

2. POPULATION

Composition of the State Population

2.1 According to Census 2011 data, population of the State is 11.24 crore which constitutes 9.3 per cent population of the country and it ranks second after Uttar Pradesh in terms of population. The proportion of urban population is 45.2 per cent in 2011 as against 42.4 per cent in 2001. About 63 per cent of the State population belongs to working age group (15-59 years).

Religion

2.2 Office of the Registrar General of India (ORGI) has recently published religionwise population data, according to which, population Decadal Growth Rate (DGR) has decreased for all religions resulting in overall decline of 6.7 percentage points in DGR of population. Districtwise proportion of population and literacy rates classified by religions is shown in Annexure 2.4 and 2.5 respectively.

2.3 State has observed overall improvement of seven points in sex ratio from 922 in 2001 to 929 in 2011. Sex ratio in rural areas of the State has decreased from 960 in 2001 to 952 in 2011 whereas, it has increased in urban areas from 873 to 903 during the same period. Christian population has the highest sex ratio (1031) in 2011 whereas, Sikh population has the lowest (891).

Table 2.1 Religionwise characteristics of population, 2011

Major religions	Sector	Proportion of population		Literacy Rate		Sex Ratio [#]	
		State	India	State	India	State	India
Hindu	Total	79.8	79.8	81.8	73.3	928	939
	Rural	48.0	56.5	76.7	68.1	951	947
	Urban	31.8	23.3	89.3	85.3	894	921
Muslim	Total	11.5	14.2	83.6	68.5	911	951
	Rural	3.1	8.5	79.1	63.0	959	958
	Urban	8.4	5.7	85.2	76.5	893	942
Christian	Total	1.0	2.3	92.3	84.5	1,031	1,023
	Rural	0.1	1.4	83.0	78.7	982	1,008
	Urban	0.9	0.9	93.3	92.9	1,037	1,046
Sikh	Total	0.2	1.7	90.9	75.4	891	903
	Rural	0.0	1.2	79.6	70.9	891	905
	Urban	0.2	0.5	92.3	86.5	891	898
Buddhist	Total	5.8	0.7	83.2	81.3	970	965
	Rural	3.0	0.4	79.1	76.7	963	960
	Urban	2.8	0.3	87.5	87.3	978	973
Jain	Total	1.2	0.4	95.3	94.9	964	954
	Rural	0.2	0.1	91.3	88.6	922	935
	Urban	1.0	0.3	96.3	96.5	974	959

Source: ORGI

No. of females per thousand males