

# **Solapur District Profile**

## **Introduction**

Solapur is one of the most important cities in Western Maharashtra. Solapur, in Maharashtra, is situated at ~400 km from Mumbai, which is the nearest port. The textile industry is one of the oldest and the most widespread in Solapur. The district is home to the Handloom and Powerloom weaving industry, employing many workers and around 6000 power loom industries operational in the district.

## **Administrative Profile**

Solapur district is subdivided for administrative purposes into eleven talukas, which comprise smaller divisions. The talukas are North Solapur, South Solapur, Akkalkot, Barshi, Mangalwedha, Pandharpur, Sangola, Malshiras, Mohol, Madha, and Karmala.

## **Location and Geography**

Geographically Solapur is located between 17.10 to 18.32 degrees north latitude and 74.42 to 76.15 degrees east longitude. The district is situated on the southeast fringe of Maharashtra State and lies entirely in the Bhima and Sina basins. The district is bounded on the north by Ahmednagar and Osmanabad districts, on the east by Osmanabad and Gulbarga (Karnataka State) districts, on the south by Sangli and Bijapur (Karnataka State), and on the west by Satara and Pune districts.

Only in the north of Barshi Taluka, several spurs of the Balaghat range pass south for a few kilometers. There are also a few scattered hills in Karmala, Madha, and Malshiras Talukas. The district, in general, has flat or undulating terrain. The low table land and small separate hills in Karmala and Madha Talukas are watersheds between Bhima and Sina rivers. The district covers a geographical area of 14844.6 sq. km, which is 4.82% of the total area of Maharashtra State. Out of the district's total area, 338.8 sq. km (2.28%) is an Urban area, whereas the remaining 14505.8 sq. km. (97.72%) is Rural area. Area wise Karmala taluka is the biggest covering an area of 1609.7 sq. km, and North Solapur is the smallest, surrounding an area of 736.3 sq. km.

## **Demographic Profile**

In 2011, Solapur had population of 4,315,527 of which male and female were 2,233,778 and 2,081,749 respectively. Solapur District's population constituted 3.84 percent of the total Maharashtra population. In the 2001 census, this figure for Solapur District was at 3.97 percent of Maharashtra's population. The population's growth rate is 12.10 percent compared to the population as of 2001.

## **Logistic Infrastructure Profile**

JNPT and Dighi are the nearest seaports and dry ports for the Solapur district.

The logistic infrastructure profile of the district is as mentioned below,

The Solapur district is well connected by all the means of transport viz Airways, Trains and Roadways. Mostly the Rail track and Roadways are used for transportation.

## **Road Transport**

Solapur district is well connected with major cities as NH-9, NH-13, NH-211, and NH-204 passes through Solapur. It is also a well-known and convenient trading center for neighboring States, as it is located on Pune-Hyderabad NH and Solapur-Bijapur NH.

## **Rail Transport**

The Solapur division is a vital division connecting South India to western and northwest India. Sangli is considered the gateway to the south in terms of its location on the rail network. The total rail track is about 380 km in the district and has two Railway Junctions, i.e., Kurduwadi and Hotgi.

## Air Transport

Solapur Airport is in the south of Solapur city, and currently, it has no scheduled services.

## Agricultural Profile

The district is spread over 1501 thousand hectares with 11 talukas. Solapur occupies 4.83% area and has a 4.10 % share of the population of Maharashtra State. The district topography is divided into three natural zones as below:

Eastern zone: (Barshi, North Solapur, South Solapur, and Akkalkot Talukas):

- ▶ Soil: The soil is medium to deep black and of rich quality.
- ▶ Crop: Bajra and Pulses are the main crops of this zone

Central Zone: (Mohol, Mangalwedha, eastern part of Pandharpur and Madha Taluka):

- ▶ Soil: not available
- ▶ Crop: Both Kharif & Rabbi crops are grown in this part

Western Zone: (Karmala, Sangola and Malshiras Talukas and western parts of Pandharpur):

- ▶ Soil: Shallow and poor soil type, not retentive of moisture marks this part. Scanty and uncertain rainfall.
- ▶ Crop: Rabbi crops are grown in Karmala, Pandharpur, and Madha Talukas, while Kharip crops like Jowar & Groundnut are grown in Sangola and Malshiras.

