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Sri Lanka (1997)
Vital Statistics - Deaths - 1997 (RGD - 1997)

Overview	
Type	Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]
Identification	LKA-RGD-RGD-1997-v1.0
Version	Production Date: 2008-06-17 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> 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	
<p><u>Scope</u></p> <p>The scope of the Registration of Death 1997 include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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]
<p><u>Geographic Coverage</u></p> <p>National coverage.</p>	
<p><u>Universe</u></p> <p>Entire population of local individuals whose death has occurred in Sri Lanka.</p>	

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 1997-01-01 end 1997-12-31
Data Collection Mode	Other [oth]
<p><u>Data Collection Notes</u></p> <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 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
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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

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Citation Requirements

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

Death_97	
# Cases	114591
# Variable(s)	24
<u>File Content</u> The file contains the data related to Return of Deaths form 1997.	
<u>Producer</u> Registrar General's Department	

Variables List

Dataset contains 24 variable(s)

File Death_97							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SEC	Sector	discrete	numeric-1.0	114591	0	-
2	SEX	Sex	discrete	numeric-1.0	114591	0	-
3	DIS	District	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
4	AGAD	AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
5	RGDV	Registrar's Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
6	SUBDV	Town (Not Applicable)	discrete	numeric-2.0	60070	54521	-
7	MON	Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
8	YER	Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
9	SHEETN	Sheet Number	discrete	numeric-2.0	114574	17	-
10	ENTNO	1. No. of Registration Entry	discrete	numeric-4.0	114590	1	-
11	DDAY	2. Date of Death - Day	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
12	DMON	2. Date of Death - Month	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
13	DYER	2. Date of Death - Year	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
14	DAGA	3. AGA Division	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
15	DDIS	5. District	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
16	INOUT	6. Within the Registrars Division	discrete	numeric-1.0	114591	0	-
17	PLDEATH	4. Place of Death	discrete	numeric-1.0	114591	0	-
18	DISTIN	7. Distinguishing Letters	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
19	RACE	8. Race	discrete	numeric-2.0	114591	0	-
20	DAGED	Age at Death - In days	discrete	numeric-2.0	4280	110311	-
21	DAGEM	Age at Death - In months	discrete	numeric-2.0	1435	113156	-
22	DAGEY	Age at Death - In years	discrete	numeric-3.0	108876	5715	-
23	CAUSEL	Cause of Death - Three character category	discrete	character-3	114591	0	-
24	CAUSEP	18. Other contributions	discrete	numeric-1.0	75702	38889	-

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File Death_97

#1 SEC: Sector

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Urban	60070	52.4%
2	Rural	50237	43.8%
3	Estate	4284	3.7%

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.

#2 SEX: Sex

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

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Male	71995	62.8%
2	Female	42596	37.2%

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=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	19976	17.4%
2	Gampaha	10304	9.0%
3	Kalutara	5867	5.1%
4	Kandy	8745	7.6%
5	Matale	2470	2.2%
6	Nuwaraeliya	4307	3.8%
7	Galle	6694	5.8%
8	Matara	4872	4.3%
9	Hambantota	2319	2.0%
10	Jaffna	2882	2.5%
11	Mannar	519	0.5%
12	Vavuniya	1124	1.0%
13	Batticaloa	1941	1.7%
14	Ampara	1965	1.7%

File Death_97 (cont.)

#3 DIS: District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
15	Trincomalee	1354	1.2%
16	Kurunegala	8527	7.4%
17	Puttalam	3661	3.2%
19	Anuradapura	4077	3.6%
20	Polonnaruwa	1829	1.6%
21	Badulla	6304	5.5%
22	Monaragala	1304	1.1%
23	Ratnapura	5099	4.4%
24	Kegalle	4278	3.7%
25	Mullaitivu	1894	1.7%
27	Kilinochchi	2279	2.0%

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.

