

CHAPTER - 2

POPULATION COMPOSITION

The data on population by age and sex is vital for demographers, health administrators etc. for planning and evaluation of various developmental and health programs. The classification of rural/urban, sex and marital status by age unveils the characteristics of population composition and provides disaggregated data for target oriented projects. Being one of the most important demographic characteristics, data on age is collected and updated in both half-yearly surveys of SRS for all the members of the household covered in the sample units.

2.2 As per available data from SRS, there has been a gradual decline in the share of population in the age group 0-14 from 41.2 to 38.1 per cent during 1971 to 1981 and 36.3 to 27.6 percent during 1991 to 2014, whereas, the proportion of economically active population (15-59 years) has increased from 53.4 to 56.3 percent during 1971 to 1981 and 57.7 to 64.1 per cent during 1991 to 2014. On account of better education, health facilities and increase in life expectancy, the percentage of elderly population (60+) has gone up from 5.3 to 5.7 percent and 6.0 to 8.3 percent respectively during the periods under reference. Marital status and Female mean age at marriage are essential constituents to monitor fertility and population growth. The data on marital status has been included in SRS from 1991, whereas on Female mean age at marriage from 1990. There is a marginal increase in the proportion of married Female from 45.7 in 1991 to 52.1 in 2014, whereas the proportion of widowed/divorced/separated female has decreased from 8.1 in 1991 to 6.5 in 2014. The mean age at effective marriage for Female has increased from 19.3 years in 1990 to 22.3 years in 2014.

2.3 This chapter provides data on percentage distribution of population by age, sex and residence for all broad age groups from 0-4, 0-14, 15-59 and 60+ for India and bigger States. It also includes data on percentage distribution of population by marital status for total population, 10+ and 15+ ages by sex and residence. The State-wise variations in Female age at effective marriage and their corresponding proportions have also been presented in this chapter.

2.3a Instances of age heaping, under reporting and over reporting have been observed in different age groups and at single age. Accordingly, corrective actions have been taken to rectify such instances.

Age composition

2.4 Age composition by residence and broad age groups 0-14, 15-59 and 60+ for the year 2014 at the National level is shown below in Statement 3. The age group 0-14 is further sub-categorized into the age groups 0-4, 5-9 and 10-14. It is observed that for most of the age groups, Male-Female differences in the age distribution of population are negligible except in the combined age-group of 0-14, 15-59, 60+, 15-64 & 65+. In the age-group 0-14, Male population is about one percent more than Female, whereas in the age-group 60+ as also 65+, percentage of Female are 0.6 and 0.5 percent more than Male. The proportion of young children in the age group 0-4 and also the proportion of population in the age group 0-14 are higher in rural areas than in urban areas both for Male and Female. A higher proportion of Male and Female in the working age group 15-59 live in urban areas as compared to rural areas. Chart 2 gives pictorial presentation of data shown in Statement 3. Table 1 gives percentage distribution of estimated population by quinquennial age groups, sex and residence for India and bigger States.

Statement 3

Percentage distribution of Population by broad age groups to Total Population by sex and residence, India, 2014

Residence	Sex	Broad age groups (years)							
		0-4	5-9	10-14	0-14	15-59	60+	15-64	65+
Total	Total	8.9	9.0	9.7	27.6	64.1	8.3	67.1	5.2
	Male	9.1	9.2	9.9	28.2	63.8	8.0	66.8	5.0
	Female	8.7	8.9	9.5	27.0	64.4	8.6	67.5	5.5
Rural	Total	9.5	9.4	10.2	29.2	62.5	8.3	65.5	5.3
	Male	9.7	9.6	10.4	29.7	62.3	8.0	65.2	5.0
	Female	9.3	9.3	10.0	28.6	62.8	8.7	65.8	5.6
Urban	Total	7.5	8.1	8.7	24.3	67.4	8.3	70.6	5.1
	Male	7.8	8.3	8.9	24.9	67.0	8.1	70.2	4.9
	Female	7.3	7.9	8.4	23.6	67.8	8.5	71.0	5.4

Note: Total percentage may not add to 100 on account of rounding in broad age groups

Chart 2 : Percentage distribution of population by broad age groups and residence, India, 2014

