A Changing Population: Kachin State Figures at a Glance

2014 Myanmar Population and Housing Census
May 2015

Population (March 2014)
Total: 1,689,441
Male: 878,384 (52%)
Female: 811,057 (48%)
Sex ratio: 108 males per 100 females
Urban: 592,368 (36%)
Rural: 1,050,473 (64%)
% of total population: 3.3%

Population Density: 19 persons per Km²

The total population figures include both the enumerated population and the estimated population (46,600) that was not counted during the Census.

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The Main Census Results can be downloaded at:
www.dop.gov.mm
or http://myanmar.unfpa.org/census

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- Childhood mortality: In Kachin State, 53 out of 1,000 infants die before their first birthday (Infant Mortality Rate IMR) which is lower than the Union level IMR of 62.

- Housing amenities: 30.3% of households use electricity as their main source of energy for lighting; there are wide disparities between State/Region and urban and rural areas. At the Union level it is 32.4%.

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How has the population of Kachin State changed between 1973, 1983 and 2014?

- **2014**: 1,689,441
- **1983**: 904,794
- **1973**: 737,939

The population of Kachin State ranks tenth in size compared with other States/Regions in the country.

**Population density**

The population density of Kachin State in March 2014 was 19 persons per Km², far lower than the Union level population density of 76 persons per Km². It is the second least densely populated State/Region in the country.

**Literacy**

Out of 919,246 people aged fifteen years and over, 842,602 reported that they were able to read and write. The literacy rate for Kachin State is 91.7%, higher than the Union literacy rate of 89.5%. Literacy rates are higher for males (94.1%) than females (89.4%).

**School attendance**

Out of 1,228,913 persons aged 5 years and above, and living in conventional households, 330,284 are currently in school.

**Labour force participation rate**

67.2% of all people who are of working age (15-64) were in the labour force. The proportion of males in the labour force is significantly higher (85.7%) than females (45.9%).

**Housing conditions**

83.3% of households in Kachin State own their house.

**Population composition**

- Male: 52%
- Female: 48%

52% of the population are male and 48% are female.

**Proportion of broad age groups in the total population**

- **Under 15 years**: 4%
- **15-64 years**: 66%
- **65 years and over**: 30%

The population can be divided into three broad age groups, those less than 15 years (Child population), 15-64 years (Productive age), and 65 years and over (Aged population).

**Dependency Ratio**

In Kachin State the Total Dependency Ratio was 51.5 in 2014. The dependency ratio measures the pressure on the productive population. The Total Dependency Ratio is lower than at the Union Level which was 52.5 in 2014.