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Vital Statistics - Deaths - 1977

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Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGD-1977-v1.0
Version	Production Date: 2008-09-05 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 death has to be registered within 5 days from the date of occurrence. Although 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 the registration of births and deaths, it was found that about 98.8 per cent of births and 94.0 per cent of deaths are being registered in Sri Lanka in any given period]. Deaths are registered at the place of occurrence and not in the area of deceased.

Abstract

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Kind of Data	Administrative records data [adm]
Unit of Analysis	Death of individual

Scope & Coverage

Scope
The scope of the Registration of Death 1977 include :
  -District
  -AGA Division
  -Registrar's Division
  -Month & Year
  -Date of Death
  -If urban, assessment number, street and town
  -If rural, Name of village
  -Revenue District
  -Whether outside division
  -Distinguishing letters
  -Race
  -Age at Death - in days
  -Age at Death - in months
  -Age at Death - in years
  -Immediate Cause
  -Antecedent and/or underlying cause
  -Other contributory causes

Topics	DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION [14]

Geographic Coverage
National coverage.

Universe
Entire population of local individuals whose death has occured 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	Goverment of Sri Lanka (GOSL)

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates	start 1977-01-01 end 1977-12-31
Data Collection Mode	Other [oth]

Data Collection Notes
When a death of an individual occurs, the respondent of the death meets the Registrar of Births and Deaths appointed for the area where the death occurred and obtains the death certificate.

A copy of the death certificate is sent to the Divisional Secretariat Office along with the monthly return of deaths which includes the details of deaths occurred in a particular month.

The Additional District Registrars receive the returns from all Divisional Secretariat offices attached to them. The Additional District Registrars send these returns 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's 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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Files Description

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Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Death_77	
# Cases	103284
# Variable(s)	25
File Content The file contains the data related to the Return of Death Form 1977.	
Producer Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 25 variable(s)

File Death_77							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SECTOR	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	103284	0	-
2	REVENUE_DISTRICT	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	103284	0	-
3	D_R_O_DIVISION	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	103284	0	-
4	REGISTRAR_DIV	Registrar's Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	103284	0	-
5	TOWN	Town (Not Applicable)	discrete	numeric-2.0	42483	60801	-
6	MONTH	Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	103284	0	-
7	YEAR	Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	103284	0	-
8	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	103284	0	-
9	ENTRY_NUMBER	Entry Number	discrete	numeric-4.0	103284	0	-
10	RESIDENCE_TOWN	Town (Residence)	discrete	numeric-2.0	1215	102069	-
11	DISTRICT_RESIDE	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	641	102643	-
12	OUTSIDE_DIVISION	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	103284	0	-
13	DISTINGU_LETTER	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	45408	57876	-
14	RACE	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	103284	0	-
15	SINGLE_AGE	Single Age	discrete	numeric-3.0	103284	0	-
16	DD_MM_YY_CODE	D/M/Y Code	discrete	numeric-1.0	103284	0	-
17	DEATH_CODE	Death Code(Cause of Death)	discrete	numeric-3.0	103284	0	-
18	SUB_GROUP	Sub Group	discrete	numeric-1.0	42971	60313	-
19	DEATH_CODE_A	Antecedent and/or underline causes	discrete	numeric-3.0	103284	0	-
20	SUB_GROUP_A	Sub Group A	discrete	character-1	32671	0	-
21	DEATH_CODE_B	Other Contributory Causes	discrete	numeric-2.0	103284	0	-
22	SUB_GROUP_B	Sub Group B	discrete	character-1	58276	0	-
23	OCCURANCE_MONTH	Occurance Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	103284	0	-
24	DIED_IN_SAME_YEA	Died in same year	discrete	numeric-1.0	103090	194	-
25	CLASS_OF_RECORD	Class of Record	discrete	character-1	103284	0	-

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File Death_77

#1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	42483	41.1%
2	Rural	51675	50.0%
3	Estate	9126	8.8%