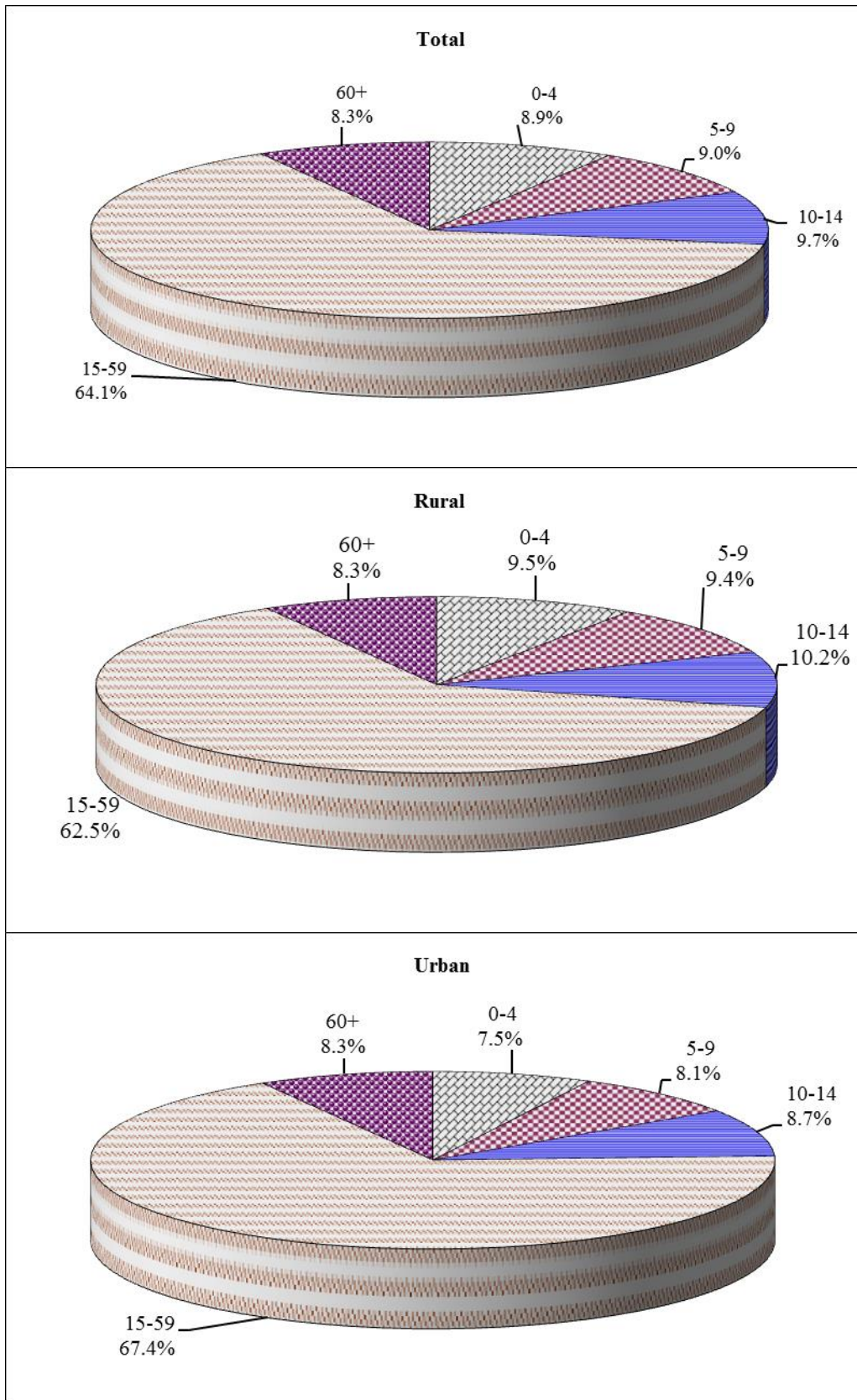
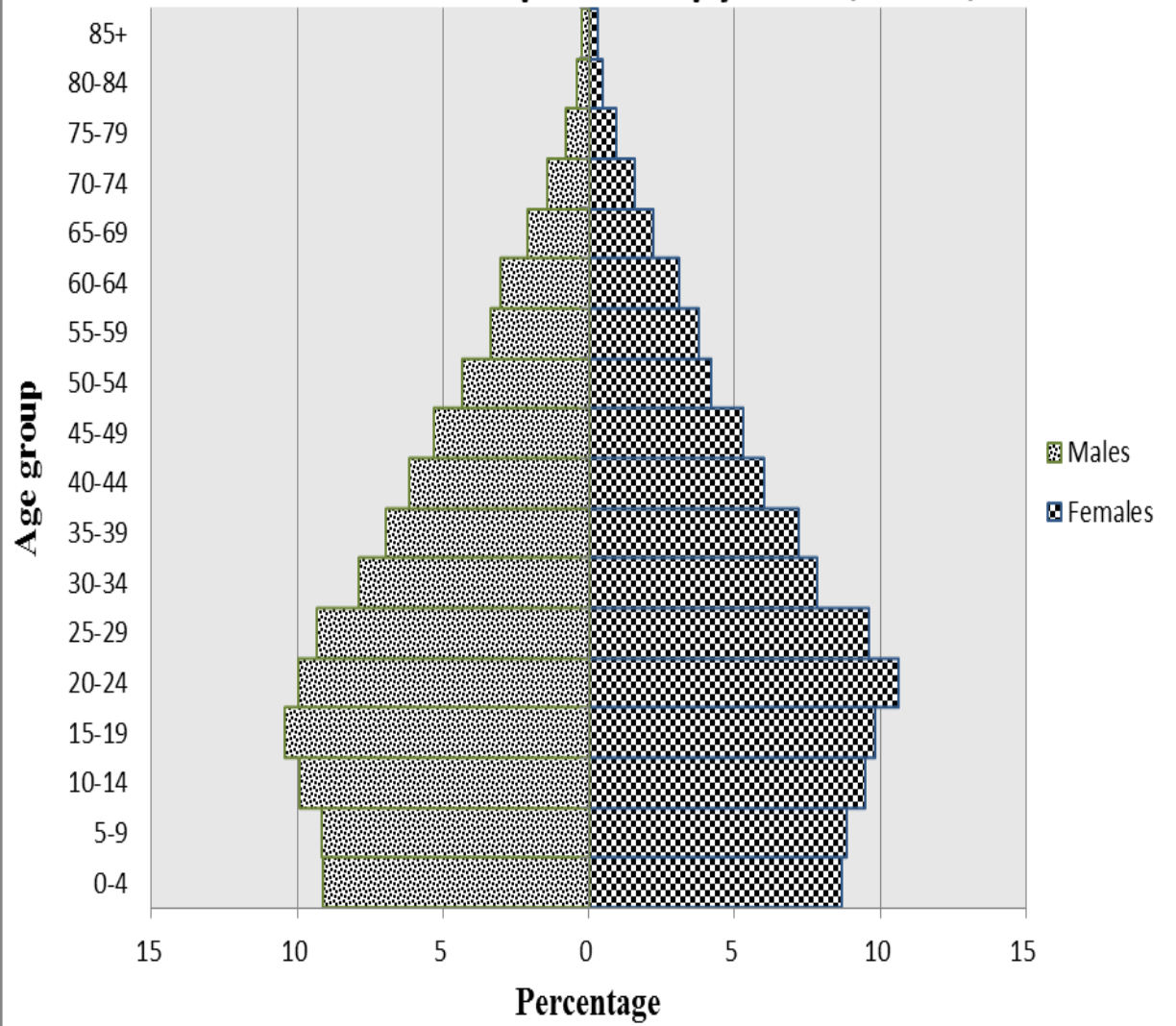


Chart 2A: Population pyramid, India, 2014



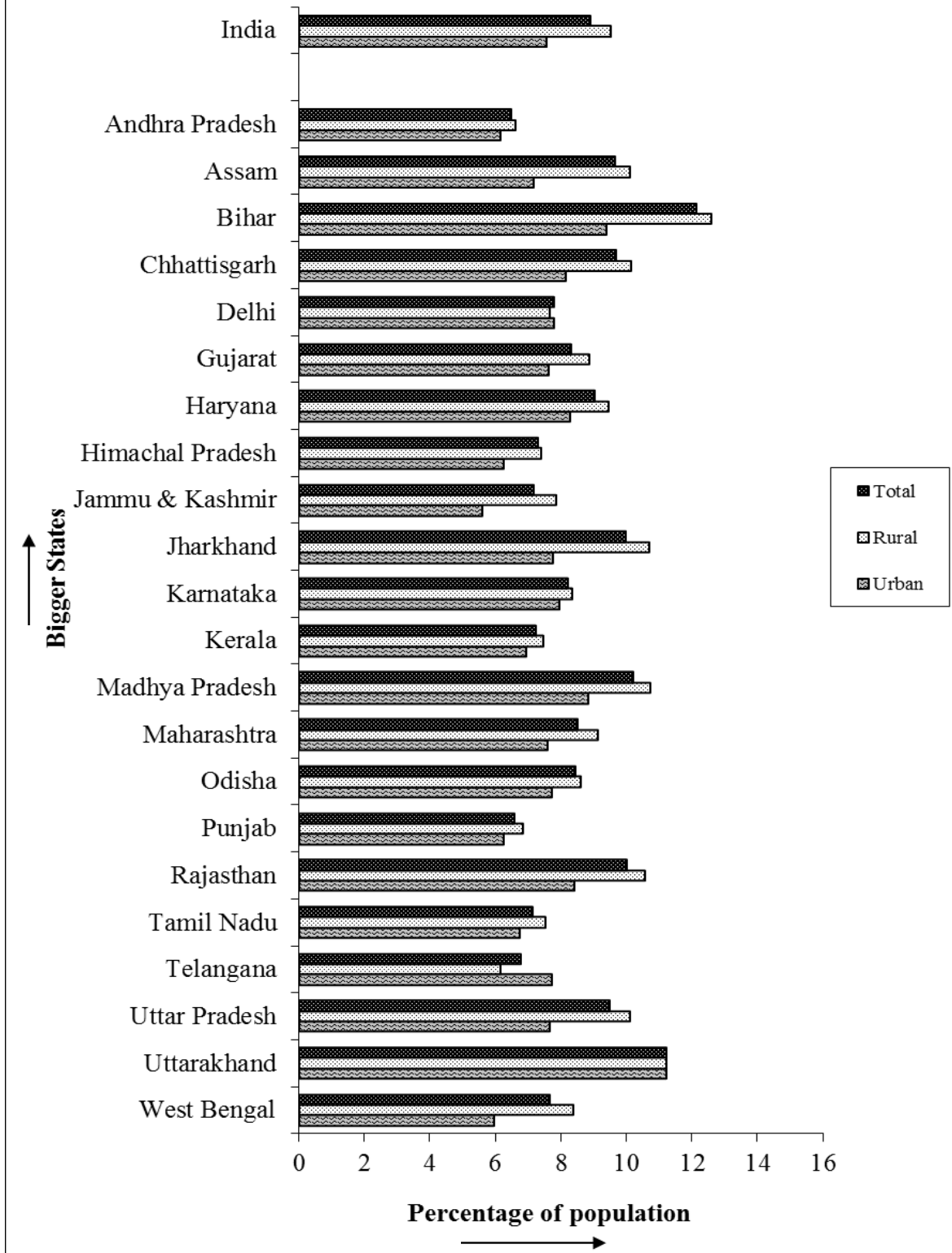
2.5 Percentages share of population in the selected age groups for bigger States by residence and sex are given in Statements 4 to 7. Statement 4 gives the percentage of population below 5 years of age. At the National level, 7.5 percent population in urban areas constitutes below 5 years of age as against 9.5 percent for rural area. Sex differences in the share of child population are negligible both in rural and urban areas. The difference in the share of male child population to female child is maximum (about 1 percent higher) in rural areas of Delhi, Kerala and Uttarakhand. The urban areas of the newly added State of Telangana have also shown about 1 percent higher difference in the male to female child population share. Among the bigger States, the percentage of child population in rural areas varies from 6.2 in Telangana to 12.6 in Bihar. In urban areas, such variation is from 5.6 in Jammu & Kashmir to 11.2 in Uttarakhand. Chart 3 shows the pictorial presentation of percentage of child population for bigger States.

