

Table 8.16: Children under 5 years who are wasted (weight-for-height) (%) across states and UTs of India

States/UTs	NFHS-1 (1992-93)	NFHS-2 (1998-99)	NFHS-3 (2005-06)	NFHS-4 (2015-16)	NFHS-5 (2019-21)*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Andhra Pradesh		9.1	12.2	17.2	16.1
Arunachal Pradesh	11.2	7.9	15.3	17.3	13.1
Assam	10.8	13.3	13.7	17.0	21.7
Bihar	21.8	21.0		20.8	22.9
Delhi	11.9	12.5	15.4	15.9	11.2
Goa	15.3	13.1	14.1	21.9	19.1
Gujarat	18.9	16.2	18.7	26.4	25.1
Haryana	5.9	5.3	19.1	21.2	11.5
Himachal Pradesh		16.9	19.3	13.7	17.4
Jammu and Kashmir	14.8	11.8	14.8	12.2	19.0
Karnataka	17.4	20.0	17.6	26.1	19.5
Kerala	11.6	11.1	15.9	15.7	15.8
Madhya Pradesh		19.8	35.0	25.8	19.0
Maharashtra	20.2	21.2	16.5	25.6	25.6
Manipur	8.8	8.2	9.0	6.8	9.9
Meghalaya	18.9	13.3	30.7	15.3	12.1
Mizoram	2.2	10.2	9.0	6.1	9.8
Nagaland	12.7	10.4	13.3	11.3	19.1
Odisha	21.3	24.3	19.5	20.4	18.1
Punjab	19.9	7.1	9.2	15.6	10.6
Rajasthan	19.5	11.7	20.4	23.0	16.8
Sikkim		4.8	9.7	14.2	13.7
Tamil Nadu		19.9	22.2	19.7	14.6
Tripura	17.5		24.6	16.8	18.2
Uttar Pradesh	16.1	11.1	14.8	17.9	17.3
West Bengal		13.6	16.9	20.3	20.3
Chhattisgarh			19.5	23.1	18.9
Jharkhand			32.3	29.0	22.4
Uttarakhand			18.8	19.5	13.2
Telangana				18.1	21.7
Andaman and Nicobar (UT)				18.9	16.0
Chandigarh (UT)				10.9	8.4
Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu (UT)				26.7	21.6
Lakshadweep (UT)				13.7	17.4
Puducherry (UT)				23.6	12.4
Ladakh (UT)					17.5

Source : NFHS reports, MoH&FW

Note: As per WHO, Wasting is defined as low weight-for-height. (Under NFHS, a child is considered wasted if s/he falls below 2 standard deviations.)
In NFHS-5, Jammu & Kashmir is Union Territory excluding Ladakh (UT)

* Survey done over two years,