







Child Sex Ratio

A SITUATION REPORT ON MISSING GIRL CHILD BASED ON CENSUS OF INDIA 2001

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Child sex ratio, i.e., sex ratio in the age group 0 to 6 years is a powerful indicator to examine the SOCIAL RESPONSE and ATTITUDE towards the GIRL CHILD in recent past.

The presentation of data by the Census 2001 on child sex ratio has shown a grim picture of the status of girl child in some parts of the country.



If it is accepted that the impact of differential sex selective – undercount, age reporting and migration is negligible then, the sex ratio in the age-group 0-6 years will be principally influenced by :

1. **Sex ratio at birth**
2. **Sex selective mortality at younger ages**

The sex ratio at birth is usually a biological constant with a value that lies between 943 to 954. As the male infant mortality is higher than female in normal populations, the child sex ratio would tend to increase and improve over the globally accepted constant.

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Census	Total	Rural	Urban
1981	962	963	931
1991	945	948	935
2001	927	934	903

What the first Census Report released in March 2001 had to say



"It is clear that the sex ratio in the age group 0-6 has decreased at a much faster pace than the overall sex ratio of the country after 1981.

The decreasing sex ratio in this child population perhaps has a cascading effect on the population over a period of time leading to diminishing sex ratio in the country…

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"... One thing is clear- the imbalance that has set at the early age-group is difficult to be removed and would remain to haunt the population for a long time to come.

To say the least, demographically the sex ratio of 927 of the population in the age-group 0-6 does not augur well for the future of the country. "

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The rest is all history …

Media Reports

Punjab asked to probe falling sex ratio

-Times of India, 27th April 2001

Sex ratio lowest in the prosperous states

- Times of India, 30th April 2001

Female foeticide on the rise in India

- Hindustan Times, 4th May 2001

IMA plans religious leaders need to fight female foeticide

- The Hindu, 22nd June 2001



Billion reasons why planning counts in census

- South China Morning Post

Will clergy's crusade against foeticide make an impact?

