



ESTIMATED POPULATION BY CASTES,  
1951

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## INTRODUCTION

In pursuance of Government policy there was limited enumeration and tabulation of castes in 1951 census. Even in the case of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes the figures of each caste were not separately extracted; only the group totals were ascertained. The Backward Classes Commission require the figures of population of each individual caste. In order to assist them an estimate of population of each caste in 1951 has been made on the basis of the figures of the previous censuses.

2. The figures have been presented in three tables - (i) Scheduled Castes, Hindus only (ii) Scheduled Tribes, and (iii) Other Castes, Hindus and Muslims separately.

3. No castewise figures are available for 1941 census. The tables of 1941 census give figures for only a few selected castes and these also for a few selected districts.

4. Extracts from previous Census Reports explaining the causes for variation in the figures of individual castes have been given in an Appendix.

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TABLE I.  
SCHEDULED CASTES

The figures given in this table relate to the territory of Madhya Pradesh as in 1951.

2. The table presents the figures of 25 Castes as specified in the President's Order 1950. The population of each caste given in this table refers only to the population of Hindus.

3. Column 5 of the table gives the estimated population in 1951. This has been determined by applying the percentage increase of the general population of the State to the latest available census figures of each caste. The total estimated population in 1951 of these castes shows a small excess over the 1951 census total of Scheduled Castes. The estimated figures of population of each caste have been adjusted in order to make the total population tally with the enumerated total population of 1951.

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**TABLE I : POPULATION OF SCHEDULED CASTES  
(NOTIFIED UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S  
ORDER 1950) IN THE CENSUSES OF  
1911 - 1931 AND ESTIMATED  
POPULATION IN 1951.**

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Name of Caste	Population in			Estimated	Remarks
	1911	1921	1931	population	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Audhelia	*	*	749	813	
2. Basor or Burud	52,947	44,046	52,130	56,573	
3. Bahna or Bahana	1,246	1,541	1,108	1,202	
4. Balahi or Balai	52,314	*	54,230	58,853	
5. Bedar	3,331	*	490	532	
6. Chamar	901,594	881,674	615,596	668,071	
7. Chadar	14,638	13,592	14,284	15,501	
8. Dahait or Dahayat	977	904	833	904	
9. Dewar	*	*	1,808	1,962	
10. Dhanuk	13	*	3	4	
11. Dohor	6,333	5,043	6,616	7,180	
12. Dom	9,344	5,530	6,399	6,945	
13. Ghasi or Ghasia	34,332	29,870	37,837	41,062	
14. Holiya	*	*	3,359	3,645	
15. Kaikadi	*	*	2,156	2,340	
16. Katia	26,818	11,634	31,657	34,356	
17. Khangar	6,343	5,938	6,206	6,735	
18. Kori	26,264	25,081	25,934	28,145	
19. Mang	83,575	84,239	101,189	109,815	
20. Madgi	8,574	7,829	10,186	11,054	
21. Mehar or Mehra	1,165,177	1,170,737	1,306,878	1,418,279	

	1	2	3	4	5	6
22. Mehtar or Bhangi		13,012	*	31,895		34,614
23. Mochi		4,007	*	6,848		7,432
24. Rujjhar		1,335	*	1,313		1,425
25. Satnami		*	*	351,559		381,526

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Notes :-

Figures are not available.

The total estimated population of the Scheduled Castes in 1951 according to the above table came to 3,190,101 while the enumerated population of the Scheduled Castes in 1951 is 2,898,968. The excess has been proportionately deducted from each caste in order to tally the total with 1951 census figures.

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TABLE II

SCHEDULED TRIBES.

The table presents figures of 31 tribes as specified in the President's Order of 1950. Out of these 31 tribes the population figures for 2 tribes are not available in the previous census tables, viz (i) Birhul and (ii) Munda.

2. The estimates of 1951 population in this table have been made in the same manner as in Table I. The total estimated population in 1951 of these castes shows a small decrease over the 1951 census total of Scheduled Tribes. The estimated figures of population of each caste have been adjusted in order to make the total population tally with the enumerated total population of 1951.

