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H.Header data

H.0.1 National Descriptor

[National Descriptor]

Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the responsible government agency for providing official statistics in Sri Lanka. To provide basic key population information, DCS conducts Population and Housing Censuses decennially. In addition to that Registrar General's Department in collaboration with DCS provides mid-year population estimates between Census years.

H.0.7 Data category notes

[Data category notes]

Latest Census of Population and Housing was conducted in 2012 using de jure method (Place of usual residence). Major topics covered under the 'Population' were sex, age, marital status, ethnicity, religion, migration, education, health, economic activities and fertility.

0. Prerequisites

0.1 Legal environment

0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics

[Laws and administrative arrangements specifying the responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics]

Department of Census and Statistics

The DCS produces and disseminates data under the Statistical Ordinance and Census Ordinance, which gives it the authority to conduct censuses of population, housing, agriculture, livestock, trade, labour, industry, or commerce or other such matters as it deems necessary for ascertaining the demographic, social, or economic conditions of the inhabitants of Sri Lanka.

0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies

[Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies are adequate.]

All the information provided by DCs is displayed on DCS official web www.statistics.gov.lk

0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data

[Measures ensuring individual reporters' data are kept confidential and used for statistical purposes only.]

Department of Census and Statistics

Confidentiality of individuals is guaranteed under the Ordinance which states "...no publication ... shall disclose or facilitate the identification of any particulars as being particulars relating to any individual person" and "Every person engaged in the collection and preparation of statistics under this Ordinance shall make a declaration in the prescribed form that he will not disclose or make use of any information supplied under this Ordinance."

0.1.4 Ensuring statistical reporting

[Legal mandates and/or measures to require or encourage statistical reporting.]

Census ordinance

0.2 Resources

0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing

[Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing for statistical programs currently available as well as what would be required for programmed statistical outputs.]

Approved cadre for the DCS in 2012 was 1785. Currently there are 1312 officers in various categories. There are 475 vacancies in all grades including senior level grades as well as in all other categories.

0.2.2 Ensuring efficient use of resources

[Measures implemented to ensure efficient use of resources.]

Duties will be assigned to staff of the DCS on the availability of work. Continuous monitoring will be done until the end of each activity.

0.3 Relevance

0.3.1 Monitoring user requirements

[How the relevance and practical utility of existing statistics in meeting users' needs are monitored.]

User meetings will be held before finalizing the Censuses.

0.4 Quality management

0.4.1 Quality policy

[Processes in place to focus on quality.]

Field supervision at various levels had been adopted in Census to ensure quality of data. In addition, office checking procedures used.

0.4.2 Quality monitoring

[Processes in place to monitor the quality of the statistical program.]

This time, scanning process was used to process data in Sri Lanka. Various quality checking procedures used to check quality of data.

0.4.3 Quality planning

[Processes in place to deal with quality considerations in planning the statistical program.]

Number of discussions was held regarding the quality checks. Officers were trained on the particular activity. Guide lines were prepared for the training and to use during the process.

1. Integrity

1.1 Professionalism

1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics

[Measures to promote impartiality in production of statistics.]

Implement highest level of supervision while conducting the Census. Results from previous Censuses and surveys were used to cross-check the results.

1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination

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Department of Census and Statistics

The DCS also has the independence in determining release of data and methodology.

1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics

[Entitlement to, opportunity for, and historical frequency of, comment on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics by the appropriate statistical entity.]

Department of Census and Statistics

There is no commentary by senior government officials on the release of any data by the DCS. In many cases, the data release contains a detailed technical commentary. Arrange press conferences when releasing results and provide technical documents with simple illustrations regarding results.

1.2 Transparency

1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination

[Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination.]

Data collection methodology, definitions and all other relevant information are included in publications.

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release

[Disclosure of Internal governmental access to statistics prior to their release.]

Department of Census and Statistics

If there is an urgent need from the Government, limited information will be released with the approval of the Finance Ministry.

