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State: Sikkim

The Sikkim census of 2011 says population of Sikkim is the least in all of India. This thinly populated state has a population of mere 6 lacs, and has grown by approximately one lac since the last census.

The state of Sikkim is also the second smallest state in India, and thus, the population density here isn't as low as you'd expect it to be. The density is less than 100 in Sikkim, and has undergone significant increment. The population growth rate is another factor indicating the population status. In Sikkim, the growth rate of population has considerably reduced to just above 10%. Percentage of literates however, has increased by about 20%, which is a huge toward progress. Increase in female literacy also tells

The gender ratio in Sikkim is guite alarming, and has not shown significant increase in last 10 years. It shows only around 800 females for every 1000 males. As with most north eastern states in India, the land has not been developed largely. Hence, only over 20% of the population of Sikkim lives in cities. The capital city Gangtok is also the largest one in Sikkim. Population growth in urban and rural areas shows too contrasts a picture. While, city population is growing at an alarming rate of above 150%, the rural population isn't growing at all, but is decreasing.

The capital city which is also the largest city in the state of Sikkim is Gangtok. The languages spoken in the Sikkim state includes Nepali, Bhutia, Lepcha, Limbu, Newari, Kulung, Gurung, Manggar, Sherpa, Tamang and Sunwar. In total Sikkim (SK) state comprises 4 districts. The ISOCODE assigned by International Organization for Standardization for Sikkim state is SK.

Sikkim Population 2011

As per details from Census 2011, Sikkim has population of 6.07 Lakh, an increase from figure of 5.41 Lakh in 2001 census. Total population of Sikkim as per 2011 census is 607,688 of which male and female are 321,661 and 286,027 respectively. In 2001, total population was 540,851 in which males were 288,484 while females were 252.367.

Sikkim Population Growth Rate

The total population growth in this decade was 12.36 percent while in previous decade it was 32.98 percent. The population of Sikkim forms 0.05 percent of India in 2011. In 2001, the figure was 0.05 percent.

Sikkim Literacy Rate 2011

Literacy rate in Sikkim has seen upward trend and is 82.20 percent as per 2011 population census. Of that, male literacy stands at 87.29 percent while female literacy is at 76.43 percent. In 2001, literacy rate in Sikkim stood at 68.81 percent of which male and female were 77.38 percent and 59.63 percent literate respectively.

In actual numbers, total literates in Sikkim stands at 449,294 of which males were 253,364 and females were 195,930.

Sikkim Density 2011

Total area of Sikkim is 7,096 sq. km. Density of Sikkim is 86 per sq km which is lower than national average 382 per sq km. In 2001, density of Sikkim was 76 per sq km, while nation average in 2001 was 324 per sq km.

Sikkim Sex Ratio

Sex Ratio in Sikkim is 889 i.e. for each 1000 male, which is below national average of 940 as per census 2011. In 2001, the sex ratio of female was 875 per 1000 males in Sikkim.

Description	2011	2001
Approximate Population	6.07 Lakh	5.41 Lakh
Actual Population	607,688	540,851
Male	321,661	288,484
Female	286,027	252,367
Population Growth	12.36%	32.98%
Percantage of total Population	0.05%	0.05%
Sex Ratio	889	875
Child Sex Ratio	944	938
Density/km2	86	76
Density/mi2	222	197
Area km2	7,096	7,096
Area mi2	2,740	2,740
Total Child Population (0-6 Age)	61,077	78,195
Male Population (0-6 Age)	31,418	39,842
Female Population (0-6 Age)	29,659	38,353
Literacy	82.20 %	68.81 %
Male Literacy	87.29 %	77.38 %
Female Literacy	76.43 %	59.63 %
Total Literate	449,294	318,335
Male Literate	253,364	189,060
Female Literate	195,930	129,275

Sikkim Urban Population 2011

Out of total population of Sikkim, 24.97% people live in urban regions. The total figure of population living in urban areas is 151,726 of which 79,539 are males and while remaining 72,187 are females. The urban population in the last 10 years has increased by 153.43 percent.

