

PREGNANCY

ANC- ANTENATAL CARE

Maternity care

A1 : Anti Natal Maternity Care Overview

India Key Indicators				
Maternal and Child Health Maternity Care				
Indicators	NFHS-5 (2019-21)			NFHS-4 (2015-16)
	Urban	Rural	Total	Total
Maternity Care (for last birth in the 5 years before the survey)				
40. Mothers who had an antenatal check-up in the first trimester (%)	76	68	70	59
41. Mothers who had at least 4 antenatal care visits (%)	68	54	58	51
42. Mothers whose last birth was protected against neonatal tetanus ⁹ (%)	93	92	92	89
43. Mothers who consumed iron folic acid for 100 days or more when they were pregnant (%)	54	40	44	30
44. Mothers who consumed iron folic acid for 180 days or more when they were pregnant (%)	34	23	26	14
45. Registered pregnancies for which the mother received a Mother and Child Protection (MCP) card (%)	95	96	96	89
46. Mothers who received postnatal care from a doctor/nurse/LHV/ANM/midwife/other health personnel within 2 days of delivery (%)	85	75	78	62
47. Average out-of-pocket expenditure per delivery in a public health facility (Rs.)	3385	2770	2916	3197
48. Children born at home who were taken to a health facility for a check-up within 24 hours of birth (%)	4	4	4	3
49. Children who received postnatal care from a doctor/nurse/LHV/ANM/midwife/other health personnel within 2 days of delivery (%)	86	77	79	na

Source : National Family Health Survey - 5, India Fact sheet 2019-21
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, designated the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, as nodal agency to conduct NFHS-5

⁹Includes mothers with two injections during the pregnancy for their last birth, or two or more injections (the last within 3 years of the last live birth), or three or more injections (the last within 5 years of the last birth), or four or more injections (the last within 10 years of the last live birth), or five or more injections at any time prior to the last birth.

Observations

- Almost half of Rural mothers have not met minimum criteria of at least 4 ANC Checkups during pregnancy.

The timing of the first ANC visit is of utmost importance as it helps to plan subsequent visits . As per WHO Focused Antenatal Care (FANC) Framework, an expectant mother should have at least four ANC visits throughout pregnancy

- Only 44% mothers consumed iron folic acid for 100 days during pregnancy