- Times of India, New Delhi
10th June 2001



Religious heads roped in to set right sex ratio

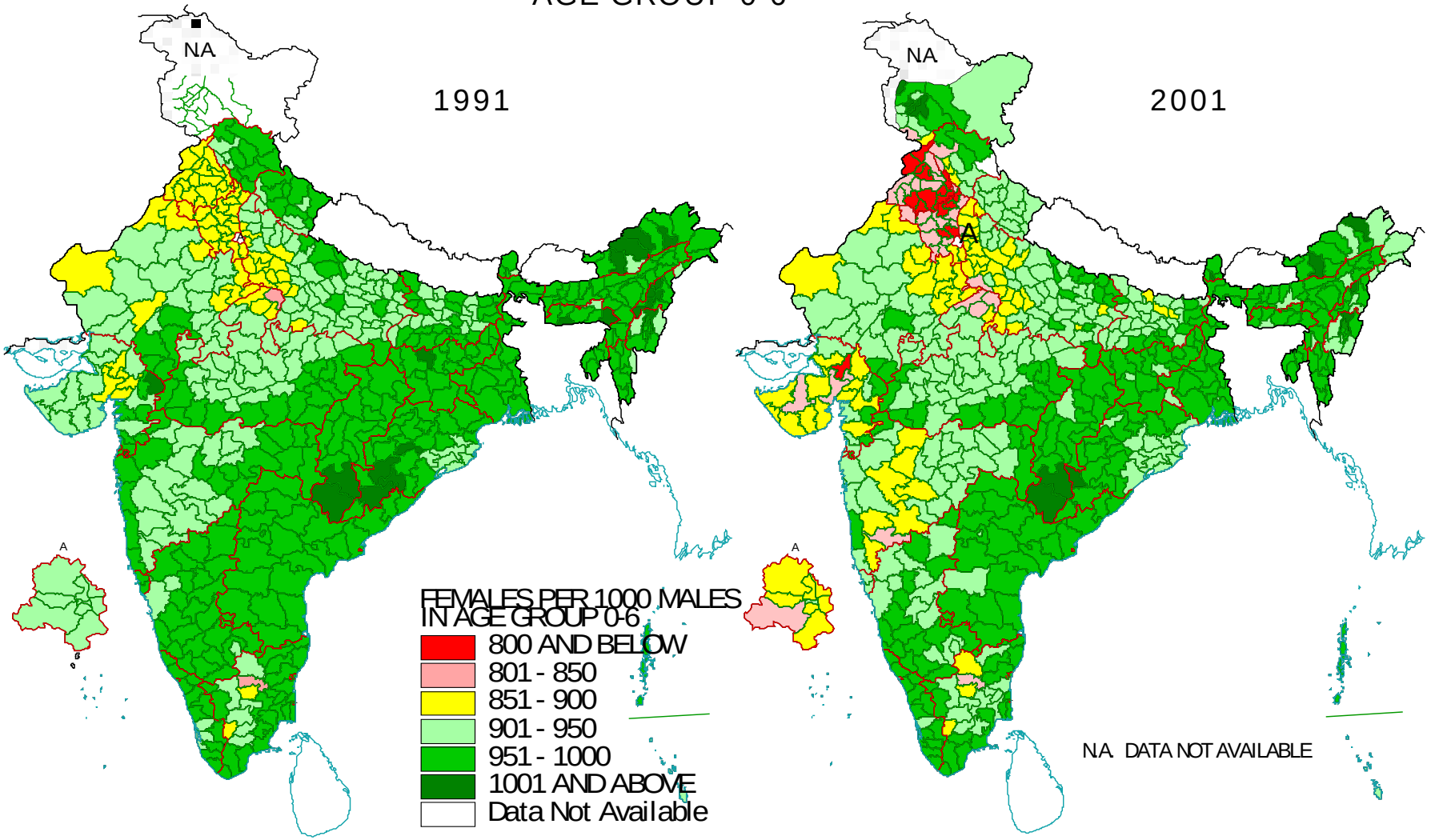
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The situation district level

