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Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey

2016 - 2018

Delhi
State Presentation



Largest Micronutrient Survey ever conducted: CNNS 2016-18

112,316

Children and adolescents interviewed



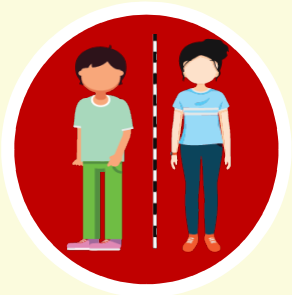
51,029

Blood, stool and urine samples collected



360

Anthropometric measurers



2500

Survey personnel in 30 states



30

Microscopists



100

Data Quality assurance monitors



200

Lab technicians



900

Interviewers



200

Trainers and coordinators



360

Phlebotomists



Justification and Objectives



- To assess the prevalence of malnutrition in both children and adolescents with special focus on assessment of micronutrient deficiencies through biochemical measures.
- To identify determinants and associations of various risk factors for anaemia in both children and adolescents.
- To assess biomarkers for hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol and kidney function and their associations with various risk factors for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

Malnutrition is responsible for 68% of total under five mortality in India*

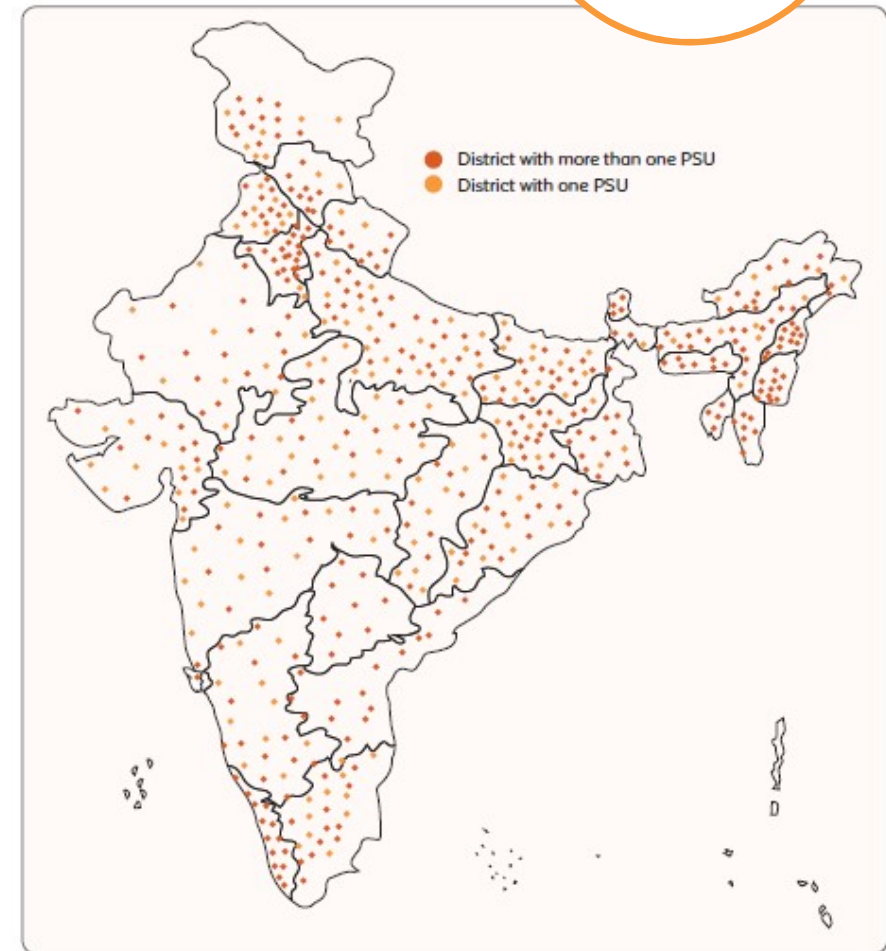
Survey Design



CNNS is a cross-sectional, household survey using a multi-stage sampling design.

CNNS covered **2035 Primary Sampling Units (PSUs)** from more than **82%** of all districts from the Census 2011 (516 out of 628 districts) across 30 states:

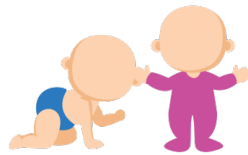
- 160 Districts- one PSU
- 356 Districts- two or more PSUs



Anthropometry data



Pre-school children (0-4 years)



School-age children (5-9 years)



Adolescents (10-19 years)



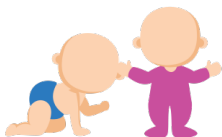


Anthropometric measurements

- Height
- Weight
- Mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC)
- Triceps skinfold
- Subscapular skinfold (1-4 years)

- Waist circumference

Biochemical indicators - micronutrient deficiencies and NCDs



Indicator Group			
Anaemia and haemoglobinopathies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haemoglobin • Variant haemoglobins 		
Inflammatory biomarkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-reactive protein 		
Protein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serum protein and albumin 		
Micronutrients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iron: Serum ferritin, serum transferrin receptor • Vitamin A: Serum retinol • Zinc: Serum zinc • B-vitamins: Erythrocyte folate, serum B12 • Vitamin D: Serum 25 (OH) D • Urinary Iodine 		
Non-communicable diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blood Pressure • Blood glucose, HbA1c • Lipid profile: Serum cholesterol, LDL, HDL, and triglycerides • Renal function: Serum creatinine, urinary protein creatinine ratio 		

Monitoring and Supervision



Three-tiers of Data Quality Assurance

- Field work/protocol/training monitoring: by quality control team
- Biological sample quality control : by AIIMS, NIN and US CDC

Third Level

- 3-member Data Quality Assurance (DQA) team for re-interviews & observations
- Concurrent monitoring of biological sample collection, storage and transportation by CDSA

Second Level

- Internal monitoring by the Quality Control Observer
- Daily supervision of the field work by Team Supervisor

First Level

Team Composition for data collection



Quality Assurance Measures for Data Quality



Evaluation of Interviewers prior to employment



Survey team

- Written and oral test
- Mock interview
- Ethics test



Anthropometry team

- Standardisation
- Selection based of demonstrated capacity measured by technical error of measurements (TEM)

Quality Assurance Measures



DQA team conducted consistency checks, and provided feedback on real time basis



No more than 4 interviews allowed in a day by an interviewer



Daily SMS based monitoring/ alerts system for biological sample (from PSUs, collection points and reference labs).



Sample transportation in thermal insulation bags maintaining temperature at 2-8° Celsius for up to 16 hours



Time and temperature monitoring of samples by digital data loggers

Agencies engaged in the implementation of CNNS



Survey Implementation by MoHFW, Government of India and supported by UNICEF

Technical support:
US Centre for Disease Control
and UNICEF

Regular review and technical
guidance: Technical advisory group
constituted by MoHFW

Quality assurance and external
monitoring: AIIMS, PGIMER, NIN,
KSCH and CDSA

Overall field coordination, training, quality
monitoring, data management and analysis:
Population Council

Biological sample collection,
transportation & analysis:
SRL Limited

Survey and anthropometric data
collection: IIMR, Kantar Public,
Gfk Mode and Sigma Consulting

Sample size in Delhi



CNNS covered 100 PSUs for data collection in Delhi

Achieved following sample size by age groups:

	0-4 years	5-9 years	10-19 years	Total
Household and anthropometry data	1,735	1,745	1,572	5,052
Biological sample	602	729	670	2,001

Period of data collection in Delhi



CNNS data collection period: March 25, 2016 to September 27, 2016

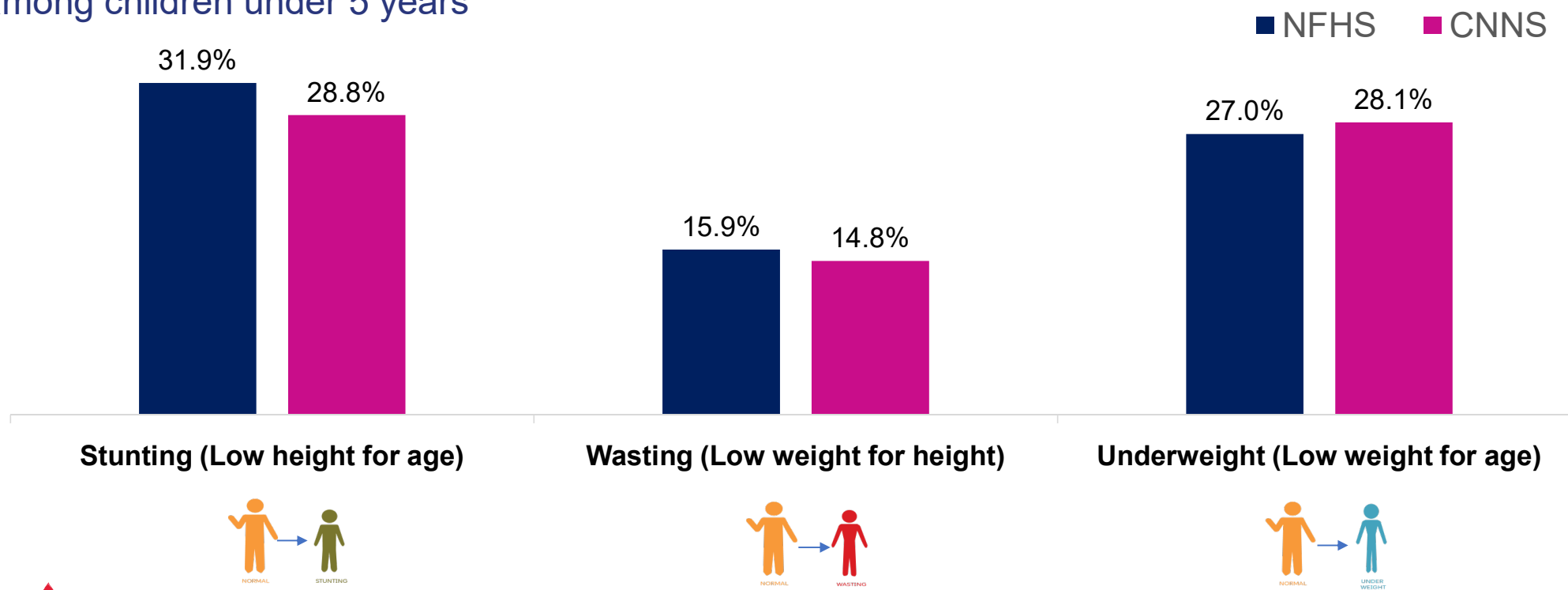
- CNNS collected data during the spring season through monsoon season of 2016
- NFHS also collected data during the spring season through monsoon season of 2016

Survey	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
CNNS 2016			March to September, 2016									
NFHS 4 2016		February to September, 2016										

Delhi key findings: Anthropometry (1/2)



There was no significant change in prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight in Delhi among children under 5 years



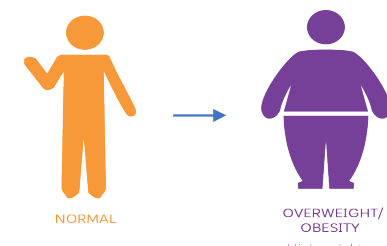
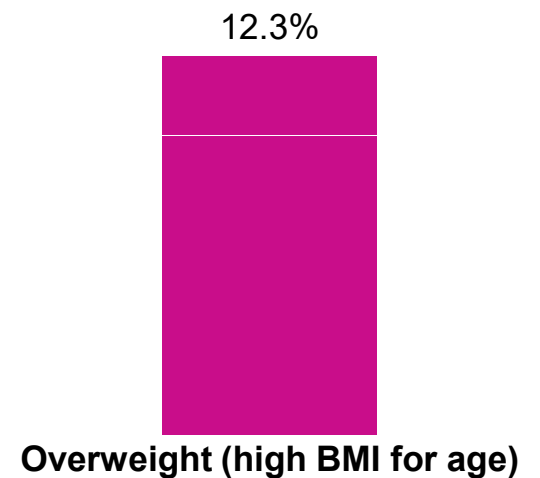
Delhi key findings: Anthropometry (2/2)



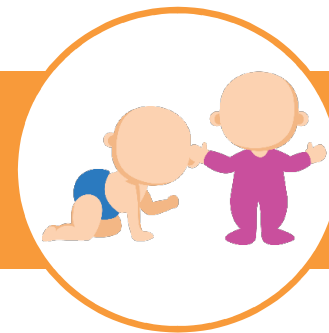
1/5 adolescents aged 10-19 years was thin for their age (BMI-Age $<-2SD$)

1/5 children aged 5-9 years was stunted. The school age period does not provide an opportunity for catch up growth in height.

12% of adolescents aged 10-19 years were overweight or obese.

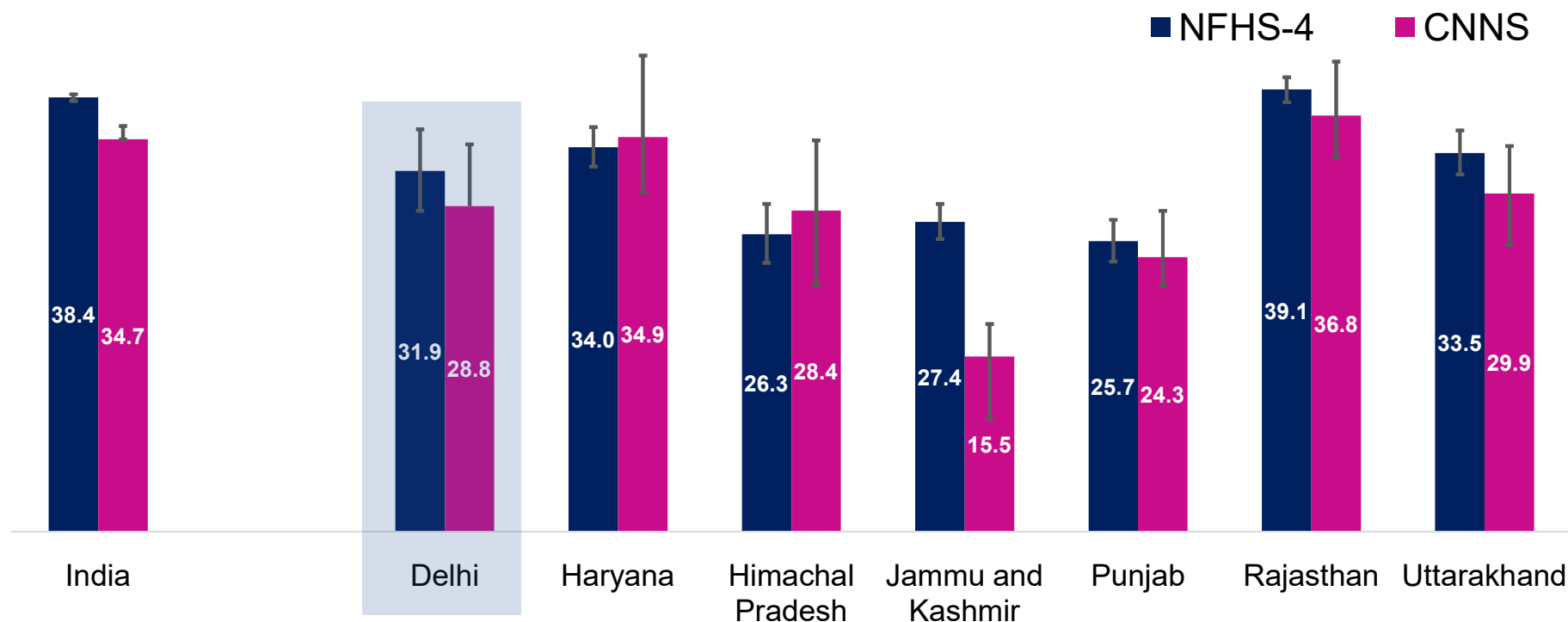


Stunting among children under five unchanged

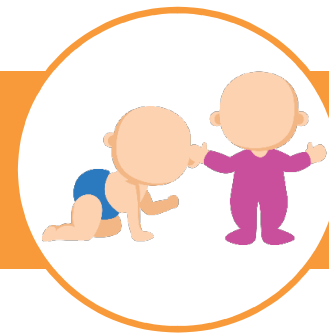


No change in prevalence of stunting was observed in Delhi between CNNS and NFHS-4 – **29%** vs **32%**

Among the northern states, stunting declined significantly only in Jammu and Kashmir – **27%** vs **16%**

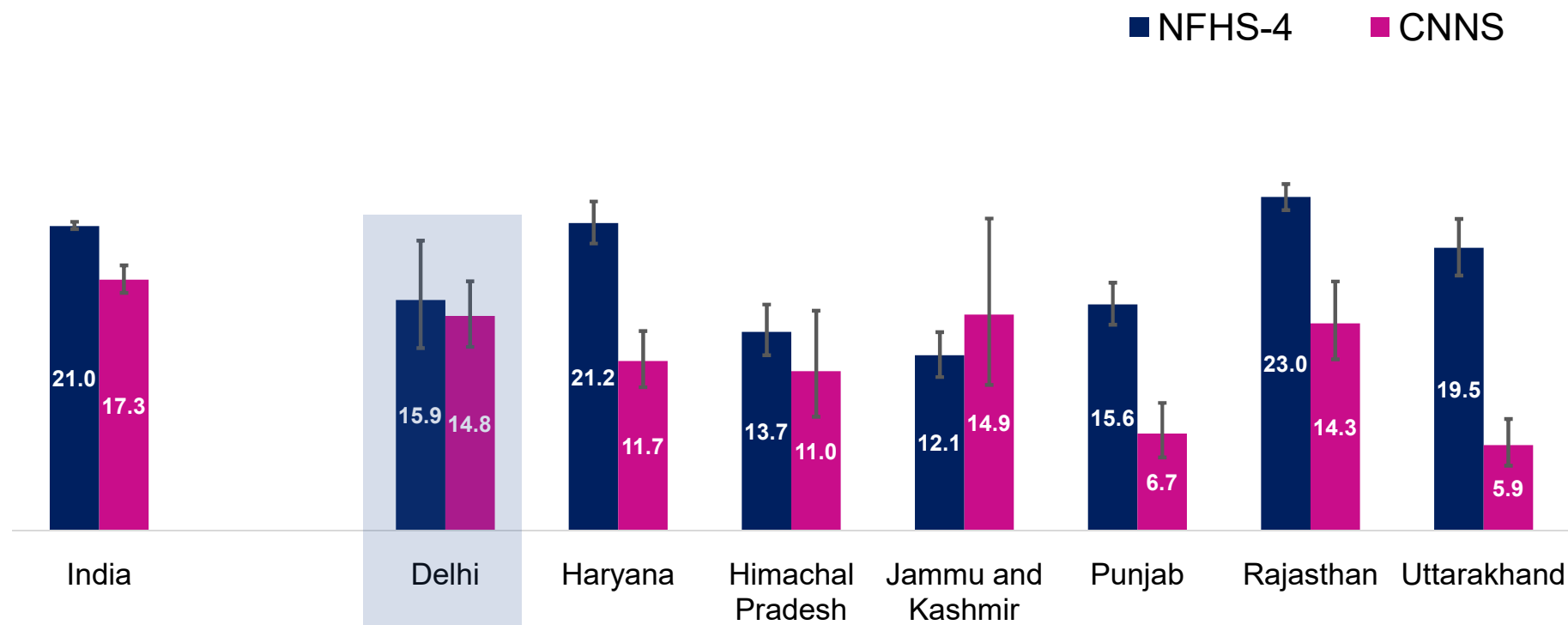


Wasting among children under five unchanged

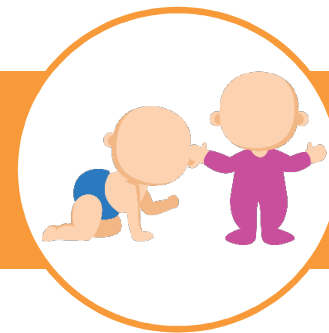


Prevalence of wasting unchanged in Delhi between NFHS-4 and CNNS – **16%** vs **15%**

In 4/7 northern states, wasting declined; except in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi



Prevalence of underweight among children under five unchanged

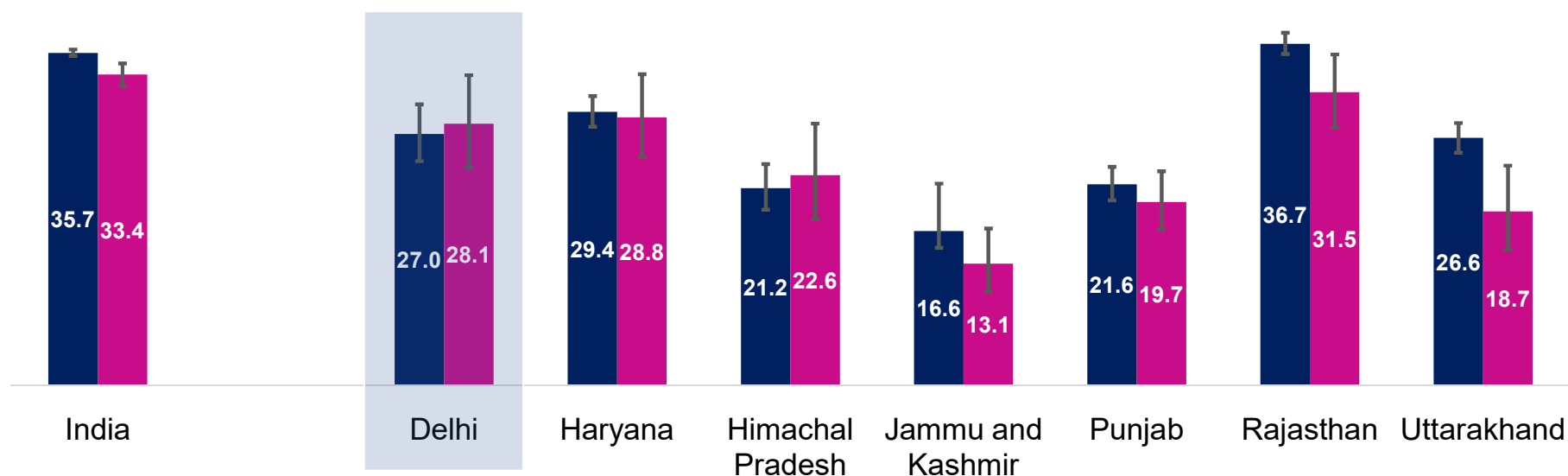


Underweight is a composite measure of chronic and acute malnutrition

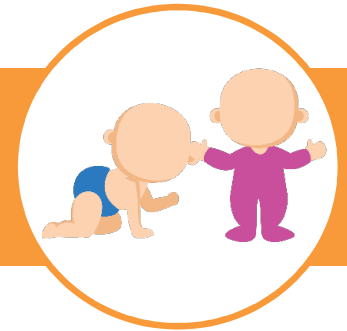
The prevalence of underweight did not change between NFHS-4 and CNNS – **27 Vs 28%**

Prevalence remained unchanged in all northern states; except in Uttarakhand

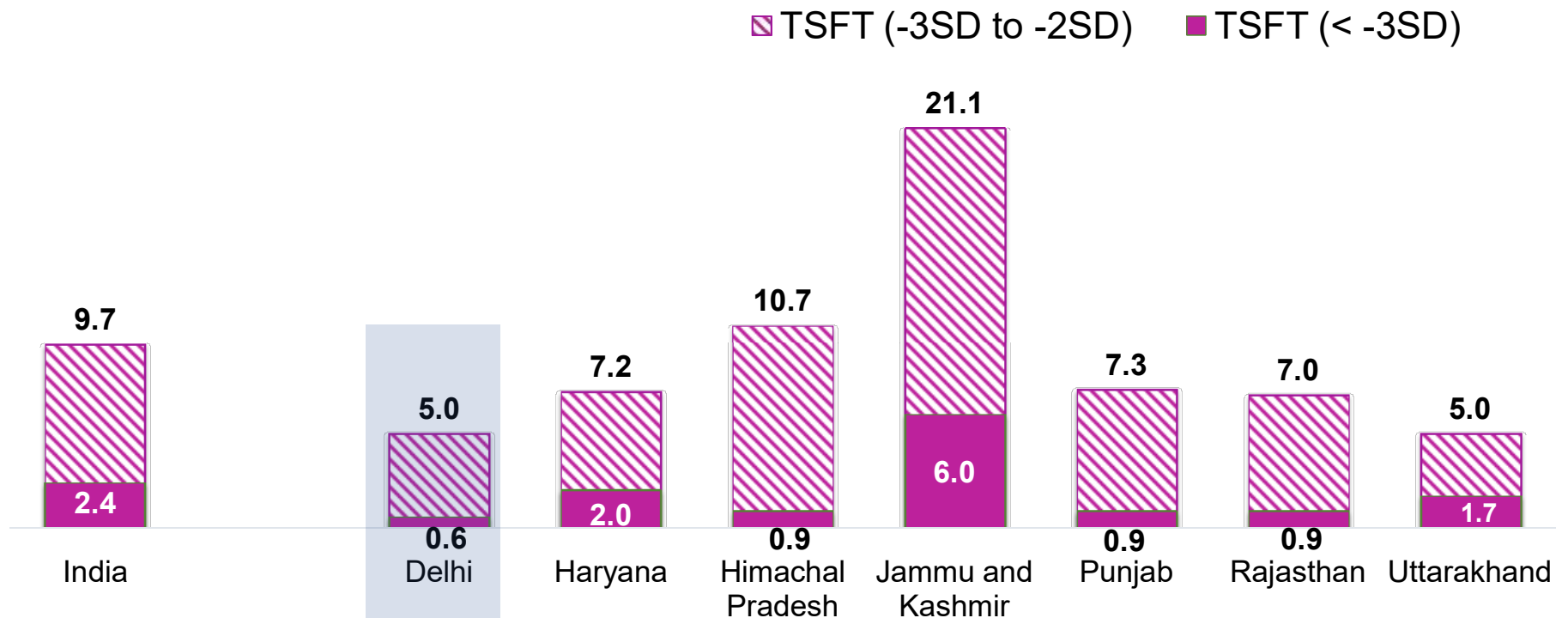
■ NFHS-4 ■ CNNS



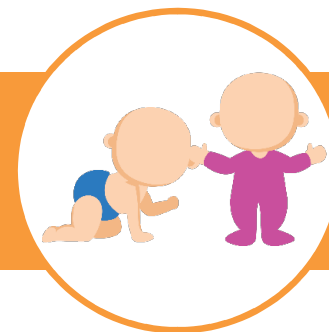
Triceps Skinfold Thickness (TSFT) for children under five



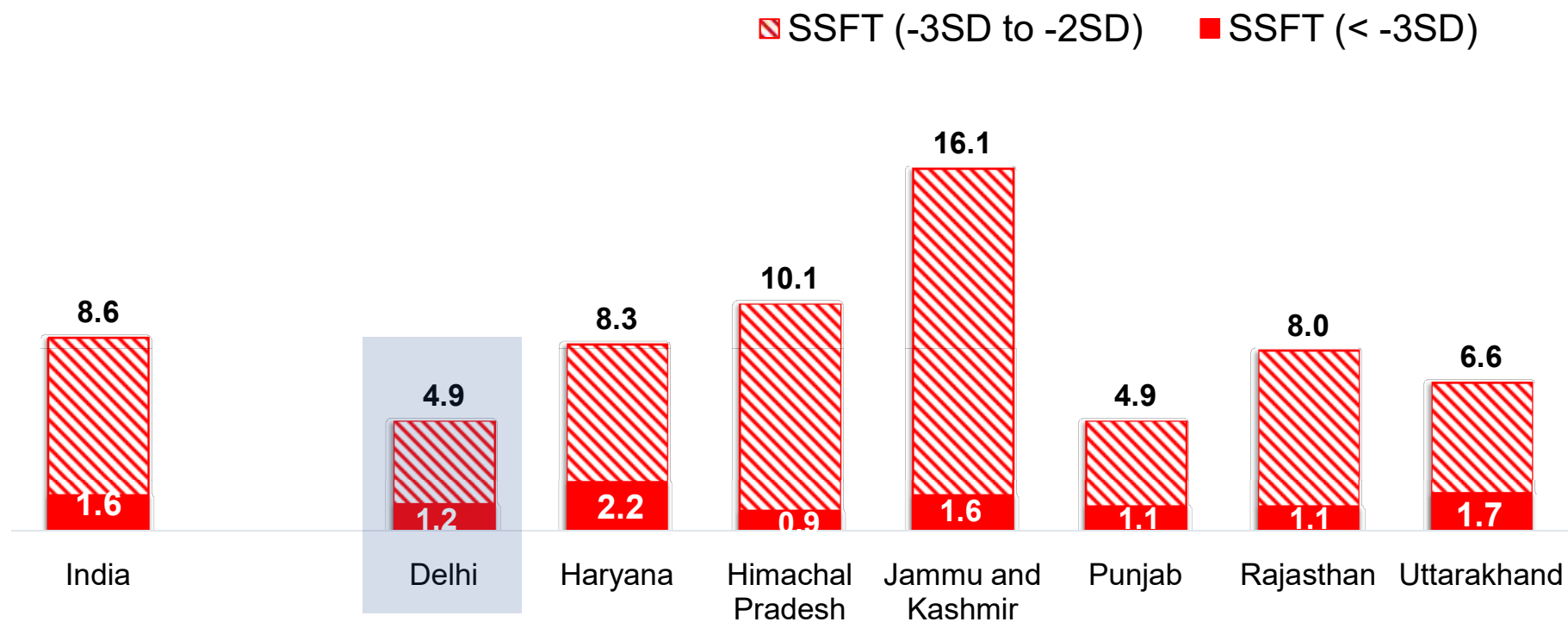
Low fat mass as reported by TSFT in Delhi (5%) was the lowest among the northern states and half the national average (10%); very high in Jammu and Kashmir (21%)



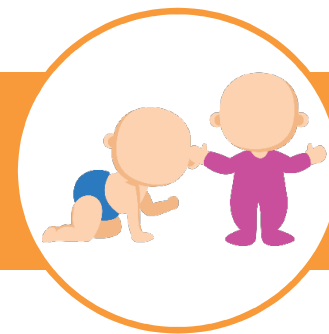
Subscapular Skinfold Thickness (SSFT) for children aged 1-4 years



