

District at a Glance

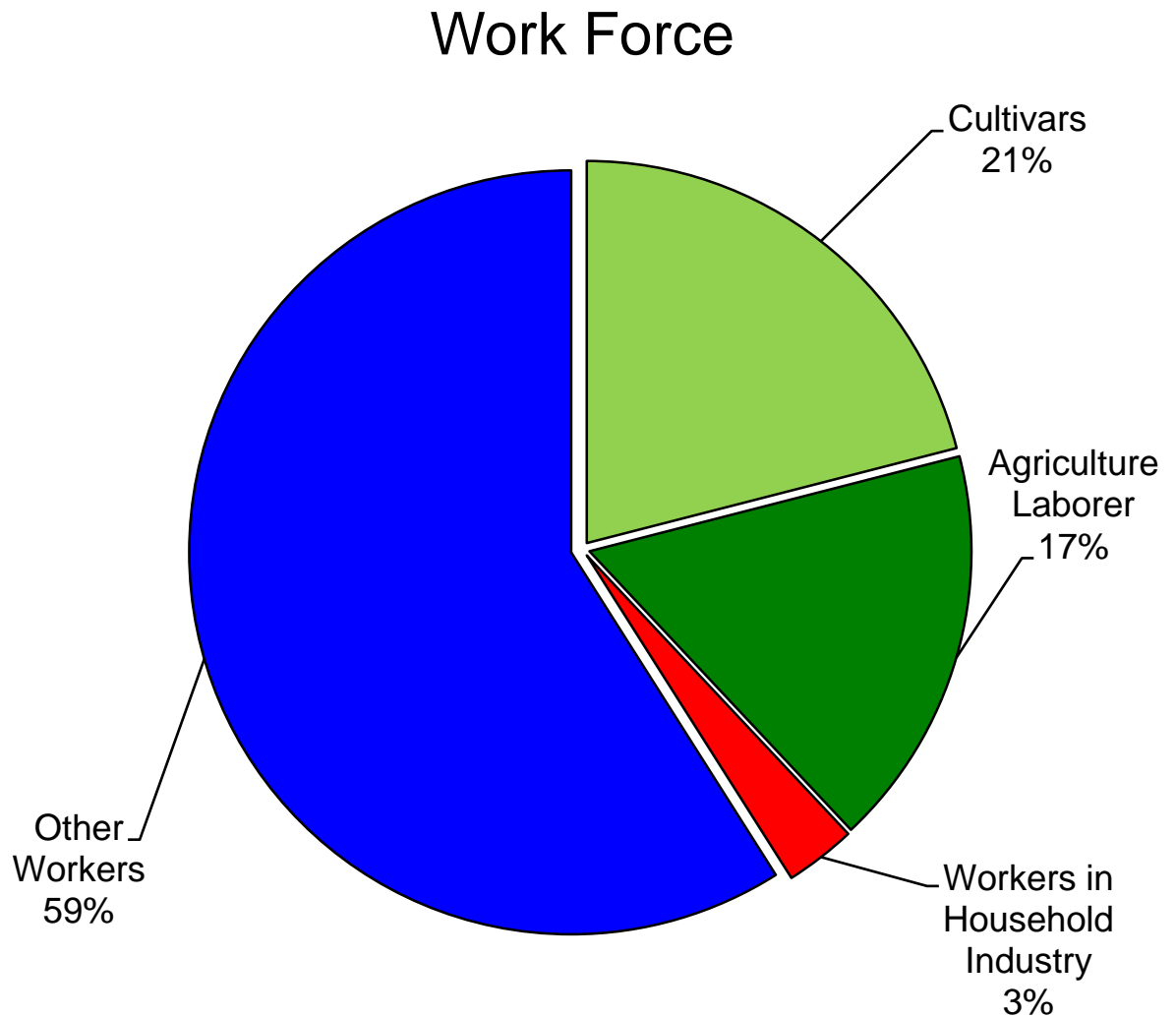
2.2.1 Location and Geographical Units

Patiala, which is one of the famous princely states of erstwhile Punjab, lies in the south-eastern part of the State, with geographic values falling between 29°49' and 30°47' north latitude, 75°58' and 76°54' east longitude. Patiala district is a predominantly a rural district. As per the 2001 census, an overwhelming 65% of its population lived in rural areas and only 35% lived in urban areas.

