



Improvement in Sex Ratio at Birth

According to the fourth National Family Health Surveys (NFHS) 2015-16, the sex ratio at birth (SRB) in India has improved from 914 to 919.

- **SRB is defined as the number of female births per 1,000 male births.** [//](#)

2015-16: TOP 6 & BOTTOM 6

Kerala	1,047
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1,013
Meghalaya	1009
Chhattisgarh	977
Tripura	966
Goa	966
Punjab	860
A&N Islands	859
Puducherry	843
Haryana	836
Delhi	817
Sikkim	809

Source: NFHS-4 via Ministry of Health

- Survey held that **the highest improvement in SRB was noted in Punjab at 126** points, but its SRB remained at 860 (one of the lowest SRB in the states).
 - This success can be attributed to the [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao \(BBBP\) Scheme](#).
- Despite the North-Eastern societies traditionally being matriarchal, the sharpest decline was in Sikkim, where the SRB dropped 175 points to reach 809, the lowest among all states in 2015-16.
 - **Next, to Sikkim, the five states with the highest declines included four more from the Northeast.**

HIGHEST IMPROVEMENT

State	NFHS-3 (2005-06)	NFHS 4 (2015-16)	Change
Punjab	734	860	+126
Kerala	925	1,047	+122
Meghalaya	907	1,009	+102
Haryana	762	836	+74
Tamil Nadu	897	954	+58
Maharashtra	867	924	+57

SHARPEST DECLINE

State	NFHS-3 (2005-16)	NFHS 4 (2015-16)	Change
Sikkim	984	809	-175
Jharkhand	1,091	919	-172
Arunachal	1,071	920	-151
Assam	1,033	929	-104
Mizoram	1,025	946	-79
Manipur	1,014	962	-51

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

[Source: IE](#)

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