

## I POPULATION

The demographic composition of state is an important feature of economic development. Demographic data plays a vital role in the policy making process. The decennial population census is the major source of data on population. The population census 2001 records the population of Union Territory of Puducherry to be 9.74 lakhs comprising 4.87 lakh males and 4.87 lakh females. The child population in the age group of 0-14 was 2.63 lakh and accounts for 26.96% of the total population. Out of the total of 2.63 lakhs, 1.34 lakh are males and 1.29 lakh are females. The rural urban composition of the population is 93,142 and 1,69,544 respectively.

The Union Territory of Puducherry has the distinction of having an equitable distribution of population among males and females in the 2001 census. The sex ratio of the total population of the Union Territory has increased from 979 in 1991 census to 1001 in the 2001 census indicating females have out numbered males. The child sex ratio (0-6) of the Union Territory in the 2001 census is 967 as against 963 recorded in 1991 census. Puducherry has thus registered a slight increase in the child sex ratio while at the national level as well as in majority of the states, it has declined in 2001 census.

Amongst the districts, the highest child sex ratio of 979 is recorded in Karaikal while the lowest of 910 is recorded in Mahe district in 2001 census. The child sex ratio (0-6) among the scheduled case population at Union Territory level in 2001 is 990 which shows considerable increase over 964 registered in 1991 census.

The proportion of the child population (0-14) in total population in the Union Territory is 26.96% and among scheduled caste 30.94%. The percentage of child population in the total as well as in the scheduled caste population has declined in the Union Territory in 2001 as compared to 1991 census.

It is also important to note that 8.55% of the female population is in the age group of 0-4 and 9.50% in the age group of 10-14. Child women ratio (0-4) has declined from 361 in 1991 to 303 in 2001 indicating decline in fertility level.

Young dependency ratio also shows a declining trend. The total disabled child population in the Union Territory is recorded at 4051 which accounts for nearly 16% of the total disabled population.

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Table. 1 POPULATION BY SEX , GROWTH AND SEX RATIO  
(in lakh nos.)

Year	Males	Females	Persons	Decennial addition	Sex Ratio (Females per 1000 males)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1961	1.83	1.86	3.69	0.52	1013
1971	2.37	2.35	4.72	1.03	989
1981	3.04	3.00	6.04	1.32	985
1991	4.08	4.00	8.08	2.04	979
2001	4.87	4.87	9.74	1.66	1001

Source : Directorate of Census Operations, Puducherry

Table. 2 CHILD POPULATION – 2001 CENSUS

Sl. No	Region	Total Population	Child Population (0-14 years)			% to total Population
			Male	Female	Population	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Puducherry	735332	99476	95958	195434	26.58
2	Karaikal	170791	24212	23471	47683	27.92
3	Mahe	36828	4909	4545	9454	25.67
4	Yanam	31394	5164	4951	10115	32.22
5	U.T	974345	133761	128925	262686	26.96

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

Table.3 REGION-WISE CHILD POPULATION BY SEX AND RESIDENCE - 2001 CENSUS

Sl.No	Region	Child Population ( 0-14 years)						
		Male		Female		Population		
		Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Puducherry	33723	65753	32305	63653	66028	129406	195434
2	Karaikal	13695	10517	13419	10052	27114	20569	47683
3	Mahe	-	4909	-	4545	-	9454	9454
4	Yanam	-	5164	-	4951	-	10115	10115
5	U.T	47418	86343	45724	83201	93142	169544	262686

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

Table .4 AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD POPULATION BY SEX - 2001 CENSUS

Sl No	Region	0-4			5-9			10-14		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Puducherry	32069	31113	63182	31622	30279	61901	35785	34566	70351
2	Karaikal	7758	7647	15405	7789	7585	15374	8665	8239	16904
3	Mahe	1589	1456	3045	1498	1335	2833	1822	1754	3576
4	Yanam	1514	1471	2985	1831	1714	3545	1819	1766	3585
5	U.T	42930	41687	84617	42740	40913	83653	48091	46325	94416

