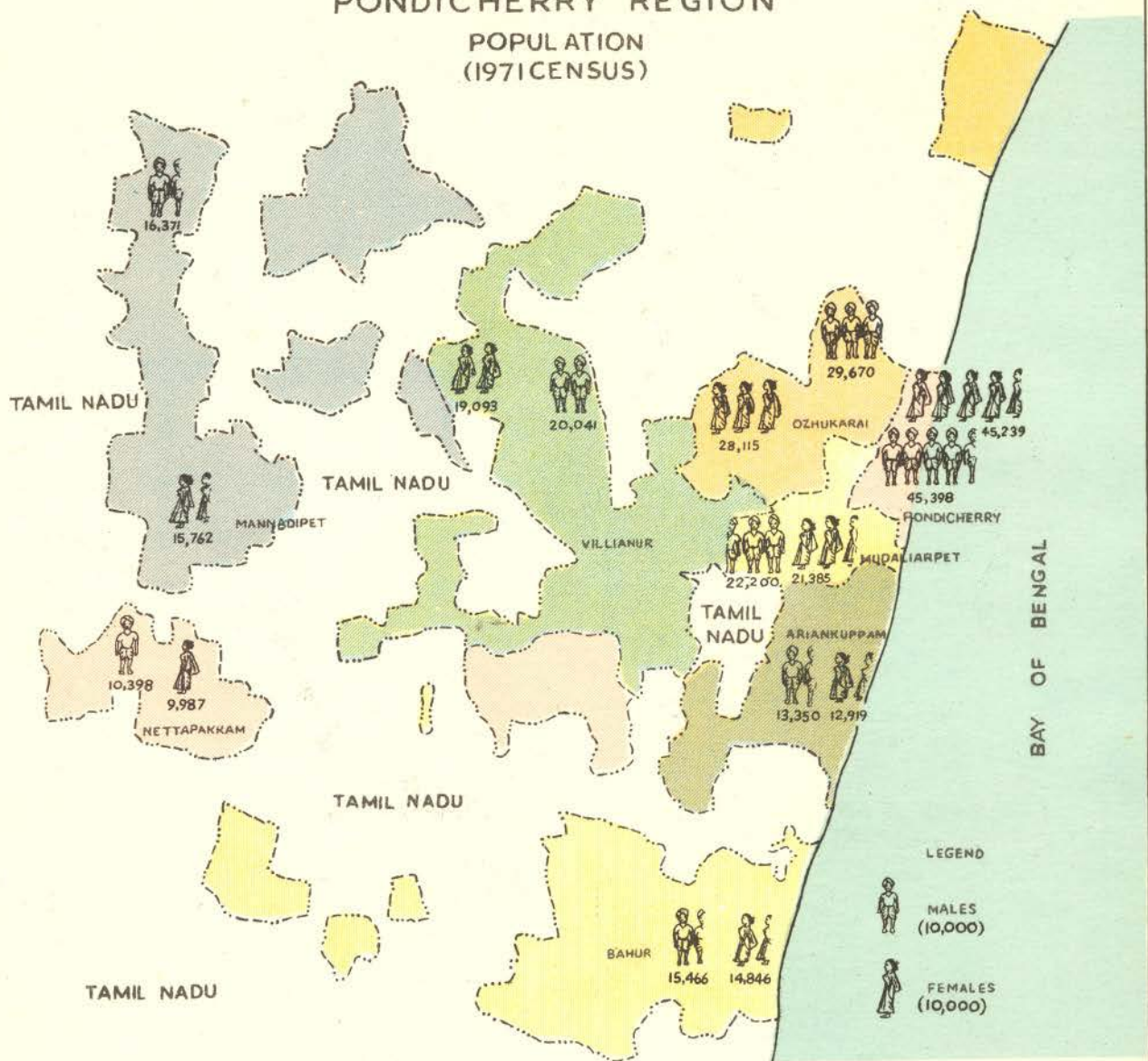


PONDICHERY REGION

POPULATION
(1971 CENSUS)



LEGEND

- MALES (10,000)
- FEMALES (10,000)

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Salient Demographic Features of the Union Territory :

The total population of the Union Territory according to 1971 Census is 4,71,707 consisting of 2,37,112 males and 2,34,595 females. Thus the number of females per 1,000 males works out to 989. The over all density of population of the Union Territory is 983 per sq.km. However, Mahe Region has a density of 2,570 per sq.km.

