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Sri Lanka (2003)  
Vital Statistics - Births - 2003 (RGB - 2003)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGB-2003-v1.0
Version	Production Date: 2009-08-25 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 2003 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, Ministray 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 2003-01-01 end 2003-12-31
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

"Registrar General's Department,Vital Statistics (Births) - 2003, Version 1.0 of the public use dataset ( August 2009 )"

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## Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Birth2003	
# Cases	370643
# Variable(s)	23
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Births form 2003.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General Department.	



# Variables List

Dataset contains 23 variable(s)

File Birth2003							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	<a href="#">SECTER</a>	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	370643	0	-
2	<a href="#">DISTRICT</a>	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
3	<a href="#">AGAD</a>	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
4	<a href="#">RGADV</a>	Registration Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
5	<a href="#">TOWN</a>	Town	discrete	numeric-2.0	243388	127255	-
6	<a href="#">MONTH</a>	Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
7	<a href="#">YEAR</a>	Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
8	<a href="#">SHEETNO</a>	Sheet Number	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
9	<a href="#">ENTNO</a>	No. Of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	370643	0	-
10	<a href="#">BDAY</a>	Date of Birth - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
11	<a href="#">BMONTH</a>	Date of Birth - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
12	<a href="#">BYEAR</a>	Date of Birth - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
13	<a href="#">SEX</a>	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	370643	0	-
14	<a href="#">MRAGA</a>	Mother's AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
15	<a href="#">MRDISTRI</a>	MRDISTRICT	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
16	<a href="#">INOUT</a>	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	370643	0	-
17	<a href="#">PLBRT</a>	Place of birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	370643	0	-
18	<a href="#">BRORD</a>	Live Birth Oder	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
19	<a href="#">RACE</a>	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
20	<a href="#">MRAGE</a>	Mother's Age	discrete	numeric-2.0	370643	0	-
21	<a href="#">MARI</a>	Marital status	discrete	numeric-1.0	370643	0	-
22	<a href="#">BRTP</a>	Type of Birth Oder	discrete	numeric-1.0	4682	365961	-
23	<a href="#">BYTP</a>	Type of Birth	discrete	numeric-1.0	4682	365961	-

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## File Birth2003

### #1 SECTER: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	243388	65.7%
2	Rural	123477	33.3%
3	Estate	3778	1.0%

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.

### #2 DISTRICT: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 11-92] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
11	Colombo	62532	16.9%
12	Gampaha	26065	7.0%
13	Kaluthrata	15893	4.3%
21	Kandy	29990	8.1%
22	Matale	9121	2.5%
23	N-Eliya	11373	3.1%
31	Galle	19695	5.3%
32	Matara	14456	3.9%
33	Hambantota	7285	2.0%
41	Jaffna	12190	3.3%
42	Mannar	2122	0.6%
43	Vavuniya	3862	1.0%
44	Mullaithivu	4726	1.3%
45	Killinochchi	4288	1.2%
51	Batticaloa	13508	3.6%
52	Ampara	12840	3.5%
53	Trincomalee	8027	2.2%
61	Kurunegala	23582	6.4%
62	Puttalam	12503	3.4%
71	Anuradhapura	17401	4.7%
72	Polonnaruwa	6927	1.9%
81	Badulla	17904	4.8%
82	Monaragala	6637	1.8%
91	Ratnapura	18322	4.9%

## File Birth2003 (cont.)

## #2 DISTRICT: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
92	Kegalle	9394	2.5%

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## #3 AGAD: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 3-87] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (35 Modalities)	

## #4 RGADV: Registration Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (74 Modalities)	

## #5 TOWN: Town

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=243388 /-] [Invalid=127255 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
11		155357	63.8%
12		13336	5.5%
13		21	0.0%
14		5161	2.1%
21		34191	14.0%
22		19721	8.1%
23		10853	4.5%
24		4738	1.9%
25		6	0.0%
26		4	0.0%
Sysmiss		127255	

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.

## #6 MONTH: Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

## File Birth2003 (cont.)

## #6 MONTH: Month (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	30758	8.3%
2	February	28063	7.6%
3	March	29667	8.0%
4	April	29018	7.8%
5	May	30557	8.2%
6	June	31947	8.6%
7	July	32632	8.8%
8	August	30985	8.4%
9	September	31976	8.6%
10	October	33987	9.2%
11	November	31407	8.5%
12	December	29646	8.0%

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.