Statement 4

Percentage of Population in the age group 0-4 years to Total Population by sex and residence, India and bigger States, 2014

India and bigger States	Total			Rural			Urban		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	8.9	9.1	8.7	9.5	9.7	9.3	7.5	7.8	7.3
Andhra Pradesh	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.0
Assam	9.7	9.9	9.4	10.1	10.4	9.8	7.2	7.1	7.2
Bihar	12.1	12.4	11.8	12.6	12.8	12.3	9.4	9.8	9.0
Chhattisgarh	9.7	9.7	9.6	10.1	10.1	10.1	8.1	8.4	7.9
Delhi	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.1	8.4	7.8	7.8	7.8
Gujarat	8.3	8.6	8.0	8.9	9.2	8.5	7.6	7.8	7.4
Haryana	9.0	9.3	8.7	9.5	9.9	9.0	8.3	8.4	8.1
Himachal Pradesh	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.6	7.1	6.2	6.3	6.2
Jammu & Kashmir	7.2	7.4	6.9	7.9	8.1	7.6	5.6	5.8	5.4
Jharkhand	10.0	10.1	9.8	10.7	10.9	10.5	7.7	7.8	7.7
Karnataka	8.2	8.4	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.2	7.9	8.2	7.6
Kerala	7.2	7.7	6.7	7.5	8.0	6.9	6.9	7.4	6.5
Madhya Pradesh	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.7	10.7	10.7	8.8	9.0	8.6
Maharashtra	8.5	8.8	8.2	9.1	9.5	8.7	7.6	7.8	7.3
Odisha	8.4	8.6	8.3	8.6	8.7	8.5	7.7	7.9	7.5
Punjab	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.8	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2
Rajasthan	10.0	10.4	9.6	10.6	11.0	10.1	8.4	8.6	8.2
Tamil Nadu	7.1	7.3	6.9	7.5	7.8	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.6
Telangana	6.8	7.0	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.0	7.7	8.2	7.2
Uttar Pradesh	9.5	9.8	9.2	10.1	10.4	9.8	7.7	8.0	7.3
Uttarakhand	11.2	11.6	10.8	11.2	11.7	10.7	11.2	11.3	11.1
West Bengal	7.6	7.7	7.6	8.4	8.4	8.3	6.0	6.0	5.9

Chart 3 : Percentage of child population (0-4 years) to total population by residence, India and bigger States, 2014



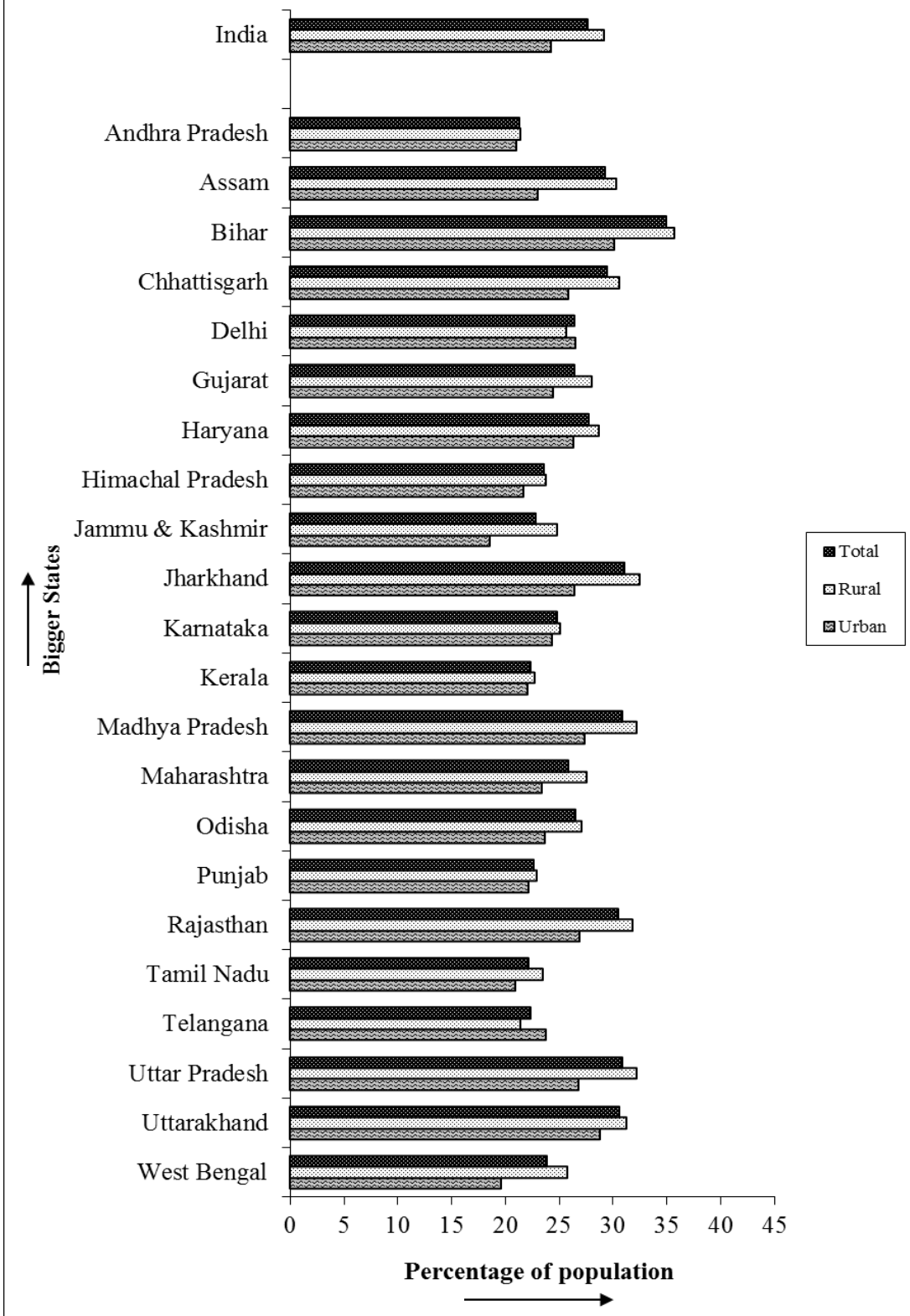
2.6 Percentage of population of age less than 15 years for India and bigger States by sex and residence is given below in Statement 5. At the National level, 29.2 percent of rural population in the year 2014 is below 15 years of age against 24.3 percent for urban areas. Percentage of population below 15 years of age in rural areas varies from 21.4 in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to 35.7 in Bihar. In urban areas, it varies from 18.6 in Jammu & Kashmir to 30.1 in Bihar. Chart 4 gives the pictorial presentation of percentage of persons below 15 years of age for bigger States by residence.