#4 AGAD: AGA Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-26] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		42859	37.4%
2		10420	9.1%
3		6081	5.3%
4		6183	5.4%
5		7235	6.3%
6		4203	3.7%
7		5664	4.9%
8		4785	4.2%
9		5144	4.5%
10		5242	4.6%
11		2443	2.1%
12		2522	2.2%
13		2647	2.3%
14		2519	2.2%
15		2376	2.1%
16		1309	1.1%
17		1145	1.0%
18		444	0.4%
19		212	0.2%
20		175	0.2%
21		401	0.3%

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File Death_97 (cont.)

#4 AGAD: AGA Division (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
22		257	0.2%
23		119	0.1%
24		70	0.1%
25		74	0.1%
26		62	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.

#5 RGDV: Registrar's Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-80] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (81 Modalities)	

#6 SUBDV: Town (Not Applicable)

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-15] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=60070 /-] [Invalid=54521 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		36482	60.7%
2		7116	11.8%
3		3072	5.1%
4		1667	2.8%
5		1801	3.0%
6		2565	4.3%
7		1378	2.3%
8		1287	2.1%
9		1553	2.6%
10		344	0.6%
11		284	0.5%
12		894	1.5%
13		1243	2.1%
14		110	0.2%
15		274	0.5%
Sysmiss		54521	

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=*]
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File Death_97 (cont.)

#7 MON: Month (cont.)

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	10575	9.2%
2	February	9350	8.2%
3	March	9260	8.1%
4	April	8828	7.7%
5	May	9058	7.9%
6	June	9395	8.2%
7	July	9183	8.0%
8	August	9974	8.7%
9	September	9437	8.2%
10	October	8701	7.6%
11	November	9994	8.7%
12	December	10836	9.5%

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= 97-99] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
97	Year_1997	114591	100.0%
98	Year_1998	0	0.0%
99	Year_1999	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.

#9 SHEETN: Sheet Number

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-99] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=114574 /-] [Invalid=17 /-]

Frequency table not shown (101 Modalities)

#10 ENTNO: 1. No. of Registration Entry

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9999] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=114590 /-] [Invalid=1 /-]

#11 DDAY: 2. Date of Death - Day

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-31] [Missing=*]

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File Death_97 (cont.)

#11 DDAY: 2. Date of Death - Day (cont.)

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Frequency table not shown (31 Modalities)

#12 DMON: 2. Date of Death - Month

Information [Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-12] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	January	10563	9.2%
2	February	9001	7.9%
3	March	9340	8.2%
4	April	8892	7.8%
5	May	9272	8.1%
6	June	8991	7.8%
7	July	9640	8.4%
8	August	10413	9.1%
9	September	9068	7.9%
10	October	9377	8.2%
11	November	9508	8.3%
12	December	10526	9.2%

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= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 72-98] [Missing=*]

Statistics [NW/ W] [Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
72		1	0.0%
74		1	0.0%
75		2	0.0%
76		3	0.0%
77		3	0.0%
78		2	0.0%
79		2	0.0%
80		6	0.0%
81		5	0.0%
82		6	0.0%
83		5	0.0%
84		18	0.0%
85		119	0.1%

File Death_97 (cont.)

#13 DYER: 2. Date of Death - Year (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
86		217	0.2%
87		222	0.2%
88		366	0.3%
89		1696	1.5%
90		858	0.7%
91		215	0.2%
92		204	0.2%
93		193	0.2%
94		347	0.3%
95		573	0.5%
96		7710	6.7%
97		101817	88.9%

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 DAGA: 3. AGA Division

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		28983	25.3%
2		10458	9.1%
3		8578	7.5%
4		8222	7.2%
5		8298	7.2%
6		6329	5.5%
7		5500	4.8%
8		6376	5.6%
9		6257	5.5%
10		5705	5.0%
11		3037	2.7%
12		3126	2.7%
13		3165	2.8%
14		2926	2.6%
15		2590	2.3%
16		1456	1.3%
17		984	0.9%
18		438	0.4%
19		352	0.3%
20		195	0.2%

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File Death_97 (cont.)

