

Key Indicators for West Bengal from NFHS-3	Residence		Education				NFHS-2 (1998-99)	NFHS-1 (1992-93)	
	NFHS-3 (2005-06)	Urban	Rural	No education ⁴	<5 years complete ⁴	5-9 years complete ⁴			10 years complete and above ⁴
Marriage and Fertility									
1. Women age 20-24 married by age 18 (%)	54.0	32.0	63.2	68.8	73.6	54.1	13.1	45.9	56.4
2. Men age 25-29 married by age 21 (%)	26.9	10.2	34.7	47.5	(42.5)	20.1	6.5	na	na
3. Total fertility rate (children per woman)	2.3	1.6	2.5	3.1	2.4	1.9	1.4	2.3	2.9
4. Women age 15-19 who were already mothers or pregnant at the time of the survey (%)	25.3	11.3	30.0	44.1	29.3	23.4	6.1	na	na
5. Median age at first birth for women age 25-49	19.0	20.8	18.4	18.0	18.3	19.3	24.1	19.2	18.6
6. Married women with 2 living children wanting no more children ¹ (%)	89.6	95.1	87.4	83.7	92.7	90.0	97.3	87.2	74.2
6a. Two sons	93.5	97.6	91.9	89.1	98.2	92.2	99.6	92.7	85.1
6b. One son, one daughter	92.9	96.9	91.3	89.6	93.8	93.0	98.1	92.1	80.3
6c. Two daughters	74.3	86.8	68.9	63.4	(73.7)	78.2	92.1	63.3	49.9
Family Planning (currently married women, age 15-49)									
Current use									
7. Any method (%)	71.2	75.5	69.5	70.2	70.7	72.4	72.0	66.6	57.7
8. Any modern method (%)	49.9	49.9	49.9	54.4	52.1	47.9	38.7	47.3	37.6
8a. Female sterilization (%)	32.2	28.8	33.5	42.4	36.1	25.6	12.0	32.0	26.5
8b. Male sterilization (%)	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.4	0.2	0.4	1.8	4.3
8c. IUD (%)	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.5	1.4	1.3
8d. Pill (%)	11.7	10.7	12.1	8.8	11.7	16.2	10.2	9.2	3.6
8e. Condom (%)	4.3	8.7	2.5	1.3	2.3	4.8	14.3	2.9	1.9
Unmet need for family planning									
9. Total unmet need (%)	8.0	5.7	9.0	7.8	9.0	8.6	6.3	11.8	17.4
9a. For spacing (%)	4.0	2.4	4.6	3.2	4.9	4.7	3.6	6.3	9.4
9b. For limiting (%)	4.0	3.3	4.3	4.6	4.0	3.9	2.6	5.5	8.0
Maternal and Child Health									
Maternity care (for births in the last 3 years)									
10. Mothers who had at least 3 antenatal care visits for their last birth (%)	62.4	87.3	55.8	45.7	58.4	75.0	92.2	57.4	50.3
11. Mothers who consumed IFA for 90 days or more when they were pregnant with their last child (%)	24.3	37.4	20.8	14.4	22.9	26.7	55.6	na	na
12. Births assisted by a doctor/nurse/LHV/ANM/other health personnel (%) ²	48.6	81.2	40.2	27.3	49.0	62.2	92.3	44.2	33.9
13. Institutional births (%) ²	43.1	79.2	33.8	22.9	38.7	57.1	89.5	40.1	32.0
14. Mothers who received postnatal care from a doctor/nurse/LHV/ANM/other health personnel within 2 days of delivery for their last birth (%) ²	39.1	68.4	31.4	24.2	32.5	47.1	80.8	na	na
Child immunization and vitamin A supplementation²									
15a. Children 12-23 months fully immunized (BCG, measles, and 3 doses each of polio/DPT) (%)	64.3	70.3	62.8	52.7	68.2	74.6	70.9	43.8	34.2
15b. Children 12-23 months who have received BCG (%)	90.1	94.2	89.1	83.2	88.8	96.4	100.0	76.5	63.1
15c. Children 12-23 months who have received 3 doses of polio vaccine (%)	80.7	85.0	79.7	77.2	75.3	86.3	82.8	61.7	56.0
15d. Children 12-23 months who have received 3 doses of DPT vaccine (%)	71.5	79.4	69.5	62.1	72.9	78.3	86.9	58.3	51.9
15e. Children 12-23 months who have received measles vaccine (%)	74.7	78.7	73.7	64.3	72.7	85.2	84.6	52.4	42.5
