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Population

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]

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.]

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

[Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination.]

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.]

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.]

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.

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

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.]

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.]

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 is collected from the Immigration office.

Mid-year population estimates are included in the "Statistical Abstract" published by the Department of Census and Statistics annually.

2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

[Exceptions to coverage.]

2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

[Unrecorded activity.]

2.3 Classification/sectorization

2.3.1 Classification/sectorization

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

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.]

2.4.2 Recording basis

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

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).]

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.]

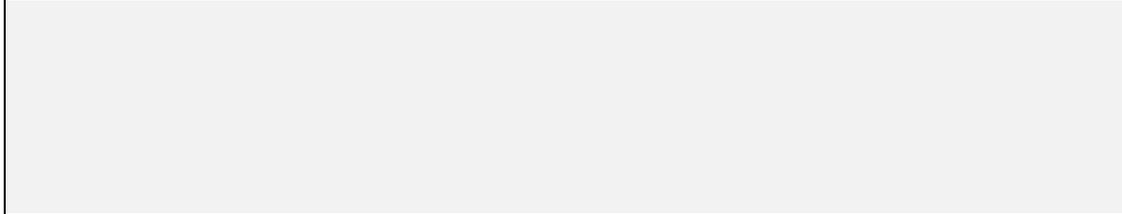
3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data

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



3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs

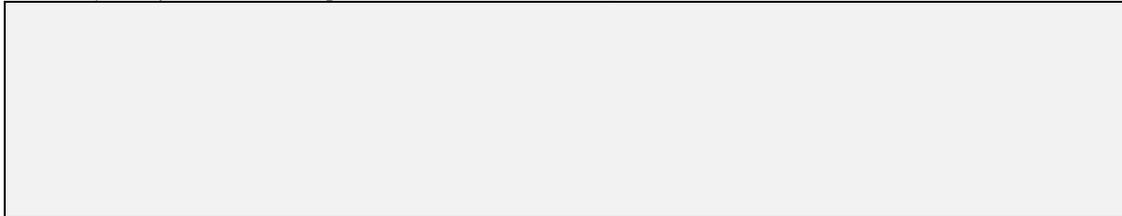
[Investigation of statistical discrepancies and other potential indicators of problems in statistical outputs.]



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.

Mid-year population estimates are included in the "Statistical Abstract" published by the Department of Census and Statistics annually.

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.

Mid-year population estimates included in the "Statistical Abstract" published annually are disseminated within 6

months of the end of the reference year.

4.2 Consistency

4.2.1 Internal consistency

[Consistency of statistics within the dataset.]

4.2.2 Temporal consistency

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

4.2.3 Intersectoral and cross-domain consistency

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

4.3 Revision

4.3.1 Revision schedule

[Transparency and regularity of revision schedule.]

4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised data

[Identification of preliminary and/or revised data.]

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).]

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.]

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.]

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

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.]

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

5.1.2.7 Electronic - Other

[Electronic - Other.]

Access: Dissemination Formats: CD ROM

The DCS planned to produce the detailed tables based on the 2012 census.

5.1.3 Advance release calendar

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

The DCS releases selected statistical information including certain census & survey reports on pre announced dates in the Advanced Data Released calendar (ADRC) published in the department website. Any revisions to these dates will be informed to the users by publishing revised dates in the ADRC at least two weeks before the scheduled dates given in the calendar. The objective of the ADRC is to let data users know when the data will be released by the DCS and to make all data accessible to all parties

Quarter-ahead precise release dates are disseminated in the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board.

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.]

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.]

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.

5.2.2 Disseminated level of detail

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

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.]

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