2.2.2. Resource Mapping:

Patiala district is a predominantly rural district. As per the 2001 census, an overwhelming 65% of its population lived in rural areas and only 35% lived in urban areas and the total work force of the district is depicted in Figure 1 The urbanites are mainly salary class employees as many of the Headquarters of various State Department such as PSEB, PWD, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PCB), State Bank Of Patiala etc. are situated here but there are very few large scale industries in the district out of which main are Smithklem & Bechem, Preet Tractor and Combines at Nabha, Escorts Ltd at Bahadurgarh, Patiala, two Sugar Mills (Rakhra and Patran), Mukat Pipes & GAGAN Vanaspati at Rajpura. At the same time the district is famously known as an Educational Hub as Institutions representing almost every sphere are situated here such as Punjabi University, Government Medical College, Thaper Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed University), National Institute of Sports (NIS), Physical Education College, Ayurvedic College, Government Mahindra College, Gian Sagar Institutes of Engineering and Medical Sciences, Chitkara Institute etc are amongst the main. At the school level Patiala is very popular for its two Public Schools namely; Yadvindra Public School (YPS) Patiala and Punjab Public School (PPS) Nabha. The Patiala 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.

Figure 1 Total Work Force of the District



For the service to the peasantry of the State, Patiala is home to the Asia's largest second hand tractor spare part market. Block Nabha of the district is very famous for manufacturing of farm power machinery with nearly 17 large and small units engaged in manufacturing harvesting combines (Kartaar and Sant combines Bhadson), rotavators, etc. Further farm inputs manufacturing units such as Jyoti Zinc Samana and Parry Industries Patran are also functional in the district. There are four major seeds producer excluding PUNSEED and KVK 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 upto some extent as the district do not have trunk railway line except at Rajpura. 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 10 regulated markets located in Nabha, Patiala, Rajpura, Samana, Patran, Banur, Ghanour, Bhadson, Dudan Sadhan and Dakala. 28 sub yards are attached with 10 regulated markets. On an average one market serve 89 villages.

The department of Agriculture has 20 hectare Seed Farm at village Train near Dakala of Block Bhunerheri where as department of Horticulture has Govt Flower nursery Patiala, Govt Garden and fruit nursery Wazidpur, Govt Garden and fruit nursery Nabha/ Dhingi (all units) Govt Mushroom Spawn lab Patiala and their infrastructure detail is given as under:

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

Name of the BSF / TCD	Total area (ha)	Cultivable area (ha)	Irrigated area (ha)	Infrastructure available						
				Animal (No)	Implements (No)	Farm well , pump (No)	Seed Processing plant (No)	Godown capacity (tonnes)	Temporary Shed Average sq. ft.	Other Earth worm shed
GSF	20	11	11	-	12	3	1	50	2300	320sq ft
Flower nursery	4	3	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Nursery Wazidpur	10	9.5	8.5	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Fruit nursery Patiala	2	1.5	1.5	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Spawn lab Patiala	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Garden Bhadhak	7	6	6	-	1	1	-	-	-	-

The other block wise economic infrastructure such as Cooperative societies, non cooperative societies, market committees, sub yards, banks, post office etc of district Patiala is given in Table 1 (Annexure I) where as total infrastructure available in the blocks is depicted in Figure 2 and that available in whole District in Figure 3 below:

Figure 2 : Block wise Infrastructure Ratio

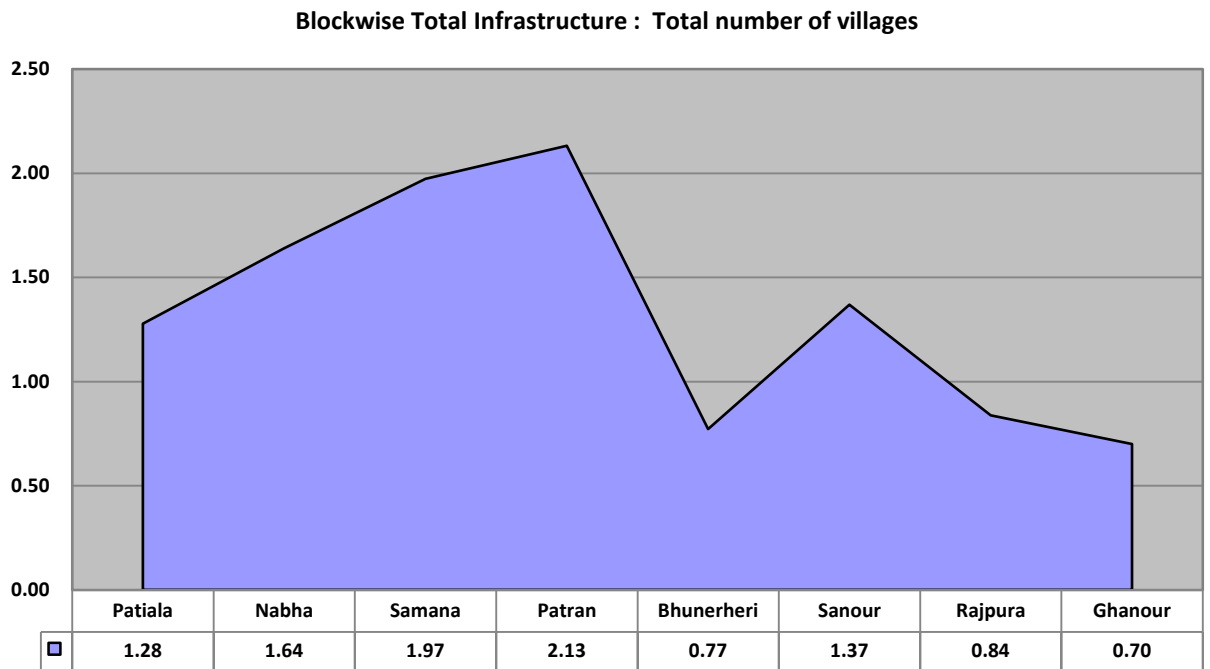
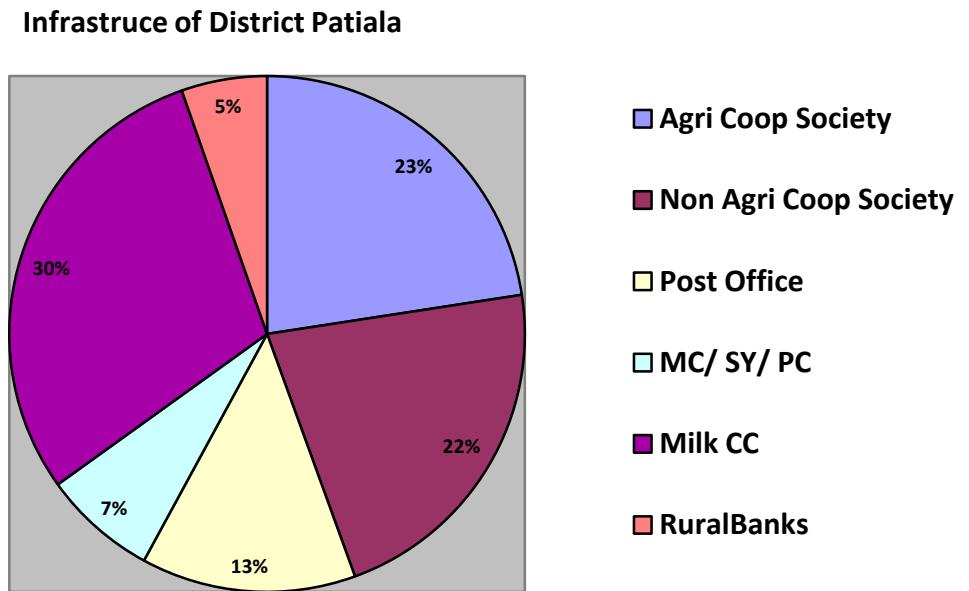


Figure 3



Besides traders government agencies like FCI, PUNSUP, MARKFED, NAFED, PSWC, PAIC etc., also procure substantial quantity of food grains from these regulated markets. In the district, a large number of items such as milk byproducts, yarn, confectionery, bakery, steel tubes, sheet metal, cutting tools, soap, cable / wires, vermicompost, soyamilk, value added honey / byproducts, Organic food items etc are manufactured. The status of small and medium scale industries is given in table below:

Industry	No. of Units	Employees (No)	Production (Crore Rs)
Small Scale	12711	46123	1358.75
Medium Scale	120	33915	4333.08

(Source: Statistical Abstract Punjab and Spatial Profile Of Patiala)