

Sri Lanka - Vital Statistics - Marriages - 2007

Statistics Division, Registrar General's Department

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TITLE

Vital Statistics - Marriages - 2007

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

2009-03-05

Scope

NOTES

The scope of the Registration of Marriage 2007

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
2007-01-01	2007-12-31

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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CITATION REQUIREMENTS

"Registrar General's Department,Vital Statistics (Marriages) - 2007, Version 1.0 of the public use dataset (March 2009)"

ACCESS AUTHORITY

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

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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
Marriages2007 The file contains the data related to Return of Marriages form 2007.	146944	19

Data file: Marriages2007

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Cases: 146944

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: Marriages2007****Overview**

Valid: 146944 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	20972	14.3%
12	Gampaha	17859	12.2%
13	Kalutara	7047	4.8%
21	Kandy	8743	5.9%
22	Matale	4667	3.2%
23	Nuwara Eliya	4698	3.2%
31	Galle	9724	6.6%
32	Matara	4922	3.3%
33	Hambantota	6445	4.4%
41	Jaffna	3615	2.5%
42	Mannar	379	0.3%
43	Vavuniya	0	0%
44	Mulativu	488	0.3%
45	Kilinochchi	0	0%
51	Batticaloa	3133	2.1%
52	Ampara	3764	2.6%
53	Trincomalee	1585	1.1%
61	Kurunegala	13361	9.1%
62	Puttalam	6520	4.4%
71	Anuradhapura	8671	5.9%
72	Polonnaruwa	3515	2.4%
81	Badulla	5349	3.6%
82	Moneragala	3493	2.4%
91	Ratnapura	2567	1.7%
92	Kegalle	5427	3.7%

MON: Month**Data file: Marriages2007**

Overview

Valid: 146944 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	17872	12.2%
2	February	7786	5.3%
3	March	13555	9.2%
4	April	9787	6.7%
5	May	16339	11.1%
6	June	14891	10.1%
7	July	12165	8.3%
8	August	14847	10.1%
9	September	10429	7.1%
10	October	10664	7.3%
11	November	9622	6.5%
12	December	8987	6.1%

YER: Year

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146944 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		592	0.4%
6		107	0.1%
7		146245	99.5%

TYPMAR: Marriage Category

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146539 Invalid: 405 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 3
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	General	128485	87.7%
2	Kandyan	3448	2.4%
3	Muslim	14606	10%
Sysmiss		405	

DSDIV: D.S. Division

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 145685 Invalid: 1259
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: - Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		2	0%
1		29	0%
3		15009	10.3%
4		46	0%
5		32	0%
6		11808	8.1%
7		6	0%
8		33	0%
9		9143	6.3%
10		635	0.4%
11		6	0%
12		10044	6.9%
13		40	0%
15		13064	9%
16		186	0.1%
18		5986	4.1%

19		321	0.2%
20		10	0%
21		6347	4.4%
22		36	0%
24		8623	5.9%
25		229	0.2%
27		9530	6.5%
29		44	0%
30		8175	5.6%
31		1138	0.8%
32		7	0%
33		10373	7.1%
34		396	0.3%
35		14	0%
36		7711	5.3%
37		24	0%
38		34	0%
39		6124	4.2%
42		3151	2.2%
45		2857	2%
48		3159	2.2%
51		2197	1.5%
52		16	0%
53		28	0%
54		1765	1.2%
55		16	0%
56		20	0%
57		1137	0.8%
58		20	0%
60		226	0.2%
63		1257	0.9%
66		608	0.4%
67		4	0%
68		21	0%
69		55	0%
71		12	0%
72		921	0.6%
75		604	0.4%
78		913	0.6%

81		678	0.5%
83		1	0%
84		569	0.4%
87		245	0.2%
Sysmiss		1259	

SHEETN: Sheet Number

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146868 Invalid: 76 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 99
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		65	0%
1		4223	2.9%
2		4581	3.1%
3		4222	2.9%
4		4043	2.8%
5		4111	2.8%
6		3675	2.5%
7		3804	2.6%
8		3630	2.5%
9		3458	2.4%
10		3430	2.3%
11		3466	2.4%
12		3380	2.3%
13		3241	2.2%
14		2917	2%
15		2775	1.9%
16		2615	1.8%
17		2694	1.8%
18		2675	1.8%
19		2451	1.7%
20		2470	1.7%
21		2330	1.6%

