

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

| Category | Region | 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 | 69.14 | 51.68 | 43.7 | 35.79 | 30.5 |
| Overall (Male) | Gujarat | 79.66 | 61.5 | 54.44 | 46.11 | 41.1 |
| Overall (Female) | Gujarat | 57.8 | 41.18 | 32.3 | 24.75 | 19.1 |
| Rural (Total) | Gujarat | 61.29 | 44.79 | 36.2 | 28.33 | 24.1 |
| Rural (Male) | Gujarat | 74.11 | 56.19 | 47.85 | 38.92 | 34.5 |
| Rural (Female) | Gujarat | 47.84 | 32.78 | 24.06 | 17.19 | 13.2 |
| Urban (Total) | Gujarat | 81.84 | 64.81 | 60.31 | 54.9 | 48.8 |
| Urban (Male) | Gujarat | 88.34 | 71.39 | 68.62 | 63.96 | 59.6 |
| Urban (Female) | Gujarat | 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