

Total fertility rate declines to 2.2%: SRS Statistical Report 2017

According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2017, Ministry of Home Affairs, the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for the country has declined marginally to 2.2% in 2017 after being at 2.3% for the last four years from 2013 to 2016. Bihar has recorded the highest TFR of 3.2% in 2017, while Delhi has reported the lowest TFR of 1.5%. The TFR in rural areas has declined from 5.4% to 2.4% from 1971 to 2017 whereas the corresponding decline in urban areas has been from 4.1% to 1.7% during the same period.

However, the female education has a direct impact on fertility. At the National level, 14.7% of the female population is reported 'Illiterate' as against 85.3% recorded in the 'Literate' category. 17.7% of women are educated up to Class X and education level of women up to Class XII is 12.0% and only 9.8% have reported education level of graduate and above. Among the illiterates, Kerala has the lowest count of 0.7% and Bihar has the highest percentage of illiterate women 26.8%.

Key Highlights:

- The Crude Birth Rate (CBR) at the National level during 2017 stands at 20.2 exhibiting a decline of 0.2 points over 2016. The maximum CBR has been reported in Bihar (26.4) and the minimum in Kerala (14.2).
- The Crude Death Rate (CDR) for the country is 6.3 in 2017. The maximum CDR has been reported for Chhattisgarh (7.5) and the minimum for Delhi (3.7).
- The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has also registered 1 point decline to 33 in 2017 from 34 in 2016 at

the National level. The maximum IMR has been observed in Madhya Pradesh (47) and the minimum in Kerala (10). During the corresponding period, Neo-natal Mortality Rate (NNMR) has declined by 1 point.

- Sex Ratio at Birth for the country has gone down by 2 points to 896 in 2015- 2017 from 898 in 2014-2016. Chhattisgarh has reported the highest Sex Ratio at Birth (961) while Haryana, the lowest (833).
- In case of about 81.8% live births, the mothers have received the medical attention at delivery either at Government hospital or at Private hospital in 2017 against the 80.8% in 2016.

Item	Total	Rural	Urban
Fertility Indicators			
Crude Birth Rate	20.2	21.8	16.8
General Fertility Rate	72.4	79.6	58.0
Age Specific Fertility Rate			
• 15-19	13.0	14.9	8.5
• 20-24	137.1	153.2	101.9
• 25-29	157.1	171.4	130.4
• 30-34	84.3	90.1	74.1
• 35-39	30.1	33.6	23.8
• 40-44	10.9	12.9	7.3
• 45-49	3.3	3.9	2.3
Total Fertility Rate	2.2	2.4	1.7
Gross Reproduction Rate	1.0	1.1	0.8
General Marital Fertility Rate	110.3	120.4	89.9
Total Marital Fertility Rate	4.7	4.9	4.1
Mean Age at Effective Marriage for Females	22.1	21.7	23.1
Mortality Indicators			
Crude Death Rate	6.3	6.9	5.3

Percentage of Infant Deaths to total deaths	10.5	11.6	7.4
Percentage of deaths of less than one week to total infant deaths	54.3	56.6	44.7
Under-five Mortality Rate	37	42	25
Infant Mortality Rate	33	37	23
Neo-natal mortality rate	23	27	14
Early neo-natal mortality rate	18	21	10
Late neo-natal mortality rate	5	6	3
Post neo-natal mortality rate	10	10	10
Peri-natal Mortality Rate	23	26	15
Still Birth Rate	5	5	4

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