

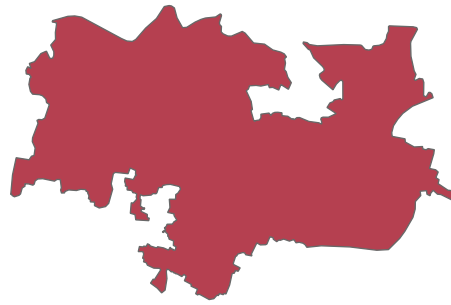
## Varanasi (GEN)

Uttar Pradesh

No. of Electors (2019): 18,56,791

### Intersecting Districts

Varanasi



## What this Factsheet Contains

This Factsheet is based on our interactive **NFHS Policy Tracker for Parliamentary Constituencies (PCs)**—part of our **India Policy Insights** initiative. It provides performance measures for 93 indicators and a side-by-side comparison with national and state averages for each PC. It also shows the net change between 2016 and 2021 for 86 indicators to highlight performance gains and losses. The Factsheet additionally lists the intersecting districts for each PC and links each indicator to a current GOI program, thereby readily providing a policy and program context for its meaningful use. See: <https://geographicinsights.iq.harvard.edu/nfhs-tracker-pc>

### Indicator Summary (2021)

Number of Indicators better than All-India average



Number of Indicators better than State average

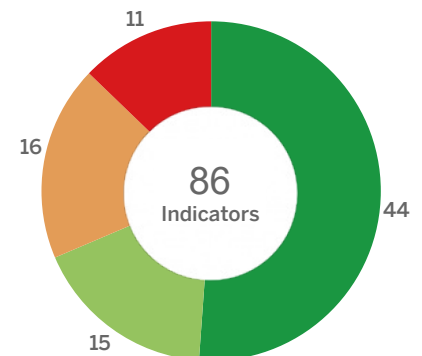


### Indicator Change Summary (Between 2016 and 2021)

Ranking based on Percentage of Indicators showing Any Improvement (out of 543 PCs)



● Highest Improvement | ● Improvement | ● Worsened | ● Extremely Worsened



#### Top 15 Indicators showing Improvement

- Vitamin A dose in the last 6 months
- Birth registration
- Current users ever told about side effects
- Exclusive breastfeeding (within 6 months)
- Children with diarrhoea who received zinc
- Antenatal check-up in the first trimester
- Interaction of health worker
- Improved sanitation
- Anemia (Pregnant women)
- 3 doses of penta or hepatitis B vaccine
- Clean fuel for cooking
- Full vaccination
- Any modern method
- Mother and Child Protection card received
- Breastfed within one hour of birth

#### Top 15 Indicators showing Worsening

- Children with fever or ARI taken to health facility
- Mild blood pressure (Men)
- Children with diarrhoea taken to health facility
- Mild blood pressure (Women)
- Postnatal check by skilled health workers
- High or very high or taking medicine (Men)
- Female sterilization
- Overweight or obese (Women)
- High or very high or taking medicine (Women)
- Receiving solid/semi-solid food (6-8 months)
- High (141-160 mg/dl) (Men)
- Caesarean section in private sector
- Moderate or severe blood pressure (Men)
- Caesarean section delivery
- Population below 15 years

For more details, see the complete listing of Improving or Worsening Indicators (pp. 2-4).

