

9.4 STATE-WISE LITERACY RATES (1951–2001)

(in Per cent)

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001
1	Jammu & Kashmir	–	12.95	21.71	30.64	NA	55.52
2	Himachal Pradesh	–	–	–	–	63.86	76.48
3	Punjab	–	NA	34.12	43.37	58.51	69.65
4	Chandigarh	–	NA	70.43	74.80	77.81	81.94
5	Uttaranchal	18.93	18.05	33.26	46.06	57.75	71.62
6	Haryana	–	–	25.71	37.13	55.85	67.91
7	Delhi	NA	61.95	65.08	71.94	75.29	81.67
8	Rajasthan	8.5	18.12	22.57	30.11	38.55	60.41
9	Uttar Pradesh	12.02	20.87	23.99	32.65	40.71	56.27
10	Bihar	13.49	21.95	23.17	32.32	37.49	47.00
11	Sikkim	–	–	17.74	34.05	56.94	68.81
12	Arunachal Pradesh	NA	7.13	11.29	25.55	41.59	54.34
13	Nagaland	10.52	21.95	33.78	50.28	61.65	66.59
14	Manipur ²	12.57	36.04	38.47	49.66	59.89	70.53
15	Mizoram	31.14	44.01	53.80	59.88	82.26	88.80
16	Tripura	NA	20.24	30.98	50.10	60.44	73.19
17	Meghalaya	NA	26.92	29.49	42.05	49.10	62.56
18	Assam	18.53	32.95	33.94	–	52.89	63.25
19	West Bengal	24.61	34.46	38.86	48.65	57.70	68.64
20	Jharkhand	12.93	21.14	23.87	35.03	41.39	53.56
21	Orissa	15.80	21.66	26.18	33.62	49.09	63.08
22	Chhattisgarh	9.41	18.14	24.08	32.63	42.91	64.66
23	Madhya Pradesh	13.16	21.41	27.27	38.63	44.67	63.74
24	Gujarat	21.82	31.47	36.95	44.92	61.29	69.14
25	Daman & Diu	–	–	–	–	71.20	78.18
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	–	–	18.13	32.90	40.71	57.63
27	Maharashtra	27.91	35.08	45.77	57.24	64.87	76.88
28	Andhra Pradesh	–	21.19	24.57	35.66	44.08	60.47
29	Karnataka	–	29.80	36.83	46.21	56.04	66.64
30	Goa	23.48	35.41	51.96	65.71	75.51	82.01
31	Lakshadweep	15.23	27.15	51.76	68.42	81.78	86.66
32	Kerala	47.18	55.08	69.75	78.85	89.81	90.86
33	Tamil Nadu	–	36.39	45.40	54.39	62.66	73.45
34	Pondicherry	–	43.65	53.38	65.14	74.74	81.24
35	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	30.30	40.07	51.15	63.19	73.02	81.30
	ALL INDIA²	18.33	28.30	34.45	43.57	52.21	64.84

- Note: 1. Literacy rates for 1951, 1961 and 1971 Censuses relate to population aged five years and above. The rates for the 1981, 1991 and 2001 Censuses relate to the population aged seven years and above. The literacy rate for 1951 in case of West Bengal relates to Total population including 0-4 age group. Literacy rate for 1951 in respect of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Manipur are based on sample population.
2. India and Manipur figures exclude those of the three sub-divisions viz. Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul of Senapati district of Manipur as census results of 2001 in these three sub-divisions were cancelled due to technical and administrative reasons.
3. N.A. - Not available as no census was carried out in Assam during 1981 and in Jammu & Kashmir during 1991.
4. Created in 2001. Uttaranchal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chattisgarh for 1981 and 1991 are included under Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh respectively.

Source: Office of the Registrar General, India