# Analysing Sex Ratio Variables in Nepal 

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#### Abstract

In some reptiles (for example the turtle) and birds (for example Alectura lathami) incubation temperature plays pivotal role for sex determination. Mendal's theory argues that there is an equal chance of having male and female offspring. However, whether this applies to humans and specifically all castes (ethnic groups) in a Nepalese population is researchable. This paper tested two hypotheses: (a) whether there is statistically significant relationship between temperature and sex ratio and (b) whether there is statistically significant relationship between caste type and sex ratio. Since Nepal is an ideal place to test these hypotheses we used the population data of Nepal (1991). To test the first hypothesis, we applied Chi-Square test and found that the temperature has no statistically significant role on human sex determination. For the second hypothesis, we applied Z-test. In 43 castes, we found that there was statistically significantly higher number of male than female population. In another 22 castes, the female population was found statistically significantly higher than the male population. This led us to conclude that, in some castes, probability of having a male or female infant is statistically higher. This does not support Mendal's theory. Mendal's theory is well tested and most of people may not agree with this conclusion. If so, this article raises a critical question of who is right, statistical theory or Mendal's theory.


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## 1. Introduction

During zygote formation (fertilization) in human beings, male meiotic cell (sperm) carries millions of equal numbers of ' X ' and ' Y ' chromosomes and female meiotic cell (ovum) carries only the ' X ' chromosome. Based on Mendal's theory, there is an equal chance of fertilizing the ovum ( X chromosome) by ' X ' and ' Y ' male chromosomes. Therefore according to Mendal's theory, there should be an equal number of males and females in the population or at least they should not significantly differ statistically. However, in turtles (Reptiles) eggs incubated above of about $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ develop into females and below than that develop males (Ewert and Nelson, 1991). Similarly, the Australian brush-turkey Alectura lathami (Aves) hatches more males at low incubation temperatures and more females at high temperatures, whereas the proportion is $1: 1$ at the average temperature (Goth and Booth, 2004). Citing these examples of Reptiles and Aves, we can argue that temperature may play an important role for the human sex determination, too.

On the other hand, in a long experience with diverse communities in Nepal, the main author of the article had noted that some castes/ethnic groups had more number of females/males than males/females than in other castes. It has been posited by the authors that this is not due to chance. Based on this evidence, this study analyzed the population data of Nepal and tested two hypotheses. Firstly, whether there was statistically significant relationship between temperature and sex ratio; and secondly, whether there was statistically significant relationship between caste type and sex ratio. If there was statistically significantly higher number of male or female population in some castes then the subsequent objective of the paper would be to rank them from highest to lowest.

## 2. Why was Nepal selected for this research?

Nepal was selected for this study because of four main reasons. Firstly, because of higher altitudinal range ( 60 meter to 8848 meter from sea level) Nepal has a high level of climatic diversity (tropical to alpine). Therefore, we were able to get population data from different climatic zone for testing our first hypothesis that there is statistically significant relationship between temperature and sex ratio.

Secondly, Nepal is an ethnically diverse county where at least 101 different castes (ethnic groups) are clearly identified in population census in 2001 (CBS, 2002). The word 'caste is' derived from the Portuguese word 'Casta' which means pure of chaste. In Nepal (in Hindus), caste refers a hereditary social class stratified according to ritual purity. Thirdly, Nepal is one of the very few countries in the world where caste carries a significant sense among the people for many cultural and religious matters (CBS, 2001). Dhital (1990) strongly asserts that inter-caste marriage is vehemently opposed and avoided in Nepalese society. As a result, there is a reasonable chance of having homogenous population in terms of caste purity for many generations. Fourthly, although the technology for gender selection in humans is available in Nepal and there is a preference for Nepalese people to want to have son rather than daughter too, there is no known case of male gender selection due to heavy penalties or unaffordable technology until 2001, which is prior to data being utilized for this analysis. Nepal is one of only two
countries in the world where females have lower life expectancy rate ( 53.5 yr ) than males ( 55 yr ) (Family Planning Association of Nepal, 2000). Based on this, there should be a female lower population than male however but the female population (50.04\%) is higher than male ( $49.96 \%$ ) by $0.08 \%$. These facts independently verify the claim. The last three reasons are ideal for testing our second hypothesis 'there is statistically significant relationship between caste type and sex ratio'. Therefore, Nepal was the ideal place for testing the given objectives

## 3. Methods

This research was carefully designed to test two hypotheses 'there is statistically significant relationship between temperature and sex ratio' and 'there is statistically significant relationship between caste type and sex ratio'. The population census data of 2001 was taken from Central Bureau of Statistics, Nepal (CBS, 2002)

In order to test the first hypothesis, physiographic regions were chosen as a proxy of different temperatures. Low land (high temperature), middle hill (middle level temperature) and high hill (low temperature) physiographic regions were considered as three different temperate zones. After having sex ratio and population census data from 2001 (CBS, 2002) of all regions we applied Chi-Square test.

