

Child Marriage in India related Information - UNICEF

**State-wise Number of Girls and Women who were first married or in union before age 18 and
State-wise Percentage of Women aged 20-24 Years who were first married or in union before age 18
State-wise Percentage of Women aged 20-24 Years who were first married or in union before
ages 15 and 18 by Religion**

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Current state of Child Marriage among Girls

India -

- **Home to 223 million child brides**
- **Over half of child brides (116 millions) live in Five States (Bihar, MP, Maharashtra, UP and W. Bengal).**
- **Girls and Women who were first married before age 15 – 102 millions.**
- **Girls and Women were married at or before age 18 – 121 millions.**

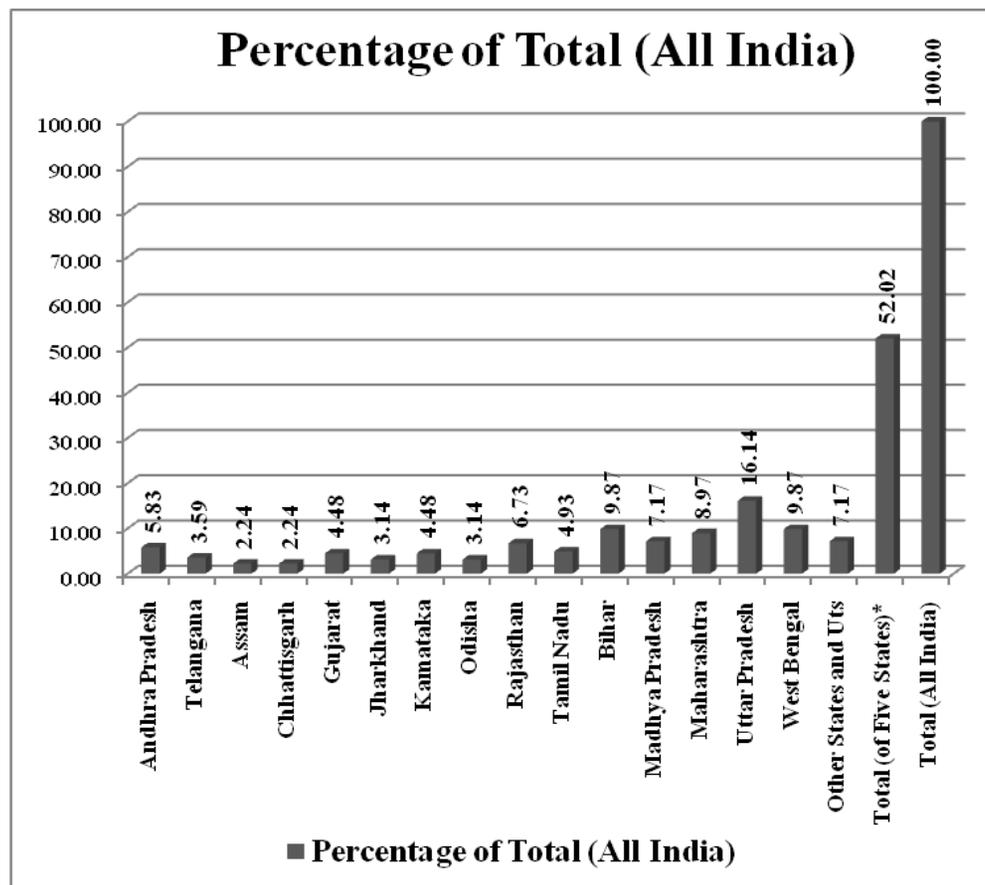
One in three of the World's child brides live in India.

South Asia – 285 millions

World – 650 millions

State-wise Percentage and Number (in millions) of Girls and Women who were first married or in union before age 18

S.No.	States/UTs	Percentage of Total (All India)	Number of Girls and Women (in millions)
1	Andhra Pradesh	5.83	13
2	Telangana	3.59	8
3	Assam	2.24	5
4	Chhattisgarh	2.24	5
5	Gujarat	4.48	10
6	Jharkhand	3.14	7
7	Karnataka	4.48	10
8	Odisha	3.14	7
9	Rajasthan	6.73	15
10	Tamil Nadu	4.93	11
11	Bihar	9.87	22
12	Madhya Pradesh	7.17	16
13	Maharashtra	8.97	20
14	Uttar Pradesh	16.14	36
15	West Bengal	9.87	22
16	Other States and UTs	7.17	16
17	Total (of Five States)*	52.02	116
18	Total (All India)	100.00	223

