

India is a union of [29 states and 7 union territories](#).<sup>[1]</sup> As of 2011, with an estimated population of 1.2 [billion](#), India is the [world's second most populous country](#) after the [People's Republic of China](#). India occupies 2.4 percent of the [world's land surface area](#) and is home to 17.5 percent of the [world's population](#).<sup>[2]</sup> After the Gangetic plains, the [eastern](#) and [western](#) coastal regions of the [Deccan plateau](#) are the most densely populated regions of India. The [Thar desert](#) in western Rajasthan is one of the most densely [populated deserts](#) in the world. The northern and [north-eastern states](#) along the [Himalayas](#) contain [cold arid deserts](#) with fertile valleys. These states have less population density due to indomitable physical barriers.<sup>[3]</sup>

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## Census of India



Population density map of India.

The first population [census](#) in [British India](#) was conducted in 1872. Since [India's independence](#) in 1947, a census has been conducted every 10 years, the first occurring in 1951.<sup>[4]</sup> The census in India is conducted by the Office of the [Registrar General and Census Commissioner](#) under the [Ministry of Home Affairs](#), and is one of the largest administrative tasks conducted by a federal government.<sup>[5]</sup>

The latest population figures are based on data from the [2011 census of India](#).<sup>[6]</sup> During the decade of 2001–2011, India's annual [population growth rate](#) has slowed down from 2.15 percent to 1.76 percent.<sup>[6]</sup>

Based on decennial census data, [Dadra and Nagar Haveli](#) have the fastest growth rate of 55.5 percent, followed by [Daman and Diu](#) (53.5 percent), [Meghalaya](#) (27.8 percent) and [Arunachal Pradesh](#) (n size

of 1000–1999 and 128,000 villages have population size of 200–499. There are 3,961 villages that have a population of 10,000 persons or more.<sup>[2]</sup> India's 27.8 percent urban population lives in more than 5,100 towns and over 380 urban agglomerations.<sup>[7]</sup> In the decade of 1991–2001, migration to major cities caused rapid increase in urban population.<sup>[8][9]</sup> On the basis of net migrants by last residence during the past decade, [Maharashtra](#) had most [immigration](#) with 2.3 million, followed by National Capital Territory of [Delhi](#) (1.7 million), [Gujarat](#) (0.68 million) and [Haryana](#) (0.67 million). [Uttar Pradesh](#) (−2.6 million) and [Bihar](#) (−1.7 million) topped the list for interstate [emigration](#).<sup>[10]</sup> The five states of [Uttar Pradesh](#), [Maharashtra](#), [Bihar](#), [West Bengal](#) and [Madhya pradesh](#) account for almost half (47.90 percent) of the total Indian population.<sup>[6]</sup>

While the national average for [sex ratio](#) shows an increase from 933 in 2001 to 940 in 2011,<sup>[6]</sup> the 2011 census

shows a sharp decline in [child sex ratio](#), the number of females per thousand males in a population between age group 0–6 years.<sup>[6]</sup> States such as [Punjab](#), [Haryana](#), [Himachal Pradesh](#), [Gujarat](#), [Tamil Nadu](#), [Mizoram](#) and [Andaman and Nicobar Islands](#) recorded an increase in child sex ratio.<sup>[6]</sup> National child sex ratio has declined from 927 in 2001 to 914 in 2011.<sup>[6]</sup> Telangana census was separated from Andhra Pradesh state census figures, after Telangana formally took birth on 2 June 2014.<sup>[11]</sup>

## States and union territories (by population)

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The total geographical area of India is 3,287,240 square kilometres (1,269,210 sq mi)<sup>a</sup>.<sup>[2]</sup> Population density is rounded to the nearest integer.

As per provisional census data of 2011, the total population of India is: 1,210,193,422.<sup>[6]</sup>

