

Table 3
Population Statistics of Kerala

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Table 3.1 : Population Growth of Kerala 1901 – 2011

Census Year	Population (in lakh)			Decadal Percentage of Increase of Population			Density of Population per sq. km
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
1901	31.91	32.05	63.96	-	-	-	165
1911	35.60	35.88	71.48	11.6	12.0	11.8	184
1921	38.79	39.23	78.02	9.0	9.3	9.2	201
1931	47.03	48.04	95.07	21.3	22.5	21.9	245
1941	54.44	55.88	110.32	15.8	16.3	16.0	284
1951	66.82	68.67	135.49	22.7	22.9	22.8	349
1961	83.62	85.42	169.04	25.2	24.4	24.8	435
1971	105.38	107.59	213.47	26.6	26.0	26.3	549
1981	125.28	129.26	254.54	18.3	20.2	19.2	655
1991	142.89	148.09	290.98	14.0	14.6	14.3	749
2001	154.69	163.73	318.41	8.25	10.5	9.4	819
2011	160.21	173.66	333.87	3.6	6.1	4.8	859

Source: 1. Census of India 1981, series 10, Kerala, Paper 3 of 1981 Final Population Tables.

2. Census of India 1991, Series 12, Kerala, Paper 1 of 1991.

3. Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 1 of 2011.

Table 3.2 : Districtwise Distribution of Population in 2001 and 2011

Rank in 2011	District	Population 2011	Percent to Total Population of the State 2011	Population 2001	Percent to Total Population of the State 2001
1	Malappuram	41,10,956	12.31	36,25,471	11.39
2	Thiruvananthapuram	33,07,284	9.91	32,34,356	10.16
3	Ernakulam	32,79,860	9.82	31,05,798	9.75
4	Thrissur	31,10,327	9.32	29,74,232	9.34
5	Kozhikode	30,89,543	9.25	28,79,131	9.04
6	Palakkad	28,10,892	8.42	26,17,482	8.22
7	Kollam	26,29,709	7.88	25,85,208	8.12
8	Kannur	25,25,637	7.56	24,08,956	7.57
9	Alappuzha	21,21,943	6.36	21,09,160	6.62
10	Kottayam	19,79,384	5.93	19,53,646	6.14
11	Kasaragod	13,02,600	3.90	12,04,078	3.78
12	Pathanamthitta	11,95,537	3.58	12,34,016	3.88
13	Idukki	11,07,453	3.32	11,29,221	3.55
14	Wayanad	8,16,558	2.45	7,80,619	2.45

Source: Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 1 of 2011

Table 3.3 : Decennial Population Growth Rate (Percent) of Kerala

Sl. No	State/District	Percentage Decadal Variation					
		1951-61	1961-71	1971-81	1981-91	1991-01	2001-11
	Kerala	24.76	26.29	19.24	14.32	9.43	4.86
1	Kasaragod	24.60	33.36	27.78	22.78	12.37	8.18
2	Kannur	30.24	31.82	24.32	16.63	6.98	4.84
3	Wayanad	62.60	50.35	33.87	21.32	16.14	4.60
4	Kozhikode	25.71	29.81	23.25	16.69	9.89	7.31
5	Malappuram	20.67	33.80	29.43	28.87	17.09	13.39
6	Palakkad	12.79	23.06	21.30	16.52	9.88	7.39
7	Thrissur	20.32	26.09	14.60	12.20	8.66	4.58
8	Ernakulam	21.93	27.49	17.43	11.42	9.35	5.60
9	Idukki	74.94	31.89	25.99	10.45	7.03	-1.93
10	Kottayam	16.04	17.13	10.29	7.71	6.86	1.32
11	Alappuzha	20.45	19.01	11.62	7.28	5.39	0.61
12	Pathanamthitta	23.48	15.75	9.44	5.60	3.84	-3.12
13	Kollam	31.59	25.88	18.27	10.68	7.38	1.72
14	Thiruvananthapuram	31.38	26.03	18.08	13.50	9.76	2.25

Source: Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 1 of 2011

Table 3.4 : Sex Ratio in Kerala (1951-2011) (Females per 1000 Males)