For the second hypothesis, we analyzed the data of 101 clearly identified castes from the population census data of 2001 . This hypothesis was tested in two different perspectives. First, taking Mendalian sex ratio as a population ratio and second, taking Nepalese sex ratio as a population ratio. In first perspective we supposed that the gender ratio of any caste should be 50:50 (followed Mendal's Theory). In second case, the Nepalese population statistics were used for sex ratio. Therefore, instead of taking gender ratio of 50:50 we took the national ratio so that we can capture any national variations.

The Z-test was used to analyze these two perspectives by applying three confidence levels ( $90 \%, 95 \%$ and $99.9 \%$ ). The formula is given below (Keller, B., Warrack, B. and Bartel, H., 1994)

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Z=\frac{P s-P}{\sqrt{P(1-P) / n}} \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots
$$

' Ps ' is sample proportion of male or female population of a given caste and ' P ' is expected proportion of male or female. In case of first perspective, it is 0.50:0.50 (Mendalian theory) and in case of second perspective, it is $0.49960025: 0.50039975:$ : Male:Female (Nepalese population proportion). And ' $n$ ' is the population of caste under consideration.

The conclusions were reached as follows. If the castes for which the calculated value of Z is greater than its tabulated value (at positive site) in a given confidence level then the caste has a statistically significantly higher number of male populations than female. Similarly, if the castes for which the calculated value of Z is lower than its tabulated
value (at negative site) in a given confidence level then the caste has a statistically significantly higher number of females than males.

If there is statistically significantly higher number of males or females in many castes then our subsequent objective was to rank them from higher to lower category. Therefore, after having calculated Z values, we ranked all the castes whose Z calculated values were higher (lower in case of female) than Z-tabulated value in descending (ascending in case of female) order.

## 4. Results and Discussion

The population data of all 101 castes are given in the Appendix (Table A).
First Hypothesis: While applying the Chi-Square test it was found that there was no statistically significant relationship between the physiographic regions and sex ratio. This showed that in case of human, unlike turtle, temperature has no any significant effect on sex determination.

Second Hypothesis (using Mendalian sex ratio as a population proportion): We calculated the Z-value (Z-test based on the proportion of male and female) based on above formula and analyzed the result at three confidence levels ( $90 \%$, $95 \%$ and $99.9 \%$ ). The summary is given in Table 1 and detail of calculation is given in Annex (Table B). Numbers of castes with null hypotheses true are increasing with higher confidence level (Table 1). The analyses even at very high confidence level (99.9 percent) shows that there are 41 castes in which male population is statistically significantly higher than female population and in 22 castes opposite is the result.

Second Hypothesis (using Nepalese sex ratio as a population proportion): We applied the same principle as in the above. The summary of the result is provided in Table 1 and detail of calculation provided in Annex (Table C). At $99.9 \%$ confidence level, in 43 castes, statistically significantly higher numbers of males are found than females and in 22 castes significantly higher numbers of females are found than males. Null hypothesis was true in only 36 castes (Table 1).

Table 1: Number of castes concluded at three different confidence levels

|  | Expected Ratio based on Mendelian <br> Theory (Male:Female::50:50) |  |  | Ratio of Nepal’s Population <br> (Male:Female::0.49960025: 0.50039975) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Confidence <br> interval \% | N | F | M | N | F | M |
| 90 | 15 | 32 | 54 | 12 | 32 | 57 |
| 95 | 19 | 30 | 52 | 20 | 28 | 53 |
| 99.9 | 38 | 22 | 41 | 36 | 22 | 43 |

Note: ' N ' number of castes in which null hypothesis is true (i.e., male and female population ratio is statistically significantly not different), ' $F$ ' number of castes having statistically significantly higher number of females than males and ' $M$ ' number of castes having statistically significantly higher number of males than females.

