**A Changing Population:**

**Kayah State Figures at a Glance**

**2014 Myanmar Population and Housing Census**

**May 2015**

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**Population (March 2014)**

- **Total:** 286,627
- **Male:** 143,213 (50%)
- **Female:** 143,414 (50%)
- **Sex ratio:** 100 males per 100 females
- **Urban:** 72,418 (25%)
- **Rural:** 214,209 (75%)

**% of total population:** 0.56%

**Population Density:** 24.4 persons per Km²

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**Drinking water**

58.3% of all household’s main source of drinking water is classified as an improved water source. At the Union level it is higher at 69.5%.

**Childhood mortality**

In Kayah State, 62 out of 1,000 infants die before their first birthday (Infant Mortality Rate IMR) which is equal to the Union level IMR of 62.

**Housing amenities**

48.6% 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%.

73.9% of households use firewood as their main source of energy for cooking. At the Union level it is 69.2%.

**Sanitation**

88.5% of all households have toilets that are classified as improved sanitation facilities, at the Union level the figure is 74.3%.

**Life expectancy**

A person in Kayah State lives on average until the age of 66.7 years, the Union level life expectancy is 66.8 years.

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

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The population of Kayah State remains the smallest when compared with other States/Regions in the country.

**Population density**

The population density of Kayah State in March 2014 was 24.4 persons per Km², much lower than the Union level population density of 76 persons per Km².

**Population composition**

50% of the population are male and 50% are female.

**Literacy**

Out of 175,570 people aged fifteen years and over, 144,085 reported that they were able to read and write. The literacy rate for Kayah State is 82.1%, lower than the Union literacy rate of 89.5%. Literacy rates are higher for males (87%) than females (77.6%).

**School attendance**

Out of 239,482 persons aged 5 years and above, and living in conventional households, 62,264 are currently in school.

**Labour force participation rate**

74.2% of all people who are of working age (15-64) were in the labour force. The proportion of males in the labour force is higher (88.1%) than females (60.4%).

**Housing conditions**

86.3% of households in Kayah State own their house.

The population pyramid for Kayah State in 2014 displays a broad-based bottom, which illustrates that there are more children and young people in the population. It shows a youthful population. This is slightly different from the Union level pyramid which is pot-shaped, showing a declining proportion of the population in younger ages.

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 Kayah State the Total Dependency Ratio was 62 in 2014. The dependency ratio measures the pressure on the productive population. The Total Dependency Ratio is higher than at the Union Level which was 52.5 in 2014.