

Table 1 Grouping of Iranian provinces into 9 regions

Region No.	Province	Population	
		2006	2011
1	North Khorasan, South Khorasan, Razavi Khorasan	7 423 660	7 524 663
2	Sistan & Baluchestan, Hormozgan, Kerman ^a	5 487 572	5 582 004
3	Tehran, Golestan, Mazandaran, Gilan, Markazi, Qom, Qazvin, Semnan	25 943 822	26 326 152
4	Esfahan, Kohgiluyeh & Boyer Ahmad, Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari	5 700 029	5 774 575
5	Yazd, Kerman ^a	2 495 990	2 543 922
6	Fars, Bushehr	5 543 701	5 629 607
7	Khuzestan, Ilam, Lorestan	6 225 223	6 285 963
8	Kurdistan, Kermanshah, Hamedan	5 161 561	5 197 140
9	West Azerbaijan, East Azerbaijan, Zanjan, Ardabil	6 995 853	7 053 684

^aBecause of its large area, Kerman province is divided into 2 parts; the northern part is included in region 2 and its southern part is included in region 5