

EDUCATION

TABLE 1.22 : LITERACY RATES (PERCENTAGE)

Year	Persons	Males	Females	Male-Female gap in literacy rate
1	2	3	4	5
1951	18.33	27.16	8.86	18.30
1961	28.30	40.40	15.35	25.05
1971	34.45	45.96	21.97	23.98
1981	43.57	56.38	29.76	26.62
1991	52.21	64.13	39.29	24.84
2001	64.84	75.26	53.67	21.59

Source: Census of India, Office of the Registrar General, India

Note: Literacy rates for 1951, 1961 and 1971 censuses relates to population aged five years and above whereas the rates for 1981, 1991 and 2001 censuses relate to the population aged seven years and above.

TABLE 1.23 : ADULT LITERACY- 15 YEARS AND ABOVE

Particulars/Year	1961	1971	1981	1991*	1996 @	1998 #	2000##	2001
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
I-Illiteracy % age								
Male	58.55	52.31	45.09	38.11	32.75	30.00	30.70	26.70
Female	86.85	80.64	74.30	65.91	59.33	56.00	56.10	52.20
Total	72.24	65.92	59.18	51.46	45.48	43.00	43.20	39.00
II-Literacy % age								
Male	41.45	47.69	54.91	61.89	67.25	70.00	69.30	73.30
Female	13.15	19.36	25.70	34.09	40.67	44.00	43.90	47.80
Total	27.76	34.08	40.82	48.54	54.32	57.00	56.80	61.00

Source: Census of India, Office of the Registrar General, India

*Excluding J& K@: NSSO 52nd round 1995-96

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##: NSSO 55th Round (July 1999- June 2000)