

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT AMRITSAR

Amritsar is one of the border district lies in the North West frontier of Punjab and is bounded by district Gurdaspur in the north east, district Kapurthala in the east and district Tarn Taran in the south east. Amritsar district is amongst the thickly populated district of the Punjab state. It comprises 4 tehsils, and 9 community development blocks and 776 villages with geographical area of 2.64 lac hatares, out of which 2.22 lac hatares are cultivable.

It lies between 31°7' and 32°3' North latitude and 74°29' and 75°23' in the East longitude and had international boundary with Pakistan. It is bounded by river Beas in the south eastern side and river Ravi on the North West side.

2.1.1. Resource Mapping:

According to 2001 census the population of district Amritsar is 21, 52,182. The urban population of the place counts for 11, 02,080 and rural population counts for 10, 50,102.

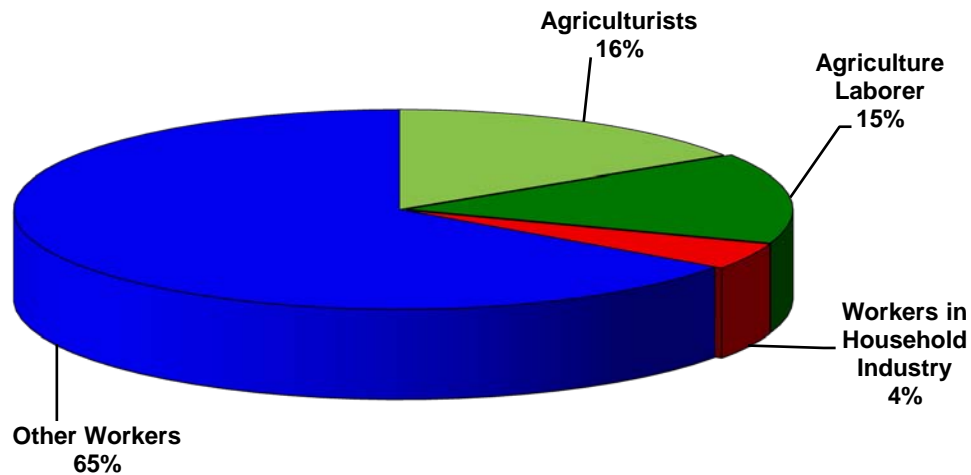


Fig -1 Resource Mapping of Amritsar

Large population is engaged in agriculture. The literacy rate of the district is 73.8% and there are 871 women per 1000 men in the district. The other detail of the demographic position is as shown in the fig 2 and 3 and annexure 5

