

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Marriages - 1978

**Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department**

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-RGM-1978-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Marriages - 1978

### COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Sri Lanka	LKA

### STUDY TYPE

Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]

### SERIES INFORMATION

The computerization of marriage statistics is a continuous process where the event by event data are collected on a monthly basis and the final outputs (reports) are produced annually for dissemination.

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.

### ABSTRACT

Vital Statistics cover Births, Deaths, Still births and Marriages which are called vital events. The source for the collection of data for the preparation of Vital statistics is the certificate issued to the respondent when the registration of the occurrence of the vital event is done. Maintaining Vital statistics is an Administrative record keeping operation and is a continuous process where the event by event data are collected on a monthly basis and the final outputs (reports) are produced annually for dissemination.

The computerization of vital statistics came into being after the arrival of computers to the Department of Census and Statistics in 1960's.

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.

### KIND OF DATA

Administrative records data [adm]

### UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Each marriage registered within the month

## Version

### VERSION DESCRIPTION

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

### VERSION DATE

2008-08-14

## Scope

### NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Marriage 1978 include :

- District
- Division
- Name of Registrar
- Month & Year

-Whether General, Kandyan or Muslim  
 -Registration Entry Number  
 -Village or Locality(Male)  
 -Race(Male)  
 -Whether Bachelor, Widower or Divorcee(Male)  
 -Age(Male)  
 -Was Register signed with a Mark or in Letters(Male)  
 -Village or Locality(Female)  
 -Race(Female)  
 -Whether Bachelor, Widower or Divorcee(Female)  
 -Age(Female)  
 -Was Register signed with a Mark or in Letters(Female)  
 -Remarks

## TOPICS

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

## Coverage

## GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage.

## UNIVERSE

Marriages and divorces recorded by the representatives of the Registrar Generals Office.

## Producers and sponsors

## PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
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
1978-01-01	1978-12-31

## DATA COLLECTION MODE

Other [oth]

**DATA COLLECTION NOTES**

A respondent from the general public reports the event to a local representative - (a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in the case of deaths and marriages or an officer in a public or private maternity home) and obtains a certificate from him. The Registrar/officer produces a monthly return from the vital event records (different formats for each type of event) and send it to the collection centre of the Additional District Registrar who in turn channels the returns to the Statistics Division of the Registrar General's office for data processing purposes.

**DATA COLLECTORS**

Name	Affiliation
Registrars of Berths, Deaths & Marriages	Registrar General's Department
Additional District Registrar	Registrar General's Department
Statistical Division - Registrar General Office	Registrar General's Department

**Access policy****CONTACTS**

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"Registrar General's Department,Vital Statistics (Marriages) - 1978, Version 1.0 of the public use dataset ( August 2008 )"

**ACCESS AUTHORITY**

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Registrar General	Registrar General's Department	rg@rgd.gov.lk	www.rgd.gov.lk

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Registrar General's Department	RGD	Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs	Data Collection

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**Data Dictionary**

Data file	Cases	Variables
<b>Marriages 1978</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Marriages form 1978.	119006	18



**Data file: Marriages 1978**

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Cases: 119006

Variables: 18

**Variables**

ID	Name	Label	Question
V145	DISTRICT	District	
V146	YEAR	Year	
V147	MONTH	Month	
V148	GENR_KAND_MUSL	Marriage Category	
V149	REGISTRATION_DIV	Registrar's Division	
V150	CODE_OF_REGISTRA	Code of Registrar	
V151	ENTRY_NUMBER	1. No. of Registration Entry	
V152	M1_RACE	3. Race(Male)	
V153	M2_CIVIL_CONDITI	4. Whether Bachelor,Widower or Divorcee(Male)	
V154	M3_AGE	5. Age(Male)	
V155	M4_SIGNED_MK_LT	6. Register signed with a mark or in letters (Male)	
V156	F1_RACE	8. Race(Female)	
V157	F2_CIVIL_CONDITI	9. Whether Spinster,Widower or Divorcee(Female)	
V158	F3_AGE	10. Age(Female)	
V159	F4_SIGNED_MR_LT	11. Register signed with a mark or in letters (Female)	
V160	SOLEMN_REG_MINI	12. Solemnized by Registrar or Minister	
V161	RMTAPE	RMTAPE	
V162	CLASS_OF_RECORD	CLASS_OF_RECORD	

