

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 30.9 percent during 1991 to 2010, 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 61.6 per cent during 1991 to 2010. 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 7.5 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 is from 1990. There is a marginal increase in the proportion of married Female from 45.7 in 1991 to 48.2 in 2010, whereas the proportion of widowed/divorced/separated female has remained stagnant at 8.0. The mean age at effective marriage for Female has improved from 19.3 years in 1990 to 21.0 years in 2010.

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.

Age composition

2.4 Age composition by residence and broad age groups 0-14, 15-59 and 60+ for the year 2010 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 and 60+ & 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 is 0.6 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, 2010

Residence	Sex	Broad age groups (years)							
		0-4	5-9	10-14	0-14	15-59	60+	15-64	65+
Total	Total	10.0	10.0	10.9	30.9	61.6	7.5	64.1	5.0
	Male	10.2	10.2	11.1	31.5	61.4	7.2	63.9	4.7
	Female	9.8	9.8	10.7	30.2	61.9	7.8	64.4	5.3
Rural	Total	10.6	10.3	11.5	32.4	60.0	7.5	62.5	5.1
	Male	10.8	10.5	11.7	33.1	59.7	7.2	62.2	4.7
	Female	10.4	10.1	11.3	31.7	60.4	7.9	62.9	5.4
Urban	Total	8.4	9.1	9.3	26.7	65.9	7.3	68.5	4.8
	Male	8.5	9.2	9.5	27.3	65.7	7.0	68.2	4.5
	Female	8.2	8.8	9.0	26.1	66.2	7.7	68.7	5.2

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

Chart 2

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, 8.4 percent population in urban areas constitutes below 5 years of age as against 10.6 percent for rural area. Sex differences in the share of child population are negligible both in rural and urban areas. The share of male child population is about 1 percent higher in rural area of Kerala. Among the bigger States, the percentage of child population in rural areas varies from 7.6 in Kerala to 13.8 in Bihar. In urban areas, such variation is from 6.0 in Jammu and Kashmir to 11.1 in Bihar. 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, 2010

India and bigger States	Total			Rural			Urban		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	10.0	10.2	9.8	10.6	10.8	10.4	8.4	8.5	8.2
Andhra Pradesh	8.4	8.6	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.1	8.6	8.9	8.4
Assam	10.7	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.4	10.9	7.8	7.8	7.9
Bihar	13.5	13.7	13.4	13.8	14.0	13.7	11.1	11.0	11.2
Chhattisgarh	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.8	10.7	10.9	8.9	9.1	8.6
Delhi	9.4	9.3	9.5	11.6	11.7	11.4	9.0	8.9	9.2
Gujarat	9.3	9.5	9.1	9.9	10.1	9.6	8.4	8.6	8.2
Haryana	9.8	10.1	9.5	10.3	10.6	10.0	8.8	9.1	8.5
Himachal Pradesh	8.4	8.8	8.1	8.7	9.1	8.3	6.2	6.2	6.3
Jammu & Kashmir	8.1	8.4	7.8	8.7	8.9	8.4	6.0	6.2	5.8
Jharkhand	11.5	11.8	11.2	12.1	12.5	11.7	8.9	9.1	8.8
Karnataka	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.9	8.7	8.2	8.3	8.1
Kerala	7.6	8.1	7.2	7.6	8.1	7.2	7.6	8.1	7.2
Madhya Pradesh	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.5	11.5	11.5	9.4	9.4	9.5
Maharashtra	9.1	9.4	8.8	9.7	10.1	9.3	8.4	8.5	8.2
Odisha	9.5	9.8	9.2	9.8	10.1	9.4	7.7	7.8	7.6
Punjab	8.1	8.4	7.8	8.6	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.6	7.3
Rajasthan	11.0	11.2	10.7	11.5	11.7	11.3	9.1	9.4	8.9
Tamil Nadu	7.8	8.1	7.6	8.0	8.2	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.4
Uttar Pradesh	11.3	11.5	11.1	11.9	12.0	11.7	9.1	9.3	8.9
West Bengal	8.6	8.5	8.7	9.3	9.3	9.4	6.6	6.5	6.8

Chart 3

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, 32.4 percent of rural population in the year 2010 is below 15 years of age against 26.7 percent for urban areas. Percentage of population below 15 years of age in rural areas varies from 24.1 in Kerala to 39.9 in Bihar. In urban areas, it varies from 21.8 in Jammu & Kashmir to 34.7 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, 2010

