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Sri Lanka (1998)  
Vital Statistics - Births - 1998 (RGB - 1998)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-1998-v1.0
Version	Production Date: 2008-06-17 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 1998 include : <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 villahe</li> <li>-AGA's Division</li> <li>-District</li> <li>-Whether outside 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 &amp; 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 1998-01-01 end 1998-12-31
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**

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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**Citation Requirements**

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## Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Birth 1998	
# Cases	322672
# Variable(s)	26
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 1998.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	



# Variables List

Dataset contains 26 variable(s)

File Birth 1998							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	<a href="#">d_r</a>	-	discrete	character-1	0	0	-
2	<a href="#">sector</a>	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	322672	0	-
3	<a href="#">sex</a>	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	322672	0	-
4	<a href="#">district</a>	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
5	<a href="#">agad</a>	AGA Division	continuous	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
6	<a href="#">rgadv</a>	Registration Division	continuous	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
7	<a href="#">town</a>	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	233545	89127	-
8	<a href="#">month</a>	Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
9	<a href="#">year</a>	Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
10	<a href="#">sheetno</a>	Sheet Number	continuous	numeric-2.0	322667	5	-
11	<a href="#">entno</a>	No. Of Registration Entry	continuous	numeric-4.0	322665	7	-
12	<a href="#">bday</a>	Date of Birth - Day	continuous	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
13	<a href="#">bmonth</a>	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
14	<a href="#">byear</a>	Date of Birth - Year	continuous	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
15	<a href="#">mrtwvl</a>	-	discrete	numeric-2.0	0	322672	-
16	<a href="#">mraga</a>	Mother's AGA Division	continuous	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
17	<a href="#">mrdistri</a>	District of Mother's Residence	continuous	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
18	<a href="#">inout</a>	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	322672	0	-
19	<a href="#">plbrt</a>	Place of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	322672	0	-
20	<a href="#">brord</a>	Live Birth Oder	discrete	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
21	<a href="#">distin</a>	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
22	<a href="#">race</a>	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
23	<a href="#">mrage</a>	Mother's Age	continuous	numeric-2.0	322672	0	-
24	<a href="#">mari</a>	Marital status	discrete	numeric-1.0	322672	0	-
25	<a href="#">brtp</a>	Type of Birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	3115	319557	-
26	<a href="#">bytp</a>	Type of Birth Oder	discrete	numeric-1.0	3012	319660	-

# Variables Description

Dataset contains 26 variable(s)

## File Birth 1998

### #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=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	233545	72.4%
2	Rural	83077	25.7%
3	Estate	6050	1.9%

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.

### #3 sex: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	165078	51.2%
2	Female	157594	48.8%

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### #4 district: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-27] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	52827	16.4%
2	Gampaha	23208	7.2%
3	Kalutara	15395	4.8%
4	Kandy	26934	8.3%
5	Matale	8688	2.7%
6	Nuwara Eliya	10384	3.2%
7	Galle	18319	5.7%
8	Matara	14505	4.5%
9	Hambantota	6411	2.0%

## File Birth 1998 (cont.)

## #4 district: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
10	Jaffna	7621	2.4%
11	Mannar	2360	0.7%
12	Vavuniya	2491	0.8%
13	Batticaloa	10254	3.2%
14	Ampara	9697	3.0%
15	Trincomalee	7620	2.4%
16	Kurunegala	20398	6.3%
17	Puttalam	13265	4.1%
19	Anuradhapura	13738	4.3%
20	Polonnaruwa	6367	2.0%
21	Badulla	15508	4.8%
22	Monaragala	5515	1.7%
23	Ratnapura	15403	4.8%
24	Kegalle	8294	2.6%
25	Mullativu	4638	1.4%
27	Kilinochchi	2832	0.9%

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## #5 agad: AGA Division

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-26] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=4.332 /-] [StdDev=4.702 /-]

## #6 rgadv: Registration Division

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=12.517 /-] [StdDev=15.045 /-]

## #7 town: Town

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-15] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=233545 /-] [Invalid=89127 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage	
1		154018	<div></div>	65.9%
2		20280	<div></div>	8.7%
3		9188	<div></div>	3.9%
4		7664	<div></div>	3.3%
5		9215	<div></div>	3.9%
6		12345	<div></div>	5.3%

## File Birth 1998 (cont.)

## #7 town: Town (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
7		4363	1.9%
8		6245	2.7%
9		121	0.1%
10		398	0.2%
11		33	0.0%
12		3919	1.7%
13		5514	2.4%
14		30	0.0%
15		212	0.1%
Sysmiss		89127	

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## #8 month: Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	26984	8.4%
2	February	26318	8.2%
3	March	28106	8.7%
4	April	24600	7.6%
5	May	26160	8.1%
6	June	27587	8.5%
7	July	27687	8.6%
8	August	27035	8.4%
9	September	27504	8.5%
10	October	27725	8.6%
11	November	26771	8.3%
12	December	26195	8.1%

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## #9 year: Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 98-98] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
98		322672	100.0%

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## File Birth 1998 (cont.)

