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Bali population: how many people live on the island, where, and what it means for buyers

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Bali has about 4.4 million residents, depending on which official count you pick, and roughly 86.5% of them are Hindu.

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4,317,404

residents in the September 2020 census

About 4.46 million

BPS projection for 2025

747 per km²

island average density, 2020 census

86.5%

Hindu share of residents, Ministry of Religious Affairs, 2024

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How many people live in Bali?

There is no single figure, because three official counts measure slightly different things. The September 2020 census found 4,317,404 people. The civil registry (Dukcapil) listed 4.34 million in mid-2024. The statistics agency BPS projects about 4.46 million for 2025.

A registry records where people are registered, which isn't always where they live. We use the census as the anchor, the registry as the low case and the projection as the high case.

Bali's population by source

SOURCE	DATE	RESIDENTS
BPS census	September 2020	4,317,404
Civil registry (Dukcapil)	Mid-2024	4.34 million
BPS projection	2025	About 4.46 million

Source: BPS Bali, 2020 census release, January 21, 2021; Katadata, Dukcapil data for mid-2024; Katadata, BPS projection for 2025

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Is Bali's population growing?

Yes, but more slowly than before. The island grew by 1.01% a year between the 2010 and 2020 censuses, adding about 426,650 people in the decade. BPS projects growth of about 0.6% for 2025 over 2024.

The projection also shows a young population. The three largest age groups are 25 to 29 (332,100 people), 20 to 24 (331,800) and 30 to 34 (330,100). Men make up 50.1% and women 49.9%.

Source: BPS Bali, 2020 census release, January 21, 2021; Katadata, BPS projection for 2025

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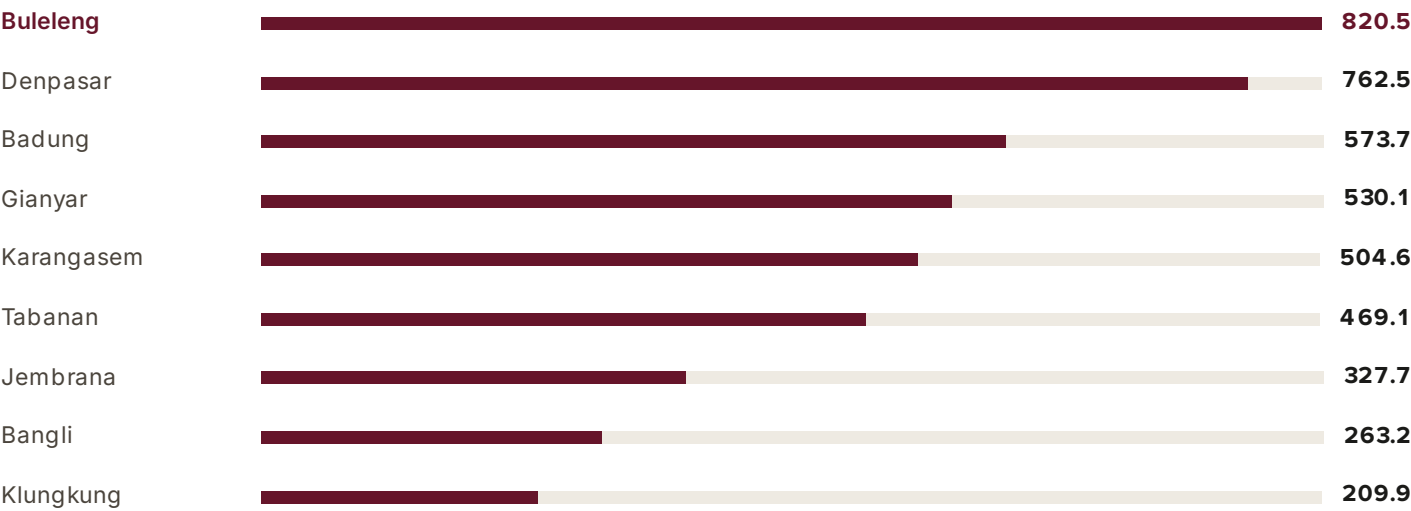
Which regency has the most people in Bali?

Buleleng, in the north, has the most residents: about 820,000 in the BPS projection, some 58,000 more than Denpasar. Badung, home to Canggu, Seminyak and the Bukit, ranks third, and Gianyar, which

includes Ubud, ranks fourth.

Counts differ most in the capital. The registry showed 665,330 people in Denpasar in mid-2024, against 762,480 in the BPS projection for 2025, although the years differ too. Check the definition behind a figure before building a demand model on it. The registry reverses third and fourth place: Karangasem 533,740, Badung 530,230.

Population by regency, BPS projection for 2025, thousands



Source: BPS projection as published by Katadata. The nine figures add up to about 4.46 million.

Source: Katadata, BPS projection for 2025; Katadata, Dukcapil data for mid-2024

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What is the population density of Bali?

The island averaged 747 people per km² in 2020, on a land area of 5,780 km². Dividing the 2025 projection by the same area gives about 770, our own arithmetic.

Averages hide the contrast. Denpasar packs in almost 5,700 people per km², more than seven times the island average, while Jembrana in the west has fewer than 400. Regency figures also blend crowded coast with empty highlands, so Canggu or Kuta feels denser than the 1,310 shown for Badung.