India and bigger States	Total			Rural			Urban		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	30.9	31.5	30.2	32.4	33.1	31.7	26.7	27.3	26.1
Andhra Pradesh	26.4	27.5	25.4	26.3	27.1	25.5	26.7	28.2	25.2
Assam	32.3	32.6	32.0	33.7	34.0	33.2	24.5	24.5	24.5
Bihar	39.4	39.8	39.0	39.9	40.3	39.5	34.7	34.7	34.7
Chhattisgarh	32.6	33.0	32.2	33.7	34.2	33.2	27.7	28.0	27.4
Delhi	29.0	28.9	29.1	33.2	33.5	32.8	28.3	28.2	28.5
Gujarat	29.1	29.9	28.3	30.7	31.5	29.8	26.7	27.4	25.9
Haryana	30.7	32.1	29.1	31.8	33.2	30.2	28.0	29.4	26.5
Himachal Pradesh	26.0	27.3	24.7	26.4	27.8	25.0	22.2	22.7	21.6
Jammu & Kashmir	26.9	27.5	26.3	28.3	28.8	27.7	21.8	22.6	21.0
Jharkhand	35.5	36.4	34.6	36.7	37.8	35.6	30.4	30.5	30.3
Karnataka	26.7	27.2	26.1	27.2	27.7	26.7	25.7	26.4	25.0
Kerala	23.9	25.6	22.5	24.1	25.7	22.7	23.4	25.1	21.8
Madhya Pradesh	33.6	33.7	33.5	34.7	34.9	34.5	29.7	29.4	30.0
Maharashtra	27.5	28.3	26.7	29.3	30.2	28.4	25.0	25.7	24.3
Odisha	29.4	30.1	28.7	30.1	30.9	29.2	25.5	25.6	25.3
Punjab	26.0	27.1	24.7	26.4	27.7	25.0	25.2	26.1	24.2
Rajasthan	33.6	34.1	33.1	35.0	35.4	34.5	29.4	30.0	28.8
Tamil Nadu	24.0	24.8	23.3	24.9	25.7	24.0	23.0	23.6	22.3
Uttar Pradesh	35.7	36.0	35.3	36.8	37.1	36.4	31.0	31.5	30.5
West Bengal	27.4	27.3	27.5	29.3	29.3	29.4	22.1	22.0	22.3

Chart 4

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 60.0 percent in rural areas and 65.9 percent population in urban areas. In rural areas the percentage varies from 53.7 in Bihar to 65.4 in Andhra Pradesh. In urban areas the same varies from 59.3 in Bihar to 69.7 per cent in Jammu & Kashmir. 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 age group 15-59 years to total population by sex and residence, India and bigger States, 2010

India and bigger States	Total			Rural			Urban		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	61.6	61.4	61.9	60.0	59.7	60.4	65.9	65.7	66.2
Andhra Pradesh	65.8	65.5	66.2	65.4	65.1	65.7	66.9	66.3	67.5
Assam	62.2	61.7	62.7	61.0	60.5	61.6	69.2	69.0	69.4
Bihar	54.3	53.8	54.8	53.7	53.2	54.2	59.3	59.4	59.2
Chhattisgarh	60.9	61.1	60.8	59.7	59.9	59.6	66.3	66.1	66.4
Delhi	65.3	65.7	64.9	62.0	61.9	62.2	65.9	66.3	65.3
Gujarat	63.4	63.4	63.4	61.5	61.4	61.7	66.3	66.3	66.2
Haryana	63.3	62.6	64.0	62.3	61.8	62.9	65.5	64.5	66.5
Himachal Pradesh	63.9	62.8	65.0	63.3	62.1	64.5	69.6	69.1	70.1
Jammu & Kashmir	65.4	64.6	66.1	64.2	63.5	65.0	69.7	69.0	70.5
Jharkhand	58.6	58.0	59.1	57.4	56.7	58.1	63.6	63.5	63.8
Karnataka	65.5	65.2	65.7	64.4	64.2	64.6	67.4	67.0	67.8
Kerala	64.2	63.4	64.9	64.1	63.3	64.7	64.7	63.8	65.5
Madhya Pradesh	59.7	59.9	59.5	58.6	58.8	58.4	63.8	64.0	63.5
Maharashtra	63.3	63.0	63.6	60.5	60.3	60.8	67.1	66.7	67.5
Odisha	61.9	61.3	62.4	61.0	60.4	61.7	67.1	67.0	67.2
Punjab	65.1	64.5	65.9	64.1	63.2	65.0	66.9	66.5	67.3
Rajasthan	59.6	59.6	59.5	58.2	58.3	58.1	63.8	63.9	63.8
Tamil Nadu	66.0	65.5	66.4	64.7	64.2	65.1	67.6	67.3	68.0
Uttar Pradesh	58.0	57.8	58.2	56.8	56.6	56.9	63.1	62.7	63.5
West Bengal	65.2	65.3	65.0	63.9	64.1	63.6	68.6	68.4	68.8