Sl. No	State/District	Sex-ratio						
		1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
	Kerala	1028	1022	1016	1032	1036	1058	1084
1	Kasaragod	1046	1026	998	1020	1026	1047	1079
2	Kannur	1074	1048	1033	1040	1049	1090	1133
3	Wayanad	838	903	922	949	966	995	1035
4	Kozhikode	1019	1007	1004	1020	1027	1057	1097
5	Malappuram	1055	1057	1041	1052	1053	1066	1096
6	Palakkad	1085	1077	1056	1056	1061	1066	1067
7	Thrissur	1105	1093	1081	1100	1085	1092	1109
8	Ernakulam	1008	999	988	997	1000	1019	1028
9	Idukki	909	914	937	963	975	993	1006
10	Kottayam	987	988	991	1001	1003	1025	1040
11	Alappuzha	1022	1026	1025	1043	1051	1079	1100
12	Pathanamthitta	996	1011	1019	1056	1062	1094	1129
13	Kollam	997	996	1000	1022	1035	1069	1113
14	Thiruvananthapuram	1010	1005	1008	1030	1036	1060	1088

Source: Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 1 of 2011

Table 3.5 : Density of Population in Kerala (1951-2011) (Persons per sq. km.)

Sl. No.	State/District	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
	Kerala	349	435	549	655	749	819	859
1	Kasaragod	206	257	343	438	538	604	654
2	Kannur	305	397	524	651	759	812	852
3	Wayanad	79	129	194	260	315	366	383
4	Kozhikode	476	599	777	958	1118	1228	1318
5	Malappuram	324	391	523	677	872	1021	1158
6	Palakkad	271	306	376	456	532	584	627
7	Thrissur	463	557	702	805	903	981	1026
8	Ernakulam	579	706	899	1053	963	1012	1069
9	Idukki	66	115	152	193	236	259	254
10	Kottayam	514	596	699	771	828	885	896
11	Alappuzha	825	993	1182	1319	1415	1492	1501
12	Pathanamthitta	272	336	389	426	450	468	453
13	Kollam	446	587	738	873	967	1038	1056
14	Thiruvananthapuram	606	796	1003	1184	1344	1476	1509

Source: 1. Census of India 1991, Series 12, Kerala, Paper 1 of 1991.

2. Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 1 of 2011.

Table 3.6 : Literacy Rate in Kerala 1951-2011

Year	Persons	Males	Females
1951	47.18	58.35	36.43
1961	55.08	64.89	45.56
1971	69.75	77.13	62.53
1981	78.85	84.56	73.36
1991	89.81	93.62	86.17
2001	90.86	94.24	87.72
2011	93.91	96.02	91.98

Note: Literacy rates for 1951,1961 and 1971 related to population aged five years and above.

The rates for the years 1981 to 2011 related to the population aged seven years and above.

Source: Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 1 of 2011

Table 3.7 : District wise Literacy Rate in Kerala 2011

Sl.No	State/District	Literacy Rate (percent)		
		Persons	Males	Females
	Kerala	93.91	96.02	91.98
1	Kasaragod	89.85	93.93	86.13
2	Kannur	95.41	97.54	93.57
3	Wayanad	89.32	92.84	85.94
4	Kozhikode	95.24	97.57	93.16
5	Malappuram	93.55	95.78	91.55
6	Palakkad	88.49	92.27	84.99
7	Thrissur	95.32	96.98	93.85
8	Ernakulam	95.68	97.14	94.27
9	Idukki	92.20	94.84	89.59
10	Kottayam	96.40	97.17	95.67
11	Alappuzha	96.26	97.90	94.80
12	Pathanamthitta	96.93	97.70	96.26
13	Kollam	93.77	95.83	91.95
14	Thiruvananthapuram	92.66	94.60	90.89

Note: Literacy rate is the percentage of literates to population aged 7 years and above

Source: Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 1 of 2011

Table 3.8 : Proportion of Child Population to Total Population in Kerala: 2001 and 2011

Sl. No.	State/Districts	Child Population in the Age-Group 0-6 to Total Population (Percent)	
		2001	2011
	Kerala	11.91	9.95
1	Kasaragod	13.21	11.46
2	Kannur	11.62	10.50
3	Wayanad	13.33	10.99
4	Kozhikode	12.06	10.47
5	Malappuram	15.21	13.45
6	Palakkad	12.18	10.26
7	Thrissur	11.18	9.30
8	Ernakulam	10.91	8.82
9	Idukki	11.88	9.04
10	Kottayam	10.88	8.52
11	Alappuzha	10.73	8.77
12	Pathanamthitta	10.29	7.65
13	Kollam	11.32	9.05
14	Thiruvananthapuram	11.39	8.79