Sex Ratio in urban regions of Sikkim was 908 females per 1000 males. For child (0-6) sex ratio the figure for urban region stood at 917 girls per 1000 boys. Total children (0-6 age) living in urban areas of Sikkim were 14,039. Of total population in urban region, 9.25 % were children (0-6).

Average Literacy rate in Sikkim for Urban regions was 89.26 percent in which males were 92.94% literate while female literacy stood at 85.19%. Total literates in urban region of Sikkim were 122,896.

Sikkim Rural Population 2011

Of the total population of Sikkim state, around 75.03 percent live in the villages of rural areas. In actual numbers, males and females were 242,122 and 213,840 respectively. Total population of rural areas of Sikkim state was 455,962. The population growth rate recorded for this decade (2001-2011) was -5.20%.

In rural regions of Sikkim state, female sex ratio per 1000 males was 883 while same for the child (0-6 age) was 952 girls per 1000 boys. In Sikkim, 47,038 children (0-6) live in rural areas. Child population forms 10.32 percent of total rural population.

In rural areas of Sikkim, literacy rate for males and female stood at 85.42 % and 73.42 %. Average literacy rate in Sikkim for rural areas was 79.82 percent. Total literates in rural areas were 326,398.

Description	Rural	Urban
Population (%)	75.03 %	24.97 %
Total Population	455,962	151,726
Male Population	242,122	79,539
Female Population	213,840	72,187
Population Growth	-5.20 %	153.43 %
Sex Ratio	883	908
Child Sex Ratio (0-6)	952	917
Child Population (0-6)	47,038	14,039
Child Percentage (0-6)	10.32 %	9.25 %
Literates	326,398	122,896
Average Literacy	79.82 %	89.26 %
Male Literacy	85.42 %	92.94 %
Female Literacy	73.42 %	85.19 %

Sikkim Census 2011 Conclusion

The official census 2011 of Sikkim has been conducted by Directorate of Census Operations in Sikkim. Enumeration of key persons including Chief Minister of Sikkim was also done by officials conducting population census.

Figures of population census 2011 Sikkim have been represented in chart for your reference at bottom.

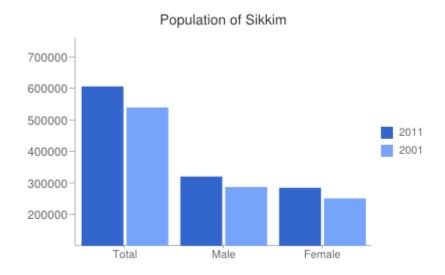


Table-1

Distrubution of Population, Decadal Growth Rate, Sex-Ratio and Population Density

District Code	State/District	Рор	oulation 2	2011	Perce deca growth popul	adal rate of	(Num Femal	Ratio ber of les per Males)	Population density per sq. km.	
Couc		Persons	Males	Females	1991- 01	2001- 11	2001	2011	2001	2011
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SIKKIM	607 688	321 661	286 027	33.07	12.36	875	889	76	86
01	North District	433 54	245 13	188 41	31.34	5.67	752	769	10	10
02	West District	136 299	702 25	660 74	25.57	10.59	929	941	106	117
03	South District	146 742	766 63	700 79	33.39	11.57	927	914	175	196
04	East District	281 293	150 260	131 033	37.32	14.80	844	872	256	295

Table-2 Percentage Decadal Variation in Population for State and Districts : 1901 - 2011

Distric	State/Distric	Percentage Decadal Variation										
t Code		1901 -11	1911 -21	1921 -31	1931 -41	1941 -51	1951 -61	1961 -71	1971 - 81	1981 - 91	1991 -01	2001 -11
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SIKKIM	48.98	-7.05	34.37	10.67	13.34	17.76	29.38	50.77	28.47	33.07	12.36
01	North District	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	33.35	103.28	18.09	31.34	5.67
02	West District	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	29.59	30.55	25.57	10.59
03	South District	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	42.85	29.78	33.39	11.57
04	East District	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	51.00	62.07	28.60	37.32	14.80