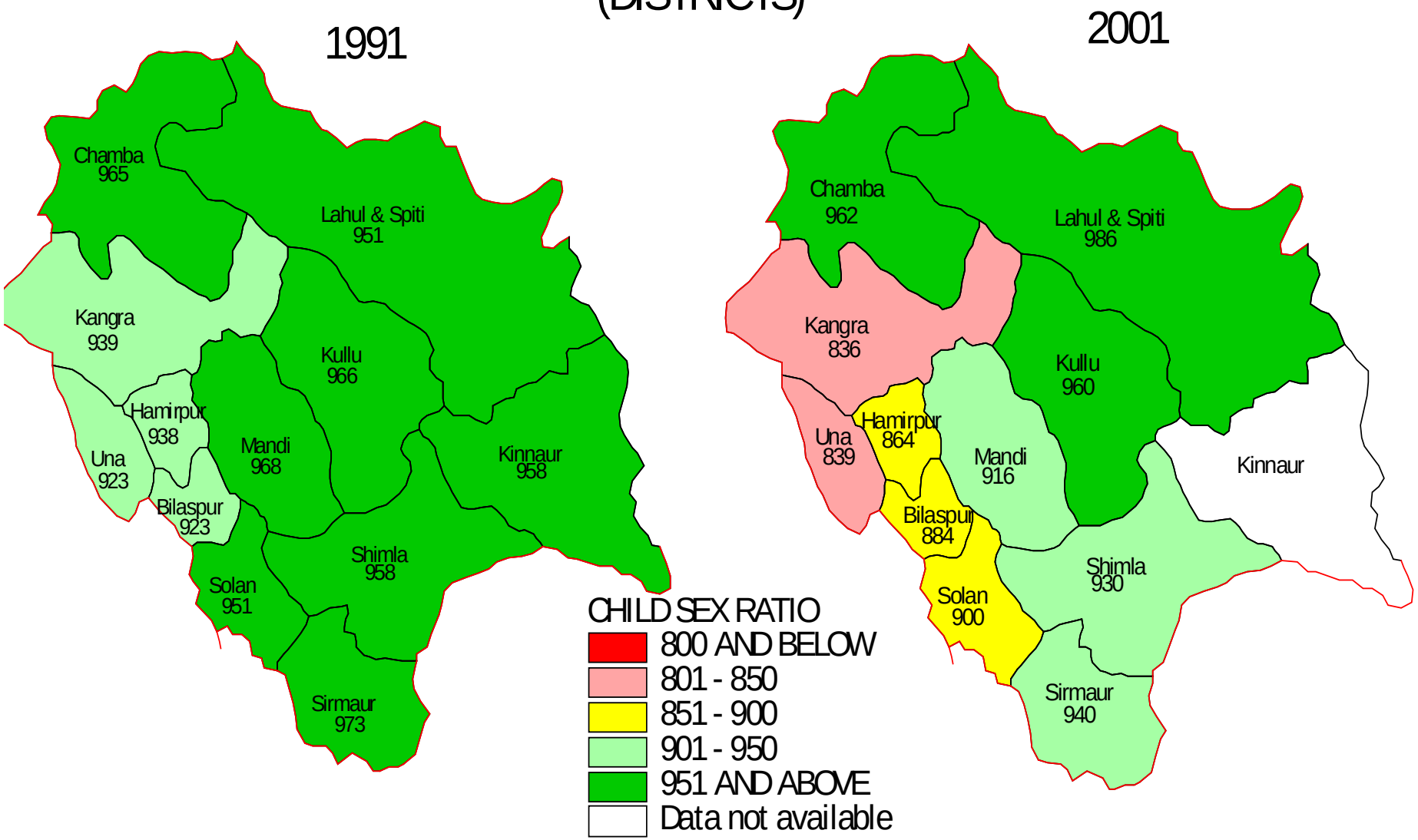
Distribution of districts by ranges of Child Sex Ratio, 1991 & 2001

Ranges of Child Sex Ratio (0-6)	Census Years	
	1991	2001
Total	577	577
Less than 800	-	16
800 - 849	1	32
850 - 899	68	71
900 - 949	181	208
950 - 999	306	242
1000 - 1049	21	8

