

# Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Marriages - 2005

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

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

LKA-RGD-RGM-2005-v1.0

### TITLE

Vital Statistics - Marriages - 2005

### 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

2009-03-04

## Scope

### NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Marriage 2005

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
2005-01-01	2005-12-31

## 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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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>Marriages2005</b> The file contains the data related to Return of Marriages form 2005.	181068	19



**Data file: Marriages2005**

The file contains the data related to Return of Marriages form 2005.

Cases: 181068

Variables: 19

**Variables**

ID	Name	Label	Question
V183	DIS	District	
V184	MON	Month	
V185	YER	Year	
V186	TYPMAR	Marriage Category	
V220	DSDIV	D.S. Division	
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: 19





**DIS: District****Data file: Marriages2005****Overview**

Valid: 181068    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 11    Maximum: 92  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 11 - 92    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
11	Colombo	20656	11.4%
12	Gampaha	17366	9.6%
13	Kalutara	11328	6.3%
21	Kandy	13127	7.2%
22	Matale	4276	2.4%
23	Nuwara Eliya	6831	3.8%
31	Galle	9922	5.5%
32	Matara	8201	4.5%
33	Hambantota	6443	3.6%
41	Jaffna	6041	3.3%
42	Mannar	892	0.5%
43	Vavuniya	1727	1%
44	Mulativu	1229	0.7%
45	Kilinochchi	1338	0.7%
51	Batticaloa	2756	1.5%
52	Ampara	5594	3.1%
53	Trincomalee	3253	1.8%
61	Kurunegala	14979	8.3%
62	Puttalam	6674	3.7%
71	Anuradhapura	8695	4.8%
72	Polonnaruwa	3983	2.2%
81	Badulla	7181	4%
82	Moneragala	3540	2%
91	Ratnapura	7874	4.3%
92	Kegalle	7162	4%

**MON: Month****Data file: Marriages2005**

## Overview

Valid: 181068 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	20610	11.4%
2	February	10500	5.8%
3	March	17604	9.7%
4	April	11289	6.2%
5	May	21751	12%
6	June	17560	9.7%
7	July	13936	7.7%
8	August	15859	8.8%
9	September	17114	9.5%
10	October	12412	6.9%
11	November	10728	5.9%
12	December	11705	6.5%

## YER: Year

Data file: Marriages2005

## Overview

Valid: 181068 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 4 Maximum: 7  
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 4 - 7 Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
4		730	0.4%
5		179184	99%
6		271	0.1%
7		883	0.5%

## TYPMAR: Marriage Category

Data file: Marriages2005

## Overview

Valid: 180657   Invalid: 411   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 3  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 1 - 3   Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	General	157018	86.9%
2	Kandyan	5920	3.3%
3	Muslim	17719	9.8%
Sysmiss		411	

## DSDIV: D.S. Division

Data file: Marriages2005

## Overview

Valid: 179890   Invalid: 1178  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: -   Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		43	0%
2		36	0%
3		19699	11%
4		82	0%
6		13417	7.5%
7		7	0%
8		24	0%
9		11727	6.5%
10		670	0.4%
11		5	0%
12		12954	7.2%
13		38	0%
15		14444	8%
16		8	0%
18		10294	5.7%
19		271	0.2%

21		10577	5.9%
22		2	0%
23		28	0%
24		9719	5.4%
25		533	0.3%
27		10131	5.6%
29		24	0%
30		10873	6%
31		1195	0.7%
33		11526	6.4%
34		187	0.1%
35		36	0%
36		8512	4.7%
37		7	0%
39		6336	3.5%
41		1	0%
42		4930	2.7%
45		3159	1.8%
46		20	0%
48		4175	2.3%
49		6	0%
51		2460	1.4%
53		20	0%
54		3309	1.8%
56		14	0%
57		1235	0.7%
59		26	0%
60		917	0.5%
61		15	0%
63		1203	0.7%
66		557	0.3%
69		156	0.1%
72		1149	0.6%
75		557	0.3%
78		791	0.4%
81		636	0.4%
83		6	0%
84		563	0.3%
87		580	0.3%

Sysmiss		1178	
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## SHEETN: Sheet Number

Data file: Marriages2005

### Overview

Valid: 180933    Invalid: 135    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 99  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 99    Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		189	0.1%
1		5263	2.9%
2		5341	3%
3		5214	2.9%
4		4930	2.7%
5		4450	2.5%
6		4356	2.4%
7		4097	2.3%
8		4167	2.3%
9		4232	2.3%
10		3753	2.1%
11		3728	2.1%
12		4048	2.2%
13		3663	2%
14		3508	1.9%
15		3401	1.9%
16		3154	1.7%
17		3161	1.7%
18		2967	1.6%
19		2920	1.6%
20		2755	1.5%
21		2788	1.5%
22		2826	1.6%
23		2615	1.4%
24		2604	1.4%
25		2483	1.4%

