

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Marriages - 2001

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

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-RGM-2001-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Marriages - 2001

### 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

2008-08-18

## Scope

### NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Marriage 2001 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
2001-01-01	2001-12-31

## 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

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## PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
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 2001</b> This file contains the information related to the Return of Marriages Form 2001	190988	18



**Data file: Marriages 2001**

This file contains the information related to the Return of Marriages Form 2001

Cases: 190988

Variables: 18

**Variables**

ID	Name	Label	Question
V183	DIS	District	
V184	MON	Month	
V185	YER	Year	
V186	TYPMAR	Marriage Category	
V187	SHEETN	Sheet Number	
V188	ENTNO	Entry Number	
V189	MDAY	Married - Day	
V190	MMON	Married - Month	
V191	MYER	Married - Year	
V192	RACEMAL	Race(Male)	
V193	MALST	Whether Bachelor,Widower or Divorcee(Male)	
V194	MALAGE	Age(Male)	
V195	MALMARK	Register signed with a mark or in letters (Male)	
V196	RACEFEM	Race(Female)	
V197	FEMST	Whether Spinster,Widower or Divorcee(Male)	
V198	FEMAGE	Age(Female)	
V199	FEMMARK	Register signed with a mark or in letters (Female)	
V200	OTH	OTH	

Total: 18





**DIS: District****Data file: Marriages 2001****Overview**

Valid: 190988    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 25  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 25    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Colombo	23073	12.1%
2	Gampaha	19898	10.4%
3	Kalutara	11299	5.9%
4	Kandy	13468	7.1%
5	Matale	4934	2.6%
6	Nuwara Eliya	6715	3.5%
7	Galle	10438	5.5%
8	Matara	7882	4.1%
9	Hambantota	6049	3.2%
10	Jaffna	3241	1.7%
11	Kilinochchi	1466	0.8%
12	Mannar	808	0.4%
13	Vavuniya	1444	0.8%
14	Mulativu	1711	0.9%
15	Bataloa	4358	2.3%
16	Ampara	6011	3.1%
17	Trincomalee	3001	1.6%
18	Kurunegala	15902	8.3%
19	Puttalm	7459	3.9%
20	Anuradapura	8597	4.5%
21	Polonnaruwa	3865	2%
22	Badulla	7733	4%
23	Monaragala	4087	2.1%
24	Ratnapura	9843	5.2%
25	Kegalle	7706	4%

**MON: Month****Data file: Marriages 2001**

**Overview**

Valid: 190988    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	21020	11%
2	February	10965	5.7%
3	March	16956	8.9%
4	April	11640	6.1%
5	May	22380	11.7%
6	June	19073	10%
7	July	15526	8.1%
8	August	18471	9.7%
9	September	15074	7.9%
10	October	16617	8.7%
11	November	12390	6.5%
12	December	10876	5.7%

**YER: Year****Data file: Marriages 2001****Overview**

Valid: 190988    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 1  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 1    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		190988	100%

**TYPMAR: Marriage Category****Data file: Marriages 2001****Overview**

Valid: 190988    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	165053	86.4%
2	Kandyan	8263	4.3%
3	Muslim	17672	9.3%

### SHEETN: Sheet Number

Data file: Marriages 2001

### Overview

Valid: 190976   Invalid: 12   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 99  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 0 - 99   Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		460	0.2%
1		5950	3.1%
2		5717	3%
3		5249	2.7%
4		5109	2.7%
5		4886	2.6%
6		4974	2.6%
7		4741	2.5%
8		4429	2.3%
9		4380	2.3%
10		4022	2.1%
11		3998	2.1%
12		3596	1.9%
13		3831	2%
14		3678	1.9%
15		3474	1.8%
16		3318	1.7%
17		3046	1.6%
18		2773	1.5%
19		2649	1.4%

20		2727	1.4%
21		2617	1.4%
22		2664	1.4%
23		2567	1.3%
24		2705	1.4%
25		2415	1.3%
26		2490	1.3%
27		2671	1.4%
28		2357	1.2%
29		2580	1.4%
30		2267	1.2%
31		2427	1.3%
32		2141	1.1%
33		2371	1.2%
34		2179	1.1%
35		1921	1%
36		2196	1.1%
37		1888	1%
38		1836	1%
39		1848	1%
40		1824	1%
41		1817	1%
42		1678	0.9%
43		1805	0.9%
44		1828	1%
45		1787	0.9%
46		1837	1%
47		1624	0.9%
48		1659	0.9%
49		1458	0.8%
50		1576	0.8%
51		1641	0.9%
52		1395	0.7%
53		1476	0.8%
54		1266	0.7%
55		1125	0.6%
56		1302	0.7%
57		1159	0.6%
58		1273	0.7%