1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products

[Identification of statistical agencies/units producing disseminated statistics.]

Data sources are indicated in the publications.

1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques.

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Department of Census and Statistics

Data are indicated as provisional or revised in all DCS publications. There is normally no advance notice of major changes in methodology, but technical descriptions of changes accompany release of data in DCS publications.

1.3 Ethical standards

1.3.1 Guidelines for staff behavior

[Measures implementing and enforcing guidelines for staff behavior.]

All the information are released after approval of the Director General of DCS.

2. Methodology

2.1 Concepts and definitions

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[Degree to which the overall structure of concepts and definitions follows internationally accepted standards, guidelines, or good practices.]

Coverage

DCS, Sri Lanka follows the concepts, definitions, recommendations and guide lines prepared by the UNSD where ever applicable. There may be slight amendments according to the situation of the country.

2.2 Scope

2.2.1 Scope

2.2.1.1 Scope of the data

[Scope of the data.]

Coverage

Key population and demographic data have been collected by the Department of Census and Statistics through a census of the population of Sri Lanka every ten years since 1871. However, due to instability in the country in 1991, the census of the population did not take place that year. Instead, a Demographic survey was undertaken in 1994 that covered 100,000 households.

The Department of Census and Statistics conducted the most recent census in 2012 covering the entire country after 30 years. In addition to the information on basic demographic characteristics (such as age, gender, marital status, etc.), health, education, employment, fertility, migration and data on housing were also collected.

Information is obtained from households by the census enumerators by interviewing respondents and completing a population and housing Census schedule.

Statistics on births, deaths, and migration are also collected by the Registrar General through tabulation of forms that citizens are required to complete in the event of a birth or deaths. International Migration data will be collected from the Immigration office.

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2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

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2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

[Unrecorded activity.]

Coverage

Covered the entire country in 2012 Census.

2.3 Classification/sectorization

2.3.1 Classification/sectorization

[Broad consistency of classification/sectorization systems used with internationally accepted standards, guidelines, or good practices.]

Coverage

ISOC and ISIC classification was used in for Occupation and Industry coding.

2.4 Basis for recording

2.4.1 Valuation

[Types of prices (market, historical, administrative, basic, purchasers', producer, etc.) used to value flows and stocks.]

Coverage

In order to compare with the previous Census information recall de facto method was adopted when collecting data for the Census 2012.

2.4.2 Recording basis

[Degree to which recording meets requirements for accrual accounting.]

Coverage

2.4.3 Grossing/netting procedures

[Broad consistency of grossing/netting procedures with internationally accepted standards, guidelines, or good practices.]

3. Accuracy and reliability

3.1 Source data

3.1.1 Source data collection programs

[Comprehensiveness of source data from administrative and survey data collection programs, and appropriateness of the collection modality for country-specific conditions.]

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3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, classifications, valuation, and time of recording

[Degree to which source data approximate the definitions, scope, classifications, valuation, and time of recording required (as described in 2.1.1-2.4.3).]

Urban – rural definition need to be rechecked.

3.1.3 Source data timeliness

[Source data timeliness relative to what is required for producing statistical outputs whose timeliness meets applicable data standard (SDDS requirements or GDDS recommendations).]

3.2 Assessment of source data

3.2.1 Source data assessment

[Routine assessment of source data—including censuses, sample surveys, and administrative records (e.g., for coverage, sample error, response error, and nonsampling error); whether assessment results are monitored; how results are used to guide statistical processes.]

3.3 Statistical techniques

3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques

[Statistical techniques in data compilation to deal with data sources (e.g., to align them with target concepts from 2.1.1).]

3.3.2 Other statistical procedures

[Statistical techniques employed in other statistical procedures (e.g., data adjustments and transformations, and statistical analysis).]

3.4 Data validation

3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results

[Assessment and investigation of statistical discrepancies in intermediate data.]



3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data

[Assessment and investigation of statistical discrepancies in intermediate data.]



