

MATERNAL MORTALITY IN INDIA

A sample survey of births and deaths known as Sample Registration System (SRS) is being carried out on continuous basis by the Office of the Registrar General, India in randomly selected villages and urban blocks spread throughout the country. The main objective of the survey is to provide annual reliable estimates of birth and death rates at the state and national levels. It also provides other measures of fertility and mortality including total fertility, infant and child mortality rate for bigger (with population 10 million or more as per 1991 Census) States and the country as a whole.

Recently, an attempt has been made through the Sample Registration System (SRS) to provide levels and trends in maternal mortality across the country for the period 1997-2003. The study covers 4,484 maternal deaths among over 1.3 million births occurring in a nationally-representative sample. The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) for the periods 1997-1998, 1999-2001, 2001-2003, 2004-06, 2007-09, 2010-12 and 2011-13 had been estimated and given below:

Table 13
Maternal Mortality Ratio, India and Bigger State, 1997-1998 to 2011-13

India & Bigger States	Period						
	1997-98	1999-01	2001-03	2004-06	2007-09	2010-12	2011-13
INDIA TOTAL	398	327	301	254	212	178	167
Assam	568	398	490	480	390	328	300
Bihar/Jharkhand	531	400	371	312	261	219	208
Madhya Pradesh/Chhattisgarh	441	407	379	335	269	230	221
Orissa	346	424	358	303	258	235	222
Rajasthan	508	501	445	388	318	255	244
Uttar Pradesh/Uttaranchal	606	539	517	440	359	292	285
EAG AND ASSAM SUBTOTAL	520	461	438	375	308	257	246
Andhra Pradesh	197	220	195	154	134	110	92
Karnataka	245	266	228	213	178	144	133
Kerala	150	149	110	95	81	66	61
Tamil Nadu	131	167	134	111	97	90	79
SOUTH SUBTOTAL	187	206	173	149	127	105	93
Gujarat	46	202	172	160	148	122	112
Haryana	136	176	162	186	153	146	127
Maharashtra	166	169	149	130	104	87	68
Punjab	280	177	178	192	172	155	141
West Bengal	303	218	194	141	145	117	113
Other		276	235	206	160	136	126
OTHER SUBTOTAL	184	229	199	174	149	127	115