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**Births, Deaths and Marriages in 2015**  
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Vital Statistics Unit of the Registrar General's Department has released the Bulletin of Vital statistics – 2015.

The Registrar General's department was formed for registration of births, deaths and marriages of Sri Lankan's and legal documents pertaining to properties with a view to safeguarding their fundamental rights. For the purpose of registration of births deaths and marriages 25 administrative districts in Sri Lanka are divided in to smaller units called registration divisions. The registrars attached to these divisions are responsible for registering all births, deaths and marriages occurring in the division and furnishing vital statistics returns. The collection, compilation and tabulation of vital statistics are carried out by the Department of Census and Statistics.

Some of the key points highlighted in the Annual Bulletin of Vital Statistics-2015 are as follows.

Table 1: Number of Births and Deaths 2014 -2015

	2014			2015		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<b>Births</b>	349,715	177,840	171,875	334,821	169,918	164,903
<b>Deaths</b>	127,758	71,364	56,394	131,614	74,040	57,574

Table 2: Number of Registered Marriages by the type of Marriage 2014-2015

Year	Marriages			
	Total	General	Kandyan	Muslim
<b>2014</b>	175,728	155,717	822	19,189
<b>2015</b>	175,939	155,132	839	19,968

**Births**

Number of births from 2014 to 2015 has been decreased by 14,894 births.

Crude Birth Rate slightly decreased from 16.9 in 2014 to 16.0 in 2015 per 1000 population.

**Deaths**

There were 131,614 deaths registered in year 2015, of these 74,040 were males and 57,574 were females.

Crude Death Rate stands at 6.3 per 1000 population in year 2015.

**Marriages**

There were 175,939 marriages registered in 2015, of which 155,132 were general marriages.

The Crude Marriage rate in 2015 was 8.4 per 1000 population.

**Natural Increase**

The natural increase in 2015 was 203,207. (Births minus Deaths)