Statement 5

Percentage of Population in the age group 0-14 years to Total Population by sex and residence, India and bigger States, 2014

India and bigger States	Total			Rural			Urban		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	27.6	28.2	27.0	29.2	29.7	28.6	24.3	24.9	23.6
Andhra Pradesh	21.3	21.5	21.0	21.4	21.7	21.1	21.1	21.3	20.8
Assam	29.3	29.6	28.9	30.4	30.7	29.9	23.0	23.0	23.1
Bihar	35.0	35.3	34.6	35.7	36.1	35.4	30.1	30.6	29.7
Chhattisgarh	29.5	29.7	29.2	30.6	30.7	30.5	25.8	26.4	25.3
Delhi	26.5	26.4	26.6	25.7	25.5	25.9	26.5	26.4	26.6
Gujarat	26.5	27.3	25.6	28.1	28.9	27.2	24.5	25.4	23.5
Haryana	27.8	28.9	26.4	28.7	29.8	27.3	26.3	27.5	24.9
Himachal Pradesh	23.6	24.9	22.3	23.8	25.1	22.4	21.7	21.9	21.5
Jammu & Kashmir	22.9	23.6	22.1	24.8	25.4	24.1	18.6	19.3	17.8
Jharkhand	31.0	31.5	30.5	32.5	33.1	31.8	26.4	26.5	26.4
Karnataka	24.8	25.6	24.0	25.1	25.8	24.4	24.3	25.1	23.5
Kerala	22.4	24.0	20.9	22.7	24.3	21.2	22.0	23.7	20.5
Madhya Pradesh	30.9	31.1	30.6	32.2	32.3	32.1	27.3	28.0	26.6
Maharashtra	25.9	26.7	25.0	27.6	28.4	26.6	23.4	24.1	22.6
Odisha	26.5	26.7	26.3	27.1	27.2	26.9	23.7	24.1	23.3
Punjab	22.6	23.6	21.5	22.9	24.0	21.6	22.2	22.9	21.4
Rajasthan	30.5	31.5	29.5	31.8	32.7	30.8	26.9	27.8	25.9
Tamil Nadu	22.2	22.7	21.6	23.5	24.2	22.7	21.0	21.3	20.6
Telangana	22.3	22.8	21.8	21.4	21.8	21.0	23.8	24.3	23.3
Uttar Pradesh	30.9	31.5	30.2	32.2	32.8	31.6	26.8	27.6	26.0
Uttarakhand	30.6	31.6	29.5	31.3	32.6	29.9	28.8	29.1	28.4
West Bengal	23.9	24.0	23.8	25.8	25.8	25.8	19.6	19.8	19.5

Chart 4: Percentage of population age 0-14 years to total population by residence, India and bigger States, 2014



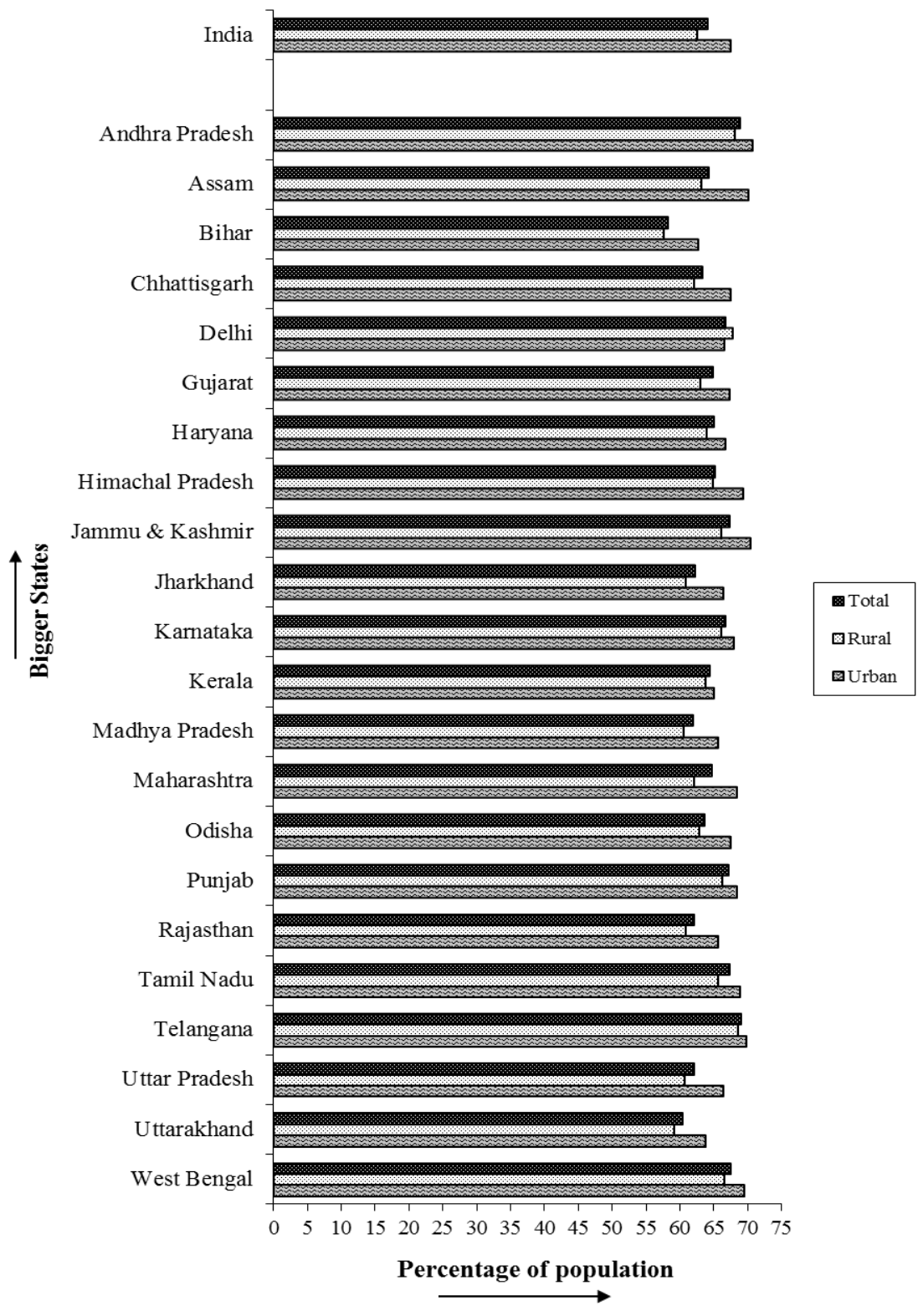
2.7 Statement 6 given below provides percentage of population in the working age group 15-59 years for India and bigger States by sex and residence. At the National level, the age group 15-59 contributes 62.5 percent in rural areas and 67.4 percent population in urban areas. In rural areas the percentage varies from 57.5 in Bihar to 68.6 in Telangana. In urban areas the same varies from 62.6 in Bihar to 70.7 percent in Andhra Pradesh. Chart 5 gives the pictorial presentation of percentage of population in the age group 15-59 years by residence.

