

ANALYSIS BASED ON DATA FROM HOUSEHOLDS. 12 OUT OF 13 DISTRICTS Data is not presented where sample size is insufficient.

#### **School enrollment**

Table 1: % Children enrolled in different types of schools. By age group and sex. 2024

Age group and sex	Govt	Pvt	Other	Not in school	Total
Age 6-14: All	62.8	35.4	1.0	0.8	100
Age 7-16: All	63.9	33.9	0.8	1.4	100
Age 7-10: All	61.2	37.2	1.0	0.6	100
Age 7-10: Boys	58.7	39.9	1.1	0.3	100
Age 7-10: Girls	63.7	34.6	0.8	0.9	100
Age 11-14: All	64.9	33.5	0.7	0.9	100
Age 11-14: Boys	61.8	37.4	0.3	0.6	100
Age 11-14: Girls	68.2	29.5	1.1	1.3	100
Age 15-16: All	67.9	27.2	0.5	4.3	100
Age 15-16: Boys	65.1	30.9	0.4	3.6	100
Age 15-16: Girls	70.5	23.8	0.7	5.0	100

'Other' includes children going to Madarsa or EGS.

'Not in school' includes children who never enrolled or have dropped out.

Chart 2: Trends over time % Children enrolled in govt schools in Std I-V and Std VI-VIII. By sex. 2018, 2022, 2024

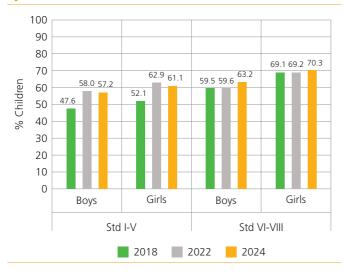
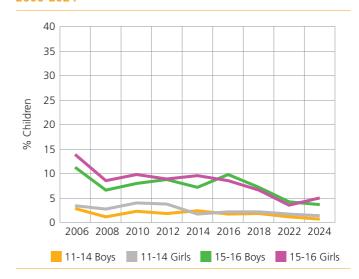


Chart 1: Trends over time % Children not enrolled in school. By age group and sex. 2006-2024





### Young children in pre-school and school

Table 2: % Children enrolled in different types of preschools and schools. By age. 2022

	Pre			School	Not in			
Age	Anganwadi	Govt pre- primary	Pvt LKG/ UKG	Govt		Other	pre- school or school	Total
Age 3	65.0	0.9	12.7	0.6	0.4	0.2	20.2	100
Age 4	56.5	1.5	29.4	1.5	1.4	0.0	9.8	100
Age 5	29.7	1.3	36.2	20.0	9.7	0.4	2.9	100
Age 6	7.0	1.1	20.5	46.4	22.4	1.4	1.3	100
Age 7	0.9	0.1	6.8	57.9	32.6	1.0	0.8	100
Age 8	0.5	0.0	1.8	58.8	35.8	2.4	0.8	100

Table 3: % Children enrolled in different types of preschools and schools. By age. 2024

	Pre	-school			School		Not in	
Age	Anganwadi	Govt pre- primary	Pvt LKG/ UKG	Govt		Other	pre- school or school	Total
Age 3	61.3	0.1	17.1	0.5	2.1	0.0	18.9	100
Age 4	57.7	2.2	27.5	2.3	4.6	0.4	5.4	100
Age 5	36.9	2.6	40.2	8.6	9.0	0.0	2.7	100
Age 6	13.2	1.0	27.8	33.7	21.8	2.0	0.6	100
Age 7	1.7	0.2	9.3	51.5	35.9	0.8	0.7	100
Age 8	0.3	0.0	1.6	58.8	37.8	1.0	0.5	100

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### Reading

ASER learning assessments are conducted in the household. Children in the age group of 5-16 are assessed. Assessments are conducted in 19 languages across the country. The type of school in which children are enrolled (government or private) is also recorded.

