

Table 3.1: Growth in Literacy rate by Sex and Residence since 1961

Category	Region	2011	2001	1991	1981	1971	1961
Effective*	Gujarat		69.97	61.29	49.9	41.84	36.19
	India		65.38	52.22	41.43	34.45	28.3
Effective (Male)	Gujarat		80.5	73.13	62.07	53.78	48.73
	India		75.85	64.14	53.46	45.95	40.39
Effective (Female)	Gujarat		58.6	48.64	36.94	29	22.77
	India		54.16	39.29	28.47	21.97	15.33
Effective (Rural Female)	Gujarat		48.52	38.65	27.57	17.19	13.19
Effective (Urban Female)	Gujarat		75.3	67.7	58.58	44.78	36.69
Overall	Gujarat	78.3	69.14	51.68	43.7	35.79	30.5
Overall (Male)	Gujarat	85.7	79.66	61.5	54.44	46.11	41.1
Overall (Female)	Gujarat	69.68	57.8	41.18	32.3	24.75	19.1
Rural (Total)	Gujarat	71.71	61.29	44.79	36.2	28.33	24.1
Rural (Male)	Gujarat	81.61	74.11	56.19	47.85	38.92	34.5
Rural (Female)	Gujarat	61.36	47.84	32.78	24.06	17.19	13.2
Urban (Total)	Gujarat	86.31	81.84	64.81	60.31	54.9	48.8
Urban (Male)	Gujarat	90.98	88.34	71.39	68.62	63.96	59.6
Urban (Female)	Gujarat	81.03	74.5	57.56	51.13	44.78	36.7

Source: Population Census of India

* Effective literacy rates for 1961 to 1981 calculated for age group 4 years and above and for 1991 and 2001 for age group 7 years and above