Indicator %	Government of India Programs	India 2021	State 2021	PC 2021	PC Change 2021-2016	
<b>Population and Household Profile</b>						
Birth registration	RBDA	89.1	79.5	<b>96.6</b>	33.4	●
Clean fuel for cooking	PMUY	58.6	49.5	<b>83</b>	19.8	●
Female school attendance	RTE, NEP, SSA, KGBV, DGAG, NSIG, SVSGC, BBBP, SWAYAM	71.8	67.4	<b>77.4</b>	4.1	●
Population in household with electricity	Saubhagya, DDUGJY, KUSUM, Ujjwala-DISCOM, IPDS, SCM, JNNURM, WISTS, NSM, PMAY-U, JNNURM, AMRUT, MPLADS	96.8	91	<b>97.7</b>	3.9	●
Health insurance coverage	PMJAY, PMSBY, AABY	41	15.9	<b>12.2</b>	5.4	●
Improved sanitation	SBM	70.2	68.8	<b>84.1</b>	21.6	●
Improved water	JJM, ABY, Amrit sarovar, Jaldoot, PMAY-G, SBM-G	95.9	99.2	<b>98.8</b>	1.7	●
Iodized salt	NIDDCP, Fortification	94.3	92.2	<b>99.2</b>	1.3	●
Population below 15 years	RKSK, RBSK	26.5	31	<b>26.8</b>	-2.9	●
Death registration	RBDA, MDSR	70.8	47.3	<b>60.4</b>		
<b>Characteristics of Women</b>						
10 or more years of schooling (Women)	RUSA, ATL, RAA, DIKSHA, NEP	41	39.3	<b>59.9</b>	13.3	●
Literate women	NILP	71.5	68.8	<b>81.6</b>	8.4	●
<b>Marriage and Fertility</b>						
Adolescent pregnancy	POCSO, MTP	6.8	2.9	<b>1.1</b>	-2.3	●
Child marriage (Women)	PCM	23.3	15.8	<b>9.8</b>	-8.3	●
Third or higher order birth	ESB, HDC, MPV, MTP, NPP	26.5		<b>25.5</b>	-6.7	●
Menstrual hygiene	SPMH, AFHC, AHS, PEP, RKSK, SBM-G	77.6	72.6	<b>85.3</b>	8.6	●
<b>Current Use of Family Planning Methods</b>						
Any contraceptive method	NPP, MPV, NRHM, FPIS, ECS, RPF-PPIUCD, Antara, ESB, HDC	66.7	62.4	<b>73.1</b>	15	●
Any modern method	NPP, MPV, NRHM, FPIS, ECS, RPF-PPIUCD, Antara, ESB, HDC	56.4	44.5	<b>61</b>	18.9	●
Condom	NPP, MPV, HDC, NRHM	9.5	19.1	<b>23.6</b>	14.9	●
Pill	NPP, MPV, Chayya, Mala-N, NRHM	5.4	4.4	<b>8.6</b>	7.6	●
IUD/PPIUD	NPP, MPV, RPF-PPIUCD, NRHM	2.1	1.5	<b>1.1</b>	-0.1	●
Female sterilization	MPV, FPIS, NRHM	37.9	16.9	<b>21.7</b>	-6.3	●
Male sterilization	MPV, NSV, FPIS, NRHM	0.3	0.1	<b>0</b>	-0.1	●
Injectables	NPP, MPV, Antara, NRHM	0.6	1.1	<b>1.5</b>		
<b>Unmet Need for Family Planning</b>						
Total unmet need	NPP, MPV, RPF-PPIUCD, Antara, ESB, HDC, NRHM, FPIS, ECS	9.4	12.8	<b>8</b>	-8	●
Unmet need for spacing	NPP, MPV, ESB, NRHM, FPIS, ECS, RPF-PPIUCD, Antara, HDC	4	4.8	<b>3.6</b>	-2.7	●
<b>Quality of Family Planning Services</b>						
Current users ever told about side effects	NPP, MPV, NRHM	62.4	70.6	<b>77.6</b>	30.5	●
Interaction of health worker	MPV, NRHM, ESB, JSSK	23.9	25.1	<b>35</b>	21.7	●
<b>Maternal and Child Health</b>						
Iron folic acid for 100 days	AMB, POSHAN, NAP, WIFSP, RBSK, TBSY	44.1	22.3	<b>27.8</b>	10.6	●
Iron folic acid for 180 days	AMB, POSHAN, NAP, WIFSP, RBSK, TBSY	26	9.7	<b>8.5</b>	4	●

