

State-wise Literacy Rates (1951–2011)

(in Per cent)

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	30.30	40.07	51.15	63.19	73.02	81.30	86.27
2.	Andhra Pradesh	–	21.19	24.57	35.66	44.08	60.47	67.66
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	NA	7.13	11.29	25.55	41.59	54.34	66.95
4.	Assam	18.53	32.95	33.94	–	52.89	63.25	73.18
5.	Bihar	13.49	21.95	23.17	32.32	37.49	47.00	63.82
6.	Chandigarh	–	NA	70.43	74.80	77.81	81.94	86.43
7.	Chhattisgarh	9.41	18.14	24.08	32.63	42.91	64.66	71.04
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	–	–	18.13	32.90	40.71	57.63	77.65
9.	Daman & Diu	–	–	–	–	71.20	78.18	87.07
10.	Delhi	NA	61.95	65.08	71.94	75.29	81.67	86.34
11.	Goa	23.48	35.41	51.96	65.71	75.51	82.01	87.40
12.	Gujarat	21.82	31.47	36.95	44.92	61.29	69.14	79.31
13.	Haryana	–	–	25.71	37.13	55.85	67.91	76.64
14.	Himachal Pradesh	–	–	–	–	63.86	76.48	83.78
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	–	12.95	21.71	30.64	NA	55.52	68.74
16.	Jharkhand	12.93	21.14	23.87	35.03	41.39	53.56	67.63
17.	Karnataka	–	29.80	36.83	46.21	56.04	66.64	75.60
18.	Kerala	47.18	55.08	69.75	78.85	89.81	90.86	93.91
19.	Lakshadweep	15.23	27.15	51.76	68.42	81.78	86.66	92.28
20.	Madhya Pradesh	13.16	21.41	27.27	38.63	44.67	63.74	70.63
21.	Maharashtra	27.91	35.08	45.77	57.24	64.87	76.88	82.91
22.	Manipur ²	12.57	36.04	38.47	49.66	59.89	70.53	79.85
23.	Meghalaya	NA	26.92	29.49	42.05	49.10	62.56	75.48
24.	Mizoram	31.14	44.01	53.80	59.88	82.26	88.80	91.58
25.	Nagaland	10.52	21.95	33.78	50.28	61.65	66.59	80.11
26.	Orissa	15.80	21.66	26.18	33.62	49.09	63.08	73.45
27.	Pondicherry	–	43.65	53.38	65.14	74.74	81.24	86.55
28.	Punjab	–	NA	34.12	43.37	58.51	69.65	76.68
29.	Rajasthan	8.50	18.12	22.57	30.11	38.55	60.41	67.06
30.	Sikkim	–	–	17.74	34.05	56.94	68.81	82.20
31.	Tamil Nadu	–	36.39	45.40	54.39	62.66	73.45	80.33
32.	Tripura	NA	20.24	30.98	50.10	60.44	73.19	87.75
33.	Uttar Pradesh	12.02	20.87	23.99	32.65	40.71	56.27	69.72
34.	Uttaranchal	18.93	18.05	33.26	46.06	57.75	71.62	79.63
35.	West Bengal	24.61	34.46	38.86	48.65	57.70	68.64	77.08
	ALL INDIA²	18.33	28.30	34.45	43.57	52.21	64.84	74.04

Source : *Economic Survey, 2012-13; Office of the Registrar General : 2012, India; M/Home Affairs*

- 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 Chhatisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Manipur are based on sample population.
- 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.
- N.A. - Not available as no census was carried out in Assam during 1981 and in Jammu & Kashmir during 1991.
- Created in 2001. Uttaranchal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh for 1981 and 1991 are included under Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh respectively.