



Pune

State	- Maharashtra
Population	- 3.99 million
Size	- 9 th largest city in India
Weather	- Tropical Semi-arid Climate
Language	- Marathi
Specialty Food	- Vada Pav, Dabeli, Misal Pav, Kanda Poha, Sabudana Khichdi



Pune is the second largest city in the Indian state of Maharashtra and the seventh most populous city in the country. Considered to be the cultural capital of Maharashtra, Pune is known as "Oxford of the East" due to the presence of several well-known educational institutions in the city. The city has emerged as a major educational hub in recent decades, with nearly half of the total international students in the country studying in Pune.

Pune is one of the fastest growing cities in the Asia-Pacific region. The 'Mercer 2017 Quality of Living Rankings' evaluated living conditions in more than 440 cities around the world and ranked Pune at 145, second in India after Hyderabad at 144. The same source highlights Pune among evolving business centers and nine emerging cities around the world with the citation "Hosts IT and automotive companies". Pune has the highest number of software companies in India.



Places of Interest

Sinhagad – Historic hilltop fort with a memorial for 17th-century emperors, plus a temple to the goddess Kali

Shaniwar Wada – Peshwa palace fort built in the 1740s, with a main gate big enough to let elephants pass through.

Aga Khan Palace – Palace built in 19th century by Aga Khan & the site of Gandhi's 2-year imprisonment in 1940s.

Dagadusheth Halwai Ganapati Temple – Hindu temple with large gold Ganesh idol.

Parvati Hill – Parvati Hill is a hillock in Pune, India. The hillock rises to 2,100 feet above sea level. Atop the hillock is the Parvati Temple, one of the most scenic locations in Pune.