The population of the Union Territory has been rising consistently during the last few decades except during the period 1911 to 1921. The annual growth rate between 1961 and 1971 is 2.78%

According to 1971 Population Census the Union Territory has a rural population of 2,73,419 persons inhabiting in 333 villages while the urban population is 1,98,288 persons residing in 6 towns. Thus 57.96% of the total population live in rural areas as against 42.04% living in urban areas. The percentage of urban population is highest (100.00%) in Yanam Region since the entire Yanam Region is classified as urban area and lowest (26.07%) in Karaikal Region. The average population of a village is 821 and that of a town is 33,047.

The Scheduled Caste population is 72,921 which works out to 15.46% of the total population of the Union Territory. 2,17,058 persons or 46.02% are literate and educated population. Speaking of religious composition of the population, 4,00,793 persons or 84.9% belong to Hindu religion followed by 41,296 or 8.75% belonging to Christian religion. Thus these two religious group constitute 93.71% of the total population.

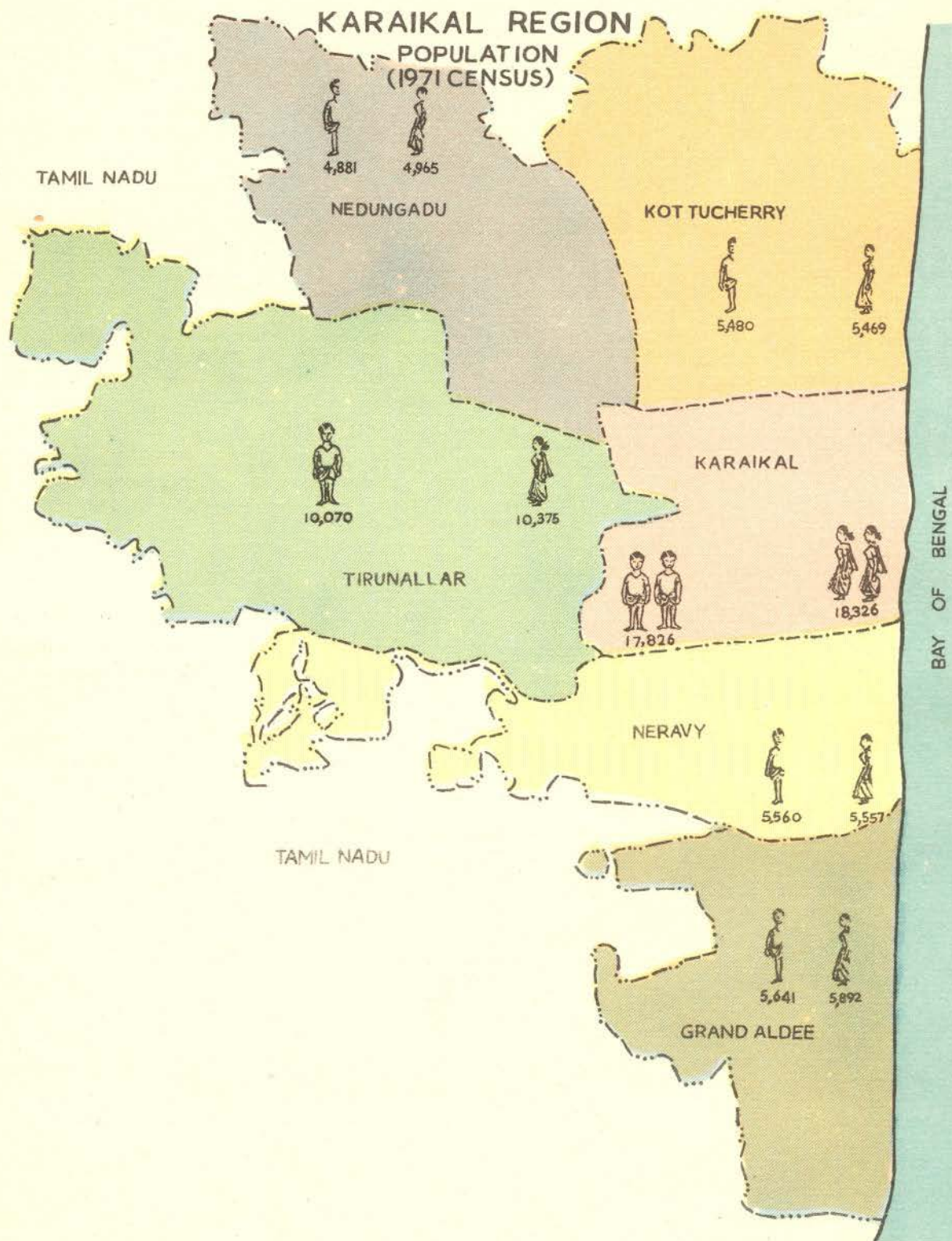
Out of a total population of 4,71,707 persons, 1,41,025 are classified as workers which works out to 29.90%. However, it is also important to note that the male working force is 48.65% while the female working force is 10.94%.