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#2 REVENUE_DISTRICT: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-24] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	20578	19.9%
2	Negombo	3002	2.9%
3	Kalutara	5505	5.3%
4	Kandy	10516	10.2%
5	Matale	2734	2.6%
6	Nuwara Eliya	3929	3.8%
7	Galle	5941	5.8%
8	Matara	4449	4.3%
9	Hambantota	2540	2.5%
10	Jaffna	5131	5.0%
11	Mannar	614	0.6%
12	Vavuniya	761	0.7%
13	Batticaloa	2631	2.5%
14	Ampara	2003	1.9%
15	Trincomalee	1127	1.1%
16	Kurunegala	7523	7.3%
17	Puttalam	858	0.8%
18	Chillaw	2211	2.1%
19	Anuradhapura	2964	2.9%
20	Polonnaruwa	1076	1.0%
21	Badulla	5430	5.3%
22	Monaragala	1381	1.3%
23	Ratnapura	6037	5.8%
24	Kegalle	4343	4.2%

File Death_77 (cont.)

#2 REVENUE_DISTRICT: District (cont.)

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#3 D_R_O_DIVISION: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		42188	40.8%
2		10059	9.7%
3		10425	10.1%
4		9271	9.0%
5		8692	8.4%
6		5302	5.1%
7		4775	4.6%
8		3027	2.9%
9		3069	3.0%
10		2464	2.4%
11		2950	2.9%
12		491	0.5%
13		43	0.0%
14		185	0.2%
15		309	0.3%
16		34	0.0%

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#4 REGISTRAR_DIVISI: Registrar's Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-59] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (68 Modalities)	

#5 TOWN: Town (Not Applicable)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-22] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=42483 /-] [Invalid=60801 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		29862	70.3%
2		3800	8.9%
3		1109	2.6%
4		2185	5.1%

File Death_77 (cont.)

#5 TOWN: Town (Not Applicable) (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
5		772	1.8%
6		343	0.8%
7		269	0.6%
8		726	1.7%
9		225	0.5%
10		219	0.5%
11		125	0.3%
12		690	1.6%
13		137	0.3%
14		176	0.4%
15		12	0.0%
17		112	0.3%
18		120	0.3%
19		104	0.2%
20		30	0.1%
21		22	0.1%
22		542	1.3%
23		644	1.5%
24		259	0.6%
Sysmiss		60801	

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#6 MONTH: Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	10642	10.3%
2	February	9496	9.2%
3	March	8797	8.5%
4	April	7562	7.3%
5	May	8360	8.1%
6	June	8081	7.8%
7	July	7868	7.6%
8	August	9759	9.4%
9	September	7793	7.5%
10	October	7911	7.7%
11	November	8181	7.9%
12	December	8834	8.6%

File Death_77 (cont.)

#6 MONTH: Month (cont.)

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#7 YEAR: Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 77-77] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
77		103284	100.0%

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#8 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	59110	57.2%
2	Female	44174	42.8%

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#9 ENTRY_NUMBER: Entry Number

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9999] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#10 RESIDENCE_TOWN: Town (Residence)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-47] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=1215 /-] [Invalid=102069 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		75	6.2%
2		206	17.0%
3		90	7.4%
4		189	15.6%
5		108	8.9%
6		62	5.1%
7		82	6.7%
8		31	2.6%
9		29	2.4%
10		3	0.2%
11		41	3.4%

File Death_77 (cont.)

#10 RESIDENCE_TOWN: Town (Residence) (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
12		33	2.7%
13		26	2.1%
15		14	1.2%
16		7	0.6%
18		35	2.9%
19		91	7.5%
21		61	5.0%
23		31	2.6%
24		1	0.1%
Sysmiss		102069	

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#11 DISTRICT_RESIDEN: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-24] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=641 /-] [Invalid=102643 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	82	12.8%
2	Negombo	55	8.6%
3	Kalutara	101	15.8%
4	Kandy	35	5.5%
5	Matale	58	9.0%
6	Nuwara Eliya	148	23.1%
7	Galle	24	3.7%
8	Matara	3	0.5%
9	Hambantota	11	1.7%
10	Jaffna	2	0.3%
11	Mannar	4	0.6%
12	Vavuniya	4	0.6%
13	Batticaloa	0	0.0%
14	Ampara	1	0.2%
15	Trincomalee	3	0.5%
16	Kurunegala	5	0.8%
17	Puttalam	0	0.0%
18	Chillaw	2	0.3%
19	Anuradhapura	15	2.3%
20	Polonnaruwa	12	1.9%
21	Badulla	17	2.7%
22	Monaragala	0	0.0%

File Death_77 (cont.)