26		2477	1.4%
27		2453	1.4%
28		2414	1.3%
29		2249	1.2%
30		2212	1.2%
31		2067	1.1%
32		2205	1.2%
33		2091	1.2%
34		2053	1.1%
35		1796	1%
36		1843	1%
37		2024	1.1%
38		1702	0.9%
39		1650	0.9%
40		1803	1%
41		1699	0.9%
42		1808	1%
43		1599	0.9%
44		1674	0.9%
45		1594	0.9%
46		1764	1%
47		1436	0.8%
48		1525	0.8%
49		1341	0.7%
50		1505	0.8%
51		1431	0.8%
52		1467	0.8%
53		1362	0.8%
54		1251	0.7%
55		1388	0.8%
56		1166	0.6%
57		1256	0.7%
58		1242	0.7%
59		1184	0.7%
60		1098	0.6%
61		1152	0.6%
62		1074	0.6%
63		1077	0.6%
64		1108	0.6%

65		928	0.5%
66		865	0.5%
67		890	0.5%
68		850	0.5%
69		881	0.5%
70		718	0.4%
71		826	0.5%
72		778	0.4%
73		855	0.5%
74		753	0.4%
75		667	0.4%
76		784	0.4%
77		757	0.4%
78		656	0.4%
79		824	0.5%
80		668	0.4%
81		752	0.4%
82		765	0.4%
83		712	0.4%
84		632	0.3%
85		691	0.4%
86		567	0.3%
87		610	0.3%
88		636	0.4%
89		539	0.3%
90		557	0.3%
91		505	0.3%
92		581	0.3%
93		574	0.3%
94		581	0.3%
95		559	0.3%
96		545	0.3%
97		547	0.3%
98		508	0.3%
99		519	0.3%
Sysmiss		135	



**ENTNO: Entry Number****Data file: Marriages2005****Overview**

Valid: 181050    Invalid: 18    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 9999  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 4    Range: 0 - 9999    Format: Numeric

**MDAY: Married - Day****Data file: Marriages2005****Overview**

Valid: 180642    Invalid: 426    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 54  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 31    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		3701	2%
2		6172	3.4%
3		5810	3.2%
4		4574	2.5%
5		5239	2.9%
6		5869	3.2%
7		5718	3.2%
8		5499	3%
9		4933	2.7%
10		5857	3.2%
11		8721	4.8%
12		5623	3.1%
13		4948	2.7%
14		5913	3.3%
15		5970	3.3%
16		6599	3.7%
17		5705	3.2%
18		8644	4.8%
19		7357	4.1%
20		7186	4%
21		7861	4.4%
22		5178	2.9%
23		5683	3.1%

24		4630	2.6%
25		5355	3%
26		5031	2.8%
27		6413	3.6%
28		8254	4.6%
29		3804	2.1%
30		5373	3%
31		3004	1.7%
32		6	0%
33		4	0%
34		1	0%
35		1	0%
36		1	0%
37		1	0%
38		1	0%
39		1	0%
47		1	0%
54		1	0%
Sysmiss		426	

## MMON: Married - Month

Data file: Marriages2005

### Overview

Valid: 180845   Invalid: 223   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 30  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 1 - 12   Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		2	0%
1	January	19915	11%
2	February	10012	5.5%
3	March	17528	9.7%
4	April	11279	6.2%
5	May	21952	12.1%
6	June	18070	10%
7	July	13802	7.6%

8	August	15868	8.8%
9	September	17447	9.6%
10	October	12272	6.8%
11	November	10672	5.9%
12	December	11949	6.6%
13		3	0%
14		9	0%
15		9	0%
16		9	0%
17		1	0%
18		11	0%
19		8	0%
20		2	0%
21		3	0%
22		3	0%
23		5	0%
24		2	0%
25		1	0%
26		2	0%
28		6	0%
29		1	0%
30		2	0%
Sysmiss		223	

## MYER: Married - Year

Data file: Marriages2005

### Overview

Valid: 180844    Invalid: 224    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 99  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 0 - 99    Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		7	0%
1		1	0%
2		5	0%
3		21	0%

4		541	0.3%
5		180111	99.6%
6		126	0.1%
7		11	0%
8		1	0%
21		1	0%
23		1	0%
25		1	0%
26		1	0%
27		2	0%
29		1	0%
30		1	0%
32		2	0%
33		1	0%
35		1	0%
39		1	0%
40		3	0%
43		1	0%
89		1	0%
96		1	0%
99		1	0%
Sysmiss		224	