22		2374	1.6%
23		2247	1.5%
24		2276	1.5%
25		2053	1.4%
26		2113	1.4%
27		2076	1.4%
28		2095	1.4%
29		1972	1.3%
30		1952	1.3%
31		1966	1.3%
32		1834	1.2%
33		1788	1.2%
34		1738	1.2%
35		1633	1.1%
36		1548	1.1%
37		1631	1.1%
38		1446	1%
39		1369	0.9%
40		1284	0.9%
41		1187	0.8%
42		1391	0.9%
43		1096	0.7%
44		1193	0.8%
45		1044	0.7%
46		1166	0.8%
47		1103	0.8%
48		889	0.6%
49		1019	0.7%
50		1131	0.8%
51		817	0.6%
52		914	0.6%
53		841	0.6%
54		756	0.5%
55		853	0.6%
56		880	0.6%
57		846	0.6%
58		874	0.6%
59		738	0.5%
60		757	0.5%

61		735	0.5%
62		726	0.5%
63		648	0.4%
64		718	0.5%
65		661	0.5%
66		594	0.4%
67		686	0.5%
68		696	0.5%
69		555	0.4%
70		653	0.4%
71		563	0.4%
72		724	0.5%
73		644	0.4%
74		566	0.4%
75		606	0.4%
76		641	0.4%
77		493	0.3%
78		609	0.4%
79		450	0.3%
80		605	0.4%
81		570	0.4%
82		509	0.3%
83		527	0.4%
84		468	0.3%
85		482	0.3%
86		605	0.4%
87		435	0.3%
88		514	0.3%
89		486	0.3%
90		373	0.3%
91		540	0.4%
92		554	0.4%
93		526	0.4%
94		451	0.3%
95		462	0.3%
96		441	0.3%
97		411	0.3%
98		450	0.3%
99		345	0.2%

Sysmiss		76	
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ENTNO: Entry Number

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146904 Invalid: 40 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 9999
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 0 - 9999 Format: Numeric

MDAY: Married - Day

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146198 Invalid: 746 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 48
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 31 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1		5723	3.9%
2		2934	2%
3		5414	3.7%
4		3963	2.7%
5		4228	2.9%
6		4650	3.2%
7		3910	2.7%
8		3777	2.6%
9		3991	2.7%
10		3558	2.4%
11		3910	2.7%
12		4738	3.2%
13		3828	2.6%
14		4092	2.8%
15		5964	4.1%
16		4233	2.9%
17		4329	3%
18		7019	4.8%
19		5379	3.7%
20		4575	3.1%

21		5762	3.9%
22		4477	3.1%
23		4046	2.8%
24		5791	4%
25		8652	5.9%
26		4545	3.1%
27		5667	3.9%
28		5803	4%
29		3764	2.6%
30		5388	3.7%
31		2074	1.4%
32		3	0%
33		1	0%
34		4	0%
35		1	0%
39		1	0%
42		1	0%
45		1	0%
47		1	0%
48		1	0%
Sysmiss		746	

MMON: Married - Month

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146753 Invalid: 191 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 92
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	17230	11.7%
2	February	7763	5.3%
3	March	14027	9.6%
4	April	9676	6.6%
5	May	16368	11.2%
6	June	15188	10.3%

7	July	11997	8.2%
8	August	14764	10.1%
9	September	10414	7.1%
10	October	10757	7.3%
11	November	9474	6.5%
12	December	9048	6.2%
13		2	0%
14		4	0%
15		3	0%
16		3	0%
17		3	0%
18		1	0%
19		3	0%
20		1	0%
21		1	0%
22		5	0%
23		2	0%
24		2	0%
25		2	0%
26		2	0%
27		2	0%
29		1	0%
30		5	0%
31		1	0%
32		1	0%
52		1	0%
62		1	0%
92		1	0%
Sysmiss		191	

MYER: Married - Year

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146748 Invalid: 196 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 98
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

Value	Category	Cases	
0		1	0%
1		1	0%
3		16	0%
4		41	0%
5		43	0%
6		282	0.2%
7		146348	99.7%
8		14	0%
23		1	0%
98		1	0%
Sysmiss		196	

RACEMAL: Race(Male)

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146489 Invalid: 455 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 46
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 14 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	112793	77%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	12712	8.7%
3	Indian Tamil	5535	3.8%
4	Sri Lankan Moor	13967	9.5%
5	Burghers	182	0.1%
6	Malays	334	0.2%
7	Sri Lankan Chetty	65	0%
8	Bharatha	12	0%
9	Indian Moors	20	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	23	0%
11	Other Foreigners	824	0.6%
12	Other Sri Lankan	11	0%
13	Race Unknown	8	0%
31		1	0%
36		1	0%