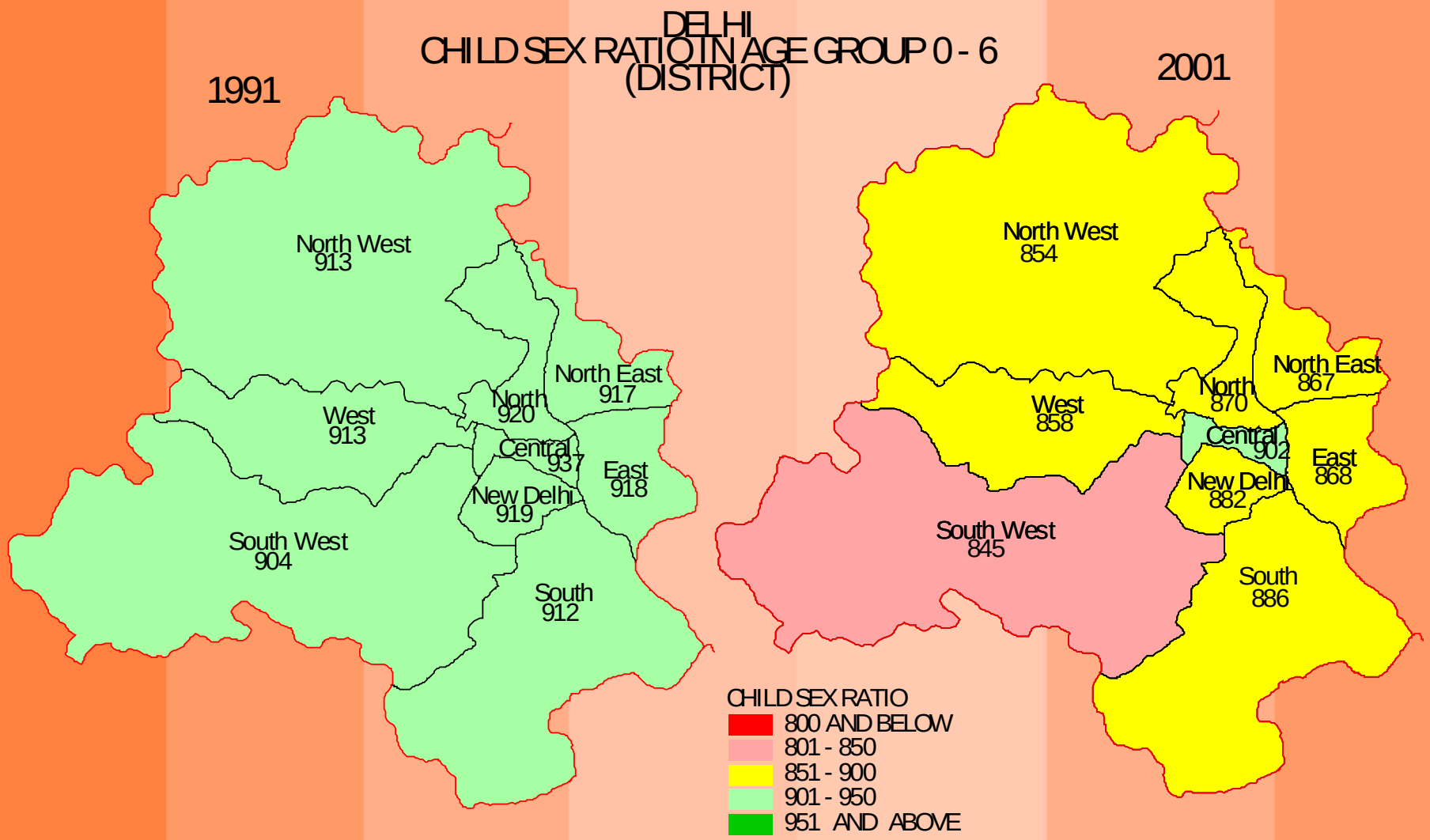
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CHILD SEX RATIO IN AGE GROUP 0-6