Statement 6

Percentage of Population in the working age group 15-59 years by sex and residence, India and bigger States, 2014

India and bigger States	Total			Rural			Urban		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	64.1	63.8	64.4	62.5	62.3	62.8	67.4	67.0	67.8
Andhra Pradesh	68.8	68.2	69.4	68.0	67.4	68.7	70.7	70.2	71.1
Assam	64.2	63.7	64.6	63.1	62.7	63.7	70.0	69.9	70.1
Bihar	58.2	57.8	58.7	57.5	57.1	58.0	62.6	62.3	63.0
Chhattisgarh	63.3	63.6	62.9	62.0	62.4	61.6	67.5	67.5	67.5
Delhi	66.6	67.0	66.1	67.7	68.6	66.6	66.6	67.0	66.1
Gujarat	64.8	64.8	64.9	62.9	62.9	62.9	67.3	67.1	67.4
Haryana	64.9	64.3	65.7	63.9	63.4	64.6	66.6	65.8	67.6
Himachal Pradesh	65.2	64.2	66.2	64.8	63.7	65.9	69.4	69.2	69.6
Jammu & Kashmir	67.4	66.9	67.8	66.0	65.6	66.5	70.4	69.9	70.8
Jharkhand	62.1	61.8	62.5	60.8	60.4	61.3	66.3	66.3	66.3
Karnataka	66.7	66.5	66.9	66.0	65.9	66.1	67.9	67.4	68.4
Kerala	64.4	63.5	65.1	63.8	63.0	64.5	65.0	64.1	65.8
Madhya Pradesh	61.9	61.9	61.9	60.5	60.7	60.3	65.6	65.1	66.2
Maharashtra	64.6	64.2	65.1	62.1	61.8	62.4	68.4	67.8	69.1
Odisha	63.6	63.3	64.0	62.8	62.5	63.2	67.5	67.1	67.9
Punjab	67.1	66.9	67.3	66.1	65.9	66.4	68.4	68.2	68.5
Rajasthan	62.0	61.7	62.3	60.7	60.5	61.1	65.6	65.3	66.0
Tamil Nadu	67.2	66.9	67.6	65.6	65.3	66.0	68.8	68.5	69.1
Telangana	69.1	68.5	69.6	68.6	68.2	69.0	69.8	69.0	70.6
Uttar Pradesh	62.1	61.8	62.4	60.7	60.5	60.9	66.3	65.8	66.9
Uttarakhand	60.3	60.0	60.7	59.1	58.6	59.6	63.7	63.6	63.8
West Bengal	67.4	67.5	67.4	66.5	66.8	66.2	69.5	69.0	70.1

Chart 5: Percentage of population age 15-59 years to total population by residence, India and bigger States, 2014



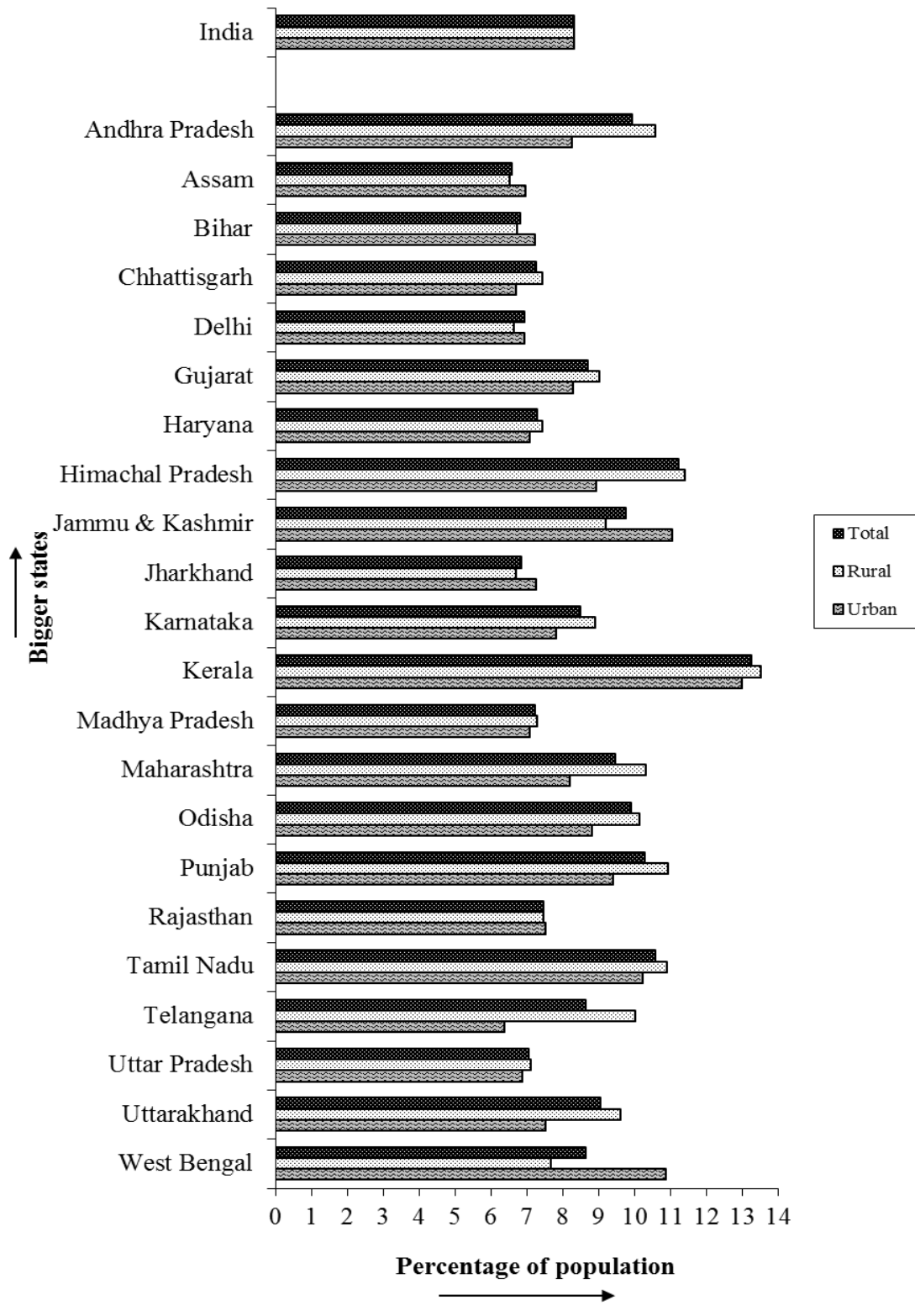
2.8 Percentage of aged persons (60 years and above) for India and bigger States by sex and residence is given below in Statement 7. At the National level, percentage of aged (60+) population is 8.3. Composition of 60+ aged female population is higher in all of the bigger States except Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Odisha and Telangana. In rural areas population in the age group 60+ constitutes 8.3 percent of the total population and variation in aged population ranges from 6.5 percent in Assam to 13.5 percent in Kerala. The urban proportion of aged population in most of the States is lower than the corresponding rural share except for Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and West Bengal. The Pictorial presentation of percentage of old age population by residence for bigger States is given in Chart 6.

