

POPULATION

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Population Size and Distribution by Numbers
→ As of March 2011, India's population was 1210.6 Million which accounts for 17.5% of the world's population.

→ UP is the most populous state of India as it counts about 16% of the country's population
→ Almost half of India's population lives in just five states which are UP, Maharashtra, Bihar, WB & Andhra Pradesh.

India's Population Distribution by Density
Population Density is calculated as the no of persons per unit area. The population density of India in the year 2011 was 382 persons per sq km. That's why India is considered one of the most densely populated countries in the world.

Population Growth & Processes of Population Change

The nos, distribution & composition of the population are constantly changing. This is the influence of the interaction of the three processes:-

- ① Birth
- ② Death
- ③ Migration.

Population Growth

Growth of population refers to the change in the no. of inhabitants of a country / territory during a specific period of time.

This change can be expressed in 2 ways:-

- (i) In terms of absolute nos:- The absolute nos are obtained by subtracting the earlier population (eg. that of 2001) from the later population (eg. that of 2011)
- (ii) In terms of percentage change per year:- It is studied in % per annum e.g a rate of increase of 2% per annum means that in a given year, there was an increase of two persons for every 100 persons in the base population. This is referred to as the annual growth rate

Processes of Population Change / Growth

Three main processes of the change of population are:-

- Birth Rates:- Birth rate is the no. of live births per thousands persons in a year. In India, birth rates have always been higher than death rates.

Death Rates: Death Rate is the number of deaths per thousand persons in a year.

Migration: Migration is the movement of people across regions & territories. Migration can be internal (within the country) or international (b/w the countries). It influences the distribution of population within the nation. In India, the rural-urban migration has resulted in a steady increase in the percentage of the population in cities & towns.

Questions

1. Name the organisation which provide us with information regarding the population of our country.

WHO - World Health Organisation

2. State the position of India in terms of population size.

Second largest country after China

3. State the total population of India according to the 2011 census

199 Million

Q4) Which is the (2011)

(i) Most populous state of India - UP

(ii) The least populated state of India - Sikkim
(2011)

Q5) State the total % which India accounts to the total population of the world.

~~16.9%~~ 16.9%

Q6) What is India's share in the total area of the world?

2.4%

Q7) What is the annual growth rate of population of India?

2% per annum

Q8) Which is the most densely populated country of the world?

Bihar

Q9) Which is the most populated country in terms of population size
China

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Q. How would you define the term 'density of population'?

Population density is the no. of individuals per unit geographic area, for ex no. per sq. m per hectare or per sq. km.