Chart 5

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 7.5. Composition of 60+ aged female population is higher in all of the bigger States except Assam, Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir. In rural areas population in the age group 60+ constitutes 7.5 percent of the total population and variation in aged population ranges from 4.8 percent in Delhi to 11.8 per cent in Kerala. The urban proportion of aged population in most of the States is lower than the corresponding rural share except for Assam, Delhi, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala 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, 2010

India and bigger States	Total			Rural			Urban		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	7.5	7.2	7.8	7.5	7.2	7.9	7.3	7.0	7.7
Andhra Pradesh	7.7	7.1	8.4	8.3	7.8	8.9	6.4	5.5	7.3
Assam	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.2	6.3	6.5	6.1
Bihar	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.0	5.9	6.1
Chhattisgarh	6.5	5.9	7.1	6.6	5.9	7.3	6.0	5.9	6.2
Delhi	5.7	5.4	6.0	4.8	4.5	5.1	5.8	5.5	6.2
Gujarat	7.5	6.8	8.3	7.8	7.0	8.6	7.0	6.3	7.8
Haryana	6.1	5.3	6.9	5.9	5.0	6.9	6.5	6.1	7.0
Himachal Pradesh	10.1	9.9	10.3	10.3	10.1	10.5	8.2	8.1	8.3
Jammu & Kashmir	7.7	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.4	8.4	8.3	8.5
Jharkhand	5.9	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.5	6.3	6.0	6.0	5.9
Karnataka	7.9	7.6	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.8	6.9	6.6	7.2
Kerala	11.8	11.0	12.6	11.8	11.0	12.6	11.9	11.1	12.7
Madhya Pradesh	6.7	6.4	7.0	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	6.6	6.5
Maharashtra	9.2	8.7	9.7	10.2	9.5	10.8	7.9	7.5	8.2
Odisha	8.7	8.5	8.9	8.9	8.7	9.1	7.5	7.5	7.5
Punjab	8.9	8.4	9.4	9.5	9.1	10.0	7.9	7.4	8.4
Rajasthan	6.8	6.2	7.4	6.8	6.3	7.4	6.8	6.1	7.5
Tamil Nadu	10.0	9.6	10.3	10.4	10.1	10.8	9.4	9.1	9.7
Uttar Pradesh	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.7	5.9	5.8	6.0
West Bengal	7.5	7.4	7.5	6.8	6.6	7.0	9.3	9.6	8.9

Chart 6

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 2010. During this year, 48.7 percent of the population at the National level is reported as never married. Married population constitutes 46.2 percent of the total population whereas widowed/divorced/separated constitutes 5.1 percent. The proportion of W/D/S female population is higher than males at the National level for all of the bigger States. The gap is significantly wide in respect of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu. Andhra Pradesh (50.9) recorded the highest percentage of married population whereas the lowest was recorded for Assam (41.0). 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, residence and age-group for India and bigger States is detailed in Table-2.