Indicator %	Government of India Programs	India 2021	State 2021	PC 2021	PC Change 2021-2016	
Antenatal check-up in the first trimester	PMSMA, PMMVY, JSSK	70	62.5	<b>75.6</b>	22.6	●
At least 4 antenatal care visits	PMSMA, PMMVY, JSSK	58.5	42.4	<b>51.6</b>	15.7	●
Mother and Child Protection card received	None	95.9	95.7	<b>99.2</b>	17.7	●
Last birth protected against neonatal tetanus	PMMVY, PMSMA, SMA, ICDS, JSSK, LQI	92	92.1	<b>96.1</b>	2.1	●
Mothers received postnatal care	PMSMA, PMMVY, MCC, JSSK	78	72	<b>87.8</b>	15.7	●
Postnatal check by skilled health workers	JSSK, SMA, MCC, ICDS, NSSK	11.5	70.2	<b>16.5</b>	-9.5	●
<b>Delivery Care</b>						
Births by skilled health personnel	JSY, JSSK, LQI, HBNC	89.4	84.8	<b>95.4</b>	8.7	●
In public facility	JSY, JSSK, LQI, PMMVY, PMSMA, MCC	61.9	57.7	<b>54.9</b>	15.4	●
Institutional births	JSY, JSSK, LQI, PMMVY, PMSMA, MCC	88.6	83.4	<b>97.6</b>	13.9	●
Caesarean section delivery	JSY, JSSK, LQI	21.5	13.7	<b>21.9</b>	2.9	●
Caesarean section in private sector	JSY, JSSK, LQI	47.5	39.4	<b>42</b>	3.8	●
Caesarean section in public sector	JSY, JSSK, LQI	14.3	6.2	<b>7.6</b>	1.6	●
Home delivery by skilled health personnel	BMBP, HBNC, SMB, PMMVY, ICDS-ANM	3.2	4.7	<b>1.5</b>	-0.5	●
<b>Child Vaccinations and Vit A Supplements</b>						
3 doses of penta or DPT vaccine	IMI	86.7	80.8	<b>85.7</b>	9.3	●
3 doses of penta or hepatitis B vaccine	IMI	83.9	78.3	<b>83.4</b>	20.5	●
First dose of measles-containing vaccine	IMI	87.9	83.3	<b>90.3</b>	13.1	●
Full vaccination	IMI, PPP	76.6	69.6	<b>78.5</b>	19.7	●
Vitamin A dose in the last 6 months	NVAPP	71.2	73.9	<b>80.1</b>	39.2	●
3 doses of polio vaccine	IMI, PPP	80.5	74.3	<b>86.7</b>	8.9	●
Full vaccination (Source from card only)	IMI, PPP	74.3	78.4	<b>77.8</b>	7.8	●
3 doses of rotavirus vaccine	IMI	36.4	49.1	<b>52.3</b>		
Second dose of measles-containing vaccine	IMI	58.6	30.2	<b>49.9</b>		
<b>Treatment of Childhood Diseases</b>						
Children with diarrhoea who received zinc	RBSK, IDCF	30.5	28.4	<b>31.6</b>	22.6	●
Prevalence of ARI	NTEP, RBSK, SANPS, RM-ARI	2.8	3.5	<b>1.7</b>	-2.7	●
Prevalence of diarrhoea	RBSK, IDCF	7.3	5.6	<b>4</b>	-10.8	●
Children with diarrhoea who received ORS	RBSK, IDCF	60.6	50.7	<b>49.6</b>	-1.2	●
Children with diarrhoea taken to health facility	RBSK, IDCF	76.2	69.9	<b>64.1</b>	-15	●
Children with fever or ARI taken to health facility	NTEP, RBSK, SANPS	69	63	<b>55.2</b>	-23.9	●
<b>Child Feeding and Nutritional Status</b>						
Breastfed within one hour of birth	MAA, LMC, JSSK	41.8	23.9	<b>32</b>	16.2	●
Exclusive breastfeeding (within 6 months)	MAA, LMC	63.7	59.7	<b>57.1</b>	29.5	●
Stunting	POSHAN, ICDS, AK, NRC, RBSK, BPKK	35.5	39.7	<b>36.7</b>	-6.7	●
Overweight	POSHAN	3.4	3.1	<b>2</b>	0.9	●