Ranking (caste having statistically higher number of female population than male): The ranking is based on the Z-calculated value based on the sex ratio of Nepalese population. Among the 22 castes, we found that the Magar caste has the statistically significantly highest female population then male population followed by Gurung and Kami. The ranking orders of 22 castes are given in Table (2a).

Table 2a: Ranking of castes having significantly higher number of females than males at 99.9 percent confidence level

| Castes | Z-calculated | Rank | Castes | Z-calculated | Rank |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MAGAR | -41.4252 | 1 | SANYASI | -6.9806 | 12 |
| GURUNG | -33.6633 | 2 | BRAHMU/BARAMU | -5.83071 | 13 |
| KAMI | -31.7786 | 3 | DURA | -5.77225 | 14 |
| BRAHMAN - HILL | -25.0584 | 4 | YAKKHA | -5.66737 | 15 |
| CHHETRI | -23.2522 | 5 | KUMAL | -5.14813 | 16 |
| DAMAI/DHOLI | -21.8442 | 6 | THAKALI | -4.74982 | 17 |
| SARKI | -20.5864 | 7 | GHARTI/BHUJEL | -4.43885 | 18 |
| LIMBU | -16.4459 | 8 | NEWAR | -4.30684 | 19 |
| RAI | -13.0809 | 9 | DARAI | -3.84749 | 20 |
| THAKURI | -8.36287 | 10 | DANUWAR | -3.66254 | 21 |
| CHHANTEL | -7.30829 | 11 | RAJI | -3.61375 | 22 |

Table 2 b : Ranking of castes having significantly higher number of males than females at 99.9 percent confidence level

| Castes | Z-calculated | Rank | Castes | Z-calculated | Rank |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| YADAV | 54.33873 | 1 | TATMA | 9.76111 | 23 |
| MUSLIM | 33.01125 | 2 | HALUWAI | 9.74182 | 24 |
| TELI | 23.11869 | 3 | MALLAH | 9.72495 | 25 |
| KURMI | 22.61633 | 4 | KUMHAR | 9.28125 | 26 |
| BANIYA | 21.45484 | 5 | KAHAR | 9.07842 | 27 |
| KALWAR | 20.10536 | 6 | MUSAHAR | 8.78503 | 28 |
| KOIRI | 19.0994 | 7 | KHATWE | 8.45111 | 29 |
| BRAHMAN - TARAI | 18.40556 | 8 | LODHA | 8.25263 | 30 |
| KANU | 18.0451 | 9 | BARAE | 8.09608 | 31 |
| HAJAM/THAKUR | 16.16562 | 10 | RAJBHAR | 8.00561 | 32 |
| DHANUK | 15.82432 | 11 | BHEDIYAR | 7.17235 | 33 |
| CHAMAR, HARIJAN | 15.58862 | 12 | CHIDIMAR | 6.63737 | 34 |
| RAJPUT | 15.24604 | 13 | LOHAR | 6.6199 | 35 |
| SUDHI | 15.17966 | 14 | NURANG | 6.60267 | 36 |
| BANGALI | 15.10612 | 15 | CHEPANG (PRAJA) | 4.95725 | 37 |
| DUSADH/PASWAN | 14.62005 | 16 | BHOTE | 4.73397 | 38 |
| NUNIYA | 13.82454 | 17 | BING/BINDA | 4.10756 | 39 |
| THARU | 12.89384 | 18 | MALI | 3.54185 | 40 |
| KEWAT | 12.63809 | 19 | DOM | 3.5025 | 41 |
| DHOBI | 12.13146 | 20 | LEPCHA | 3.47119 | 42 |
| MARWADI | 11.63131 | 21 | SUNUWAR | 3.08508 | 43 |
| BADHAE | 10.93659 | 22 |  |  |  |

Ranking (caste having statistically higher number of male population than female): The same principle as discussed above was applied. While ranking all 43 castes, we found that the Yadav caste has the statistically significantly highest male population then female followed by Muslim and Teli. The ranking orders of 43 castes are given in Table (2b).

## 5. Conclusion

The population data from different physiographic regions of Nepal showed that the temperature has no statistically significant role on human sex determinations.