Pondicherry Region.

The population of the Pondicherry Region was 2,58,561 as per 1961 Census. According to 1971 Population Census, the population of Pondicherry Region is 3,40,240. In the table below the density of population, sex ratio and percentage of literacy as per the 1961 and 1971 Censuses are indicated :—

Sl. No.	Census Year	Density of population per sq.km.	Number of females per 1,000 males	Percentage of literacy
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	1961	880	988	35.23
2.	1971	1,173	968	44.90

It will be seen from the above table that the literacy rate has increased by 9.67% in 1971 over that of 1961 Census. As regards religious composition 88.18% of the regional population are Hindus.



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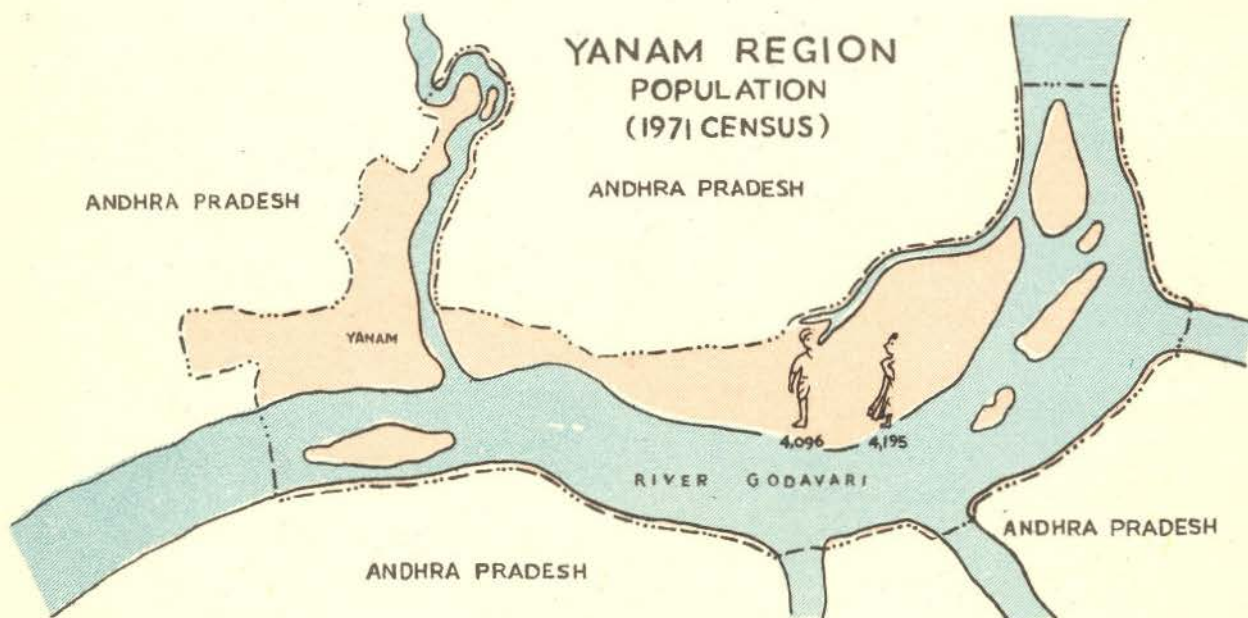
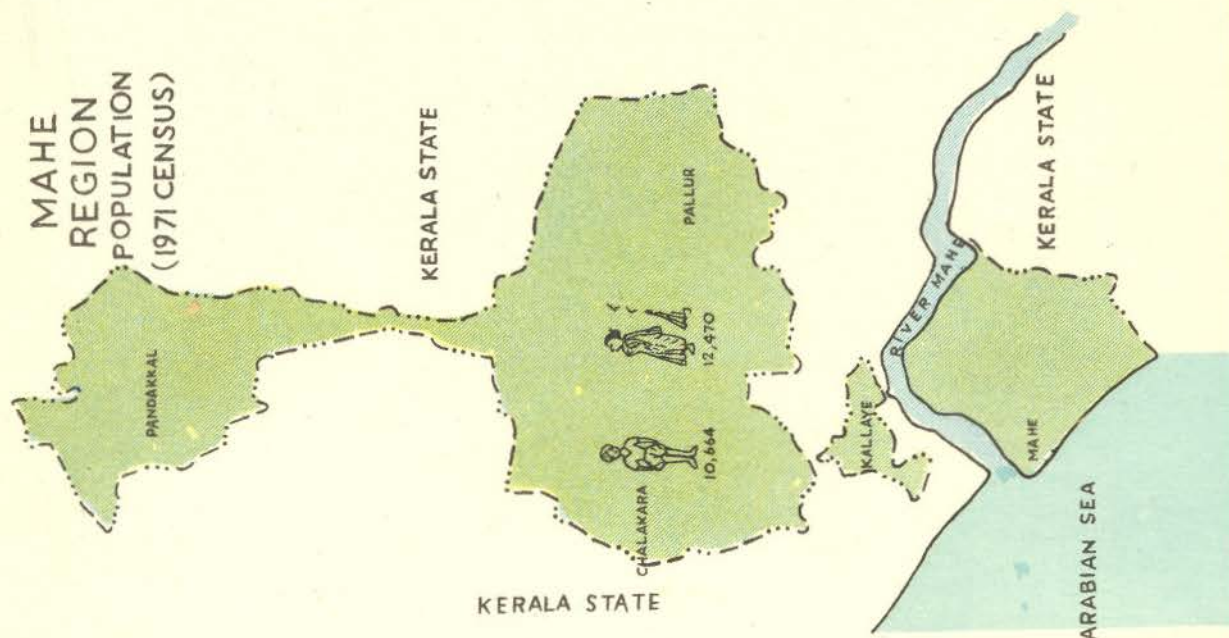
Karaikal Region.