## #7 YEAR: Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 3-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
3		370643	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 SHEETNO: Sheet Number

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-99] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (100 Modalities)	

## #9 ENTNO: No. Of Registration Entry

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9999] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

## #10 BDAY: Date of Birth - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-31] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Frequency table not shown (31 Modalities)			

## File Birth2003 (cont.)

## #11 BMONTH: Date of Birth - Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
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Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	30561	8.2%
2	February	25992	7.0%
3	March	32100	8.7%
4	April	31456	8.5%
5	May	32922	8.9%
6	June	30177	8.1%
7	July	31233	8.4%
8	August	30598	8.3%
9	September	30759	8.3%
10	October	33860	9.1%
11	November	31114	8.4%
12	December	29871	8.1%

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.

## #12 BYEAR: Date of Birth - Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-99] [Missing=*]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
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Frequency table not shown (79 Modalities)

## #13 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
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Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	189508	51.1%
2	Female	181135	48.9%

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.

## #14 MRAGA: Mother's AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
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Frequency table not shown (37 Modalities)

## File Birth2003 (cont.)

## #15 MRDISTRI: MRDISTRICT

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 11-98] [Missing=\*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
11	Colombo	41423	11.2%
12	Gampaha	33515	9.0%
13	Kaluthrata	19131	5.2%
21	Kandy	26512	7.2%
22	Matale	8758	2.4%
23	N-Eliya	14774	4.0%
31	Galle	18024	4.9%
32	Matara	14676	4.0%
33	Hambantota	9805	2.6%
41	Jaffna	11997	3.2%
42	Mannar	2269	0.6%
43	Vavuniya	3933	1.1%
44	Mullaithivu	4404	1.2%
45	Killinochchi	4676	1.3%
51	Batticaloa	13359	3.6%
52	Ampara	13953	3.8%
53	Trincomalee	8327	2.2%
61	Kurunegala	26559	7.2%
62	Puttalam	14131	3.8%
71	Anuradhapura	17043	4.6%
72	Polonnaruwa	6827	1.8%
81	Badulla	16195	4.4%
82	Monaragala	8060	2.2%
91	Ratnapura	18651	5.0%
92	Kegalle	13635	3.7%
98		6	0.0%

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## #16 INOUT: Within the Registrars Division

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	In	97952	26.4%
2	Out	272691	73.6%

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## File Birth2003 (cont.)

## #17 PLBRT: Place of birth

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Hospital	349495	94.3%
2	Other	21148	5.7%

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## #18 BRORD: Live Birth Oder

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-13] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		170434	46.0%
2		115583	31.2%
3		56464	15.2%
4		17663	4.8%
5		6387	1.7%
6		2421	0.7%
7		986	0.3%
8		367	0.1%
9		188	0.1%
10		103	0.0%
11		30	0.0%
12		12	0.0%
13		4	0.0%
15		1	0.0%

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## #19 RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	254566	68.7%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	52617	14.2%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	18575	5.0%
4	Burghers Eurasia	43106	11.6%
5	Malays	691	0.2%
6	Veddah	720	0.2%

## File Birth2003 (cont.)

## #19 RACE: Race (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
7	Indian Tamil	21	0.0%
8	Indian Moors	20	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	26	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	27	0.0%
11	Europeans	123	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	58	0.0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	93	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	0	0.0%

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.

## #20 MRAGE: Mother's Age

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 13-53] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (41 Modalities)	

## #21 MARI: Marital status

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=370643 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage	
1	Yes	365906		98.7%
2	No	4737	1.3%	

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.

## #22 BRTP: Type of Birth Oder

Information		[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]		[Valid=4682 /-] [Invalid=365961 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage	
1	First baby	2334	<div></div>	49.9%
2	Second baby	2317	<div></div>	49.5%
3	Third baby	31	<div></div>	0.7%
4	Forth baby	0	<div></div>	0.0%
Sysmiss		365961		

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.



## File Birth2003 (cont.)

## #23 BYTP: Type of Birth

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-4] [Missing=*]
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Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=4682 /-] [Invalid=365961 /-]
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Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Single	0	0.0%
2	Twin	4589	98.0%
3	Triple	93	2.0%
4	Quard	0	0.0%
Sysmiss		365961	

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## Questionnaires

Return of Birth - Form 2003, "Documents\Forms\Return of Birth - Form 2003.pdf"

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