Statement 7

Percentage of Population in the age group 60 years and above to Total Population by sex and residence, India and bigger States, 2014

India and bigger States	Total			Rural			Urban		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	8.3	8.0	8.6	8.3	8.0	8.7	8.3	8.1	8.5
Andhra Pradesh	9.9	10.3	9.6	10.6	10.9	10.2	8.3	8.5	8.0
Assam	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.4	7.0	7.2	6.7
Bihar	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.6	7.2	7.2	7.3
Chhattisgarh	7.3	6.7	7.8	7.4	6.9	8.0	6.7	6.1	7.3
Delhi	6.9	6.6	7.3	6.7	6.0	7.5	6.9	6.6	7.3
Gujarat	8.7	7.9	9.6	9.0	8.2	9.9	8.3	7.5	9.1
Haryana	7.3	6.8	7.9	7.4	6.8	8.2	7.1	6.7	7.5
Himachal Pradesh	11.2	10.9	11.5	11.4	11.1	11.7	8.9	8.9	8.9
Jammu & Kashmir	9.8	9.5	10.0	9.2	9.0	9.4	11.1	10.8	11.4
Jharkhand	6.8	6.7	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.9	7.3	7.3	7.3
Karnataka	8.5	8.0	9.1	8.9	8.3	9.6	7.8	7.5	8.2
Kerala	13.3	12.5	14.0	13.5	12.7	14.3	13.0	12.3	13.7
Madhya Pradesh	7.2	7.0	7.5	7.3	7.0	7.6	7.1	6.9	7.3
Maharashtra	9.5	9.1	9.9	10.3	9.7	11.0	8.2	8.1	8.3
Odisha	9.9	10.0	9.8	10.1	10.3	9.9	8.8	8.8	8.9
Punjab	10.3	9.6	11.2	10.9	10.0	12.0	9.4	8.9	10.1
Rajasthan	7.5	6.8	8.2	7.5	6.8	8.2	7.5	7.0	8.1
Tamil Nadu	10.6	10.4	10.8	10.9	10.5	11.3	10.2	10.2	10.3
Telangana	8.6	8.7	8.6	10.0	10.0	10.1	6.4	6.6	6.1
Uttar Pradesh	7.0	6.7	7.4	7.1	6.8	7.5	6.9	6.6	7.1
Uttarakhand	9.1	8.4	9.8	9.6	8.8	10.5	7.5	7.3	7.8
West Bengal	8.7	8.5	8.8	7.7	7.4	8.0	10.9	11.2	10.5

Chart 6: Percentage of population aged 60+ to total population by residence, India and bigger States, 2014



Marital Status

2.9 Besides age, the other important demographic characteristic collected and subsequently updated during each half yearly survey of the SRS is the marital status. Distribution of the population by marital status is thus available from SRS.

2.10 Statement 8 given below shows the percentage distribution of population by sex and marital status for India and bigger States for the year 2014. During this year, 46.6 percent of the population at the National level is reported as never married. Married population constitutes 49.3 percent of the total population whereas widowed/divorced/separated constitutes 4.1 percent. The proportion of W/D/S female population is higher than males at the National level as well as in the bigger States. The gap is significantly wide (about 10 percentage) in respect of Kerala. Andhra Pradesh (55.9) recorded the highest percentage of married population whereas the lowest was recorded for Uttarakhand (43.5). Married Females recorded a higher percentage as compared to Males at the National level and similarly for all of the bigger States. The percentage distribution of population by sex, marital status and age-group for urban and rural areas of India and bigger States is detailed in Table-2.

Statement 8

Percentage distribution of Population by Marital Status and sex, India and bigger States, 2014

India and bigger States	Never married			Married			W/D/S		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	46.6	51.4	41.5	49.3	46.6	52.1	4.1	1.9	6.5
Andhra Pradesh	38.9	43.2	34.4	55.9	54.3	57.5	5.2	2.5	8.1
Assam	49.1	53.8	43.9	47.2	44.5	50.1	3.7	1.7	6.0
Bihar	52.5	56.4	48.1	45.2	42.2	48.6	2.3	1.4	3.3
Chhattisgarh	46.4	50.3	42.5	48.3	47.0	49.6	5.2	2.6	7.9
Delhi	48.0	51.5	44.0	48.3	46.7	50.2	3.6	1.7	5.8
Gujarat	44.0	48.5	39.1	51.2	49.2	53.3	4.8	2.3	7.6
Haryana	47.4	52.5	41.3	50.3	46.2	55.2	2.3	1.4	3.5
Himachal Pradesh	41.6	47.6	35.6	52.7	50.0	55.3	5.7	2.3	9.1
Jammu & Kashmir	50.8	54.1	47.2	46.7	44.6	49.0	2.5	1.3	3.8
Jharkhand	49.6	54.1	44.6	47.1	44.4	50.1	3.3	1.5	5.3
Karnataka	45.9	52.4	38.9	49.0	45.9	52.4	5.1	1.7	8.7
Kerala	40.1	47.4	33.3	53.6	51.1	56.0	6.2	1.5	10.7
Madhya Pradesh	48.3	52.4	43.7	47.7	45.2	50.4	4.1	2.4	5.9
Maharashtra	45.9	51.2	40.0	50.0	47.2	53.1	4.1	1.7	6.9
Odisha	46.0	50.3	41.6	48.8	47.5	50.0	5.2	2.2	8.3
Punjab	43.4	48.7	37.1	52.6	48.9	57.0	4.0	2.4	5.9
Rajasthan	46.4	50.9	41.5	50.0	47.3	52.9	3.6	1.7	5.6
Tamil Nadu	40.8	46.2	35.2	53.5	51.3	55.7	5.7	2.5	9.1
Telangana	42.9	47.6	38.0	52.5	50.5	54.6	4.6	2.0	7.5
Uttar Pradesh	51.4	55.8	46.4	45.5	42.1	49.3	3.1	2.1	4.3
Uttarakhand	50.3	54.9	45.3	43.5	40.5	46.8	6.2	4.6	7.9
West Bengal	41.3	46.3	35.8	53.9	52.1	55.9	4.8	1.6	8.3

W/D/S- Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Note: Total may not add to 100 due to rounding off.

2.11 Persons below 10 years of age, in the SRS, are being treated as unmarried. Marital distribution of population would be more meaningful if such percentages are worked out for persons of age 10 years and above. Statement 9 given below provides percentage distribution of population for age 10 years and above by marital status and sex for India and bigger States. At the National level, the percent share of married population is 60.0. Among the bigger States Uttarakhand (54.7) recorded the lowest percentage of married population whereas the highest percentage was recorded for Andhra Pradesh (64.8)

Statement 9
Percentage distribution of Population age 10+ by Marital Status and sex
India and bigger States, 2014

India and bigger States	Never married			Married			W/D/S		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	35.0	40.5	29.0	60.0	57.1	63.1	5.0	2.4	7.8
Andhra Pradesh	29.2	34.1	24.1	64.8	63.0	66.6	6.0	2.9	9.4
Assam	37.3	42.9	31.1	58.1	55.0	61.5	4.6	2.0	7.4
Bihar	38.2	43.1	32.8	58.8	55.1	62.9	3.0	1.8	4.2
Chhattisgarh	33.5	38.2	28.7	60.0	58.5	61.5	6.5	3.3	9.8
Delhi	37.5	41.7	32.6	58.2	56.2	60.4	4.4	2.1	7.0
Gujarat	32.4	37.4	27.0	61.7	59.8	63.8	5.8	2.8	9.1
Haryana	35.6	41.4	28.9	61.5	57.0	66.9	2.9	1.7	4.2
Himachal Pradesh	31.2	37.7	24.8	62.0	59.5	64.5	6.8	2.8	10.7
Jammu & Kashmir	42.2	45.9	38.4	54.8	52.6	57.2	3.0	1.6	4.5
Jharkhand	37.0	42.4	31.2	58.8	55.7	62.2	4.2	1.9	6.6
Karnataka	35.3	42.8	27.3	58.7	55.2	62.4	6.0	2.0	10.3
Kerala	30.0	37.8	22.9	62.7	60.4	64.8	7.3	1.7	12.3
Madhya Pradesh	35.4	40.6	29.8	59.5	56.5	62.8	5.1	3.0	7.4
Maharashtra	34.9	40.9	28.4	60.1	57.1	63.3	5.0	2.0	8.2
Odisha	34.9	39.9	29.7	58.8	57.5	60.3	6.3	2.6	10.0
Punjab	34.0	39.8	27.1	61.4	57.4	66.1	4.6	2.8	6.8
Rajasthan	33.0	38.2	27.3	62.5	59.6	65.7	4.5	2.2	7.0
Tamil Nadu	30.9	36.9	24.7	62.4	60.1	64.7	6.7	2.9	10.6
Telangana	33.3	38.4	28.0	61.3	59.3	63.4	5.4	2.3	8.7
Uttar Pradesh	39.3	44.6	33.5	56.8	52.8	61.2	3.9	2.6	5.3
Uttarakhand	37.5	42.9	31.9	54.7	51.3	58.3	7.8	5.8	9.8
West Bengal	30.6	36.5	24.1	63.7	61.6	66.1	5.7	1.9	9.8

W/D/S- Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Note: Total may not add to 100 due to rounding off.