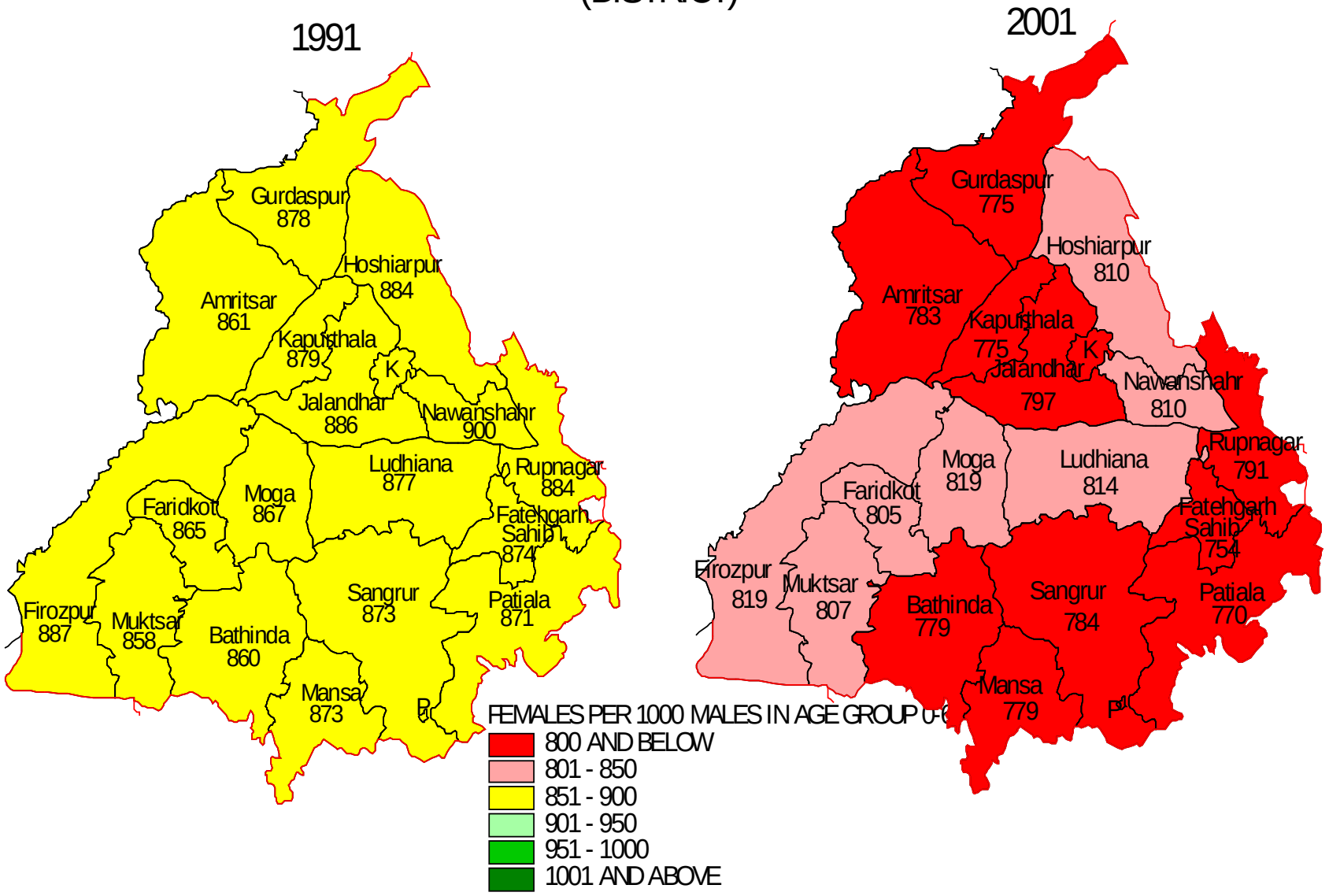
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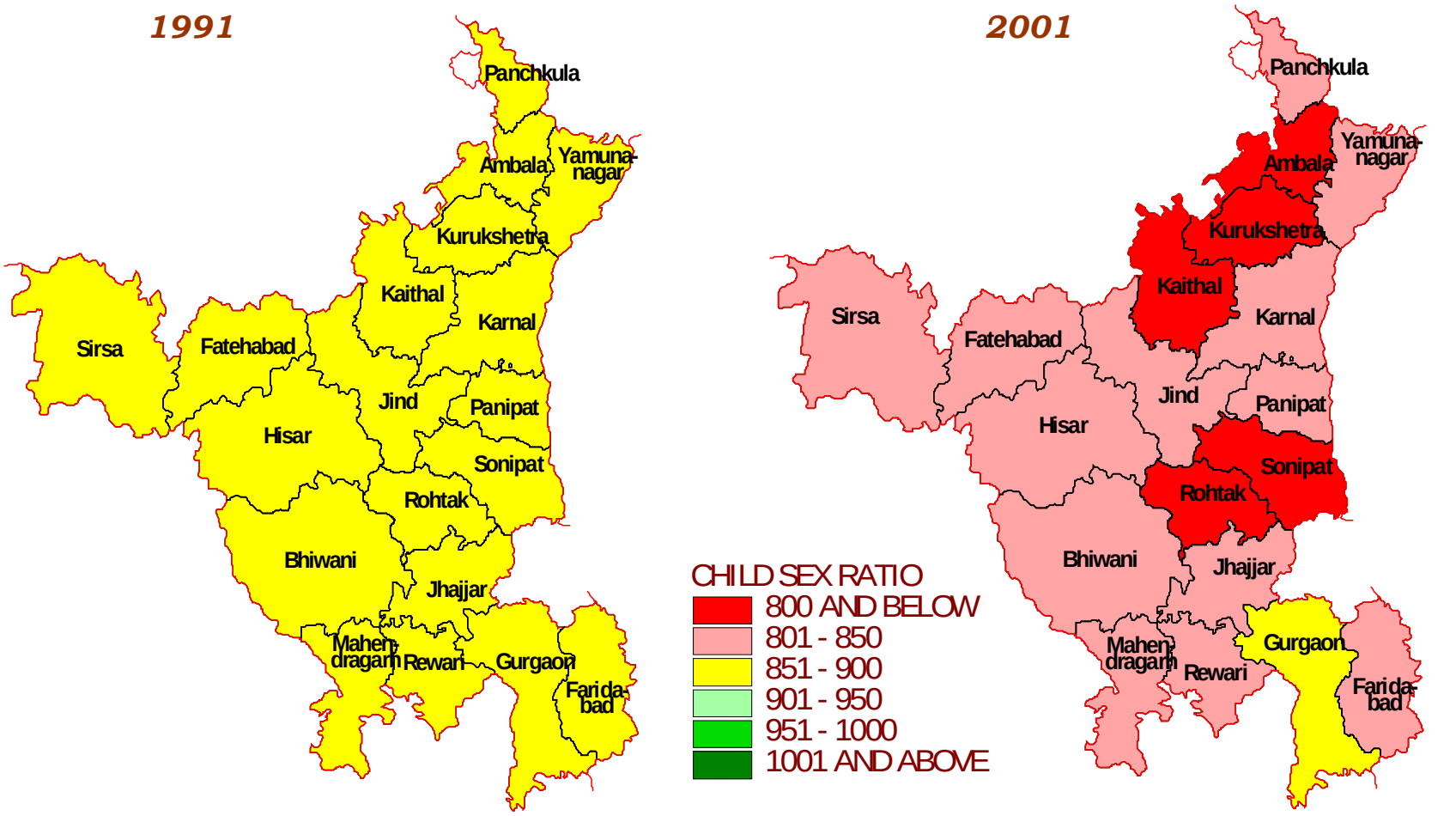
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CHILD SEX RATIO IN AGE GROUP 0 - 6
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PUNJAB
CHILD SEX RATIO IN AGE GROUP 0 - 6
(DISTRICT)