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

Table .5 SCHEDULED CASTE CHILD POPULATION – 2001 CENSUS

S. No	Region	Total SC Population	Child Population (0-14 years)			% to total SC Population
			Male	Female	Population	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Puducherry	120980	18696	18365	37061	30.63
2	Karaikal	30868	4897	4831	9728	31.51
3	Mahe	121	9	9	18	14.88
4	Yanam	5802	1036	974	2010	34.64
5	U.T	157771	24638	24179	48817	30.94

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

Table .6 SCHEDULED CASTE CHILD POPULATION BY SEX AND RESIDENCE  
2001 CENSUS

Sl.No	Region	Child Population ( 0-14 years)						
		Male		Female		Population		
		Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Puducherry	10769	7927	10447	7918	21216	15845	37061
2	Karaikal	3505	1392	3488	1343	6993	2735	9728
3	Mahe	-	9	-	9	-	18	18
4	Yanam	-	1036	-	974	-	2010	2010
5	U.T	14274	10364	13935	10244	28209	20608	48817

Source : Directorate of Census Operations, Puducherry

Table.7 AGE-WISE CHILD POPULATION -2001 CENSUS

Sl. No.	Age	Child Population										
		Puducherry		Karaikal		Mahe		Yanam		UT		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Below one yr.	5581	5608	1438	1436	327	262	256	293	7602	7599	15201
2	1	6538	6220	1453	1542	318	296	272	306	8581	8364	16945
3	2	6266	6195	1467	1461	280	291	288	253	8301	8200	16501
4	3	7119	6802	1698	1615	310	325	328	307	9455	9049	18504
5	4	6565	6288	1702	1593	354	282	370	312	8991	8475	17466
6	5	6549	6223	1588	1524	309	288	351	309	8797	8344	17141
7	6	5734	5544	1439	1392	288	246	377	381	7838	7563	15401
8	7	6338	5992	1492	1484	276	252	343	334	8449	8062	16511
9	8	6726	6533	1688	1666	333	297	395	374	9142	8870	18012
10	9	6275	5987	1582	1519	292	252	365	316	8514	8074	16588

Table.7 AGE-WISE CHILD POPULATION -2001 CENSUS (concl'd)

Sl. No.	Age	Child Population										
		Puducherry		Karaikal		Mahe		Yanam		UT		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
11	10	7798	7325	1929	1758	368	361	383	396	10478	9840	20318
12	11	6644	6349	1528	1411	322	284	312	280	8806	8324	17130
13	12	7723	7381	1832	1774	399	355	437	382	10391	9892	20283
14	13	7034	7044	1733	1712	368	404	341	355	9476	9515	18991
15	14	6586	6467	1643	1584	365	350	346	353	8940	8754	17694
16	Total	99476	95958	24212	23471	4909	4545	5164	4951	133761	128925	262686

M- Male F- Female T- Total

Source : Directorate of Census Operations, Puducherry



Table.8 PROPORTION OF CHILD POPULATION IN AGE-GROUPS 0-4, 5-9 AND 0-9 YEARS TO TOTAL POPULATION BY RESIDENCE IN THE U.T.OF PUDUCHERRY -1991-2001

Sl.No	Category	Percentage to Total Population					
		1991 Census			2001 Census		
		0-4	5-9	0-9	0-4	5-9	0-9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Total	9.7	10.4	20.2	8.7	8.6	17.3
2	Rural	10.8	11.0	21.8	9.4	9.1	18.4
3	Urban	10.1	19.2	NA	8.3	16.7	9.1

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

Table 9. PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY BROAD AGE-GROUPS AMONG THE GENERAL AND SCHEDULED CASTE IN THE U.T OF PUDUCHERRY – 2001 CENSUS

Sl.No	Category	AGE-GROUP			
		0-14	15-59	Age 60 +	Total Population
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	General	26.2	65.1	8.7	100
2	Scheduled Caste	30.9	62.5	6.6	100

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

Table 10. CHILD WOMEN RATIO OF CHILDREN IN AGE-GROUPS 0-4,5-9 IN THE U.T PUDUCHERRY – 1991-2001

Sl.No	Category	Child women ratio for age-group			
		1991 Census		2001 Census	
		0-4	5-9	0-4	5-9
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	UT of Puducherry	361	447	303	335

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

\*Child Woman Ratios are calculated as:

CWR-0-4 = Number of children of age 0-4 years per 1000 women age 15-49 years. CWR-5-9 = Number of children of age 5-9 years per 1000 women age 20-54 years.

