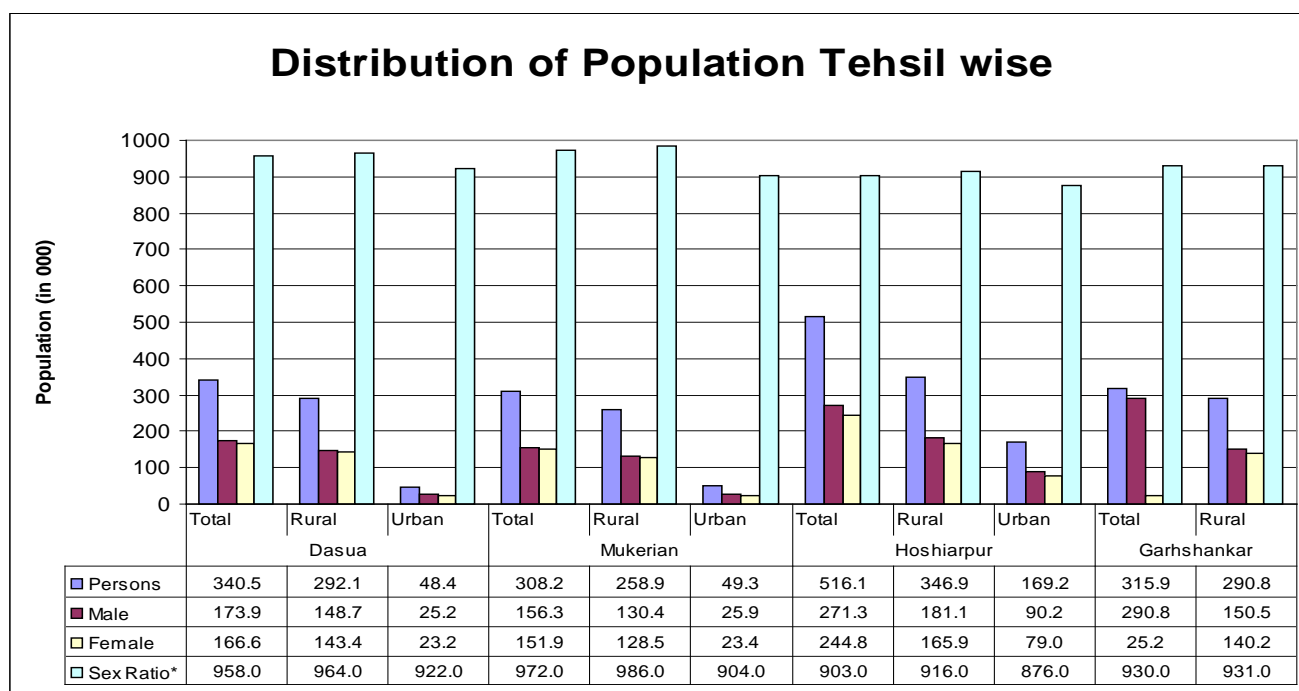


DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Population

The population of Hoshiarpur district as per census 2001 is 1480736, which has increased by 14.02 % over 1991 census. The district ranks 16th in urbanization with 19.66 percent of total population living in urban areas against 34 % in the case of the Punjab state. Sex ratio is 935 against the state average of 874 females as per thousand males. Mukerian tehsil has highest sex ratio followed by Dasuya, Garhshankar & Hoshiarpur.

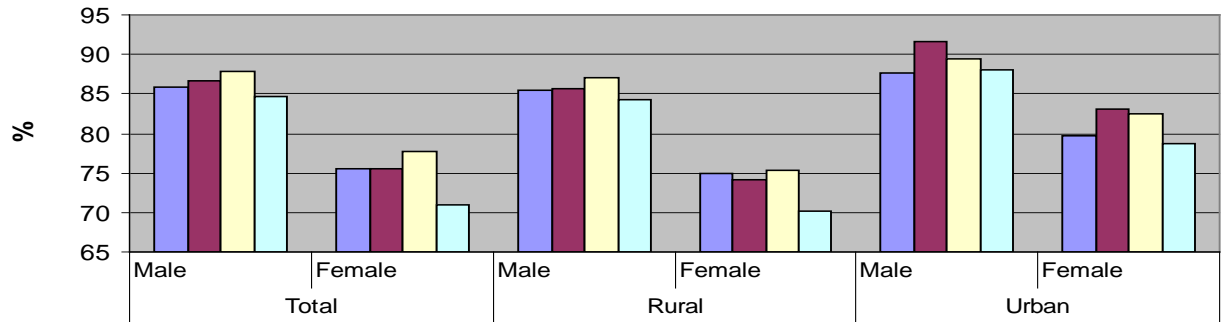


* Number of Females per 1000 Males.

Literacy

The literacy rate in the district has increased to 81.40% as per 2001 census against 72.08% in 1991 census. The literacy rate in Punjab state is 69.95%. Hoshiarpur ranks first in state with literacy rate 81.4 %. The literacy rate in rural area is the highest in Hoshiarpur tehsil. Urban literacy rate is highest in Mukerian tehsil.

Literacy Rate,2001 (Tehsil wise)



■ Dasua	85.8	75.6	85.5	74.9	87.6	79.7
■ Mukerian	86.6	75.5	85.6	74.1	91.6	83.1
□ Hoshiarpur	87.9	77.7	87.1	75.4	89.5	82.5
□ Garhshankar	84.6	70.9	84.3	70.2	88	78.8

January	9.7	58.2	49.4	10.5	0.3	15.3	23.9
February	70.2	13.8	72.8	2.3	64.2	7.7	38.5
March	45.3	-	37.5	47.6	68.1	-	49.63
April	9.1	11.0	7.3	0.9	6.7	26.8	10.3
May	1.8	42.9	13.1	25.0	14.9	7.7	17.57
June	53.7	88.7	31.7	28.6	32.7	181.6	69.5
July	173.2	110.6	281.1	149.2	160.8	94.0	161.5
August	266.5	95.7	95.0	149.2	80.2	425.7	185.4
September	128.1	1.9	137.4	83.2	28.1	45.4	70.68
October	-	80.0	-	3.7	-	29.3	37.67
November	4.2	1.0	-	2.2	1.7	-	2.275
December	7.6	10.3	-	9.6	15.7	-	10.8
Total	769.4	514.1	725.3	511.8	473.4	833.5	637.9

Temperature

There is wide variation in maximum and minimum temperatures during different months. Temperature variation is from about -2.0 to 47 °C. Difference between minimum and maximum temperatures also varies from 12 to 30° C.

