

BHUNJIA



1. **Location (Major)** : Nuapara, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Nowrangapur
2. **Language** : Chhattisgarhi-Oriya (Indo-Aryan)
3. **Major Occupation** : Cultivation, Labour & Forest Collection
4. **Major Festivals & Rituals** : Chaual Dhona, Naya Khana, Dussera
5. **Religion** : Autonomous Tribal Religion
6. **Other Distinct Socio-Cultural Features :**

The **Bhunjias** are divided into two main sections like Chuktia and Chinda Bhunjia. A Bhunjia family is nuclear, patrilocal, patrilineal and patriarchal. Cross-cousin marriage is common. They are divided into two exogamous moieties, Netram and Markam. The Bhunjia mostly practice monogamy. Marriage by exchange and elopement are prevalent among them. They also practice levirate and sororate types of marriage. They do not have the custom of bride price. Their main and original supreme deity is known as Sunadei.

7. Selected Demographic Profile and Parameters :

Sl.No.	Parameters		Census Year					
			1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
1	Population	Total	2375	7410	9077	11276	18504	12350
		Male	1143	3510	4526	5709	9294	6139
		Female	1232	3900	4551	5567	9210	6211
2	Decadal Growth Rate			212.00	22.50	24.22	64.10	-33.26
3	Sex Ratio		1078	1111	1006	975	991	1012
4	Literacy Rate	Total	5.50	5.10	8.50	13.79	29.03	44.93
		Male	9.62	9.94	15.84	22.39	44.52	58.65
		Female	1.62	0.77	1.29	4.78	13.61	31.56
5	Workers	Total Workers	1233	2164	4733	5996	8591	7100
		Total Male	787	1962	3029	3735	5240	3690
		Total Female	446	202	1704	2261	3351	3410
		Main Workers	-	-	3776	4618	4616	2827
		Marginal Workers	-	-	957	1378	3975	4273

6	WPR		51.92	29.20	52.14	53.17	46.43	57.49
7	Marital Status	Never Married	810	3741	4537	5313	8729	-
		Married	1402	3139	3787	5454	8550	-
		Widow	150	475	662	607	1092	-
		Divorced or Separated	13	54	87	95	133	-
		Un-specified	-	1	4	-	-	-
8	Dependency Ratio		0.92 : 1	1.64 : 1	0.83 : 1	0.70 : 1	0.82 : 1	-
9	* Child Population	Population	653	3467	1017	2222	3203	1811
		Ratio to Total Population	0.27 : 1	0.47 : 1	0.11 : 1	0.20 : 1	0.17 : 1	0.15:1
10	** Population in the working age group		1238	2808	4970	6617	10173	-

* Child Population for 1961 & 1971=0-14 yrs, For 1981 = 0-4 yrs, For 1991 & 2001 = 0-6 yrs

** Working Age Group Population for 1961 & 1971=15-44 yrs, For 1981, 1991 & 2001=15-59 yrs

DISTRICTWISE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION (1961 - 2001)

Sl.No.	Name of the Old & New District		YEAR					
			1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Balasore	Balasore	163	13	09	111	4559	32
2		Bhadrak	-	-	-	-	05	21
3	Bolangir	Bolangir	-	-	72	72	117	65
4		Sonepur	-	-	-	-	04	4
5	Cuttack	Cuttack	-	-	12	72	02	17
6		Jagatsinghpur	-	-	-	-	06	8
7		Jajpur	-	-	-	-	-	7
8		Kendrapara	-	-	-	-	06	8
9	Dhenkanal	Dhenkanal	-	32	01	11	-	12
10		Anugul	-	-	-	-	-	12
11	Ganjam	Ganjam	70	-	04	22	-	5
12		Gajapati	-	-	-	-	04	1
13	Kalahandi	Kalahandi	1992	5673	6839	7142	161	123
14		Nuapara	-	-	-	-	8145	8968
15	Keonjhar	Keonjhar	-	04	243	258	09	48
16	Koraput	Koraput	-	1635	1851	2254	07	49
17		Malakangiri	-	-	-	-	02	18
18		Nowrangapur	-	-	-	-	2047	2117
19		Rayagada	-	-	-	-	01	0
20	Mayurbhanj	Mayurbhanj	136	-	64	932	3224	337
21	Phulbani	Kandhamal	-	-	-	01	-	3
22		Boudh	-	-	-	-	-	0
23	Puri	Puri	-	-	08	14	-	10
24		Khurda	-	-	-	-	08	86
25		Nayagarh	-	-	-	-	-	1
26	Sambalpur	Sambalpur	14	53	91	130	19	49
27		Baragarh	-	-	-	-	30	5
28		Deogarh	-	-	-	-	-	84
29		Jharsuguda	-	-	-	-	77	69
30	Sundergarh	Sundergarh	-	-	82	257	71	191
		Total	2375	7410	9077	11276	18504	12350

Source : Census of India ' 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 & 2011