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Sri Lanka (1982)
Vital Statistics - Deaths - 1982 (RGD - 1982)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGD-1982-v1.0
Version	Production Date: 2008-09-18 v1.0: Full edited dataset, original version for internal DPD use.
Series	<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 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.</p> <p>[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].</p> <p>Deaths are registered at the place of occurrence and not in the area of deceased.</p>
<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 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.</p> <p>[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].</p> <p>Deaths are registered at the place of occurrence and not in the area of the deceased.]</p>	
Kind of Data	Administrative records data [adm]
Unit of Analysis	Death of individual

Scope & Coverage

Scope

The scope of the Registration of Death 1982 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]
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Geographic Coverage

National coverage.

Universe

Entire population of local individuals whose death has occurred 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 1982-01-01 end 1982-12-31
Data Collection Mode	Other [oth]
<u>Data Collection Notes</u> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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
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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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Confidentiality

The degree of confidentiality of this microdata set is determined by the Access Authority. Please refer to the Access Authority for further details.

Access Conditions

Please contact the Access Authority for Access Terms and Conditions.

Citation Requirements

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Rights & Disclaimer

Disclaimer

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Death_82	
# Cases	92244
# Variable(s)	26
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to the Return of Death Form 1982.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 26 variable(s)

File Death_82							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SECTOR	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	92244	0	-
2	REVENUE_DISTRICT	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
3	D_R_O_DIVISION	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
4	REGISTRAR_DIVISION	Registrar's Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
5	TOWN	Town (Not Applicable)	discrete	numeric-2.0	42718	49526	-
6	MONTH	Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
7	YEAR	Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
8	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	92244	0	-
9	ENTRY_NUMBER	Entry Number	discrete	numeric-4.0	92244	0	-
10	RESIDENCE_TOWN	Town (Residence)	discrete	numeric-2.0	10	92234	-
11	DISTRICT_RESIDENCE	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
12	OUTSIDE_DIVISION	Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	92244	0	-
13	DISTINGUISHING_LETTERS	Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-1.0	41048	51196	-
14	RACE	Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
15	SINGLE_AGE	Single Age	discrete	numeric-3.0	92244	0	-
16	DD_MM_YY_CODE	DD/M/Y Code	discrete	numeric-1.0	92244	0	-
17	DEATH_CODE	Death Code(Cause of Death)	discrete	numeric-3.0	92244	0	-
18	SUB_CLASSIFICATION	Sub Group	discrete	numeric-1.0	61136	31108	-
19	DEATH_CODE	Antecedent and/or underline causes	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
20	SUBA_CLASSIFICATION	Sub Group A	discrete	numeric-2.0	88552	3692	-
21	GROUP_CODE	Other Contributory Causes	discrete	numeric-1.0	80672	11572	-
22	SUBB_CLASSIFICATION	Sub Group B	discrete	numeric-2.0	42078	50166	-
23	OCCURANCE_MONTH	Occurance Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
24	DIED_IN_SAME_YEAR	Died in same year	discrete	numeric-1.0	91954	290	-
25	AGA_DIV_RESIDENCE	AGA Division of the Residence	discrete	numeric-2.0	92244	0	-
26	CLASS_OF_RECORD	Class of Record	discrete	numeric-1.0	0	92244	-

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File Death_82

#1 SECTOR: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	42718	46.3%
2	Rural	45288	49.1%
3	Estate	4238	4.6%

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=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	16932	18.4%
2	Negombo	2844	3.1%
3	Kalutara	4940	5.4%
4	Kandy	8189	8.9%
5	Matale	2270	2.5%
6	Nuwara Eliya	2200	2.4%
7	Galle	5403	5.9%
8	Matara	4282	4.6%
9	Hambantota	1985	2.2%
10	Jaffna	4443	4.8%
11	Mannar	554	0.6%
12	Vavuniya	548	0.6%
13	Batticaloa	1991	2.2%
14	Ampara	1676	1.8%
15	Trincomalee	1143	1.2%
16	Kurunegala	7356	8.0%
17	Puttalam	820	0.9%
18	Chillaw	1875	2.0%
19	Anuradhapura	2881	3.1%
20	Polonnaruwa	972	1.1%
21	Badulla	4028	4.4%
22	Monaragala	958	1.0%
23	Ratnapura	4941	5.4%
24	Kegalle	3960	4.3%

File Death_82 (cont.)