Table 11. YOUNG (0-14)DEPENDENCY RATIO BY RESIDENCE IN THE U.T OF PUDUCHERRY1991-2001

Sl.No	Category	Young dependency ratio	
		1991 Census	2001 Census
1	2	3	4
1	Total	510	417
2	Rural	549	453
3	Urban	489	400

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

\*Dependency ratio is calculated as below:

Young- Number of persons in ages 0-14 per 1000 persons in age 15-59.

Table No.12. Child Sex Ratio (Population 0-6 age group)

Sl. No.	Region	Child Sex Ratio (Population 0-6 age group)			
		Total	Males	Females	Sex –Ratio
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Puducherry	87232	44352	42880	967
2	Karaikal	21348	10785	10563	979
3	Mahe	4176	2186	1990	910
4	Yanam	4403	2242	2161	964
5	Union Territory	117159	59565	57594	967

Source: Directorate of Census Operations, Puducherry

Table 13. AGE-SPECIFIC –SEX RATIO – 2001 CENSUS

Sl. No	Region	0-4			5-9			10-14		
		Males	Fe - males	Sex Ratio	Males	Fe- males	Sex Ratio	Males	Fe males	Sex Ratio
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Puducherry	32069	31113	970	31622	30279	957	35785	34566	966
2	Karaikal	7758	7647	986	7789	7585	974	8665	8239	951
3	Mahe	1589	1456	916	1498	1335	891	1822	1754	963
4	Yanam	1514	1471	971	1831	1714	936	1819	1766	971
5	U.T	42930	41687	971	42740	40913	957	48091	46325	963

Source: Directorate of Census Operations, Puducherry

Table 14. DECADAL VARIATION OF SEX RATIO IN CHILD POPULATION(0-14 YEARS)  
2001 CENSUS

Sl No	Region	1991			2001		
		Males	Females	Sex Ratio	Males	Females	Sex Ratio
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Puducherry	95792	92993	971	99476	95958	965
2	Karaikal	23312	22585	969	24212	23471	969
3	Mahe	5134	5070	988	4909	4545	926
4	Yanam	3808	3622	951	5164	4951	959
5	UT	128046	124270	970	133761	128925	964

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

Table . 15. DISTRIBUTION OF DISABLED CHILD POPULATION BY TYPE OF DISABILITY, BY SEX AND RESIDENCE  
IN THE U. T. OF PUDUCHERRY 2001 Census

Sl. No	Age Group	In seeing			In Speech			In Hearing			In Movement			Mental		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Total	5900	4746	10646	981	837	1818	1047	1230	2277	5543	3287	8830	1294	992	2286
2	Age 0-14	951	862	1813	218	183	401	134	116	250	619	434	1053	318	216	534

M- Male F- Female

Source : Directorate of Census Operations , Puducherry

Table. 16. PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED CHILD (0-14) POPULATION TO TOTAL DISABLED POPULATION IN THE U. T. OF PUDUCHERRY  
2001 CENSUS

Sl. No	Region	In Seeing			In Speech			In Hearing			In Movement			Mental		
		Total	0-14	% to total	Total	0-14	% to total	Total	0-14	% to total	Total	0-14	% to total	Total	0-14	% to total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	UT	10646	1813	17.03	1818	401	22.06	2277	250	10.98	8830	1053	11.92	2286	534	23.36

Source: Directorate of Census Operations, Puducherry