3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs

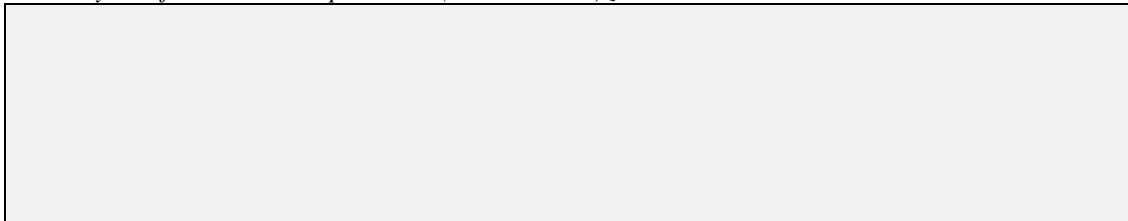
[Investigation of statistical discrepancies and other potential indicators of problems in statistical outputs.]



3.5 Revision studies

3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses

[Periodicity with which studies and analyses of revisions are carried out; whether and how they are used internally to inform statistical processes (see also 4.3.3).]



4. Serviceability

4.1 Periodicity and timeliness

4.1.1 Periodicity

[Periodicity of statistical outputs relative to applicable dissemination standard (SDDS requirement or GDDS recommendation).]

Census of the population is conducted in Sri Lanka every ten years since 1871, except in 1991 due to instability in certain parts of the country. A one-time Demographic Survey was done in 1994 to make up for this. 2001 Census was covered 18 districts out of 25.
2012 census was covered the entire country after 30 years.

4.1.2 Timeliness

[Timeliness of statistical outputs relative to applicable dissemination standard (SDDS requirement or GDDS recommendation).]

The Department of Census and Statistics disseminates preliminary information in the form of a press release one week after the end of reference period, and the first publication of census is released three months after the census. This first publication contains information on the population by districts, growth rates and population density.

Then two reports were published in 2012 including DS level information on Population, sex, 3 major age groups, religion and ethnicity. It has been planned to release more details based on a 5% sample of the Census with in next three months. Then after compiling the final data set, district reports will be published. In addition a series of special reports will be published around 2014 after publishing the final national report.

4.2 Consistency

4.2.1 Internal consistency

[Consistency of statistics within the dataset.]

A number of reports are published based on the Census of the Population, namely: Census of Population General Report; district specific reports; and detailed reports on economic activity, housing, disability, migration, and fertility. In addition, the Department of Census and Statistics will make the complete set of detailed tables on the Census of the Population 2012 available on CD-ROM for retail, and the basic information accessible in the Department of Census and Statistics website – www.statistics.gov.lk.

4.2.2 Temporal consistency

[Consistency or reconcilability of statistics over a reasonable period of time.]

Data to Support Cross-checks and Assurance of Reasonableness

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4.2.3 Intersectoral and cross-domain consistency

[Consistency or reconcilability of statistics with those obtained through other data sources and/or statistical frameworks.]

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4.3 Revision

4.3.1 Revision schedule

[Transparency and regularity of revision schedule.]

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There is normally no advance notice of major changes in methodology, but technical descriptions of changes accompany release of data in DCS publications.

4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised data

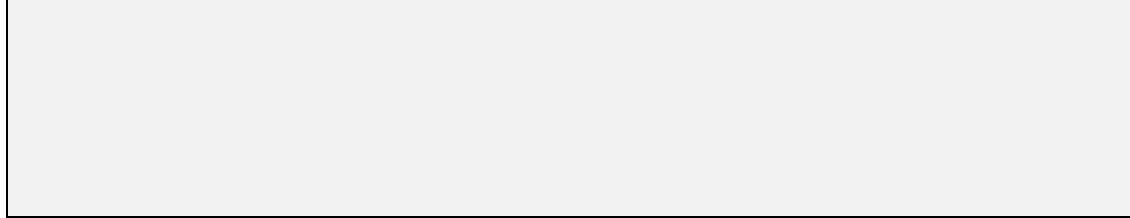
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Department of Census and Statistics

Data are indicated as provisional or revised in all DCS publications.

