Shan State Figures at a Glance

Population (March 2014)
- Total: 5,824,432
- Male: 2,910,710 (50%)
- Female: 2,913,722 (50%)
- Sex ratio: 100 males per 100 females
- Urban: 1,395,847 (24%)
- Rural: 4,428,585 (76%)

% of total population: 11.3%

Population Density: 37.4 persons per Km²

A person in Shan State lives on average until the age of 67.2 years, higher than the Union life expectancy of 66.8 years.

Proportion of households with access to improved sources of drinking water, by State and Region:
- Shan: 63.6%
- Other states/regions: vary from 50.3% to 87.7%

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

Drinking water
- 54.7% of all household's main source of drinking water is classified as an improved water source. At the Union level the figure is 69.5%.

Childhood mortality
- In Shan State, 60 out of 1,000 infants die before their first birthday (Infant Mortality Rate IMR), lower than the Union level IMR of 62.

Housing amenities
- 33.4% 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%.

- 76.7% of households use firewood as their main source of energy for cooking. At the Union level it is 69.2%.

Sanitation
- 63.8% of all households have toilets that are classified as improved sanitation facilities. At the Union level the figure is higher at 74.3%.

Myanmar Map with States/Regions

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2014 Myanmar Population and Housing Census

A Changing Population:
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Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population with technical support from UNFPA
How has the population of Shan State changed between 1973, 1983 and 2014?

2014: 5,824,432
1983: 3,716,841
1973: 3,179,546

The population of Shan State ranks fourth in size when compared with other States/Regions in the country.

Population density

The population density for Shan State is 37 persons per Km², among the lowest in the country, ranking eleventh when compared to other States/Regions. The Union level population density is 76 persons per Km².

Population composition

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

Population pyramid for Shan State in 2014 is pot-shaped: an almost similar shape to the Union population pyramid. This shape implies declining birthrates in the population and a bulge in the population aged 10 - 14 years.

Proportion of broad age groups in the total population

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).

Under 15 years: 1,865,293
15-64 years: 3,712,196
65 years and over: 246,943

Dependency Ratio

In Shan State the Total Dependency Ratio was 56.9 in 2014. The dependency ratio measures the pressure on the productive population. The Total Dependency Ratio at the Union Level was 52.5 in 2014.

Labour force participation rate

77.5% 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 (88.6%) than females (66.4%).

Housing conditions

87.1% of households in Shan State own their house; the Union Level figure is 85.5%.

Literacy

Out of 3,715,553 people aged fifteen years and over, 2,400,983 reported that they were able to read and write. The literacy rate for Shan State is 64.6%, lower than the Union literacy rate of 89.5%. Literacy rates are higher for males (70.3%) than females (59.4%).

School attendance

Out of a population of 4,909,968 persons aged 5 years and over living in conventional households, 849,303 are currently attending school.

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