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**TABLE II : POPULATION OF SCHEDULED TRIBES  
(NOTIFIED UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S  
ORDER 1950) IN THE CENSUSES OF  
1911 - 1931 AND ESTIMATED  
POPULATION IN 1951.**

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Name of Caste	Population in			Estimated population 1951	Remarks.
	1911	1921	1931		
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Andh	1	158	52	64	
2. Baiga	24,460	22,092	29,511	36,607	
3. Bhaina	16,184	11,523	18,511	22,961	
4. Bharia-Bhumia or Bhinhar-Bhumia	17,007	19,292	35,173	43,630	
5. Bhattra	*	*	36,585	45,381	
6. Bhil	24,852	21,822	25,124	31,165	
7. Bhunjia	7	*	944	1,171	
8. Binjhar	21,027	18,669	26,747	33,178	
9. Birhul or Birhor	*	*	*	*	
10. Dhanwar	16,408	14,361	16,057	19,918	
11. Gadaba or Gadba	*	*	398	493	
12. Gond (includ- ing Madia (Marla) and Mudia (Muria))	1,332,084	1,137,565	1,163,844	1,443,672	
13. Halba	71,250	73,309	62,982	78,125	
14. Kamar	28	*	186	231	
15. Kawar or Kanwar	139,664	139,164	174,482	216,434	
16. Kharia	*	*	6,649	8,247	
17. Kondh or Khond or Kandh.	1,319	*	*	1,835	
18. Kol	21,616	17,030	20,712	25,692	



1	2	3	4	5	6
19. Kolam	120	18	255	317	
20. Korku	127,937	113,134	139,469	173,002	
21. Korwa	19,211	10,448	13,825	17,149	
22. Majhwar	10,919	10,199	14,686	18,216	
23. Munda	*	*	*	*	
24. Nagesia or Nagasia	24,660	689	27,992	34,722	
25. Nihal	10,055	*	*	13,989	
26. Oraon	49,040	42,487	65,062	80,705	
27. Pardhan	55,908	38,931	56,158	69,661	
28. Pardhi	5,086	4,102	6,085	7,548	
29. Parja	*	*	17,602	21,834	
30. Saonta or Saunta	8,474	3,942	6,993	8,674	
31. Sawar or Sawara	15,327	13,024	18,061	22,403	

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Notes :-

Figures are not available.

The total estimated population of Scheduled Tribes in 1951 according to the above table came to 2,384,760 while the enumerated population of the Scheduled Tribes is 2,477,024. The decrease has been proportionally added in each caste in order to tally the total with 1951 census figures.

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TABLE III.

OTHER CASTES.

This table presents figures of 144 castes. The list has been prepared with reference to the castes given in 1911, 1921 and 1931 censuses after eliminating the castes given in Tables I and II. Out of these 145 castes 122 are included under Hindus and 22 under Muslims.

2. The table has been presented in two parts - (i) Hindus and (ii) Muslims.

3. The estimates of 1951 population in this table have been made <sup>in the</sup>  $\angle$  same manner as in Table I. The total . estimated population in 1951 of these castes shows a decrease over the 1951 census total of Other Castes. On account of the wide variation in the two totals, no attempt has been made to adjust the estimated population figures.

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TABLE III : POPULATION OF OTHER CASTES  
IN THE CENSUSES OF 1911 -  
1931 AND ESTIMATED POPULA-  
TION IN 1951 (i) HINDUS.

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Name of Caste	Population in			Estimated population 1951	Remarks
	1911	1921	1931		
I	2	3	4	5	6
1. Agharia	27,056	24,755	*	33,325	
2. Ahir	738,192	602,747	813,535	971,548	
3. Are	2,289	*	*	3,066	
4. Deleted.					
5. Bahelia	2,205	*	*	2,953	
6. Bairagi	38,059	34,794	38,473	45,946	
7. Bania (including Sub-Castes)	131,718	134,734	153,768	183,634	
8. Banjara, Vanjari	134,664	122,733	155,233	185,384	
9. Barai	59,461	*	*	79,641	
10. Baragaha	3,132	*	*	4,195	
11. Barhai	108,834	97,046	111,952	133,696	
12. Beldar	25,616	21,580	25,972	31,017	
13. Bhanta	4,270	3,875	4,336	5,178	
14. Bhar	3,248	*	*	4,350	
15. Bharud	2,136	*	*	2,861	
16. Bhat	29,112	19,879	*	26,739	
17. Bhattra	*	*	650	776	
18. Bhilala	15,437	13,633	15,906	18,995	
19. Bhojar	58,638	63,003	74,646	89,144	
20. Bhulia	4,837	1,725	6,888	8,226	
21. Bidur	20,987	17,740	*	23,862	
22. Bison Loru Maria	*	213	*	287	