46		1	0%
Sysmiss		455	

MALST: Whether Bachelor, Widower or Divorcee(Male)

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146561 Invalid: 383 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 4
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Bachelor	143536	97.9%
2	Widower	1118	0.8%
3	Divorcee	1899	1.3%
4	Another Marriage	8	0%
Sysmiss		383	

MALAGE: Age(Male)

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146445 Invalid: 499 Minimum: 10 Maximum: 99
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 16 - 95 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
10		2	0%
16		3	0%
17		15	0%
18		986	0.7%
19		2628	1.8%
20		4352	3%
21		6161	4.2%
22		7535	5.1%
23		9314	6.4%

24		10490	7.2%
25		10931	7.5%
26		12938	8.8%
27		12365	8.4%
28		11521	7.9%
29		9554	6.5%
30		8726	6%
31		6315	4.3%
32		5434	3.7%
33		4213	2.9%
34		3513	2.4%
35		2870	2%
36		2404	1.6%
37		2091	1.4%
38		1586	1.1%
39		1329	0.9%
40		1161	0.8%
41		850	0.6%
42		938	0.6%
43		730	0.5%
44		594	0.4%
45		599	0.4%
46		545	0.4%
47		482	0.3%
48		368	0.3%
49		288	0.2%
50		313	0.2%
51		253	0.2%
52		232	0.2%
53		195	0.1%
54		186	0.1%
55		194	0.1%
56		148	0.1%
57		150	0.1%
58		139	0.1%
59		107	0.1%
60		110	0.1%
61		67	0%
62		65	0%

63		46	0%
64		46	0%
65		59	0%
66		28	0%
67		38	0%
68		33	0%
69		20	0%
70		42	0%
71		13	0%
72		20	0%
73		16	0%
74		14	0%
75		14	0%
76		11	0%
77		11	0%
78		7	0%
79		9	0%
80		6	0%
81		3	0%
82		4	0%
83		3	0%
84		2	0%
85		1	0%
86		4	0%
88		1	0%
89		1	0%
90		1	0%
93		1	0%
99		1	0%
Sysmiss		499	

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

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 145093 Invalid: 1851 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 2
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Mark	144612	99.7%
2	Letters	481	0.3%
Sysmiss		1851	

RACEFEM: Race(Female)

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146257 Invalid: 687 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 21
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 14 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Sinhalese	113022	77.3%
2	Sri Lanka Tamil	12665	8.7%
3	Indian Tamil	5402	3.7%
4	Sri Lankan Moor	13861	9.5%
5	Burghers	148	0.1%
6	Malays	312	0.2%
7	Sri Lankan Chetty	44	0%
8	Bharatha	7	0%
9	Indian Moors	5	0%
10	Pakistan Moors	14	0%
11	Other Foreigners	757	0.5%
12	Other Sri Lankan	9	0%
13	Race Unknown	8	0%
17		1	0%
21		2	0%
Sysmiss		687	

FEMST: Whether Spinster,Widower or Divorcee(Male)

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146196 Invalid: 748 Minimum: 1 Maximum: 4
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Spinster	143689	98.3%
2	Widower	949	0.6%
3	Divorcee	1550	1.1%
4		8	0%
Sysmiss		748	

FEMAGE: Age(Female)

Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

Valid: 146412 Invalid: 532 Minimum: 11 Maximum: 81
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 10 - 85 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
11		1	0%
12		22	0%
13		6	0%
14		18	0%
15		51	0%
16		227	0.2%
17		607	0.4%
18		14259	9.7%
19		11748	8%
20		10569	7.2%
21		10432	7.1%
22		11001	7.5%
23		11296	7.7%
24		11163	7.6%
25		10500	7.2%

26		10259	7%
27		8372	5.7%
28		6798	4.6%
29		4928	3.4%
30		4119	2.8%
31		2841	1.9%
32		2463	1.7%
33		2048	1.4%
34		1701	1.2%
35		1553	1.1%
36		1242	0.8%
37		1100	0.8%
38		1004	0.7%
39		781	0.5%
40		720	0.5%
41		522	0.4%
42		575	0.4%
43		413	0.3%
44		366	0.2%
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FEMMARK: Register signed with a mark or in letters (Female)

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Overview

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CATEGORIES

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2	Letters	505	0.4%
3		1	0%
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Data file: Marriages2007

Overview

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CATEGORIES

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4		1	0%
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