However, the second hypothesis indicated that in 43 castes there is statistically significantly higher number of male than female population. Among them, Yadav, Muslim and Teli castes are ranked first, second and third. In another 22 castes, females were statistically significantly higher than males in the population. Magar, Gurung and Kami ranked as the top three respectively. This leads us to conclude that, in some castes, probability of having male/ female infant is statistically significantly higher/lower. This does not provide support for Mendal's theory. However Mendal's theory is well tested and thus raises the question which one is right, statistical theory or Mendal's theory.

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Table A: Population of males and females in Nepal according to caste

| Name of Caste |  | Total Population | \% | Male | Female |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No | NEPAL | 22736934 | 100.00 | 11359378 | 11377556 |
| 1 | CHHETRI | 3593496 | 15.80 | 1774709 | 1818787 |
| 2 | BRAHMAN - HILL | 2896477 | 12.74 | 1426915 | 1469562 |
| 3 | MAGAR | 1622421 | 7.14 | 784828 | 837593 |
| 4 | THARU | 1533879 | 6.75 | 774924 | 758955 |
| 5 | TAMANG | 1282304 | 5.64 | 641361 | 640943 |
| 6 | NEWAR | 1245232 | 5.48 | 620213 | 625019 |
| 7 | MUSLIM | 971056 | 4.27 | 501793 | 469263 |
| 8 | KAMI | 895954 | 3.94 | 432937 | 463017 |
| 9 | YADAV | 895423 | 3.94 | 473421 | 422002 |
| 10 | RAI | 635151 | 2.79 | 312363 | 322788 |
| 11 | GURUNG | 543571 | 2.39 | 259376 | 284195 |
| 12 | DAMAI/DHOLI | 390305 | 1.72 | 188329 | 201976 |
| 13 | LIMBU | 359379 | 1.58 | 174760 | 184619 |
| 14 | THAKURI | 334120 | 1.47 | 164643 | 169477 |
| 15 | SARKI | 318989 | 1.40 | 153681 | 165308 |
| 16 | TELI | 304536 | 1.34 | 158647 | 145889 |
| 17 | CHAMAR, HARIJAN, RAM | 269661 | 1.19 | 138878 | 130783 |
| 18 | KOIRI | 251274 | 1.11 | 130424 | 120850 |
| 19 | KURMI | 212842 | 0.94 | 111638 | 101204 |
| 20 | SANYASI | 199127 | 0.88 | 98006 | 101121 |
| 21 | DHANUK | 188150 | 0.83 | 97507 | 90643 |
| 22 | MUSAHAR | 172434 | 0.76 | 88041 | 84393 |
| 23 | DUSADH/PASWAN/PASI | 158525 | 0.70 | 82173 | 76352 |
| 24 | SHERPA | 154622 | 0.68 | 77511 | 77111 |
| 25 | SONAR | 145088 | 0.64 | 72331 | 72757 |
| 26 | KEWAT | 136953 | 0.60 | 70815 | 66138 |
| 27 | BRAHMAN - TARAI | 134496 | 0.59 | 70623 | 63873 |
| 28 | BANIYA | 126971 | 0.56 | 67308 | 59663 |
| 29 | GHARTI/BHUJEL | 117568 | 0.52 | 58023 | 59545 |
| 30 | MALLAH | 115986 | 0.51 | 59649 | 56337 |
| 31 | KALWAR | 115606 | 0.51 | 61221 | 54385 |
| 32 | KUMAL | 99389 | 0.44 | 48883 | 50506 |
| 33 | HAJAM/THAKUR | 98169 | 0.43 | 51617 | 46552 |
| 34 | KANU | 95826 | 0.42 | 50706 | 45120 |
| 35 | RAJBANSI | 95812 | 0.42 | 48234 | 47578 |
| 36 | SUNUWAR | 95254 | 0.42 | 48065 | 47189 |
| 37 | SUDHI | 89846 | 0.40 | 47198 | 42648 |
| 38 | LOHAR | 82637 | 0.36 | 42270 | 40367 |
| 39 | TATMA | 76512 | 0.34 | 39606 | 36906 |
| 40 | KHATWE | 74972 | 0.33 | 38643 | 36329 |
| 41 | DHOBI | 73413 | 0.32 | 38350 | 35063 |
| 42 | MAJHI | 72614 | 0.32 | 36367 | 36247 |
| 43 | NUNIYA | 66873 | 0.29 | 35224 | 31649 |
| 44 | KUMHAR | 54413 | 0.24 | 28289 | 26124 |
| 45 | DANUWAR | 53229 | 0.23 | 26192 | 27037 |
| 46 | CHEPANG (PRAJA) | 52237 | 0.23 | 26685 | 25552 |
| 47 | HALUWAI | 50583 | 0.22 | 26387 | 24196 |


