

Findings on Religious Affiliations of Population of Odisha As per Census of 2011

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India is a land of many faiths. India is probably the only nation in the world where people profess so many religions. Religion is one of the oldest basic socio-cultural characteristics associated with the mankind and civilizations over thousands of years of known history. Different communities and people perceive religion in their own unique way for practices and worship.

Ever since its inception, Census of India has been collecting and publishing information about religious affiliations of the people of India. Population census in India has the rare distinction of being the only instrument that collects the individual information on these diverse but most common characteristics of Indian population but keeps it confidential except for aggregating it at certain minimum geographic level. Religion being one of the basic socio-cultural characteristics of

any society, due emphasis and care has been given on collection of this attribute with regard to the followers of various religions including the minor religious beliefs, faiths and persuasion. The data collected through census questionnaires are compiled and presented in the form of religion tables. The religion data gathered and disseminated at the decennial census generates immense interests in various ways among all sections of the society and reflects the social composition and dynamics at a particular point of time.

Statement-1 presents the distribution of the population of different religions and persuasions since 1961 census and brings out trends for the last six censuses in the country (India) and the state (Odisha).

Statement -1: Distribution of the population of different religions and trends

Year	Total		Hindu		Muslim		Christian		Jain		Buddhist		Sikhs	
	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha
1961	43,92,34,771	1,75,48,846	36,65,26,866	1,71,23,194	4,69,40,799	2,15,319	1,07,28,086	2,01,017	20,27,281	2,295	32,56,036	454	78,45,915	5,030
1971	54,79,49,809	2,19,44,615	45,32,92,086	2,11,21,056	6,14,17,934	3,26,507	1,42,23,382	3,78,888	26,04,646	6,521	38,12,325	8,462	1,03,78,797	10,204
1981	66,52,87,849	2,63,70,271	54,97,79,481	2,51,61,725	7,55,12,439	4,22,266	1,61,65,447	4,80,426	32,06,038	6,642	47,19,796	8,028	1,30,78,146	14,270
1991	83,85,83,988	3,16,59,736	68,76,46,721	2,99,71,257	10,15,96,057	5,77,775	1,96,40,284	6,66,220	33,52,706	6,302	63,87,500	9,153	1,62,59,744	17,296
2001	1,02,86,10,328	3,68,04,660	82,75,78,868	3,47,26,129	13,81,88,240	7,61,985	2,40,80,016	8,97,861	42,25,053	9,154	79,55,207	9,863	1,92,15,730	17,492
2011	1,21,08,54,977	4,19,74,218	96,62,57,353	3,93,00,341	17,22,45,158	9,11,670	2,78,19,588	11,61,708	44,51,753	9,420	84,42,972	13,852	2,08,33,116	21,991

It reveals from Statement-1 that at the national level, in all censuses, Hindus have the highest returns followed by Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains. In the state, Hindus also occupy the first place. It was followed by Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, and other religions in 1961 census. But from 1971 to 2011 censuses, Christians outnumbered the Muslims.

Statement -2 gives the growth rate of population of each religion of India and Odisha from 1961-2011 censuses.

further increased to 21.50% in 1981-91 census, 22.61% in 1991-2001 census and it decreased to 15.53% in 2001-2011 census. Growth of Buddhist population during 1961-71 was 17.08%. In the decade 1971-81, the growth rate was 23.80%, in 1981-91, it was 35.33%, in 1991-2001 it was 24.54% and in 2001-2011 census, the growth rate was 6.13%. The growth rate of Sikh population was 32.28% during the decade 1961-71, 26.01% in 1971-81, 24.33% during 1981-91, 18.18% during 1991-2001 and 8.42% in 2001-11 census. Growth rate of Jain population

Statement – 2: Growth rate of population of each religion of India and Odisha

Year	Growth rate of Religious communities													
	Total		Hindu		Muslim		Christian		Jain		Buddhist		Sikhs	
	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha
1971	24.75	25.05	23.67	23.35	30.84	51.64	32.58	88.49	28.48	184.14	17.08	1,763.88	32.28	102.86
1981	21.41	20.17	21.29	19.13	22.95	29.33	13.65	26.80	23.09	1.86	23.80	-5.13	26.01	39.85
1991	26.05	20.06	25.08	19.11	34.54	36.83	21.50	38.67	4.57	-5.12	35.33	14.01	24.33	21.21
2001	22.66	16.25	20.35	15.86	36.02	31.88	22.61	34.77	26.02	45.26	24.54	7.76	18.18	1.13
2011	17.72	14.05	16.76	13.17	24.65	19.64	15.53	29.39	5.37	2.91	6.13	40.44	8.42	25.72