Statement 8

Percentage distribution of population by marital status and sex, India and bigger States, 2010

India and bigger States	Never married			Married			W/D/S		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	48.7	53.5	43.8	46.2	44.2	48.2	5.1	2.3	8.0
Andhra Pradesh	42.3	47.9	36.7	50.9	49.9	52.0	6.8	2.2	11.4
Assam	54.4	58.8	49.7	41.0	39.4	42.7	4.6	1.8	7.6
Bihar	54.7	58.9	50.2	41.7	38.8	44.8	3.6	2.3	4.9
Chhattisgarh	47.8	51.5	44.1	46.8	46.1	47.6	5.4	2.5	8.3
Delhi	50.2	53.2	46.6	46.5	45.1	48.1	3.3	1.7	5.2
Gujarat	45.2	49.3	40.9	49.7	48.1	51.4	5.1	2.7	7.7
Haryana	49.0	54.1	43.2	46.9	43.8	50.4	4.2	2.1	6.5
Himachal Pradesh	45.9	51.3	40.7	48.2	46.0	50.3	5.9	2.6	9.1
Jammu & Kashmir	54.5	57.9	51.0	41.5	39.7	43.4	4.0	2.4	5.6
Jharkhand	52.5	57.3	47.6	43.5	40.7	46.5	3.9	1.9	6.0
Karnataka	45.9	52.0	39.8	47.3	46.2	48.4	6.8	1.8	11.8
Kerala	42.5	49.4	36.1	50.6	49.1	52.0	6.9	1.5	11.9
Madhya Pradesh	49.5	53.3	45.5	46.0	44.1	47.9	4.5	2.6	6.6
Maharashtra	44.3	49.7	38.7	50.0	48.3	51.7	5.7	1.9	9.7
Odisha	47.3	51.7	43.0	46.9	45.8	47.9	5.8	2.5	9.2
Punjab	47.4	52.2	42.0	47.6	45.0	50.5	5.0	2.8	7.5
Rajasthan	49.0	53.1	44.6	47.0	44.9	49.2	4.0	2.0	6.2
Tamil Nadu	42.6	48.2	37.0	50.0	49.3	50.8	7.4	2.5	12.3
Uttar Pradesh	54.7	58.8	50.3	41.1	38.3	44.2	4.1	2.9	5.5
West Bengal	45.1	50.3	39.6	49.5	48.1	51.0	5.4	1.6	9.4

W/D/S- Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Note: Total may not add to 100 due to rounding

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 57.7. Among the bigger States Jammu & Kashmir (49.9) recorded the lowest percentage of married population whereas the highest percentage was recorded for Gujarat & Andhra Pradesh (61.4).

Statement 9
Percentage distribution of population age 10+ by marital status and sex
India and bigger States, 2010

India and bigger States	Never married			Married			W/D/S		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
India	35.9	41.6	30.1	57.7	55.5	59.9	6.4	2.9	10.0
Andhra Pradesh	30.4	36.6	24.3	61.4	60.7	62.1	8.2	2.7	13.6
Assam	42.3	47.7	36.6	51.8	50.0	53.8	5.9	2.3	9.6
Bihar	39.2	44.6	33.5	56.0	52.4	59.9	4.8	3.0	6.6
Chhattisgarh	33.3	37.8	28.8	59.8	59.1	60.6	6.9	3.2	10.6
Delhi	38.4	42.2	33.9	57.5	55.7	59.6	4.1	2.1	6.5
Gujarat	32.2	36.9	27.3	61.4	59.8	63.2	6.3	3.3	9.5
Haryana	36.0	41.8	29.7	58.8	55.6	62.3	5.2	2.7	8.0
Himachal Pradesh	34.7	40.7	29.1	58.2	56.1	60.1	7.1	3.2	10.8
Jammu & Kashmir	45.4	49.1	41.4	49.9	48.0	51.8	4.8	2.9	6.7
Jharkhand	38.5	44.2	32.7	56.4	53.3	59.6	5.1	2.5	7.7
Karnataka	34.5	41.6	27.3	57.3	56.2	58.4	8.2	2.2	14.2
Kerala	31.7	39.2	24.9	60.1	59.0	61.1	8.2	1.8	14.0
Madhya Pradesh	35.5	40.3	30.2	58.7	56.3	61.3	5.8	3.3	8.5
Maharashtra	32.0	38.1	25.6	61.0	59.5	62.7	7.0	2.4	11.7
Odisha	35.0	40.0	30.0	57.8	56.9	58.7	7.2	3.1	11.2
Punjab	36.7	42.1	30.7	57.3	54.5	60.3	6.0	3.4	8.9
Rajasthan	35.1	40.0	29.9	59.8	57.5	62.3	5.1	2.6	7.8
Tamil Nadu	31.7	38.1	25.3	59.6	59.0	60.1	8.8	3.0	14.5
Uttar Pradesh	41.6	46.6	36.0	53.1	49.6	57.0	5.3	3.7	7.1
West Bengal	33.3	39.8	26.5	60.1	58.3	62.1	6.5	1.9	11.4