| 48 | RAJPUT | 48454 | 0.21 | 25905 | 22549 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49 | KAYASTHA | 46071 | 0.20 | 23343 | 22728 |
| 50 | BADHAE | 45975 | 0.20 | 24160 | 21815 |
| 51 | MARWADI | 43971 | 0.19 | 23205 | 20766 |
| 52 | SANTHAL/SATAR | 42698 | 0.19 | 21515 | 21183 |
| 53 | DHAGAR/JHAGAR | 41764 | 0.18 | 20892 | 20872 |
| 54 | BANTAR | 35839 | 0.16 | 18139 | 17700 |
| 55 | BARAE | 35434 | 0.16 | 18479 | 16955 |
| 56 | KAHAR | 34531 | 0.15 | 18109 | 16422 |
| 57 | GANGAI | 31318 | 0.14 | 15808 | 15510 |
| 58 | LODHA | 24738 | 0.11 | 13018 | 11720 |
| 59 | RAJBHAR | 24263 | 0.11 | 12755 | 11508 |
| 60 | THAMI | 22999 | 0.10 | 11392 | 11607 |
| 61 | DHIMAL | 19537 | 0.09 | 9646 | 9891 |
| 62 | BHOTE | 19261 | 0.08 | 9959 | 9302 |
| 63 | BING/BINDA | 18720 | 0.08 | 9641 | 9079 |
| 64 | BHEDIYAR/GADERI | 17729 | 0.08 | 9342 | 8387 |
| 65 | NURANG | 17522 | 0.08 | 9198 | 8324 |
| 66 | YAKKHA | 17003 | 0.07 | 8132 | 8871 |
| 67 | DARAI | 14859 | 0.07 | 7195 | 7664 |
| 68 | TAJPURIYA | 13250 | 0.06 | 6532 | 6718 |
| 69 | THAKALI | 12973 | 0.06 | 6216 | 6757 |
| 70 | CHIDIMAR | 12296 | 0.05 | 6516 | 5780 |
| 71 | PAHARI | 11505 | 0.05 | 5803 | 5702 |
| 72 | MALI | 11390 | 0.05 | 5884 | 5506 |
| 73 | BANGALI | 9860 | 0.04 | 5680 | 4180 |
| 74 | CHHANTEL | 9814 | 0.04 | 4545 | 5269 |
| 75 | DOM | 8931 | 0.04 | 4631 | 4300 |
| 76 | KAMAR | 8761 | 0.04 | 4516 | 4245 |
| 77 | BOTE | 7969 | 0.04 | 3881 | 4088 |
| 78 | BRAHMU/BARAMU | 7383 | 0.03 | 3441 | 3942 |
| 79 | GAINE | 5887 | 0.03 | 2857 | 3030 |
| 80 | JIREL | 5316 | 0.02 | 2582 | 2734 |
| 81 | ADIBASI/JANAJATI | 5259 | 0.02 | 2558 | 2701 |
| 82 | DURA | 5169 | 0.02 | 2377 | 2792 |
| 83 | CHURAUTE | 4893 | 0.02 | 2532 | 2361 |
| 84 | BADI | 4442 | 0.02 | 2152 | 2290 |
| 85 | MECHE | 3763 | 0.02 | 1830 | 1933 |
| 86 | LEPCHA | 3660 | 0.02 | 1935 | 1725 |
| 87 | HALKHOR | 3621 | 0.02 | 1848 | 1773 |
| 88 | PUNJABI/SIKH | 3054 | 0.01 | 1567 | 1487 |
| 89 | KISAN | 2876 | 0.01 | 1382 | 1494 |
| 90 | RAJI | 2399 | 0.01 | 1111 | 1288 |
| 91 | BYANGSI | 2103 | 0.01 | 1094 | 1009 |
| 92 | HAYU | 1821 | 0.01 | 892 | 929 |
| 93 | KOCHE | 1429 | 0.01 | 693 | 736 |
| 94 | DHUNIA | 1231 | 0.01 | 614 | 617 |
| 95 | WALUNG | 1148 | 0.01 | 574 | 574 |
| 96 | JAINE | 1015 | 0.00 | 551 | 464 |
| 97 | MUNDA | 660 | 0.00 | 357 | 303 |


