

Demographic Trends in Himachal Pradesh

The population of the State registered a decadal growth of 17.53 percent as against 21.34 percent at All-India level during the decade 1991-2001, thus recording a decline of 3.26 percent as compared to the preceding decade 1981-91. This has been possible through a three-pronged strategy of intensive health cover, improvement in literacy rates, specially among the women and making family planning a people's movement alongwith a positive thrust of incentives. The important comparative demographic indicators are presented in the following table: -

COMPARATIVE DEMOGRAPHIC TREND DURING 1981-2001 DECADE

Sr. No.	Item	Unit	1981 Census	1991 Census	2001 Census
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1.	Population:				
	(a) Total	Lakh Persons	42.81	51.71	60.78
	(b) Male	Lakh Persons	21.70	26.17	30.88
	(c) Female	Lakh Persons	21.10	25.53	29.90
2.	Scheduled Castes	Lakh Persons	10.54	13.10	15.02
3.	Scheduled Tribes	Lakh Persons	1.97	2.18	2.45
4.	Density of Population per square kilometre	Persons	77	93	109
5.	Decennial Growth of Population	%	23.71	20.79	17.54
6.	Literacy Percentage:				
	(a) Total	%	42.48	63.86	76.5
	(b) Male	%	53.19	75.36	85.30
	(c) Female	%	31.46	52.13	67.40
7.	Percentage Composition:				
	(a) Rural Population	%	92.40	91.31	90.20
	(b) Urban Population	%	7.60	8.69	9.80
8.	Percentage of Total Population:				
	(a) Scheduled Castes	%	24.62	25.34	24.72
	(b) Scheduled Tribes	%	4.61	4.22	4.02
9.	Sex Ratio	Females per 1000 Males	973	976	968