## #10 sheetno: Sheet Number

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-99] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322667 /-] [Invalid=5 /-] [Mean=21.18 /-] [StdDev=18.549 /-]

## #11 entno: No. Of Registration Entry

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9999] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322665 /-] [Invalid=7 /-] [Mean=4765.303 /-] [StdDev=2933.284 /-]

## #12 bday: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-31] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=15.635 /-] [StdDev=8.792 /-]

## #13 bmonth: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	28507	8.8%
2	February	23888	7.4%
3	March	27598	8.6%
4	April	26601	8.2%
5	May	26671	8.3%
6	June	25887	8.0%
7	July	27606	8.6%
8	August	27257	8.4%
9	September	26298	8.2%
10	October	27950	8.7%
11	November	26591	8.2%
12	December	27818	8.6%

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## #14 byear: Date of Birth - Year

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 32-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=97.821 /-] [StdDev=1.277 /-]

## #15 mrtwvl

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
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## File Birth 1998 (cont.)

## #15 mrtwvl

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=322672 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		322672	

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## #16 mraga: Mother's AGA Division

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=6.255 /-] [StdDev=4.932 /-]

## #17 mrdistri: District of Mother's Residence

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	36611	11.3%
2	Gampaha	29993	9.3%
3	Kalutara	17171	5.3%
4	Kandy	23912	7.4%
5	Matale	7572	2.3%
6	Nuwara Eliya	12446	3.9%
7	Galle	17592	5.5%
8	Matara	13565	4.2%
9	Hambantota	8736	2.7%
10	Jaffna	8962	2.8%
11	Mannar	2471	0.8%
12	Vavuniya	2584	0.8%
13	Batticaloa	9934	3.1%
14	Ampara	10763	3.3%
15	Trincomalee	7874	2.4%
16	Kurunegala	22064	6.8%
17	Puttalam	14046	4.4%
19	Anuradhapura	13574	4.2%
20	Polonnaruwa	7126	2.2%
21	Badulla	14488	4.5%
22	Monaragala	7044	2.2%
23	Ratnapura	16451	5.1%
24	Kegalle	11532	3.6%
25	Mullativu	3184	1.0%
27	Kilinochchi	2967	0.9%

## File Birth 1998 (cont.)

## #17 mrdistri: District of Mother's Residence (cont.)

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## #18 inout: Within the Registrars Division

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-1] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	196979	61.0%
1	In	125693	39.0%

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## #19 plbrt: Place of birth

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Hospital	311099	96.4%
2	Other	11573	3.6%

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## #20 brord: Live Birth Oder

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-15] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		153958	47.7%
2		92302	28.6%
3		47901	14.8%
4		16715	5.2%
5		6648	2.1%
6		2775	0.9%
7		1224	0.4%
8		536	0.2%
9		191	0.1%
10		370	0.1%
11		35	0.0%
12		10	0.0%
13		4	0.0%
14		1	0.0%
15		2	0.0%

## File Birth 1998 (cont.)

## #20 brord: Live Birth Oder (cont.)

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## #21 distin: Distinguishing Letters

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Estate labour	10397	3.2%
2	Estate other	1246	0.4%
3	Non Estate	311029	96.4%

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## #22 race: Race

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	225280	69.8%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	42471	13.2%
3	Sri lanka Moors	38874	12.0%
4	Burghers Eurasia	693	0.2%
5	Malays	978	0.3%
6	Veddah	6	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	13910	4.3%
8	Indian Moors	50	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	5	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	19	0.0%
11	Europeans	38	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	128	0.0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	185	0.1%
14	Unknown Race	35	0.0%

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## #23 mrage: Mother's Age

Information [Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 10-59] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-] [Mean=27.565 /-] [StdDev=6 /-]



## File Birth 1998 (cont.)

## #24 mari: Marital status

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=322672 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Yes	319442	99.0%
2	No	3230	1.0%

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## #25 brtp: Type of Birth

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=3115 /-] [Invalid=319557 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	0	0.0%
2	Twins	2966	95.2%
3	Triple	149	4.8%
4	Quard	0	0.0%
Sysmiss		319557	

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.

## #26 bytp: Type of Birth Oder

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=3012 /-] [Invalid=319660 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	First baby	1559	51.8%
2	Second baby	1405	46.6%
3	Third baby	48	1.6%
4	Forth baby	0	0.0%
Sysmiss		319660	

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## Questionnaires

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