Rank	State or union territory	Population (2011 Census) <sup>[12]</sup> (% of population of India) <sup>[13]</sup>	Decadal growth (2001–2011)	Rural pop. <sup>[14]</sup> (%)	Urban pop. <sup>[14]</sup> (%)	Area <sup>[15]</sup>	Density	Sex ratio
01	Uttar Pradesh	199,281,477 (16.49%)	20.1%	155,111,022 (77.72%)	44,470,455 (22.28%)	240,928 km <sup>2</sup> (93,023 sq mi)	828/km <sup>2</sup> (2,140/sq mi)	908
02	Maharashtra	112,372,972 (9.28%)	16.0%	61,545,441 (54.77%)	50,827,531 (45.23%)	307,713 km <sup>2</sup> (118,809 sq mi)	365/km <sup>2</sup> (950/sq mi)	946
03	Bihar	103,804,637 (8.58%)	25.1%	92,075,028 (88.70%)	11,729,609 (11.30%)	94,163 km <sup>2</sup> (36,357 sq mi)	1,102/km <sup>2</sup> (2,850/sq mi)	916
04	West Bengal	91,347,736 (7.55%)	13.9%	62,213,676 (68.11%)	29,134,060 (31.89%)	88,752 km <sup>2</sup> (34,267 sq mi)	1,029/km <sup>2</sup> (2,670/sq mi)	947
05	Madhya Pradesh	72,597,565 (6.00%)	20.3%	52,537,899 (72.37%)	20,059,666 (27.63%)	308,245 km <sup>2</sup> (119,014 sq mi)	236/km <sup>2</sup> (610/sq mi)	930
06	Tamil Nadu	72,138,958 (5.96%)	15.6%	37,189,229 (51.55%)	34,949,729 (48.45%)	130,058 km <sup>2</sup> (50,216 sq mi)	555/km <sup>2</sup> (1,440/sq mi)	995
07	Rajasthan	68,621,012 (5.67%)	21.4%	51,540,236 (75.11%)	17,080,776 (24.89%)	342,239 km <sup>2</sup> (132,139 sq mi)	201/km <sup>2</sup> (520/sq mi)	926
08	Karnataka	61,130,704 (5.05%)	15.7%	37,552,529 (61.43%)	23,578,175 (38.57%)	191,791 km <sup>2</sup> (74,051 sq mi)	319/km <sup>2</sup> (830/sq mi)	968
09	Gujarat	60,383,628 (5.00%)	19.2%	34,670,817 (57.42%)	25,712,811 (42.58%)	196,024 km <sup>2</sup> (75,685 sq mi)	308/km <sup>2</sup> (800/sq mi)	918
10	Andhra Pradesh	49,386,799 (4.08%)	11.1%	42,509,881 (50.20%)	42,155,652 (49.80%)	160,205 km <sup>2</sup> (61,855 sq mi)	308/km <sup>2</sup> (800/sq mi)	993
11	Odisha	41,947,358 (3.47%)	14.0%	34,951,234 (83.32%)	6,996,124 (16.68%)	155,707 km <sup>2</sup> (60,119 sq mi)	269/km <sup>2</sup> (700/sq mi)	978
12	Telangana	35,286,757 (2.97%)	17.87%	21,585,313 (61.33%)	13,608,665 (38.66%)	114,840 km <sup>2</sup> (44,340 sq mi)	307/km <sup>2</sup> (800/sq mi)	988
13	Kerala	33,387,677 (2.76%)	4.9%	17,445,506 (52.28%)	15,932,171 (47.72%)	38,863 km <sup>2</sup> (15,005 sq mi)	859/km <sup>2</sup> (2,220/sq mi)	1,084
14	Jharkhand	32,966,238 (2.72%)	22.3%	25,036,946 (75.95%)	7,929,292 (24.05%)	79,714 km <sup>2</sup> (30,778 sq mi)	414/km <sup>2</sup> (1,070/sq mi)	947
15	Assam	31,169,272 (2.58%)	16.9%	26,780,526 (85.92%)	4,388,756 (14.08%)	78,438 km <sup>2</sup> (30,285 sq mi)	397/km <sup>2</sup> (1,030/sq mi)	954
16	Punjab	27,704,236 (2.30%)	13.7%	17,316,800 (62.51%)	10,387,436 (37.49%)	50,362 km <sup>2</sup> (19,445 sq mi)	550/km <sup>2</sup> (1,400/sq mi)	893
17	Chhattisgarh	25,540,196 (2.11%)	22.6%	19,603,658 (76.76%)	5,936,538 (23.24%)	135,191 km <sup>2</sup> (52,198 sq mi)	189/km <sup>2</sup> (490/sq mi)	991