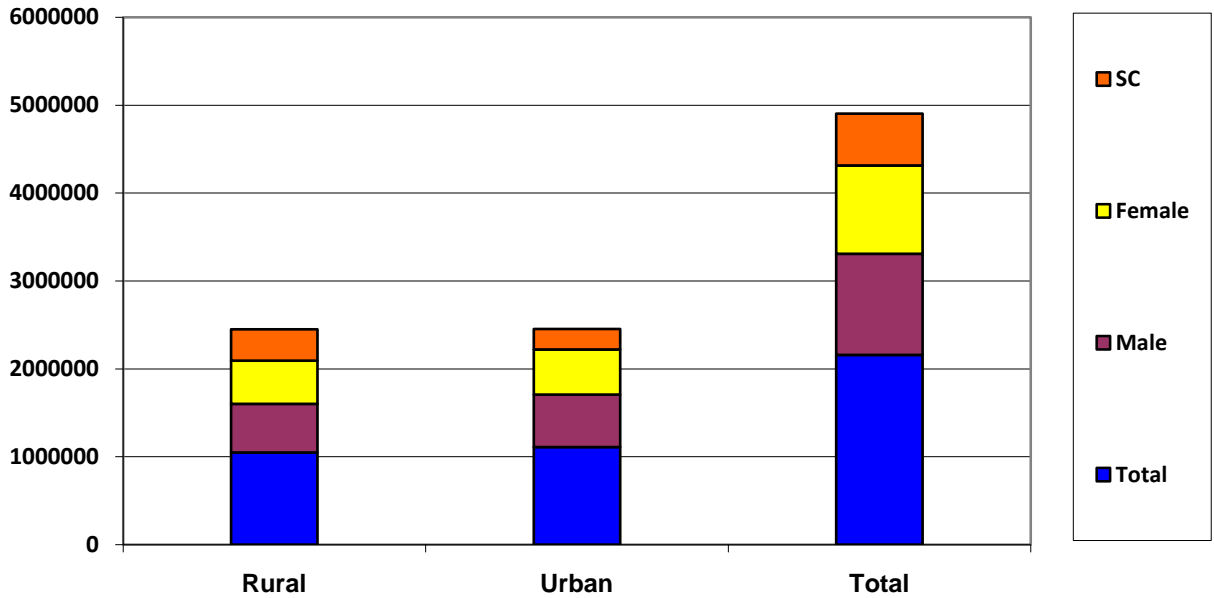


Fig -2 Demographic View of Amritsar

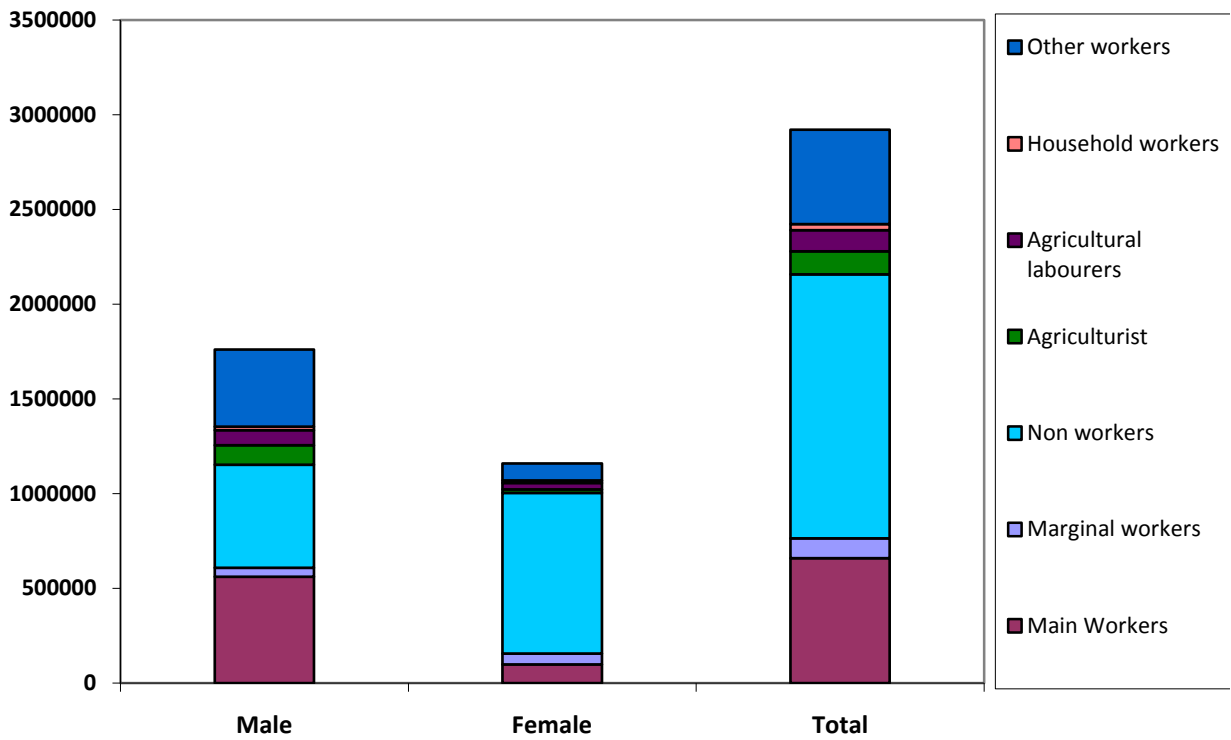


Fig -3 Classification of workers of Amritsar

The district is famously known as an Educational Hub as Institutions representing almost every sphere are situated here such as Guru Nanak Dev University, Khalsa College (Boys) , Khalsa College (women), DAV College Amritsar, Saroop Rani Govt College for Women, Hindu College Amritsar, Government Medical College, Amritsar Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed University), Ayurvedic College, Government Medical College, Guru Ram Das Dental College Amritsar, Hindu College, Govt Medical College, Teacher Training college, etc are the leading education institutions