#2 REVENUE_DISTRICT: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
25	Mullativu	306	0.3%
26	Gampaha	4747	5.1%

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#3 D_R_O_DIVISION: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		38381	41.6%
2		6359	6.9%
3		5986	6.5%
4		7106	7.7%
5		5873	6.4%
6		4990	5.4%
7		4518	4.9%
8		4478	4.9%
9		2053	2.2%
10		1941	2.1%
11		1995	2.2%
12		1589	1.7%
13		2142	2.3%
14		2089	2.3%
15		1015	1.1%
16		1646	1.8%
17		83	0.1%

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#4 REGISTRAR_DIVISI: Registrar's Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-59] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [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=42718 /-] [Invalid=49526 /-]		

File Death_82 (cont.)

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

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		22243	52.1%
2		1931	4.5%
3		1503	3.5%
4		1004	2.4%
5		1165	2.7%
6		560	1.3%
7		496	1.2%
8		910	2.1%
9		692	1.6%
10		272	0.6%
11		418	1.0%
12		1092	2.6%
13		10432	24.4%
Sysmiss		49526	

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=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	7721	8.4%
2	February	7028	7.6%
3	March	7828	8.5%
4	April	7057	7.7%
5	May	7500	8.1%
6	June	9080	9.8%
7	July	8237	8.9%
8	August	7903	8.6%
9	September	7191	7.8%
10	October	7107	7.7%
11	November	7563	8.2%
12	December	8029	8.7%

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#7 YEAR: Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 82-82] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		

File Death_82 (cont.)

#7 YEAR: Year (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
82		92244	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=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	54701	59.3%
2	Female	37543	40.7%

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.

#9 ENTRY_NUMBER: Entry Number

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-9999] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#10 RESIDENCE_TOWN: Town (Residence)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-47] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=10 /-] [Invalid=92234 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		1	10.0%
23		1	10.0%
81		1	10.0%
82		7	70.0%
Sysmiss		92234	

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#11 DISTRICT_RESIDEN: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	13738	14.9%
2	Negombo	2852	3.1%
3	Kalutara	5220	5.7%
4	Kandy	7666	8.3%
5	Matale	2266	2.5%

File Death_82 (cont.)

#11 DISTRICT_RESIDEN: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
6	Nuwara Eliya	2540	2.8%
7	Galle	5588	6.1%
8	Matara	4093	4.4%
9	Hambantota	2202	2.4%
10	Jaffna	4483	4.9%
11	Mannar	555	0.6%
12	Vavuniya	577	0.6%
13	Batticaloa	1816	2.0%
14	Ampara	1875	2.0%
15	Trincomalee	1192	1.3%
16	Kurunegala	7437	8.1%
17	Puttalam	990	1.1%
18	Chillaw	1999	2.2%
19	Anuradhapura	2847	3.1%
20	Polonnaruwa	1099	1.2%
21	Badulla	3923	4.3%
22	Monaragala	1090	1.2%
23	Ratnapura	5018	5.4%
24	Kegalle	4476	4.9%
25	Mullativu	304	0.3%
26	Gampaha	6335	6.9%
98		63	0.1%

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#12 OUTSIDE_DIVISION: Within the Registrars Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-1] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	OUT	25001	27.1%
1	IN	67243	72.9%

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#13 DISTINGU_LETTER: Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=41048 /-] [Invalid=51196 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		34	0.1%

File Death_82 (cont.)

