



STATE REPORT · 2026 EDITION

Karnataka, mapped.

507 dark stores mapped across Karnataka - Bangalore's 86% concentration, the tier-2 cities left behind, and the platforms competing for a market where Bengaluru is both the story and the ceiling.

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Executive summary

The headline numbers and what they mean.

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Karnataka hosts **507 operational dark stores** across **26 cities** and **20 districts**, based on our verified March 2026 snapshot. This chapter surfaces the seven or eight findings that, in our judgement, matter most to journalists, investors, and operators thinking about this state.

Karnataka is not a state report so much as a Bangalore report with footnotes. 86.4% of the state's dark-store footprint sits inside Bengaluru's city limits - the sharpest primate-city ratio in Indian quick commerce. Any analysis that treats Karnataka as a unified market misses the point: the next 70 stores and the first 430 stores serve two completely different economies.

507

DARK STORES

26

CITIES COVERED

237

HYPERLOCAL AREAS

20

DISTRICTS WITH STORES

KEY FINDINGS

- 01 Karnataka hosts 507 dark stores across 26 cities, making it the 2nd largest in India's state-level quick-commerce network.

- 02 Blinkit leads the state with 38.5% market share (195 stores), followed by 34.6% Zepto and 26.9% Swiggy Instamart.

- 03 Bangalore alone accounts for 86.4% of the state's dark store base (438 stores), leaving 25 other cities competing for the remaining 69.

- 04 The gap between Bangalore and Mysuru (21 stores) is 21x — one of the sharpest primate-city ratios in Indian quick commerce.

- 05 2 cities in Karnataka with population above 500,000 have one or zero mapped dark stores (Kalaburgi, Ballari) — a large under-addressed addressable market.

- 06 Blinkit operates exclusively in 13 cities where no competing platform has yet entered.

- 07 4 Karnataka cities have all three major platforms operating head-to-head, 3 have two-way competition.

- 08 10,647-16,224 people are employed across the state's dark-store and delivery workforce, implying 16,883-33,766 new hires every year to offset industry-norm attrition.

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Continue with the full Karnataka report.

This preview shows 3 of 28 pages. The full report includes:

- Full state density map with all 507 stores plotted
- Top 20 cities ranked with population, area coverage, and density
- Platform competition analysis for every major city
- Underserved markets: 8-city expansion priority list with rationale
- Workforce analysis: pickers, delivery partners, annual hiring volume
- District-level breakdown across all 20 districts
- Full methodology, data limitations, and appendix

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