

Table 8.17: Children under 5 years who are underweight (weight-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	49.1	37.7	32.5	31.9	29.6
Arunachal Pradesh	39.7	24.3	32.5	19.4	15.4
Assam	50.4	36.0	36.4	29.8	32.8
Bihar	62.6	54.4	55.9	43.9	41.0
Delhi	41.6	34.7	26.1	27.0	21.8
Goa	35.0	28.6	25.0	23.8	24.0
Gujarat	50.1	45.1	44.6	39.3	39.7
Haryana	37.9	34.6	39.6	29.4	21.5
Himachal Pradesh	47.0	43.6	36.5	21.2	25.5
Jammu and Kashmir	44.5	34.5	25.6	16.6	21.0
Karnataka	54.3	43.9	37.6	35.2	32.9
Kerala	28.5	26.9	22.9	16.1	19.7
Madhya Pradesh	57.4	55.1	60.0	42.8	33.0
Maharashtra	54.2	496.0	37.0	36.0	36.1
Manipur	30.1	27.5	22.1	13.8	13.3
Meghalaya	45.5	37.9	48.8	28.9	26.6
Mizoram	28.1	27.7	19.9	12.0	12.7
Nagaland	28.7	24.1	25.2	16.7	26.9
Odisha	53.3	54.4	40.7	34.4	29.7
Punjab	45.9	28.7	24.9	21.6	16.9
Rajasthan	41.6	50.6	39.9	36.7	27.6
Sikkim		20.6	19.7	14.2	13.1
Tamil Nadu	48.2	36.7	29.8	23.8	22.0
Tripura	48.8		39.6	24.1	25.6
Uttar Pradesh	59.0	51.7	42.4	39.5	32.1
West Bengal	56.8	48.7	38.7	31.6	32.2
Chhattisgarh			47.1	37.7	31.3
Jharkhand			56.5	47.8	39.4
Uttarakhand			38.0	26.6	21.0
Telangana				28.4	31.8
Andaman and Nicobar (UT)				21.6	23.7
Chandigarh (UT)				24.5	20.6
Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu (UT)				35.8	38.7
Lakshadweep (UT)				23.6	25.8
Puducherry (UT)				22.0	15.3
Ladakh (UT)					9.1

Source : NFHS reports, MoH&FW

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

* Survey done over two years,

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