## Major Agriculture and Horticulture Produce of District

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Sr No	Name of Product	Production in MT (2021-22)	Area under Production Hecter (2020-21)
1.	Onion	10,01,140.00	64,586.00
2.	Grape	3,52,440.00	16,020.00
3.	Pomegranate	3,31,639.00	47,376.96
4.	Banana	1,92,766.00	7,710.63
5.	Maize	1,128.00	518.00
6.	Jowar	244.00	474.00
7.	Groundnut	62.12	24.83.00

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture, GoM

## Industrial Profile

### ▶ Industrial Areas in Solapur District are as mentioned below,

- ▶ Solapur is one of the most important cities in Western Maharashtra. Solapur, in Maharashtra, is situated at ~400 km from Mumbai, which is the nearest port. The textile industry is one of the oldest and the most widespread in Solapur. Solapur is now home to the Handloom and Powerloom weaving industry, which employs many workers. There are around 6000 power loom industries operational in the district.
- ▶ The textile industries in Solapur produce cotton yarn, and process yarn for doubling, dyeing, warping, and weaving by power looms. These industries are located at MIDC, Gandhi Nagar, Bhavani Peth, Bhadravathi Peth, and New Paccha Peth. The majority of the industries have been in operation for 20 to 30 years. The primary raw material (cotton yarn) is procured from local manufacturers/traders.

► **Industries and Employment Generation in Solapur District**

The below mentioned illustrates industries and employment generation of the district,

**Table 2: Industries and Employment Generation**

Sr No	Category	No. of Enterprises			Employment Generation		
		Mfg	Service	Total	Mfg	Service	Total
1	Micro	5922	312	6234	37194	1838	39032
2	Small	5870	14	5884	35977	313	36290
3	Medium	2	0	2	27	0	27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11794</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>12120</b>	<b>73198</b>	<b>2151</b>	<b>75349</b>
	Large Scale	76	--	67	22297	--	22297

Source: DIC

► **List of Sugar Factories in Solapur district**

- Bhima S.S.K. Ltd, Mohol
- Shri Sanatnath S.S.K.Ltd, Barshi,
- Shri Shankar S.S.K. Ltd, Malshiras
- Shri Siddheshwar S.S.K. Ltd, Solapur
- Shri Vithal S.S.K. Ltd, Pandharpur
- Vithalrao Shinde S.S.K. Ltd, Madha
- Sahakar- Maharshi Shankarrao Mohite-Patil S.S.K. Ltd, Malshiras
- Shri Pandurang S.S.K. Ltd, Malshiras
- Shri Sant Damaji S.S.K. Ltd, Mangalwedha
- Shri Adinath S.S.K.Ltd, Karmala
- Swami Samarth S.S.K.Ltd, Akkalkot
- Shri Makai S.S.K, Ltd, Karmala
- Sangola Taluka S.S.K, Ltd, Sangola
- Shri Sant Kurmadas S.S.K, Ltd, .Madha
- Loknete Baburao Patil S.S.K, Ltd, Mohol
- Sahakar Shiromani Vasantrao Kale S.S.K, Ltd
- Shri Sant Damaji S.S.K, Ltd, Mangalwedha

**Service Sector Profile**

Below are the services available in the district of Solapur.

**Table 3: Services**

Sr. No.	Services
1.	Computer Training Institute
2.	Xerox, Fax, Typing Cyber Café etc.
3.	Desk Top publishing / Screen Printing.
4.	Laundry & Dry cleaning
5.	Servicing of agriculture farm equipment e.g. Tractor, Pump, Rig
6.	Boring machines, etc.