Indicator %	Government of India Programs	India 2021	State 2021	PC 2021	PC Change 2021-2016	
Underweight	POSHAN, ICDS, AK, NRC, RBSK, BPKK	32.1	32.1	<b>32.5</b>	-13.6	●
Wasting	POSHAN, ICDS, AK, NRC, RBSK, BPKK	19.3	17.3	<b>17</b>	-7.2	●
Adequate diet (All children - 6-23 months)	NFSA, TPDS, POSHAN, WBNP, AK, RKVY, PMMVY, AAY	11	6.1	<b>3.8</b>	0.9	●
Adequate diet (Breastfeeding - 6-23 months)	MAA, LMC, NFSA, POSHAN	10.8	5.9	<b>3.8</b>	0.5	●
Adequate diet (Non-breastfeeding - 6-23 months)	NFSA, TPDS, POSHAN, WBNP, AK, RKVY, PMMVY, AAY	12.3	7	<b>3.3</b>	1.1	●
Receiving solid/semi-solid food (6-8 months)	POSHAN, ICDS	45.9	31	<b>31.4</b>	-4.2	●
Severe wasting	POSHAN, ICDS, AK, NRC, RBSK, BPKK	7.7	7.3	<b>8.2</b>	1.3	●
<b>Nutritional Status of Women</b>						
BMI below normal (Women)	AK, NRC, BPKK, NFSA, TPDS, POSHAN	18.7	19	<b>14.6</b>	-7.6	●
Overweight or obese (Women)	IHIP, PMSSY, NPCDCS	24	21.3	<b>23.9</b>	5	●
Risky waist-to-hip ratio (Women)	IHIP, PMSSY, NPCDCS	56.7	56.8	<b>70.3</b>		
<b>Anemia among Children and Women</b>						
Anemia (All women)	AMB, NAP, WIFSP	57	50.4	<b>34.5</b>	-15.8	●
Anemia (Non-pregnant women)	AMB, NAP, WIFSP	57.2	50.6	<b>36.4</b>	-14.2	●
Anemia (Pregnant women)	AMB, NAP, WIFSP, PMSMA, JSSK	52.2	45.9	<b>29.6</b>	-21	●
Anemia (All adolescent women)	AMB, NAP, WIFSP, RKSK, TBSY	59.1	52.9	<b>42.9</b>	-6.8	●
Anemia (Children)	AMB, POSHAN, NAP, WIFSP, RBSK, TBSY	67.1	66.4	<b>61.4</b>	1.8	●
<b>Blood Sugar Level among Adults</b>						
High (141-160 mg/dl) (Women)	NPCDCS, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	6.1	4.7	<b>4.3</b>	2.1	●
High or very high or taking medicine (Women)	NPCDCS, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	13.5	10	<b>9.3</b>	4.9	●
Very high (>160 mg/dl) (Men)	NPCDCS, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	7.1	5	<b>4.7</b>	2	●
Very high (>160 mg/dl) (Women)	NPCDCS, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	6.3	4.5	<b>2.4</b>	0.5	●
High (141-160 mg/dl) (Men)	NPCDCS, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	7.3	5.8	<b>6.7</b>	4.1	●
High or very high or taking medicine (Men)	NPCDCS, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	15.6	11.6	<b>12.5</b>	7.2	●
<b>Hypertension among Adults</b>						
Moderate or severe blood pressure (Women)	NPCDCS, HIHC, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	5.2	4.9	<b>3.7</b>	2.4	●
Mild blood pressure (Men)	NPCDCS, HIHC, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	15.7	15.2	<b>22</b>	15.3	●
Mild blood pressure (Women)	NPCDCS, HIHC, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	12.4	11.5	<b>14.1</b>	10.3	●
Moderate or severe blood pressure (Men)	NPCDCS, HIHC, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	5.7	5.2	<b>5.5</b>	3.7	●
Blood Pressure - High/Medication (Men)	NPCDCS, HIHC, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	24	21.7	<b>28.7</b>		
Blood Pressure - High/Medication (Women)	NPCDCS, HIHC, AMRIT, eAushidhi, IHIP, PMSSY, ABWC	21.3	18.4	<b>19.7</b>		
<b>Tobacco and Alcohol Use among Adults</b>						
Alcohol consumption (Men)	IRCA, NPCDCS	18.8	14.6	<b>12.2</b>	-11.5	●
Alcohol consumption (Women)	IRCA, NPCDCS	1.3	0.3	<b>0</b>	-0.1	●
Tobacco use (Men)	NTCP, COTPA, PEC	38	44.1	<b>36.8</b>	-15.7	●
Tobacco use (Women)	NTCP, COTPA, PEC	8.9	8.4	<b>0.5</b>	-5.8	●

## Notes

**India 2021:** indicates values from the NFHS-5 All-India Report/Factsheet.

**State 2021:** indicates values from the NFHS-5 State/Union Territory (UT) Factsheets. Blank indicates no value reported in NFHS-5 State/UT Factsheets.

**PC 2021:** indicates estimated values from NFHS-5 microdata. Blank indicates not applicable, as the underlying sample population was not observed.

**PC Change 2021-2016:** indicates percentage point difference between NFHS-5 and NFHS-4. Blank indicates not applicable, as the underlying sample population was not observed or a comparable indicator was unavailable in NFHS-4. Symbol colours indicate the change that a PC experienced on an indicator in relation to all PCs. ● **Highest Improvement** | ● **Improvement** | ● **Worsened** | ● **Extremely Worsened**

**Data Rounding:** values are rounded to one decimal place.

**PC Status:** General (GEN); Scheduled Caste (SC); Scheduled Tribe (ST).

**PC Rank:** All PCs sharing the same rank are assigned the same rank value, with subsequent ranks skipped in order to maintain continuity in the ranking sequence.

**Government of India Programs:** **AK:** Aahaar Kranti; **AABY:** Aam Admi Bima Yojana; **AFHC:** Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics; **AHS:** Adolescent Health Strategy; **AMRIT:** Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment; **AMB:** Anemia Mukh Bharat; **Antara:** Antara Programme; **ABY:** Atal Bhujal Yojana; **AMRUT:** Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation; **ATL:** Atal Tinkering Labs; **ABWC:** Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres; **BBBP:** Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana; **BPKK:** Bhartiya Poshan Krishi Kosh; **BMBP:** Birth Microplanning and Birth Preparedness by Skilled birth attendant; **Chayya Mala-N:** Chhaya and Mala-N tablets; **DDUGJY:** Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana; **DGAG:** Digital Gender Atlas for Advancing Girls Education; **DIKSHA:** Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing; **eAushidhi:** eAushidhi; **ECS:** Enhanced Compensation Scheme; **ESB:** Ensuring Spacing at Birth incentive to ASHA; **FPIS:** Family Planning Indemnity Scheme; **Fortification:** Food Fortification; **GEC:** Green Energy Corridors; **HIHC:** High Impact Hypertension Control Initiative; **HBNC:** Home Based New Born Care; **HDC:** Home delivery of contraceptives scheme; **ICDS:** Integrated Child Development Services; **ICDS-ANM:** Integrated Child Development Services Auxiliary Nurse Midwife; **IHIP:** Integrated Health Information Platform; **IPDS:** Integrated Power Development Scheme; **IRCA:** Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts; **IDCF:** Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight; **IMI:** Intensified Mission Indradhanush; **JJM:** Jal Jeevan Mission; **Jaldoot App;** **JSSK:** Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram; **JSY:** Janani Suraksha Yojana; **JNNURM:** Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission; **KGBV:** Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya; **LQI:** Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative; **LMC:** Lactation Management Centres; **MDSR:** Maternal Death Surveillance and Response; **MTP:** Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act; **Amrit sarovar:** Mission Amrit Sarovar; **MCC:** Mother and Child card; **MAA:** Mothers Absolute Affection; **MPLADS:** Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme; **NEP:** National Education Policy; **NFSA:** National Food Security Act; **NIDDCP:** National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme; **NAP:** National Nutritional Anaemia Prophylaxis Programme; **NPP:** National Population Policy; **NPCDCS:** National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke; **NRHM:** National Rural Health Mission; **NSIG:** National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education; **NSM:** National Solar Mission; **NSSK:** Navjaat Shishu Suraksha Karyakram; **NTCP:** National Tobacco Control Program; **NTEP:** National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme; **NVAPP:** National Vitamin A prophylaxis programme; **NILP:** New India Literacy Program; **NSV:** No scalpel vasectomy; **NRC:** Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres; **PEP:** Peer Education Programme; **KUSUM:** Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan Yojana; **PMMVY:** Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana; **POSHAN:** POSHAN Abhiyaan; **AAV:** Antyodaya Anna Yojana; **PMAY-G:** Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin; **PMAY-U:** Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban; **PMJAY:** Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana; **PMVVY:** Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana; **PMSBY:** Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana; **PMSMA:** Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan; **PMSSY:** Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana; **PMUY:** Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana; **POCSO:** Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act; **PPP:** Pulse Polio Programme; **RAA:** Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan; **RBSK:** Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram; **RKSK:** Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram; **RKVY:** Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana; **RUSA:** Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan; **NEP:** National Education Policy; **RM-ARI:** Reduction in morbidity and mortality due to Acute Respiratory Infections; **RBDA:** Registration of Births and Deaths Act; **RPF-PPIUCD:** Revitalizing Postpartum Family Planning including PPIUCD; **RTE:** Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education; **SMB:** Safe Motherhood Booklets; **SA:** Saksham Anganwadi; **SSA:** Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan; **Saubhagya:** Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana; **SPMH:** Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene among Adolescent Girls; **SCM:** Smart Cities Mission; **SANPS:** Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully; **SCM:** Solar Cities Mission; **SWAYAM:** Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds; **SMA:** Surakshit Matritva Ashwasan; **SBM:** Swachh Bharat Mission; **SBM-G:** Swachh Bharat Mission- Gramin; **SVSGC:** Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Scholarship; **TPDS:** Targeted Public Distribution System; **TBSY:** Thalassaemia Bal Sewa Yojana; **COTPA:** Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act; **PCM:** The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act; **PEC:** The Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Act; **Ujjwala-DISCOM:** Ujjwala DISCOM Assurance Yojana; **WISTS:** Waiver of Inter State Transmission System Charges; **WIFSP:** Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation Programme; **WBNP:** Wheat Based Nutrition Program; **MPV:** Mission Parivar Vikas.

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