59		1161	0.6%
60		1226	0.6%
61		1227	0.6%
62		1129	0.6%
63		1204	0.6%
64		1129	0.6%
65		1035	0.5%
66		1084	0.6%
67		1125	0.6%
68		951	0.5%
69		924	0.5%
70		913	0.5%
71		925	0.5%
72		802	0.4%
73		994	0.5%
74		920	0.5%
75		745	0.4%
76		804	0.4%
77		775	0.4%
78		750	0.4%
79		701	0.4%
80		811	0.4%
81		767	0.4%
82		690	0.4%
83		746	0.4%
84		797	0.4%
85		737	0.4%
86		670	0.4%
87		675	0.4%
88		771	0.4%
89		689	0.4%
90		546	0.3%
91		702	0.4%
92		647	0.3%
93		700	0.4%
94		699	0.4%
95		694	0.4%
96		631	0.3%
97		559	0.3%

98		638	0.3%
99		606	0.3%
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## ENTNO: Entry Number

Data file: Marriages 2001

### Overview

Valid: 190988    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 9999  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 4    Range: 0 - 9999    Format: Numeric

## MDAY: Married - Day

Data file: Marriages 2001

### Overview

Valid: 190988    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		5911	3.1%
2		5471	2.9%
3		6171	3.2%
4		7013	3.7%
5		5589	2.9%
6		5439	2.8%
7		4897	2.6%
8		5731	3%
9		5778	3%
10		5723	3%
11		6081	3.2%
12		7154	3.7%
13		4722	2.5%
14		5804	3%
15		5823	3%
16		4312	2.3%
17		3955	2.1%
18		10848	5.7%

19		5475	2.9%
20		5142	2.7%
21		5821	3%
22		8251	4.3%
23		4930	2.6%
24		4867	2.5%
25		12534	6.6%
26		7686	4%
27		7538	3.9%
28		4794	2.5%
29		7284	3.8%
30		7672	4%
31		2572	1.3%

## MMON: Married - Month

Data file: Marriages 2001

### Overview

Valid: 190988    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	21839	11.4%
2	February	10506	5.5%
3	March	16739	8.8%
4	April	11618	6.1%
5	May	22510	11.8%
6	June	18981	9.9%
7	July	15344	8%
8	August	18522	9.7%
9	September	14926	7.8%
10	October	16615	8.7%
11	November	12232	6.4%
12	December	11156	5.8%



**MYER: Married - Year****Data file: Marriages 2001****Overview**

Valid: 190988    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 99  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 99    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		599	0.3%
1		190376	99.7%
89		2	0%
95		1	0%
97		2	0%
98		2	0%
99		6	0%

**RACEMAL: Race(Male)****Data file: Marriages 2001****Overview**

Valid: 190988    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	143833	75.3%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	18982	9.9%
3	Sri lanka Moors	17528	9.2%
4	Burghers Eurasia	420	0.2%
5	Malays	358	0.2%
6	Veddah	2	0%
7	Indian Tamil	8454	4.4%
8	Indian Moors	13	0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	0	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	54	0%
11	Europeans	1069	0.6%

12	Other - Ind - Pak	98	0.1%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	177	0.1%
14	Unknown Race	0	0%

### MALST: Whether Bachelor, Widower or Divorcee(Male)

Data file: Marriages 2001

#### Overview

Valid: 190988    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	188051	98.5%
2	Widower	1108	0.6%
3	Divorcee	1667	0.9%
4	Another Marriage	162	0.1%

### MALAGE: Age(Male)

Data file: Marriages 2001

#### Overview

Valid: 190988    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 16    Maximum: 95  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 16 - 95    Format: Numeric

#### Questions and instructions

##### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
16		3	0%
17		30	0%
18		1318	0.7%
19		3701	1.9%
20		7535	3.9%
21		11128	5.8%
22		11073	5.8%
23		13011	6.8%
24		13362	7%

