

TABLE 1.9
Distribution of Population by Religious Communities in West Bengal

Religious Communities	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
All Religions	24810308	34926279	44312011	54580647	68077965	80176197	91276115
Hindus	19462706	27523358	34611864	42007159	50866624	58104835	64385546
Muslims	4925496	6985287	9064338	11743259	16075836	20240543	24654825
Christians	175021	204530	251752	319670	383477	515150	658618
Sikhs	29864	34184	35084	49054	55392	66391	63523
Buddhists	81576	112253	121504	156296	203578	243364	282898
Jains	19116	26940	32203	38663	34355	55223	60141
Others	114910	38610	194126	263414	452403	895796	942297
Religion not stated	1619	1117	1140	3132	6300	54895	228267

Source : Directorate of Census Operations, West Bengal.