It is seen from the table that the growth rate of Hindus at the national level during the decade 1961-71 was 23.67% which decreased to 21.29% in 1971-81 census. Again it increased to 25.08% in 1981-91 census. It decreased to 20.35% in 1991-2001 census. Further it decreased to 16.76% in 2001-2011 census. In case of Muslims, the growth rate during the decade 1961-71 was 30.84%. It decreased to 22.95% in 1971-81 census and increased to 34.45% in 1981-91 census, further increased to 36.02% in 1991-2001 census and it decreased to 24.65% during 2001-2011 census. Similarly, the growth of Christian population in India was 32.58% during the decade 1961-71 which decreased to 13.65% in 1971-81 census and

was 28.48% in 1961-71, 23.09% during 1971-81, 4.57% in 1981-91 census, 26.02% in 1991-2001 census and 5.37% in 2001-11 census.

In Odisha, the growth rate of Hindus during the decade 1961-71, 71-81, 81-91, 91-2001, 2001-2011 was 23.35%, 19.13%, 19.11%, 15.86% and 13.17% respectively. The growth rate of Muslims during the decade 1961-71, 71-81, 81-91, 91-2001, 2001-2011 was 51.64%, 29.33%, 36.83%, 31.88% and 24.64% respectively. Similarly, the growth rate of Christian in Odisha during the decade 1961-71, 71-81, 81-91, 91-2001, 2001-2011 was 88.49%, 26.80%, 38.67%, 34.77% and 29.39% respectively. The growth rate of Buddhist

population in Odisha during 1961-71 was 1763.88%. A negative growth rate of -5.13% was recorded during 1971-81 and during 1981-91, the growth rate was 14.01%. In 1991-2001 the growth was 7.76% and in 2001-11 census, the growth was 40.44%. The growth rate of Sikh population in Odisha in 1961-71 was 102.86%, in 1971-81 it was 39.85%, in 1981-91 it was 21.21%, in 1991-2001 the growth rate was 1.13% and in 2001-11 the growth was 25.72%. In case of Jains, the growth rate was 184.14% in 1961-71, in 1971-81 it was 1.86%, in 1981-91 census it was -5.12%, in 1991-2001 it was 45.26% and during 2001-11 census the growth rate was 2.91%.

Taking the population 1961 census as base, the growth rate between 50 years of total population of India is 175.67%. The growth rate of Hindus is 163.63%, Muslims 266.94%, Christians 159.32%, Jains 119.59%, Buddhists 159.30% and Sikhs 165.53%.

During the 50 years from 1961-2011, the growth rate of total population in Odisha is 139.19%, Hindus 129.52%, Muslims 323.40%, Christians 477.91%, Jains 310.46%, Buddhists 2951.10% and Sikhs 337.19%.

Statement-3 gives the percentage of population of each religion to total population of India and state from 1961 to 2011 census.

At national level, the percentage of Hindu population has shown a declining trend from 1961 census to 2011 census. During 1961 census, the percentage of Hindu population to total population was 83.45% which decreased to 82.73% in 1971 census and again decreased to 82.64% in 1981 and to 82.00% in 1991 census, 80.46% in 2001 census and further decreased to 79.80% in 2011 census. 10.69% of the total population of India was Muslim during 1961 census, which increased to 11.21% in 1971 census, 11.35% in 1981 census, 12.12% in 1991 census, 13.43% in 2001 census and 14.23% during 2011 census. 2.44% of India's population during 1961 census was Christian which increased to 2.60% during 1971 census and decreased to 2.43% in 1981 census, 2.34% in 1991 and 2001 censuses, 2.30% in 2011 census. Buddhists had 0.74% of share of India's population during 1961 census which decreased to 0.70% in 1971 census and again increased to 0.71% in 1981 census, became 0.76% in 1991 census, 0.77% in 2001 census and decreased to 0.70% in 2011 census. The percentage of Sikh population in India was 1.79% in 1961, which increased to 1.89% in 1971 census, 1.97% in 1981 census and decreased to 1.94% in 1991 census, 1.87% in 2001 census and 1.72% in 2011 census. During 1961 census, 0.46% of India's population were Jains which increased to 0.48% in 1971 census, 0.48% during