Table 4: % Children by grade and reading level. All children. 2024

Std	Not even letter	Letter	Word	Std I level text	Std II level text	Total
I	25.9	37.7	14.8	7.9	13.6	100
II	10.5	29.0	17.7	17.5	25.3	100
III	5.1	20.3	14.9	20.3	39.4	100
IV	3.7	13.3	10.3	19.8	53.0	100
V	2.8	8.7	7.0	17.7	63.9	100
VI	2.0	5.9	6.4	17.2	68.5	100
VII	1.7	5.9	4.6	11.4	76.5	100
VIII	0.3	3.6	3.8	10.0	82.3	100

The reading tool is a progressive tool. Each row shows the variation in children's reading levels within a given grade. For example, among children in Std III, 5.1% cannot even read letters, 20.3% can read letters but not words or higher, 14.9% can read words but not Std I level text or higher, 20.3% can read Std I level text but not Std II level text, and 39.4% can read Std II level text. For each grade, the total of these exclusive categories is 100%.

Table 5: Trends over time Reading in Std III. By school type. 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2024

Year	% Children in Std III who can read Std II level text					
rear	Govt		Govt & Pvt*			
2014	23.3	51.7	35.3			
2016	25.3	54.1	38.2			
2018	24.7	43.3	34.5			
2022	22.1	37.5	28.1			
2024	35.6	45.1	39.5			

\*This is the weighted average for children in government and private schools only.

The highest level in the ASER reading assessment is a Std II level text. Table 5 shows the proportion of children in Std III who can read a Std II level text. This figure is a proxy for "grade level" reading for Std III. Data for children enrolled in government schools and private schools is shown separately.

#### **Reading tool**

Std II level text

सावन का महीना था। आसमान
में बहुत काले-काले बादल छाए
थे। ठंडी-ठंडी हवा चल रही थी।
मुझे झूला झूलने का मन किया।
बड़े मैया एक मोटी सी रस्सी
लेकर बाहर आए। मैया ने रस्सी
को पेड़ से लटकाकर झूला
बनाया। सब ने मिलकर खूब
झूला झूला। बाकी बच्चे भी
आकर मज़े से झूलने लगे।
झूलते-झूलते रात हो गई।

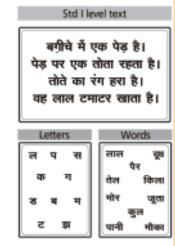
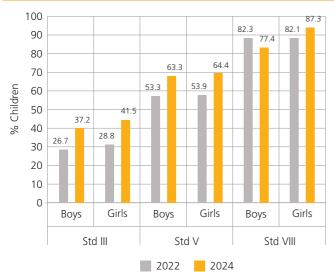


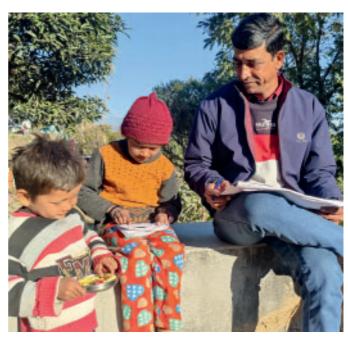
Table 6: Trends over time Reading in Std V and Std VIII. By school type. 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2024

Year	% Children in Std V who can read Std II level text			% Children in Std VIII who can read Std II level text		
. ea.	Govt		Govt & Pvt*	Govt	Pvt	Govt & Pvt*
2014	52.0	75.0	60.3	77.3	90.7	81.2
2016	55.9	73.7	63.6	79.4	86.7	81.4
2018	58.0	72.8	64.6	81.6	87.7	83.7
2022	47.7	62.8	53.3	81.0	84.6	82.2
2024	60.3	71.5	64.1	80.9	85.0	82.2

<sup>\*</sup>This is the weighted average for children in government and private schools only.

# Chart 3: Trends over time % Children who can read Std II level text. By grade and sex. 2022 and 2024







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### **Arithmetic**

ASER learning assessments are conducted in the household. Children in the age group of 5-16 are assessed. Assessments are conducted in 19 languages across the country. The type of school in which children are enrolled (government or private) is also recorded.

