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## About Age Data

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It is well known that one of the most fundamental characteristics of the population composition is its age-sex structure. Almost all population characteristics vary considerably with age. Age statistics are very important as most of the analysis of population characteristics is performed according to sex and age. Age and sex structure of the population provide an insight of the past, present and even the future demographic history

A question on age has been regularly canvassed in successive censuses starting from 1872. In 2001 population census also, the age on last birthday by sex was canvassed from every individual. The age-sex composition of the population presented in this publication is based on the processing and tabulation of actual data captured from each and every 202 million household schedules. The generation of basic data on age-sex composition for the Census 2001, is a fully computerized exercise starting from the automatic capture of data from the Household Schedule through scanning to the compilation of final tables.

The data presented at the website comprise of the following tables:

- Table C 14: Population in five year age-group by residence and sex
- Table C 14 SC: Population in five year age group by residence and sex for Scheduled Castes
- Table C 14 ST: Population in five year age group by residence and sex for Scheduled Tribes

All the above tables are presented in spreadsheet format at India and state/union territory level.

The above datasets reaching up to district level are available on CD in spreadsheet format. The CD also contains Table C 14 at city level.

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