Density by regency, 2020 census

REGENCY	PEOPLE PER KM²
Denpasar	5,676
Gianyar	1,403
Badung	1,310
Klungkung	657
Karangasem	587
Buleleng	580
Bangli	526
Tabanan	455
Jembrana	377

Source: BPS Bali, 2020 census; Wikipedia, List of districts in Bali, area and census data, 2026

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What religions do Bali residents follow?

Bali is the only Hindu-majority province in Indonesia. The Ministry of Religious Affairs counted 3,773,617 Hindus in 2024, or 86.53% of 4.36 million residents. Muslims are the largest minority at about one in ten.

Civil registry figures show 86.40% Hindu and 10.28% Muslim, so the two sources differ by about 0.1 point. By ethnicity, the 2010 census counted 85.97% Balinese and 9.60% Javanese. Religion also sets the island's calendar, from daily offerings to the Nyepi day of silence, which affects rentals and deliveries.

Residents by religion, 2024

RELIGION	RESIDENTS	SHARE
Hindu	3,773,617	86.53%
Islam	444,905	10.2%
Protestant	75,233	1.73%
Catholic	36,959	0.85%
Buddhist	29,683	0.68%
Confucian	593	0.01%

Source: Ministry of Religious Affairs via Katadata, 2024; Wikipedia, Bali, citing Dukcapil figures for 2024 and the 2010 census

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Do tourists outnumber residents in Bali?

Over a year, yes. Bali recorded 6,948,754 foreign arrivals in 2025, a record, which is about 1.6 times the registry population of 4.34 million. That ratio is our own arithmetic.

Visitors come and go, so they are never all on the island at once, and domestic tourists aren't in that count. The flow still shapes the south, where most villas sit. Our tourism statistics guide tracks arrivals month by month.

Source: BPS Bali via the Rise Real Bali tourism statistics guide, 2026; Katadata, Dukcapil data for mid-2024

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How many foreigners live in Bali?

We found no reliable public count of foreign residents on the island. Visa and permit totals cover entries and approvals, not how many people live here at any given time.

Treat any round number of "tens of thousands" with caution unless it names a source and a date. The long-stay visa options are laid out in our visa guide.

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What does the population mean for property buyers?

Residents are only part of demand. Visitors, not locals, drive most short-term rental income, and they cluster in Badung and Gianyar. Those two regencies hold about a quarter of residents in the BPS projection (our arithmetic), yet they hold Canggu, Uluwatu and Ubud, so resident counts understate the pressure on those areas. For area-level choices see our area guide, and for income see the rental yield guide.

Use population numbers as context, not as a forecast of prices.

- ✓ Which source and which year a figure comes from
- ✓ Whether it counts registered residents or the people who actually live there
- ✓ The regency average against what you see on the street in your area
- ✓ Residents against visitors
- ✓ Whether a claim about foreign residents names a source and a date

What this means for buyers

- 01 Bali has about 4.3 to 4.5 million residents, and the answer depends on which official count you pick.
 - 02 Buleleng has the most people, but Denpasar is by far the densest.
 - 03 About 86.5% of residents are Hindu, which shapes the calendar.
 - 04 Foreign arrivals dwarf the local population over a year, yet no public count of foreign residents exists.
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What is the population of Bali in 2026?

No official 2026 count is published yet. The latest BPS projection is about 4.46 million for 2025. The 2020 census counted 4,317,404, and the civil registry showed 4.34 million in mid-2024. For planning, use a range of 4.3 to 4.5 million, and check the date and definition before quoting any figure.

What is the main religion in Bali?

Hinduism. The Ministry of Religious Affairs counted 86.53% of residents as Hindu in 2024, and civil registry data show 86.40%. Muslims are about 10%, Christians about 2.6% and Buddhists about 0.7%. Bali is the only Hindu-majority province in Indonesia, and the two sources differ by only about 0.1 point.

What is the population density of Bali?

The 2020 census gave 747 people per km² across 5,780 km². Denpasar is by far the densest at 5,676, followed by Gianyar at 1,403 and Badung at 1,310. Jembrana in the west is the least dense, at 377 people per km². Regency averages blend coast and highlands, so the street feels denser.

Which regency in Bali has the largest population?

Buleleng, with about 820,500 people in the BPS projection for 2025, ahead of Denpasar at about 762,500. Badung is third and Gianyar fourth. Registry counts also put Buleleng first and Denpasar second, though the exact figures differ. Buleleng's lead surprises many people, because the busiest resorts sit in the south.

How many tourists visit Bali compared with residents?

Bali recorded 6,948,754 foreign arrivals in 2025, about 1.6 times the registry population of 4.34 million. Visitors stay briefly, so they are never all present at once, and domestic tourists are counted separately. Our tourism statistics guide breaks arrivals down by month and by country.

How we know this

Census figures come from BPS Bali's 2020 release. The 2025 projection and the registry counts come from Katadata, which republishes BPS and Dukcapil data. Katadata dates the 4.46 million projection to 2025, while Wikipedia lists the same total as a mid-2024 estimate, so we label it as a projection. Religion data come from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and from Dukcapil via Wikipedia. The 2010 ethnic shares come from Wikipedia alone. Ratios and the 770 density are our arithmetic. We found no public count of foreign residents and give none.

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