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Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey

2016 – 2018

Mizoram
State Presentation



Largest Micronutrient Survey ever conducted: CNNS 2016-

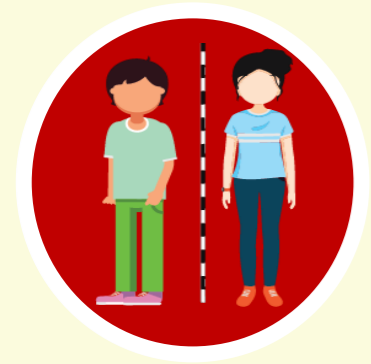
112,316

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

Trainers and coordinators



200

Lab technicians



900

Interviewers



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*

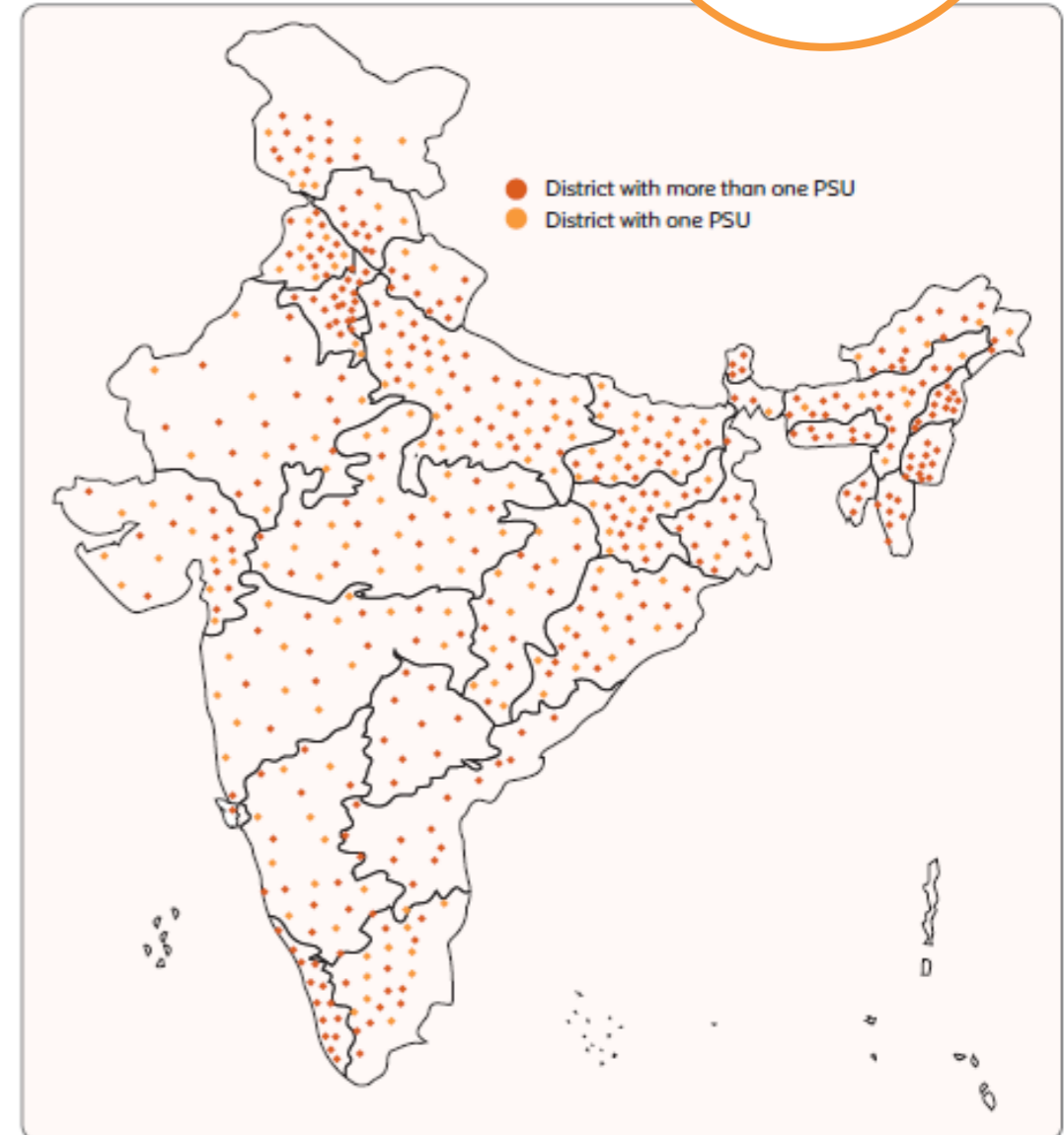
Survey Design



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:

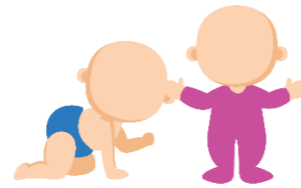
- 160 Districts- one PSU
- 356 Districts- two or more PSUs



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



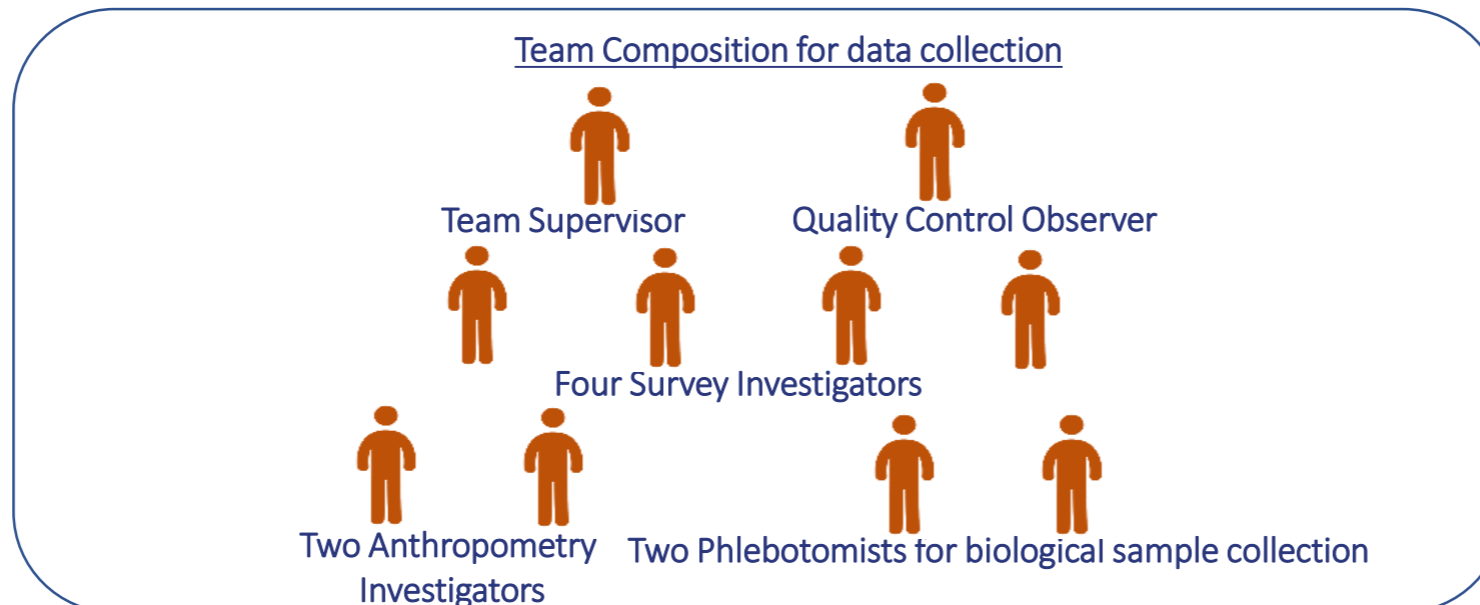
Three-tiers of Data Quality Assurance

- Field work/protocol/training monitoring: by quality control team
 - Biological sample quality control : by AIIMS, NIN and US CDC
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- 3-member Data Quality Assurance (DQA) team for re-interviews & observations
 - Concurrent monitoring of biological sample collection, storage and transportation by CDSA
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- Internal monitoring by the Quality Control Observer
 - Daily supervision of the field work by Team Supervisor

Third Level

Second Level

First Level



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 Mizoram



CNNS covered 50 PSUs for data collection in Mizoram

Achieved following sample size by age groups:

| | 0-4 years | 5-9 years | 10-19 years | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| Household and anthropometry data | 1,009 | 1,026 | 966 | 3,001 |
| Biological sample | 307 | 440 | 379 | 1,126 |

