**Bihar (India)**

**1. Administrative Structure:**

Structurally Bihar is divided into divisions, districts and sub-divisions.

Divisions 9

Districts 38

Subdivisions 101

Cities and towns 207

Blocks 534

Villages 45,103

Panchayats 8,406

Police Districts 43

Police Stations 853

**Divisions:**

There are 9 divisions in Bihar

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| 1. Patna | 1. Saran | 1. Tirhut |
| 1. Purnia | 1. Bhagalpur | 1. Darbhanga |
| 1. Kosi | 8. Magadh | 9. Munger |

**Districts:**

There are 38 districts in Bihar, grouped into 9 divisions.

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| 1. Araria | 1. Arwal | 1. Aurangabad | 1. Banka |
| 1. Begusarai | 1. Bhagalpur | 1. Bhoipur | 1. Buxar |
| 1. Darbhanga | 1. East Champaran | 1. Gaya | 1. Gopalganj |
| 1. Jamui | 1. Jehanabad | 1. Khagaria | 1. Kishanganj |
| 1. Kaimur | 1. Katihar | 1. Lakhisarai | 1. Madhubani |
| 1. Munger | 1. Madhepura | 1. Muzaffarpur | 1. Nalanda |
| 1. Nawada | 1. Patna | 1. Purnea | 1. Rohtas |
| 1. Saharsa | 1. Samastipur | 1. Sheohar | 1. Sheikhpura |
| 1. Saran | 1. Sitamarhi | 1. Supaul | 1. Siwan |
| 1. Vaishali | 1. West Champaran |  |  |

**Sub-divisions:**

Sub-divisions are like sub-districts in Bihar. There are 101 sub-districts.

**Municipal Corporation:**

There are 12 municipal corporations in Bihar. They are:

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| 1. Patna | 1. Gaya | 1. Bhagalpur | 1. Muzaffarpur |
| 1. Purnia | 1. Darbhanga | 1. Katihar | 1. Chhapra |
| 1. Begusarai | 1. Arrah | 1. Biharsharif | 1. Munger |

**2. Regions of Bihar:**

The River Ganges divides the state into two regions, namely South and North Bihar.

**North Bihar:**

* There are 21 districts in North Bihar.
* Rivers: Kosi and Gandak
* Densely populated region.
* Economy is mainly based on agriculture.
* Concentrated region of sugar mills. Notable one is Barauni Refineries and Fertilizers Factory.
* Limited forest and mineral resources.
* Despite of large agriculture area, per capita income is low, due to population density, unequal distribution of land, minimum level of activity in secondary and tertiary sectors of the economy.
* District industries Centres located in each district of the region
* Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise -Development Institute (MSME-DI) located at Muzaffarpur

**South Bihar**

* There are 17 districts in South Bihar.
* Rivers: Sone, Punpun, Sakari, Chanan
* Primary Occupation: Agriculture
* Limited mineral resources
* Main industries: Stone quarries, rice mills and sugar factory
* Concentrated region of handlooms and powerlooms
* Small Scale Industrial activities are better than North Bihar.
* Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise -Development Institute (MSME-DI) located at Patna

**3. Female Population and Literacy as per 2011 Census:**

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| Total Female Population: 49,821,295  Total Female Literate: 20,896,530  Total Female Sex Ratio: 918 | | |
| **Description** | **Rural** | **Urban** |
| Population | 44,267,586 | 5,55,3709 |
| Sex Ratio | 921 | 895 |
| Literacy (%) | 44.30 | 61.95 |