## Vital Stats

## Overview of education sector in India

The Ministry of Human Resource Development released a draft National Education Policy in July 2016. In this context, we present some data on education indicators such as enrolment of students, drop-out rates, availability of teachers and share of government and private schools.

Over the years enrolment in class 6 and above is improving


- Gross enrolment in classes 1-5 reduced from $114 \%$ in 2008-09 to $99 \%$ in 2013-14. The above- $100 \%$ enrolment rate in 2008-09 indicates that students enrolled in classes 1-5 included those younger than six or older than 10 years.
- In 2013-14, enrolment in classes 1-5 was about $100 \%$, which signals a more age appropriate (six to 10 years) class composition
- However, in higher classes, enrolment declined.

Note: Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is the student enrolment as a proportion of the corresponding eligible age group in a given year.

## Enrolment similar to developed countries in classes 1-5, but lower at senior levels



- India's enrolment rate in primary education is comparable to that of developed countries. However, India falls behind these countries after class 6 .
- For example, enrolment in classes 6-8 is $82 \%$ in India compared to $100 \%$ in countries such as China, Germany, UK, and USA.
- In higher education, India's enrolment rate stands at about $21 \%$ compared to about $62 \%$ in UK and Germany, and $95 \%$ in USA. China's enrolment rate in higher education at $27 \%$ is slightly higher than India's.


## $90 \%$ of students transition from class 5 to class 6, but only $67 \%$ from class 10 to 11

Proportion of students that transition between classes (2013-14)


Note: Transition rate is the proportion of students advancing from one class to another.

- Transition rates indicate the proportion of students who are able to advance to a higher class. A transition rate below $100 \%$ indicates that the students are held back or have dropped out of school.
- Enrolment rate is about $74 \%$ for students in class 10 . Of these, $67 \%$ students are able to transition from class 10 to class 11. Note that transition rate from class 5 to class 6 is $90 \%$.


## More ST and SC students in class 1-8 drop-out of school



Note: Drop-out rate is the proportion of students who drop-out from a given grade or level of education in a given school year.

- The proportion of students between classes 1-8 who dropped out of school in 2013-14 was $36 \%$. However, for the ST student population, the drop-out rate was $48 \%$, and for SC students, $39 \%$.
- The drop-out rates for all groups declined between 2008-09 and 2013-14.
- In 2013-14, the enrolment of girls (97\%) was higher than that of boys ( $93 \%$ ), while their drop-out rate ( $33 \%$ ) is lower than that of boys ( $39 \%$ ). This implies that girls who enter the system between classes 1-8, are more likely to complete elementary education.


## Most states have at least 1 teacher for 30 students in classes 9-12



Note: Pupil - teacher ratio is the average number of pupils (students) per teacher at a specific level of education in a given school-year.

- The recommended pupil-teacher ratio under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan for classes 9-12 is 30:1. (One teacher for 30 students). A higher ratio means there are more students per teacher.
- Seven states had a pupil-teacher ratio above the recommended level, including Jharkhand (68:1), Bihar (57:1), Chhattisgarh (45:1), Uttar Pradesh (41:1), Madhya Pradesh (36:1), Gujarat (34:1) and Tripura (33:1).


## Till class 12 students attend public schools; college students attend private colleges




- While more students go to government schools than private ones, the trend is reversed in higher education.
- Between 2008-09 and 2014-15, the proportion of students in classes 1-8 in government schools declined from $71 \%$ to $62 \%$, implying an increasing preference for private schools.

Sources: School Education in India 2014-15, District Information System for Education; Statistics of Higher and Technical Education 2012; National Facts and Figures, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan; Key Indicators of Social Consumption in India Education, NSS 71 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Round; PRS.

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