2.12 Statement 10 placed below shows the percentage distribution of Female age 10 years and more by marital status and residence. At the National level, 63.1 per cent of such females are married. The proportion of married female is slightly higher in rural areas than that of urban areas in India. However the trend in the States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and West Bengal is otherwise. Among the bigger States the lowest percentage of married female is found to be in Jammu & Kashmir (57.2) and the highest in Haryana (66.9). Percentage of never married Female in the bigger States varies from 22.9 in Kerala to 38.4 in Jammu & Kashmir. The percentage of female in the category "Widowed/Divorced/Separated varies from 4.2 in Bihar and Haryana to 12.3 in Kerala.

Statement 10
Percentage distribution of Female age 10+ by Marital Status and residence
India and bigger States, 2014

India and bigger States	Never married			Married			W/D/S		
	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban
India	29.0	29.2	28.7	63.1	63.1	63.2	7.8	7.7	8.2
Andhra Pradesh	24.1	23.1	26.5	66.6	67.1	65.2	9.4	9.8	8.4
Assam	31.1	31.1	31.1	61.5	61.6	61.2	7.4	7.3	7.7
Bihar	32.8	32.8	33.1	62.9	63.1	61.5	4.2	4.1	5.3
Chhattisgarh	28.7	28.6	29.1	61.5	61.2	62.2	9.8	10.2	8.7
Delhi	32.6	28.3	32.7	60.4	64.2	60.3	7.0	7.5	7.0
Gujarat	27.0	27.2	26.8	63.8	63.5	64.2	9.1	9.2	9.0
Haryana	28.9	29.5	27.9	66.9	66.6	67.3	4.2	3.9	4.8
Himachal Pradesh	24.8	24.4	30.0	64.5	64.7	63.0	10.7	11.0	7.1
Jammu & Kashmir	38.4	39.9	35.1	57.2	56.0	59.7	4.5	4.1	5.2
Jharkhand	31.2	31.3	30.9	62.2	62.2	62.3	6.6	6.5	6.8
Karnataka	27.3	27.2	27.5	62.4	61.3	64.2	10.3	11.6	8.3
Kerala	22.9	22.8	23.0	64.8	65.8	63.7	12.3	11.4	13.3
Madhya Pradesh	29.8	29.3	31.2	62.8	63.3	61.5	7.4	7.4	7.4
Maharashtra	28.4	29.0	27.6	63.3	63.2	63.6	8.2	7.8	8.8
Odisha	29.7	29.8	29.3	60.3	60.1	60.9	10.0	10.1	9.8
Punjab	27.1	27.0	27.3	66.1	65.8	66.4	6.8	7.1	6.3
Rajasthan	27.3	27.3	27.4	65.7	65.9	65.2	7.0	6.8	7.4
Tamil Nadu	24.7	25.0	24.4	64.7	63.7	65.7	10.6	11.3	9.9
Telangana	28.0	26.8	29.8	63.4	63.5	63.2	8.7	9.7	6.9
Uttar Pradesh	33.5	33.0	35.1	61.2	61.9	59.2	5.3	5.1	5.8
Uttarakhand	31.9	31.4	33.1	58.3	58.1	58.9	9.8	10.4	8.0
West Bengal	24.1	24.7	22.9	66.1	66.0	66.2	9.8	9.3	10.9

W/D/S- Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Note: Total may not add to 100 due to rounding off.

2.13 Statement 11 given below presents the marital distribution of female population age 15 years and above by residence. At the National level, 71.4 percent of married females exists in age 15+ and 72.0 percent comes under rural areas. Among the bigger States, percentage of such married female varies from 62.9 in Jammu & Kashmir to 75.1 in Rajasthan. The percentage of never married female varies from 15.7 in Kerala and West Bengal to 32.2 in Jammu & Kashmir. The maximum percentage of Widowed/Divorced/Separated females is 13.5 in Kerala and the minimum 4.8 in Haryana.

Statement 11

**Percentage distribution of Female age 15+ by Marital Status and residence
India and bigger States, 2014**

India and bigger States	Never married			Married			W/D/S		
	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban
India	19.8	19.3	20.8	71.4	72.0	70.1	8.8	8.7	9.1
Andhra Pradesh	16.9	16.0	19.4	72.8	73.4	71.5	10.2	10.7	9.2
Assam	21.1	20.6	23.6	70.5	71.0	67.8	8.4	8.4	8.6
Bihar	20.7	20.3	22.9	74.3	74.9	70.9	5.0	4.8	6.1
Chhattisgarh	18.7	18.0	20.8	70.1	70.3	69.5	11.2	11.7	9.7
Delhi	23.7	19.8	23.8	68.4	71.8	68.3	7.9	8.4	7.9
Gujarat	18.2	17.6	19.0	71.6	72.0	71.1	10.2	10.5	9.9
Haryana	20.3	20.6	19.8	74.9	75.0	74.8	4.8	4.4	5.4
Himachal Pradesh	17.1	16.6	22.7	71.2	71.3	69.5	11.8	12.1	7.8
Jammu & Kashmir	32.2	33.3	30.0	62.9	62.1	64.5	4.9	4.6	5.6
Jharkhand	20.3	19.9	21.5	72.1	72.5	70.8	7.6	7.6	7.7
Karnataka	19.6	19.4	20.0	68.9	67.8	70.8	11.4	12.8	9.1
Kerala	15.7	15.6	15.9	70.8	71.9	69.5	13.5	12.5	14.6
Madhya Pradesh	18.9	17.5	22.4	72.6	73.9	69.3	8.5	8.6	8.3
Maharashtra	20.0	19.9	20.2	70.8	71.3	70.1	9.2	8.8	9.7
Odisha	20.8	20.6	21.9	67.9	68.0	67.3	11.3	11.4	10.9
Punjab	19.9	19.9	19.9	72.6	72.3	73.1	7.5	7.8	7.0
Rajasthan	16.9	16.3	18.7	75.1	75.9	73.0	8.0	7.9	8.3
Tamil Nadu	17.3	17.2	17.4	71.0	70.3	71.7	11.6	12.5	10.8
Telangana	20.7	19.6	22.4	69.8	69.7	69.9	9.5	10.6	7.7
Uttar Pradesh	23.2	22.0	26.5	70.7	72.0	67.0	6.1	6.0	6.5
Uttarakhand	22.4	21.6	24.7	66.4	66.5	66.3	11.1	11.9	9.0
West Bengal	15.7	15.5	16.2	73.4	74.1	71.9	10.9	10.4	11.8

W/D/S- Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Note: Total may not add to 100 due to rounding off.

2.14 In addition to the marital status of male and female, information on the number of females who got effectively married during the reference period of six months of each half yearly survey is also being collected in the SRS from 1990. Based on the information on the number of females, who got effectively married during the last one year, mean age at effective marriage for female has been worked out. Statement 12 given below presents percentage distribution of such females by age at effective marriage separately for rural and urban areas. The percentage of females who got effectively married before reaching 18 years of age is 2.4 at the National level and varies from 1.0 in Himachal Pradesh to 5.4 in Jharkhand. Percentage of female marrying at 21 years and above is 60.7 at the National level and varies from 44.1 in Jharkhand to 86.3 in Jammu & Kashmir. About 40 % of the rural female, at the National level, marry between 18 and 20 years of age compared to 27% in urban areas.