#14 DAGA: 3. AGA Division (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
21		571	0.5%
22		336	0.3%
23		108	0.1%
24		169	0.1%
25		40	0.0%
26		103	0.1%
98		289	0.3%

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.

#15 DDIS: 5. District

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-98] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Colombo	14801	12.9%
2	Gampaha	11760	10.3%
3	Kalutara	6511	5.7%
4	Kandy	8099	7.1%
5	Matale	2604	2.3%
6	Nuwaraeliya	4739	4.1%
7	Galle	6737	5.9%
8	Matara	5074	4.4%
9	Hambantota	2781	2.4%
10	Jaffna	2799	2.4%
11	Mannar	536	0.5%
12	Vavuniya	1007	0.9%
13	Batticaloa	1828	1.6%
14	Ampara	2319	2.0%
15	Trincomalee	1315	1.1%
16	Kurunegala	9047	7.9%
17	Puttalam	4032	3.5%
19	Anuradapura	4284	3.7%
20	Polonnaruwa	1971	1.7%
21	Badulla	5719	5.0%
22	Monaragala	2038	1.8%
23	Ratnapura	5552	4.8%
24	Kegalle	5208	4.5%
25	Mullaitivu	1585	1.4%
27	Kilinochchi	1951	1.7%

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File Death_97 (cont.)

#15 DDIS: 5. District (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
98		294	0.3%

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.

#16 INOUT: 6. Within the Registrars Division

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-1] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0	Out	40774	35.6%
1	In	73817	64.4%

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.

#17 PLDEATH: 4. Place of Death

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-2] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Hospital	47939	41.8%
2	Other	66652	58.2%

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.

#18 DISTIN: 7. Distinguishing Letters

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	EI	4744	4.1%
2	EO	371	0.3%
3	NE	109476	95.5%

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.

#19 RACE: 8. Race

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-14] [Missing=*]		
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]		
Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1	Sinhalese	86328	75.3%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	14597	12.7%

File Death_97 (cont.)

#19 RACE: 8. Race (cont.)

Value (cont.)	Label	Cases	Percentage
3	Sri lanka Moors	6566	5.7%
4	Burghers Eurasia	338	0.3%
5	Malays	216	0.2%
6	Veddah	4	0.0%
7	Indian Tamil	6300	5.5%
8	Indian Moors	5	0.0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	9	0.0%
10	Pakistan Moors	9	0.0%
11	Europeans	15	0.0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	12	0.0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	34	0.0%
14	Unknown Race	158	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.

#20 DAGED: Age at Death - In days

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-29] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=4280 /-] [Invalid=110311 /-]
Frequency table not shown (31 Modalities)	

#21 DAGEM: Age at Death - In months

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-11] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=1435 /-] [Invalid=113156 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
1		230	16.0%
2		215	15.0%
3		216	15.1%
4		133	9.3%
5		126	8.8%
6		119	8.3%
7		89	6.2%
8		97	6.8%
9		77	5.4%
10		78	5.4%
11		55	3.8%
Sysmiss		113156	

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File Death_97 (cont.)

#22 DAGEY: Age at Death - In years

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-120] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=108876 /-] [Invalid=5715 /-]
Frequency table not shown (119 Modalities)	

#23 CAUSEL: Cause of Death - Three character category

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=character] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=114591 /-] [Invalid=0 /-]
Frequency table not shown (2055 Modalities)	

#24 CAUSEP: 18.Other contributions

Information	[Type= discrete] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-9] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=75702 /-] [Invalid=38889 /-]

Value	Label	Cases	Percentage
0		4723	6.2%
1		1741	2.3%
2		7716	10.2%
3		3703	4.9%
4		1606	2.1%
5		257	0.3%
6		1290	1.7%
7		270	0.4%
8		847	1.1%
9		53549	70.7%
Sysmiss		38889	

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