

**Census of India 2011**  
**Provisional Population Totals**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Census of India, 2011 is the second Census of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and 7<sup>th</sup> Census after Independence. The provisional results of 2011 show that Population of Kerala as on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 is 3,33,87,677 with 1,74,55,506 in Rural and 1,59,32,171 in Urban.**

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS:** Census 2011 covered 14 districts 63 taluks and 520 towns and 1018 villages in the state of Kerala. In census 2001, the corresponding figures were 159 towns and 1364 villages whereas, the number of districts and taluks remained the same. There is an increase of 361 towns and a decline of 346 villages in census 2011 as compared to census 2001.

**2. POPULATION AND DECADAL GROWTH RATE:** As per Provisional Population Figures of Census 2011, Rural Population in Kerala is 1,74,55,506. Out of this 84,03,706 are males and 90,51,800 are females whereas urban population in this state is 1,59,32,171. Out of this 76,17,584 are males 83,14,587 are females. The decadal decline of rural population was (-) 25.96%, whereas the urban population has grown by 92.72%.

**3. TRENDS IN RURAL AND URBAN CLASSIFICATION OF POPULATION IN KERALA:** The State has now 52.28 percent rural population in 2011 Census as against 74.04 per cent in 2001 Census. The huge growth in urban population during the past decade 2001-2011 (92.72%) could be attributed squarely to the manifold increase in number of Towns in the State between 2001 & 2011 from 159 to 520. 47.72% of the total population of Kerala are from Urban. Ernakulam is the most urbanised district (68.07%) and Wayanad (3.87%) is the least urbanised district of the State.

**4. POPULATION IN THE AGE GROUP 0-6:** Total Population in the age group 0-6 is 33,22,247. Out of this males are 16,95,935 and females are 16,26,312. Rural Population in the age group 0-6 is 17,47,512. Males are 8,91,668 and females are 8,55,844. Urban Population of the age group 0-6 is 15,74,735. Out of this 8,04,267 are males and 7,70,468 are females. Percentage of rural population in the age group 0-6 to the total rural population is 10.01 and that of urban is 9.88.

**5. SEX RATIO (FEMALES PER 1000 MALES):** The Overall sex ratio of Kerala is 1084 females per 1000 males. Whereas, sex ratio of rural area is 1077 and that of urban area is 1091.

**6. SEX RATIO AMONG CHILDREN (0-6 YEARS) (FEMALES PER 1000 MALES):** Sex ratio in respect of 0-6 age population (Children) in Kerala is 959. In rural areas the same is 960, whereas in urban areas it is 958.

**7. LITERACY:** Total number of literates in Kerala is 2,82,34,227 and total literacy rate is 93.91%. Among these, literates in Rural area is 1,45,95,727 and that in Urban area is 1,36,38,500. The numbers of male literates in Rural area is 71,58,427 and the number of male literates in Urban area is 65,97,461. Female literates in rural areas are 74,37,300 and that in urban area is 70,41,039. Literacy rate in the rural area is 92.92% and that of urban area is 94.99%. The gender gap in literacy in rural area of the State is found to be 4.55%; whereas that in urban area is 3.5%

