



## BARGARH DISTRICT

Bargarh is a district on the Western border of Orissa. Prior to 1992, it was a subdivision of Sambalpur district. Bargarh has been named after the headquarters town Bargarh situated on the left bank of the Jira river. The town is on the National Highway No.6 and located at 59 km to the west of Sambalpur district. It is also served by the D.B.K railway running from Jharsuguda to Titlagarh. The railway station is about 3 kms off the town. A meter gauge railway line connects Bargarh with the limestone quarry at Dunguri. The main Hirakud canal passes through the town and is known as the Bargarh canal.

The District of Bargarh lies between  $20^{\circ} 45' N$  to  $21^{\circ} 45' N$  latitude and  $82^{\circ} 40' E$  to  $83^{\circ} 50' E$  longitude. It is bounded on the North by the districts of Sambalpur and Jharsuguda, on the South by the district Nuapada, on the west by the districts of Raigarh and Raipur of Chhattisgarh state and on the East by the districts of Sonapur and Balangir. The district has an area 5837 sq km. According to the Census of India-2001, the population of the district is 1,346,336 comprising of 681,500 males and 664,836 females. As regards the size of population and area of the district it occupies 10th and 12<sup>th</sup> ranks respectively among all the districts of Orissa.

The district of Bargarh is one of the newly created districts carved out of the old Sambalpur district. It has a population of **13.5** lakh of which **50.62** percent are males and **49.38** percent females. The area of the district is **5837** sq. Km and thus density is **231** per sq.km. The population growth is **1.15** annually averaged over the decade of **1991-2001**. Urban population of the district constitute **7.69** percent of total population. The Scheduled Caste population is **19.37** percent of total population and major caste group are Ganda (**54.82**), Dewar (**17.08**) and Dhoba etc. (**6.43** percent) among the Scheduled Castes. Similarly the Scheduled Tribe population is **19.36** percent of total and major Tribes groups of the total Tribes are Saora etc. (**37.49** percent), Binjhal (**27.47** percent) and Gond etc. (**12.34** percent) of the total tribal population. Hindu population constitute **98.65** percent of total, Christians (**0.75** percent) and Muslim (**0.50** percent) are very insignificant groups. The main towns of the district are Bargarh (M) (63,678), Barpali (NAC) (19,157) and Padmapur (NAC) (15,442).

The sex ratio for the population as a whole is **976** females per **1000** males and that of 0-6 years **957** females per 1000 males. The age

distribution reflects **0-4** year's age group constitute **8.86** percent and the old age group (60+ and ANS) is **9.94** percent. The working age population (15-59 years) constitute **59.65** percent of total population. Total workers constitute **44.8** percent of the total population. Of the workers **64.82** percent are main workers and **35.18** percent marginal workers. The total literacy rate is **63.99** percent, that of male is **77.42** percent and female literacy rate is **50.26**. Looking at education levels attained, of the literates **12.02** percent are without any level of education. Below primary levels constitute **32.69**, Primary **33.27** percent and Middle group **12.46** percent. Those having Matric/Higher Secondary/Diploma are **15.79** percent and Graduate and above group **3.77** percent.

The district has **2.96** lakh of households and the average household size is **5** persons per household. Permanent houses are occupied by only **24.7** percent of households, **28** percent houses occupied are Temporary and **47.3** Semi-permanent houses.

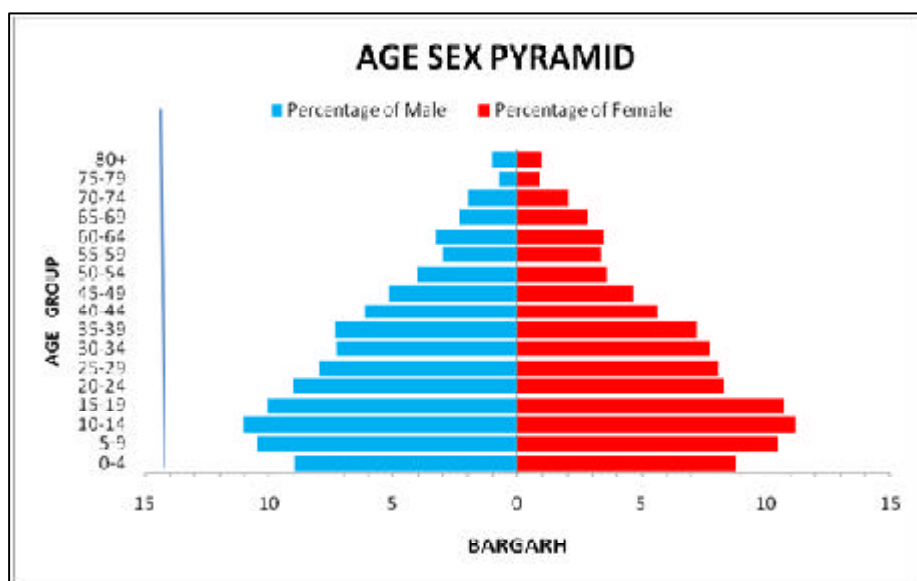
Total numbers of village of the district are **1207** of which **1180** villages are inhabited. The numbers of towns are **4** including **1** census town. All the villages have safe drinking water facilities. Electricity is available in **97.8** percent of villages. Of the villages **64.41** percent use it for domestic