18	Haryana	25,353,081 (2.09%)	19.9%	16,531,493 (75.75%)	8,821,588 (24.25%)	44,212 km <sup>2</sup> (17,070 sq mi)	573/km <sup>2</sup> (1,480/sq mi)	877
19	Jammu and Kashmir	12,548,926 (1.04%)	23.7%	9,134,820 (72.79%)	3,414,106 (27.21%)	222,236 km <sup>2</sup> (85,806 sq mi)	124/km <sup>2</sup> (320/sq mi)	883
20	Uttarakhand	10,116,752 (0.84%)	19.2%	7,025,583 (69.45%)	3,091,169 (30.55%)	53,483 km <sup>2</sup> (20,650 sq mi)	189/km <sup>2</sup> (490/sq mi)	963
21	Himachal Pradesh	6,864,602 (0.57%)	12.8%	6,167,805 (89.96%)	688,704 (10.04%)	55,673 km <sup>2</sup> (21,495 sq mi)	123/km <sup>2</sup> (320/sq mi)	974
22	Tripura	3,671,032 (0.30%)	14.7%	2,710,051 (73.82%)	960,981 (26.18%)	10,486 km <sup>2</sup> (4,049 sq mi)	350/km <sup>2</sup> (910/sq mi)	961
23	Meghalaya	2,964,007 (0.24%)	27.8%	2,368,971 (79.92%)	595,036 (20.08%)	22,429 km <sup>2</sup> (8,660 sq mi)	132/km <sup>2</sup> (340/sq mi)	986
24	Manipur <sup>8</sup>	2,721,756 (0.22%)	18.7%	1,899,624 (79.79%)	822,132 (20.21%)	22,327 km <sup>2</sup> (8,621 sq mi)	122/km <sup>2</sup> (320/sq mi)	987
25	Nagaland	1,980,602 (0.16%)	-0.5%	1,406,861 (71.03%)	573,741 (28.97%)	16,579 km <sup>2</sup> (6,401 sq mi)	119/km <sup>2</sup> (310/sq mi)	931
26	Goa	1,457,723 (0.12%)	8.2%	551,414 (37.83%)	906,309 (62.17%)	3,702 km <sup>2</sup> (1,429 sq mi)	394/km <sup>2</sup> (1,020/sq mi)	968
27	Arunachal Pradesh	1,382,611 (0.11%)	25.9%	1,069,165 (77.33%)	313,446 (22.67%)	83,743 km <sup>2</sup> (32,333 sq mi)	17/km <sup>2</sup> (44/sq mi)	920
28	Mizoram	1,091,014 (0.09%)	22.8%	529,037 (48.49%)	561,997 (51.51%)	21,081 km <sup>2</sup> (8,139 sq mi)	52/km <sup>2</sup> (130/sq mi)	975
29	Sikkim	607,688 (0.05%)	12.4%	455,962 (75.03%)	151,726 (24.97%)	7,096 km <sup>2</sup> (2,740 sq mi)	86/km <sup>2</sup> (220/sq mi)	889
NCT	Delhi	16,753,235 (1.38%)	21%	419,319 (02.50%)	16,333,916 (97.50%)	1,484 km <sup>2</sup> (573 sq mi)	11,297/km <sup>2</sup> (29,260/sq mi)	866
UT1	Puducherry	1,244,464 (0.10%)	27.7%	394,341 (31.69%)	850,123 (68.31%)	479 km <sup>2</sup> (185 sq mi)	2,598/km <sup>2</sup> (6,730/sq mi)	1,038
UT2	Chandigarh	1,054,686 (0.09%)	17.1%	29,004 (02.75%)	1,025,682 (97.25%)	114 km <sup>2</sup> (44 sq mi)	9,252/km <sup>2</sup> (23,960/sq mi)	818
UT3	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	379,944 (0.03%)	6.7%	244,411 (64.33%)	135,533 (35.67%)	8,249 km <sup>2</sup> (3,185 sq mi)	46/km <sup>2</sup> (120/sq mi)	878
UT4	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	342,853 (0.03%)	55.5%	183,024 (53.38%)	159,829 (46.62%)	491 km <sup>2</sup> (190 sq mi)	698/km <sup>2</sup> (1,810/sq mi)	775
UT5	Daman and Diu	242,911 (0.02%)	53.5%	60,331 (24.84%)	182,580 (75.16%)	112 km <sup>2</sup> (43 sq mi)	2,169/km <sup>2</sup> (5,620/sq mi)	618
UT6	Lakshadweep	64,429 (0.01%)	6.2%	14,121 (21.92%)	50,308 (78.08%)	32 km <sup>2</sup> (12 sq mi)	2,013/km <sup>2</sup> (5,210/sq mi)	946

<b>Total</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>1,210,193,422</b> (100%)	<b>17.64%</b>	<b>833,087,662</b> (68.84%)	<b>377,105,760</b> (31.16%)	<b>3,287,240 km<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(1,269,210 sq mi)</b>	<b>382/km<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(990/sq mi)</b>	<b>940</b>
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- For working out density of India and the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the data excludes area of 78,114 sq. km. under the Pakistani control, 5,180 sq. km. under China control and 37,555 sq.km. under Chinese control in Ladakh district.<sup>[16][17]</sup>
- This includes 120,849 square kilometres (46,660 sq mi) of territory controlled by Pakistan but claimed by India along with [Aksai Chin](#) and [Shaksgam Valley](#), territories administered by the [People's Republic of China](#) but claimed by [India](#). It also includes Indian-administered [Arunachal Pradesh](#) claimed by [China](#).
- <sup>^</sup><sup>⚭</sup> Excludes Mao-Maram, Paomata, and Purul sub-divisions of [Senapati district](#) of Manipur.

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