MAP 26
DISTRIBUTION OF PUNJABI SPEAKERS 2011

Punjabi is one of the Scheduled languages of India, mainly spoken in its northern part i.e., in the state of Punjab and the adjoining areas. According to Grierson, it falls under the Central Group of Indo-Aryan family of Languages. It is recognized as the Official Language of Punjab state and specified in the Schedule VIII of the Indian Constitution. In Census 2011, four mother tongues namely, Bagri, Bhateali, Bilaspuri Kahluri and Punjabi which returned with 10,000 plus speakers' strength at all India level, are grouped under Punjabi as variants. The rest of the mother tongues returned as variants of Punjabi with less than 10,000 speakers are grouped under 'Others'. Gurmukhi script is used in writing Punjabi language.

As per Census 2011, there are 3,31,24,726 Punjabi speakers, which constitute 2.74 per cent of the country's total population. However, Punjabi speakers in the state of Punjab constitute 89.82 per cent of the state's total population. In India, substantial proportion of Punjabi speakers are mainly concentrated in Punjab (75.22%), Haryana (7.25%), Rajasthan (6.87%), NCT of Delhi (2.64%) totalling 91.98 per cent of Punjabi speakers in India. The remaining percentages of Punjabi speakers are distributed in Himachal Pradesh (1.86%), Uttar Pradesh (1.54%), Maharashtra (0.85%), Uttarakhand (0.79%), Chandigarh (0.70%), Jammu & Kashmir (0.66%), Madhya Pradesh (0.42%), Jharkhand (0.24%), Chhattisgarh (0.20%), Gujarat (0.19%), West Bengal (0.18%), Karnataka (0.08%), Andhra Pradesh and Assam (0.07% each), Odisha (0.06%), Bihar (0.03%), Tamil Nadu (0.02%), Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Goa and Sikkim (0.01% each). In the remaining States/Union Territories like Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Kerala, Manipur, Tripura, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Mizoram, Daman & Diu, Puducherry and Lakshadweep though Punjabi speakers are available, but their proportion is negligible.

The map displays the geographical distribution of Punjabi speakers at the district level in India. Here percentages are calculated on the basis of the number of Punjabi speakers in respect to total population of that particular district. Different shades of colour are used in this map to show the percentage distribution of Punjabi speaking population throughout the country. The data presented in this map is grouped in the percentage ranges of 0.01 to 0.20, 0.21 to 2.00, 2.01 to 20.00, 20.01 to 80.00 and 80.01 and above.

The district-wise distribution reveals that out of 640 districts, 630 districts have Punjabi speakers in India. In Census 2011, 353 districts have proportion of Punjabi speakers as 0.01 to 0.20 per cent, 100 districts fall in the range of 0.21 to 2.00 per cent, 33 districts in the range of 2.01 to 20.00 per cent, 9 districts in the range of 20.01 to 80.00 per cent and in the highest range of 80.01 per cent and above, only 19 districts are noticed. The remaining 116 districts with percentage of Punjabi speakers below 0.01 per cent have been left blank on the map along with other 10 districts which returned no Punjabi speakers in Census 2011.

Among the districts of Punjab, the highest proportion of Punjabi speakers is noticed in Tarn Taran (98.99%) district, followed by Mansa (96.53%), Moga (96.21%), Gurdaspur (95.79%), Barnala (95.14%), Sangrur (94.87%), Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar (94.63%), Amritsar (94.30%), Hoshiarpur (93.74%), Rupnagar (92.63%), Muktsar (92.13%), Faridkot (91.79%) and Kapurthala (91.20%) districts in the range of 90.01 per cent above. The districts registering the Punjabi speakers below 90 per cent but more than 80 per cent are Fatehgarh Sahib (89.92%), Patiala (89.61%), Bathinda (89.56%), Jalandhar (88.15%) and Firozpur (80.51%) districts. The 2 districts registering the speakers below 80 per cent but more than 70 per cent in Punjab are Ludhiana (79.66%) and Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (74.72%).