W/D/S- Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Note: Total may not add to 100 due to rounding

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, 59.9 per cent of such females are married. The proportion of married female is higher in rural areas than that of urban areas in majority of the bigger states. However the trend in the States of Assam, Kerala, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, and Punjab is otherwise. Among the bigger States the lowest percentage of married female is found to be in Jammu & Kashmir (51.8) and the highest in Gujarat (63.2). Percentage of never married Female age 10+ in the bigger States varies from 24.3 in Andhra Pradesh to 41.4 in Jammu & Kashmir. The percentage of female in the category Widowed/Divorced/Separated varies from 6.5 in Delhi to 14.5 in Tamil Nadu.

Statement 10
Percentage distribution of Female age 10+ by marital status and residence
India and bigger States, 2010

India and bigger States	Never married			Married			W/D/S		
	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban
India	30.1	30.0	30.3	59.9	60.1	59.5	10.0	9.9	10.2
Andhra Pradesh	24.3	23.2	26.8	62.1	62.5	61.3	13.6	14.3	11.9
Assam	36.6	37.1	34.0	53.8	53.5	55.6	9.6	9.4	10.5
Bihar	33.5	33.3	35.3	59.9	60.2	57.3	6.6	6.5	7.4
Chhattisgarh	28.8	28.2	31.5	60.6	61.1	58.2	10.6	10.7	10.3
Delhi	33.9	35.4	33.7	59.6	59.7	59.6	6.5	4.9	6.7
Gujarat	27.3	27.7	26.8	63.2	62.6	64.0	9.5	9.7	9.2
Haryana	29.7	29.9	29.3	62.3	61.9	63.2	8.0	8.2	7.5
Himachal Pradesh	29.1	28.9	31.2	60.1	60.1	60.5	10.8	11.1	8.3
Jammu & Kashmir	41.4	42.1	39.3	51.8	51.5	52.8	6.7	6.4	7.9
Jharkhand	32.7	32.3	34.1	59.6	60.0	58.0	7.7	7.7	7.8
Karnataka	27.3	26.7	28.5	58.4	58.1	59.0	14.2	15.2	12.6
Kerala	24.9	25.3	23.8	61.1	60.7	62.3	14.0	14.0	13.8
Madhya Pradesh	30.2	29.6	32.3	61.3	62.0	58.8	8.5	8.3	8.8
Maharashtra	25.6	23.5	28.3	62.7	63.7	61.3	11.7	12.8	10.4
Odisha	30.0	29.8	31.4	58.7	58.8	58.2	11.2	11.4	10.4
Punjab	30.7	30.7	30.9	60.3	60.2	60.5	8.9	9.2	8.6
Rajasthan	29.9	29.9	30.1	62.3	62.4	61.7	7.8	7.7	8.2
Tamil Nadu	25.3	25.2	25.5	60.1	59.5	61.0	14.5	15.3	13.5
Uttar Pradesh	36.0	35.3	38.9	57.0	57.8	53.6	7.1	6.9	7.5
West Bengal	26.5	26.2	27.2	62.1	62.8	60.3	11.4	11.0	12.5

W/D/S- Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Note: Total may not add to 100 due to rounding

2.13 Statement 11 given below presents the marital distribution of female population age 15 years and above by residence. At the National level, 69.1 percent of married females exists in age 15+ and 70.0 percent comes under rural areas. Among the bigger States, percentage of such married female varies from 58.8 in Jammu & Kashmir to 73.6 in Rajasthan. The percentage of never married female varies from 15.1 in Andhra Pradesh to 33.5 in Jammu & Kashmir. The maximum percentage of Widowed/Divorced/Separated females is in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu (16.0) and the minimum 7.4 in Delhi.

