

**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&amp;FW

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

\* Survey done over two years,

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.)