25		13089	6.9%
26		14040	7.4%
27		13038	6.8%
28		13288	7%
29		11920	6.2%
30		11658	6.1%
31		8885	4.7%
32		7283	3.8%
33		5757	3%
34		4606	2.4%
35		4187	2.2%
36		3282	1.7%
37		2627	1.4%
38		2514	1.3%
39		1816	1%
40		1798	0.9%
41		1256	0.7%
42		1267	0.7%
43		869	0.5%
44		762	0.4%
45		757	0.4%
46		576	0.3%
47		491	0.3%
48		501	0.3%
49		408	0.2%
50		395	0.2%
51		347	0.2%
52		305	0.2%
53		224	0.1%
54		219	0.1%
55		222	0.1%
56		179	0.1%
57		149	0.1%
58		136	0.1%
59		100	0.1%
60		123	0.1%
61		85	0%
62		80	0%
63		56	0%

64		70	0%
65		76	0%
66		42	0%
67		36	0%
68		45	0%
69		30	0%
70		43	0%
71		21	0%
72		22	0%
73		22	0%
74		16	0%
75		18	0%
76		18	0%
77		11	0%
78		11	0%
79		11	0%
80		10	0%
81		6	0%
82		5	0%
83		3	0%
84		3	0%
85		3	0%
86		2	0%
87		1	0%
88		3	0%
89		1	0%
90		2	0%
95		1	0%

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

**Data file: Marriages 2001**

### **Overview**

Valid: 190988    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	189751	99.4%
2	Letters	1237	0.6%

## RACEFEM: Race(Female)

Data file: Marriages 2001

### Overview

Valid: 190988    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	143917	75.4%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	19172	10%
3	Sri lanka Moors	17398	9.1%
4	Burghers Eurasia	390	0.2%
5	Malays	339	0.2%
6	Veddah	4	0%
7	Indian Tamil	8472	4.4%
8	Indian Moors	2	0%
9	Pakistan Tamil	0	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	36	0%
11	Europeans	1040	0.5%
12	Other - Ind - Pak	63	0%
13	Other Non Ind - Pak	155	0.1%
14	Unknown Race	0	0%

## FEMST: Whether Spinster,Widower or Divorcee(Male)

Data file: Marriages 2001

### Overview

Valid: 190988    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	188760	98.8%
2	Widower	1033	0.5%
3	Divorcee	1195	0.6%

## FEMAGE: Age(Female)

Data file: Marriages 2001

### Overview

Valid: 190988    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 10    Maximum: 85  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 10 - 85    Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
10		1	0%
12		2	0%
13		5	0%
14		21	0%
15		76	0%
16		488	0.3%
17		1048	0.5%
18		20011	10.5%
19		17532	9.2%
20		16787	8.8%
21		16235	8.5%
22		14335	7.5%
23		14172	7.4%
24		12960	6.8%
25		11455	6%
26		10351	5.4%
27		8886	4.7%
28		8192	4.3%
29		6220	3.3%
30		5933	3.1%
31		4018	2.1%
32		3560	1.9%
33		2729	1.4%

34		2264	1.2%
35		2023	1.1%
36		1580	0.8%
37		1396	0.7%
38		1380	0.7%
39		1021	0.5%
40		982	0.5%
41		710	0.4%
42		688	0.4%
43		537	0.3%
44		406	0.2%
45		413	0.2%
46		307	0.2%
47		302	0.2%
48		282	0.1%
49		221	0.1%
50		257	0.1%
51		175	0.1%
52		152	0.1%
53		139	0.1%
54		109	0.1%
55		108	0.1%
56		67	0%
57		57	0%
58		53	0%
59		50	0%
60		51	0%
61		24	0%
62		29	0%
63		26	0%
64		23	0%
65		28	0%
66		13	0%
67		17	0%
68		16	0%
69		6	0%
70		16	0%
71		10	0%
72		4	0%

73		8	0%
74		3	0%
75		7	0%
76		5	0%
77		2	0%
78		2	0%
79		1	0%
85		1	0%

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

Data file: Marriages 2001

### Overview

Valid: 190988    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	189764	99.4%
2	Letters	1224	0.6%

## OTH: OTH

Data file: Marriages 2001

### Overview

Valid: 190988    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	2338	1.2%
2	Church	188650	98.8%



## Download related resources

### Questionnaires

#### Return of Marriages - Form 1970

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### Reports

#### Study Documentation RGM 2001 Project

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 Country   Sri Lanka  
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### Other materials

#### TABLE 1.1 MARRIAGES OF MEN BY DISTRICT AND CIVIL CONDITION IN 2001 : ALL MARRIAGES

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#### TABLE 1.2 MARRIAGES OF WOMEN BYDISTRICT AND CIVIL CONDITION IN 2001: ALL MARRIAGES

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#### TABLE 1.3 MARRIAGES REGISTERED BY AGE OF BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM IN 2001 : ALL MARRIAGES

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