Source: Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 1 of 2011

Table 3.9 : Rural Urban Population of Kerala

Census Year	Proportion of Total Population (Percent)		Decennial Growth Rate (Percent)	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
1901	92.89	7.11	-	-
1911	92.66	7.34	11.46	15.44
1921	91.27	8.73	7.51	29.78
1931	90.36	9.64	20.64	34.58
1941	89.16	10.84	14.49	30.47
1951	86.52	13.48	19.18	52.72
1961	84.89	15.11	22.40	39.89
1971	83.76	16.24	24.60	35.72
1981	81.26	18.74	15.66	37.64
1991	73.61	26.39	3.25	60.97
2001	74.03	25.97	10.05	7.64
2011	52.28	47.72	-25.97	92.72

*Source:*1. Census of India 1991, Series 12, Kerala, Paper 2 of 1991.

2. Census of India, 2001, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 2 of 2001.

3. Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 2 of 2011.

Table 3.10 : Rural and Urban Population in Kerala in 2011

Sl. No	State/ Districts	Population 2011 (in lakh)			Percentage Decadal Growth (Persons) 2001-2011		
		Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban
	Kerala	333.87	174.55	159.32	4.86	-25.96	92.72
1	Kasaragod	13.02	7.97	5.05	8.18	-17.82	116.16
2	Kannur	25.25	8.82	16.42	4.84	-26.20	35.45
3	Wayanad	8.16	7.84	0.31	4.60	4.52	6.64
4	Kozhikode	30.89	10.14	20.74	7.31	-42.93	88.42
5	Malappuram	41.10	22.94	18.16	13.39	-29.82	410.00
6	Palakkad	28.10	21.33	6.77	7.39	-5.63	89.92
7	Thrissur	31.10	10.20	20.89	4.58	-52.20	148.95
8	Ernakulam	32.79	10.47	22.32	5.60	-35.70	51.15
9	Idukki	11.07	10.55	0.52	-1.93	-1.51	-9.67
10	Kottayam	19.79	14.13	5.65	1.32	-14.52	88.66
11	Alappuzha	21.21	9.74	11.47	0.61	-34.47	84.57
12	Pathanamthitta	11.95	10.64	1.31	-3.12	-4.16	6.19
13	Kollam	26.29	14.43	11.86	1.72	-31.89	154.59
14	Thiruvananthapuram	33.07	15.28	17.79	2.25	-28.69	62.99

Note: **Urban Area** comprises of Statutory Towns, Census Towns and Out Growths.

Statutory Towns include Municipality, Corporation, Cantonment Board or Notified Town Area Committee, etc.

Census Towns are places that satisfy the following criteria, (a) A minimum population of 5000, (b) At least 75% of the male main working population engaged in non-agricultural pursuits, (c) A density of population of at least 400 per sq. km.

Out Growth possess urban features in terms of infrastructure amenities etc. but located within the revenue limit of a village.

Rural Area : All areas other than Urban are Rural. The basic unit for rural areas is the Revenue Village.

Source: Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 2 of 2011

Table 3.11 : Proportion of Rural and Urban Population of 2011 (percent)

Sl. No	State/Districts	Percentage share of Population to Total Population 2011		
		Rural	Urban	Total
	Kerala	52.28	47.72	100
1	Kasaragod	61.22	38.78	100
2	Kannur	34.95	65.05	100
3	Wayanad	96.13	3.87	100
4	Kozhikode	32.85	67.15	100
5	Malappuram	55.81	44.19	100
6	Palakkad	75.91	24.09	100
7	Thrissur	32.81	67.19	100
8	Ernakulam	31.93	68.07	100
9	Idukki	95.30	4.70	100
10	Kottayam	71.42	28.58	100
11	Alappuzha	45.94	54.06	100
12	Pathanamthitta	89.00	11.00	100
13	Kollam	54.89	45.11	100
14	Thiruvananthapuram	46.20	53.80	100

Source: Census of India 2011, Series 33, Kerala, Paper 2 of 2011