

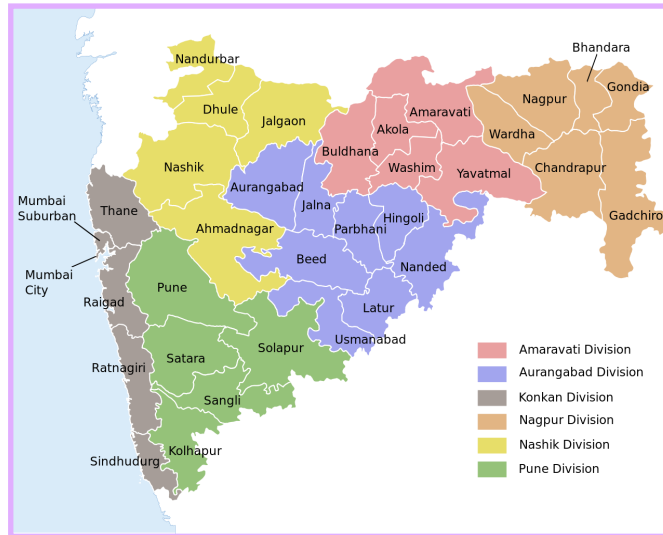


# MAHARASHTRA

An India State



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Pictured above are the 6 districts of Maharashtra, The state's six divisions are further divided into 36 districts. Maharashtra is a state in the western peninsular region of India occupying a substantial por-

Religion	Percentage
Hindu	79.8%
Muslim	11.5%
Buddhist	5.8%
Jain	1.2%
Christian	1.0%
Sikh	0.2%
Other Religions	0.05%
Not Stated	0.12%

The official language spoken is **Marathi** although different regions have their own dialects. **English** is applicable in urban areas. Spoken Marathi language varies by district, area or locality in its tone and a few words. **Konkani**, **Kannada** and **Gujarati** are also spoken in some areas. Other major dialects include **Varhadii** spoken in the Vidarbha region and **Dangii** spoken near the Maharashtra-Gujarat border. The sound /l/ is abundantly used in many verbs and

“ Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” John 4 : 35