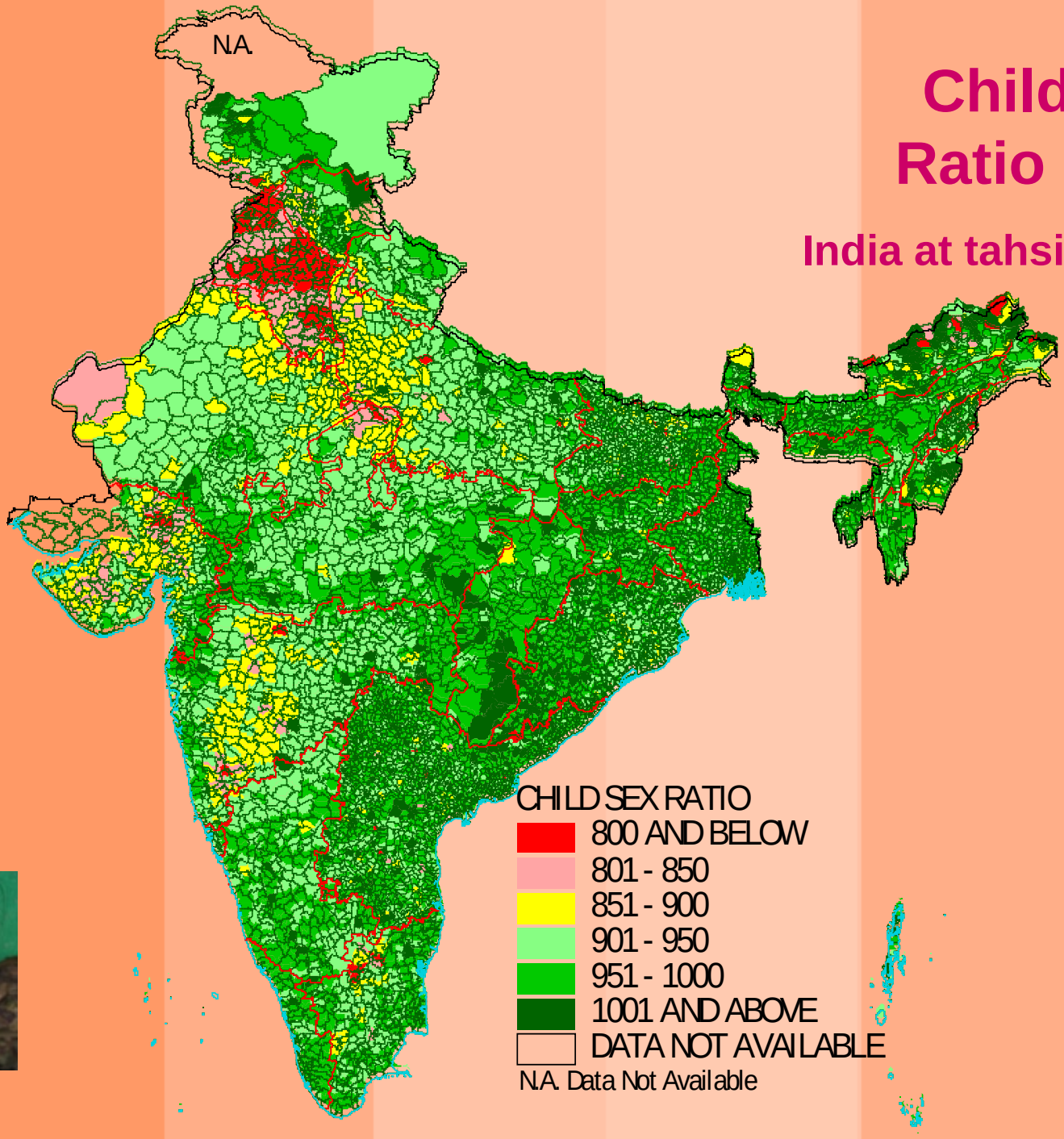
Haryana
Child sex ratio
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India at tahsil level





