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History of Saray District:

While it is not known exactly when and by whom Saray County was established, it is understood from various findings that the settlement in the region dates back to prehistoric periods as in the Van Region.

Today's Saray District was established for the first time in 1869 under the name of Mahmudiye. In 1948, the district center was moved to the location of Özalp District (Kargalı Neighborhood). The palace, which was a sub-district of Özalp from 1948 to 1990, became a district again with the Law No. 3644 enacted in 1990.

There is the Islamic Republic of Iran in the east, Başkale and Gürpınar districts in the south, Özalp district in the west and north. The distance of the district to Van Province is 79 Km. and transportation is provided through Özalp District.

Geography of the District:

Total area is 1,334 km². The altitude is 2100 m. This figure is the highest of the town of Saray district in Turkey's altitude.

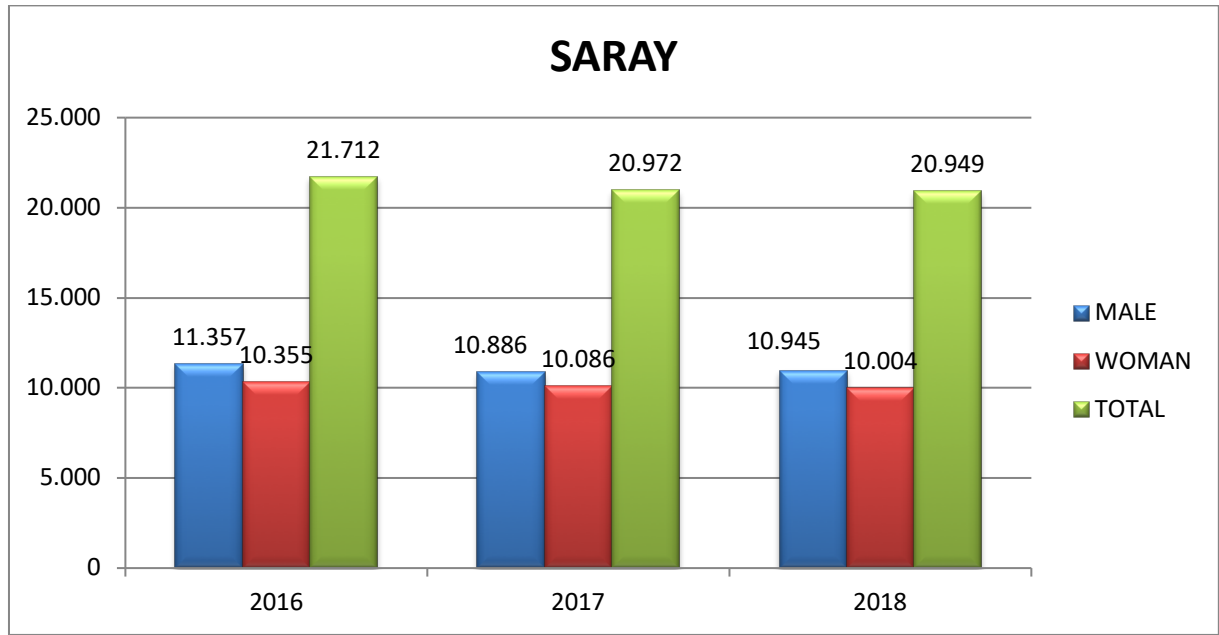
Climate: It has a harsh climate because it is higher than sea level. Winters are cold and hard. The number of days covered with snow is 150 days. Summers are hot and dry.

Vegetation: The region consists of wide plains as geographical structure. One of these plains; was established on the upper part of the Saray plain in the settlement area of the district. Due to the mountainous settlement of the region, it lacks forest cover. The dominant vegetation in the region is steppe.

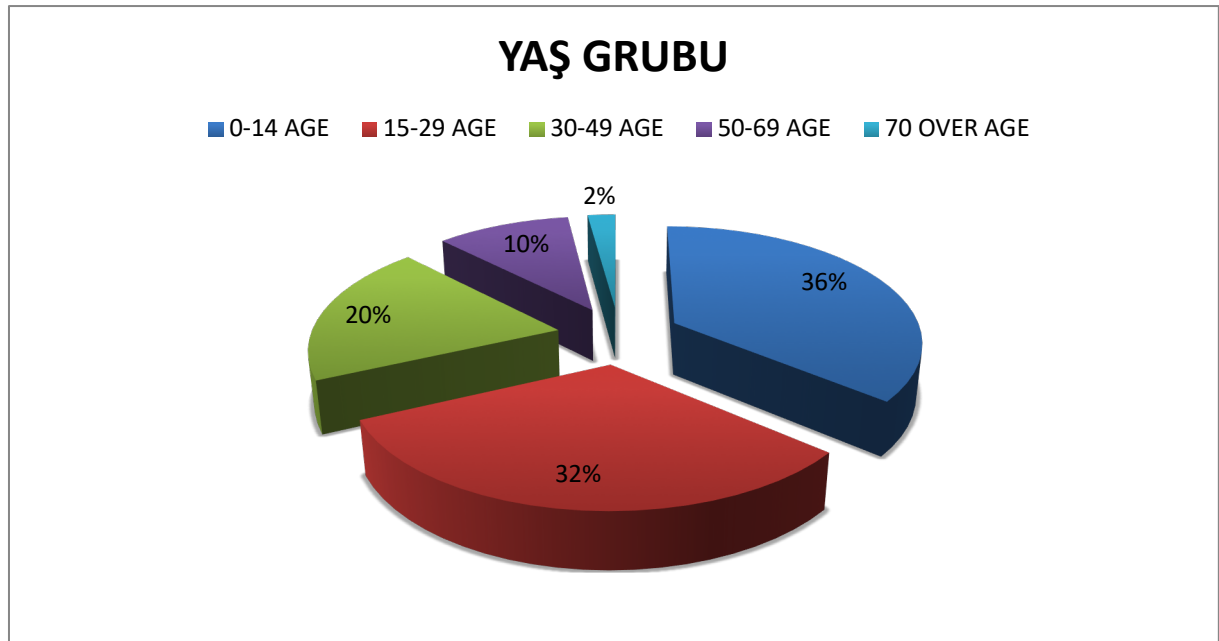
District Population Structure:

The district center has a total of 26 neighborhoods. The population growth rate is high throughout the district and most of the population consists of young people and children.

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According to the 2018 Address Based Population System records, the total population of Saray district was calculated as 20.949. 52.24% of the population is male and 47.676% is female population.



36% of the population is 0-14 years old, 32% is 15-29 years old, 20% is 30-49 years old, 10% is 50-69 years old and 2% is 70 years old. The total population decreased from 20,972 in 2017 to 20,949 in 2018.

District Tourism:

The district has not developed much in terms of tourism. Among the structures that can be seen in the district are Yeşilaliç Castle and Open Air Temple. The newly restored historical places were opened to tourism by the provincial tourism directorate. This area is very suitable for archaeological excavations.

District Education: There are 44 schools affiliated to the Directorate of National Education. There are 6,675 students in the district where the young population is dense. 296 teachers work in the district.

District Economy:

The biggest source of income in the district economy is agriculture and animal husbandry. The fact that the majority of the population lives in towns and villages is evidence of this. In addition to this, the neighboring district of Iran has villages that do border trade and make a living from it. Border trade has great contribution to the regional and district economy.

Agriculture and Livestock:

Agriculture:

Total Area (decare)	Cereals and Other Crops Area (decare)	Fallow Area (decare)	Vegetable Gardens Area (decare)	Fruits Beverage and Spices Area of Plants (decare)
72.653	59.508	13.130	0	15

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Total agricultural area of the district is 72.653 decares. Agricultural yield has not improved depending on geographical structure and climatic conditions. Wheat, barley and potatoes are the main agricultural products.

In the district of Saray in 2018;

Cereals and Other Crop Production:

Name of the product	Planted Area (Decare)	Harvested Area (Decare)	Yield (Kg / Decare)	Production (Ton)
Wheat	34769	34769	128	4460
Barley	1474	1474	140	206
Potato	15	15	1933	29
Clover	18650	18650	2000	37300
sainfoin	4600	4600	1650	7590

Fruit Production:

Name of the product	Bulk Area (Decare)	Fruit Number	Number of Fruit Trees	Number of Trees Without Fruit	Yield (Kg / Fruits A.S)	Production (Ton)
Apple (Golden)	15	168	207		30	5

The use of agricultural machinery is low compared to other districts.

- Tractor: 137
- Other Tools and Machines: 741

Farming:

In the district where the majority of the population makes livestock;

Number of Cattle	Number of sheep	Number of Goats	Milk Production	Honey Production
3.074	161.600	4.350	7.651	0

Total number of small and bovine animals is 164.674. This number corresponds to 6% of the total number of small and cattle in Van province. This ratio is lower than other districts.

Saray Highlights:

- ❖ Ovine and bovine potential,
- ❖ Agricultural production,
- ❖ Border trade,

Investment Areas in Saray:

- ❖ All investments related to animal husbandry,
- ❖ Tourism investments,
- ❖ Investments in border trade,
- ❖ All investments related to industrial enterprises due to the proximity of the district to the border,
- ❖ Investments in agricultural products,

Things to do in Saray:

- ❖ To carry out modern studies to protect and increase the number of sheep and cattle potentials,
- ❖ Providing necessary state support to animal breeders,
- ❖ Providing necessary training to animal producers,

- ❖ Establishment of modern facilities for processing and placing animal products on the market,
- ❖ Establishing unions and associations for the protection of the rights of animal breeders,
- ❖ Opening of new lands to increase agricultural production,
- ❖ Providing necessary support to agricultural producers,
- ❖ To support the opening of civil society organizations,
- ❖ Making necessary economic initiatives to prevent migration from the district,
- ❖ Restoration of historical touristic buildings and gaining them to tourism.
- ❖ Providing necessary economic support to commercial enterprises in the district.



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