

Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Marriages - 1998

Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department

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TITLE

Vital Statistics - Marriages - 1998

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.

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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

2008-08-15

Scope

NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Marriage 1998 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	Link

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
1998-01-01	1998-12-31

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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CITATION REQUIREMENTS

"Registrar General's Department,Vital Statistics (Marriages) - 1998, 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
Marriages 1998 The file contains the data related to Return of Marriages form 1998.	186568	20

Data file: Marriages 1998

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Cases: 186568

Variables: 20

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V163	MON	Month	
V164	YER	Year	
V165	TYPMAR	Marriage Category	
V166	DIS	District	
V167	RDIV	Registrar's Division	
V168	ROFF	ROFF	
V169	SHEETN	Sheet Number	
V170	ENTNO	Entry Number	
V171	MDAY	Married - Day	
V172	MMON	Married - Month	
V173	MYER	Married - Year	
V174	RACEMAL	Race(Male)	
V175	MALST	Whether Bachelor,Widower or Divorcee(Male)	
V176	MALAGE	Age(Male)	
V177	MALMARK	Register signed with a mark or in letters (Male)	
V178	RACEFEM	Race(Female)	
V179	FEMST	Whether Spinster,Widower or Divorcee(Male)	
V180	FEMAGE	Age(Female)	
V181	FEMARK	Register signed with a mark or in letters (Female)	
V182	OTH	OTH	

Total: 20

MON: Month**Data file: Marriages 1998****Overview**

Valid: 186568 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	16517	8.9%
2	February	9647	5.2%
3	March	15370	8.2%
4	April	11698	6.3%
5	May	20817	11.2%
6	June	16790	9%
7	July	14488	7.8%
8	August	15347	8.2%
9	September	14976	8%
10	October	15801	8.5%
11	November	16041	8.6%
12	December	19076	10.2%

YER: Year**Data file: Marriages 1998****Overview**

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 98 Maximum: 98
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 98 - 98 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
98		186568	100%

TYPMAR: Marriage Category**Data file: Marriages 1998**

Overview

Valid: 186568 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	161458	86.5%
2	Kandyan	8310	4.5%
3	Muslim	16800	9%

DIS: District

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 27
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 27 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	24612	13.2%
2	Gampaha	20722	11.1%
3	Kalutara	11282	6%
4	Kandy	13059	7%
5	Matale	4798	2.6%
6	Nuwara Eliya	6630	3.6%
7	Galle	9878	5.3%
8	Matara	7947	4.3%
9	Hambantota	5617	3%
10	Jaffna	2969	1.6%
11	Mannar	777	0.4%
12	Vavuniya	1223	0.7%
13	Batticloa	3310	1.8%
14	Ampara	4269	2.3%
15	Trincomalee	2855	1.5%
16	Kurunegala	16257	8.7%
17	Puttalam	7024	3.8%

19	Anuradhapura	8196	4.4%
20	Polonnaruwa	3939	2.1%
21	Badulla	7199	3.9%
22	Monaragala	3789	2%
23	Ratnapura	9470	5.1%
24	Kegalle	7980	4.3%
25	Mulativu	1515	0.8%
27	Kilinochchi	1251	0.7%

RDIV: Registrar's Division

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 0 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		186568	100%

ROFF: ROFF

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 51 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		186568	100%

SHEETN: Sheet Number

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186465 Invalid: 103 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 99

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		766	0.4%
1		9275	5%
2		6134	3.3%
3		5502	3%
4		5440	2.9%
5		5423	2.9%
6		5110	2.7%
7		5335	2.9%
8		4786	2.6%
9		4907	2.6%
10		4795	2.6%
11		4276	2.3%
12		4118	2.2%
13		3626	1.9%
14		3548	1.9%
15		3358	1.8%
16		3340	1.8%
17		3137	1.7%
18		3016	1.6%
19		3235	1.7%
20		2787	1.5%
21		2793	1.5%
22		2588	1.4%
23		2766	1.5%
24		2464	1.3%
25		2616	1.4%
26		2131	1.1%
27		2189	1.2%
28		2090	1.1%
29		2088	1.1%
30		1893	1%
31		2088	1.1%
32		1845	1%
33		1901	1%

