

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Deaths - 1997

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-RGD-1997-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Deaths - 1997

### COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Sri Lanka	LKA

### STUDY TYPE

Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]

### SERIES INFORMATION

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.

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### ABSTRACT

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### KIND OF DATA

Administrative records data [adm]

### UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Death of individual

## Version

### VERSION DESCRIPTION

v1.0: Full edited dataset, original version for internal DPD use.

### VERSION DATE

2008-06-17

## Scope

### NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Death 1997 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

Topic	Vocabulary	URI
DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION [14]	CESSDA	<a href="#">Link</a>

## Coverage

## GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage.

## UNIVERSE

Entire population of local individuals whose death has occurred in Sri Lanka.

## Producers and sponsors

## PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

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Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department	Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs

## PRODUCERS

Name	Role
Divisional Secretariats	Data Collection

## FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation
Government of Sri Lanka	GOSL

## Data Collection

## DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
1997-01-01	1997-12-31

## 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 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 COLLECTORS

Name	Affiliation
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

## Access policy

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Registrar General's Department	RGD	Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs	Providing Metadata

## DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2008-06-17

## DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

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**Data Dictionary**

Data file	Cases	Variables
<b>Death_97</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Deaths form 1997.	114591	24