Statement – 3: Percentage of population of each religion to total population

Year	Percentage to Total Population													
	Total		Hindu		Muslim		Christian		Jain		Buddhist		Sikhs	
	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha	India	Odisha
1961	100.00	100.00	83.45	97.57	10.69	1.23	2.44	1.15	0.46	0.01	0.74	0.003	1.79	0.03
1971	100.00	100.00	82.73	96.25	11.21	1.49	2.60	1.73	0.48	0.03	0.70	0.04	1.89	0.05
1981	100.00	100.00	82.64	95.42	11.35	1.60	2.43	1.82	0.48	0.03	0.71	0.03	1.97	0.05
1991	100.00	100.00	82.00	94.67	12.12	1.82	2.34	2.10	0.40	0.02	0.76	0.03	1.94	0.05
2001	100.00	100.00	80.46	94.35	13.43	2.07	2.34	2.44	0.41	0.02	0.77	0.03	1.87	0.05
2011	100.00	100.00	79.80	93.63	14.23	2.17	2.30	2.77	0.37	0.02	0.70	0.03	1.72	0.05

1981 census and decreased to 0.40% in 1991 census and increased to 0.41% in 2001 census and again decreased to 0.37% in 2011 census.

In Odisha, percentage of Hindu population to total population has also shown a declining trend from 1961 census to 2011 census. During 1961 census, the percentage of Hindu population was 97.57 % which decreased to 96.25% in 1971 census, 95.42% during 1981 census, 94.67% in 1991 census, 94.35% in 2001 census and 93.63% in 2011 census. The percentage of Hindu population to total population

was 93.63% which is more than the percentage of Hindus at national level. Increasing trend is noticed in case of Muslim population. During 1961 census, the percentage of Muslim population to total population was 1.23% which increased to 1.49% in 1971 census, 1.60% in 1981 census, 1.82% in 1991 census, 2.07% in 2001 census and 2.17% in 2011 census. During 1961, the percentage of Christian population in the state was 1.15% which increased to 1.73% in 1971. Again it increased to 1.82% in 1981 census, 2.10% in 1991 census, 2.44% in 2001