| 98 | RAUTE | 658 | 0.00 | 346 | 312 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 99 | YEHLMO | 579 | 0.00 | 281 | 298 |
| 100 | PATHARKATA/KUSWADIYA | 552 | 0.00 | 286 | 266 |
| 101 | KUSUNDA | 164 | 0.00 | 85 | 79 |
| 102 | DALIT/UNIDENTIFIED DALIT | 173401 | 0.76 | 85063 | 88338 |
| 103 | UNIDENTIFIED CAST/ETHNIC | 231641 | 1.02 | 116569 | 115072 |

Table B: Testing the hypothesis assuming gender ratio of 50:50 (based on Mendel Theory)

| Caste Description | Zcalculated | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Conclusion at } \\ & 90 \% \mathrm{CL}^{1} \end{aligned}$ | Conclusion at $95 \% \mathrm{CL}^{2}$ | Conclusion at $99.9 \% \mathrm{CL}^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHHETRI | -23.25216 | F | F | F |
| BRAHMAN - HILL | -25.05841 | F | F | F |
| MAGAR | -41.42516 | F | F | F |
| THARU | 12.89384 | M | M | M |
| TAMANG | 0.36913 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| NEFAR | -4.30684 | F | F | F |
| MUSLIM | 33.01125 | M | M | M |
| KAMI | -31.77862 | F | F | F |
| YADAV | 54.33873 | M | M | M |
| RAI | -13.08090 | F | F | F |
| GURUNG | -33.66326 | F | F | F |
| DAMAI/DHOLI | -21.84415 | F | F | F |
| LIMBU | -16.44586 | F | F | F |
| THAKURI | -8.36287 | F | F | F |
| SARKI | -20.58637 | F | F | F |
| TELI | 23.11869 | M | M | M |
| CHAMAR, HARIJAN, RAM | 15.58862 | M | M | M |
| KOIRI | 19.09940 | M | M | M |
| KURMI | 22.61633 | M | M | M |
| SANYASI | -6.98060 | F | F | F |
| DHANUK | 15.82432 | M | M | M |
| MUSAHAR | 8.78503 | M | M | M |
| DUSADH/PASFAN/PASI | 14.62005 | M | M | M |
| SHERPA | 1.01724 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| SONAR | -1.11839 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| KEFAT | 12.63809 | M | M | M |
| BRAHMAN - TARAI | 18.40556 | M | M | M |
| BANIYA | 21.45484 | M | M | M |
| GHARTI/BHUJEL | -4.43885 | F | F | F |
| MALLAH | 9.72495 | M | M | M |
| KALFAR | 20.10536 | M | M | M |
| KUMAL | -5.14813 | F | F | F |
| HAJAM/THAKUR | 16.16562 | M | M | M |
| KANU | 18.04510 | M | M | M |
| RAJBANSI | 2.11931 | M | M | Null-true |
| SUNUFAR | 2.83833 | M | M | Null-true |
| SUDHI | 15.17966 | M | M | M |
| LOHAR | 6.61990 | M | M | M |
| TATMA | 9.76111 | M | M | M |
| KHATFE | 8.45111 | M | M | M |
| DHOBI | 12.13146 | M | M | M |
| MAJHI | 0.44532 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| NUNIYA | 13.82454 | M | M | M |