Significant proportion of Punjabi speakers outside Punjab is returned from Bilaspur (80.38%), Una (29.68%) and Solan (9.15%) districts of Himachal Pradesh; Sirsa (73.30%) district followed by Fatehabad (41.29%), Kurukshetra (17.47%), Ambala (10.96%), Karnal (10.86%), Kaithal (10.43%) and Panchkula (9.52%) districts of Haryana; Ganganagar (56.30%) district followed by Hanumangarh (30.16%) and Dungarpur (21.47%) districts of Rajasthan; Chandigarh UT (22.03%), West (14.52%) district of NCT of Delhi and Udham Singh Nagar (10.09%) district of Uttarakhand.

The distribution of Punjabi speakers and percentage to the total Punjabi speakers along with the cumulative percentage in the States/Union Territories is given in the following Table 26.

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Sl. No.	India/States/Union Territories	Punjabi Speakers			Sl. No.	India/States/Union Territories	Punjabi Speakers		
		Number	% Share*	Cum. %			Number	% Share*	Cum. %
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
	INDIA	3,31,24,726	100.00		18	ASSAM	23,313	0.07	99.83
1	PUNJAB	2,49,17,885	75.22	75.22	19	ODISHA	19,470	0.06	99.89
2	HARYANA	24,00,883	7.25	82.47	20	BIHAR	10,467	0.03	99.92
3	RAJASTHAN	22,74,342	6.87	89.34	21	TAMIL NADU	6,565	0.02	99.94
4	NCT OF DELHI	8,73,477	2.64	91.98	22	MEGHALAYA	4,540	0.01	99.95
5	HIMACHAL PRADESH	6,15,022	1.86	93.83	23	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3,674	0.01	99.96
6	UTTAR PRADESH	5,08,736	1.54	95.37	24	NAGALAND	2,249	0.01	99.97
7	MAHARASHTRA	2,80,192	0.85	96.21	25	GOA	1,959	0.01	99.97
8	UTTARAKHAND	2,63,310	0.79	97.01	26	SIKKIM	1,954	0.01	99.98
9	CHANDIGARH	2,32,516	0.70	97.71	27	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR IS.	1,565	0.00	99.99
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	2,19,193	0.66	98.37	28	KERALA	1,380	0.00	99.99
11	MADHYA PRADESH	1,39,658	0.42	98.79	29	MANIPUR	1,370	0.00	99.99
12	JHARKHAND	78,712	0.24	99.03	30	TRIPURA	997	0.00	100.00
13	CHHATTISGARH	65,425	0.20	99.23	31	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	414	0.00	100.00
14	GUJARAT	63,288	0.19	99.42	32	MIZORAM	349	0.00	100.00
15	WEST BENGAL	61,080	0.18	99.60	33	DAMAN & DIU	222	0.00	100.00
16	KARNATAKA	25,981	0.08	99.68	34	PUDUCHERRY	121	0.00	100.00
17	ANDHRA PRADESH	24,413	0.07	99.76	35	LAKSHADWEEP	4	0.00	100.00

*The sum of State/UT percentage values may not add up to 100 due to round off and may also not match with cumulative percentage values.

MAP 26

INDIA
DISTRIBUTION OF PUNJABI SPEAKERS 2011

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BOUNDARY, INTERNATIONAL ——— BOUNDARY, STATE/U.T. ———
BOUNDARY, DISTRICT. ———

KILOMETRES
100 0 100 200 300 400

P A K I S T A N

C H I N A

T I B E T

N E P A L

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BHUTAN

BANGLADESH

MYANMAR

RANN OF KACHCHH

ARABIAN SEA

New Moore I.
(INDIA)

BAY OF BENGAL

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**PERCENTAGE OF PUNJABI SPEAKERS
TO TOTAL POPULATION**

(353)   0.01 - 0.20

(100)   0.21 - 2.00

(33)   2.01 - 20.00

(9)   20.01 - 80.00

(19)   80.01 and Above

(126)   Nil/Negligible

NA   DATA NOT AVAILABLE

L A K S H A D W E E P   S E A

L A K S H A D W E E P
(INDIA)

A N D A M A N   A N D   N I C O B A R   I S L A N D S
(INDIA)

Coco Is.
(MYANMAR)

Narcondam I.
(INDIA)

Barren I.
(INDIA)

ANDAMAN SEA

Figures within brackets indicate number of districts
in the respective ranges.

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