A Changing Population: Rakhine State Figures at a Glance

Population figures for March 2014:
- Total population: 3,188,807
- Male: 1,526,402 (47.9%)
- Female: 1,662,405 (52.1%)
- Sex ratio: 92 males per 100 females
- Urban: 354,288 (17%)
- Rural: 1,744,519 (83%)
- % of total population: 6.2%

Population Density: 86.7 persons per Km²

Evaluation:
- Only 31.8% of households have toilets that are classified as improved sanitation facilities, at the Union level the figure is 74.3%.
- Only 37.8% of households have improved sources of drinking water, at the Union level it is higher at 69.5%.
- A person in Rakhine State lives on average until the age of 66.1 years, lower than the Union life expectancy of 66.8 years.

Childhood mortality
In Rakhine State, 65 out of 1,000 infants die before their first birthday (Infant Mortality Rate IMR) which is higher than the Union level IMR of 62.

Housing amenities
12.8% 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%.
88.9% of households use firewood as their main source of energy for cooking. At the Union level it is 69.2%.

Drinking water
Only 37.8% 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%.

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

1 The total population figures include both the enumerated population and the estimated population (1,090,000) that was not counted during the Census.
How has the population of Rakhine State changed between 1973, 1983 and 2014?

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<td>1973</td>
<td>1,712,838</td>
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<td>1983</td>
<td>2,045,559</td>
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<td>2014</td>
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The population of Rakhine State ranks eighth in size compared with other States/Regions in the country.

The population pyramid for Rakhine State in 2014 has a narrow base, which is similar to the pyramids of most of the other States/Regions in the country. It illustrates declining birthrates, with a bulge between the ages of 5 and 19.

The population density of Rakhine State in March 2014 was 86.7 persons per Km², higher than the Union level population density of 76 persons per Km². It is the eighth most populated State/Region in the country.

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<td>Under 15 years</td>
<td>653,333</td>
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<td>15-64 years</td>
<td>1,305,561</td>
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<td>65 years and over</td>
<td>139,913</td>
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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).

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.

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The proportion of broad age groups in the total population

Labour force participation rate
58.8% 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 (83.2%) than females (38.1%).

Housing conditions
91% of households in Rakhine State own their house.

Literacy
Out of 1,391,311 people aged fifteen years and over, 1,178,295 reported that they were able to read and write. The literacy rate for Rakhine State is 84.7%, lower than the Union literacy rate of 89.5%. Literacy rates are higher for males (92.2%) than females (78.7%).

School attendance
Out of a population of 1,856,623 persons aged 5 years and over living in conventional households, 407,436 are currently attending school.