#13 DISTINGU_LETTER: Distinguishing Letters (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		3845	9.4%
2		226	0.6%
3		945	2.3%
4		11968	29.2%
5		13	0.0%
6		23994	58.5%
7		17	0.0%
8		1	0.0%
9		5	0.0%
Sysmiss		51196	

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#14 RACE: Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	67901	73.6%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	10430	11.3%
3	Sri Lanka Moors	6190	6.7%
4	Burghers Eurasia	360	0.4%
5	Malays	191	0.2%
6	Veddah	16	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	6969	7.6%
8	Indian Moors	32	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	2	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	6	0.0%
11	Europeans	31	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	34	0.0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	12	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	70	0.1%

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#15 SINGLE_AGE: Single Age

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-125] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Definition	Single-Age & DMY-Code

File Death_82 (cont.)

#15 SINGLE_AGE: Single Age (cont.)

- 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=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#17 DEATH_CODE: Death Code(Cause of Death)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-989] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (914 Modalities)

#18 SUB_CLASSIFICATI: Sub Group

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=61136 /-] [Invalid=31108 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		6128	10.0%
1		11706	19.1%
2		1091	1.8%
3		5755	9.4%
4		568	0.9%
5		1534	2.5%
6		4863	8.0%
7		219	0.4%
8		1588	2.6%
9		27684	45.3%
Sysmiss		31108	

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File Death_82 (cont.)

#19 DEATHA_CODE: Antecedent and/or underline causes

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-379] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (55 Modalities)	

#20 SUBA_CLASSIFI_A: Sub Group A

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=88552 /-] [Invalid=3692 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		10657	12.0%
1		10777	12.2%
2		1393	1.6%
3		2405	2.7%
4		912	1.0%
5		20398	23.0%
6		4386	5.0%
7		916	1.0%
8		1124	1.3%
10		359	0.4%
11		127	0.1%
12		2	0.0%
13		43	0.0%
20		32	0.0%
21		3895	4.4%
31		73	0.1%
90		15544	17.6%
91		6586	7.4%
92		7183	8.1%
93		15	0.0%
94		1712	1.9%
95		13	0.0%
Sysmiss		3692	

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#21 GROUP_CODE: Other Contributory Causes

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-50] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=80672 /-] [Invalid=11572 /-]

File Death_82 (cont.)

#21 GROUP_CODE: Other Contributory Causes (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		7652	9.5%
2		4073	5.0%
3		3151	3.9%
4		12863	15.9%
5		41809	51.8%
6		5519	6.8%
7		5605	6.9%
Sysmiss		11572	

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#22 SUBB_CLASSIFI_B: Sub Group B

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=42078 /-] [Invalid=50166 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		5740	13.6%
1		5759	13.7%
2		858	2.0%
3		2239	5.3%
4		80	0.2%
5		19365	46.0%
6		4339	10.3%
7		903	2.1%
8		1051	2.5%
90		1224	2.9%
91		520	1.2%
Sysmiss		50166	

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.

#23 OCCURANCE_MONTH: Occurance Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		8179	8.9%
2		7048	7.6%
3		7472	8.1%
4		7608	8.2%
5		8005	8.7%

File Death_82 (cont.)

#23 OCCURANCE_MONTH: Occurance Month (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
6		8129	8.8%
7		8201	8.9%
8		7812	8.5%
9		6631	7.2%
10		7433	8.1%
11		7510	8.1%
12		8216	8.9%

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.

#24 DIED_IN_SAME_YEA: Died in same year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=91954 /-] [Invalid=290 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Yes	7469	8.1%
1	No	84485	91.9%
Sysmiss		290	

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 AGA_DIV_RESIDENC: AGA Division of the Residence

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=92244 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		24244	26.3%
2		8128	8.8%
3		7947	8.6%
4		8458	9.2%
5		9480	10.3%
6		6588	7.1%
7		4975	5.4%
8		5352	5.8%
9		2638	2.9%
10		2488	2.7%
11		1932	2.1%
12		1955	2.1%
13		2608	2.8%
14		2184	2.4%
15		1339	1.5%

File Death_82 (cont.)

#25 AGA_DIV_RESIDENC: AGA Division of the Residence (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
16		1767	1.9%
17		98	0.1%
98		63	0.1%

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.

#26 CLASS_OF_RECORD: Class of Record

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 /-] [Invalid=92244 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
Sysmiss		92244	

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