	1	2	3	4	5	6
23. Bisoni	1,094	*	*		1,465	
24. Brahman	445,744	457,377	517,745	618,307		
25. Chauhan	*	350	*		471	
26. Chhipa	6,372	*	*		8,535	
27. Chitari	1,227	*	*		1,643	
28. Dangri	24,283	18,306	*		24,623	
29. Daraiha	2,740	*	*		3,670	
30. Darjis	51,301	50,579	51,213	61,160		
31. Deswali	7,761	5,569	8,126	9,704		
32. Dhangar	96,283	97,484	*		131,126	
33. Dhimar	64,857	69,264	75,372	90,011		
34. Dhobi	57,053	59,774	67,273	80,339		
35. Dholi	4,914	*	*		6,582	
36. Dhuri	3,204	*	*		4,291	
37. Fakir Bandarwala	55	*	*		74	
38. Gadaria	40,207	36,344	*		48,886	
39. Ganda	151,787	144,585	173,784	207,538		
30. Gandhi	334	*	*		447	
41. Gandli	2,913	*	*		3,902	
42. Garpa - Gari	9,048	*	*		12,119	
43. Ghosi	9,739	5,474	*		7,363	
44. Golar	16,710	11,598	6,909	8,251		
25. Gondhali	3,577	*	*		4,791	
46. Gosain	42,272	39,716	42,240	50,444		
47. Gowaris	157,580	155,902	175,708	209,836		
48. Gujar	55,798	54,687	59,995	71,648		
49. Garao	14,172	*	*		18,982	
50. Halwai	2,979	*	*		3,990	

	1	2	3	4	5	6
51. Hatgar	14,425	11,854	*		15,945	
52. Jat	9,959	8,673	*		11,666	
53. Jangam	3,601	3,455	2,531		3,023	
54. Jeingar	1,886	*	*		2,526	
55. Jogi	15,402	*	*		20,629	
56. Joshi	5,906	*	*		7,910	
57. Julaha	*	*	*		*	
58. Kachera	1,692	*	*		2,266	
59. Kachhi	119,553	116,173	*		156,264	
60. Kadera	2,269	*	*		3,039	
61. Kahar	23,357	21,000	29,302		34,993	
62. Kaikadi	*	*	<del>55</del>		66	
63. Kalar	195,450	188,681	219,056		261,603	
64. Kanjar	*	*	1,301		1,554	
65. Kabra	15,339	13,828	*		18,600	
66. Kapewar or Kapu	18,489	14,503	10,408		12,430	
67. Kasar	20,175	14,924	*		20,074	
68. Kayasth	33,584	34,330	38,827		46,368	
69. Kewat	169,395	174,542	196,954		235,208	
70. Khairwara	19,651	123	*		165	
71. Khatik	12,596	*	11,539		13,780	
72. Khatri	4,971	*	*		6,658	
73. Kir	6,711	4,953	*		6,662	
74. Kirar	47,793	44,002	*		59,187	
75. Kholi or Koiri	25,629	24,761	*		33,306	
76. Koli	36,146	767	603		720	
77. Kolta	36,295	20,049	45,454		54,283	