| KUMHAR | 9.28125 | M | M | M |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DANUFAR | -3.66254 | F | F | F |
| CHEPANG (PRAJA) | 4.95725 | M | M | M |
| HALUFAI | 9.74182 | M | M | M |
| RAJPUT | 15.24604 | M | M | M |
| KAYASTHA | 2.86524 | M | M | Null-true |
| BADHAE | 10.93659 | M | M | M |
| MARFADI | 11.63131 | M | M | M |
| SANTHAL/SATAR | 1.60670 | M | Null-true | Null-true |
| DHAGAR/JHAGAR | 0.09787 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| BANTAR | 2.31892 | M | M | Null-true |
| BARAE | 8.09608 | M | M | M |
| KAHAR | 9.07842 | M | M | M |
| GANGAI | 1.68391 | M | M | Null-true |
| LODHA | 8.25263 | M | M | M |
| RAJBHAR | 8.00561 | M | M | M |
| THAMI | -1.41770 | F | Null-true | Null-true |
| DHIMAL | -1.75282 | F | F | Null-true |
| BHOTE | 4.73397 | M | M | M |
| BING/BINDA | 4.10756 | M | M | M |
| BHEDIYAR/GADERI | 7.17235 | M | M | M |
| NURANG | 6.60267 | M | M | M |
| YAKKHA | -5.66737 | F | F | F |
| DARAI | -3.84749 | F | F | F |
| TAJPURIYA | -1.61586 | F | Null-true | Null-true |
| THAKALI | -4.74982 | F | F | F |
| CHIDIMAR | 6.63737 | M | M | M |
| PAHARI | 0.94163 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| MALI | 3.54185 | M | M | M |
| BANGALI | 15.10612 | M | M | M |
| CHHANTEL | -7.30829 | F | F | F |
| DOM | 3.50250 | M | M | M |
| KAMAR | 2.89529 | M | M | Null-true |
| BOTE | -2.31883 | F | F | Null-true |
| BRAHMU/BARAMU | -5.83071 | F | F | F |
| GAINE | -2.25475 | F | F | Null-true |
| JIREL | -2.08474 | F | F | Null-true |
| ADIBASI/JANAJATI | -1.97190 | F | F | Null-true |
| DURA | -5.77225 | F | F | F |
| CHURAUTE | 2.44460 | M | M | Null-true |
| BADI | -2.07057 | F | F | Null-true |
| MECHE | -1.67908 | F | F | Null-true |
| LEPCHA | 3.47119 | M | M | M |
| HALKHOR | 1.24637 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| PUNJABI/SIKH | 1.44762 | M | Null-true | Null-true |
| KISAN | -2.08845 | F | F | Null-true |
| RAJI | -3.61375 | F | F | F |
| BYANGSI | 1.85353 | M | M | Null-true |
| HAYU | -0.86706 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| KOCHE | -1.13750 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| DHUNIA | -0.08551 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| FALUNG | 0.00000 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| JAINE | 2.73078 | M | M | Null-true |


| MUNDA | 2.10195 | M | M | Null-true |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RAUTE | 1.32546 | M | Null-true | Null-true |
| YEHLMO | -0.70650 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| PATHARKATA/KUSFADIYA | 0.85126 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| KUSUNDA | 0.46852 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |

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${ }^{1}$ Z-calculated value less than -1.29 concludes higher female population and value higher than 1.29 concludes higher male population at $90 \%$ confidence level
${ }^{2}$ Z-calculated value less than -1.65 concludes higher female population and value higher than 1.65 concludes higher male population at $95 \%$ confidence level
${ }^{3}$ Z-calculated value less than -3.08 concludes higher female population and value higher than 3.08 concludes higher male population at $90 \%$ confidence level

Table C: Testing the hypothesis based on the gender ratio of Nepal

| Caste description | Z-calculated | Conclusion at $90 \% \mathrm{CL}^{1}$ | Conclusion at $95 \% \mathrm{CL}^{2}$ | Conclusion at $99.9 \%$ CL $^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHHETRI | -21.73659 | F | F | F |
| BRAHMAN - HILL | -23.69774 | F | F | F |
| MAGAR | -40.40681 | F | F | F |
| THARU | 13.88402 | M | M | M |
| TAMANG | 1.27448 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| NEFAR | -3.41468 | F | F | F |
| MUSLIM | 33.79910 | M | M | M |
| KAMI | -31.02186 | F | F | F |
| YADAV | 55.09529 | M | M | M |
| RAI | -12.44373 | F | F | F |
| GURUNG | -33.07382 | F | F | F |
| DAMAI/DHOLI | -21.34467 | F | F | F |
| LIMBU | -15.96658 | F | F | F |
| THAKURI | -7.90074 | F | F | F |
| SARKI | -20.13483 | F | F | F |
| TELI | 23.55990 | M | M | M |
| CHAMAR, HARIJAN, RAM | 16.00380 | M | M | M |
| KOIRI | 19.50017 | M | M | M |
| KURMI | 22.98519 | M | M | M |
| SANYASI | -6.62384 | F | F | F |
| DHANUK | 16.17112 | M | M | S |
| MUSAHAR | 9.11703 | M | M | M |
| DUSADH/PASFAN/PASI | 14.93837 | M | M | M |
| SHERPA | 1.33162 | M | Null-true | Null-true |
| SONAR | -0.81386 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| KEFAT | 12.93397 | M | M | M |
| BRAHMAN - TARAI | 18.69877 | M | M | M |
| BANIYA | 21.73973 | M | M | M |
| GHARTI/BHUJEL | -4.16471 | F | F | F |
| MALLAH | 9.99724 | M | M | M |
| KALFAR | 20.37720 | M | M | M |
| KUMAL | -4.89608 | F | F | F |
| HAJAM/THAKUR | 16.41612 | M | M | M |
| KANU | 18.29260 | M | M | M |
| RAJBANSI | 2.36678 | M | M | Null-true |
| SUNUFAR | 3.08508 | M | M | M |
| SUDHI | 15.41931 | M | M | M |
| LOHAR | 6.84973 | M | M | M |