Table-3
Sex-Ratio for State and Districts: 1901-2011

Sl.	Sex-ratio since (Number of females per 1000 males) State/District												
No.		1901	1911	1921	1931	1941	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SIKKIM	916	951	970	967	920	907	904	863	835	878	875	889
1	North District	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	888	853	789	828	752	769
2	West District	N.A.	937	906	915	929	941						
3	South District	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	917	909	854	892	927	914
4	East District	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	884	791	797	859	844	872

Table-4
Population in the Age-Group 0-6, Number of Literates and Literacy Rate for State and Districts: 2011

Sl. State/Distr		Total Population			Population in age group 0-6			Number of literates*			Literacy rate#		
No.	ict	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F	P	M	F
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SIKKIM	607	321	286	610	314	296	449	253	195	82.2	87.3	76.4
		688	661	027	77	18	59	294	364	930	0	0	3
1	North	433	245	188	447	236	211	300	183	116	77.3	83.0	69.9
	District	54	13	41	9	1	8	84	92	92	9	3	2
2	West	136	702	660	149	766	728	954	530	423	78.6	84.8	72.1
	District	299	25	74	57	9	8	81	84	97	9	6	2
3	South	146	766	700	150	773	733	108	600	480	82.0	87.0	76.5
	District	742	63	79	70	7	3	054	07	47	7	6	8
4	East	281	150	131	265	136	129	215	121	937	84.6	89.2	79.4
	District	293	260	033	71	51	20	675	881	94	7	2	1

Note: *Literates exclude children in the age group 0-6 years that were by definition treated as illiterate in the Census of India 2011.

Literacy rate=Number of Literates/(Population of age 7+)*100

Table-5
Literacy Rates by Sex for State and District : 2001 and 2011

District		Literacy rate*									
Code	State/District	Pers	sons	Ma	iles	Females					
		2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
	SIKKIM	68.81	82.20	76.04	87.30	60.41	76.43				
01	North District	67.21	77.39	75.69	83.03	55.39	69.92				
02	West District	58.81	78.69	66.82	84.86	50.10	72.12				
03	South District	67.31	82.07	74.29	87.06	59.73	76.58				
04	East District	74.68	84.67	81.20	89.22	66.81	79.41				

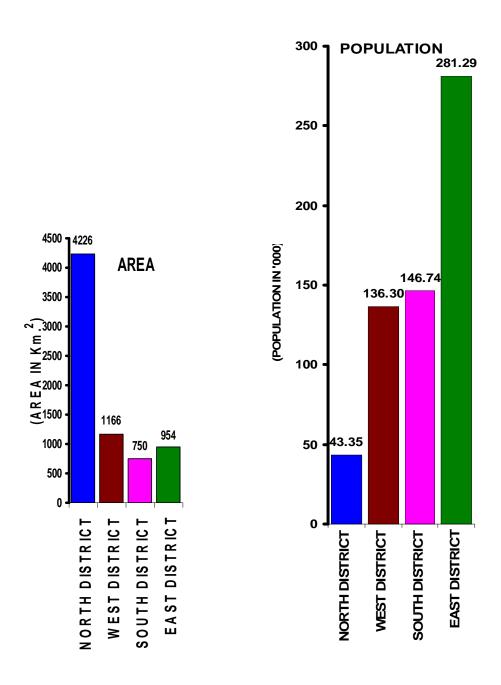
Note- Literacy rate is the percentage of literates to population aged 7 years and above*

[#] Literacy rate is the percentage of literates to total population aged 7 years and above.

