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Vital Statistics - Deaths - 1979

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Overview

Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGD-1979-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 1979 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 1979-01-01 end 1979-12-31
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

Access Authority	Registrar General (Registrar General's Department) , www.rgd.gov.lk , rg@rgd.gov.lk
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Files Description

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Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Death_79	
# Cases	94244
# Variable(s)	25
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to the Return of Death Form 1979.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 25 variable(s)

File Death_79							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SECTOR	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	94244	0	-
2	REVENUE_DISTRICT	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	94244	0	-
3	D_R_O_DIVISION	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	94244	0	-
4	REGISTRAR_DIV	Registrar's Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	94244	0	-
5	TOWN	Town (Not Applicable)	discrete	numeric-2.0	40833	53411	-
6	MONTH	Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	94244	0	-
7	YEAR	Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	94244	0	-
8	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	94244	0	-
9	ENTRY_NUMBER	Entry Number	discrete	numeric-4.0	94243	1	-
10	RESIDENCE_TOWN	Town (Residence)	discrete	numeric-2.0	42	94202	-
11	DISTRICT_RESIDEN	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	1213	93031	-
12	OUTSIDE_DIVISION	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	94244	0	-
13	DISTINGU_LETTER	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	44367	49877	-
14	RACE	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	94244	0	-
15	SINGLE_AGE	Single Age	discrete	numeric-3.0	94244	0	-
16	DD_MM_YY_CODE	D/M/Y Code	discrete	numeric-1.0	94244	0	-
17	DEATH_CODE	Death Code(Cause of Death)	discrete	numeric-3.0	94244	0	-
18	SUB_GROUP	Sub Group	discrete	numeric-1.0	36802	57442	-
19	DEATH_CODE_A	Antecedent and/or underline causes	discrete	numeric-3.0	94244	0	-
20	SUB_GROUP_A	Sub Group A	discrete	character-1	29124	0	-
21	DEATH_CODE_B	Other Contributory Causes	discrete	numeric-2.0	94244	0	-
22	SUB_GROUP_B	Sub Group B	discrete	character-1	53288	0	-
23	OCCURANCE_MONTH	Occurance Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	94244	0	-
24	DIED_IN_SAME_YEA	Died in same year	discrete	numeric-1.0	94009	235	-
25	CLASS_OF_RECORD	Class of Record	discrete	character-1	94244	0	-

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File Death_79

#1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	40833	43.3%
2	Rural	45462	48.2%
3	Estate	7949	8.4%

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.

#2 REVENUE_DISTRICT: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-24] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	14822	15.7%
2	Negombo	2897	3.1%
3	Kalutara	4867	5.2%
4	Kandy	9584	10.2%
5	Matale	2024	2.1%
6	Nuwara Eliya	3592	3.8%
7	Galle	5472	5.8%
8	Matara	4041	4.3%
9	Hambantota	1917	2.0%
10	Jaffna	4276	4.5%
11	Mannar	486	0.5%
12	Vavuniya	412	0.4%
13	Batticaloa	2716	2.9%
14	Ampara	1864	2.0%
15	Trincomalee	1107	1.2%
16	Kurunegala	6905	7.3%
17	Puttalam	744	0.8%
18	Chillaw	1902	2.0%
19	Anuradhapura	2710	2.9%
20	Polonnaruwa	904	1.0%
21	Badulla	5448	5.8%
22	Monaragala	1110	1.2%
23	Ratnapura	5281	5.6%
24	Kegalle	3787	4.0%

File Death_79 (cont.)

#2 REVENUE_DISTRICT: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
25	Mullativu	247	0.3%
26	Gampaha	5129	5.4%

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#3 D_R_O_DIVISION: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		39552	42.0%
2		9157	9.7%
3		9215	9.8%
4		8947	9.5%
5		7191	7.6%
6		4685	5.0%
7		3668	3.9%
8		3164	3.4%
9		1978	2.1%
10		1569	1.7%
11		2780	2.9%
12		696	0.7%
13		283	0.3%
14		458	0.5%
15		584	0.6%
16		317	0.3%

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#4 REGISTRAR_DIVISI: Registrar's Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-59] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [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=40833 /-] [Invalid=53411 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		22439	55.0%

File Death_79 (cont.)

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

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
2		2633	6.4%
3		1307	3.2%
4		1211	3.0%
5		903	2.2%
6		305	0.7%
7		1222	3.0%
8		304	0.7%
9		531	1.3%
10		377	0.9%
11		229	0.6%
12		438	1.1%
13		8934	21.9%
Sysmiss		53411	

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#6 MONTH: Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	8890	9.4%
2	February	7638	8.1%
3	March	8339	8.8%
4	April	7408	7.9%
5	May	7880	8.4%
6	June	7526	8.0%
7	July	7628	8.1%
8	August	7627	8.1%
9	September	7222	7.7%
10	October	8020	8.5%
11	November	7909	8.4%
12	December	8157	8.7%

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#7 YEAR: Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 79-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

File Death_79 (cont.)