Period of data collection in Mizoram



CNNS data collection period: March 28 to June 11, 2016

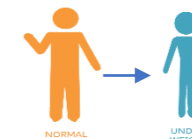
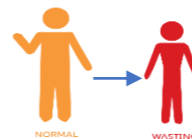
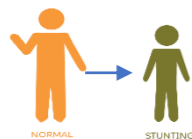
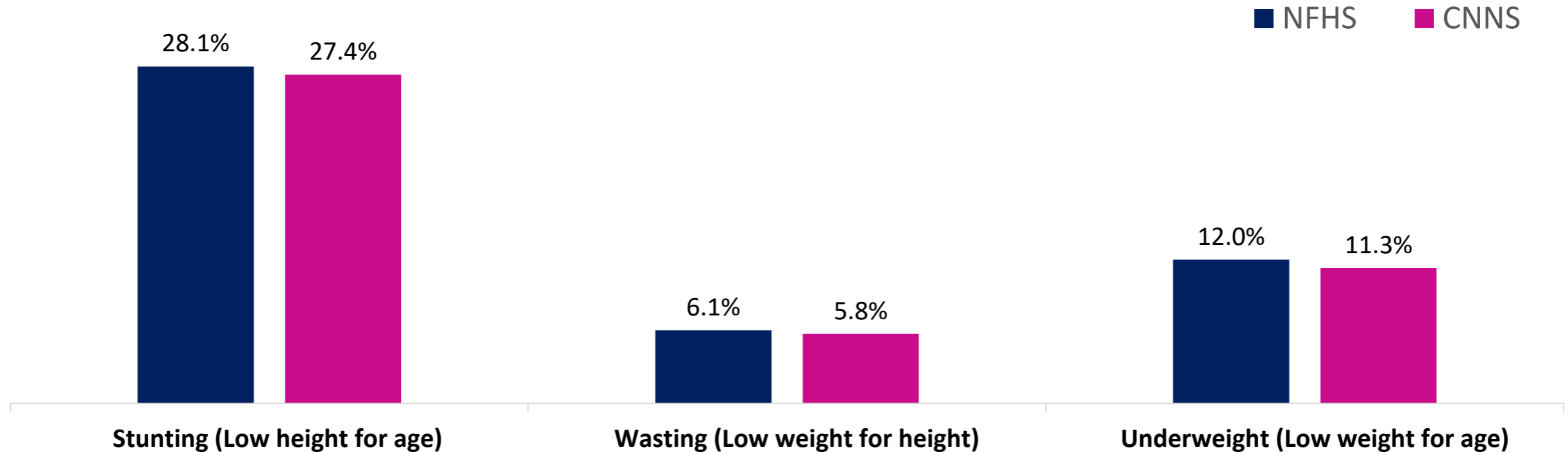
- CNNS collected data during the summer season of 2016, while
- NFHS collected data during all the season of the year 2016.

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

Mizoram key findings: Anthropometry (1/2)



No discernable change in prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight in children under 5 years between NFHS and CNNS



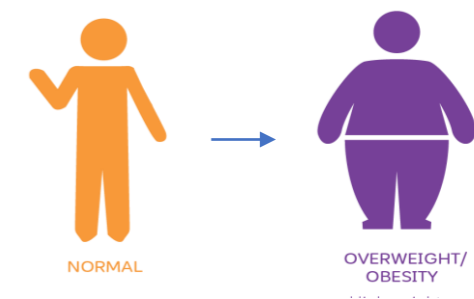
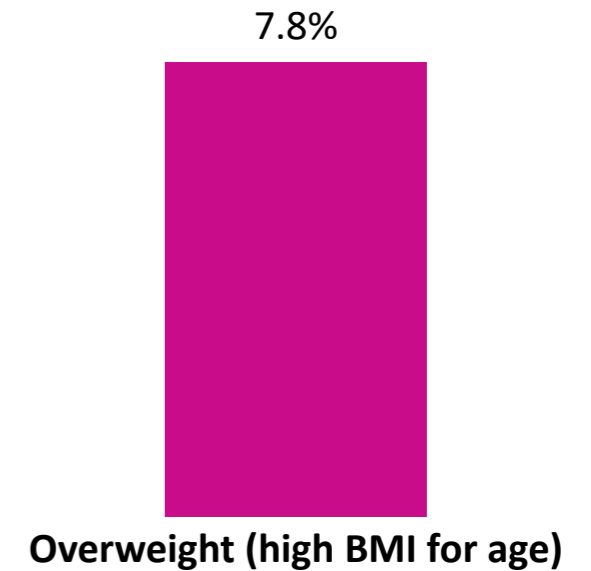
Mizoram key findings: Anthropometry (2/2)



6% of adolescents aged 10-19 years were thin for their age (BMI-Age <-2SD)

1/4 of children aged 5-9 years was stunted. The school age period does not provide an opportunity for catch up growth in height.

8% of adolescents aged 10-19 years were overweight or obese.

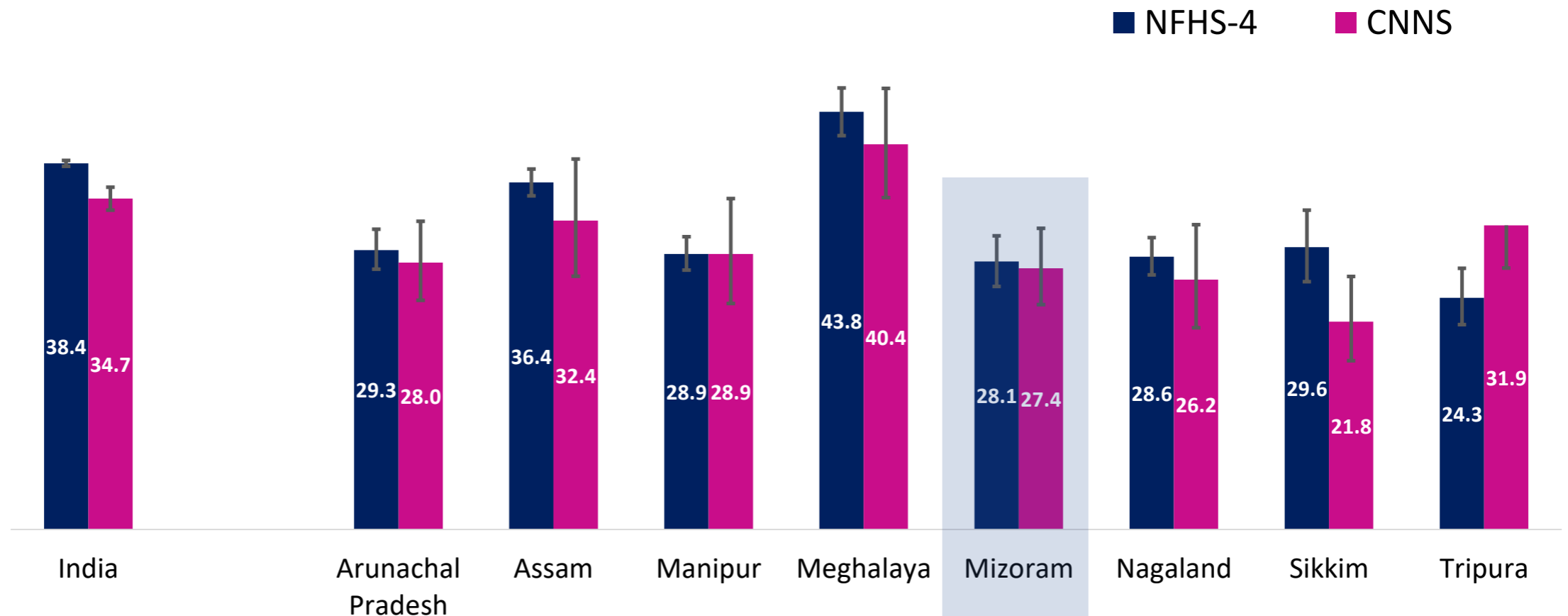


Stunting among children under five



Prevalence of stunting remained unchanged in CNNS compared to NFHS-4 – **27%** Vs **28%** in Mizoram

In none of the northeastern states stunting declined significantly

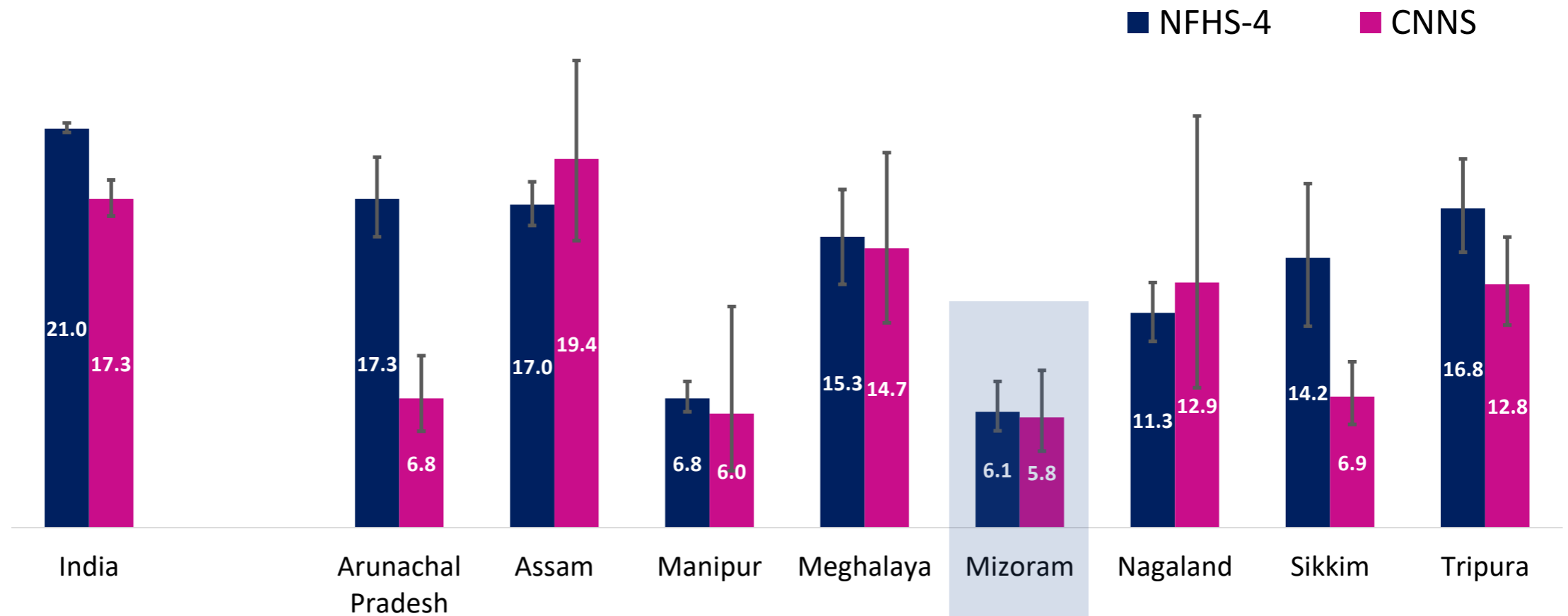


Wasting among children

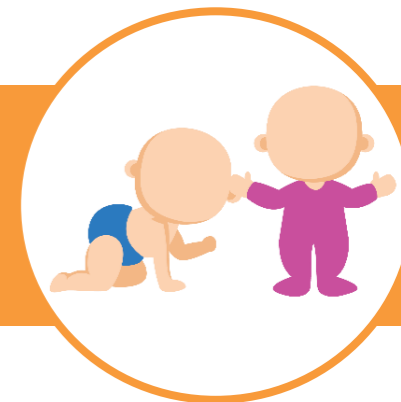


Prevalence of wasting remained unchanged in Mizoram between NFHS-4 and CNNS – 6%

Except in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, wasting remained nearly at the same level in the region



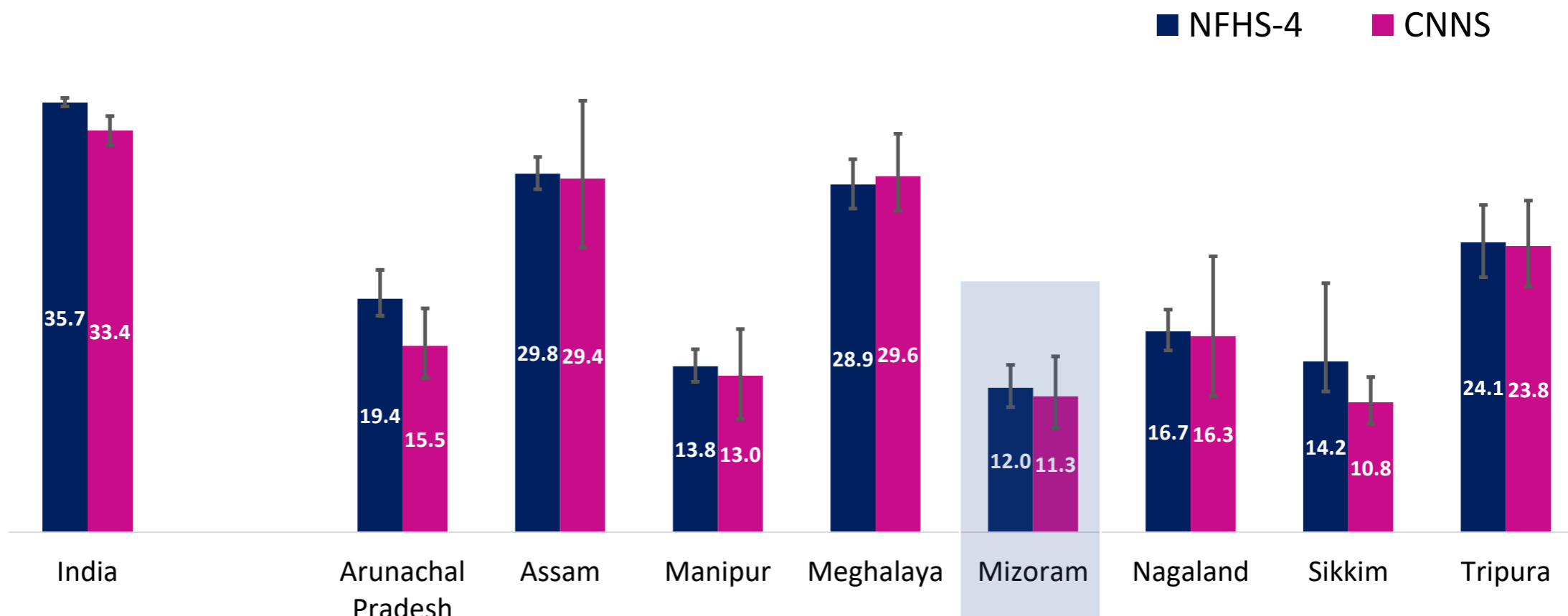
Prevalence of underweight among children under five



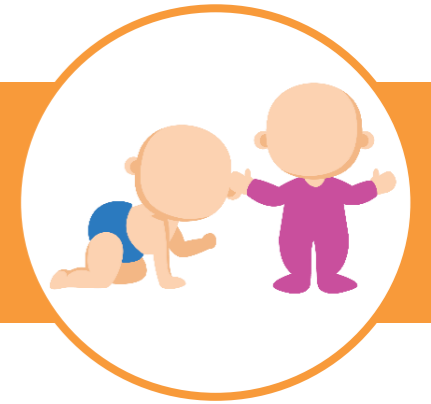
Underweight is a composite measure of chronic and acute malnutrition

The prevalence of underweight remained unchanged between NFHS-4 and CNNS – **12% Vs 11%**

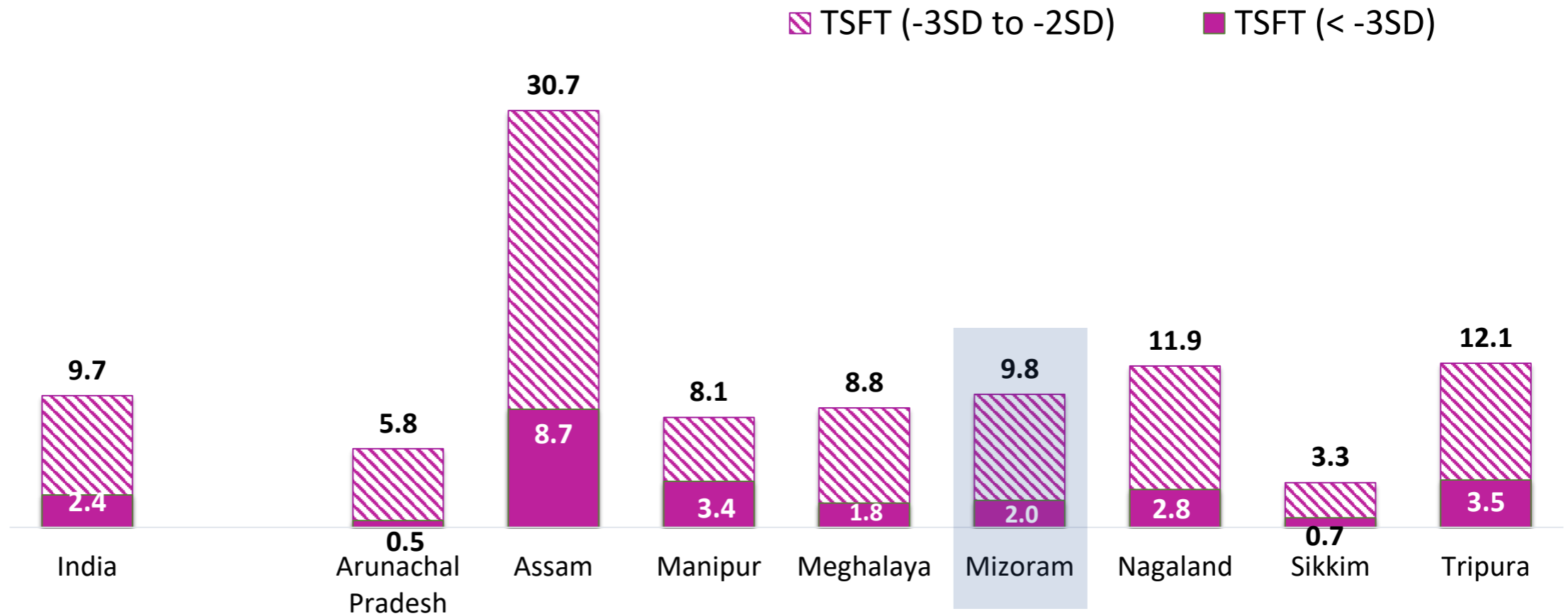
Prevalence remained unchanged in most of the northeast states



Triceps Skinfold Thickness (TSFT) for children under five



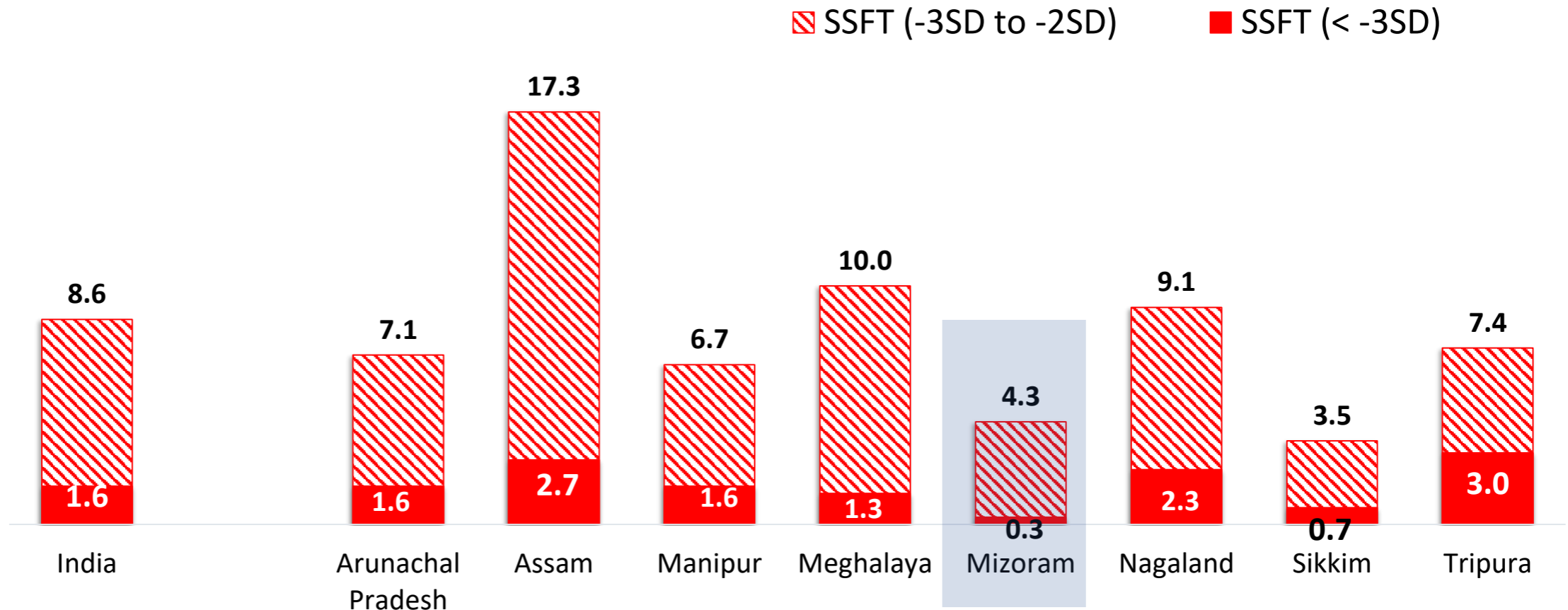
Low fat mass as reported by TSFT in Mizoram (**10%**) was moderately high among northeast states and at similar level to the national average (**10%**); highest in Assam (**31%**) in the region



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



Thinness as reported by SSFT in Mizoram (4%) was lower among the northeast states and half of the national average (9%)

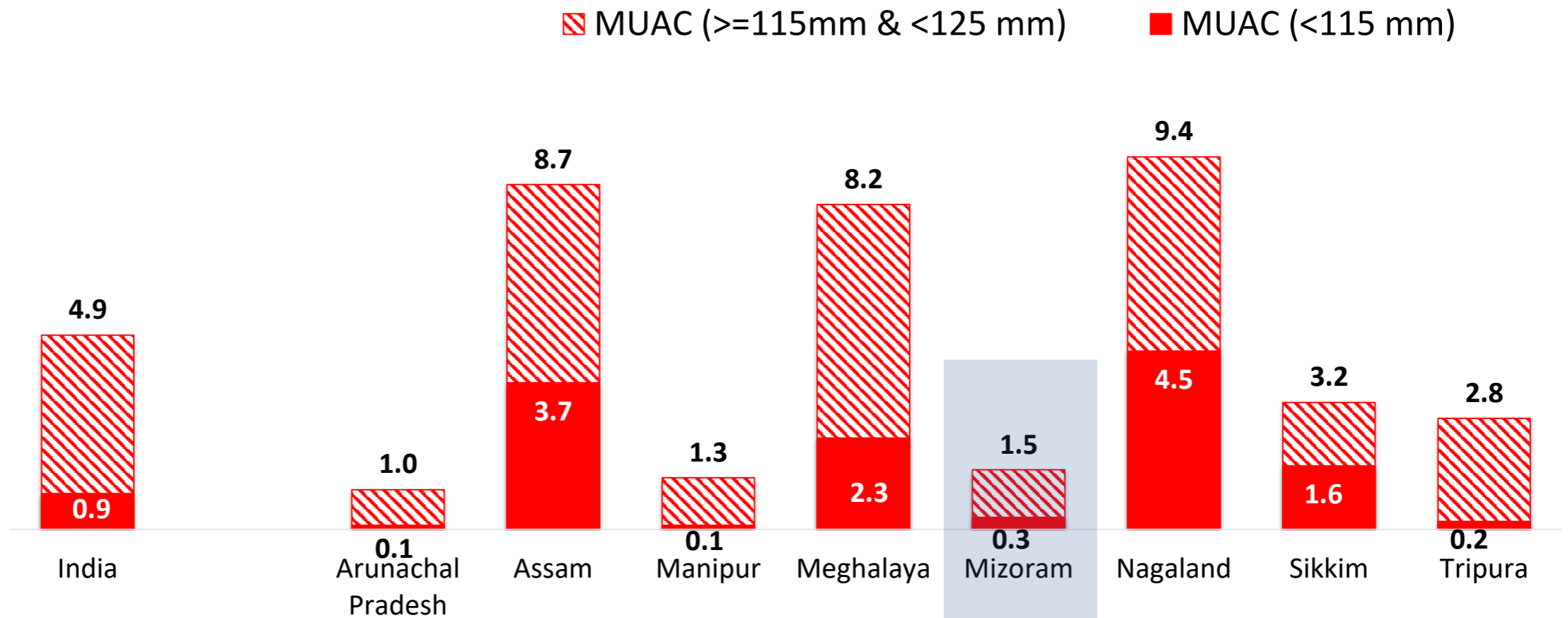


Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) for children aged 6–59 months



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

Prevalence of low MUAC ranged between **1%** and **9%** across the northeast states

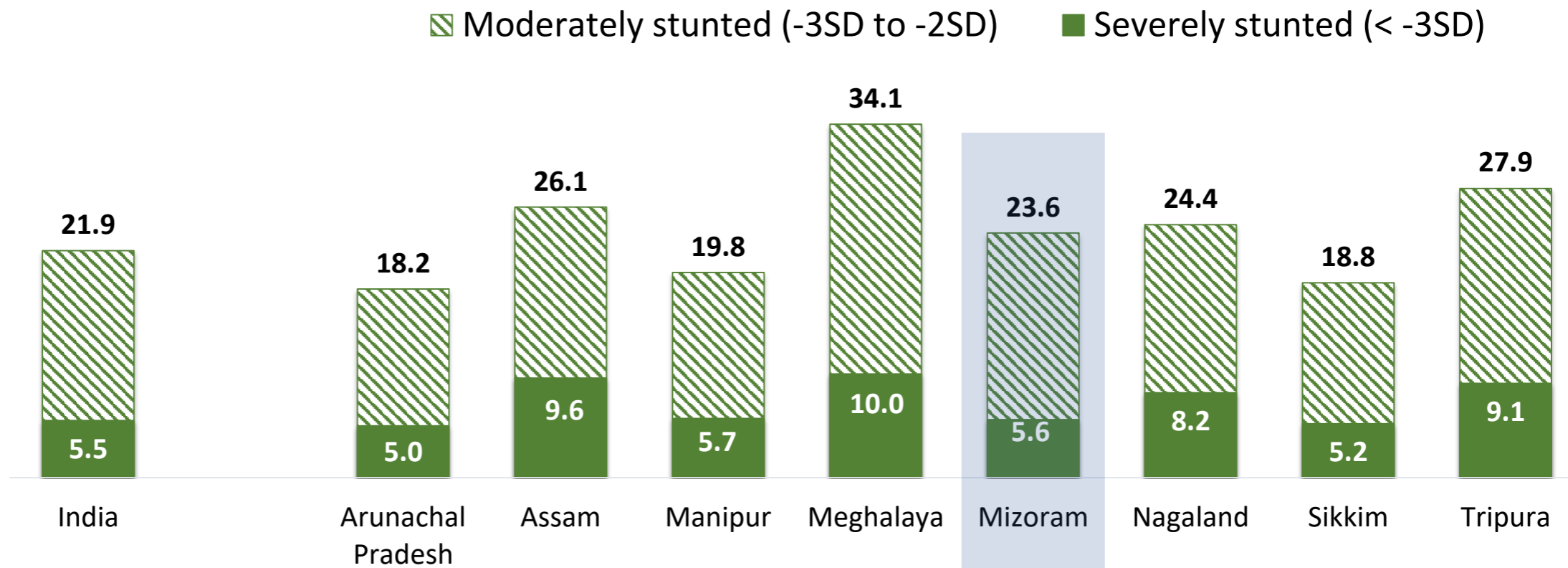


Stunting among school-age children (5-9 years)



1/4 of 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

Prevalence of stunting among the northeast states varied, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura were above national average



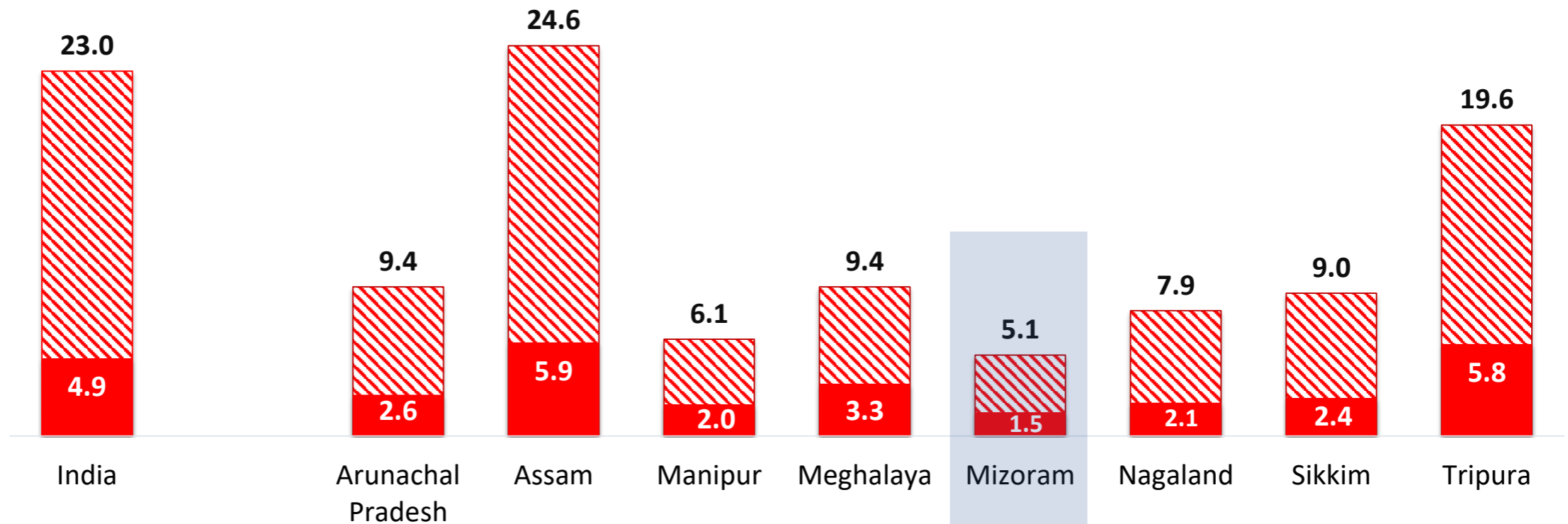
Thinness among school-age children (5-9 years)



5% of children aged 5-9 years were thin in Mizoram

Prevalence of thinness in Mizoram was moderately high among northeastern states and significantly lower than national level (23%)

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



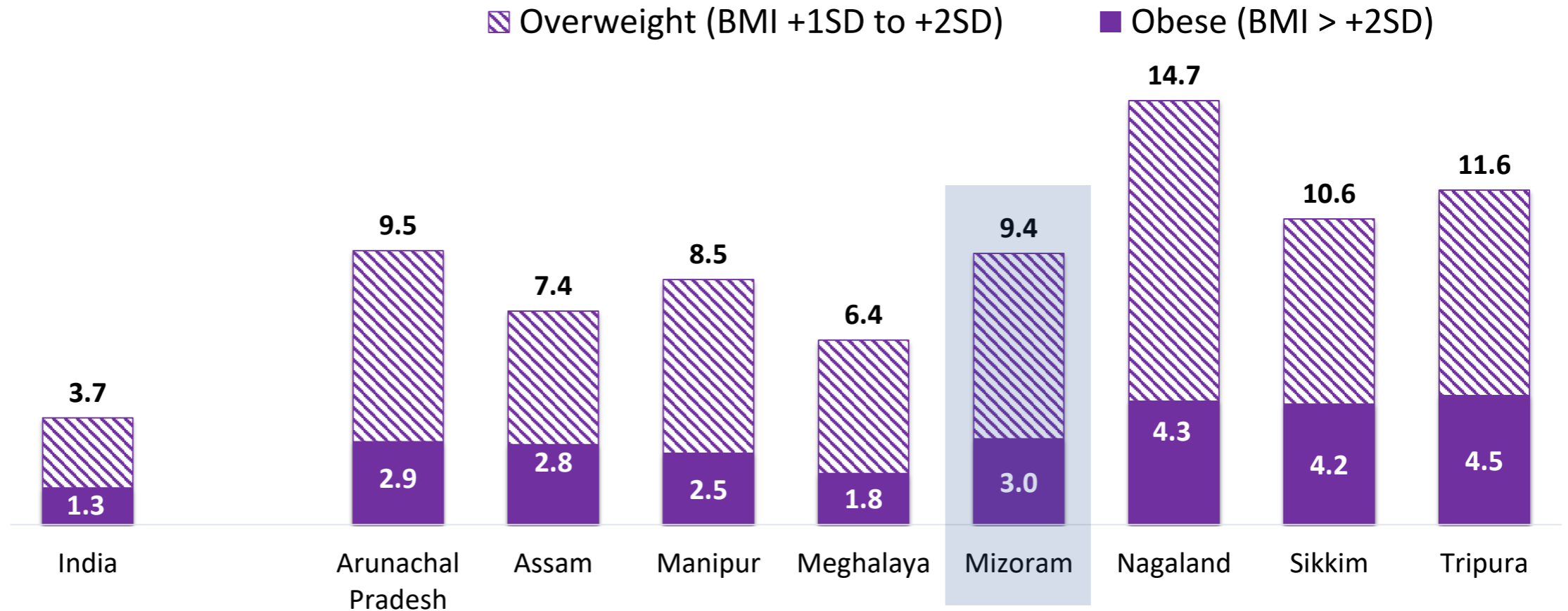
Overweight and obesity among school-age children (5-9 years) increasing



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

Prevalence of overweight in Mizoram (9%) was double the national average (4%)

Among northeast states, Mizoram had highest prevalence of overweight in this age group



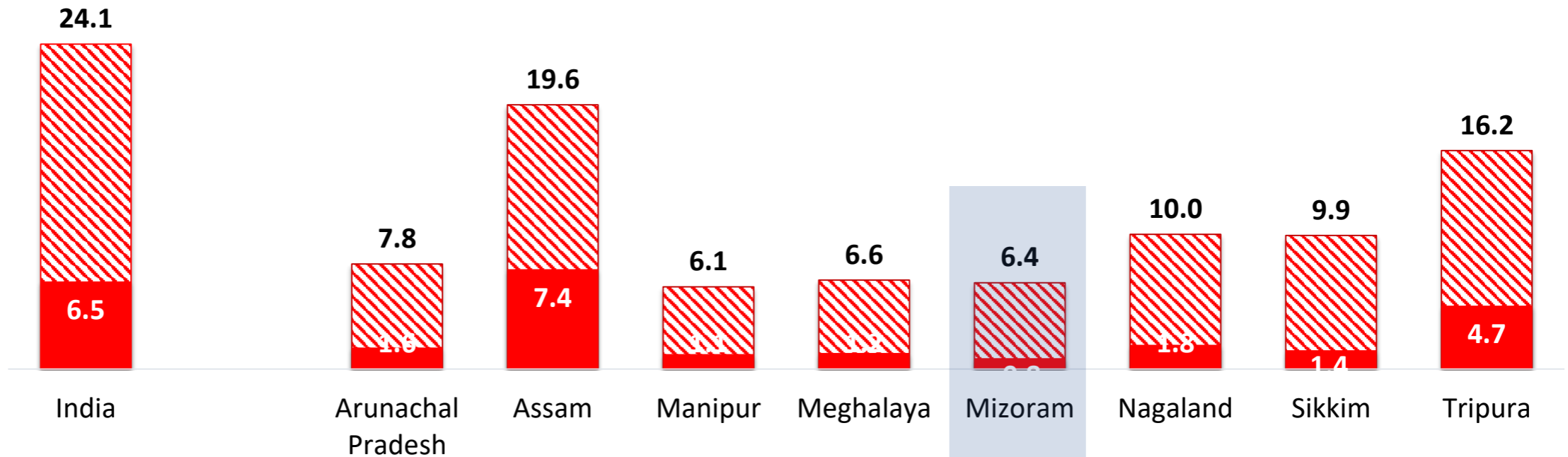
Thinness among adolescents aged 10-19 years substantially high



6% of adolescents aged 10-19 years were thin in Mizoram, significantly lower than national average (24%)

Among the northeastern states, Assam had the highest prevalence of thinness, followed by Tripura

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

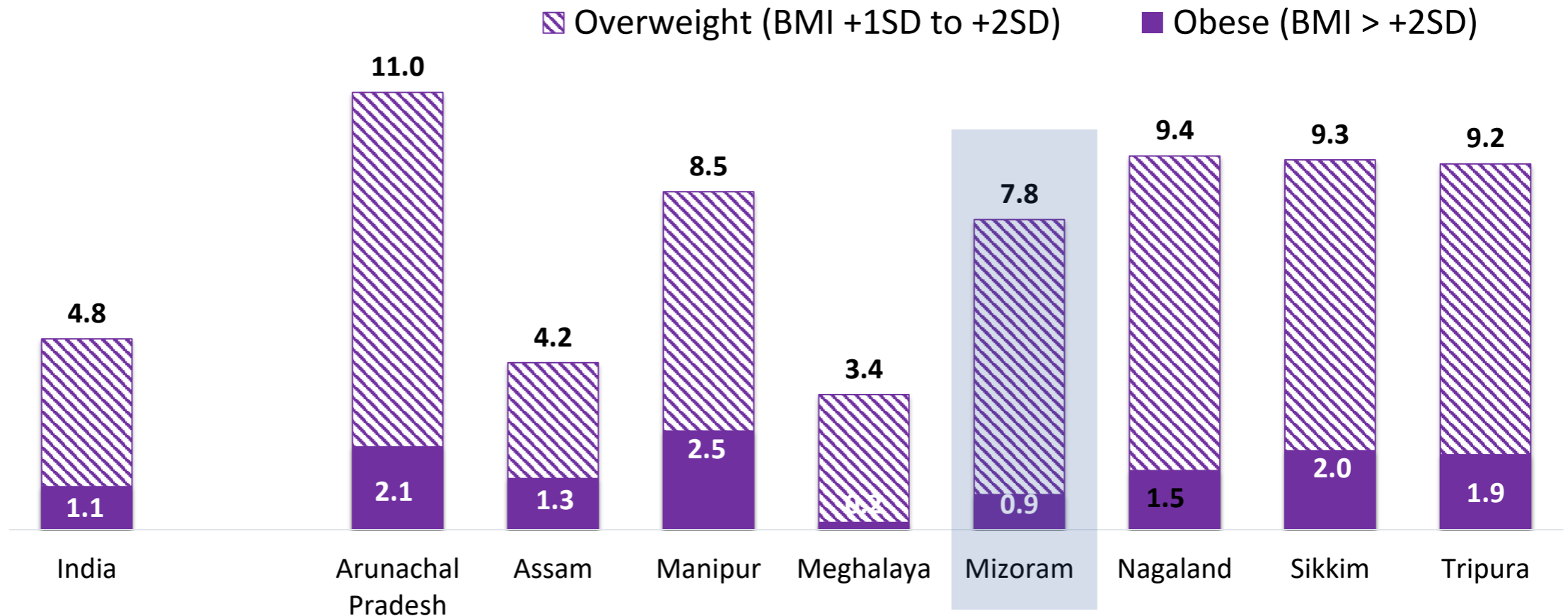


Prevalence of overweight among adolescents aged 10–19 years high



8% of adolescents were overweight in Mizoram, which is higher than the national average (5%)

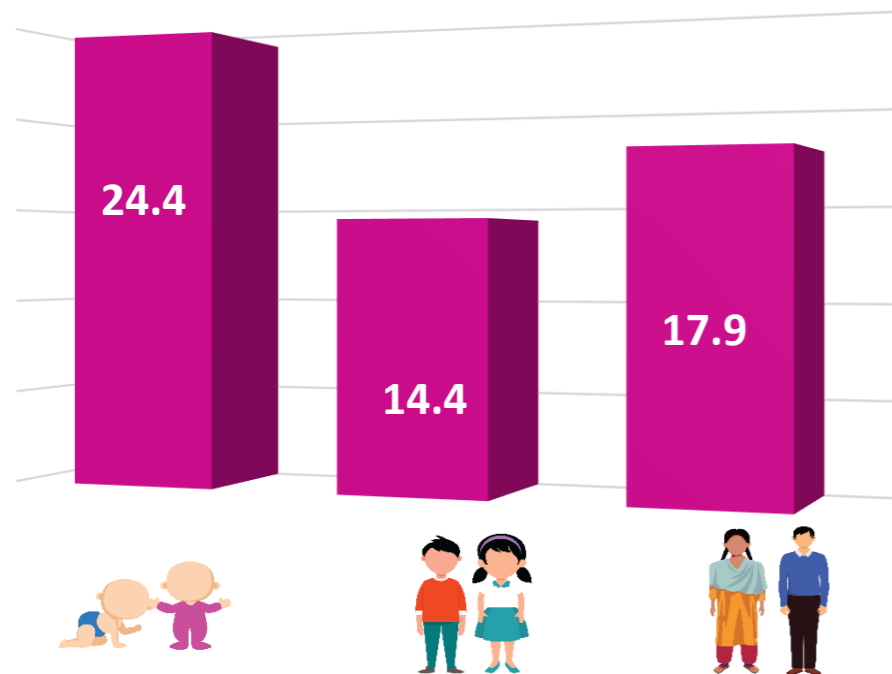
Among the northeast states, Meghalaya had lowest prevalence of overweight



Mizoram key findings: Anaemia and iron deficiency

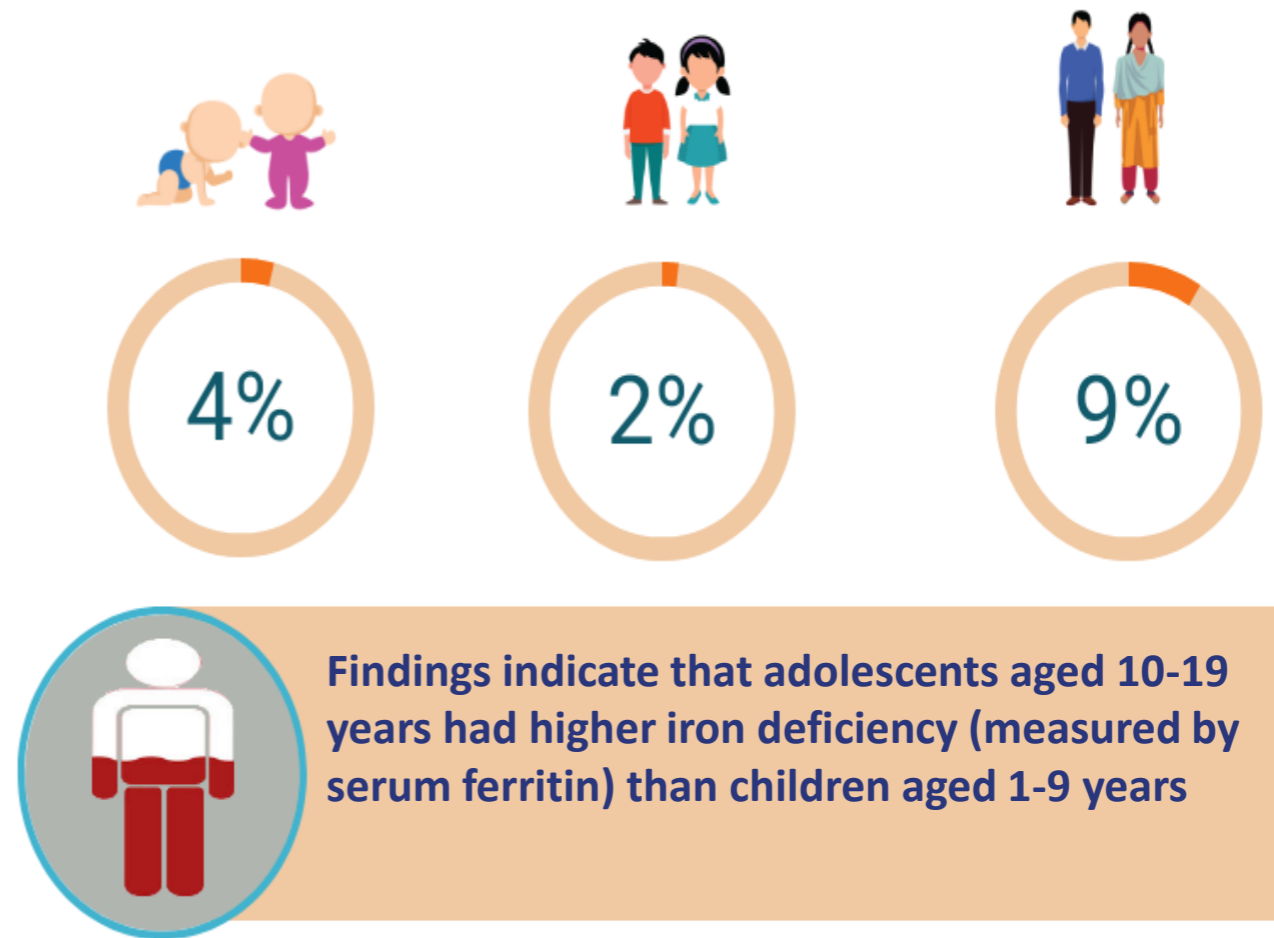


Anaemia



In Mizoram, anaemia was highest among children aged 1-4 years

Iron deficiency



Findings indicate that adolescents aged 10-19 years had higher iron deficiency (measured by serum ferritin) than children aged 1-9 years

Prevalence of Anaemia among children and adolescents

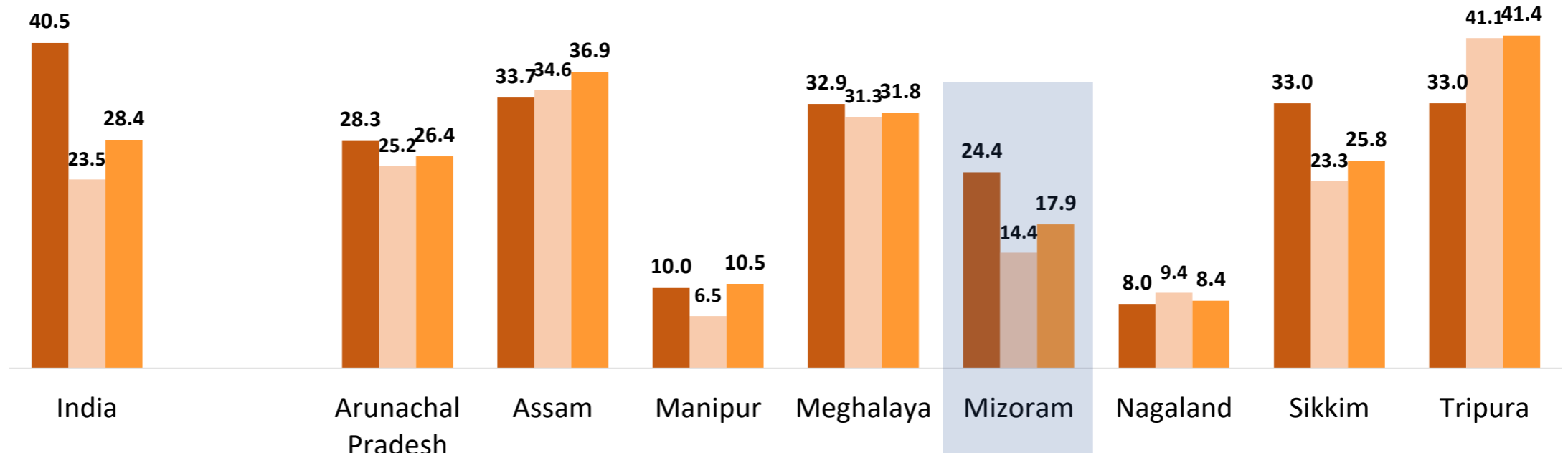


Nearly **1/4** children aged 1-4 years was anaemic in Mizoram (**24%**), lower than national average (**41%**)

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)

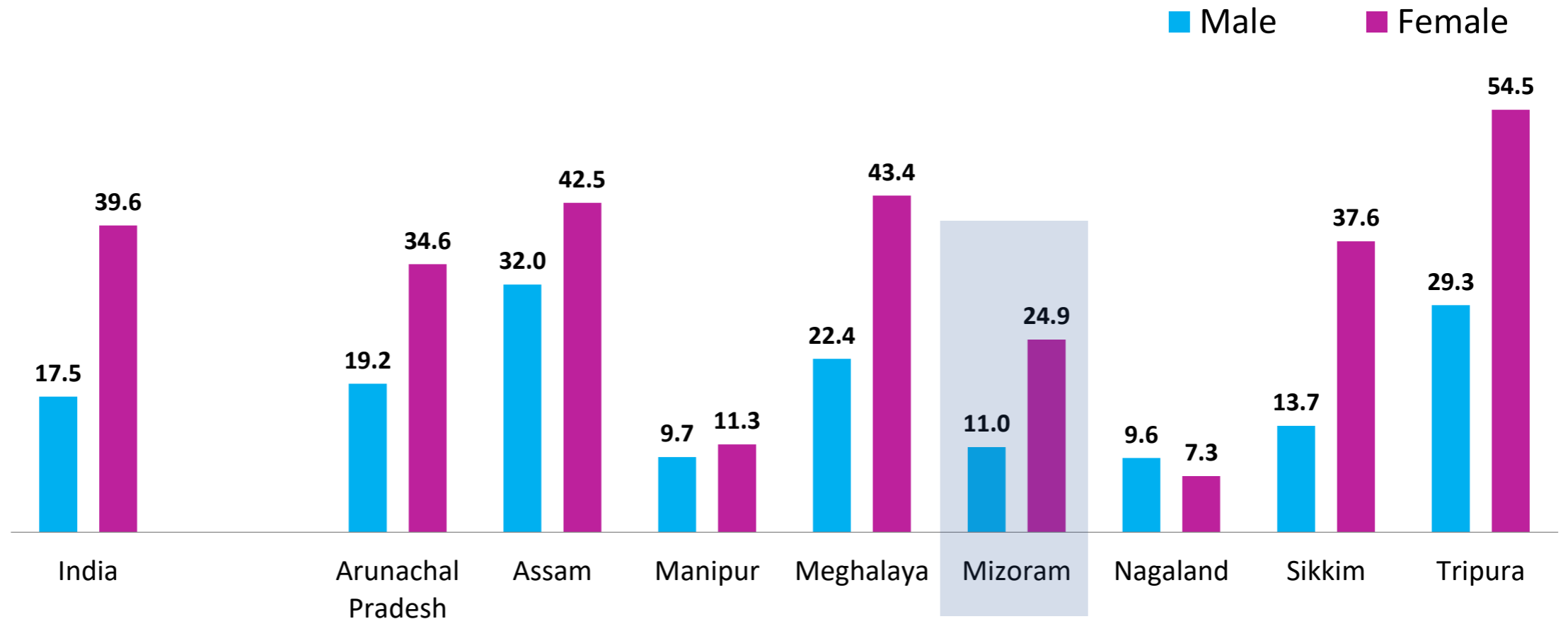


Prevalence of Anaemia among adolescents (10–19 years)