Total: 18





**DISTRICT: District****Data file: Marriages 1978****Overview**

Valid: 119006    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 24  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 24    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	22952	19.3%
2	Negombo	2921	2.5%
3	Kalutara	6659	5.6%
4	Kandy	10959	9.2%
5	Matale	3098	2.6%
6	Nuwara Eliya	3929	3.3%
7	Galle	6311	5.3%
8	Matara	4774	4%
9	Hambantota	3284	2.8%
10	Jaffna	5373	4.5%
11	Mannar	1023	0.9%
12	Vavuniya	931	0.8%
13	Batticloa	1538	1.3%
14	Ampara	2554	2.1%
15	Trincomalee	2128	1.8%
16	Kurunegala	10569	8.9%
17	Puttalam	1602	1.3%
18	Chillaw	2503	2.1%
19	Anuradhapura	4904	4.1%
20	Polonnaruwa	1923	1.6%
21	Badulla	5388	4.5%
22	Monaragala	1994	1.7%
23	Ratnapura	6058	5.1%
24	Kegalle	5631	4.7%

**YEAR: Year****Data file: Marriages 1978**

**Overview**

Valid: 119006 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 78 Maximum: 78  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 78 - 78 Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
78		119006	100%

**MONTH: Month**

Data file: Marriages 1978

**Overview**

Valid: 119006 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 12  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	9336	7.8%
2	February	9081	7.6%
3	March	11810	9.9%
4	April	7411	6.2%
5	May	11953	10%
6	June	12526	10.5%
7	July	10043	8.4%
8	August	9334	7.8%
9	September	10677	9%
10	October	9714	8.2%
11	November	8720	7.3%
12	December	8401	7.1%

**GENR\_KAND\_MUSL: Marriage Category**

Data file: Marriages 1978

**Overview**

Valid: 119006 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 3  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	General	95543	80.3%
2	Kandyan	13433	11.3%
3	Muslim	10030	8.4%

## REGISTRATION\_DIV: Registrar's Division

Data file: Marriages 1978

### Overview

Valid: 119006   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 28  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 0 - 39   Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		6782	5.7%
1		44871	37.7%
2		11446	9.6%
3		10562	8.9%
4		9679	8.1%
5		7569	6.4%
6		4606	3.9%
7		6081	5.1%
8		4241	3.6%
9		2647	2.2%
10		2208	1.9%
11		1234	1%
12		1711	1.4%
13		343	0.3%
14		368	0.3%
15		694	0.6%
16		2747	2.3%
18		1044	0.9%
19		95	0.1%
20		1	0%

23		2	0%
27		12	0%
28		63	0.1%

## CODE\_OF\_REGISTRA: Code of Registrar

Data file: Marriages 1978

### Overview

Valid: 119006   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 74  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 0 - 67   Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		1166	1%
1		16628	14%
2		11521	9.7%
3		8469	7.1%
4		6363	5.3%
5		2748	2.3%
6		3294	2.8%
7		5308	4.5%
8		3095	2.6%
9		2458	2.1%
10		3204	2.7%
11		1961	1.6%
12		1860	1.6%
13		2394	2%
14		2264	1.9%
15		2057	1.7%
16		2010	1.7%
17		1512	1.3%
18		1892	1.6%
19		1631	1.4%
20		1756	1.5%
21		1952	1.6%
22		1673	1.4%
23		1580	1.3%