Thinness as reported by SSFT in Delhi (5%) was significantly lower than the other northern states and the national level (9%)

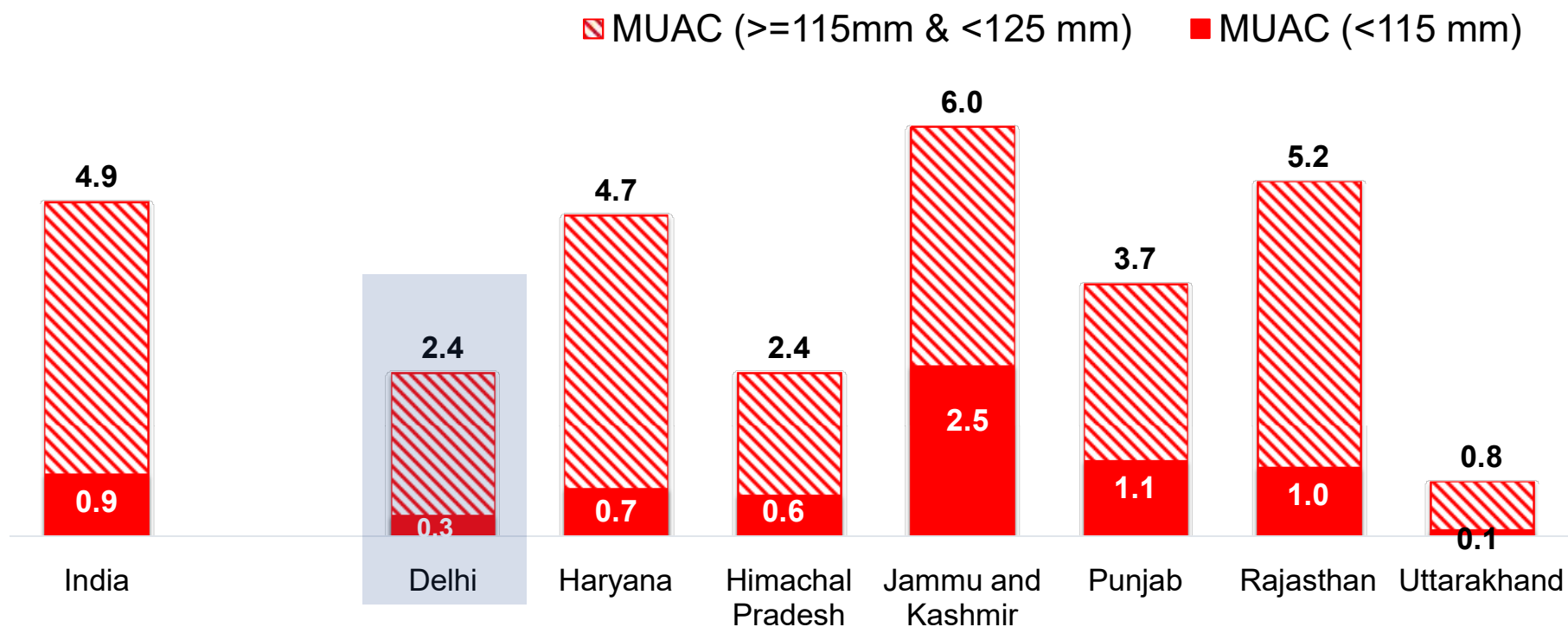


Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) for children aged 6-59 months



About **2%** children in Delhi had low MUAC

Prevalence of low MUAC ranged between **1%** and **6%** across the northern states



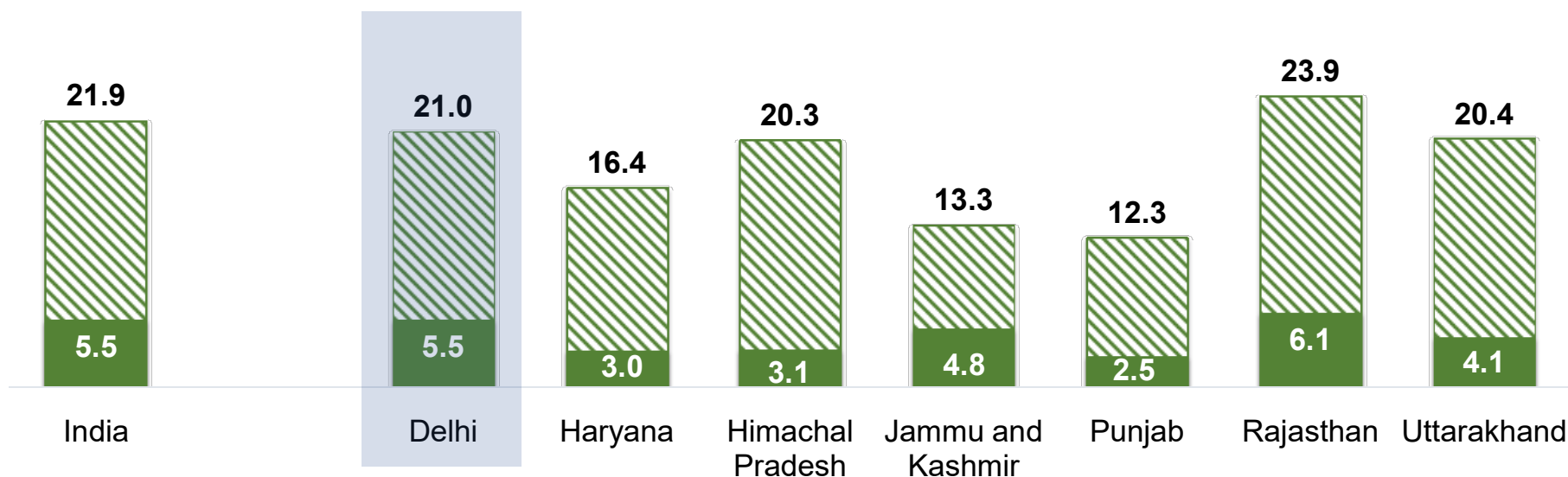
Stunting among school-age children (5-9 years)



1/5 children aged 5-9 years was stunted; significant proportion of children who were stunted in childhood remained stunted into their schooling age reducing their potential capacity for education

Rajasthan (24%) had the highest prevalence of stunting among the northern states

▨ Moderately stunted (-3SD to -2SD) ■ Severely stunted (< -3SD)



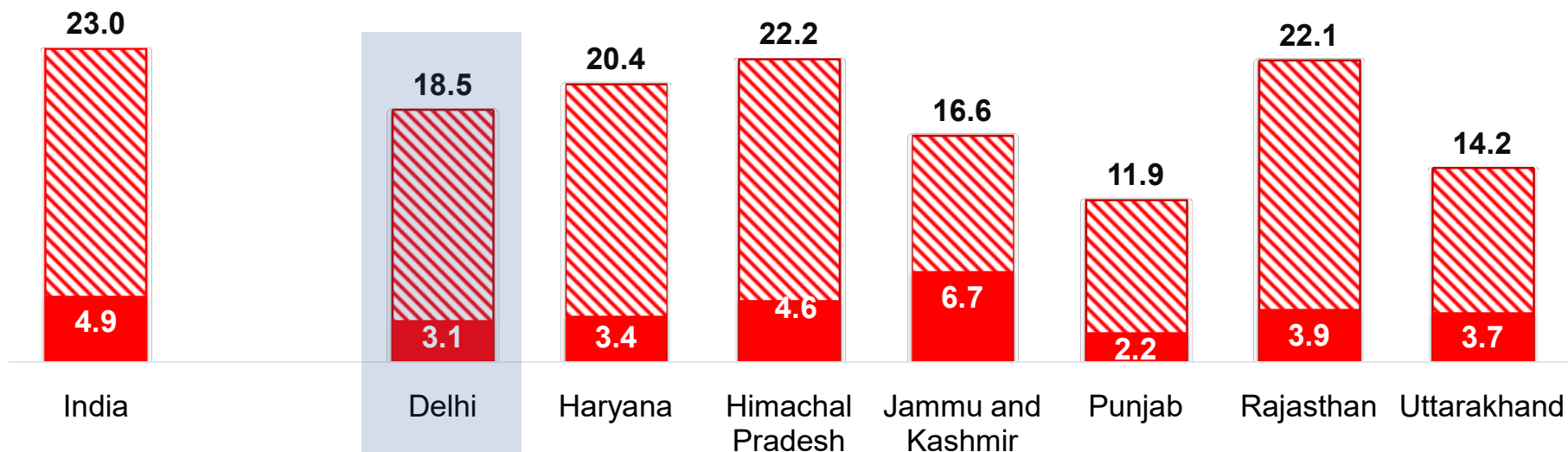
Thinness among school-age children (5-9 years)



1/5 children aged 5-9 years was thin

Prevalence of thinness in Delhi was less than national average but higher than three northern states in the region (J&K, Punjab and Uttarakhand)

▨ Moderate thinness (-3SD to -2SD) ■ Severe thinness (< -3SD)



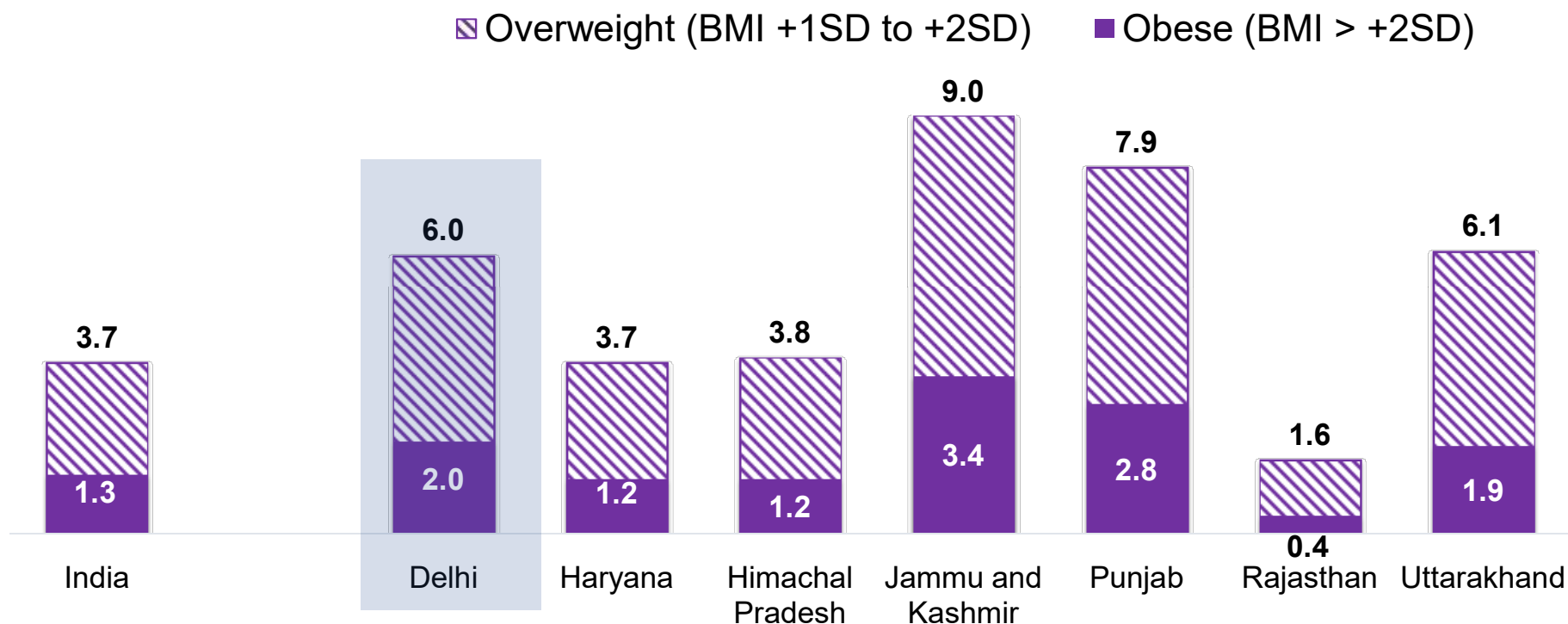
Overweight and obesity among school-age children (5-9 years) increasing



Overweight and obesity are on rise even among children aged 5-9 years

Prevalence of overweight in Delhi (6%) was higher than the national average (4%)

Among northern states, Delhi had high prevalence of overweight in this age group

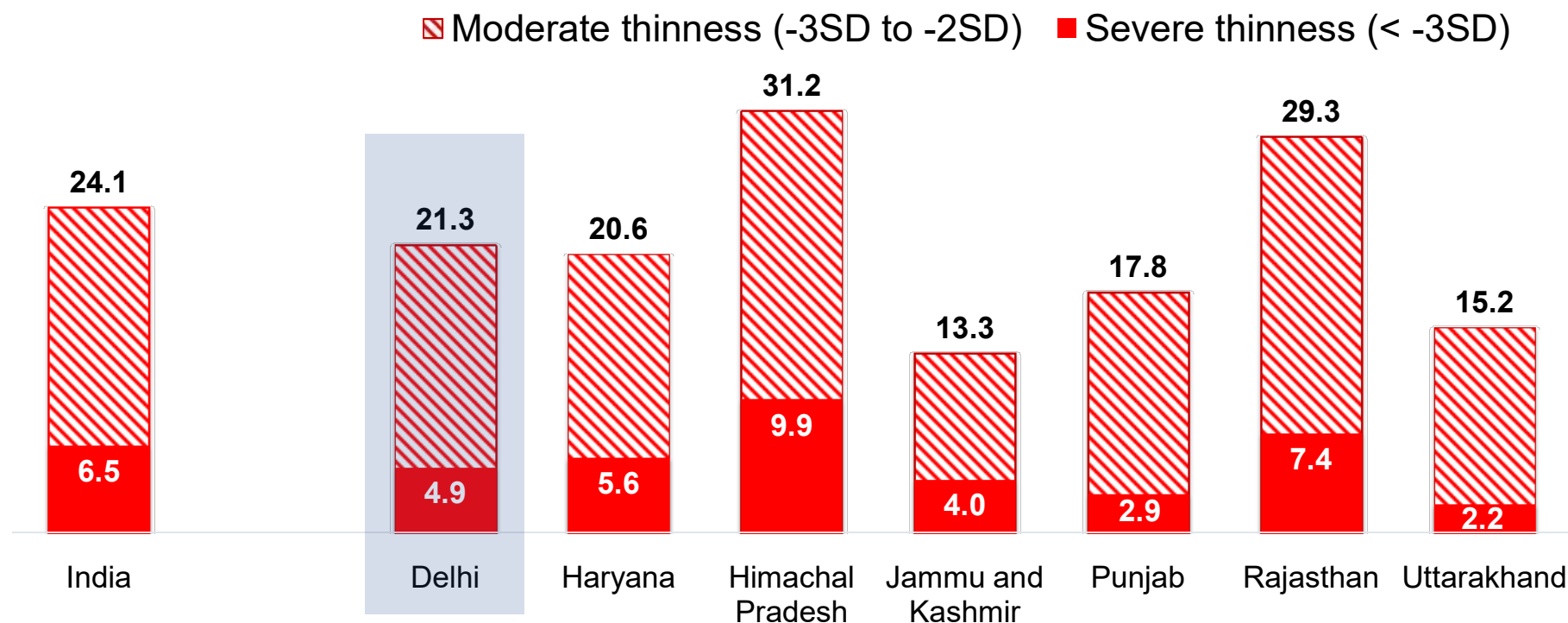


Thinness among adolescents aged 10-19 years substantial high



1/5 adolescents aged 10-19 years was thin in Delhi (**21%**), less than national average (**24%**)

Among the northern states, Himachal Pradesh (**31%**) and Rajasthan (**29%**) had very high prevalence of thinness

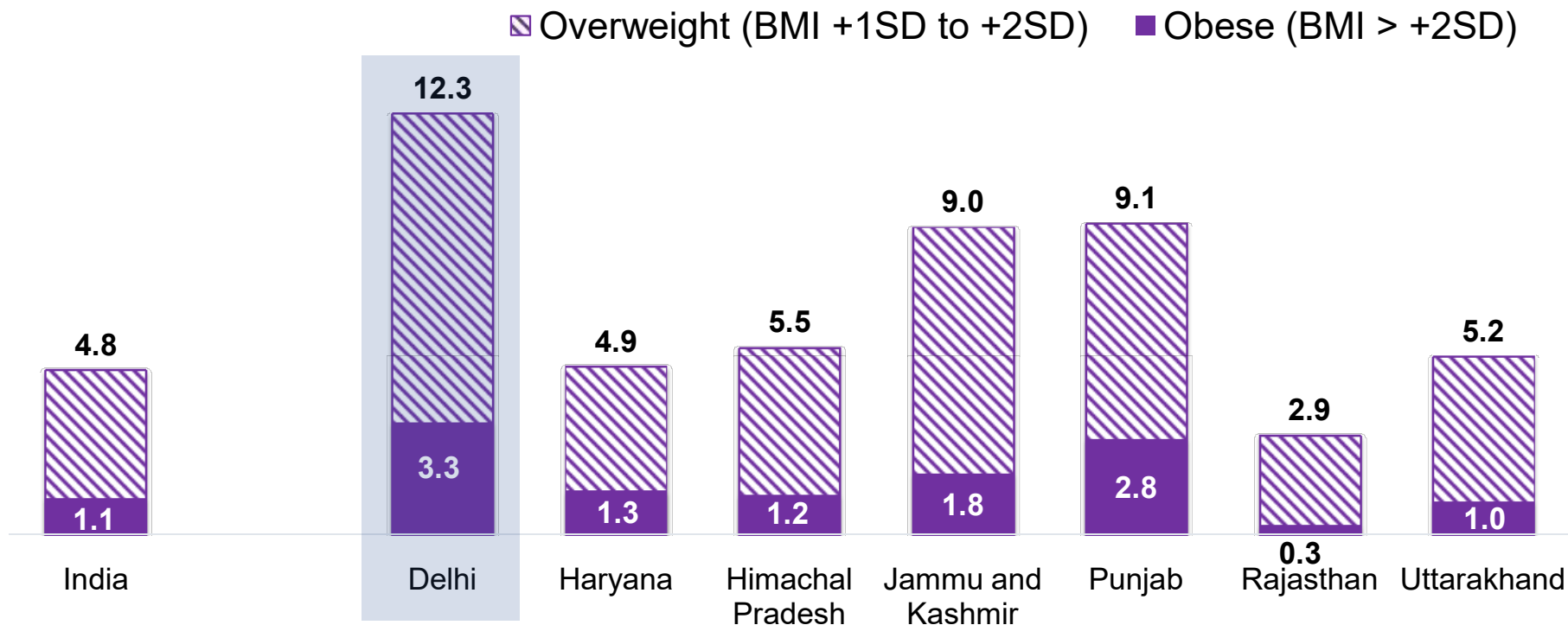


Prevalence of overweight among adolescents aged 10-19 years high



1/8 adolescents was overweight in Delhi (12%), more than double the national average (5%)

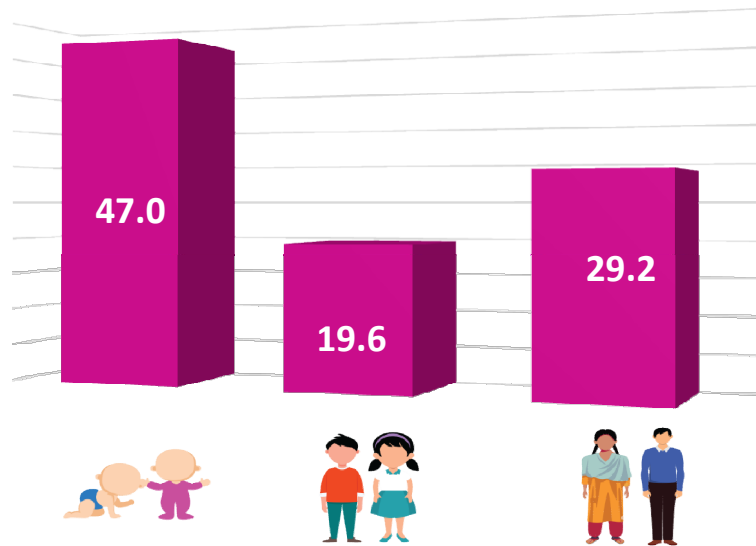
Among the northern states, Delhi had highest prevalence, also high in Jammu and Kashmir (9%) and Punjab (9%)



Delhi key findings: Anaemia and iron deficiency

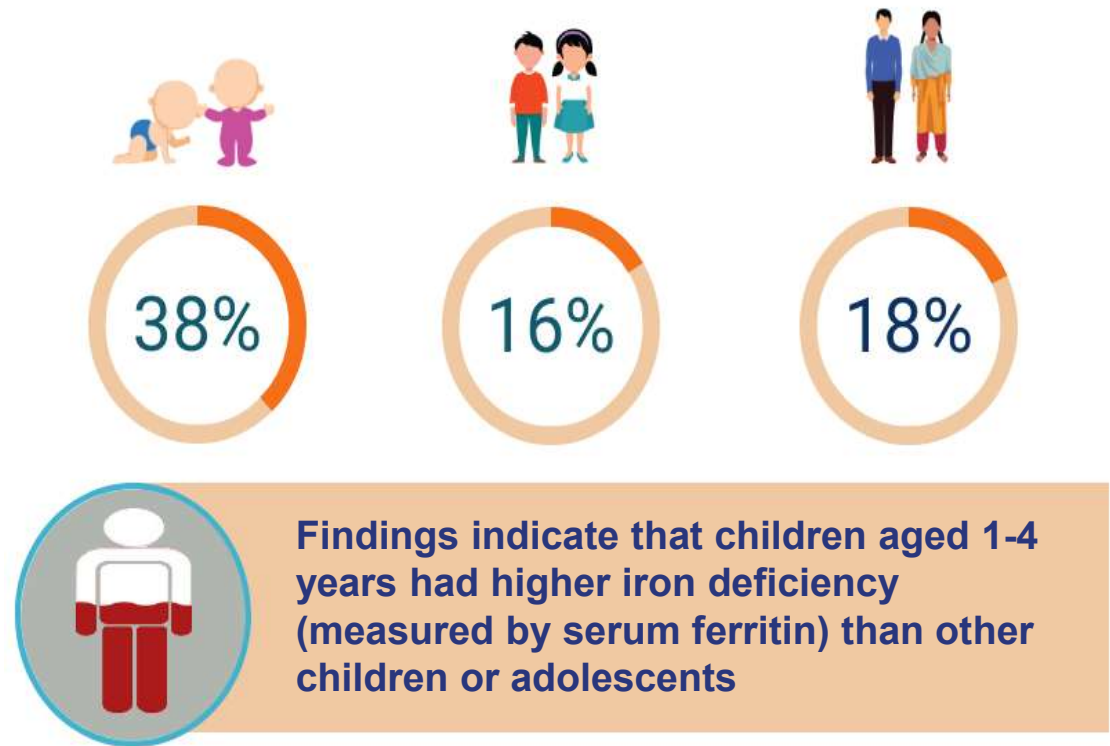


Anaemia



In Delhi, like in most states, anaemia was significantly higher among children aged 1-4 years compared to children aged 5-9 years and adolescents aged 10-19 years

Iron deficiency



Findings indicate that children aged 1-4 years had higher iron deficiency (measured by serum ferritin) than other children or adolescents

Prevalence of Anaemia among children and adolescents



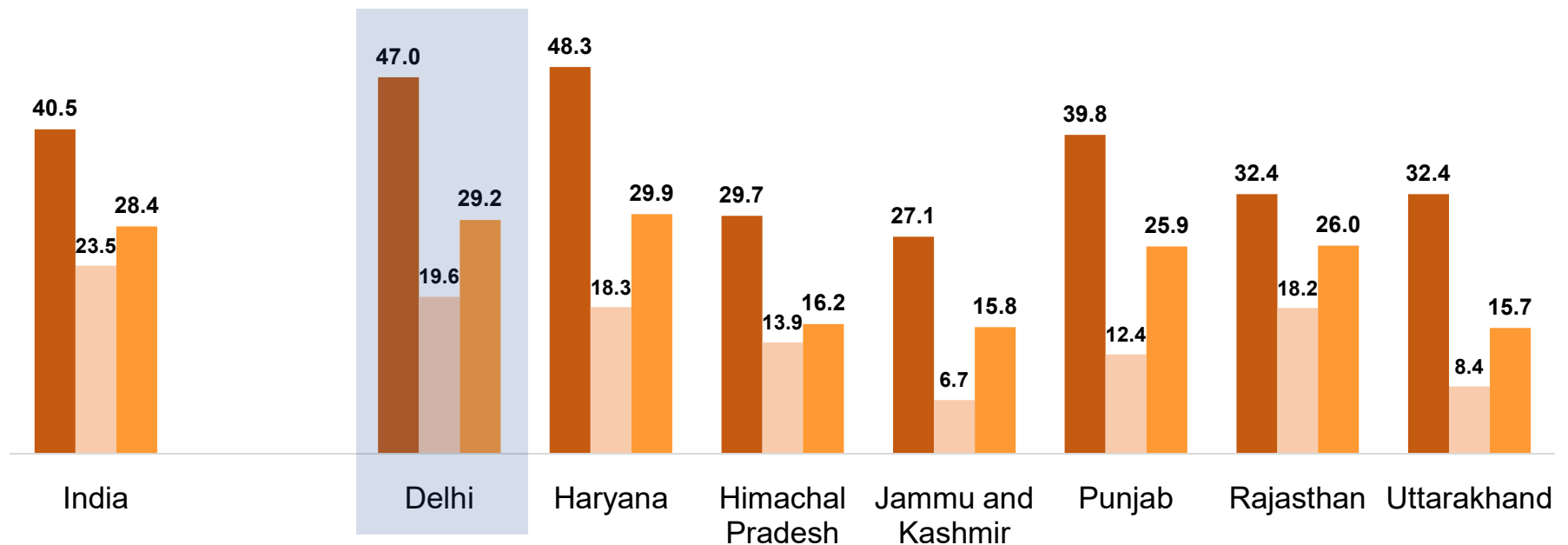
Nearly **1/2** children aged 1-4 years was anaemic in Delhi (**47%**), higher than national average (**41%**)

Prevalence of anaemia was highest among children aged 1-4 years, increased again in adolescence

■ 1-4 Years ■ 5-9 Years ■ 10-19 Years

Anaemia Cut Offs (WHO)

1-4 years: Hb<11.0 g/dl
 5-11 years: Hb<11.5 g/dl
 12-14 years: Hb< 12 g/dl
 Girls ≥15years: Hb< 12g/dl
 Boys ≥15 years: Hb< 13 g/dl
 (Adjusted for altitude)

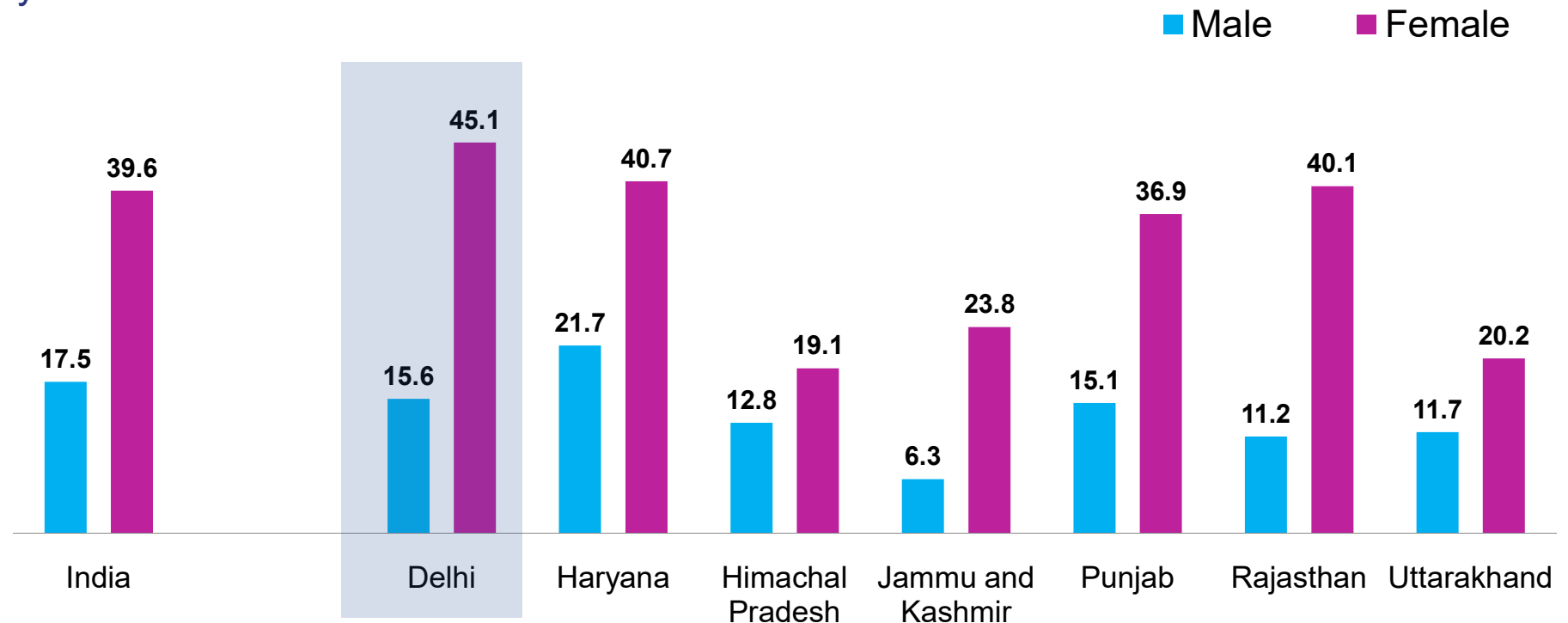


Prevalence of Anaemia among adolescents (10-19 years)



Overall, in the country, anaemia prevalence among adolescent girls (10-19 years) was twice that of adolescent boys

In Delhi, as in many other northern states, adolescent girls were three times more likely than adolescent boys to be anaemic



Iron deficiency measured by serum ferritin among children and adolescents

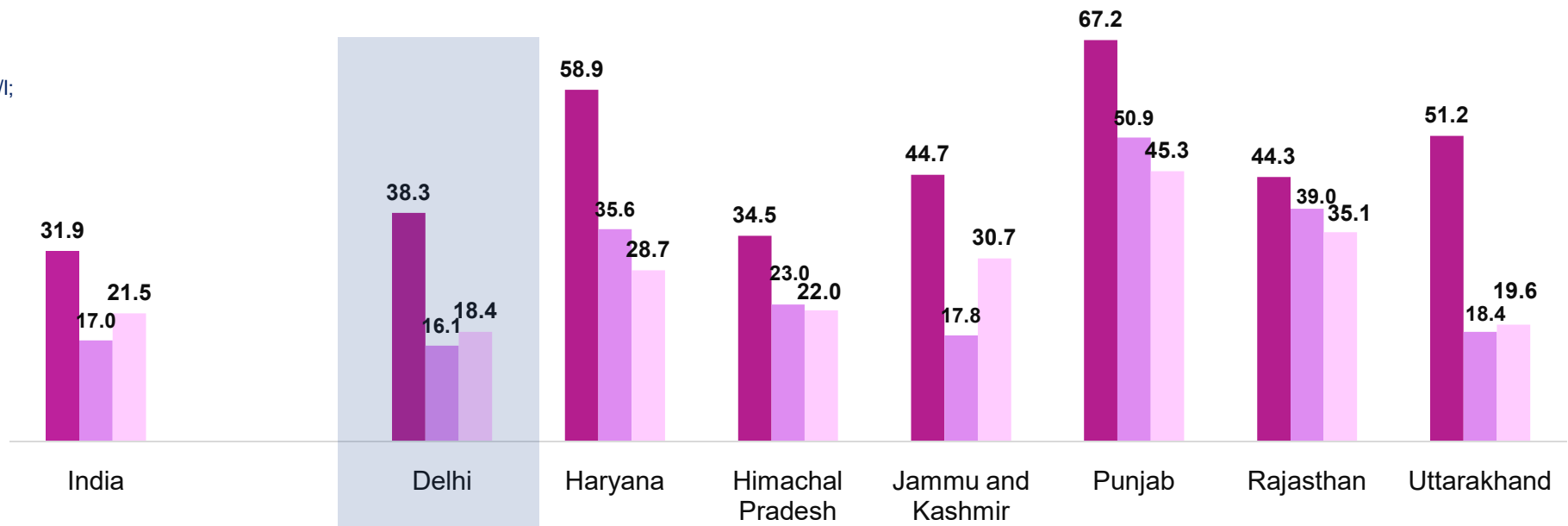


38% of children aged 1-4 years had iron deficiency in Delhi, higher than the national average (**32%**); prevalence was highest among children aged 1-4 years

Among northern states, children from Punjab (**67%**) and Haryana (**59%**) had high prevalence of iron deficiency

■ 1-4 Years ■ 5-9 Years ■ 10-19 Years

Cut Offs (WHO)
 1-4 years: SF <12 µg/l;
 ≥5 years: SF <15 µg/l
 (high CRP excluded)



Delhi key findings: Vitamin A and Vitamin D deficiency



Vitamin A deficiency was high (22%) in school-age children 5-9 years

Children aged 1-4 years (18%) and adolescents (13%) were found to have lower levels of Vitamin A deficiency than children aged 5-9 years



Vitamin D deficiency ranged from 33% to 47% in 1-19 years age group as per cut off by expert panel of IOM.

Adolescents aged 10-19 years were found to have higher level of Vitamin D deficiency than children aged 1-9 years

Vitamin A deficiency among children and adolescents



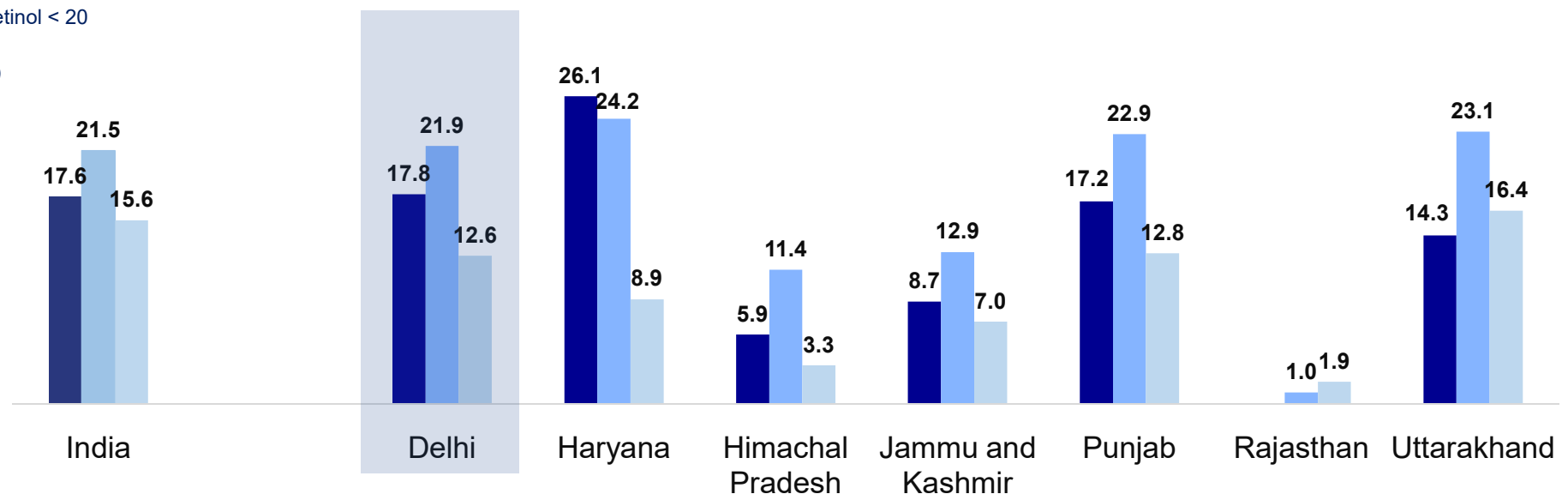
13-22% children and adolescents had Vitamin A deficiency in Delhi, at similar level as the national average (**16-22%**)

Prevalence of Vitamin A deficiency in all age group did not show any particular pattern among northern states

Cut Offs (WHO)

1-19 Years: Serum retinol < 20 µg/dl.
(High CRP excluded)

■ 1-4 Years ■ 5-9 Years ■ 10-19 Years



Vitamin D deficiency increases with age

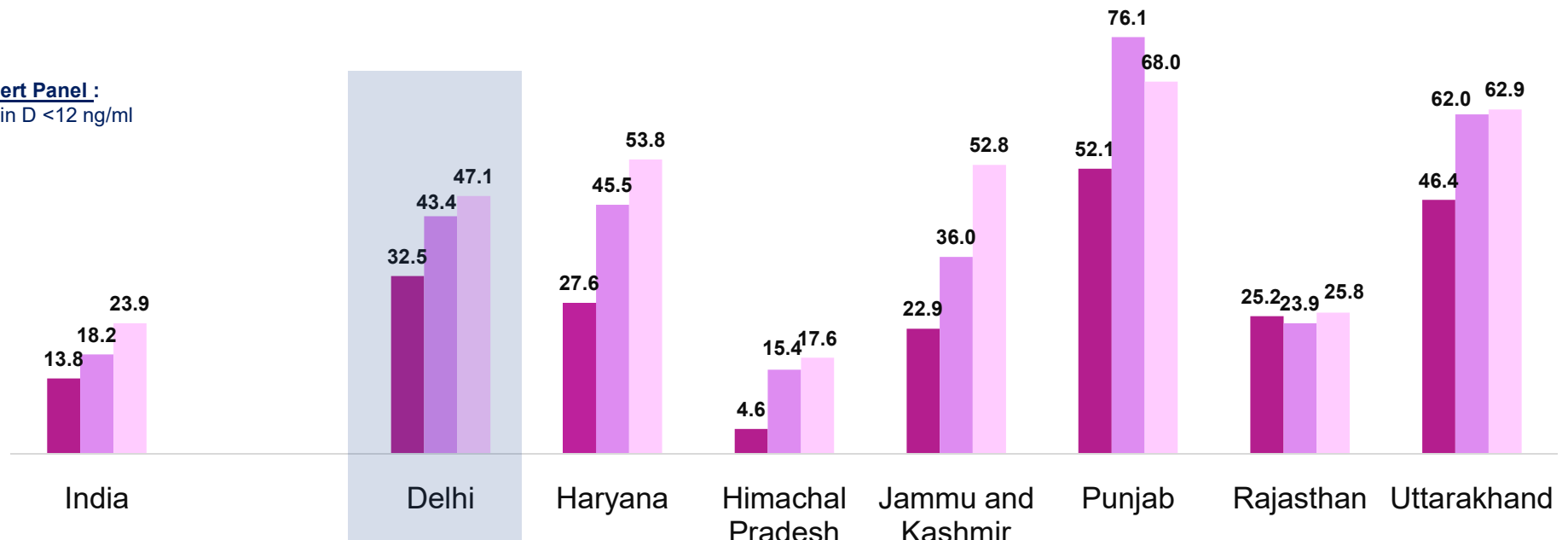


33-47% children and adolescents had Vitamin D deficiency in Delhi, much higher than the national average (**14-24%**); Vitamin D deficiency increased sharply with age.

In most northern states, except Himachal Pradesh, Vitamin D deficiency among children and adolescents was higher than national average; very high in Punjab (52-76%)

■ 1-4 Years ■ 5-9 Years ■ 10-19 Years

Cut Off (IOM) Vit D Expert Panel :
Serum 25-hydroxy vitamin D <12 ng/ml



Delhi key findings: Non-communicable diseases



More than 5% school-age children and adolescents were found with high level of glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c).