## RACEMAL: Race(Male)

Data file: Marriages2005

### Overview

Valid: 180714    Invalid: 354    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 42  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 14    Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	132392	73.3%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	20369	11.3%
3	Indian Tamil	8524	4.7%
4	Sri Lankan Moor	17842	9.9%
5	Burghers	274	0.2%

6	Malays	345	0.2%
7	Sri Lankan Chetty	56	0%
8	Bharatha	22	0%
9	Indian Moors	27	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	171	0.1%
11	Other Foreigners	653	0.4%
12	Other Sri Lankan	15	0%
13	Race Unknown	7	0%
32		2	0%
42		15	0%
Sysmiss		354	

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

Data file: Marriages2005

#### Overview

Valid: 180641    Invalid: 427    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 4  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 4    Format: Numeric

#### Questions and instructions

##### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Bachelor	177039	98%
2	Widower	1590	0.9%
3	Divorcee	1996	1.1%
4	Another Marriage	16	0%
Sysmiss		427	

### MALAGE: Age(Male)

Data file: Marriages2005

#### Overview

Valid: 180541    Invalid: 527    Minimum: 3    Maximum: 90  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 16 - 95    Format: Numeric

#### Questions and instructions

##### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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3		1	0%
15		3	0%
16		5	0%
17		6	0%
18		1007	0.6%
19		3219	1.8%
20		6170	3.4%
21		8140	4.5%
22		9825	5.4%
23		11885	6.6%
24		14358	8%
25		14730	8.2%
26		14180	7.9%
27		13876	7.7%
28		13392	7.4%
29		11013	6.1%
30		10443	5.8%
31		7483	4.1%
32		6857	3.8%
33		5329	3%
34		4557	2.5%
35		3989	2.2%
36		2811	1.6%
37		2367	1.3%
38		2103	1.2%
39		1698	0.9%
40		1581	0.9%
41		1036	0.6%
42		1148	0.6%
43		901	0.5%
44		762	0.4%
45		841	0.5%
46		519	0.3%
47		492	0.3%
48		503	0.3%
49		383	0.2%
50		318	0.2%
51		252	0.1%
52		280	0.2%

53		223	0.1%
54		256	0.1%
55		246	0.1%
56		155	0.1%
57		152	0.1%
58		125	0.1%
59		102	0.1%
60		142	0.1%
61		81	0%
62		70	0%
63		62	0%
64		48	0%
65		74	0%
66		44	0%
67		46	0%
68		37	0%
69		33	0%
70		31	0%
71		23	0%
72		18	0%
73		19	0%
74		16	0%
75		22	0%
76		10	0%
77		7	0%
78		5	0%
79		5	0%
80		5	0%
81		7	0%
82		6	0%
83		2	0%
85		2	0%
87		1	0%
89		2	0%
90		1	0%
Sysmiss		527	

**MALMARK: Register signed with a mark or in letters (Male)****Data file: Marriages2005****Overview**

Valid: 179458    Invalid: 1610    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 2  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 2    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Mark	178855	99.7%
2	Letters	603	0.3%
Sysmiss		1610	

**RACEFEM: Race(Female)****Data file: Marriages2005****Overview**

Valid: 180582    Invalid: 486    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 61  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 1 - 14    Format: Numeric

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		1	0%
1	Sinhalese	132836	73.6%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	20343	11.3%
3	Indian Tamil	8448	4.7%
4	Sri Lankan Moor	17574	9.7%
5	Burghers	235	0.1%
6	Malays	312	0.2%
7	Sri Lankan Chetty	51	0%
8	Bharatha	18	0%
9	Indian Moors	15	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	39	0%
11	Other Foreigners	669	0.4%
12	Other Sri Lankan	21	0%
13	Race Unknown	5	0%
21		1	0%



27		1	0%
42		10	0%
61		3	0%
Sysmiss		486	

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

Data file: Marriages2005

### Overview

Valid: 180435    Invalid: 633    Minimum: 1    Maximum: 4  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 1    Range: 1 - 3    Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Spinster	177591	98.4%
2	Widower	1211	0.7%
3	Divorcee	1621	0.9%
4		12	0%
Sysmiss		633	

## FEMAGE: Age(Female)

Data file: Marriages2005

### Overview

Valid: 180514    Invalid: 554    Minimum: 10    Maximum: 98  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 2    Range: 10 - 85    Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
10		1	0%
11		2	0%
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Data file: Marriages2005

### Overview

Valid: 176280   Invalid: 4788   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 2  
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### Questions and instructions

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1	Mark	175394	99.5%
2	Letters	886	0.5%
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## OTH: OTH

Data file: Marriages2005

### Overview

Valid: 178798   Invalid: 2270   Minimum: 1   Maximum: 6  
 Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 1   Range: 1 - 2   Format: Numeric

### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

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2	Church	172665	96.6%
4		1	0%
6		1	0%
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