Statement 12

Percentage of Female by age at Effective Marriage and by residence India and bigger States, 2014

India and bigger States	Total				Rural				Urban			
	<18	18-20	21+	All ages	<18	18-20	21+	All ages	<18	18-20	21+	All ages
India	2.4	36.9	60.7	100.0	2.8	42.0	55.2	100.0	1.7	27.0	71.3	100.0
Andhra Pradesh	1.9	40.9	57.1	100.0	2.0	45.1	52.9	100.0	1.7	30.2	68.1	100.0
Assam	2.2	35.6	62.2	100.0	2.4	38.5	59.0	100.0	1.1	24.6	74.2	100.0
Bihar	2.9	42.0	55.1	100.0	3.0	43.5	53.5	100.0	2.2	31.5	66.4	100.0
Chhattisgarh	1.3	38.4	60.4	100.0	1.4	40.8	57.8	100.0	0.9	31.6	67.5	100.0
Delhi	1.1	24.9	74.1	100.0	0.0	12.5	87.5	100.0	1.1	25.3	73.6	100.0
Gujarat	2.1	32.1	65.7	100.0	3.1	40.6	56.2	100.0	1.2	24.9	73.9	100.0
Haryana	1.5	32.2	66.2	100.0	1.7	35.9	62.4	100.0	1.3	26.1	72.6	100.0
Himachal Pradesh	1.0	23.2	75.8	100.0	1.0	23.3	75.7	100.0	1.2	21.3	77.5	100.0
Jammu & Kashmir	1.7	12.1	86.3	100.0	1.8	13.6	84.7	100.0	1.4	8.4	90.1	100.0
Jharkhand	5.4	50.5	44.1	100.0	6.2	53.6	40.2	100.0	1.8	36.2	62.0	100.0
Karnataka	1.5	36.5	62.0	100.0	1.4	43.8	54.8	100.0	1.6	28.1	70.3	100.0
Kerala	1.6	23.2	75.3	100.0	2.4	24.0	73.6	100.0	0.7	22.3	77.0	100.0
Madhya Pradesh	2.1	41.7	56.2	100.0	2.3	45.8	51.9	100.0	1.7	31.0	67.3	100.0
Maharashtra	2.4	37.6	60.0	100.0	2.8	49.2	48.0	100.0	2.0	26.7	71.2	100.0
Odisha	2.7	38.6	58.6	100.0	2.9	40.3	56.8	100.0	1.5	28.3	70.1	100.0
Punjab	1.5	22.3	76.2	100.0	1.9	22.7	75.4	100.0	1.1	21.7	77.3	100.0
Rajasthan	2.6	41.9	55.4	100.0	3.0	44.5	52.5	100.0	1.6	35.7	62.8	100.0
Tamil Nadu	2.1	23.7	74.2	100.0	2.4	27.3	70.3	100.0	1.9	20.6	77.5	100.0
Telangana	1.9	40.4	57.7	100.0	1.9	45.9	52.2	100.0	2.0	32.0	66.0	100.0
Uttar Pradesh	2.0	36.6	61.4	100.0	2.3	40.6	57.1	100.0	0.9	22.0	77.2	100.0
Uttarakhand	1.4	29.1	69.5	100.0	1.3	32.4	66.3	100.0	1.6	21.7	76.7	100.0
West Bengal	3.4	49.6	47.0	100.0	4.1	56.6	39.3	100.0	2.0	35.6	62.3	100.0

2.15 Statement 13 given below provides the mean age at effective marriage of female by residence for India and bigger States. At the National level, the mean age at effective marriage for female in the year 2014 is 22.3 years and varies from 21.8 years in rural areas to 23.2 years in urban areas. Among the bigger States, the mean age varies from 21.0 years in Jharkhand to 25.2 years in Jammu & Kashmir. Chart 7 shows the female mean age at effective marriage for India for the year 2014.

Statement 13

**Mean Age at Effective Marriage of Female by residence,
India and bigger States, 2014**

India and bigger States	Age at effective marriage											
	Total				Rural				Urban			
	< 18	18-20	21+	All Ages	< 18	18-20	21+	All Ages	< 18	18-20	21+	All Ages
India	16.8	19.1	24.5	22.3	16.7	19.1	24.2	21.8	16.9	19.1	24.8	23.2
Andhra Pradesh	17.0	19.1	23.9	21.8	17.0	19.1	23.8	21.5	17.0	19.0	24.2	22.5
Assam	17.0	19.1	24.5	22.5	17.0	19.1	24.2	22.1	16.9	19.1	25.7	23.9
Bihar	16.8	18.8	24.9	22.1	16.8	18.8	24.9	22.0	17.0	19.0	24.9	22.9
Chhattisgarh	16.9	19.1	24.3	22.2	17.0	19.1	24.1	21.9	16.3	19.2	24.9	23.0
Delhi	17.0	19.2	25.2	23.6	0.0	19.1	24.6	23.9	17.0	19.2	25.2	23.6
Gujarat	16.8	19.1	24.6	22.7	16.8	19.2	24.4	22.0	17.0	18.9	24.8	23.2
Haryana	16.6	19.2	24.0	22.3	16.5	19.2	24.0	22.1	17.0	19.2	24.0	22.6
Himachal Pradesh	16.5	19.2	24.3	23.1	16.5	19.2	24.3	23.0	17.0	19.2	25.9	24.4
Jammu & Kashmir	16.5	19.2	26.2	25.2	16.4	19.2	26.1	24.9	17.0	19.2	26.6	25.8
Jharkhand	16.7	19.1	23.6	21.0	16.6	19.1	23.2	20.6	17.0	19.1	24.7	22.6
Karnataka	17.0	19.2	24.5	22.4	16.9	19.2	24.4	22.0	17.0	19.1	24.5	22.9
Kerala	17.0	19.1	25.4	23.8	16.9	19.1	25.2	23.5	17.0	19.1	25.6	24.1
Madhya Pradesh	16.9	19.1	24.0	21.8	16.9	19.1	23.7	21.4	17.0	19.1	24.8	22.9
Maharashtra	16.9	19.2	24.4	22.2	16.9	19.2	23.9	21.4	16.9	19.1	24.7	23.0
Odisha	16.9	19.1	24.3	22.1	16.9	19.1	24.1	21.9	17.0	19.1	25.2	23.3
Punjab	16.5	19.2	24.9	23.5	16.3	19.2	25.0	23.5	17.0	19.2	24.6	23.4
Rajasthan	16.5	19.2	23.7	21.6	16.6	19.1	23.6	21.4	16.1	19.3	23.9	22.1
Tamil Nadu	16.8	19.2	24.8	23.3	16.8	19.2	24.5	22.9	16.8	19.2	25.0	23.7
Telangana	16.8	19.2	23.9	21.8	16.6	19.2	23.8	21.5	17.0	19.2	24.0	22.3
Uttar Pradesh	16.7	19.2	24.3	22.3	16.7	19.2	23.9	21.8	17.0	19.3	25.3	23.9
Uttarakhand	16.7	19.3	24.4	22.8	16.5	19.2	24.1	22.4	17.0	19.3	24.8	23.5
West Bengal	16.8	18.9	24.5	21.5	16.8	18.9	24.3	21.0	16.9	19.0	24.8	22.5

Chart 7: Mean age at effective marriage of females by residence, India, 2014