At the school level Amritsar is very popular for its Public Schools namely; Spring Dale Senior Seconday School, Delhi Public School, Sri Guru Harkrishan Public Schools run by Chief Khalsa Diwan Amritsar and DAV Institution. The Amritsar city is famous for its gardens and forts with heritage values and all India level “Heritage Fare” is organized every year giving rural folks from all over India an opportunity to exhibit and sale their artisanship.

For the service to the peasantry of the State, ASS founday at Jandiala Guru is home to the world famous for bed sowing machinery .The district has also small farm power machinery units engaged in manufacturing and repair of seed drills, rotavators, happy seeder and other implements.

There are 7 private seeds producer, who are catering to the seed need of the district farmers. Rural areas of the district are very well developed with infrastructural facilities like Co-operative Societies, Schools, post offices, Banks, STD, road network and railways.

All the villages of the district are electrified. The district has a good network of regulated markets for sale and purchase of agricultural produce. There are 8 regulated markets (marketing committees) located in Amritsar, Chogawan, Majitha, Attari Gehri, Mehta, Ajnala, Rayya, 9 subyard 17 focal points and 32 purchase centre . On an average one market serve 89 villages. The average area served per regulated market is 335 sq km. there are 28 cold store and 201 godowns with a capacity of 50457 MT and 429653 MT respectively.

The department of Agriculture has 18 ha Seed multiplication Farm at village Dyal Bharang of Ajnala block where wheat and paddy seed is produced and distributed to farmers. The district has 4 soil testing and 1 insecticide testing labortaries.The district has two sugar mills. One is being run in cooperative sector and another is private sector with 7500 cane crushing capacity /day.

Horticulture department has 40 ha of Govt Garden and nursery seed Farm at Attari with a capacity of 40,000 fruit plant. Rana Sansi Fish Seed Farm situated at block Harsha Chhina is producing 40 lac fish seed against the capacity of 80 lac fish seed.The infrastructure detail is given as under:

Table: 1. Infrastructure Available on Block Seed Farm (BSF) / Trial cum Demonstration (TCD) Farm

Name of the BSF /	Total	Cultivable	Irrigate	Infrastructure available(working condition)
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TCD	area (ha)	area (ha)	d area (ha)	Imple ments (No)	Farm pump (No)	Seed Processing plant (No)	Godown capacity (tonnes)
Govt.Seed Farm Dyal Bharang Block Ajnala	20	18	18	10	5	1	100
Govt Garden and Nursery Seed Farm Attari	40	4	36	10	4	Fruit plant nursey for 40000 plants /year	-
Raja Sansi Fish Seed Farm at block Harsha Chhina	10	4.76	-	-	3	4 hatcheries40 lac fish seed Capacity t	-

The other block wise economic infrastructure such as Cooperative societies, seed, fertilizer, pesticide dealers, service centre, banks veterinary facilities in district Amritsar is given in (Annexure 24):

Besides traders government agencies like FCI, PUNSUP, MARKFED, NAFED, PSWC, PAIC, IFFCO, KRIBCO etc., also procure substantial quantity of food grains from these regulated markets. In the district, a large number of items such as milk by products, confectionery, bakery, textiles, weaving apparel dressing and dyeing, dressing of leather, paper and warian products, industry, sheet metal, printing and cutting tools, soap, value added honey / by products, . The status of industry is given below:

Table: 2 Status of industry in district Amritsar

Industry	No. of Units	Employees (No)	Production (Crore Rs)
TOTAL	18877	81789	57269.33

(Source: Statistical Abstract Punjab and DIC OFFICE)

2.1.2 Location of Amritsar District in Punjab

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