

POPULATION GROWTH IN INDIA : TRENDS & PATTERNS - II (REGIONAL TRENDS – LONG TERM)



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Objective

Though India appears to have entered the third stage of demographic transition based on the fact that since 1991 its annual population growth rate is continuously declining, yet regional variations have been observed in the country's population growth.

The objective here is to analyse the regional variations in the trend of population growth in India.

Regional Trends : Variations

- There are variations in the growth trend of population at regional level in India
- These variations can be studied under 2 distinct heads :
 - (i) Long term growth variations &
 - (ii) Short term growth variations

Variations in long Term Growth

- During the last 110 years, i.e. between 1901-2011, the population of India has increased by 408.1%
- During the last century this growth was approximately 329%
- The long term growth depicts regional variations

Variations in Long Term Growth

Based on variations in long term growth the country can be divided into three regions :

- (i) Areas of very high growth (more than 500%)
- (ii) Areas of moderate growth (250-500%)
- (iii) Areas of low growth (less than 250%)

Areas of Very High Growth in Population

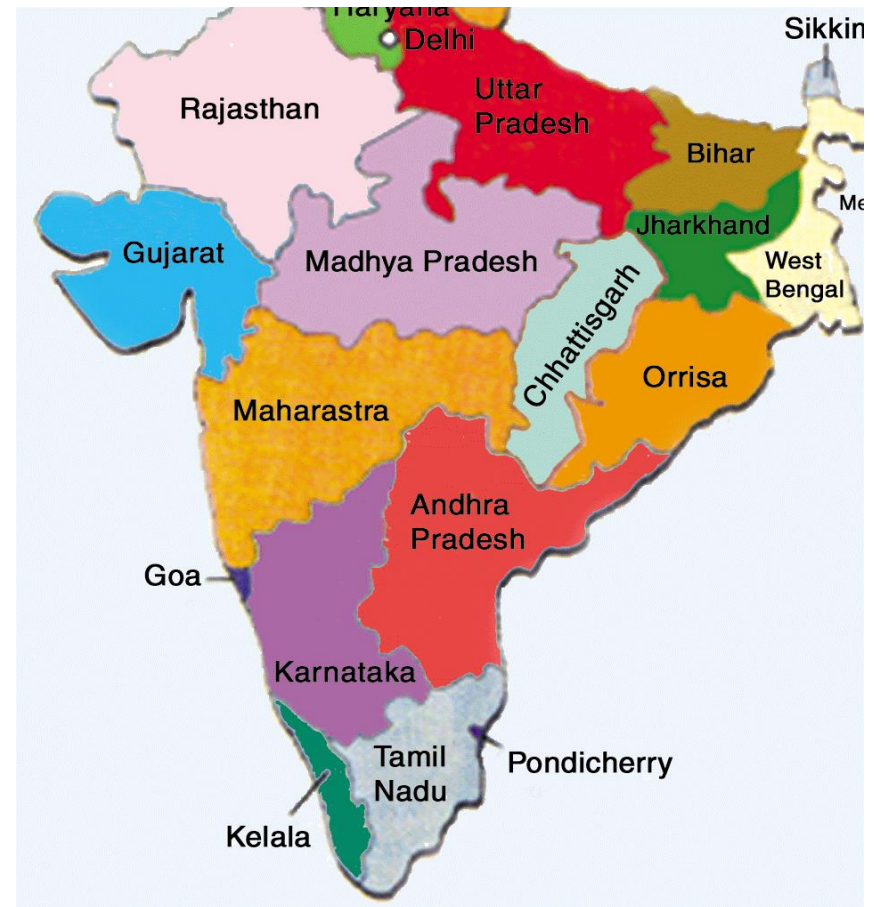


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- Includes the north-eastern states of India
- There are 3 basic causes of exceptionally high growth here –
 - (i) In-migration of labourers from Bihar, West Bengal & Odisha
 - (ii) Arrival of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh
 - (iii) High natural growth rate post independence

Areas of Moderate Growth

- The plateau states of peninsular India and the states of central plains come under the category
- Natural growth rate is responsible for moderate growth
- Negligible impact of migrant population



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Areas of Low Growth



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- Includes states of north-western India – Punjab, Haryana, J & K (including Laddakh), Himachal Pradesh
- Emigration and out-migration of population to other areas, economic development of Punjab & Haryana, militant activities in Punjab and J& k, Article 370 in J & K are the responsible factors for this low growth

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