

Girls Drop Outs From School In Gujarat A Sub-District Level Study

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Abstract

Education to all is both prerequisite and pivotal for the development. The development is endangered if education of the country is engendered. Owing to reasons like low income, household chores, vicinity of school, separate sanitation facility girl child is vulnerable to ending up as a school dropouts. The present study has been initiated to map the stark disparity in girls education and high drop outs from school. The study penetrates to sub districts level of state of Gujarat as though the state has acquired overwhelming growth it could not resist the non-discriminatory gender education. The study has been divided into zone for both district and sub district level. The data source for the study is the District statistical outlines 2021. Among districts of Gujarat the highest girls drop out while transition from primary to high school is reported at Chota-Udaipur of 82.91% and among sub districts (talukas) the highest girls drop out of 94.72 is reported at Gandhevi of Navsari districts.

Key Words: drop out, transition, primary school, high school

1. Prologue

India's struggle for gender parity is longer than *Swaraj*. Girls drop out from school is a worrisome scenario in India. While SDGs (Goal 4) emphasize on quality education to all meaning an education that aims at transformation and not for information, India is still grappling with the challenge of gender disparity in education. How would the country in such state accomplish the SDG? Across Indian states girls drop out in high schools is phenomenal than boys. On an average 14.6 percent of girls drop out from school before reaching high school in India. Furthermore, Gujarat has been among worst performing state with 23.3% of girls signing off from school in transition from upper primary to high school. (Project approval board, Ministry of Education). The state records stark gender disparity in education with about 97.3% enrolled at the primary level but only 29.2% continue with schooling by the time they reach the high school. While 96.4% male students enrolled in schools at the primary level and 45% continue to study in high school level. Varied reasons have been reported in this reverse some most significant are household chores, vicinity of school, separate sanitation facility low income and hence to finance both daughter and son education is impossible and early marriages. Owing to this alarming signals the present study is undertaken to penetrate at sub district (talukas) and understand the status of girls drop out rates. The study has been divided into the four zone viz. North Gujarat, South Gujarat, Central Gujarat and Saurashtra for the sake of convenience in analysis. The sub-districts too are examined zone wise for ameliorating the understanding about the status of girls drop out from education in hinterlands of Gujarat. The data sources of the study is Districts statistical outlines. The study covers 33 districts and 285 talukas (252 talukas, 33 head quarters). The data for both boys and girls is reported for understanding disparity in girls education scenario and status at district and sub district levels of the state.

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3. Objectives :

1. To compare girls enrollment vis a vis boys at primary school level and high school level.
2. To examine girls drop out rate in the districts of Gujarat.
3. To examine girls drop out rate in the sub districts/talukas of Gujarat.
4. Girls enrollment as a ratio of boys at Primary and High school level.

Gujarat, among states of India records low girls enrollment than its male counter-part at both primary school and high school. Moreover, in few districts of Gujarat the enrollment is considerably low while in few tribal districts the enrollments of girls at both primary and high school level is higher than boys. Additionally in districts of Saurashtra zone the girls enrollment show substantial decline at high school level. It is observed that in Gujarat between 11 to 13

years of age 85.9% girls drop and other 57.3% drop between 14 to 15 years of age leaving only 29.2% girls in continuing with higher studies. It is imperative to examine zone wise enrollments of girls as ratio of boys at primary and high school level (Refer Table 1, Annexes) . While girls enrollment on an average is 90% at primary level (that is 90% of girls are enrolled in primary school as against 100% boys) it falls to 75% at high school level when a female student is approximately 13 to 14 years of age. Among district of Gujarat Banaskantha records lowest girls enrollment (63%) in high school- meaning against 100 boys in the school only 63 girls are enrolled. Whilst highest girls enrollment is at Dang of 102.25 that is against 100 boys 102 girls are enrolled meaning there are more girls in high school than boys in Dang. The trend is also due to tribal dominated districts. The tribes promotes girls education and do not discriminate while such disparity is stark in talukas of Saurashtra districts. In these districts when a girl attend teenage they are forced to learn household chores and hence drop from school. Unless this deep rooted societal belief is insulated eliminating disparity is far fetched.

5. Girls drop out in the districts of Gujarat

The girl child is vulnerable to ending up as a school dropouts due to either social reasons or patriarchy. This clearly reflects gender divide with more girls dropping out of school while they enter high schools in the districts of Gujarat . For the sake of convenience and better analysis the districts in the present study has been divided into four zones. The highest drop out is recorded at Chotta Udaipur district of Central Gujarat where 82.91% of girls drop out before they enter high school meaning only 17.1% girls continue with their education. While zone wise average drop out is highest at South Gujarat district, Saurashtra zone records higher gap in drop out between girls and boys meaning more girls discontinue with education as they reach puberty and parents with low income groups promote boys to pursue higher education while daughters join mothers in household chores. Also these districts have been characterized with rituals of early marriages resulting into girls dropping out from formal education. It is imperative to analyze each zone in depth for understanding status of girls drop out. Central zone records average girls drop out of 69.19 against 65.75 boys drop out with Chota Udaipur falls in this zone and has highest drop out while Mahisagar is with lowest girls drop out rate in the zone of 60.53.(Refer Table 2, Annexure) Turning the focus on South zone where there are seven districts the zone average for girls drop out is recorded as 67 against 62 for boys . The Valsad district records highest girls drop out of 77.80 while they enter high school and lowest is recorded at Navsari of 37.21 which is second lowest among all the talukas of Gujarat (Refer Table 2, Annexure). North zone having six districts has average girls drop out of 66.66 against 63.75 for boys and Aravalli taluka has lowest girls drop out of 55.62 while highest in the zone is at Banaskanth of 76.77 girls do not enter high school meaning only 22.38% girls continue with high school education in this district (Refer Table 2, Annexure). The Saurashtra zone with twelve talukas and is the largest zone of the Gujarat has average girls drop out of 60.48 against 53.87 of boys indicates discriminatory attitude for the girl child. The Gir somnath district records highest drop out girls while they enter high school of 76.97 meaning only 23.03% of girls enter high school in this district while least drop out is at Rajkot (-7.42)¹. Across zone and in all the districts except Rajkot girls vulnerability to end education while entering high school is higher than boys due to various social , economical or cultural reasons . Unless revolutionary changes in our social, economical and cultural platforms are infused non-discriminatory and effective education will be resisted. Moreover, some special education system where emphasis is more on substance than symbolism is inevitable to protect dwindling applicability of knowledge. A simple solution to this could be traced in Gandhian educational methods or new education policy 2020.

6. Girls drop out in the Sub districts (talukas) of Gujarat

In order to understand the status of girls drop out from school in Gujarat it is imperative to penetrate into sub districts of Gujarat. The present study covers all 285 sub districts (talukas and cities) of Gujarat and data for girls drop out from school while in transition from primary to high school is culled from District statistical outlines . The zone wise listing of sub districts of Gujarat in Table 3.1 to 3.4 of Annexure is to facilitate understanding. Fine focusing Central zone of Gujarat that has 72 sub districts. The Deskroi in Ahmedabad district records least girl drop out of 36.2 while highest girls drop out is recorded at Kavath in Chota Udaipur of 89.01. In Central zone Deskroi, Jambugoda, Lunavada and Balasinor talukas reports less than 50 percent girls drop out rate from school rest all other talukas have girls drop out rate above 50 percent indicating that only 50 percent girls continue with education when they enter high school other all leave formal education (Refer Table 3.1 Annexure) . In South zone 47 talukas reports more than 50% girls drop out and only 6 talukas have less than 50 % girls drop out rate. The Khergav reports lowest girls drop out from school of 12.57 percent while highest girls drop out in the zone is at Gandevi of 94.2 meaning only 5.8% of girls continue their

¹ Negative figure indicates more girls in high school than in Primary, this is due to migration of girls to Rajkot from other districts for education.

school after primary level. (Refer Table 3.2, Annexure) In North Gujarat zone lies 57 talukas of which 56 talukas records more than 50% girls drop out, only Bayad records 14.48% drop out rate of girls and the least in the district. The Ameergadh records 90.80% drop out of girls meaning only 9.2% girls in this taluka continue with high school. Nine talukas of this zone records more than 80% girls dropout and 24 talukas records more than 70% drop out which certainly is the state of dreadful gender discrimination. (Refer Table 3.3, Annexure) . The Saurashtra zone – the largest zone of the state in terms of number of talukas. The zone has 101 talukas, of which 91 talukas have reported more than 50%, girls drop out from school while they enter the high school 7 have reported 40% drop out while 3 – Rajkot, Rajkot city and Bhavnagar reports less than 40% drop out . In fact Rajkot and Rajkot city reports negative girls drop out rate due to migration of girls to Rajkot for education. The highest girls drop out rate in the zone is reported by Girgadhda of 89.24 whilst lowest is at Rajkot city (Refer Table 3.4, Annexure)

7. Epilogue

Undoubtedly, the world we live in has tremendous endemic inequality. But gender inequality is endangering gender and would be lethal terrorism with unequal opportunity for a girl child to grow and rise. When a girl child is not allow to get educated the basic requisite of economic independence and empowerment is denied. The state intervention and efforts to provide infrastructure-school is not a question here, but social, cultural and economical turn around is inevitable. Unless, the we all put in our bit of efforts to alter this scenario equality in development will be resisted. We, also emphasis that if New education policy is grossly implemented some of the problem can be addressed as policy has equity and inclusiveness as it main objective. Some grass root innovations in rural hinterlands can also be thought of to curb drop outs. Furthermore, a mile forward by educationalist (teacher of school) can go long way to solve the problem. The sub districts where girls drops are very high (more than 70%) can be specifically targeted and tailor-made treatment may give better outcomes.

Table : 1 Zone wise- Ratio of Girls Enrollments ²to boys at Primary school and High school

Central Gujarat			South Gujarat			North Gujarat			Saurashtra					
District	Ratio of girls at primary school level	Ratio of girls at High school level	District	Ratio of girls at primary school level	Ratio of girls at High school level	District	Ratio of girls at primary school level	Ratio of girls at High school level	District	Ratio of girls at primary school level	Ratio of girls at High school level	District	Ratio of girls at primary school level	Ratio of girls at High school level
Ahmedabad	84.03	61.36	Surat	83.75	73.95	Gandhinagar	83.14	64.70	Rajkot	86.34	73.22	Porbandar	92.76	96.03
Vadodara	88.31	54.34	Bharuch	91.69	92.52	Aravalli	93.61	93.24	Amreli	90.75	81.04	Surendranagar	89.88	72.68
Anand	93.19	74.87	Dang	94.22	102.25	Banaskatha	88.83	63.24	Bhavnagar	104.10	72.82	Kachchh	88.67	77.47
Chhota Udaipur	92.99	88.93	Narmada	92.54	95.60	Mehsana	85.08	74.99	Botad	91.69	65.40	Zone Avera	89.42	77.85
Dahod	93.32	89.48	Navsari	99.07	73.42	Patan	90.20	71.76	Devbhumi Dwarka	69.40	83.30			
Kheda	89.34	75.36	Tapi	102.55	105.54	Sabarkatha	90.41	81.42	Gir Somnath	98.05	62.64			
Mahisagar	106.14	116.68	Valsad	89.61	61.73	Zone Average	88.55	74.89	Jamnagar	84.61	90.95			
Panchmahal	92.95	86.29	Zone Average	93.35	86.43				Junagadh	88.42	85.55			
Zone Average	92.53	80.91							Morbi	88.31	73.07			

Source : District Statistical Outline

Notes :

1. Highest enrollment ration of girls against boy is marked with yellow
2. Lowest enrollment ration of girls against boy is marked with green

² Girls' enrollment means number of girls against 100 boys enrolled

Table :2 Zone wise Girls dropouts ³in the districts Gujarat during transition from primary to high school

Central Gujarat			South Gujarat		
District	Boys dropouts	Girls dropouts	District	Boys dropouts	Girls dropouts
Ahmedabad	68.06	61.99	Surat	74.54	77.52
Vadodara	50.84	69.75	Bharuch	67.23	66.94
Anand	64.13	71.18	Dang	76.29	74.27
Chhota Udaipur	81.06	82.91	Narmada	67.23	66.14
Dahod	66.45	67.83	Navsari	15.27	37.21
Kheda	64.77	70.28	Tapi	70.01	69.14
Mahisagar	64.10	60.53	Valsad	67.78	77.80
Panchmahal	66.63	69.02	Zone Average	62.62	67.00
Zone Average	65.75	69.19			
North Gujarat			Saurashtra		
District	Boys dropouts	Girls dropouts	District	Boys dropouts	Girls dropouts
Gandhinagar	61.89	70.35	Rajkot	-26.67	-7.42
Aravalli	55.44	55.62	Amreli	59.92	64.21
Banaskatha	67.39	76.79	Bhavnagar	28.22	51.84
Mehsana	74.64	62.41	Botad	59.23	70.92
Patan	63.03	70.59	Devbhumi Dwarka	75.97	71.16
Sabarkatha	60.26	64.21	Gir Somnath	63.95	76.97
Zone Average	63.75	66.66	Jamnagar	68.36	65.99
			Junagadh	45.51	39.81
			Morbi	68.60	74.02
			Porbandar	64.26	69.27
			Surendranagar	66.89	73.23
			Kachchh	72.24	75.75
			Zone Average	53.87	60.48

Source : District statistical Outline 2020

Note : (1) Drop outs indicates students dropping while transition from Primary to high school

(2) Green highlight is the lowest dropout district in the zone.

(3) Yellow is the highest dropout district in the zone.

³ Girls drop out is calculated as the difference between enrollment at primary level (X) and high school level (X₁) and is calculated as $(X-X_1/X) \times 100$.

(4) Deep pink indicates Zone average.

Table : 3. Sub – district / taluka wise girls dropout from school against boys 2021-2022

Districts/ Taluka Central Gujarat-	Boys	Girls	Districts/ Taluka	Boys	Girls	Districts/ Taluka North Gujarat Con't	Boys	Girls
Ahmedabad	68.06	61.99	Panchmahal	66.63	69.02	Tharad	69.61	80.39
Mandal	79.65	77.55	Shara	70.38	71.13	Dhanera	65.18	77.78
Detroj	69.92	66.83	Morva	69.44	68.58	Datiwada	69.64	79.32
Viramgam	74.8	72.55	Godhra	62.88	67.22	Ameergadh	82.54	90.8
Sanad	85.59	83.48	Kalol	62	68.63	Danta	78	81.45
Deskroi	47.35	36.27	Ghodhambha	71.61	73.72	Wadgam	67.9	74.25
Dholka	65.93	61.36	Halol	66.72	68.97	Palanpur	53.14	65.79
Bawala	83.93	81.69	Jambughoda	58.58	49.61	Deesa	65.83	75.25
Dhandhuka	65.1	58.69	Districts/ Taluka South Gujarat	Boys	Girls	Deodar	61.46	71.85
Dholera	80.19	79.55	Surat	74.54	77.52	Bhabhar	69.36	77.59
Ahmedabad City	67.96	61.58	Valpad	67.55	69.46	Kakrej	69.16	80.77
Vadodara	50.84	69.75	Mangrol	62.06	62.36	Lakhni	68.43	78.61
Savli	70.52	77.56	Ummerpada	66.26	66	Suigam	81.04	69.16
Desar	65.06	77.94	Mandvi	62.13	59.76	Mehsana	74.64	62.41
Vadodara	50.53	69.91	Kamrej	63.87	65.38	Satlasana	63.54	69.07
Vaghodia	40.59	73.47	Chauriyashi	77.17	75.42	Kheralu	75.4	62.13
Dabhoi	26.14	68.79	Palsana	78.31	79.64	Unjah	76.13	58.01
Padra	53.72	58.37	Bardoli	62.64	56.2	Visnagar	80.73	57.38
Karjan	47.95	58.48	Mahuva	55.94	55.81	Vadnagar	81.74	60.83
Sinor	66.44	72.81	Surat City	77.39	81.82	Vijapur	80.66	59.89
Anand	64.13	71.18	Bharuch	67.23	66.94	Mehsana	74.97	60.52
Anand	61.84	66.22	Jambusar	68.96	70.69	Bechraji	63.46	70.3
Umreth	67.6	73.41	Amod	72.43	75.05	Kadi	72.59	65.58
Borsad	63.9	71.77	Vagarah	64.01	65	Jotana	52.73	76.42
Anklav	61.44	70.93	Bharuch	63.09	61.83	Patan	63.03	70.59
Petlav	64.39	71.48	Jaghadiya	79	78.21	Patan block	45.52	56.26
Sojitra	72.65	81.13	Ankleshwar	67.41	67.2	Sarawati	60.49	73.13
Khambhat	63.54	71.71	Hasoth	72.98	73	Siddhpur	58.2	61.12
Tarapur	72.84	84.49	Valiya	74.06	76.23	Chanasma	57.75	61.93
Chhota Udaipur	81.06	82.91	Natrang	57.42	55.08	Harij	70.26	72.35
Bodeli	70.49	71.89	Dang	76.29	74.27	Sami	76.09	82.57
Chhota Udaipur	82.21	82.45	Ahwa	72.71	66.19	Shankheshwar	73.75	82.68

Jethpur Pavi	79.16	82.17	Subir	81.85	83.73	Radhanpur	68.4	77.08
Kavath	86.85	89.01	Vaghai	76.27	78.06	Satalpur	80.62	84.56
Nashvadi	81.15	87.15	Narmada	67.23	66.14	Sabarkatha	60.26	64.21
Sankheda	86.39	83.57	Nandod	46.24	43.99	Himmatnagar	46.73	53.14
Dahod	66.45	67.83	Dediyapada	76.57	77.74	Idar	53.52	57.23
Dahod	64.92	68.26	Sagbada	75.19	69.57	Kherbhrama	72.91	70.95
Jhalod	73.55	74.31	Tilakvada	59.42	61.45	Poshina	91.96	88.87
Devgadhbadia	51.03	57.83	Garudeshvare	66.54	66.03	Pratij	60.96	65.22
Limkheda	63.08	62.55	Navsari	15.27	37.21	Talod	57.16	63.98
Fatehpura	74.9	71.94	Navsari Taluka	-10.08	13.15	Waldali	71.16	71.71
Garbada	70.05	71.89	Jalalpur	62.83	54.91	Vijaynagar	48.41	55.56
Dahnpur	67.41	67.11	Gandevi	34.07	94.72	Districts/ Taluka Saurashtra	Boys	Girls
Senjeli	69.38	67.05	Chikhli	-20.02	65.88	Rajkot	-26.67	-7.42
Sighvad	57.8	57.87	Vasda	13.6	13.7	Rajkot city	-388.88	-336.08
Kheda	64.77	70.28	Khergav	9.33	12.57	Pardhari	-2.16	42.58
Kapadwanj	67.35	70.81	Vaira	56.84	52.76	Lodhika	25.38	57.76
Kathalala	66.01	72.07	Dowan	73.92	74.26	Kotadasangani	60.86	67.2
Mahemdabad	60.88	67.69	Districts/ Taluka North Gujarat	Boys	Girls	Jusdan	31.81	48.4
Kheda	65.43	72.74	Gandhinagar	61.89	70.35	Vichhiya	39.53	54.63
Matar	73.36	79.79	Gandhinagar	58.37	67.31	Gondal	36.32	45.46
Vaso	61.79	62.07	Dehgam	69.68	78.59	Jamkandorana	77.31	64.94
Nadiad	59.23	64.63	Kalao	67.87	73.33	Upleta	39.98	52.02
Mahuda	67.26	77.15	Mansa	55.2	65.15	Dhoraji	16.43	46.82
Thasara	67.87	73.36	Aravalli	55.44	55.62	Jetpur	61.57	59.25
Galteshvar	69.8	71.78	Modasa	60.16	61.1	Amreli	59.92	64.21
Mahisagar	64.1	60.53	Malpur	68.75	73.8	Kukavav	69.64	65.64
Lunavada	53.24	46.37	Meghraj	60.08	61.42	Babara	76.14	79.4
Khanpur	66.79	65.93	Bayad	22.89	14.48	Lathi	66.2	65.9
Santrampur	69.18	68.87	Bhiloda	57.52	86.93	Lilya	72.7	69.73
Kadana	72.96	72.11	Dhansura	79.85	75.22	Amreli	-76.24	-63.81
Balsinor	60.76	53.16	Banaskatha	67.39	76.79	Bagasra	55.78	63.38
Virpur	63.18	58.17	Vav	72.46	82.19	Dhari	69.96	72.16
Districts/ Taluka Saurashtra Gujarat-	Boys	Girls	Districts/ Taluka Saurashtra Gujarat-	Boys	Girls	Districts/ Taluka Saurashtra Gujarat-	Boys	Girls
Savarkundla	48.73	60.37	Jamnagar	68.36	65.99	Wadwan	44.87	56.22

Khambha	70.63	73.83	Jamnagar	64.96	62.22	Mori	79.87	81.76
Jafarabad	78.12	80.66	Joriya	86.37	81.82	Chotila	79.96	85.42
Rajula	71.06	75.31	Dhrol	63.82	42.88	Saila	79	83.56
Bhavnagar	28.22	51.84	Kalawad	78.13	73.99	Chuda	68.49	78.5
Bhavnagar	-8.59	31.99	lalpur	72.38	80.73	Limdi	60.85	63.23
Garidhar	45.63	59.03	Jamjodhpur	69.45	72.85	Kachchh	72.24	75.75
Ghogha	70.07	74.46	Junagadh	54.95	56.42	Abadasa	70.27	80.5
Jesar	55.49	73.84	Bhesan	60.98	66.47	Anjar	78.14	87.29
Mahuva	41.86	61.74	Junagadh	45.51	39.81	Bachau	68.41	76.76
Palitana	42.84	53.94	Kesod	96.88	54.99	Bhuj	71.57	69.44
Sihor	34.97	53.83	Malya	63.53	63.78	Gandhidham	67.94	67.55
Talaja	26.72	50	Manavadan	58.55	60.59	Lakpat	82.25	86.81
Umrala	47.96	64.98	Mangrol	60.37	67.74	Mandvi	64.01	66.18
Valbhipur	67	77.22	Menderda	58.1	65.28	Mundra	74.67	79.15
Botad	59.23	70.92	Vanthali	51.55	61.43	Nakhatrana	73.88	77.78
Botad	48.57	64.23	Visavasdar	59.61	67.46	Rapar	78.58	82.22
Ghadada	66.22	74.02	Morbi	68.6	74.02			
Balwara	54.9	81.39	Malya	85.31	85.23			
Ranpur	74.59	75.23	Morbi	70.3	71.55			
Devbhumi Dwarka	75.97	71.16	Tankara	56.36	65.46			
Dwarka	79.34	82.3	Vakaner	74.48	79.35			
Khambhaliya	77.19	67.56	Halvad	59.31	73.54			
Bhanwad	73.53	75.68	Porbandar	64.26	69.27			
kalyanpur	72.52	57.7	Porbandar city	65.14	69.12			
Gir Somnath	63.95	76.97	Ranavav	59.72	67.6			
Veraval	61.86	70.64	Putyana	67.22	72.45			
Talala	51.06	72.33	Surendranagar	66.89	73.23			
Sutrapada	72.4	80.97	Thanghadh	81.47	85.5			
Kodinar	60.79	84.48	Dhrangadhra	67.27	73.49			
Una	63.27	80.48	Patdi	72.69	74.73			
Girgadhda	78.38	89.24	Laktar	77.05	79.73			

Source : District statistical outline (2021-2022)

Note:

- (1) Drop outs indicates students dropping while transition from Primary to high school
- (2) Green highlight is the lowest dropout Taluka in the district
- (3) Yellow is the highest dropout Taluka in the district

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