	1	2	3	4	5	6
78. Komti	10,766	8,729	11,702	13,975		
79. Koskati	1,211	*	*	1,622		
80. Kosti or Kushta	153,388	150,620	171,297	204,568		
81. Koya	*	*	1	1		
82. Kumhar	15,947	14,273	26,425	31,558		
83. Kunbi	1,356,734	1,253,306	1,281,172	1,530,014		
84. Kuram War	3,792	*	*	5,079		
85. Kurmi	302,588	301,747	317,396	379,044		
86. Lakhera	2,857	*	*	3,827		
87. Lodhi	313,900	295,612	318,572	380,448		
88. Lohar	181,590	174,187	197,609	235,991		
89. Mali	563,528	521,804	626,525	748,215		
90. Mala	1,498	698	1,043	1,246		
91. Mallah	4,651	*	*	6,229		
92. Mana	49,037	48,102	57,457	68,617		
93. Man Bhao	3,951	*	*	5,292		
94. Manihar	688	*	*	921		
95. Maratha	93,901	206,144	287,186	342,966		
96. Mariya	*	*	572	683		
97. Mhali	37,489	21,763	62,256	74,348		
98. Muriya	*	*	2,052	2,451		
99. Nagarchi	3,942	*	3,651	4,360		
100. Nhavi (Nai)	148,750	160,127	133,135	158,994		
101. Ojha	*	*	1,268	1,514		
102. Otari	2,634	*	*	3,528		
103. Pabia	9,336	4,525	*	6,087		
104. Paik	3,191	1,868	4,709	5,624		
105. Panka	112,956	110,217	117,847	140,736		

1	2	3	4	5	6
106. Pasi	4,639	*	*	6,213	
107. Patwa	7,073	*	*	9,473	
108. Rajbhar	4,503	*	*	6,031	
109. Rajput (including Septs)	441,231	455,906	505,117	603,226	
110. Rajwar or Mowar	30,003	7,854	*	10,564	
111. Rangari	16,846	14,925	*	20,076	
112. Rantia	12,037	*	*	16,122	
113. Sali	14,289	10,100	*	13,585	
114. Sonar	126,878	129,380	142,540	170,226	
115. Sundi	5,470	*	*	7,326	
116. Takari	7,002	6,313	*	8,492	
117. Tamera	4,572	*	*	6,124	
118. Toli	869,370	890,240	1,022,447	1,221,037	
119. Turi	4,032	*	*	5,429	
120. Waddar	12,869	9,861	13,171	15,729	
121. Wanjari	33,714	46,465	48,860	58,350	
122. Minor Caste	122,953	1,792,230	*	2,410,729	
123. Unclassed	289	*	2,847	3,400	

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Notes :-

Figures are not available.

The total estimated population of Other Castes (Hindus and Muslims both) in 1951 according to above tables came to the 14,254,806, while the enumerated population of Other Castes in 1951 is 15,871,541. As there is wide variation in the two totals no attempt has been made to adjust the estimated figures.

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**TABLE III: POPULATION OF OTHER CASTES IN THE CENSUSES OF 1911 - 1931 AND ESTIMATED POPULATION IN 1951 (ii) MUSLIMS.**

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Name of Caste	Population in			Estimated population 1951	Remarks.
	1911	1921	1931		
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Bahna	47,161	32,798	37,549	44,844	
2. Banjara	1,127	240	120	143	
3. Bohra	4,985	5,666	7,926	9,466	
4. Chhipa	2,427	*	*	3,251	
5. Darzi	*	*	16	19	
6. Dhobi	*	*	31	37	
7. Fakir	9,040	7,713	10,524	12,568	
8. Julaha	4,198	*	*	5,623	
9. Kachera	1,152	*	*	1,543	
10. Kasai	4,105	*	*	5,498	
11. Khatik	*	*	1,782	2,128	
12. Lohar	*	*	65	78	
13. Mehra	*	*	23	27	
14. Mehtar	*	*	228	272	
15. Mochi	*	*	9	11	
16. Nai	*	*	103	123	
17. Rajput	*	*	181	216	
18. Shaikh	280,314	*	*	375,447	
19. Syed	47,936	*	*	64,205	
20. Moghal	9,045	*	*	12,115	
21. Pathan	143,972	*	*	192,833	
22. Teli	*	*	120	143	

Notes :-

\* Figures are not available.

Please also see note at page No. 13.



APPENDIX

EXTRACTS FROM THE PREVIOUS CENSUS  
REPORTS OF MADHYA PRADESH FOR  
CENSUSES 1911, 1921 AND 1931.

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SCHEDULED CASTES

Darzis and Koris: The unvarying number of the Darzis returned at the last three censuses is interesting, but no definite explanation is forthcoming. The same is true in regard to Koris, though it is possible that in the past figures of some other weaving caste were included in the same group.

