

State Age-Cohort Wise Elector Information

Name of State: Bihar	Year of Revision	01.01.2013
State Population in numbers (projected upto the year of current revision) [X]		109095420
State Population of 18+ only (projected upto year of current revision) [Y]		65053599

Age Cohort	Projected Census Population in age cohort (Projected upto the year of current revision 2013)	%age of (2) to 'X' i.e. total Population as per census	Electors as per currently proposed Final Roll w.r.t. 01.01.2013 as qualifying date	%age of (4) to 'X' i.e. total population as per voter roll	%age of (4) to 'Y' i.e. registered voters vs eligible voters
1	2	3	4	5	6
18-19	10178603	9.33	1431326	1.31	2.20
20-29	16691599	15.30	14937892	13.69	22.96
30-39	13309641	12.20	15956575	14.63	24.53
40-49	10800447	9.90	11644850	10.67	17.90
50-59	7091202	6.50	7625319	6.99	11.72
60-69	4472912	4.10	4553547	4.17	7.00
70-79	2291004	2.10	2266726	2.08	3.48
80+	218191	0.20	805989	0.74	1.24
State Total	65053599	59.63	59222225	54.28	91.04

Note :- It appears that after the release of population figures related to the Census of India, 2011 by the Office of the Registrar General of India (ORGI), projection made with regard to age-cohort wise number of electors may have to be changed. The projection with regard to age-cohort wise 18+ population (population eligible for being registered as electors) were made on the basis of Single Year-wise Age Returns released by ORGI after 2001 Census as well as the Population Projection for India and States, 2001-2026, Report of the Technical Group by ORGI.

As per Population Projection for India and States, 2001-2026, Report of the Technical Group, total Population of India, U.P. and Bihar should have been around 1,19,25,07,000; 20,07,63,000 and 9,77,20,000 respectively. In actual fact, it has been 1,21,01,93,422; 19,95,81,477 and 10,38,04,637 respectively. From these figures it is clear that while the Technical Group had made lesser projections with regard to the total populations of India and Bihar, it had made greater projections with regard to the total population of U.P.

The Technical Group had made a projection of approx. 5,74,99,000 population in the age-group of 18 years and above for the State of Bihar (Source : Table-17, Population for India and States, 2001-2026, Report of the Technical Group). Presently, in the draft roll for Bihar (w.r.t. 01.01.2012 as the qualifying date), there are a total of 5,56,32,721 electors, which is only about 18 lakh, or roughly 3%, less than the total projected population of 18+ population by the Technical Group.

It is worth noting that the rate of growth of population in Bihar has actually proved to be slightly more than the rate of growth of population assumed by the Technical Group which made the population projections. It does not, however, automatically follow that the population in 18+ age category will also increase proportionately, because the increased rate of growth of population may have been on account of greater number of births than expected during the period 2001-2011. These births which may have taken place during the ten year period between 2001-2011 would not have attained majority (18 years of age) by 2011.

Since the projections made in the State of Bihar up till now (with the help of Directorate of Statistics and Evaluation, Bihar and based on the projected population by the Technical Group of ORGI, with minor State variation) has not actually materialized, there is a definite case for assuming that the projections may have to be revised.

The ORGI was contacted by the Office of the CEO, Bihar and it has been informed that Single Year Age Returns with regard to 2011 Census have not been compiled up till now and it may be compiled only towards the end of the year 2012 at the earliest. It is, therefore, suggested that the population projections with regard to age-cohorts may be revised after the publication of Single Year Age Returns by the ORGI for different States of India.