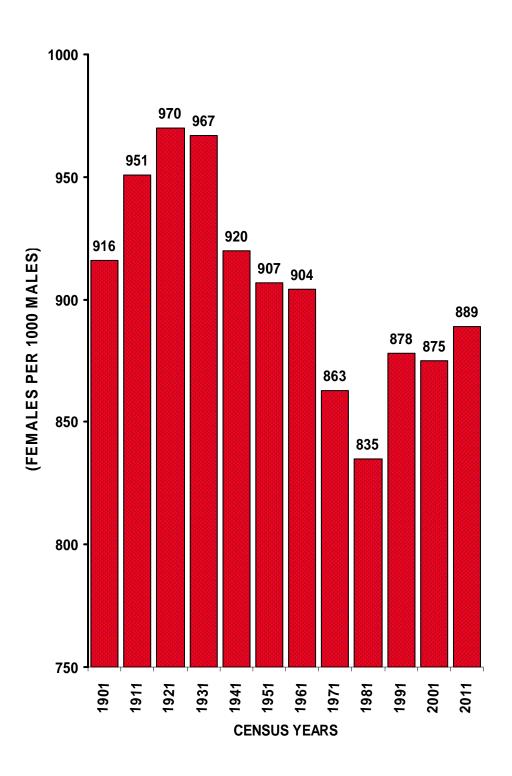
Table-6
Proportion of Child Population in the Age-Group 0-6 to Total Population:
2001 and 2011

District Code	State/District	Proportion of Child Population in the Age-Group 0-6 to Total Population							
			2001			2011			
		P	M	F	P	M	F		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
	SIKKIM	14.46	13.81	15.20	10.05	9.77	10.37		
01	North District	14.53	12.76	16.88	10.34	9.64	11.25		
02	West District	16.35	16.04	16.69	10.98	10.92	11.03		
03	South District	15.72	15.39	16.08	10.27	10.10	10.47		
04	East District	12.82	12.12	13.65	9.45	9.09	9.86		