Statement 4: Population of religions in the districts of Odisha

Population by Religion in districts of Odisha - 2001 & 2011 Census																		
Area	Total		Hindu		Muslim		Christian		Sikh		Buddhist		Jain		Other religions and persuasions (incl. Unclassified Sect.)		Religion not stated	
	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011
State - ODISHA	36804660	41974218	34726129	39300341	761985	911670	897861	1161708	17492	21991	9863	13852	9154	9420	361981	478317	20195	76919
District - Bargarh	1346336	1481255	1327967	1459065	6758	7527	10121	11744	384	652	59	161	137	125	68	44	842	1937
District - Jharsuguda	509716	579505	490127	553587	9498	12783	8485	10462	1073	1441	191	80	84	70	60	67	198	1015
District - Sambalpur	935613	1041099	873795	964188	19438	20120	38786	50637	2062	2506	208	310	77	86	386	1117	861	2135
District - Debagarh	274108	312520	261544	296001	1055	704	11216	14518	69	53	0	102	8	7	69	409	147	726
District - Sundargarh	1830673	2093437	1431762	1532352	61873	71391	308476	385011	5517	5713	204	710	813	721	21400	89986	628	7553
District - Kendujhar	1561990	1801733	1525874	1752694	20390	27752	6144	9141	1805	2177	37	209	69	131	6750	7372	921	2257
District - Mayurbhanj	2223456	2519738	1859639	2113079	26437	33706	9120	15008	432	661	40	162	47	109	325847	351714	1894	5299
District - Baleshwar	2024508	2320529	1937765	2197709	76270	94254	5967	6434	162	237	40	111	182	201	2826	18345	1296	3238
District - Bhadrak	1333749	1506337	1248486	1398543	83993	104202	532	745	42	169	5	81	48	111	21	61	622	2425
District - Kendrapara	1302005	1440361	1257156	1386792	43394	50247	966	1423	24	169	3	62	22	52	22	24	418	1592
District - Jagatsinghpur	1057629	1136971	1014872	1086140	40586	46929	1119	1604	193	206	218	74	31	58	212	63	398	1897
District - Cuttack	2341094	2624470	2199526	2457729	121529	141263	10657	11985	840	1026	5697	6276	1045	1180	716	168	1084	4843
District - Jajapur	1624341	1827192	1543317	1725595	77825	93642	1280	1623	333	470	25	58	77	100	289	3073	1195	2631
District - Dhenkanal	1066878	1192811	1060943	1185542	4177	4805	468	727	33	124	322	366	21	39	457	139	457	1069
District - Anugul	1140003	1273821	1127926	1258684	6610	7512	3292	3383	811	812	38	226	55	36	615	971	656	2197
District - Nayagarh	864516	962789	859219	955754	4233	5278	400	383	2	107	3	33	15	24	52	12	592	1198
District - Khordha	1877395	2251673	1798214	2147632	67040	84060	8821	12527	1113	1264	227	475	347	476	638	434	995	4805
District - Puri	1502682	1698730	1459872	1644905	38318	46094	2764	4239	27	193	200	243	48	94	919	302	534	2660
District - Ganjam	3160635	3529031	3132628	3486059	10910	13315	14818	23975	325	590	39	174	86	170	49	76	1780	4672
District - Gajapati	518837	577817	341308	353160	1623	1556	173663	219482	2	53	1972	2180	7	66	10	4	252	1316
District - Kandhamal	648201	733110	527757	580300	2253	2138	117950	148895	23	82	14	290	20	47	38	23	146	1335
District - Boudh	373372	441162	372070	438152	747	1007	239	522	2	24	4	5	4	11	12	7	294	1434
District - Subarnapur	541835	610183	538472	605225	1633	1566	1396	2374	22	58	9	46	10	17	9	6	284	891
District - Balangir	1337194	1648997	1312924	1618175	6138	7811	13801	16271	359	565	56	467	2909	2225	45	141	962	3342
District - Nuapada	530690	610382	523309	601092	4045	4952	1496	1778	735	724	64	76	813	905	13	22	215	833
District - Kalahandi	1335494	1576889	1322363	1555367	3592	4975	6923	11160	612	796	47	175	1248	1225	29	220	680	2951
District - Rayagada	831109	967911	770572	874445	4545	4607	55220	84916	144	219	26	249	139	123	57	44	406	3308
District - Ilaharangapuri	1025766	1220946	991639	1178005	6867	6753	26118	32152	52	169	17	189	334	325	97	54	642	3299
District - Koraput	1180637	1379647	1119527	1294151	8401	8850	51323	68550	270	518	86	219	323	491	67	3384	640	3484
District - Malkangiri	504198	613192	495556	600219	1807	1871	6300	10039	24	213	12	43	135	195	208	35	156	577

census and 2.77% in 2011 census. The percentage of Sikh population in the state was 0.03% in 1961 census. It increased to 0.05% in 1971 census and remained constant at 0.05% till 2011 census. The percentage of Buddhist population in the state was negligible at 0.003% of the total population in 1961 which increased to 0.04% in 1971 census and decreased to 0.03% in 1981 census and remained constant at 0.03% till 2011 census. The percentage of Jain population in the state was 0.01% during 1961 census. It increased to 0.03% in 1971 census and remained same in 1981 census and decreased to 0.02% in 1991 census and remained same for 2001 and 2011 census.

Statement -4 gives the population of the religions in various districts of Odisha as per 2001 & 2011 Census.

It reveals from Statement 4 that Ganjam is the most populous district in the State where more numbers of Hindus are reported in both the Censuses. More Muslims are reported in Cuttack district followed by Bhadrak district in both the Censuses. More Christians are reported in the district of Sundargarh followed by Gajapati and Kandhamal. More Sikhs are reported in Sundargarh district. More Buddhists are reported in Cuttack district followed by Gajapati district. More Jains are reported in Balangir district followed by Kalahandi and Cuttack district.

Statement - 5 below gives the growth rate of religions in districts of Odisha during the decade 2001-2011.