16. Children age 12-35 months who received a vitamin A dose in last 6 months (%)	46.8	32.2	50.6	39.5	45.4	58.6	41.0	na	na
Treatment of childhood diseases (children under 3 years)²									
17. Children with diarrhoea in the last 2 weeks who received ORS (%)	43.7	(34.9)	45.3	(41.7)	*	(60.3)	*	40.5	47.2
18. Children with diarrhoea in the last 2 weeks taken to a health facility (%)	74.0	(68.2)	75.0	(73.5)	*	(82.3)	*	54.2	83.4
19. Children with acute respiratory infection or fever in the last 2 weeks taken to a health facility (%)	74.0	82.0	72.1	72.7	73.5	74.9	(77.2)	na	na
Child Feeding Practices and Nutritional Status of Children^{2,3}									
20. Children under 3 years breastfed within one hour of birth (%)	23.7	20.8	24.5	25.8	23.5	23.1	18.2	25.0	11.3
21. Children age 0-5 months exclusively breastfed (%)	58.6	65.0	57.1	65.6	(56.7)	47.4	(65.8)	na	na
22. Children age 6-9 months receiving solid or semi-solid food and breastmilk (%)	55.9	58.0	55.3	(48.8)	*	70.0	(69.6)	na	na
23. Children under 3 years who are stunted (%)	41.8	29.6	44.6	48.5	49.2	35.1	20.3	50.4	na
24. Children under 3 years who are wasted (%)	19.2	15.5	20.0	23.7	16.4	16.1	14.1	17.3	na
25. Children under 3 years who are underweight (%)	37.6	24.5	40.7	47.1	42.2	28.5	18.4	45.3	53.2
Nutritional Status of Ever-Married Adults (age 15-49)									
26. Women whose Body Mass Index is below normal (%)	37.7	19.9	44.9	47.5	39.2	33.8	12.5	43.7	na
27. Men whose Body Mass Index is below normal (%)	31.6	15.9	38.0	42.0	41.1	27.4	14.7	na	na
28. Women who are overweight or obese (%)	12.5	29.1	5.7	5.5	9.2	13.6	36.7	8.6	na
29. Men who are overweight or obese (%)	6.1	15.4	2.2	0.8	2.1	6.1	16.8	na	na
Anaemia among Children and Adults									
30. Children age 6-35 months who are anaemic (%)	69.3	58.2	71.9	75.8	70.9	66.5	44.4	78.3	na
31. Ever-married women age 15-49 who are anaemic (%)	63.8	59.0	65.6	67.4	62.8	62.6	55.9	62.7	na
32. Pregnant women age 15-49 who are anaemic (%)	62.6	63.1	62.5	67.5	(64.9)	61.1	(50.3)	56.9	na
33. Ever-married men age 15-49 who are anaemic (%)	33.1	26.9	35.4	40.1	35.4	30.5	24.3	na	na
Knowledge of HIV/AIDS among Ever-Married Adults (age 15-49)									
34. Women who have heard of AIDS (%)	50.2	78.4	39.0	21.6	46.5	71.3	98.3	26.4	9.8
35. Men who have heard of AIDS (%)	73.5	91.9	65.8	45.0	62.3	90.1	99.0	na	na
36. Women who know that consistent condom use can reduce the chances of getting HIV/AIDS (%)	29.3	52.5	20.0	8.9	21.2	40.4	79.3	na	na
37. Men who know that consistent condom use can reduce the chances of getting HIV/AIDS (%)	56.0	79.5	46.1	23.2	42.7	70.1	93.1	na	na
Women's Empowerment									
38. Currently married women who usually participate in household decisions (%)	23.9	34.7	19.7	22.0	21.4	22.2	36.5	na	na
39. Ever-married women who have ever experienced spousal violence (%)	40.3	30.4	44.1	48.9	46.7	35.3	13.8	na	na

na : Not available

() Based on 25-49 unweighted cases

* Based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases

¹ Excludes pregnant women.

² Based on the last 2 births in the 3 years before the survey to ever-married women.

³ Based on WHO standard.

⁴ For children education refers to mother's education. Children with missing information on the mother's education are not included in the education columns.