Statement 11

**Percentage distribution of Female age 15+ by marital status and residence
India and bigger States, 2010**

India and bigger States	Never married			Married			W/D/S		
	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban
India	19.4	18.4	21.8	69.1	70.0	66.8	11.5	11.6	11.4
Andhra Pradesh	15.1	13.9	18.1	69.6	70.1	68.6	15.2	16.0	13.3
Assam	26.1	26.0	26.5	62.7	62.9	61.8	11.2	11.1	11.7
Bihar	18.5	17.9	23.3	73.4	74.1	67.9	8.1	8.0	8.8
Chhattisgarh	17.6	16.4	22.6	70.1	71.2	65.8	12.3	12.5	11.6
Delhi	24.7	25.3	24.6	67.9	69.0	67.7	7.4	5.7	7.7
Gujarat	17.5	17.1	18.2	71.7	71.8	71.5	10.8	11.1	10.3
Haryana	19.9	19.5	20.6	71.0	71.1	70.9	9.1	9.4	8.4
Himachal Pradesh	21.1	20.8	24.5	66.8	66.9	66.4	12.0	12.3	9.1
Jammu & Kashmir	33.5	33.6	33.2	58.8	59.1	58.1	7.7	7.4	8.7
Jharkhand	19.8	18.7	23.8	71.1	72.1	67.1	9.2	9.2	9.1
Karnataka	18.6	17.4	20.6	65.4	65.5	65.4	16.0	17.1	14.0
Kerala	17.6	18.0	16.5	67.1	66.7	68.3	15.3	15.4	15.2
Madhya Pradesh	18.0	16.7	22.3	72.0	73.4	67.5	9.9	9.9	10.1
Maharashtra	16.4	13.0	20.7	70.4	72.5	67.8	13.2	14.5	11.5
Odisha	20.0	19.5	23.0	67.1	67.5	65.2	12.9	13.0	11.7
Punjab	23.0	22.7	23.4	67.1	67.1	67.0	10.0	10.2	9.5
Rajasthan	17.2	16.2	20.0	73.6	74.6	70.6	9.2	9.2	9.4
Tamil Nadu	17.8	17.4	18.4	66.2	65.7	66.8	16.0	16.9	14.8
Uttar Pradesh	23.2	21.7	28.9	68.4	69.9	62.3	8.5	8.4	8.7
West Bengal	16.7	15.4	20.0	70.3	72.0	66.3	12.9	12.6	13.7

W/D/S- Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Note: Total may not add to 100 due to rounding

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 5.0 at the National level and varies from 0.5 in Delhi to 13.0 in Jharkhand. Percentage of female marrying at 21 years and above is 48.8 at the National level and varies from 36.7 in Rajasthan to 81.7 in Jammu & Kashmir. More than half of the rural female, at the National level, marry between 18 and 20 years of age compared to about one-third in urban areas.

Statement 12

Percentage of Female by age at effective marriage and by residence India and bigger States, 2010

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	5.0	46.1	48.8	100.0	6.0	51.4	42.7	100.0	2.4	31.4	66.2	100.0
Andhra Pradesh	4.0	53.1	42.9	100.0	5.3	60.6	34.2	100.0	1.8	39.9	58.4	100.0
Assam	3.4	41.3	55.3	100.0	3.8	45.6	50.6	100.0	1.8	21.3	76.9	100.0
Bihar	7.2	47.6	45.1	100.0	7.8	49.8	42.4	100.0	3.3	32.6	64.1	100.0
Chhattisgarh	1.7	51.6	46.6	100.0	2.0	57.3	40.7	100.0	0.4	26.8	72.7	100.0
Delhi	0.5	22.7	76.8	100.0	1.9	22.1	76.0	100.0	0.3	22.7	76.9	100.0
Gujarat	4.7	44.7	50.6	100.0	5.8	54.1	40.1	100.0	2.9	29.8	67.3	100.0
Haryana	0.7	52.6	46.7	100.0	1.0	57.8	41.2	100.0	0.2	41.2	58.6	100.0
Himachal Pradesh	1.8	26.0	72.2	100.0	1.9	27.5	70.6	100.0	0.6	6.4	93.0	100.0
Jammu & Kashmir	0.9	17.4	81.7	100.0	1.0	19.7	79.3	100.0	0.7	8.7	90.6	100.0
Jharkhand	13.0	47.2	39.8	100.0	15.1	52.1	32.8	100.0	4.3	26.8	68.9	100.0
Karnataka	3.6	45.1	51.3	100.0	4.3	52.7	43.0	100.0	2.5	30.8	66.7	100.0
Kerala	2.2	24.8	73.1	100.0	2.7	24.9	72.4	100.0	0.6	24.5	74.9	100.0
Madhya Pradesh	3.3	57.2	39.6	100.0	3.6	63.5	32.9	100.0	2.1	34.6	63.3	100.0
Maharashtra	4.0	54.8	41.2	100.0	5.1	66.3	28.7	100.0	1.3	26.2	72.6	100.0
Odisha	6.3	41.0	52.8	100.0	7.0	42.5	50.5	100.0	1.0	30.3	68.7	100.0
Punjab	0.7	28.2	71.1	100.0	0.8	32.0	67.2	100.0	0.3	20.1	79.7	100.0
Rajasthan	10.1	53.2	36.7	100.0	13.0	57.0	30.1	100.0	2.0	42.4	55.6	100.0
Tamil Nadu	1.8	27.3	71.0	100.0	2.3	31.7	66.0	100.0	1.3	22.6	76.1	100.0
Uttar Pradesh	5.4	46.7	47.8	100.0	6.1	48.6	45.3	100.0	2.1	36.6	61.4	100.0
West Bengal	8.2	54.8	37.0	100.0	9.5	60.6	29.8	100.0	4.1	37.5	58.4	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 2010 is 21.0 years and varies from 20.5 years in rural areas to 22.4 years in urban areas. Among the bigger States, the mean age varies from 20.1 years in Rajasthan to 23.7 years in Jammu & Kashmir. Chart 7 shows the female mean age at effective marriage for India for the year 2010.