-1931 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 368.

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SCHEDULED TRIBES

Bhils : The Bhils are the only aborigines or semi-aborigines who have not multiplied heavily. It seems very probable that some of them returned themselves simply as Muslims without giving the name of their tribe.

-1931 Madhya Pradesh Report Pages 368-369.

Binjhvars : The increase of 253 per cent in the figure of Binjhvars appears to be due to some error in enumeration in 1901. The toll of famine in the years preceding 1901 and of influenza in 1918 can hardly have been so heavy. The Binjhvars are generally considered an off-shoot of Baigas - and there is still a Binjhar sub-tribe of Baigas. They are found chiefly in Raipur and Bilaspur, and it is probable that in the past some of them were classified as Baigas. The creation of Drug district from parts of Raipur and Bilaspur generally accounts for any remarkable variations from past censuses.

-1931 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 369.

Bharias : Only one male Bharia was returned in Betul district in 1931, but 1,570 males and 26 females appeared in the Tables of 1921. The Deputy Commissioner to whom a reference was made in the matter, explained that at the time of the previous census the Maha - Shivaratri fair was being held on the borders of the Multai tehsil and that there was probably an influx of Bharias from Chhindwara district.

-1931 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 369.

Gonds : Their numbers have declined from 2,334,000 or by 10 per cent <sup>since</sup> 1911, but as the jungle tribes always suffer heavily in times of stress and owing to their prolificness make a quick recovery afterwards, it must not be thought that they are declining in numerical strength.

-1921 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 148.

Kawars: The explanation of the presence in 1921 of Kawars in Balaghat where the tribe is not generally found, was that they were probably immigrants employed in the manganese mines, almost all of which had been closed before the census of 1931.

-1931 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 369.

Kols : 96,593 Kols were enumerated at the present census, or 17 per cent more than in 1911. The increase is due to the demand for their labour, and they are in particular request in the manganese mines. They are accustomed to move about in search of work, and hence they are scattered all over the province, but large numbers are found in the Jubbulpore district, owing to the proximity of Rewah State, from which they have emigrated.

-1921 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 150.

Korwas : The Korwas, who number 20,472 are confined almost entirely to the plateau of the Chhota Nagpur States of Surguja and Jashpur, but a decrease of 40 percent in their numbers in the decade may perhaps be due to confusion with some other tribes or to emigration consequent on a rebellion which occurred in the decade in Surguja State.

-1921 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 150.

Pardhans : The Pardhans are an inferior branch of the Gonds, whose occupation is to act as priests and minstrels of that tribe, and they were at one time the genealogists and ministers of the ancient Gond kings. They now number 96,000, a decrease of 19 per cent during the decade, but much of the decrease comes from the Mandla district, where they may have been returned as Gonds proper.

-1921 Madhya Pradesh Report Pages 148, 149.

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OTHER CASTES

Bohra : Among Muslims the increase of 400 per cent in the population of Bohra community cannot be overlooked and must definitely be attributed to immigration for purposes of trade.

-1931 - Madhya Pradesh Report Page 369.

Koltas : Koltas are the Oriya cultivating class corresponding to the Kurmies and Kunbis of the Hindi and Marathi parts of the country. A decrease of 45 per cent in their number is probably due to the fact that in Raipur and Bilaspur they returned their caste as Oriya.

-1921 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 148.

Kunbis : Kunbis have for the last ten years shown a growing tendency to call themselves Marathas. There is absolutely no reason to suspect that this yeoman caste is not increasing proportionately to the rest of the population and the rise of 370 per cent since 1901 in the number of Marathas clearly proves what has happened.

-1931 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 368.

Mhalis : The rise of 82 per cent in the number of the Mhalis, the barber caste of the Marathi Plain, more than accounts for the very limited increase among the Nais with whom they were probably confused at earlier censuses.

-1931 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 368.

Rajputs : The principal land holding caste is that of the Rajputs, who number 456,000 as against 441,000 in 1911. The increase is probably a nominal one, due to individuals who during the decade claim to have entered the Rajput fold; and to this cause may be attributed the increase from 102,000 to 191,000 among those who have returned themselves as Rajputs without specifying the sept which they belong.

-1921 Madhya Pradesh Report Page 146.

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