4.3.3 Dissemination of revision studies and analyses

[Dissemination of revision studies and analyses (see also 3.5.1).]



5. Accessibility

5.1 Data

5.1.1 Statistical presentation

[Statistics are presented in a way that facilitates proper interpretation and meaningful comparisons (layout and clarity of text, tables, and charts).]

Coverage

Limited number of copies will be printed. All the main statistical tables, maps, graphs and tables will be uploaded in the DCS web.

5.1.2 Dissemination media and format

5.1.2.1 Hard copy - New release

[Hard copy - New release.]

Access: Dissemination Formats: News release

Limited number of copies will be printed. All the main statistical tables, maps, graphs and tables will be uploaded in the DCS web.

5.1.2.2 Hard copy - Weekly bulletin

[Hard copy - Weekly bulletin.]

No weekly bulletins prepared on population.

5.1.2.3 Hard copy - Monthly Bulletin

[Hard copy - Monthly Bulletin.]

No monthly bulletins prepared on population .

5.1.2.4 Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin

[Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin.]

No quarterly bulletins prepared on population.

5.1.2.5 Hard copy - Other

[Hard copy - Other.]

Access: Dissemination Formats: Other

Census of Population Combined Report.
District specific reports.
Detailed reports on specific areas.

Access: Dissemination Formats: Annual bulletin

Central Bank of Sri Lanka. "Economic and Social Statistics of Sri Lanka."
"Statistical Abstract of the Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka."
"Statistical Pocketbook of the Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka."
"National Accounts and Publications Based on Various Surveys."

5.1.2.6 Electronic - On-line bulletin or data

[Electronic - On-line bulletin or data.]

Access: Dissemination Formats: On-line country bulletin board or database Internet

Basic information on the 2012 census (DS level provisional) are available on the DCS website –
www.statistics.gov.lk

Access: Dissemination Formats: Other Online

5.1.2.7 Electronic - Other

[Electronic - Other.]

Access: Dissemination Formats: CD ROM

Detailed tables based on the 2012 census will be produced.

Access: Dissemination Formats:

Access: Dissemination Formats: Other

5.1.3 Advance release calendar

[Pre-announcement of the release schedule for statistics.]

Department of Census and Statistics

DCS has published its first advance data release calendar in 2007 for the period 2007/2008. This is published in the Department's web-site. It will be updated continuously.

5.1.3.1 ARC Note

[ARC Note.]



5.1.4 Simultaneous release

[Degree to which statistics are made available to all users at the same time, and modalities used to achieve this.]

Department of Census and Statistics

All data are released simultaneously to the public through news releases or publications.

5.1.5 Dissemination on request

[Dissemination on request of unpublished but non-confidential statistics.]

Special tabulations will be produced on request.

5.2 Metadata

5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques

[Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques, including annotation of differences from internationally accepted standards, guidelines.]

Documentation of Methodology

The General Report on the Census of Population and all other detailed reports based on the census data include definitions, methodological notes, estimation procedures, data collection and processing, and questionnaire used in the census. The investigator manual used for the survey although not published is available as an internal document in the Department of Census and Statistics and can be made available on request. The Report on the Demographic Survey 1994 also included definitions, methodological notes, estimation procedures, data collection and processing, correction for sampling errors, and questionnaire used in the survey.

More detailed Census reports will be publish in future.

5.2.2 Disseminated level of detail

[Customization of detail and format of tables for the target groups of users.]

Hope to use 'Census info' for this purpose.

5.3 Assistance to users

5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points

[Dissemination of information on contact points for each subject field.]

All the requests should be sent to Director General. Then 'Data dissemination unit' will help to retrieve required information.

5.3.2 Availability of documents and services catalogs

[Dissemination of catalogs of publications, documents, and other services, including information on any charges.]

Data dissemination policy is revising at the moment. Can obtain more details from our web.

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