#11 DISTRICT_RESIDEN: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
23	Ratnapura	9	1.4%
24	Kegalle	50	7.8%
Sysmiss		102643	

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#12 OUTSIDE_DIVISION: Within the Registrars Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-1] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	OUT	25405	24.6%
1	IN	77879	75.4%

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.

#13 DISTINGU_LETTER: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=45408 /-] [Invalid=57876 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		27	0.1%
1		8686	19.1%
2		474	1.0%
3		482	1.1%
4		11093	24.4%
5		5	0.0%
6		23790	52.4%
7		553	1.2%
8		25	0.1%
9		273	0.6%
Sysmiss		57876	

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#14 RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	70742	68.5%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	11765	11.4%

File Death_77 (cont.)

#14 RACE: Race (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
3	Sri lanka Moors	6922	6.7%
4	Burghers Eurasia	405	0.4%
5	Malays	249	0.2%
6	Veddah	8	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	12823	12.4%
8	Indian Moors	150	0.1%
9	Pakistan Tamil	1	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	0	0.0%
11	Europeans	16	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	98	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	19	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	86	0.1%

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#15 SINGLE_AGE: Single Age

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-125] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Definition	Single-Age & DMY-Code a) DMY-code = 1 & Single-Age = 000 (Lived only less than 24 hours) b) DMY-code = 1 & Single-Age = 001-030 (Lived only the number of days given in the Single-Age Field) c) DMY-code = 2 (Lived only the number of months given in the Single-Age Field) d) DMY-code = 3 (Lived only the numbers years given in the Single-Age field) e) DMY-code = 0 & Single-Age = 0 (Age of death is unspecified)

#16 DD_MM_YY_CODE: D/M/Y Code

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-3] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#17 DEATH_CODE: Death Code(Cause of Death)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-989] [Missing=*]

File Death_77 (cont.)

#17 DEATH_CODE: Death Code(Cause of Death) (cont.)

Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (551 Modalities)	

#18 SUB_GROUP: Sub Group

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=42971 /-] [Invalid=60313 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		4055	9.4%
1		7356	17.1%
2		7171	16.7%
3		171	0.4%
4		1591	3.7%
5		560	1.3%
6		1126	2.6%
7		186	0.4%
8		2722	6.3%
9		18033	42.0%
Sysmiss		60313	

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#19 DEATH_CODE_A: Antecedent and/or underline causes

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-379] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (136 Modalities)	

#20 SUB_GROUP_A: Sub Group A

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=32671 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
A		8549	26.2%
B		7128	21.8%
C		10394	31.8%
D		2144	6.6%
E		4456	13.6%

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File Death_77 (cont.)

#21 DEATH_CODE_B: Other Contributory Causes

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-50] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (47 Modalities)

#22 SUB_GROUP_B: Sub Group B

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=58276 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
A		13290	22.8%
B		5203	8.9%
C		9033	15.5%
D		7750	13.3%
E		18544	31.8%
F		4456	7.6%

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#23 OCCURANCE_MONTH: Occurance Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		10708	10.4%
2		8387	8.1%
3		8262	8.0%
4		8078	7.8%
5		8384	8.1%
6		8386	8.1%
7		8764	8.5%
8		8232	8.0%
9		7369	7.1%
10		8079	7.8%
11		8315	8.1%
12		10320	10.0%

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#24 DIED_IN_SAME_YEA: Died in same year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103090 /-] [Invalid=194 /-]

File Death_77 (cont.)

#24 DIED_IN_SAME_YEA: Died in same year (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Yes	9156	8.9%
1	No	93934	91.1%
Sysmiss		194	

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.

#25 CLASS_OF_RECORD: Class of Record

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=103284 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
D		103284	100.0%

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Documentation

Reports and analytical documents

Sri Lanka Vital Statistics - Deaths 1977 Study Documentation, "Documents\Reports\Sri Lanka Vital Statistics - Deaths 1977 Study Documentation.pdf"

Questionnaires

Questionnaire - Registration of Death, "Documents\Questionnaire\Questionnaire Death(1970-1990).pdf"

Technical documents

Data Dictionary, "Documents\Technical\Data Dictionary of RG Death 1971-1979.pdf"