Statement – 5: Growth rate of religion in districts of Odisha -2011 Census

Area Name	Religious communities							
	Total	Hindu	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Religion not stated
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
State - ODISHA	14.05	13.17	19.64	29.39	25.72	40.44	2.91	280.88
District - Bargarh	10.02	9.87	11.38	16.04	69.79	172.88	-8.76	130.05
District - Jharsuguda	13.69	12.95	34.59	23.30	34.30	-58.12	-16.67	412.63
District - Sambalpur	11.27	10.34	3.51	30.55	21.53	49.04	11.69	147.97
District - Debagarh	14.01	13.17	-33.27	29.44	-23.19	-	-12.50	393.88
District - Sundargarh	14.35	7.03	15.38	24.81	3.55	248.04	-11.32	1102.71
District - Kendujhar	15.35	14.86	36.11	48.78	20.61	464.86	89.86	145.06
District - Mayurbhanj	13.33	13.63	27.50	64.56	53.01	305.00	131.91	179.78
District - Baleshwar	14.62	13.41	23.58	7.83	46.30	177.50	10.44	149.85
District - Bhadrak	12.94	12.02	24.06	40.04	302.38	1520.00	131.25	289.87
District - Kendrapara	10.63	10.31	15.79	47.31	604.17	1966.67	136.36	280.86
District - Jagatsinghapur	7.50	7.02	15.63	43.34	6.74	-66.06	87.10	376.63
District - Cuttack	12.10	11.74	16.24	12.46	22.14	10.16	12.92	346.77
District - Jajapur	12.49	11.81	20.32	26.80	41.14	132.00	29.87	120.17
District - Dhenkanal	11.80	11.74	15.03	55.34	275.76	13.66	85.71	133.92
District - Anugul	11.74	11.59	13.65	2.76	0.12	494.74	-34.55	234.91
District - Nayagarh	11.37	11.24	24.69	-4.25	5250.00	1000.00	60.00	102.36
District - Khordha	19.94	19.43	25.39	42.01	13.57	109.25	37.18	382.91
District - Puri	13.05	12.67	20.29	53.36	614.81	21.50	95.83	398.13
District - Ganjam	11.66	11.28	22.04	61.80	81.54	346.15	97.67	162.47

District - Gajapati	11.37	3.47	-4.13	26.38	2550.00	10.55	842.86	422.22
District - Kandhamal	13.10	9.96	-5.10	26.24	256.52	1971.43	135.00	814.38
District - Baudh	18.16	17.76	34.81	118.41	1100.00	25.00	175.00	387.76
District - Subarnapur	12.61	12.40	-4.10	70.06	163.64	411.11	70.00	213.73
District - Balangir	23.32	23.25	27.26	17.90	57.38	733.93	-23.51	247.40
District - Nuapada	15.02	14.86	22.42	18.85	-1.50	18.75	11.32	287.44
District - Kalahandi	18.07	17.62	38.50	61.20	30.07	272.34	-1.84	333.97
District - Rayagada	16.46	13.48	1.36	53.78	52.08	857.69	-11.51	714.78
District - Nabarangapur	19.03	18.79	-1.66	23.10	225.00	1011.76	-2.69	413.86
District - Koraput	16.86	15.60	5.34	33.57	91.85	154.65	52.01	444.38
District - Malkangiri	21.62	21.12	3.54	59.35	787.50	258.33	44.44	269.87

It reveals from the statement 5 that highest growth rate population of 23.32 is recorded in Balangir district and the lowest growth rate of 7.50% is recorded in Jagatsinghapur district. Among Hindus, the highest growth rate of 23.25% is recorded in Balangir district and the

Statement-6: Percentage share of population of each religion of the districts 2011 Census