#7 YEAR: Year (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
79		94244	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 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	54207	57.5%
2	Female	40037	42.5%

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#9 ENTRY_NUMBER: Entry Number

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9999] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94243 /-] [Invalid=1 /-]

#10 RESIDENCE_TOWN: Town (Residence)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-47] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=42 /-] [Invalid=94202 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		11	26.2%
2		4	9.5%
3		4	9.5%
4		4	9.5%
5		3	7.1%
6		2	4.8%
7		1	2.4%
8		3	7.1%
9		5	11.9%
19		1	2.4%
21		1	2.4%
23		1	2.4%
79		2	4.8%
Sysmiss		94202	

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File Death_79 (cont.)

#11 DISTRICT_RESIDEN: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-24] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=1213 /-] [Invalid=93031 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	76	6.3%
2	Negombo	7	0.6%
3	Kalutara	27	2.2%
4	Kandy	20	1.6%
5	Matale	64	5.3%
6	Nuwara Eliya	257	21.2%
7	Galle	41	3.4%
8	Matara	16	1.3%
9	Hambantota	195	16.1%
10	Jaffna	6	0.5%
11	Mannar	2	0.2%
12	Vavuniya	29	2.4%
13	Batticaloa	4	0.3%
14	Ampara	25	2.1%
15	Trincomalee	4	0.3%
16	Kurunegala	45	3.7%
17	Puttalam	25	2.1%
18	Chillaw	29	2.4%
19	Anuradhapura	18	1.5%
20	Polonnaruwa	43	3.5%
21	Badulla	15	1.2%
22	Monaragala	117	9.6%
23	Ratnapura	18	1.5%
24	Kegalle	127	10.5%
25	Mullativu	0	0.0%
26	Gampaha	3	0.2%
Sysmiss		93031	

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#12 OUTSIDE_DIVISION: Within the Registrars Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-1] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	OUT	25774	27.3%
1	IN	68470	72.7%

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 Death_79 (cont.)

#13 DISTINGU_LETTER: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=44367 /-] [Invalid=49877 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		68	0.2%
1		8845	19.9%
2		366	0.8%
3		258	0.6%
4		10201	23.0%
5		24	0.1%
6		24204	54.6%
7		302	0.7%
9		99	0.2%
Sysmiss		49877	

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#14 RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	65345	69.3%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	10653	11.3%
3	Sri lanka Moors	6296	6.7%
4	Burghers Eurasia	395	0.4%
5	Malays	197	0.2%
6	Veddah	14	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	11103	11.8%
8	Indian Moors	38	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	2	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	0	0.0%
11	Europeans	20	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	44	0.0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	55	0.1%
14	Unknown Race	82	0.1%

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#15 SINGLE_AGE: Single Age

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-125] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

File Death_79 (cont.)

#15 SINGLE_AGE: Single Age (cont.)

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=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#17 DEATH_CODE: Death Code(Cause of Death)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-989] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (558 Modalities)

#18 SUB_GROUP: Sub Group

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=36802 /-] [Invalid=57442 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		3943	10.7%
1		5956	16.2%
2		5373	14.6%
3		178	0.5%
4		1987	5.4%
5		337	0.9%
6		594	1.6%
7		191	0.5%
8		1952	5.3%
9		16291	44.3%
Sysmiss		57442	

File Death_79 (cont.)

#18 SUB_GROUP: Sub Group (cont.)

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.

#19 DEATH_CODE_A: Antecedent and/or underline causes

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-379] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [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=29124 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
A		7855	27.0%
B		5457	18.7%
C		8732	30.0%
D		1444	5.0%
E		5636	19.4%

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#21 DEATH_CODE_B: Other Contributory Causes

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-50] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (48 Modalities)	

#22 SUB_GROUP_B: Sub Group B

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=53288 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
A		12329	23.1%
B		3645	6.8%
C		7871	14.8%
D		6371	12.0%
E		17436	32.7%
F		5636	10.6%

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File Death_79 (cont.)

#23 OCCURANCE_MONTH: Occurance Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		8464	9.0%
2		7277	7.7%
3		8096	8.6%
4		7634	8.1%
5		7865	8.3%
6		7606	8.1%
7		7838	8.3%
8		7521	8.0%
9		7393	7.8%
10		7513	8.0%
11		8737	9.3%
12		8300	8.8%

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#24 DIED_IN_SAME_YEA: Died in same year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=94009 /-] [Invalid=235 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Yes	7784	8.3%
1	No	86225	91.7%
Sysmiss		235	

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=94244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
D		94244	100.0%

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Documentation

Reports and analytical documents

Sri Lanka Vital Statistics - Deaths 1979 Study Documentation, "Documents\Reports\Sri Lanka Vital Statistics - Deaths 1979 Study Documentation.pdf"

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