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Vital Statistics - Deaths - 1991

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Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGD-1991-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 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 1991 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 contributions

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 1991-01-01 end 1991-12-31
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 occured 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 occured in a particular month.

The Additional District Registrars receive the returns from all Divisional Secretariate 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
Contact(s)	Statstical Division (Registrar General's Department) , www.rgd.gov.lk , ddstat@rgd.gov.lk

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Death_91	
# Cases	95574
# Variable(s)	24
File Content The file contains the data related to Return of Deaths form 1991.	
Producer Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 24 variable(s)

File Death_91

#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SEC	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	95574	0	-
2	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	95574	0	-
3	DIS	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
4	AGAD	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
5	RGDV	Registrar's Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
6	SUBDV	Town (Not Applicable)	discrete	numeric-2.0	47022	48552	-
7	MON	Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
8	YER	Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
9	SHEETN	Sheet Number	discrete	numeric-2.0	95548	26	-
10	ENTNO	1. No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	95573	1	-
11	DDAY	2. Date of Death - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
12	DMON	2. Date of Death - Month	continuous	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
13	DYER	2. Date of Death - Year	continuous	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
14	DAGA	3. AGA Division	continuous	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
15	DDIS	5. District	continuous	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
16	INOUT	6.Within the Registrars Division	continuous	numeric-1.0	95574	0	-
17	PLDEATH	4.Place of Death	continuous	numeric-1.0	43779	51795	-
18	RACE	8. Race	continuous	numeric-2.0	95574	0	-
19	DAGED	Age at Death - In days	discrete	numeric-2.0	4601	90973	-
20	DAGEM	Age at Death - In months	discrete	numeric-2.0	1713	93861	-
21	DAGEY	Age at Death - In years	discrete	numeric-3.0	89260	6314	-
22	CAUSEL	16.Immeadiate cause	discrete	character-1	15706	0	-
23	CAUSEN	17.Antecedent and or Undelying cause	discrete	numeric-3.0	95574	0	-
24	CAUSEP	18.Other contributions	discrete	numeric-1.0	65867	29707	-

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File Death_91

#1 SEC: Sector

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	47022	49.2%
2	Rural	44187	46.2%
3	Estate	4365	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 SEX: Sex

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	59250	62.0%
2	Female	36324	38.0%

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.

#3 DIS: District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-27] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	17215	18.0%
2	Negombo	2707	2.8%
3	Kalutara	5011	5.2%
4	Kandy	7463	7.8%
5	Matale	1997	2.1%
6	Nuwara Eliya	4221	4.4%
7	Galle	5247	5.5%
8	Matara	4172	4.4%
9	Hambantota	2015	2.1%
10	Jaffna	4125	4.3%
11	Mannar	36	0.0%
12	Vavuniya	340	0.4%
13	Batticaloa	3043	3.2%
14	Ampara	2746	2.9%

File Death_91 (cont.)

#3 DIS: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
15	Trincomalee	996	1.0%
16	Kurunegala	7387	7.7%
17	Puttalam	970	1.0%
18	Chillaw	2256	2.4%
19	Anuradhapura	3216	3.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	1385	1.4%
21	Badulla	3599	3.8%
22	Monaragala	1101	1.2%
23	Ratnapura	4441	4.6%
24	Kegalle	3575	3.7%
25	Mullativu	372	0.4%
26	Gampaha	5383	5.6%
27	Kilinochchi	555	0.6%

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#4 AGAD: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-23] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		38124	39.9%
2		7650	8.0%
3		5141	5.4%
4		6095	6.4%
5		6555	6.9%
6		4757	5.0%
7		4216	4.4%
8		4523	4.7%
9		3204	3.4%
10		3187	3.3%
11		1542	1.6%
12		1330	1.4%
13		1681	1.8%
14		2132	2.2%
15		2222	2.3%
16		935	1.0%
17		886	0.9%
18		294	0.3%
19		273	0.3%

File Death_91 (cont.)

#4 AGAD: AGA Division (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
20		155	0.2%
21		367	0.4%
22		205	0.2%
23		100	0.1%

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#5 RGDV: Registrar's Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-79] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (80 Modalities)

#6 SUBDV: Town (Not Applicable)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=47022 /-] [Invalid=48552 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		30481	64.8%
2		5253	11.2%
3		1898	4.0%
4		1367	2.9%
5		1187	2.5%
6		1872	4.0%
7		1601	3.4%
8		1465	3.1%
9		440	0.9%
10		411	0.9%
11		658	1.4%
12		233	0.5%
13		118	0.3%
14		38	0.1%
Sysmiss		48552	

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 MON: Month

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

File Death_91 (cont.)

#7 MON: Month (cont.)

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	8925	9.3%
2	February	8257	8.6%
3	March	8308	8.7%
4	April	7187	7.5%
5	May	7535	7.9%
6	June	8050	8.4%
7	July	8203	8.6%
8	August	7665	8.0%
9	September	7821	8.2%
10	October	7768	8.1%
11	November	7706	8.1%
12	December	8149	8.5%

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 YER: Year

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 91-91] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
91		95574	100.0%

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#9 SHEETN: Sheet Number

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-80] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95548 /-] [Invalid=26 /-]

Frequency table not shown (82 Modalities)

#10 ENTNO: 1. No. of Registration Entry

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9999] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95573 /-] [Invalid=1 /-]

#11 DDAY: 2. Date of Death - Day

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-31] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (31 Modalities)

File Death_91 (cont.)