Area	Total		Hindu		Muslim		Christian		Sikh		Buddhist		Jain	
	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011	2001	2011
State - ODISHA	100.00	100.00	94.35	93.63	2.07	2.17	2.44	2.77	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
District - Bargarh	100.00	100.00	98.64	98.50	0.50	0.51	0.75	0.79	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
District - Jharsuguda	100.00	100.00	96.16	95.53	1.86	2.21	1.66	1.81	0.21	0.25	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.01
District - Sambalpur	100.00	100.00	93.39	92.61	2.08	1.93	4.15	4.86	0.22	0.24	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01
District - Debagarh	100.00	100.00	95.42	94.71	0.38	0.23	4.09	4.65	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00
District - Sundargarh	100.00	100.00	78.21	73.20	3.38	3.41	16.85	18.39	0.30	0.27	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.03
District - Kendujhar	100.00	100.00	97.69	97.28	1.31	1.54	0.39	0.51	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
District - Mayurbhanj	100.00	100.00	83.64	83.86	1.19	1.34	0.41	0.60	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
District - Baleshwar	100.00	100.00	95.72	94.71	3.77	4.06	0.29	0.28	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
District - Bhadrak	100.00	100.00	93.61	92.84	6.30	6.92	0.04	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
District - Kendrapara	100.00	100.00	96.56	96.28	3.33	3.49	0.07	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
District - Jagatsinghpur	100.00	100.00	95.96	95.53	3.84	4.13	0.11	0.14	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01
District - Cuttack	100.00	100.00	93.95	93.65	5.19	5.38	0.46	0.46	0.04	0.04	0.24	0.24	0.04	0.04
District - Jajapur	100.00	100.00	95.01	94.44	4.79	5.12	0.08	0.09	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
District - Dhenkanal	100.00	100.00	99.44	99.39	0.39	0.40	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00
District - Anugul	100.00	100.00	98.94	98.81	0.58	0.59	0.29	0.27	0.07	0.06	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
District - Nayagarh	100.00	100.00	99.39	99.27	0.49	0.55	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
District - Khordha	100.00	100.00	95.78	95.38	3.57	3.73	0.47	0.56	0.06	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
District - Puri	100.00	100.00	97.15	96.83	2.55	2.71	0.18	0.25	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
District - Ganjam	100.00	100.00	99.11	98.78	0.35	0.38	0.47	0.68	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
District - Gajapati	100.00	100.00	65.78	61.12	0.31	0.27	33.47	37.98	0.00	0.01	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.01
District - Kandhamal	100.00	100.00	81.42	79.16	0.35	0.29	18.20	20.31	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.01
District - Baudh	100.00	100.00	99.65	99.32	0.20	0.23	0.06	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
District - Subarnapur	100.00	100.00	99.38	99.19	0.30	0.26	0.26	0.39	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
District - Balangir	100.00	100.00	98.19	98.13	0.46	0.47	1.03	0.99	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.22	0.13
District - Nuapada	100.00	100.00	98.61	98.48	0.76	0.81	0.28	0.29	0.14	0.12	0.01	0.01	0.15	0.15
District - Kalahandi	100.00	100.00	99.02	98.64	0.27	0.32	0.52	0.71	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.08
District - Rayagada	100.00	100.00	92.72	90.34	0.55	0.48	6.64	8.77	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.01
District - Nabarangapur	100.00	100.00	96.67	96.48	0.67	0.55	2.55	2.63	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.03
District - Koraput	100.00	100.00	94.82	93.80	0.71	0.64	4.35	4.97	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04
District - Malkangiri	100.00	100.00	98.29	97.88	0.36	0.31	1.25	1.64	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.03

lowest growth rate of 7.02% is recorded in Jagatsinghapur district. Among Muslims, the highest growth rate of 38.50% is recorded in Kalahandi district. In five districts viz. Debagarh, Gajapati, Kandhamal, Subarnapur and Nabarangapur, the Muslim population have been decreased. The highest growth of Christian population is recorded in Baudh district (118.41 %) and negative growth of -4.25 % is recorded in Nayagarh district. In case of other religions viz. Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains as their number of people following such religions are less, the growth rate is not comparable.

Statement-6 gives the percentage share of population of each religion of the districts during 2001-2011 Census.

It reveals from statement 6 that the highest proportion of 99.65% Hindus was reported in Baudh district during 2001 Census. In 2011 Census, the same thing is reported in Dhenkanal district (99.39%). The lowest proportion of Hindus is reported in Gajapati district in both the Censuses. The highest proportion of Muslim population is reported in Bhadrak district (6.92%) and the lowest is reported in Baudh district in both the Censuses. The highest proportion of Christian population is reported in Gajapati district (37.98%). The highest proportion of Sikh population is recorded in Sundargarh district (0.27%). The highest Buddhist population is recorded in Gajapati district (0.38 %). The highest Jain population is in Balangir district (0.22%) during 2001 and in Nuapada district (0.15%) as per 2011 Census.