Statement 13

Mean age at effective marriage of Female by residence, India and bigger States, 2010

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	16.4	19.1	23.9	21.0	16.4	19.1	23.5	20.5	16.4	19.2	24.6	22.4
Andhra Pradesh	16.3	19.1	23.4	20.6	16.2	19.1	22.8	20.0	16.3	19.2	24.0	21.7
Assam	15.9	19.0	24.7	21.6	15.8	19.0	24.1	21.1	16.4	19.2	26.9	24.5
Bihar	16.4	19.2	23.5	20.6	16.4	19.2	23.4	20.5	16.2	19.3	24.0	21.9
Chhattisgarh	16.8	19.2	25.2	21.5	16.9	19.2	24.5	21.0	16.0	19.2	27.0	24.3
Delhi	16.7	19.3	24.0	22.7	17.0	19.1	23.6	22.3	16.5	19.4	24.1	22.8
Gujarat	16.5	19.2	23.5	21.0	16.5	19.2	23.1	20.4	16.6	19.2	23.9	22.0
Haryana	16.8	19.2	22.7	20.7	16.7	19.1	22.4	20.3	17.0	19.4	23.1	21.4
Himachal Pradesh	16.1	19.4	23.7	22.2	16.1	19.4	23.5	22.0	16.0	19.3	25.4	24.8
Jammu & Kashmir	16.6	19.4	25.0	23.7	16.7	19.4	24.8	23.4	16.5	19.5	25.8	25.0
Jharkhand	16.0	19.2	23.7	20.2	16.0	19.2	23.1	19.7	16.3	19.2	24.9	22.6
Karnataka	16.5	19.1	23.6	21.1	16.5	19.1	23.2	20.5	16.6	19.3	24.2	22.2
Kerala	16.6	19.2	24.3	22.6	16.6	19.2	24.4	22.6	16.7	19.4	24.0	22.6
Madhya Pradesh	16.2	19.0	23.9	20.6	16.4	19.0	23.1	20.1	14.9	19.3	25.5	22.6
Maharashtra	16.6	19.0	23.7	20.6	16.6	19.0	22.9	19.8	16.8	19.3	24.5	22.7
Odisha	15.8	19.2	23.9	21.1	15.8	19.2	23.8	20.9	16.4	19.3	24.4	22.5
Punjab	16.9	19.4	23.5	22.1	16.9	19.4	23.1	21.7	17.0	19.5	24.2	23.1
Rajasthan	16.4	19.0	23.4	20.1	16.4	19.0	22.4	19.5	16.6	19.2	25.3	22.1
Tamil Nadu	16.5	19.3	24.0	22.3	16.5	19.3	23.5	21.8	16.6	19.4	24.5	23.0
Uttar Pradesh	16.5	19.1	23.9	21.0	16.5	19.1	23.6	20.7	16.4	19.2	25.3	22.5
West Bengal	16.4	18.9	24.1	20.3	16.5	18.9	23.4	19.7	16.3	19.1	25.2	22.1

Chart 7