



**PROVISIONAL ANNUAL REPORT ON VITAL EVENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST
DECEMBER 2023**

Introduction

Section 26 (1) of the National Civil Registration Act 2016 mandates the National Civil Registration Authority (NCRA) to publish Vital Statistics of Vital Events covering Births, Deaths, Marriages, Divorces, Adoptions, Nullities, etc. on the population of Sierra Leone.

The Provisional Annual Report on Vital Events for the year ending 31st December 2023, is as follows:

Births

There was a total of **235,373 Live Births** comprising 115,333 Males (49%) and 120,040 Females (51%).

Stillbirths

There were **3,842 Still Births** of which, 2,143 were Males (56%) and 1,699 were Females (44%).

Deaths

A total of **13,186 Deaths** with a share of 7,252 (55%) Males and 5,934 (45%) females. Of the total deaths, 3,794 (28.8%) were within the ages of 60+ years, followed by the ages 35-59 with 3,710 (28.1%), then the under fives with 3,099 (23.5%), whilst the ages 5-34 accounted for the least with 2,583 (19.3%).

Marriages

A total of **834 Marriages** were registered with the Authority. Of these unions, Marriage by type included: 385 (46.2%) Christian Marriage; 213 (25.5%) Islamic Marriage, 139 (16.7%) Civil Marriage, and 97 (11.6%) Customary Marriage.

The median age at Marriage is 36 years for males and 29 years for females.

Divorces

There were **41 Divorce cases** registered with the Authority for the period under review. Of these, Christian Marriages accounted for 39% (16), Islamic 34% (14), Civil 24% (10) and Customary 3% (1).

Adoptions

A total of **360 Adoptions** were registered across the country, accounting for 43% Males and 57% Females.



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Accordingly, the data depicts that out of the total number of registered adoption cases, 136 (37.8%) were within the ages of 0-4 years, followed by ages 13-17 years 125 (34.7%) and ages 5-12 years 99 (27.5%).

Conclusion

This Report covers the period January through December 2023.

The Authority will continue to count on the cooperation of the public (citizens and foreign residents) to register all Vital Events covering Births, Deaths, Marriages, Divorces, Adoptions, Nullities etc. as and when they occur in order to better account for the population.


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