

Indian Wool Industry

The **woolen industry** in the country is small in size and widely scattered. It is basically located in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. 40% of the woolen units are located in Punjab, 27% in Haryana, 10% in Rajasthan, while the rest of the States account for the remaining 23% of the units. A few of the larger units are located in **Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat** and **West Bengal**.

EXPORT OF WOOLLEN ITEMS

(Value in Rs. Crore)

Year	Woolen Yarn, Fabrics, Made Ups etc.	Readymade Garments Wool	Carpet (Excluding Silk) Handmade	Total
2016-17	1180.24	1443.26	9956.63	12580.13
2017-18	1197.86	1089.97	9196.99	11484.82
2018-19	1543.25	1378.32	10262.79	13184.36
2019-20	1282.36	1096.18	9581.38	11959.92
2020-21	803.38	796.52	10846.06	12445.96
2021-22	994.37	924.92	10958.23	12877.52

(up to January 2022)

(Source: Director General of Commerce Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata)

The woolen industry in India broadly falls under two sectors:

A) Organized Sector:

- Composite Mills
- Combing units
- Worsted and non worsted spinning units
- Knitwear and Woven Garments Units
- Machine made carpets manufacturing units

B) Decentralized Sector:

- Hosiery and Knitting
- Powerlooms
- Hand knotted Carpets, Druggets and Namdahs
- Independent Dyeing process houses.

Since indigenous production of fine quality wool required by the organized mill and the decentralized hosiery sector is very limited, Indian depends upon imports. Imports have been mainly from Australia and New Zealand, the major supplier in Australia. New Zealand wool is being imported mainly for Carpet sector for blending it with indigenous wool.

Similarly, for the shoddy sector, import of pre-mutilated woolen/synthetic rags is allowed under OGL.

INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF WOOL

Year	Quantity in Million Kgs
2016-17	43.50
2017-18	41.46
2018-19	40.42
2019-20	39.46
2020-21	36.93

(Source: Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying)

IMPORT OF RAW WOOL AND RAGS

Year	Quantity in Million Kgs
2016-17	87.15
2017-18	79.95
2018-19	77.43
2019-20	69.21
2020-21	81.62

(Source: Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying)