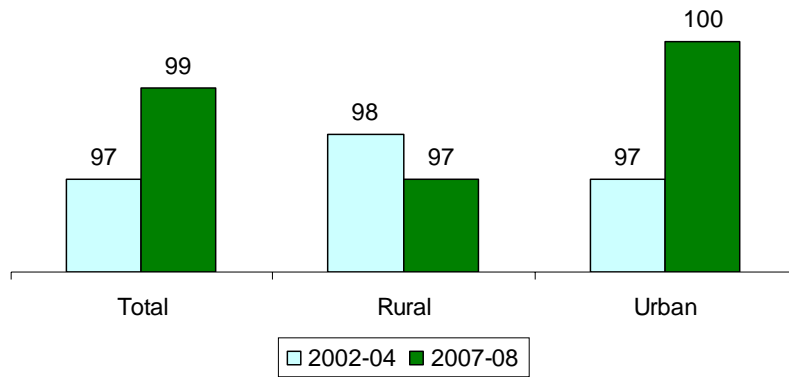


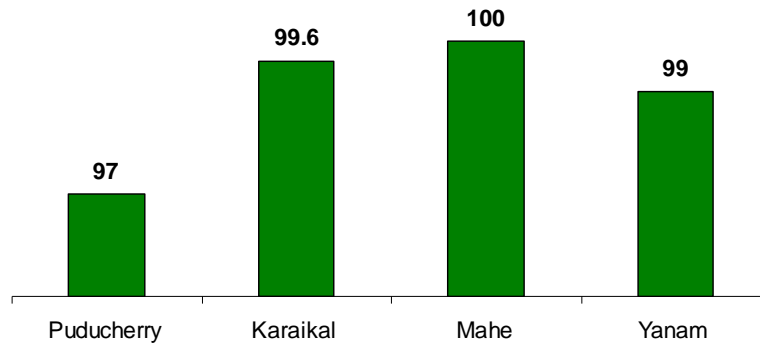
Health of women is an important factor in determining the overall health of the society. It is observed that wherever the infant and child mortality is higher, the birth rate is higher. The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) refers to the number of deaths per thousand live births in the first year of child's life. The infant mortality rate of U.T of Puducherry is 22 as against 50 of All India. The IMR is higher in Rural (28) as compared to Urban (19) in 2009. Reduced infant mortality would give a chance to have the desired size of the family with fewer numbers of pregnancies. Good health and Family Planning Services are important for the general well-being of the women, children and entire family.

As per the Sample Registration System, the IMR among females is higher during the period from 2006 to 2008. However, it has declined and stands at 20 in 2009. This indicates that the U.T is performing well in providing maternal and child health services.

Trends in Institutional deliveries (%)-DLHS

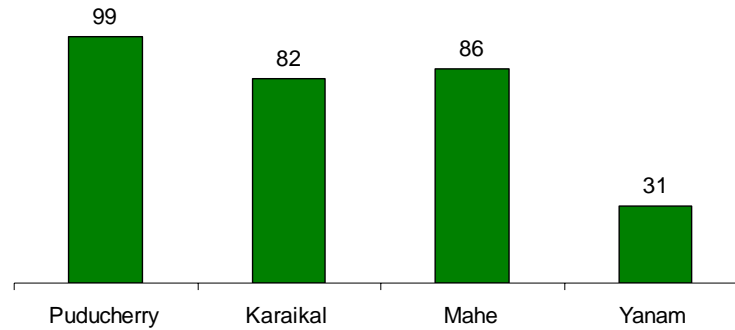


Institutional Deliveries - %



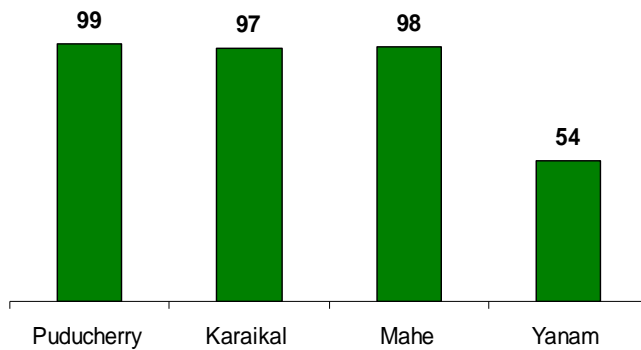
Place of delivery is an important determinant of infant and maternal mortality rate. The U.T of Puducherry has good health infrastructure and the average percentage of institutional deliveries in the U.T of Puducherry is 98.74 %. During 2007-08 only 1.26 % of the deliveries are domiciliary / Others. According to the District Level Household and Facility survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI , during 2007-08 the proportion of institutional deliveries in urban areas is 100% and in rural areas, it is 97 %. As regards districts, the percentage of institutional deliveries is 100 % in Mahe followed by 99.6 % in Karaikal 99% in Yanam and 97 % in Puducherry.

Full Vaccination of Children - % (age 12-23 months)



According to the District Level Household and Facility survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI , during 2007-08, out of total children in the age group 12-23 months in Puducherry 99 % , 86 % in Mahe 82 % in Karaikal and 31 % in Yanam got full vaccination

Mother Received at least one T.T. Injection - %



According to the District Level Household and Facility survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI , during 2007-08, the percentage of mother received at least one T.T Injection is 99 % for Puducherry 98% for Mahe 97 % for Karaikal 54 % for Yanam.