Minimal example of historical data parsing

Input

Random historical table picked from 1951 UP census

25 -	Hamirpur— Total Rural Urban		. 1,272 . 821 . 451	5,246 3,244 2,002	2,793 1,710 1,083	2,453 1,534 919	557 372 185	1,074 700 374	527 342 185	2,576 1,664 912
26	Banda— Total Rural Urban		. 1,065 . 882 . 183	4,536 3,662 874	2,480 2,013 467	2,056 1,619 407	458 387 71	889 758 131	414 346 68	2,002 1,663 339
	Banaras Division		1.		v					
	Total Rural Urban		. 13,077 . 8,178 . 4,899	64,020 41,668 22,352	32,968 20,884 12,084	31,052 20,784 10,268	4,841 2,733 2,108	10,230 5,942 4,288	5,160 3,420 1,740	25,605 17,130 8,475
27	Banaras— Total Rural Urban		6,001 2,896 3,108	27,750 14,575 13,175	14,717 7,401 7,316	13,033 7,174 5,859	2,435 952 1,483	4,882 1,927 2,955	2,269 1,236 1,033	11,157 6,166 4,991
28	Mirzapur— Total Rural Urban		1,565 1,065 500	7,041 4,961 2,080	3,675 2,570 1,105	3,366 2,391 975	650 431 219	1,414 953 461	648 439 209	3,204 2,203 1,001
	Urban .		1,898 1,532 366	9,519 7,780 1,739	4,827 3,859 968	4,692 3,921 771	659 514 145	1,547 1,248 299	808 675 133	4,060 3,409 651
30				8,556 5,884 2,672	4,389 2,993 1,396	4,167 2,891 1,276	500 359 141	1,011 734 277	623 446 177	3,123 2,225 898
31	Ballia— Total Rural Urban		2,011 1,555 456	11,154 8,468 2,686	5,360 4,061 1,299	5,794 4,407 1,387	597 477 120	1,376 1,080 296	812 624 188	4,061 3,127 934
	Gorakhpur Divis	lon								. 40.
	Total Rural Urban		5,697	38,752 27,047 11,705	20,410 13,988 6,422	18,342 13,059 5,283	3,086 2,098 988	6,401 4,388 - 2,013	3,292 2,384 908	16,264 11,816 4,448
32	Gorakhpur— Total Rural Urban		2,737 1,547 1,190	12,818 7,414 5,404	6,721 3,763 2,958	6,097 3,651 2,446	1,065 551 514	2.185 1,172 1,013	1,110 682 428	5,507 3,398 2,109
33	Deoria— Total Rural Urban		1,256 871 385	5,924 4,267 1,657	3,204 2,279 925	2,720 1,988 732	519 346 173	1,103 752 351	465 320 145	2,313 1,609 704
34	Basti— Total Rural Urban	.9	1,690 1,412 278	7,369 6,078 1,291	3,992 3,263 729	,3,377 2,815 562	718 601 117	1,456 1,215 241	676 573 103	3,350 2,837 513
35	Azamgarli— Total Rural Urban		2,480 1,867 613	12,641 9,288 3,353	6,493 4,683 1,810	6,148 4,605 1,543	784 •600 184	1,657 1,249 408	1,041 809 232	5,094 3,972 1,122
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	Total Rural Urban		2,560 1,618 942	10,164 6,504 3,660	5,597 3,429 2,168	4,567 3,075 1,492	1,288 787 501	2,483 1,582 901	879 590 289	4,243 2,825 1,418
36	Naini Tal— Total Rural Urban		997 397 600	3,499 1,126 2,373	2,125 759 1,366	1,374 367 1,007	595 283 312	1,052 496 . 556	273 88 185	4,243 2,825 1,418 1,334 411 923

Processing

DocParse.ipynb runs layoutparser and extracts lists to produce a table. Here, we're interested in the 2nd numerical column (which is population).

Output

Some errors, but much preferable to manual entry.

	index	0			garage May
0	Hamirpur_Total	5,246		25	Hamirpur— Total 1,272 5,
1	Hamirpur Rural	3,241			Rural 821 3,
2	Hamirpur Urban	2,002			
				26	Banda— Total 1,065 4,
3	Bande_Total	4,536			Rural
4	Bande_Rural	3,662			Banaras Division
5	Bande_Urban	871			Total 13,077 64.
6	Banaras_Total	27,750			Rural 8,178 41,
7	Banaras_Rural	14,575			
8	Banaras_Urban	13,175		27	Banaras— Total 6,001 27
9	Mirzapur Total	7,041			Rural 2,896 14 Urban 3,108 13
LO	Mirzapur Rural	4,961		28	Mirzapur—
11	· -				Total 1,565 7
	Mirzapur_Urban	2,089			Urban
2	Jaunpur_Total	9,519		29	Jaunpur-
3	Jaunpur_Rural	7,780			Total 1,898 9 Rural 1,532 7
	Jaunpur_Urban	1,739			Urban 366 1
	Ghazipur_Total	8,556		30	Ghazipur— Total 1,599 8,
6	Ghazipur Rural	5,894		٠.	Rural 1,130 5,
7	Ghazipur Urban	2,672			Urban 469 2
				31	Ballia— Total 2,011 11,
.8	Ballia_Total	11,154			Rural 1,555 8, Urban
)	Ballia_Rural	8,468	5	• • • • • •	Gorakhpur Division
)	Ballia_Urban	2,686			
1	Gorakhpur_Total	12,818			Total
	Gorakhpur_Rural	7,414		. "	Urban 2,466 11,
3	Gorakhpur_Urban	5,404		32	Gorakhpur— Total 2,737 12
4	Deoria Total	5,924		et .	Rural . 1,547 7 Urban . 1,190 5
5	Deoria Rural	4,267		22	Deoria
				33	Total 1,256 5
6	Deoria_Urban	1,657		. 1	Rural 871 4 Urban 385 1
27	Basti_Total	7,369		34	Basti—
28	Basti_Rural	6,078			Total 1,690 7 Rural 1,412 6
29	Basti_Urban	1,291			Urban 278 I