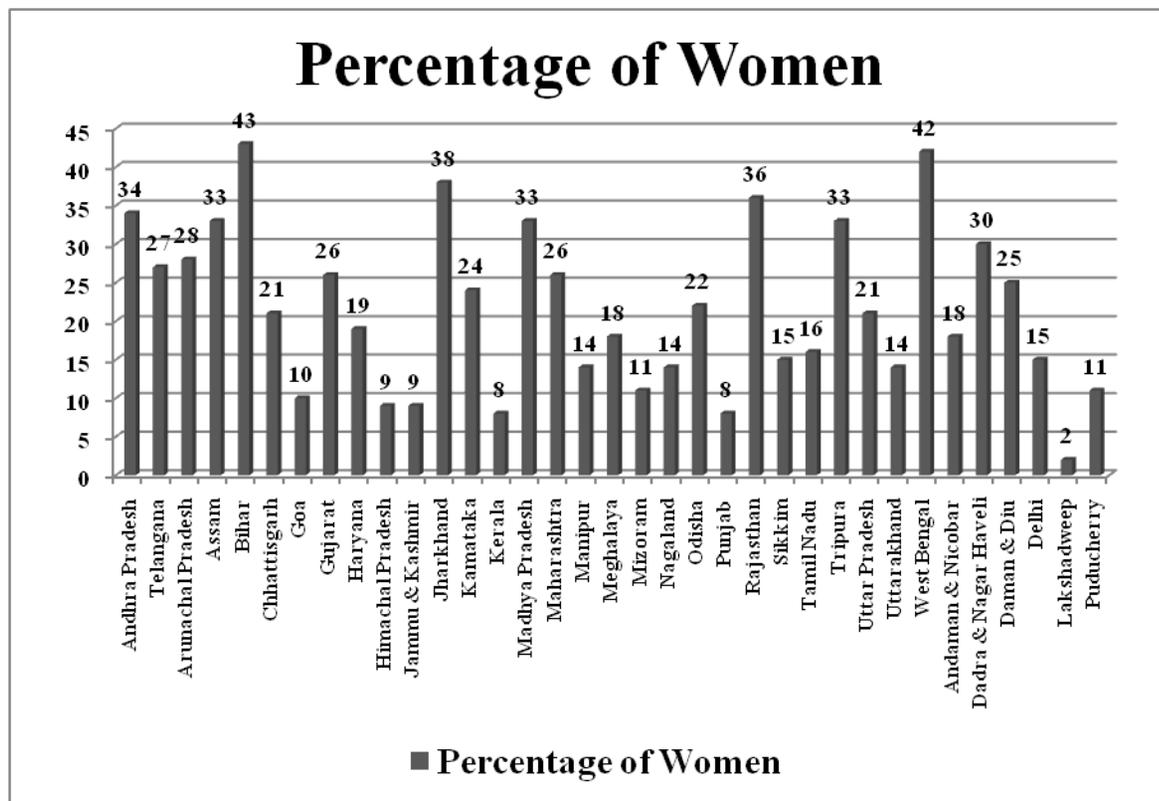


***Five States - Bihar + MP + Maharashtra + UP + W. Bengal, over half of child brides live in these five states.**

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State-wise Percentage of Women aged 20-24 Years who were first married or in union before age 18

S.No.	States/UTs	Percentage of Women
1	Andhra Pradesh	34
2	Telangana	27
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28
4	Assam	33
5	Bihar	43
6	Chhattisgarh	21
7	Goa	10
8	Gujarat	26
9	Haryana	19
10	Himachal Pradesh	9
11	Jammu & Kashmir	9
12	Jharkhand	38
13	Karnataka	24
14	Kerala	8
15	Madhya Pradesh	33
16	Maharashtra	26
17	Manipur	14
18	Meghalaya	18
19	Mizoram	11
20	Nagaland	14
21	Odisha	22
22	Punjab	8
23	Rajasthan	36
24	Sikkim	15
25	Tamil Nadu	16
26	Tripura	33
27	Uttar Pradesh	21
28	Uttarakhand	14
29	West Bengal	42
30	Andaman & Nicobar	18
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	30
32	Daman & Diu	25
33	Delhi	15
34	Lakshadweep	2
35	Puducherry	11



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State-wise Percentage of Women aged 20-24 Years who were first married or in union before ages 15 and 18 by Religion

S. No.	Religion	Percentage of Women married before ages 15	Percentage of Women married at or after age 15 but before age 18
1	Hindu	7	28
2	Muslim	7	27
3	No Religion	6	27
4	Buddhist / Neo Buddhist	8	21
5	Christian	4	18
6	Sikh	2	8
7	Jain	0	6
8	Other	7	38

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