

Table 8.15: Children under 5 years who are stunted (height-for-age) (%) 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		38.6	42.7	31.4	31.2
Arunachal Pradesh	53.9	26.5	43.3	29.4	28.0
Assam	52.2	50.2	46.5	36.4	35.3
Bihar	60.9	53.7	55.6	48.3	42.9
Delhi	43.2	36.8	42.2	31.9	30.9
Goa	32.5	18.1	25.6	20.1	25.8
Gujarat	48.2	43.6	51.7	38.5	39.0
Haryana	46.7	50.0	45.7	34.0	27.5
Himachal Pradesh		41.3	38.6	26.3	30.8
Jammu and Kashmir*	40.8	38.8	35.0	27.4	26.9
Karnataka	47.6	36.6	43.7	36.2	35.4
Kerala	27.4	21.9	24.5	19.7	23.4
Madhya Pradesh		51.0	50.0	42.0	35.7
Maharashtra	48.5	39.9	46.3	34.4	35.2
Manipur	33.6	31.3	35.6	28.9	23.4
Meghalaya	50.8	44.9	55.1	43.8	46.5
Mizoram	41.3	34.6	38.8	28.1	28.9
Nagaland	32.4	33.0	38.8	28.6	32.7
Odisha	48.2	44.0	45.0	34.1	31.0
Punjab	40.0	39.2	36.7	25.7	24.5
Rajasthan	43.1	52.0	43.7	39.1	31.8
Sikkim		31.7	38.3	29.6	22.3
Tamil Nadu		29.4	30.9	27.1	25.0
Tripura	46.0		35.7	24.3	32.3
Uttar Pradesh	59.5	55.5	56.8	46.3	39.7
West Bengal		41.5	44.6	32.5	33.8
Chhattisgarh			52.9	37.6	34.6
Jharkhand			49.8	45.3	39.6
Uttarakhand			44.4	33.5	27.0
Telangana				28.0	33.1
Andaman and Nicobar (UT)				23.3	22.5
Chandigarh (UT)				28.7	25.3
Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu (UT)				37.2	39.4
Lakshadweep (UT)				26.8	32.0
Puducherry (UT)				23.7	20.0
Ladakh (UT)					30.5

Source : NFHS reports, MoH&FW

Note: * Survey done over two years,

In NFHS-5, Jammu & Kashmir is Union Territory excluding Ladakh (UT)

As per WHO stunting refers to low height for age. (Under NFHS, a child is considered stunted if s/he falls below 2 standard deviations.)