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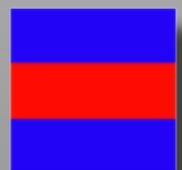
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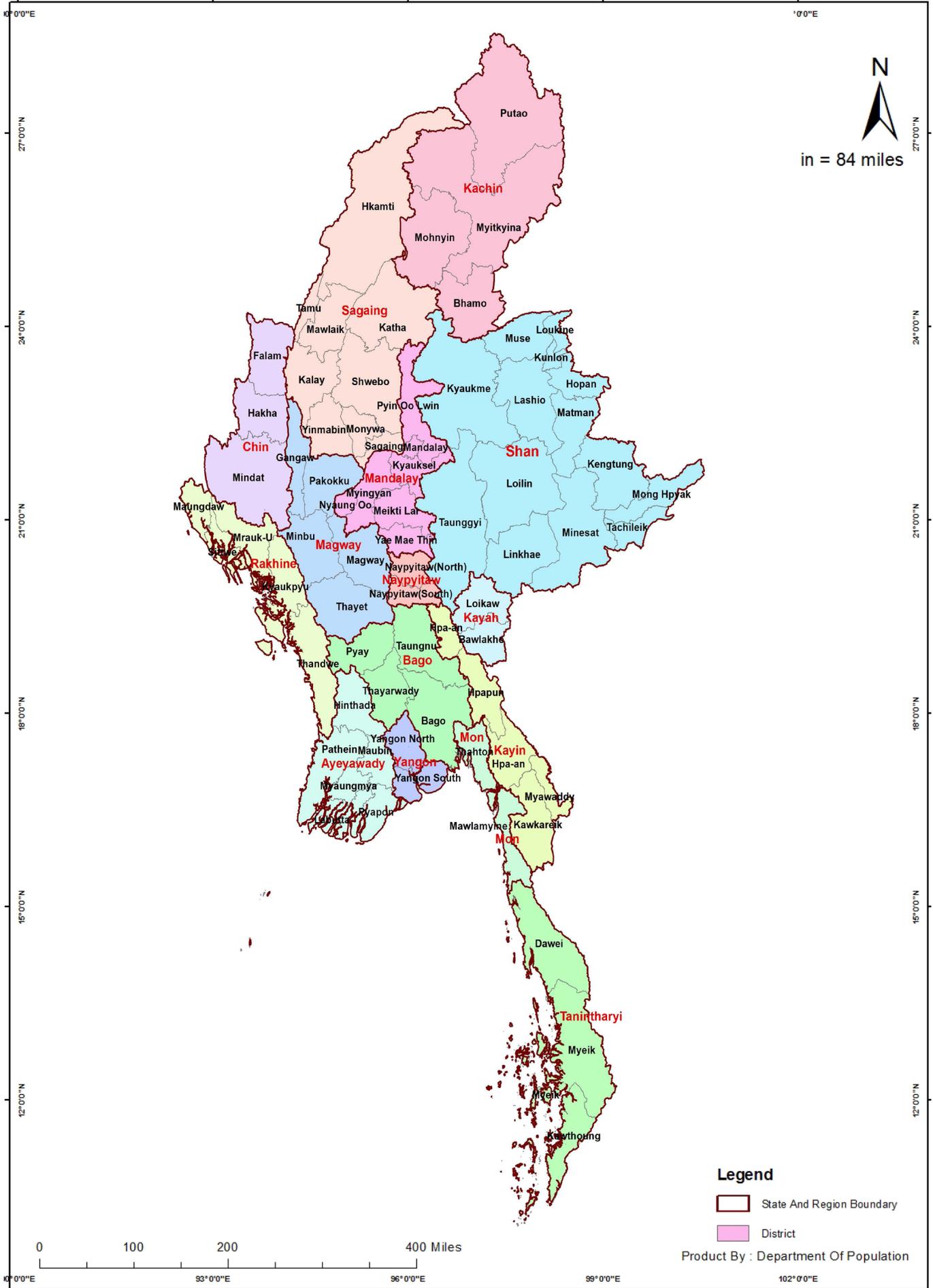
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Figure 1 Map of Myanmar by State/Region and District



Foreword

The 2014 Myanmar Population and Housing Census (2014 Census) was conducted with midnight of the 29th of March 2014 as the Census Night. This is the first Census in thirty years; the last was conducted in 1983. Census planning and execution was led by the former Ministry of Immigration and Population, now the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population (MOLIP) on behalf of the Government – in accordance with the Population and Housing Census Law, 2013. The main objective of the 2014 Census was to provide the Government, and other stakeholders, with essential information on the population, in regard to demographic, social and economic characteristics, housing conditions and household amenities. By generating information at all administrative levels, it was also intended to provide a sound basis for evidence-based decision-making, and to evaluate the impact of social and economic policies and programmes in the country.

The results of the 2014 Census have been published to date in a number of volumes. The first was the Preliminary Results (Census Volume 1), which was released in August 2014. The Census Main Results were launched in May 2015. These included *The Union Report* (Census Report Volume 2), *Highlights of the Main Results* (Census Report Volume 2-A), and the reports of each of the 15 States and Regions (Census Report Volume 3[A - O]). The report on *Occupation and Industry* (Census Report Volume 2-B) was launched in March 2016.

This report shows that Buddhism is the faith professed by the great majority of people in Myanmar, followed by Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Animism, and all other faiths, which are equally entitled to freely profess and practice their religion without discrimination. Hence I would invite you to welcome the release of census data on religion as an insight into the diverse array of faiths that characterize our country.

The Government extends its sincere gratitude and thanks to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and development partners, namely Australia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America for their financial and technical support to undertake the Census.

Special appreciation also goes to the officers of the MOLIP, who worked arduously throughout the Census process. All leaders at union and community levels who supported the Census process in every part of the country deserve recognition and commendation. Last but not least, I express my gratitude to the people of Myanmar for their participation in the Census enumeration. It is their answers that form the basis of the data in these reports. The Government will continue to draw upon the data contained in the Census reports to improve the welfare of all people in Myanmar and to affirm the diversity that exists in our country.



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