Table 7: % Children by grade and arithmetic level. All children, 2024

Std		Recognise		Subtract	Divide	Total
	1-9	1-9	11-99			
T	18.3	32.7	34.9	5.7	8.5	100
II	6.5	27.5	41.1	12.9	12.0	100
Ш	3.0	20.7	40.3	17.0	19.0	100
IV	1.5	16.0	36.5	15.6	30.4	100
V	1.2	9.2	29.3	20.4	39.8	100
VI	0.9	4.9	32.0	20.5	41.7	100
VII	1.6	4.9	29.2	15.7	48.6	100
VIII	0.4	1.9	29.0	16.2	52.5	100

The arithmetic tool is a progressive tool. Each row shows the variation in children's arithmetic levels within a given grade. For example, among children in Std III, 3% cannot even recognise numbers from 1 to 9, 20.7% can recognise numbers up to 9 but cannot recognise numbers up to 99 or higher, 40.3% can recognise numbers up to 99 but cannot do subtraction, 17% can do subtraction but cannot do division, and 19% can do division. For each grade, the total of these exclusive categories is 100%.

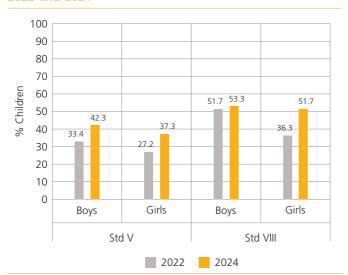
**Table 8: Trends over time** Arithmetic in Std III. By school type. 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2024

Year	% Children in Std III who can do at least subtraction					
Teal	Govt		Govt & Pvt*			
2014	17.2	45.8	29.3			
2016	23.4	53.3	36.8			
2018	18.5	45.2	32.6			
2022	14.4	38.5	23.8			
2024	26.7	49.7	36.0			

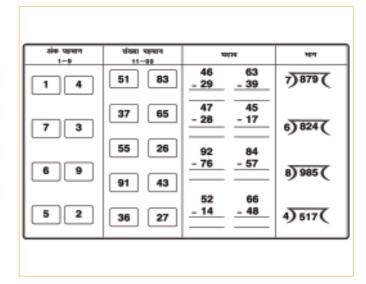
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In most states, children are expected to do 2-digit by 2digit subtraction with borrowing by Std II. Table 8 shows the proportion of children in Std III who can do subtraction. This figure is a proxy for "grade level" arithmetic for Std III. Data for children enrolled in government schools and private schools is shown separately.

**Chart 4: Trends over time** % Children who can do division. By grade and sex. 2022 and 2024



#### **Arithmetic tool**



**Table 9: Trends over time** Arithmetic in Std V and Std VIII. By school type. 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2024

Year	% Children in Std V who can do division			% Children in Std VIII who can do division			
	Govt		Govt & Pvt*	Govt		Govt & Pvt*	
2014	21.4	46.1	30.3	38.1	70.6	47.7	
2016	25.5	51.6	36.8	38.5	66.5	45.9	
2018	26.7	50.9	37.5	41.6	62.7	48.7	
2022	23.3	41.8	30.1	40.0	54.2	44.7	
2024	35.4	48.9	40.0	45.2	68.9	52.7	

\*This is the weighted average for children in government and private schools only.





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### Digital literacy: For children aged 14-16

The digital literacy section in ASER 2024 consists of two parts: a set of self-reported questions as well as a one-on-one assessment.

### Access, ownership, and use of smartphones (Self-reported)

Table 10: Smartphone availability and use. By age. 2024

	9	6 Children who	o:	Of those who	
Age	Have a smartphone at home	Could bring a smartphone to do digital tasks*	Can use a smartphone	can use a smartphone, % who have their own smartphone	
14	93.2	65.7	88.5	10.8	
15	92.5	64.7	89.4	12.5	
16	93.3	70.8	90.3	26.9	
All	93.0	66.9	89.3	16.3	

Table 12: Of those who know how to use a smartphone, % children who used a smartphone in the reference week\*\* for any educational activity or social media activity, and know how to use safety features. By age. 2024

Age	% Children who did any education- related	% Children who used any social media in		se who used % children v	
, rige	activity in the reference week	the reference week	Block/ report a profile	Make a profile private	Change password
14	60.3	77.7	64.9	60.9	63.5
15	60.9	78.6	76.2	74.6	70.2
16	63.3	84.1	81.3	76.3	76.4
All	61.4	80.0	73.8	70.4	69.9