#12 DMON: 2. Date of Death - Month

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	8792	9.2%
2	February	7858	8.2%
3	March	7809	8.2%
4	April	7999	8.4%
5	May	7512	7.9%
6	June	7793	8.2%
7	July	7996	8.4%
8	August	8102	8.5%
9	September	7204	7.5%
10	October	7437	7.8%
11	November	7941	8.3%
12	December	9131	9.6%

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.

#13 DYER: 2. Date of Death - Year

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 60-91] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#14 DAGA: 3. AGA Division

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

#15 DDIS: 5. District

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	13895	14.5%
2	Negombo	2755	2.9%
3	Kalutara	5309	5.6%
4	Kandy	6781	7.1%
5	Matale	2151	2.3%
6	Nuwara Eliya	4679	4.9%
7	Galle	5388	5.6%

File Death_91 (cont.)

#15 DDIS: 5. District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
8	Matara	4047	4.2%
9	Hambantota	2379	2.5%
10	Jaffna	4151	4.3%
11	Mannar	43	0.0%
12	Vavuniya	359	0.4%
13	Batticaloa	3024	3.2%
14	Ampara	2893	3.0%
15	Trincomalee	1049	1.1%
16	Kurunegala	7426	7.8%
17	Puttalam	1024	1.1%
18	Chillaw	2385	2.5%
19	Anuradhapura	3322	3.5%
20	Polonnaruwa	1495	1.6%
21	Badulla	3615	3.8%
22	Monaragala	1193	1.2%
23	Ratnapura	4746	5.0%
24	Kegalle	4083	4.3%
25	Mullativu	381	0.4%
26	Gampaha	6439	6.7%
27	Kilinochchi	562	0.6%

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#16 INOUT: 6.Within the Registrars Division

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-1] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	OUT	28720	30.1%
1	IN	66854	69.9%

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#17 PLDEATH: 4.Place of Death

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=43779 /-] [Invalid=51795 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	EL	75	0.2%
1	EO	3010	6.9%
2	NE	360	0.8%

File Death_91 (cont.)

#17 PLDEATH: 4.Place of Death (cont.)

| Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
3	H	957	2.2%
4	J	14046	32.1%
5	OH	10	0.0%
6	OHEL	24718	56.5%
7	OHEO	578	1.3%
8	HEL	5	0.0%
9	HEO	20	0.0%

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#18 RACE: 8. Race

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

| Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	70411	73.7%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	12262	12.8%
3	Sri lanka Moors	6314	6.6%
4	Burghers Eurasia	299	0.3%
5	Malays	195	0.2%
6	Veddah	7	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	5936	6.2%
8	Indian Moors	24	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	2	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	4	0.0%
11	Europeans	16	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	21	0.0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	62	0.1%
14	Unknown Race	21	0.0%

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#19 DAGED: Age at Death - In days

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-29] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=4601 /-] [Invalid=90973 /-]

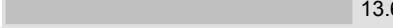| Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		1662	36.1%
2		627	13.6%
3		535	11.6%
4		334	7.3%
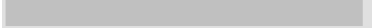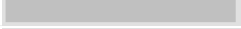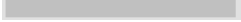
File Death_91 (cont.)

#19 DAGED: Age at Death - In days (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
5		252	5.5%
6		147	3.2%
7		172	3.7%
8		89	1.9%
9		81	1.8%
10		82	1.8%
11		59	1.3%
12		53	1.2%
13		41	0.9%
14		68	1.5%
15		46	1.0%
16		39	0.8%
17		44	1.0%
18		26	0.6%
19		19	0.4%
20		36	0.8%
21		45	1.0%
22		19	0.4%
23		24	0.5%
24		17	0.4%
25		21	0.5%
26		10	0.2%
27		18	0.4%
28		15	0.3%
29		20	0.4%
Sysmiss		90973	

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#20 DAGEM: Age at Death - In months

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-11] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=1713 /-] [Invalid=93861 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		260	15.2%
2		240	14.0%
3		233	13.6%
4		154	9.0%
5		173	10.1%
6		154	9.0%

File Death_91 (cont.)

#20 DAGEM: Age at Death - In months (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
7		122	7.1%
8		129	7.5%
9		90	5.3%
10		100	5.8%
11		58	3.4%
Sysmiss		93861	

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#21 DAGEY: Age at Death - In years

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-119] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=89260 /-] [Invalid=6314 /-]

#22 CAUSEL: 16.Immeadiate cause

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=15706 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
E		15706	100.0%

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#23 CAUSEN: 17.Antecedent and or Undelying cause

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-999] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=95574 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (915 Modalities)

#24 CAUSEP: 18.Other contributions

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=65867 /-] [Invalid=29707 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		5579	8.5%
1		10098	15.3%
2		1144	1.7%
3		4391	6.7%
4		1808	2.7%
5		1534	2.3%
6		4212	6.4%

File Death_91 (cont.)	- 15 -

#24 CAUSEP: 18.Other contributions (cont.)			
Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
7		369	0.6%
8		6789	10.3%
9		29943	45.5%
Sysmiss		29707	

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Documentation

Reports and analytical documents

Study Documentation RGD 1991 Project, "Documents\Reports\Study Documentation RGD 1991 Project.pdf"

Questionnaires

Questionnaire - Registration of Death, "Documents\Questionnaire\Questionnaire-Death.pdf"

Technical documents

Data Dictionary, "Documents\Technical\Data Dictionary of Death_91-96.pdf"