34		1823	1%
35		1686	0.9%
36		1904	1%
37		1693	0.9%
38		1902	1%
39		1657	0.9%
40		1702	0.9%
41		1568	0.8%
42		1736	0.9%
43		1444	0.8%
44		1425	0.8%
45		1542	0.8%
46		1404	0.8%
47		1493	0.8%
48		1244	0.7%
49		1207	0.6%
50		1207	0.6%
51		1233	0.7%
52		1077	0.6%
53		1144	0.6%
54		1024	0.5%
55		1022	0.5%
56		1066	0.6%
57		975	0.5%
58		1024	0.5%
59		952	0.5%
60		999	0.5%
61		1038	0.6%
62		1029	0.6%
63		1017	0.5%
64		975	0.5%
65		862	0.5%
66		885	0.5%
67		938	0.5%
68		937	0.5%
69		823	0.4%
70		905	0.5%
71		679	0.4%
72		744	0.4%

73		820	0.4%
74		826	0.4%
75		913	0.5%
76		681	0.4%
77		817	0.4%
78		741	0.4%
79		717	0.4%
80		654	0.4%
81		643	0.3%
82		668	0.4%
83		616	0.3%
84		634	0.3%
85		677	0.4%
86		671	0.4%
87		612	0.3%
88		563	0.3%
89		513	0.3%
90		635	0.3%
91		610	0.3%
92		557	0.3%
93		510	0.3%
94		460	0.2%
95		514	0.3%
96		640	0.3%
97		465	0.2%
98		493	0.3%
99		464	0.2%
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ENTNO: Entry Number

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 9999
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 0 - 9982 Format: Numeric

MDAY: Married - Day

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 31
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 31 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		8271	4.4%
2		6174	3.3%
3		5986	3.2%
4		6694	3.6%
5		4944	2.6%
6		7706	4.1%
7		4561	2.4%
8		7162	3.8%
9		5338	2.9%
10		6067	3.3%
11		3954	2.1%
12		5342	2.9%
13		5699	3.1%
14		4126	2.2%
15		6552	3.5%
16		6291	3.4%
17		4983	2.7%
18		4809	2.6%
19		4885	2.6%
20		4808	2.6%
21		4618	2.5%
22		10155	5.4%
23		6515	3.5%
24		5038	2.7%
25		8869	4.8%
26		6943	3.7%
27		7832	4.2%
28		5394	2.9%
29		6471	3.5%
30		8414	4.5%
31		1967	1.1%

MMON: Married - Month**Data file: Marriages 1998****Overview**

Valid: 186568 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	16874	9%
2	February	9256	5%
3	March	15240	8.2%
4	April	11981	6.4%
5	May	21106	11.3%
6	June	16271	8.7%
7	July	14338	7.7%
8	August	15539	8.3%
9	September	14847	8%
10	October	15772	8.5%
11	November	15965	8.6%
12	December	19379	10.4%

MYER: Married - Year**Data file: Marriages 1998****Overview**

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 97 Maximum: 98
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 97 - 98 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
97		539	0.3%
98		186029	99.7%

RACEMAL: Race(Male)**Data file: Marriages 1998****Overview**

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 14
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 14 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	143720	77%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	16035	8.6%
3	Sri lanka Moors	16753	9%
4	Burghers Eurasia	435	0.2%
5	Malays	371	0.2%
6	Veddah	4	0%
7	Indian Tamil	8169	4.4%
8	Indian Moors	19	0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	5	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	39	0%
11	Europeans	747	0.4%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	34	0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	231	0.1%
14	Unknown Race	6	0%

MALST: Whether Bachelor,Widower or Divorcee(Male)**Data file: Marriages 1998****Overview**

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 4
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Bachelor	183607	98.4%
2	Widower	1364	0.7%
3	Divorcee	1509	0.8%
4	Another Marriage	88	0%

MALAGE: Age(Male)**Data file: Marriages 1998****Overview**

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 16 Maximum: 90
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 15 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
16		6	0%
17		31	0%
18		1172	0.6%
19		3244	1.7%
20		6592	3.5%
21		9845	5.3%
22		11355	6.1%
23		11994	6.4%
24		12996	7%
25		12512	6.7%
26		13546	7.3%
27		13721	7.4%
28		14659	7.9%
29		11039	5.9%
30		11793	6.3%
31		7829	4.2%
32		7805	4.2%
33		5761	3.1%
34		5073	2.7%
35		4328	2.3%
36		3302	1.8%
37		2765	1.5%
38		2786	1.5%
39		1826	1%
40		1633	0.9%
41		979	0.5%
42		1185	0.6%
43		813	0.4%