The population of Karaikal was 84,001 as per 1961 Census. According to 1971 Population Census, the population is 1,00,042. In the table below the density of population, sex ratio and percentage of literacy are indicated.

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Census Year</i>	<i>Density of population per sq.km.</i>	<i>Number of females per 1,000 males</i>	<i>Percentage of literacy</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	1961	563	1,056	38.29
2.	1971	621	1,023	45.05

It will be evident from the above table that literacy rate had increased by 6.76% in 1971 over 1961.

Speaking of the religious composition, 76.10% are Hindus while 10.28% belong to Christian religion. In other words 86.38% belong to these two religious groups.



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Mahe Region.

As per 1961 Census, the population of Mahe Region was 19,485. According to 1971 Census, the population is 23,134. In the table below the density of population, sex ratio and percentage of literacy are furnished.

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Census Year</i>	<i>Density of population per sq.km.</i>	<i>Number of females per 1,000 males</i>	<i>Percentage of literacy</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	1961	2,348	1,175	62.30
2.	1971	2,570	1,169	67.39

The above table reveals that literacy has gone up by 5.09% in 1971 over the year 1961. This region continues to maintain the highest literacy rate in the Union Territory.

As regards the religious composition out of a total regional population of 23,134, 16,908 or 73.08% belong to Hindu religion while the next predominant religious community is Muslim numbering 5,655 or 24.44%.

Yanam Region.

The population of Yanam region as per 1961 Census was 7,032. According to 1971 Census the population is 8,291. In the table below the density of population, sex ratio and literacy percentage are indicated.

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Census Year</i>	<i>Density of population per sq.km.</i>	<i>Number of females per 1,000 males</i>	<i>Percentage of literacy</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	1961	404	1,021	38.99
2.	1971	415	1,024	43.92

Out of a total regional population of 8,291, 7,720 or 93.11% are Hindus followed by Muslims numbering 401 or 4.83%