purposes and **11.44** percent put it for agricultural use. Primary Schools are available in **96.10** villages but only **39.09** have Middle School and **24.32** percent have a Secondary/Senior Secondary School, colleges are available only in **2.37** percent of villages. Communication facilities like post, telegraph etc. are available in **69.92** percent of villages. Medical facility is available in **19.41** percent of villages. Bus services are available in **31.19** percent of villages but **45** percent villages have paved approach road and **90.42** percent mud approach road.

The district has developed in many respects particularly in agricultural sector. Infrastructure like electricity etc are also developed. But education and road facilities need substantial improvement.

The sex ratio is a major demographic concern for the district. The age structure indicates signs of ageing population suggesting increase in old age dependency. Population growth rate is lower than state average which may be due to decline in fertility and out migration during the period of counting as the district has some major areas visited by drought. The backward population are almost of same percentage one fifth each and their development needs special strategy.

Basic Data Sheet			
District Bargarh * (01), Orissa (21)			
( Source: Census of India 2001)			
<b>Population:</b>			
Persons	1,346,336	Number of households	296,514
Males	681,500	Household size (per household)	5
Females	664,836		
Growth (1991 - 2001)	11.47	Sex ratio (females per 1000 males)	976
Rural	1,242,795	Sex ratio (0-6 years)	957
Urban	103,541		
Scheduled Caste population	260,719	Scheduled Tribe population	260,691
Percentage to total population	19.37	Percentage to total population	19.36
<b>Literacy and Educational level</b>			
<b>Literates</b>		<b>Educational Level attained</b>	
Persons	749,820	Total	749,820
Males	458,534	Without level	15,117
Females	291,286	Below primary	245,140
<b>Literacy rate</b>		Primary	249,457
Persons	63.99	Middle	93,408
Males	77.41	Matric/Higher Secondary/Diploma	118,362
Females	50.26	Graduate and above	28,280
<b>Workers</b>			
Total workers	593,530	<b>Age groups</b>	
Main workers	384,710	0 - 4 years	119,279
Marginal workers	208,820	5 - 14 years	290,084
Non-workers	752,806	15 - 59 years	803,080
		60 years and above (Incl. A.N.S.)	133,893
<b>Scheduled Castes (Largest three)</b>			
1.Ganda	142,923	<b>Scheduled Tribes (Largest three)</b>	
2.Dewar	44,533	1.Saora etc.	97,726
3.Dhoba etc.	16,756	2.Binjhal	71,610
		3.Gond etc.	32,173
<b>Religions (Largest three)</b>			
1.Hindus	1,327,967	<b>Amenities and infrastructural facilities</b>	
2.Christians	10,121	Total inhabited villages	1,180
3.Muslims	6,758	<b>Amenities available in villages</b>	
<b>Important Towns (Largest three)</b>			
	<b>Population</b>	<b>No. of villages</b>	
1.Bargarh (M)	63,678	Drinking water facilities	1,180
2.Barapali (NAC)	19,157	Safe Drinking water	1,180
3.Padmapur (NAC)	15,442	Electricity (Power Supply)	1,154
		Electricity (domestic)	760
		Electricity (Agriculture)	135
		Primary schools	1,134
		Middle schools	461
		Secondary/Sr Secondary schools	287
		Colleges	28
<b>House Type</b>			
<b>Type of house (% of households occupying)</b>		Medical facility	229
Permanent	24.7	Primary Health Centre	52
Semi-permanent	47.3	Primary Health Sub-Centre	201
Temporary	28	Post, telegraph and telephone facility	825
		Bus services	368
		Paved approach road	531
		Mud approach road	1,067



### District Highlights

- Bargarh is the 12th largest district in terms of size and 10 largest in population in the State.
- Bargarh is one of the least urbanized district in the state having 7.69% of its population in urban areas whereas 14.99 % of State’s population lives in urban area.
- In terms of population per sq km. Bargarh is the 13th densely populated district in the State.
- Bargarh has 16th rank in terms of sex-ratio in the State.
- There are only 27 uninhabited villages in the district whereas 14 villages are having a population more than 5,000.
- Tora (Bargarh P.S) is the most populated village (13,707).
- The economy of the district is mainly dependent on cultivation. Out of 100 workers in the district 75 are engaged in agricultural sector.
- Bijepur police station is having the highest number of villages (110) in the district and Burden police station is having the lowest number of villages (56) in the district.