44		684	0.4%
45		696	0.4%
46		497	0.3%
47		469	0.3%
48		591	0.3%
49		388	0.2%
50		356	0.2%
51		244	0.1%
52		283	0.2%
53		202	0.1%
54		158	0.1%
55		179	0.1%
56		145	0.1%
57		114	0.1%
58		129	0.1%
59		76	0%
60		123	0.1%
61		70	0%
62		63	0%
63		42	0%
64		43	0%
65		67	0%
66		39	0%
67		39	0%
68		44	0%
69		13	0%
70		51	0%
71		16	0%
72		26	0%
73		17	0%
74		21	0%
75		18	0%
76		10	0%
77		11	0%
78		6	0%
79		6	0%
80		14	0%
81		6	0%
82		7	0%

83		1	0%
84		5	0%
85		6	0%
88		1	0%
89		1	0%
90		1	0%

MALMARK: Register signed with a mark or in letters (Male)

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 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	1750	0.9%
2	Letters	184818	99.1%

RACEFEM: Race(Female)

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 14
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 14 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	144278	77.3%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	15892	8.5%
3	Sri lanka Moors	16538	8.9%
4	Burghers Eurasia	356	0.2%
5	Malays	373	0.2%
6	Veddah	3	0%
7	Indian Tamil	8021	4.3%
8	Indian Moors	2	0%

9	Pakistan Tamil	2	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	95	0.1%
11	Europeans	746	0.4%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	58	0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	199	0.1%
14	Unknown Race	5	0%

FEMST: Whether Spinster, Widower or Divorcee(Male)

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 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	184237	98.8%
2	Widower	1174	0.6%
3	Divorcee	1157	0.6%

FEMAGE: Age(Female)

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 12 Maximum: 84
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 12 - 85 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
12		2	0%
13		8	0%
14		52	0%
15		156	0.1%
16		727	0.4%
17		1516	0.8%
18		19762	10.6%

19		16866	9%
20		16522	8.9%
21		15581	8.4%
22		13936	7.5%
23		13057	7%
24		12549	6.7%
25		11273	6%
26		10247	5.5%
27		9097	4.9%
28		8447	4.5%
29		5963	3.2%
30		6032	3.2%
31		3530	1.9%
32		3567	1.9%
33		2805	1.5%
34		2433	1.3%
35		2016	1.1%
36		1535	0.8%
37		1336	0.7%
38		1479	0.8%
39		851	0.5%
40		905	0.5%
41		506	0.3%
42		562	0.3%
43		429	0.2%
44		383	0.2%
45		397	0.2%
46		284	0.2%
47		241	0.1%
48		261	0.1%
49		166	0.1%
50		217	0.1%
51		102	0.1%
52		132	0.1%
53		84	0%
54		75	0%
55		67	0%
56		71	0%
57		39	0%

58		50	0%
59		29	0%
60		47	0%
61		28	0%
62		16	0%
63		13	0%
64		15	0%
65		32	0%
66		12	0%
67		6	0%
68		11	0%
69		4	0%
70		12	0%
71		2	0%
72		5	0%
73		3	0%
74		3	0%
75		5	0%
76		4	0%
77		1	0%
78		1	0%
82		1	0%
84		2	0%

FEMARK: Register signed with a mark or in letters (Female)

Data file: Marriages 1998

Overview

Valid: 186568 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	1920	1%
2	Letters	184648	99%

OTH: OTH**Data file: Marriages 1998****Overview**

Valid: 186568 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	General	184783	99%
2	Church	1785	1%

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Questionnaires

Return of Marriages - Form 1970

Title Return of Marriages - Form 1970
Filename Marriages_Form.pdf

Reports

Study Documentation RGM 1998 Project

Title Study Documentation RGM 1998 Project
Country Sri Lanka
Filename Study Documentation RGM 1998 Project.pdf

Other materials

TABLE 1.1 MARRIAGES OF MEN BY DISTRICT AND CIVIL CONDITION IN 1998 : ALL MARRIAGES

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TABLE 1.2 MARRIAGES OF WOMEN BYDISTRICT AND CIVIL CONDITION IN 1998: ALL MARRIAGES

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TABLE 1.3 MARRIAGES REGISTERED BY AGE OF BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM IN 1998 : ALL MARRIAGES

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TABLE 1.4 MEAN AGE AT MARRIAGE OF MEN BY DISTRICT ANDCIVIL CONDITION IN 1998: ALL MARRIAGES

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TABLE 1.5 MEAN AGE AT MARRIAGE OF WOMEN BY DISTRICT AND CIVIL CONDITION IN 1998 ALL MARRIAGES

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TABLE 1.6 MARRIAGES OF MEN BY AGE AND CIVIL CONDITION IN 1998 : ALL MARRIAGES

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TABLE 1.7 MARRIAGES OF WOMEN BY AGE AND CIVIL CONDITION IN 1998 : ALL MARRIAGES

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