

Table I.1 : Demographic Characteristics at a glance

		Year	West Bengal	India
1	Area (in sq. km.)	2001	88,752	30,65,027
		2011	88752 (P)	
2	Number of villages	2001	40,782	6,38,588
3	Number of towns	2001	375	5,161
4	Census population	2011	91347736(P)	1,210,193,422(P)
		2001	8,01,76,197	1,02,86,10,328*
5	Sex ratio (females per 1000 males)	2011	947 (P)	940 (P)
		2001	934	933
6	Decennial population growth (percentage)	2001 - 2011	13.93 (P)	17.64 (P)
		1991 - 2001	17.77	21.54
7	Density of population (per sq. km.)	2011	1029 (P)	382 (P)
		2001	903	325
8	Crude birth rate (SRS)	2010	16.8	22.1
9	Crude death rate (SRS)	2010	6.0	7.2
10	Infant mortality rate (SRS)	2010	31	47
11	Expectation of life at birth (projected)	2011 - 2015		
	Male		69.2	67.3
	Female		72.1	69.6
12	Total Fertility Rate	2009	1.9	2.6
13	Mean age at effective marriage for females	2009	19.9	20.7
14	Percentage of urban population to total population	2011	31.89	31.16
		2001	27.97	27.82
15	Literacy Rate <<	2011	77.08 (P)	74.04 (P)
		2001	68.64	64.82
16	Percentage of population by religion (2001)	Hindu	72.47	80.46
		Muslim	25.25	13.43
		Others	2.28	6.11
17	Percentage of Scheduled Caste population to total population	2001	23.02	16.20
		1991	23.62	16.33
18	Percentage of Scheduled Tribe population to total population	2001	5.50	8.20
		1991	5.59	8.01

<< The literacy rates refer to the percentage of Literate to estimated population aged 7 (seven) years and above

* Excluding the population of Mao-Maram, Paomata and Purul Sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur.

P : Provisional