

13. ESTIMATES OF BIRTH RATE, DEATH RATE AND INFANT MORTALITY RATE

Year	Birth Rate			Death Rate			Infant Mortality Rate		
	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
2000	17.8	18.4	17.4	6.5	7.2	6.0	23	33	15
2001	17.9	18.7	17.3	7.0	7.7	6.6	22	31	15
2002	17.9	18.1	17.7	6.7	8.1	5.7	22	29	17
2003	17.5	18.0	17.1	6.3	7.7	5.4	24	33	17
2004	17.0	17.0	17.0	8.0	7.6	8.2	24	33	19
2005	16.2	16.9	15.8	7.1	8.0	6.7	28	38	22
2006	15.7	16.3	15.4	7.3	8.0	7.0	28	35	24
2007	15.1	15.4	14.9	7.7	8.1	7.5	25	31	22
2008	16.4	16.4	16.4	7.5	8.8	6.9	25	31	22
2009	16.5	17.1	16.2	7.0	7.4	6.8	22	28	19

Source:- Sample Registration System Bulletin.

Biological difference between women and men shows that there are differences in life expectancies of women and men. Pattern of health and illness between women and men differ. In the same Socio-Economic group, women tend to live longer with more illness and distress than their male counterparts in most part of the World. There is a gradual decrease in the birth rate which shows the improvement as a result of greater awareness about the family planning, increased availability of the family planning methods and more freedom in its use. However, the females in the rural sector are yet not able to exercise a choice and curb the size of the family as compared to their urban counterpart and the birth rate in urban and rural areas is 16.2 and 17.1 respectively during 2009. The total birth rate had decreased from 17.8 in 2000 to 16.5 in 2009. It reveals the successful implementation of Family Welfare Programme in the Union Territory of Puducherry. There has been a decline in the death rate over the years over all ages. The mortality rate had decreased to 7 in 2009 when compared to 16 for All India and this proves that the health facilities available in the Union Territory have appreciably helped to improve the health standard of the people in 2009. The mortality rate was higher in Rural areas (7.4) as compared to 6.8 in Urban areas. This indicates that the medical facilities have to be improved in Rural areas of U.T. of Puducherry.