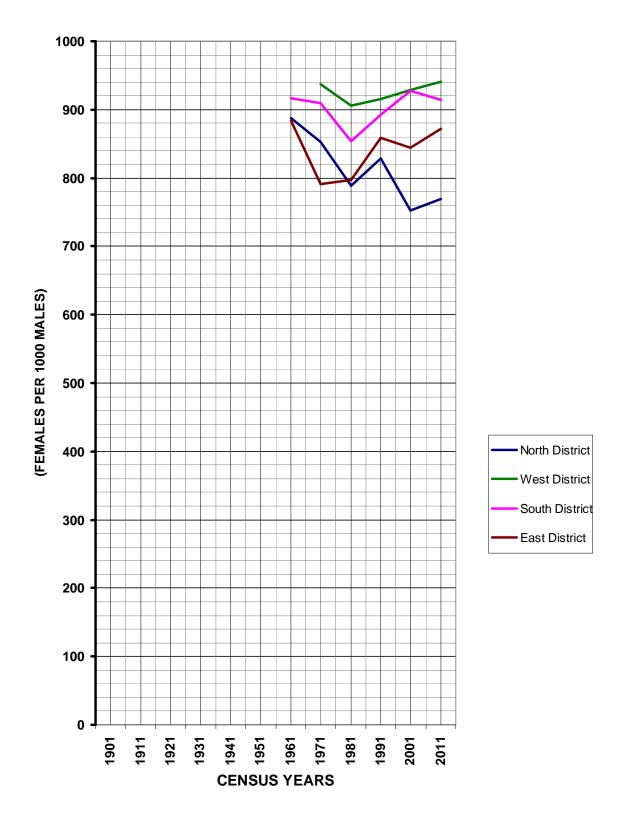
COMPARATIVE SIZE OF AREA AND POPULATION OF DISTRICTS 2011



SIKKIM SEX RATIO 1901-2011

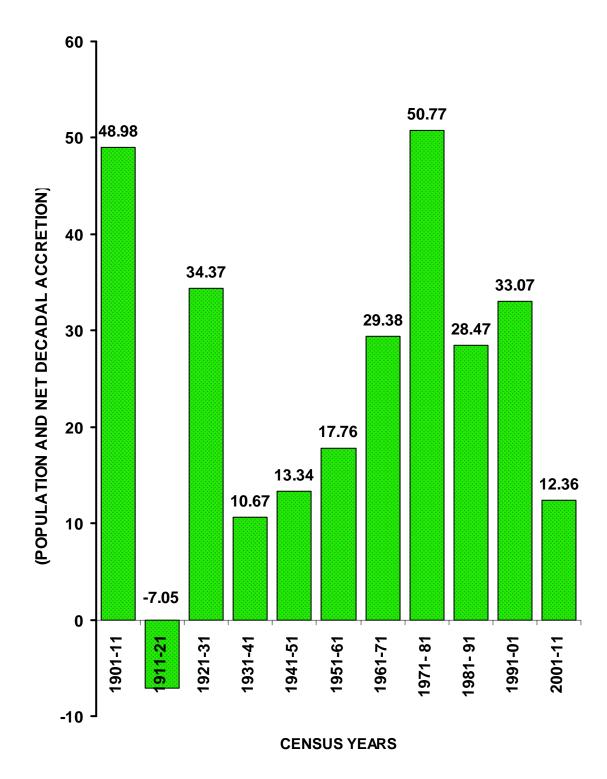


TRENDS IN SEX RATIO FOR DISTRICTS 1901-2011

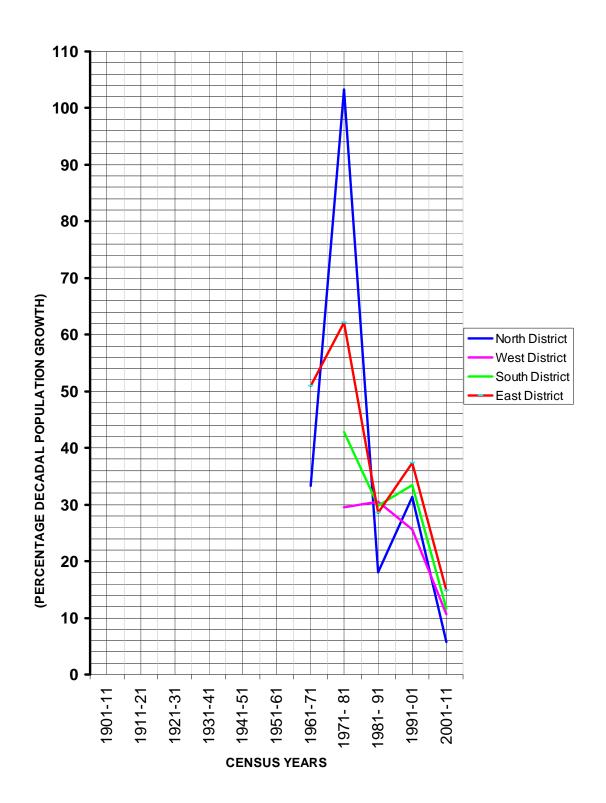


Note: Sex ratio from 1901 to 1951 not available for North District, South District and East District while the same is not available for West District from 1901 to 1961.

SIKKIM POPULATION AND NET DECADAL ACCRETION 1901-2011

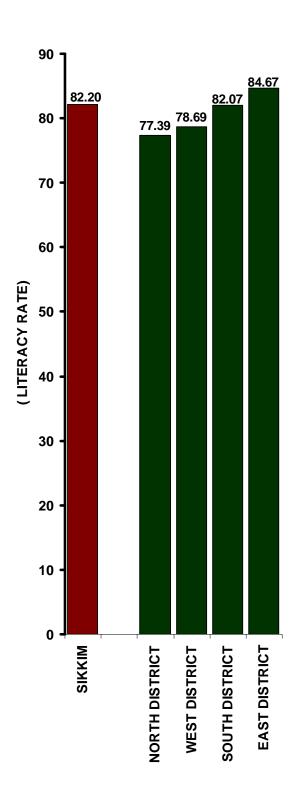


PERCENTAGE DECADAL POPULATION GROWTH 1901-2011 FOR DISTRICTS



Note: Percentage of decadal variation upto 1951-61 not available for North District and East District while the same is not available for West District and South District upto 1961-71.

LITERACY RATE OF DISTRICTS 2011



FEMALE LITERACY RATE OF DISTRICTS 2011

