

Nutritional Status of Children by State

Percentage of children under age three years born to ever-married women classified as underweight

(Percent below-2 SD) ¹

S.No.	State/UTs	NFHS-1 (1992-93)	NFHS-2 (1998-99)	NFHS-3 (2005-2006)
1	Andhra Pradesh	42.9	34.2	29.8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	32.1	21.5	29.6
3	Assam	44.1	35.3	35.8
4	Bihar	[58.7]	52.2	55.0
5	Chhattisgarh	na	53.2	47.8
6	Delhi	36.2	29.9	24.9
7	Goa	29.3	21.3	21.4
8	Gujarat	42.7	41.6	41.3
9	Haryana	31.0	29.9	38.2
10	Himachal Pradesh	38.4	36.5	31.1
11	Jammu & Kashmir	na	29.2	24.0
12	Jharkhand	na	51.5	54.5
13	Karnataka	46.4	38.6	33.2
14	Kerala	22.1	21.7	21.2
15	Madhya Pradesh	[57.4]	50.8	57.9
16	Maharashtra	47.3	44.8	32.5
17	Manipur	19.8	20.1	19.5
18	Meghalaya	36.9	28.6	42.9
19	Mizoram	17.2	19.8	14.3
20	Nagaland	18.7	18.8	23.6
21	Orissa	50.0	50.3	39.4
22	Punjab	39.9	24.7	23.6
23	Rajasthan	41.8	46.7	36.9
24	Sikkim	na	15.5	17.3
25	Tamil Nadu	40.7	31.5	25.9
26	Tripura	42.1	12.1	35.2
27	Uttar Pradesh	[52.7]	48.1	41.5
28	Uttarakhand	na	36.3	31.6
29	West Bengal	53.2	45.3	37.6
	India	47.9	42.7	40.4

Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household the night before the interview. The index is expressed in standard deviation units (SD) from the median of the 2006 WHO International Reference Population. The table is based on children with valid dates of birth (in month & year) and valid measurements of weights.

[] = NFHS-1 boundaries, not the current boundaries of these states. These percentage should not be compared with the NFHS-2 and NFHS-3 estimates that use the new state boundaries after bifurcation.

na - Not available;

1 - includes children who are below -3 standard deviation (SD) from the International Reference population median.