

B17: Female workers classified by industrial category and marital status by sex- Census of India 2001

Information on marital status of the individuals has been collected in all the Indian censuses.

2. The marital status composition of the population has broadly been classified into two parts:

- i) Never married persons
- ii) Ever married persons

Never married persons refer to 'single' persons and consist of all persons who have not married i.e., bachelors and spinsters. The second group of ever married persons refer to all those, who have married at least once, although they may or may not be in the category of currently married presently. This group comprises currently married persons, widowed persons and divorced/separated persons.

3. Table B17 presents the distribution of female main and marginal workers by industrial categories and marital status for total, rural and urban areas at state level (not district level). This shows the differential participation of females of different marital status in economic activity grouped under industrial categories.

4. The work status has been classified as main workers and marginal workers. Main and marginal workers have been further classified as cultivators, agricultural workers and other workers

5. For coding and tabulation of workers (other than cultivators and agricultural workers), sampling procedure has been adopted. The sample has been selected with district as the first level of stratification. In major states having population more than 2 million, linear systematic sampling has been adopted for selection of 20% and 50% enumeration blocks (EBs) in rural and urban areas respectively. However, for 11 smaller state and union territories, all EBs have been selected. The estimated values have been obtained by applying multipliers of 5 in rural areas and 2 in urban areas.

6. In 2001 Census, information on economic activity and marital status has been collected using the following questions:

On economic activity

Q 16: Did the person work any time last year?

(Includes even part time help or unpaid work on farm, family enterprise or in any other economic activity)