Table 11: Smartphone availability and use. By sex. 2024

	9/	6 Children who	D:	Of those who
Sex	Have a smartphone at home	Could bring a smartphone to do digital tasks*	Can use a smartphone	can use a smartphone, % who have their own smartphone
Boys	94.7	69.9	91.0	20.6
Girls	91.4	64.1	87.8	12.0
All	93.0	66.9	89.3	16.3

Table 13: Of those who know how to use a smartphone, % children who used a smartphone in the reference week\*\* for any educational activity or social media activity, and know how to use safety features. By sex. 2024

Sex	% Children who did any education-related	% Children who used any social		se who useo % children v	
Sex	activity in the reference week	media in the reference week	Block/ report a profile	Make a profile private	Change password
Boys	62.0	80.7	74.2	72.2	75.4
Girls	60.9	79.3	73.4	68.7	64.5
All	61.4	80.0	73.8	70.4	69.9

#### **Digital tasks** (Administered one-on-one to surveyed children)

ALARM	BROWSING FOR INFORMATION	FINDING AND SHARING A YOUTUBE VIDEO
कल सुबह 8:30 बजे	भारत की पहली महिला राष्ट्रपति	PMGDISHA Module 1 (पी.एम.जी.दिशा मॉड्यूल 1)
		Question a: Find the "PMGDISHA Module 1" video on YouTube.
Question: Set an alarm for 8:30 in the morning.	Question: Search on the phone and tell me the name of the first woman President of India.	Question b: If could find video, then send/share it with a friend/family member using WhatsApp or Telegram.

Table 14: % Children who could do digital tasks on a smartphone. By age and sex. 2024

	% Chil	dren who	o could		Of those who			Of those who could bring a smartphone, % who could do the following tasks:							
Age		smartph digital ta		Sett	ing an a			owsing f		Finding	YouTub	e video		ose who 6 able to	found share it
	Boys			Boys			Boys			Boys			Boys		
14	68.5	62.7	65.7	84.1	76.4	80.5	84.5	87.0	85.7	82.3	82.4	82.3	93.3	85.7	89.8
15	66.4	63.1	64.7	86.9	77.6	82.3	84.2	84.0	84.1	86.4	85.4	85.9	93.6	87.6	90.6
16	75.4	66.6	70.8	93.8	85.0	89.4	89.7	89.3	89.5	89.4	91.0	90.2	96.7	96.4	96.6
All	69.9	64.1	66.9	88.1	79.6	84.0	86.1	86.8	86.4	85.8	86.3	86.0	94.5	90.1	92.4

<sup>\*</sup>Children were asked to bring a smartphone with good connectivity during the survey to do the digital tasks.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Reference week implies the 7 days prior to the survey.



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### **School observations**

In each sampled village, the largest government school with primary sections is visited on the day of the survey. Information about schools in this report is based on these visits.

Table 15: Trends over time Number of schools visited. 2010, 2018, 2022, 2024

	2010	2018	2022	2024
Primary*	321	286	277	262
Upper primary or higher*	16	10	3	4
Total schools visited	337	296	280	266

Table 16: Trends over time Student and teacher attendance on the day of visit. 2010, 2018, 2022, 2024

All schools**	2010	2018	2022	2024
% Enrolled children present (Average)	89.7	82.9	82.2	86.6
% Teachers present (Average)	90.9	86.2	89.1	84.9

Table 17: Trends over time % Schools with total enrollment of 60 or less. 2010, 2018, 2022, 2024

	2010	2018	2022	2024
All schools	69.0	73.1	74.0	79.0

Table 18: Multigrade classes. 2024

% Schools	Std I children observed sitting with any other Std	Std II children observed sitting with any other Std
All schools	80.1	81.2

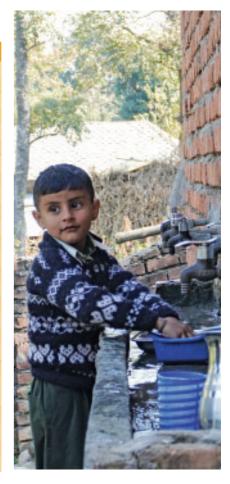
Table 19: Observation of Teaching Learning Material (TLM) in classrooms. 2024

