

# Important Density of Soil Formulas PDF



**Formulas  
Examples  
with Units**

**List of 17  
Important Density of Soil Formulas**

## 1) Bulk Density of Soil Formula

Formula

$$\gamma_t = \frac{W_t}{V}$$

Example with Units

$$6.5285 \text{ kg/m}^3 = \frac{80 \text{ kg}}{12.254 \text{ m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 2) Density of Water given Dry Density and Void Ratio Formula

Formula

$$\rho_w = \rho_{ds} \cdot \frac{1 + e}{G_s}$$

Example with Units

$$995.3962 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 1199 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot \frac{1 + 1.2}{2.65}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 3) Dry Density Given Void Ratio Formula

Formula

$$\rho_{ds} = \frac{G_s \cdot \rho_w}{1 + e}$$

Example with Units

$$1200.9318 \text{ kg/m}^3 = \frac{2.65 \cdot 997.0 \text{ kg/m}^3}{1 + 1.2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 4) Dry Density of Soil Formula

Formula

$$\rho_d = \frac{W_s}{V}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0491 \text{ kg/m}^3 = \frac{0.602 \text{ kg}}{12.254 \text{ m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 5) Dry Density of Solids Formula

Formula

$$\rho_{dry} = \frac{W_s}{V_{s0}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.049 \text{ kg/m}^3 = \frac{0.602 \text{ kg}}{12.28 \text{ m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 6) Mass of Saturated Sample given Saturated Density of Soil Formula

Formula

$$W_{sat} = \rho_{sat} \cdot V$$

Example with Units

$$19.974 \text{ kg} = 1.63 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 12.254 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 7) Saturated Density of Soil Formula

Formula

$$\rho_{\text{sat}} = \frac{M_{\text{sat}}}{V}$$

Example with Units

$$1.6321 \text{ kg/m}^3 = \frac{20 \text{ kg}}{12.254 \text{ m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 8) Saturated Unit Weight given Submerged Unit Weight Formula

Formula

$$\gamma_{\text{saturated}} = \gamma_S + \gamma_{\text{water}}$$

Example with Units

$$10.77 \text{ kN/m}^3 = 0.96 \text{ kN/m}^3 + 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9) Submerged Unit Weight of Soil Formula

Formula

$$\gamma_S = \frac{W_{\text{su}}}{V}$$

Example with Units

$$0.963 \text{ kN/m}^3 = \frac{11.8 \text{ kN}}{12.254 \text{ m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 10) Submerged Weight of Soil given Submerged Unit Weight of Soil Formula

Formula

$$W_{\text{su}} = \gamma_S \cdot V$$

Example with Units

$$11.7638 \text{ kN} = 0.96 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 12.254 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 11) Total Mass of Soil given Bulk Density of Soil Formula

Formula

$$W_t = \gamma_t \cdot V$$

Example with Units

$$79.8961 \text{ kg} = 6.52 \text{ kg/m}^3 \cdot 12.254 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 12) Total Volume given Submerged Unit Weight of Soil Formula

Formula

$$V = \frac{W_{\text{su}}}{\gamma_S}$$

Example with Units

$$12.2917 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{11.8 \text{ kN}}{0.96 \text{ kN/m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 13) Total Volume of Soil given Bulk Density of Soil Formula

Formula

$$V = \frac{W_t}{\gamma_t}$$

Example with Units

$$12.2699 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{80 \text{ kg}}{6.52 \text{ kg/m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 14) Total Volume of Soil given Dry Unit Weight Formula

Formula

$$V = \frac{W_{\text{sk}}}{\gamma_{\text{dry}}}$$

Example with Units

$$30.0327 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{183.8 \text{ kN}}{6.12 \text{ kN/m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 15) Total Volume with respect to Saturated Unit Weight of Soil Formula

Formula

$$V = \frac{W_{\text{satk}}}{\gamma_{\text{saturated}}}$$

Example with Units

$$7.6165 \text{ m}^3 = \frac{90.56 \text{ kN}}{11.89 \text{ kN/m}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 16) Unit Weight of Water Formula

Formula

$$\gamma_{\text{water}} = \gamma_{\text{saturated}} - \gamma_{\text{S}}$$

Example with Units

$$10.93 \text{ kN/m}^3 = 11.89 \text{ kN/m}^3 - 0.96 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 17) Weight of Solids given Unit Weight of Solids Formula

Formula

$$W_{\text{sk}} = \gamma_{\text{solids}} \cdot V$$

Example with Units

$$183.81 \text{ kN} = 15 \text{ kN/m}^3 \cdot 12.254 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of Density of Soil Formulas above




- **e** Void Ratio
- **G<sub>s</sub>** Specific Gravity of Soil
- **M<sub>sat</sub>** Mass of Saturated Soil (Kilogram)
- **V** Total Volume in Soil Mechanics (Cubic Meter)
- **v<sub>so</sub>** Volume of Solids in Soil (Cubic Meter)
- **W<sub>s</sub>** Weight of Solids in Soil Mechanics (Kilogram)
- **W<sub>sat</sub>** Saturated Weight of Soil (Kilogram)
- **W<sub>satk</sub>** Saturated Weight of Soil in KN (Kilonewton)
- **W<sub>sk</sub>** Weight of Solids in Soil Mechanics in KN (Kilonewton)
- **W<sub>su</sub>** Submerged Weight of Soil (Kilonewton)
- **W<sub>t</sub>** Total Weight of Soil (Kilogram)
- **y<sub>s</sub>** Submerged Unit Weight in KN per Cubic Meter (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- **Y<sub>dry</sub>** Dry Unit Weight (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- **Y<sub>saturated</sub>** Saturated Unit Weight of Soil (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- **Y<sub>soilds</sub>** Unit Weight of Solids (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- **Y<sub>t</sub>** Bulk Density of Soil (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **Y<sub>water</sub>** Unit Weight of Water (Kilonewton per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ<sub>d</sub>** Dry Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ<sub>dry</sub>** Dry Density of Solids (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ<sub>ds</sub>** Dry Density in Soil Mechanics (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ<sub>sat</sub>** Saturated Density (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)
- **ρ<sub>w</sub>** Density of Water (Kilogram per Cubic Meter)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Density of Soil Formulas above

- **Measurement: Weight** in Kilogram (kg)  
*Weight Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Volume** in Cubic Meter (m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Volume Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Force** in Kilonewton (kN)  
*Force Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Density** in Kilogram per Cubic Meter (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Density Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Specific Weight** in Kilonewton per Cubic Meter (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Specific Weight Unit Conversion* ↻



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