24		1351	1.1%
25		1332	1.1%
26		1559	1.3%
27		977	0.8%
28		1385	1.2%
29		883	0.7%
30		1007	0.8%
31		853	0.7%
32		1497	1.3%
33		851	0.7%
34		1002	0.8%
35		679	0.6%
36		448	0.4%
37		715	0.6%
38		997	0.8%
39		824	0.7%
40		632	0.5%
41		588	0.5%
42		643	0.5%
43		665	0.6%
44		724	0.6%
45		581	0.5%
46		378	0.3%
47		532	0.4%
48		450	0.4%
49		210	0.2%
50		375	0.3%
51		272	0.2%
52		430	0.4%
53		223	0.2%
54		289	0.2%
55		436	0.4%
56		327	0.3%
57		272	0.2%
58		545	0.5%
59		303	0.3%
60		257	0.2%
61		889	0.7%
62		990	0.8%

63		952	0.8%
64		215	0.2%
65		177	0.1%
66		143	0.1%
67		210	0.2%
68		123	0.1%
69		137	0.1%
70		142	0.1%
71		57	0%
72		113	0.1%
73		203	0.2%
74		367	0.3%

## ENTRY\_NUMBER: 1. No. of Registration Entry

Data file: Marriages 1978

### Overview

Valid: 119006    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 9999  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 4    Range: 0 - 9999    Format: Numeric

## M1\_RACE: 3. Race(Male)

Data file: Marriages 1978

### Overview

Valid: 119006    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 13  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 14    Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	88033	74%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	10059	8.5%
3	Sri lanka Moors	9775	8.2%
4	Burghers Eurasia	348	0.3%
5	Malays	353	0.3%
6	Veddah	0	0%
7	Indian Tamil	10149	8.5%
8	Indian Moors	11	0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	0	0%

10	Pakistan Moors	0	0%
11	Europeans	70	0.1%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	166	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	42	0%
14	Unknown Race	0	0%

## M2\_CIVIL\_CONDITI: 4. Whether Bachelor,Widower or Divorcee(Male)

Data file: Marriages 1978

### Overview

Valid: 119006 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 3  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Bachelor	117003	98.3%
2	Widower	1170	1%
3	Divorcee	833	0.7%

## M3\_AGE: 5. Age(Male)

Data file: Marriages 1978

### Overview

Valid: 119006 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 16 Maximum: 94  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 16 - 90 Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
16		1	0%
17		16	0%
18		142	0.1%
19		382	0.3%
20		1496	1.3%
21		4091	3.4%
22		10540	8.9%
23		11871	10%



24		13052	11%
25		10761	9%
26		10598	8.9%
27		9123	7.7%
28		10786	9.1%
29		6534	5.5%
30		7452	6.3%
31		3829	3.2%
32		4029	3.4%
33		2470	2.1%
34		2108	1.8%
35		2227	1.9%
36		1134	1%
37		838	0.7%
38		1093	0.9%
39		528	0.4%
40		765	0.6%
41		245	0.2%
42		349	0.3%
43		198	0.2%
44		171	0.1%
45		335	0.3%
46		148	0.1%
47		135	0.1%
48		218	0.2%
49		88	0.1%
50		199	0.2%
51		72	0.1%
52		125	0.1%
53		58	0%
54		71	0.1%
55		115	0.1%
56		53	0%
57		58	0%
58		67	0.1%
59		17	0%
60		85	0.1%
61		22	0%
62		33	0%

63		22	0%
64		18	0%
65		67	0.1%
66		18	0%
67		13	0%
68		27	0%
69		5	0%
70		40	0%
71		4	0%
72		8	0%
73		3	0%
74		4	0%
75		13	0%
76		7	0%
77		2	0%
78		7	0%
79		1	0%
80		6	0%
81		1	0%
82		3	0%
83		2	0%
84		1	0%
85		3	0%
86		1	0%
90		1	0%
94		1	0%

#### M4\_SIGNED\_MK\_LT: 6. Register signed with a mark or in letters (Male)

Data file: Marriages 1978

#### Overview

Valid: 119006    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 2  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 2    Format: Numeric

#### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Mark	2134	1.8%

2	Letters	116872	98.2%
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## F1\_RACE: 8. Race(Female)

Data file: Marriages 1978

### Overview

Valid: 119006 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 13  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 14 Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	88492	74.4%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	9936	8.3%
3	Sri lanka Moors	9686	8.1%
4	Burghers Eurasia	359	0.3%
5	Malays	400	0.3%
6	Veddah	1	0%
7	Indian Tamil	9961	8.4%
8	Indian Moors	4	0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	0	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	0	0%
11	Europeans	36	0%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	111	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	20	0%
14	Unknown Race	0	0%

## F2\_CIVIL\_CONDITI: 9. Whether Spinster,Widower or Divorcee(Female)

Data file: Marriages 1978

### Overview

Valid: 119006 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 3  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Spinster	117634	98.8%

2	Widower	761	0.6%
3	Divorcee	611	0.5%

### F3\_AGE: 10. Age(Female)

Data file: Marriages 1978

#### Overview

Valid: 119006    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 12    Maximum: 92  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 12 - 92    Format: Numeric

#### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
12		2	0%
13		9	0%
14		139	0.1%
15		353	0.3%
16		1309	1.1%
17		2605	2.2%
18		9803	8.2%
19		7998	6.7%
20		10537	8.9%
21		16959	14.3%
22		19699	16.6%
23		10486	8.8%
24		8365	7%
25		6130	5.2%
26		5309	4.5%
27		3986	3.3%
28		4192	3.5%
29		2095	1.8%
30		2446	2.1%
31		1082	0.9%
32		1138	1%
33		702	0.6%
34		568	0.5%
35		689	0.6%
36		310	0.3%

37		228	0.2%
38		302	0.3%
39		120	0.1%
40		258	0.2%
41		85	0.1%
42		128	0.1%
43		80	0.1%
44		61	0.1%
45		164	0.1%
46		50	0%
47		53	0%
48		110	0.1%
49		35	0%
50		85	0.1%
51		30	0%
52		34	0%
53		14	0%
54		28	0%
55		68	0.1%
56		27	0%
57		13	0%
58		25	0%
59		6	0%
60		34	0%
61		3	0%
62		2	0%
63		5	0%
64		3	0%
65		14	0%
66		5	0%
67		3	0%
68		7	0%
70		5	0%
71		2	0%
73		1	0%
74		3	0%
75		2	0%
81		1	0%
92		1	0%

**F4\_SIGNED\_MR\_LT: 11. Register signed with a mark or in letters (Female)****Data file: Marriages 1978****Overview**

Valid: 108976   Invalid: 10030   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 2  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 1 - 2   Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Mark	5614	5.2%
2	Letters	103362	94.8%
Sysmiss		10030	

**SOLEMNI\_REG\_MINI: 12. Solemnized by Registrar or Minister****Data file: Marriages 1978****Overview**

Valid: 108976   Invalid: 10030   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 2  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 1 - 2   Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Registrar	104250	95.7%
2	Minister	4726	4.3%
Sysmiss		10030	

**RMTAPE: RMTAPE****Data file: Marriages 1978****Overview**

Valid: 0   Invalid: 0  
 Type: Discrete   Width: 1   Range: -   Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category
R	RMTAPE

## CLASS\_OF\_RECORD: CLASS\_OF\_RECORD

Data file: Marriages 1978

### Overview

Valid: 119006    Invalid: 0  
 Type: Discrete    Width: 1    Range: -    Format: character

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
M		119006	100%

# Download related resources

## Questionnaires

### Return of Marriages - Form 1970

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Title      Return of Marriages - Form 1970  
Filename Marriages\_Form.pdf

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## Reports

### Study Documentation RGM 1978 Project

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Title      Study Documentation RGM 1978 Project  
Country   Sri Lanka  
Filename Study Documentation RGM 1978 Project.pdf

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## Technical documents

### Data Dictionary

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Title      Data Dictionary  
Filename Data Dictionary Marriages 1970-1990.pdf

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