% Schools	TLM obs classroor from tex	erved in m (apart	Of those so TLM, wor students d class	lisplayed in
	Std I			Std II
All schools	88.9 89.9		83.8	83.3

### **School facilities**

Table 20: Trends over time % Schools with selected facilities. 2010, 2018, 2022, 2024

% Schools	with	2010	2018	2022	2024
Mid-day	Mid-day meal served in school on day of visit	95.0	88.1	97.1	98.9
meal	Kitchen/shed for cooking mid-day meal	96.3	98.0	94.9	98.9
	No facility for drinking water	22.1	13.2	7.6	6.5
Drinking	Facility but no drinking water available	9.7	11.2	8.0	6.9
water	Drinking water available	68.3	75.6	84.4	86.6
	Total	100	100	100	100
	No toilet facility	5.8	1.7	1.4	1.9
Toilet	Facility but toilet not useable	40.9	12.5	22.2	7.6
TOTIEL	Toilet useable	53.4	85.8	76.3	90.5
	Total	100	100	100	100
	No separate provision for girls' toilet	47.7	17.8	18.4	11.6
Girls'	Separate provision but locked	11.5	5.1	14.0	2.7
toilet	Separate provision, unlocked but not useable	16.9	9.9	9.0	5.8
	Separate provision, unlocked and useable	24.0	67.2	58.6	79.8
	Total	100	100	100	100
	No library	52.3	15.3	10.4	1.8
Library	Library but no books being used by children on day of visit	27.2	58.6	33.7	41.0
Library	Library books being used by children on day of visit	20.4	26.1	55.9	57.1
	Total	100	100	100	100
	Electricity connection		86.3	93.1	95.0
Electricity	Of schools with electricity connection, % schools with electricity available on day of visit		74.8	90.2	92.8
	No computer available for children to use	93.3	90.2	60.6	40.4
Computer	Computer available but not being used by children on day of visit	5.2	9.1	32.1	40.4
Computer	Computer being used by children on day of visit	1.5	0.7	7.3	19.3
	Total	100	100	100	100



<sup>\*</sup>Primary schools offer Std I-IV/V; upper primary schools offer Std I-VI/VII/VIII.

<sup>\*\*</sup>All schools include primary schools and upper primary schools.



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### Other school indicators

In each sampled village, the largest government school with primary sections is visited on the day of the survey. Information about schools in this report is based on these visits.

Table 21: Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) activities. 2024

% Schools		Received a directive from govt to	teacher receiv	st one ed training on .N	Received Teaching Learning	Received funds for TLM for	School readiness
76 SCHOOIS	implement FLN activities with Std I-II / III		Offline	Online	Material (TLM) for FLN activities**	FLN activities**	program held for Std l
	Current academic year (2024-2025)	89.4	84.6	50.0	60.3	37.6	63.3
All schools*	Previous academic year (2023-2024)	88.6	86.6	60.5	64.9	38.3	66.4

Table 22: Trends over time
Distribution of language and math textbooks. 2022 and 2024

		Textbooks distributed					
% Schools		All grades	Some grades	No grades/ don't know	Total		
All schools	2022	93.6	5.4	1.1	100		
All SCHOOLS	2024	97.7	2.3	0.0	100		

Table 23: Trends over time
Distribution of uniforms. 2022 and 2024

		U	niforms	distribute	ed	If not
% Schools		All grades	Some grades	No grades/ don't know	Total	distributed in all grades, then % schools where funds given
All schools	2022	49.5	16.1	34.4	100	16.1
Ali scrioois	2024	91.6	5.0	3.4	100	

Table 24: Trends over time Physical education. 2018, 2022, 2024

% Schools with		All schools		
		2018	2022	2024
Weekly time allotted for physical education for every class			90.0	96.2
Physical education teacher	Separate teacher	7.5	5.7	3.8
	Any other teacher	70.4	79.6	80.9
	No teacher	22.1	14.7	15.3
	Total	100	100	100
Playground in the school		68.8	73.0	75.0
Sports equipment available		50.5	91.0	90.4

<sup>\*</sup>All schools include primary schools and upper primary schools.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Schools could have received TLM, funds to purchase TLM, or both.