| TATMA | 9.98226 | M | M | M |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| KHATFE | 8.67002 | M | M | M |
| DHOBI | 12.34809 | M | M | M |
| MAJHI | 0.66076 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| NUNIYA | 14.03129 | M | M | M |
| KUMHAR | 9.46775 | M | M | M |
| DANUFAR | -3.47809 | F | F | F |
| CHEPANG (PRAJA) | 5.13998 | M | M | M |
| HALUFAI | 9.92164 | M | M | M |
| RAJPUT | 15.42204 | M | M | M |
| KAYASTHA | 3.03685 | M | M | Null-true |
| BADHAE | 11.10802 | M | M | M |
| MARFADI | 11.79896 | M | M | M |
| SANTHAL/SATAR | 1.77190 | M | M | Null-true |
| DHAGAR/JHAGAR | 0.26125 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| BANTAR | 2.47028 | M | M | M |
| BARAE | 8.24658 | M | M | M |
| KAHAR | 9.22700 | M | M | M |
| GANGAI | 1.82540 | M | M | Null-true |
| LODHA | 8.37838 | M | M | M |
| RAJBHAR | 8.13014 | M | M | M |
| THAMI | -1.29645 | F | Null-true | Null-true |
| DHIMAL | -1.64107 | F | Null-true | Null-true |
| BHOTE | 4.84493 | M | M | M |
| BING/BINDA | 4.21694 | M | M | M |
| BHEDIYAR/GADERI | 7.27880 | M | M | M |
| NURANG | 6.70850 | M | M | M |
| YAKKHA | -5.56312 | F | F | F |
| DARAI | -3.75004 | F | F | F |
| TAJPURIYA | -1.52384 | F | Null-true | Null-true |
| THAKALI | -4.65876 | F | F | F |
| CHIDIMAR | 6.72602 | M | M | M |
| PAHARI | 1.02738 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| MALI | 3.62718 | M | M | M |
| BANGALI | 15.18551 | M | M | M |
| CHHANTEL | -7.22909 | F | F | F |
| DOM | 3.57806 | M | M | M |
| KAMAR | 2.97013 | M | M | Null-true |
| BOTE | -2.24746 | F | F | Null-true |
| BRAHMU/BARAMU | -5.76201 | F | F | F |
| GAINE | -2.19341 | F | F | Null-true |
| JIREL | -2.02644 | F | F | Null-true |
| ADIBASI/JANAJATI | -1.91392 | F | F | Null-true |
| DURA | -5.71477 | F | F | F |
| CHURAUTE | 2.50053 | M | M | Null-true |
| BADI | -2.01728 | F | F | Null-true |
| MECHE | -1.63003 | F | Null-true | Null-true |
| LEPCHA | 3.51956 | M | M | M |
| HALKHOR | 1.29448 | M | Null-true | Null-true |
| PUNJABI/SIKH | 1.49181 | M | Null-true | Null-true |
| KISAN | -2.04557 | F | F | Null-true |
| RAJI | -3.57459 | F | F | F |
| BYANGSI | 1.89019 | M | M | Null-true |


| HAYU | -0.83294 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| KOCHE | -1.10728 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| DHUNIA | -0.05745 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| FALUNG | 0.02709 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| JAINE | 2.75625 | M | M | Null-true |
| MUNDA | 2.12249 | M | M | Null-true |
| RAUTE | 1.34597 | M | Null-true | Null-true |
| YEHLMO | -0.68726 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| PATHARKATA/KUSFADIYA | 0.87004 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |
| KUSUNDA | 0.47876 | Null-true | Null-true | Null-true |

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