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Child Nutrition

P3: Child Nutrition- % Underweight

India Key Indicators

Child Health | Nutritional Status of Children

Indicators		NFHS-5 (2019-21)		NFHS- 4 (2015- 16)	
Child Feeding Practices and Nutritional Status of Children	Urban	Rural	Total	Total	
81. Children under 5 years who are stunted (height-for-age) ¹⁸ (%)	30.1	37.3	35.5	38.4	
82. Children under 5 years who are wasted (weight-for-height) ¹⁸ (%)	18.5	19.5	19.3	21	
83. Children under 5 years who are severely wasted (weight-for-height) ¹⁹ (%)	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.5	
84. Children under 5 years who are underweight (weight-for-age) (%)	27.3	33.8	32.1	35.8	
85. Children under 5 years who are overweight (weight-for-height) ²⁰ (%)	4.2	3.2	3.4	2.1	

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.

eAny method includes other methods that are not shown separately; Any modern method includes other modern methods that are not shown separately. 7Unmet need for family planning refers to fecund women who are not using contraception but who wish to postpone the next birth (spacing) or stop childbearing altogether (limiting). Specifically, women are considered to have unmet need for spacing if they are:

¹⁸Below -2 standard deviations, based on the WHO standard. ¹⁹Below -3 standard deviations, based on the WHO standard. ²⁰Above +2 standard deviations, based on the WHO standard.