August	28021	8.4%
9	September	27468	8.2%
10	October	28918	8.7%
11	November	28324	8.5%
12	December	28421	8.5%

BYEAR: Date of Birth - Year

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 40 Maximum: 97 Mean: 96.823 Standard deviation: 1.256
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 40 - 97 Format: Numeric

MRTWVL:**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 333219

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
Sysmiss	

MRAGA: Mother's AGA Division**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 98 Mean: 6.229 Standard deviation: 4.951

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 98 Format: Numeric

MRDISTRI: District of Mother's Residence**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 333219 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	38877	11.7%
2	Gampaha	32296	9.7%
3	Kalutara	17027	5.1%
4	Kandy	24287	7.3%
5	Matale	7327	2.2%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12654	3.8%
7	Galle	17669	5.3%
8	Matara	13834	4.2%
9	Hambantota	9464	2.8%

10	Jaffna	8408	2.5%
11	Mannar	2135	0.6%
12	Vavuniya	2983	0.9%
13	Batticaloa	9177	2.8%
14	Ampara	11133	3.3%
15	Trincomalee	8283	2.5%
16	Kurunegala	23742	7.1%
17	Puttalam	14768	4.4%
19	Anuradhapura	14291	4.3%
20	Polonnaruwa	5688	1.7%
21	Badulla	14911	4.5%
22	Monaragala	7534	2.3%
23	Ratnapura	17014	5.1%
24	Kegalle	12837	3.9%
25	Mullativu	3620	1.1%
27	Kilinochchi	3247	1%

INOUT: Within the Registrars Division

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 1 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Out	203827	61.2%
1	In	129392	38.8%

PLBRT: Place of birth

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Hospital	317903	95.4%
2	Other	15316	4.6%

BRORD: Live Birth Oder

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 15 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		156464	47%
2		97148	29.2%
3		48168	14.5%
4		19064	5.7%
5		7035	2.1%
6		3014	0.9%
7		1272	0.4%
8		607	0.2%
9		252	0.1%
10		155	0%
11		28	0%
12		7	0%
13		2	0%
14		2	0%
15		1	0%

DISTIN: Distinguishing Letters

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Estate Labour	8463	2.5%
2	Estate Other	986	0.3%
3	Non estate	323770	97.2%

RACE: Race

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 14 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	234308	70.3%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	42019	12.6%
3	Sri lanka Moors	39384	11.8%
4	Burghers Eurasia	715	0.2%
5	Malays	1082	0.3%
6	Veddah	5	0%
7	Indian Tamil	15334	4.6%
8	Indian Moors	27	0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	5	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	19	0%
11	Europeans	116	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	73	0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	112	0%
14	Unknown Race	20	0%

MRAGE: Mother's Age

Data file: Birth 1997

Overview

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 12 Maximum: 59 Mean: 27.781 Standard deviation: 6.093
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 12 - 59 Format: Numeric

MARI: Marital status**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 333219 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Yes	329637	98.9%
2	No	3582	1.1%

BRTP: Type of Birth**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 3397 Invalid: 329822
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Single	0	0%
2	Twins	3348	98.6%
3	Triple	45	1.3%
4	Quard	4	0.1%
Sysmiss		329822	

BYTP: Type of Birth Oder**Data file: Birth 1997****Overview**

Valid: 3397 Invalid: 329822
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	First baby	1762	51.9%
2	Second baby	1614	47.5%
3	Third baby	20	0.6%
4	Forth baby	1	0%
Sysmiss		329822	

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Questionnaires

Return of Birth - Form 1997

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Reports

Study Documentation RGB 1997 Project

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Other materials

Table 2.1 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY DISTRICT, SECTOR AND SEX - 1997

Title Table 2.1 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY DISTRICT, SECTOR AND SEX - 1997
 Filename Table 2.1.pdf

Table 2.2 : LIVE BIRTHS BY DISTRICT OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND SEX OF CHILD - 1997

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 Filename Table 2.2.pdf

Table 2.2a : LIVE BIRTHS BY DISTRICT OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND MONTH - 1997

Title Table 2.2a : LIVE BIRTHS BY DISTRICT OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND MONTH - 1997
 Filename Table 2.2a.pdf

Table 2.3 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY LIVE BIRTH ORDER, SEX AND DISTRICT - 1997

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Table 2.4 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER AND DISTRICT - 1997

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Table 2.5 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER AND RACE - 1997

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Table 2.6 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY MONTH, SEX AND DISTRICT - 1997

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Table 2.7 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER AND DISTRICT - 1997

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Table 2.8 : SEX RATIO AT BIRTH AND LIVE BIRTHS OCCURRED IN HOSPITAL AND HOME BY DISTRICT - 1997

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Table 2.9 : PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY SECTOR AND AGE OF MOTHER - 1997

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Table 2.10 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER, SEX, LEGITIMACY AND SECTORS - 1997

Title Table 2.10 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY AGE OF MOTHER, SEX, LEGITIMACY AND SECTORS - 1997
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Table 2.11 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY MONTH, RACE AND SEX - 1997

Title Table 2.11 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED BY MONTH, RACE AND SEX - 1997
 Filename Table 2.11.pdf

Table 2.12 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR BY DISTRICT, SEX AND YEAR OF OCCURANCE - 1997

Title Table 2.12 : LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR BY DISTRICT, SEX AND YEAR OF OCCURANCE - 1997
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