7.	Photographic laboratories
8.	ISD/STD Booths
9.	Creating of databases suitable for foreign/Indian markets,
10.	software development
11.	Data conversion, data entry and data processing.
12.	Digitization of spoken material (e.g. legal and medical
13.	transcription)
14.	Computerized call centres.
15.	Multi-Channel cable TV with Dish Antenna
16.	Video shooting
17.	Hot mix plant (Irrespective of mobile or immovable)
18.	Research & Development
19.	Repairing & Servicing of TV / Fridge / A. C. etc.
20.	Hotel & Restaurant
21.	Advertising media
22.	X-Ray clinic
23.	Tailoring
24.	Weigh bridge
25.	Blue printing and enlargement of drawing/designs facilities
26.	Fax Services
27.	Flour mill
28.	Bore well

## Industrial Infrastructure Profile

Below mentioned infrastructure facilities provided by MIDC in Solapur industrial areas

### ► Roads

Good roads are provided in the MIDC areas and other industrial areas as per the guidelines provided by MIDC. All the industrial areas are well connected with state and national highways.

### ► Electricity

All the district's industrial areas are connected through high-power cables (33 kV and sub-station). The power supply is not regular (load shedding), and the quality of the power is also low.

### ► Water

Many of the industries face water shortages in the summer season.

## Industrial Association of the District

- The Solapur Textile Limited
- Chincholi Industries Association
- North Solapur Industries Association
- Solapur Chamber of Commerce and Industries and Agriculture
- Solapur Manufacturers Association
- Solapur MIDC Industries Association
- Solapur Zilla Yantramag Dharak Sangh
- Tembhurni MIDC Industries Association

## Banking Facilities

All leading Private & Public sector banks have their branches in Solapur District; SBI, HDFC, ICICI, etc. Also, Solapur district has branches of NBFC, namely Bajaj Finance, Shriram Transport Finance, India Bulls Housing Finance, etc. A good network of Banking facilities in Solapur District is available.

### Solapur District Strengths and Opportunities

Strengths	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Textile is one of the oldest and the most widespread sector supporting around 6000 powerloom industries which is operational in the district.</li><li>▶ The district is well connected with major cities as NH-9, NH-13, NH-211, and NH-204 passes through the district.</li><li>▶ <b>Presence of rail network with vital division connecting South India to western and northwest India, International Airport.</b></li><li>▶ Currently there are around 61000 MSME units and 76 large units present in the district. The total investment of INR 21,09,490 lakhs for both MSME and Large units generating an employment of 2,89,244.</li><li>▶ The district has emerged as commercial hub due to high availability of sector specific infrastructure and manpower resources.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>Textile</b> - Vitthal Corporation Ltd, Katare Cotton Waste Spinning Mills</li><li>▶ <b>Chemicals</b> - Balaji Amines Ltd, Kothari Agritech Pvt Ltd, JPS Chemicals Pvt Ltd</li><li>▶ <b>Engineering</b> - Laxmi Hydraulics Pvt Ltd, Atharv Welding Technologies India Pvt Ltd</li><li>▶ <b>Agro and food processing</b> - Lokmangal Agro Industries Ltd</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Potential for food industry for pomegranate processing. The district is the hub for production of Pomegranate.</li><li>▶ The district has proposed for New terry towel cluster at Solapur to help boost the exports for terry towel from the district.</li><li>▶ The district has identified Pomegranate and Multifruit Processing cluster at Sangola. The DPR shall be submitted in Aug 2023.</li><li>▶ Other than Agriculture and Textile the district is also focused on developing clusters for the other potential sectors like Engineering, Garment and Food processing.</li><li>▶ 10 National Highway Project of 292 Kms has been Inaugurated at Solapur along with ring road project which is currently being developed.</li></ul>