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POPULATION AND DECADAL GROWTH RATE

As per 2011 Provisional Population Figures, Rural Population in Kerala is 17,455,506. Out of this 8,403,706 are males and 9,051,800 are females whereas urban population in this state is 15,932,171. Out of this, 7,617,584 are males and 8,314,587 are females. The decadal decline of rural population was -25.96%, whereas the urban population has grown by 92.72%.

TRENDS IN RURAL AND URBAN CLASSIFICATION OF POPULATION IN KERALA

The State has now 52.30 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.

POPULATION IN THE AGE GROUP 0-6 AGE

Total Population in the age group 0-6 is 3,322,247. Out of this males are 1,695,935 and females are 1,626,312. Rural Population in the age group 0- 6 is 1,747,512. Males are 891,668 and females are 855,844. Urban Population of the age group 0- 6 is 1,574,735. Out of this 804,267 are males and 770,468 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

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.

CHILD SEX RATIO (0-6 YEARS)

Child sex ratio in respect of 0-6 age population in Kerala is 959. In rural areas it is 960, whereas, sex ratio of 0-6 age population in urban areas is 958.

LITERACY

Total number of literates in Kerala is 28,234,227 and total literacy rate is 93.91%. Among these, literates in Rural area is 14,595,727 and that in Urban area is 13,638,500. The numbers of male literates in Rural area is 7,158,427 and the number of male literates in Urban area is 6,597,461. Female literates in rural areas are 7,437,300 and that in urban area is 7,041,039. 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%

Figures at a glance and Data Sheet showing district level break up of Rural & Urban of the state is attached.

(See overleaf)