Table 13: Minimum and Maximum Temperature in the District in year 2007

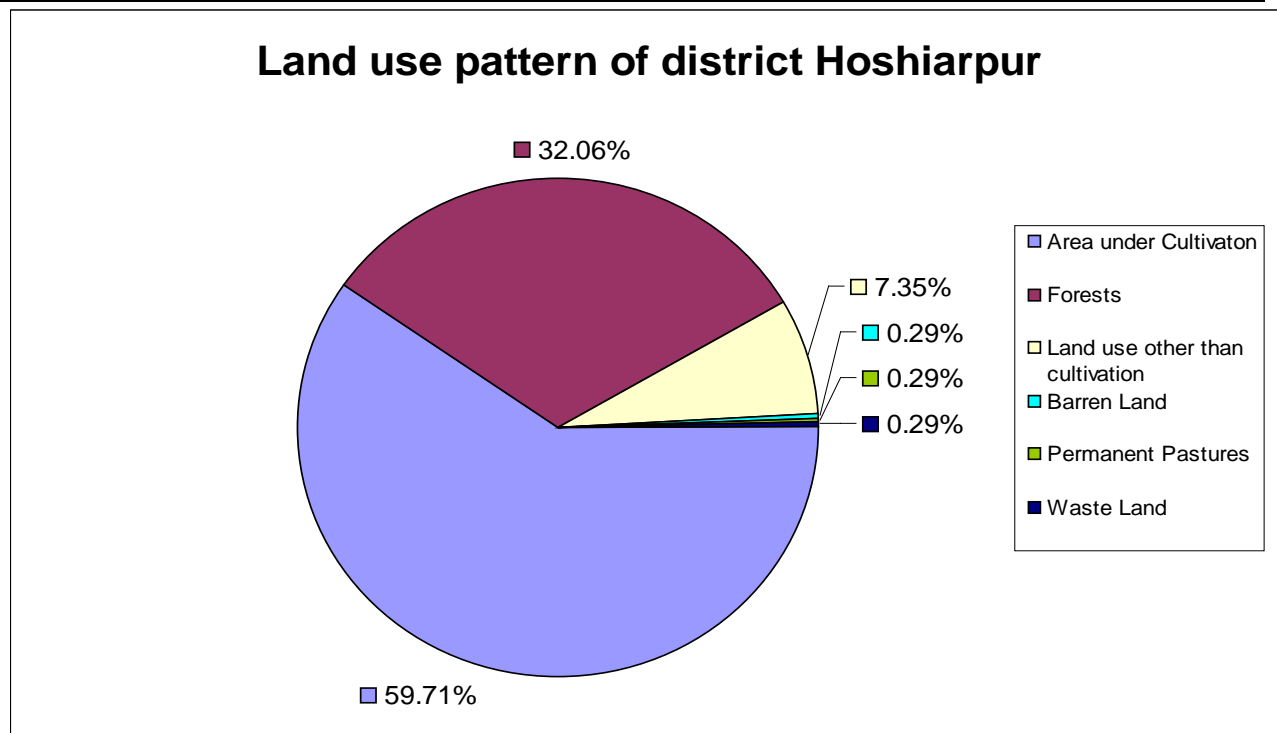
Name of Month	Temperature	
	Min	Max
January	-1.7	27.7
February	5.3	23..9
March	6.1	33..9
April	11.3	39.5
May	17.3	39.4
June	20.9	43.7
July	21.8	34.8
August	22.1	34.6
September	17.1	34.6
October	12.0	34.6
November	7.0	28.6
December	-0.2	23.1

2.2.3: Land use pattern

Out of gross area, more than 59% is cropped. The district is having 32% forest area, which is highest in Punjab. There are some patches of barren and wasteland,

which are because of soil erosion or flood prone area mainly.

	Area in 1000 Hectares
Area under Cultivation	203
Forests	109
Land use other than cultivation	25
Barren Land	1
Permanent Pastures	1
Waste Land	1



Land holdings

In Hoshiarpur district 50 % farmers are small and marginal. Only 21 % farmers are in medium and large category. The number as well as area owned by agricultural holdings is decreasing with time.

Table 14: Percentage of Total Holdings

Census	Marginal (< one ha)	Small (1-2 ha)	Semi-medium (2 – 4 ha)	Medium (4 – 10 ha)	Large (10 ha or more)
1990-91	32	23	26	16	3
1995-96	24	23	31	19	3

2000-01	27	23	29	18	3
2005-06	28	24	28	17	3

Small land holdings accompanied by poor fertility soils, problem of soil erosion and lack of irrigation facilities result in poor crop yield in the district.

Table 15: Number and Area Owned by Agricultural Holdings

Year	Particulars	Marginal (< one ha)	Small (1-2 ha)	Semi Med (2-4 ha)	Med (4-10 ha)	Large (>10 ha)	Total
1990-91	Number	31505	22829	25344	16130	2647	98455
	Area	18839	37700	72004	92695	41621	262859
1995-96	Number	20030	18960	25120	15940	2400	82450
	Area	10866	24473	64335	88541	35355	223570
2000-01	Number	19802	17410	21354	13660	1887	74113
	Area	10910	23787	55213	76642	26633	192785
2005-06	Number	21360	18208	21151	13115	1939	75773
	Area	11726	24740	54424	72658	2775	191302

Note: During 1990-91 censuses, Block Balachaur and Saroya were in district Hoshiarpur. Now these blocks have been transferred to Nawanshahar District