Distribution of villages by ranges of Child Sex Ratio, 1991 & 2001 Census : PUNJAB

Ranges of Child Sex Ratio (0-6)	Number of villages		%	
	2001	1991	2001	1991
Less than 750	4697	2688	38.3	21.6
751 – 900	4563	4284	37.2	34.5
901 – 1000	1695	2762	13.8	22.2
1001 – 1200	899	1843	7.3	14.8
Above 1200	424	851	3.5	6.9
Total	12278	12428	100.0	100.0

Child Sex Ratio – Bottom Ten Districts in India

District	Child Sex Ratio (2001)
Fathegarh Sahib (Punjab)	754
Patiala (Punjab)	770
Kurukshetra (Haryana)	770
Gurdaspur (Punjab)	775
Kapurthala (Punjab)	775
Bhatinda (Punjab)	779
Mansa (Punjab)	779
Amritsar (Punjab)	783
Sonipat (Haryana)	783
Ambala (Haryana)	784

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District	Child Sex Ratio (2001)
South (Sikkim)	1036
Upper Siang (Arunachal Pradesh)	1018
Pulwama (Jammu & Kashmir)	1017
Bastar (Chhatisgarh)	1014
Dantewada (Chhatisgarh)	1014
East Kameng (Arunachal Pradesh)	1011
Kupwara (Jammu & Kashmir)	1010
Senapati (Manipur)	1007
Mokukchung (Nagaland)	1004
Badgam (Jammu & Kashmir)	1003





Situation continuous to be grim

LET US RETURN THEIR SMILE …