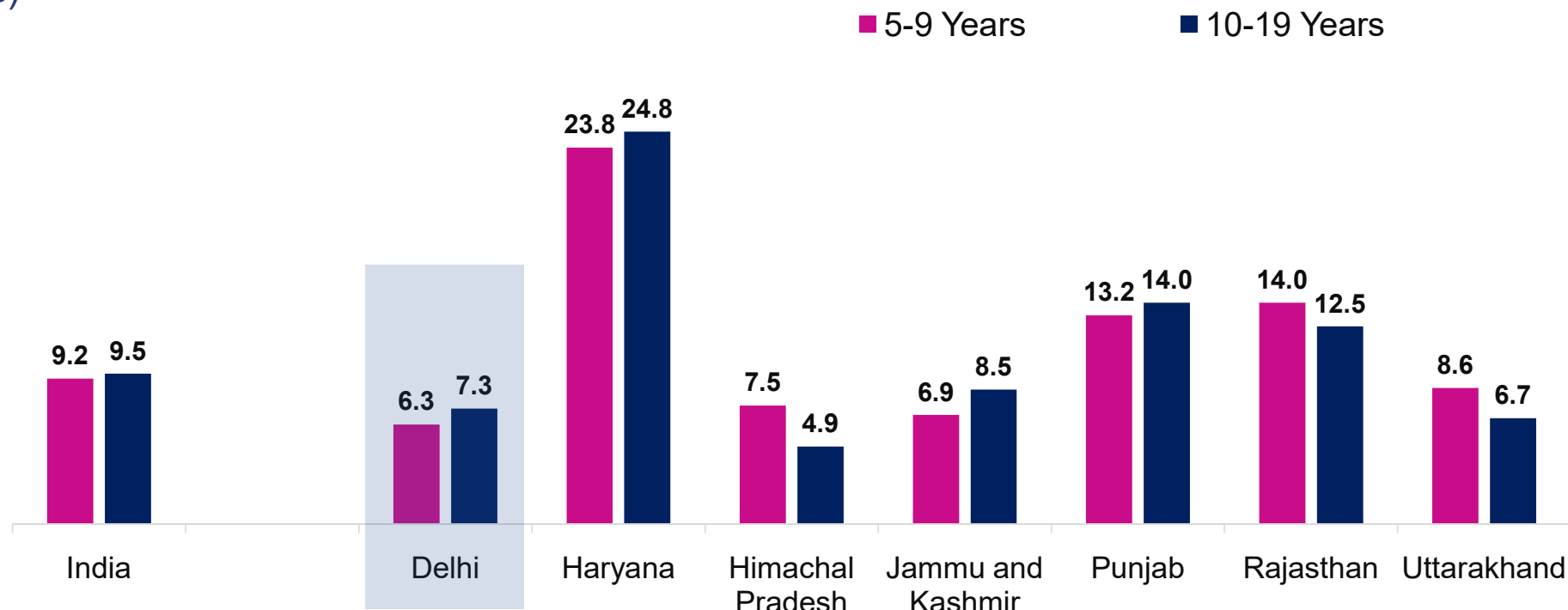
Other indicators of risks of NCDs, such as level of cholesterol, triglycerides, LDL and HDL point to increased risks of NCDs among adolescents.

Risk of diabetes among school-age children and adolescents



Based on Glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c), more than **5%** children and adolescents had increased risk of diabetes in Delhi, but lower than national average (**9-10%**)

Among all northern states, risk of diabetes among children and adolescents of Haryana was very high (**24-25%**)



High total cholesterol and high triglyceride among adolescents



Elevated risk of NCDs in Delhi among adolescents – **2%** had high level of total cholesterol and **16%** with high level of triglycerides

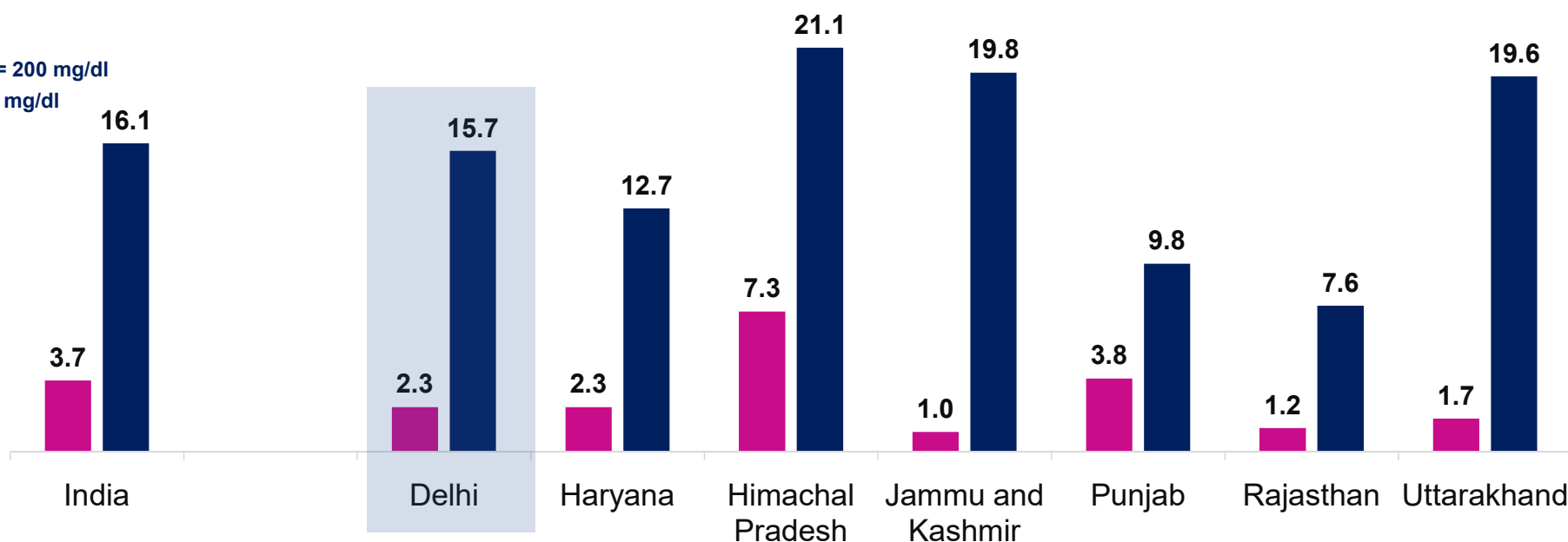
Prevalence of high total cholesterol and high triglycerides were highest in Himachal Pradesh among northern states

Cut Offs:

Total cholesterol ≥ 200 mg/dl

Triglycerides > 130 mg/dl

■ High total cholesterol ■ High triglycerides



High LDL and low HDL among adolescents

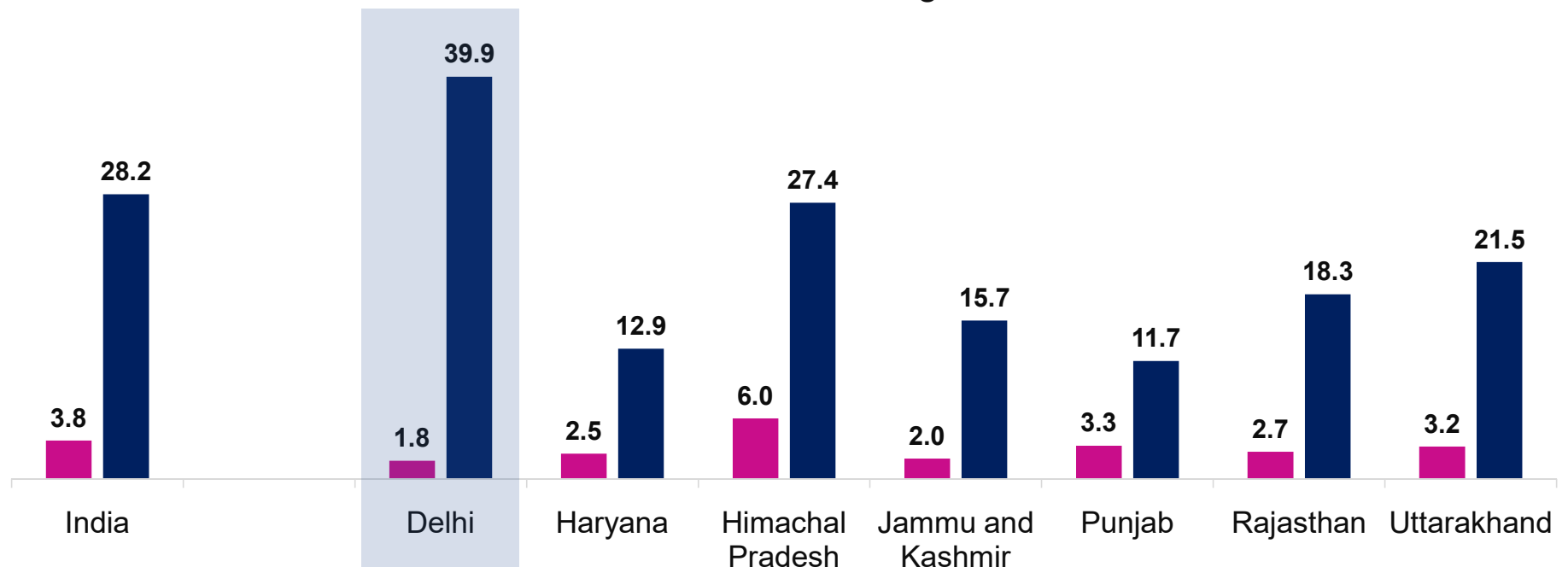


Risk of NCDs among adolescents in Delhi was high – **2%** had high level of LDL and **40%** had low level of HDL

Among northern states, prevalence of low HDL was highest in Delhi

Cut Offs:
LDL \geq 130 mg/dl
HDL $<$ 40 mg/dl

■ High LDL ■ Low HDL



Preliminary Policy Discussions from CNNS



- Only about half of anaemia is caused by iron deficiency. Programmes must address all causes of anaemia but continue to address iron deficiency in children under five and adolescent girls (population with largest burden).
- Vitamin A deficiency is still high. Along with Vitamin A supplementation, interventions such as dietary diversification and fortification can be taken to scale to address the burden.
- Vitamin D deficiency is an emerging public health issue among urban children and adolescents. Scaling up of fortification efforts can be considered. Further research is required to uncover the effects of pollution and other factors to design better programmes.
- Urinary Iodine data need to be examined in conjunction with salt consumption data for the population and level of iodine in salt at the household level.
- Control of NCDs such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease must start in the early ages to instil lifelong healthy habits as adult diseases start in childhood.

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