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

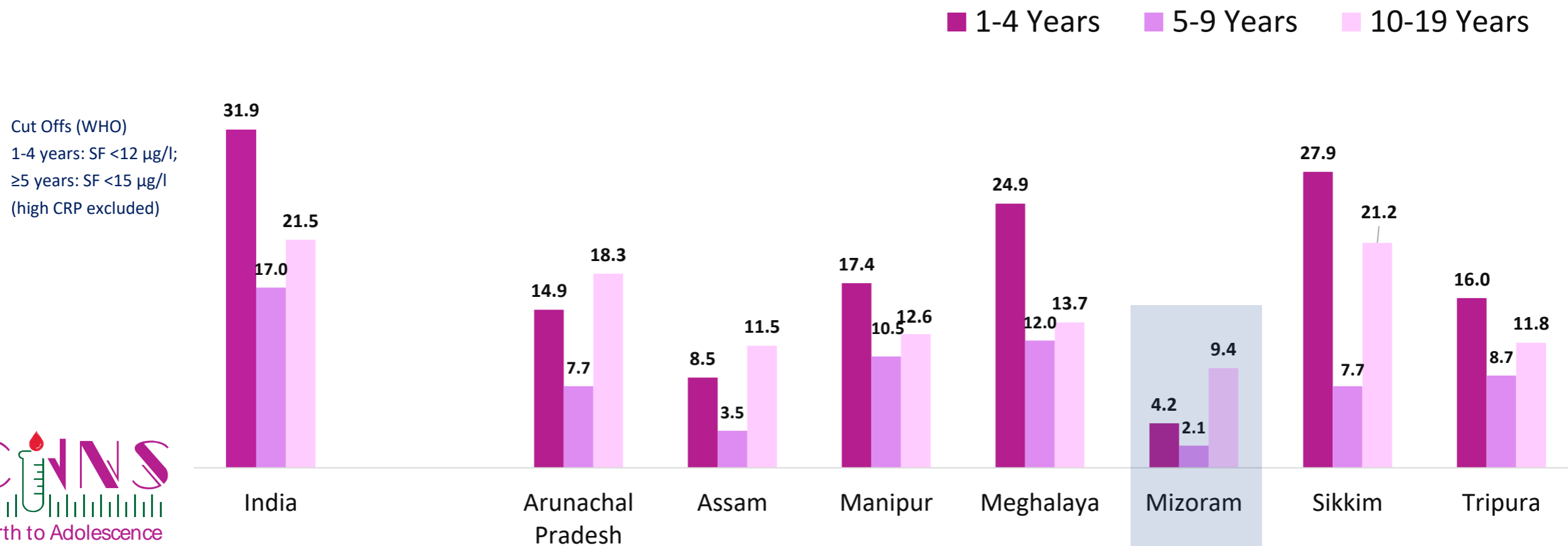
In Mizoram, as in many other northeast states, adolescent girls were more likely than boys to be anaemic



Iron deficiency measured by serum ferritin among children and adolescents



2-9% of children and adolescents had iron deficiency in Mizoram, lowest among northeastern states and the national average



Mizoram key findings: Vitamin A and Vitamin D deficiency



Vitamin A deficiency was very high (47%) in school-children aged 5-9 years indicating the need for policy review

School-aged children were found to have higher levels of Vitamin A deficiency as children aged 1-4 years and adolescents



Vitamin D deficiency varied from 6% to 13% 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



22-47% of children and adolescents had Vitamin A deficiency in Mizoram.

Prevalence of Vitamin A deficiency was highest in Mizoram among the northeast states

Cut Offs (WHO)

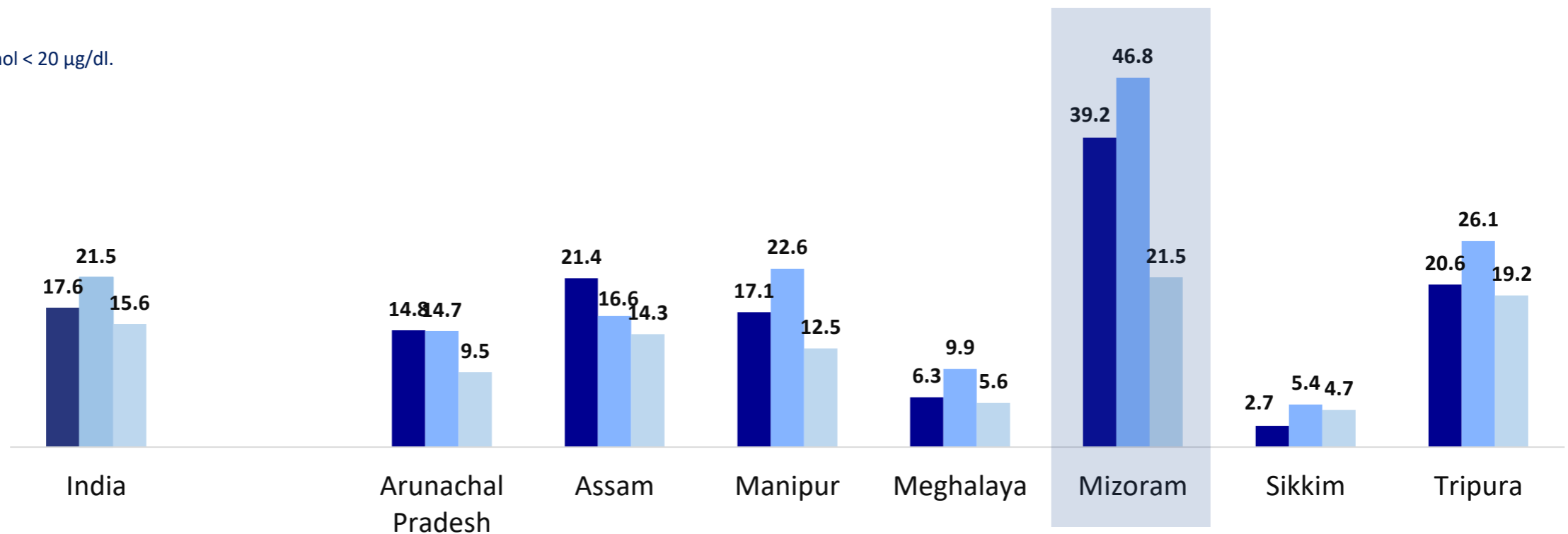
1-19 Years: Serum retinol < 20 µg/dl.

(High CRP excluded)

■ 1-4 Years

■ 5-9 Years

■ 10-19 Years



Vitamin D deficiency increases with age

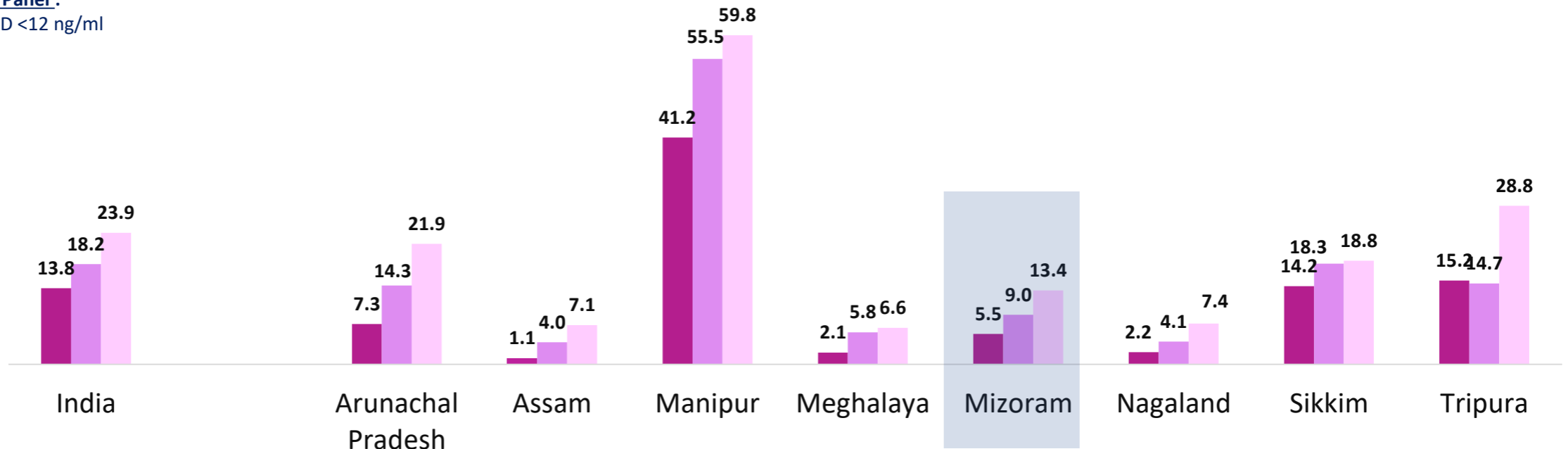


6-13% of children and adolescents had Vitamin D deficiency in Mizoram; Vitamin D deficiency increased sharply with age.

Among northeast states, Manipur had the highest Vitamin D deficiency among children and adolescents.

■ 1-4 Years ■ 5-9 Years ■ 10-19 Years

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



Mizoram key findings: Non-communicable diseases



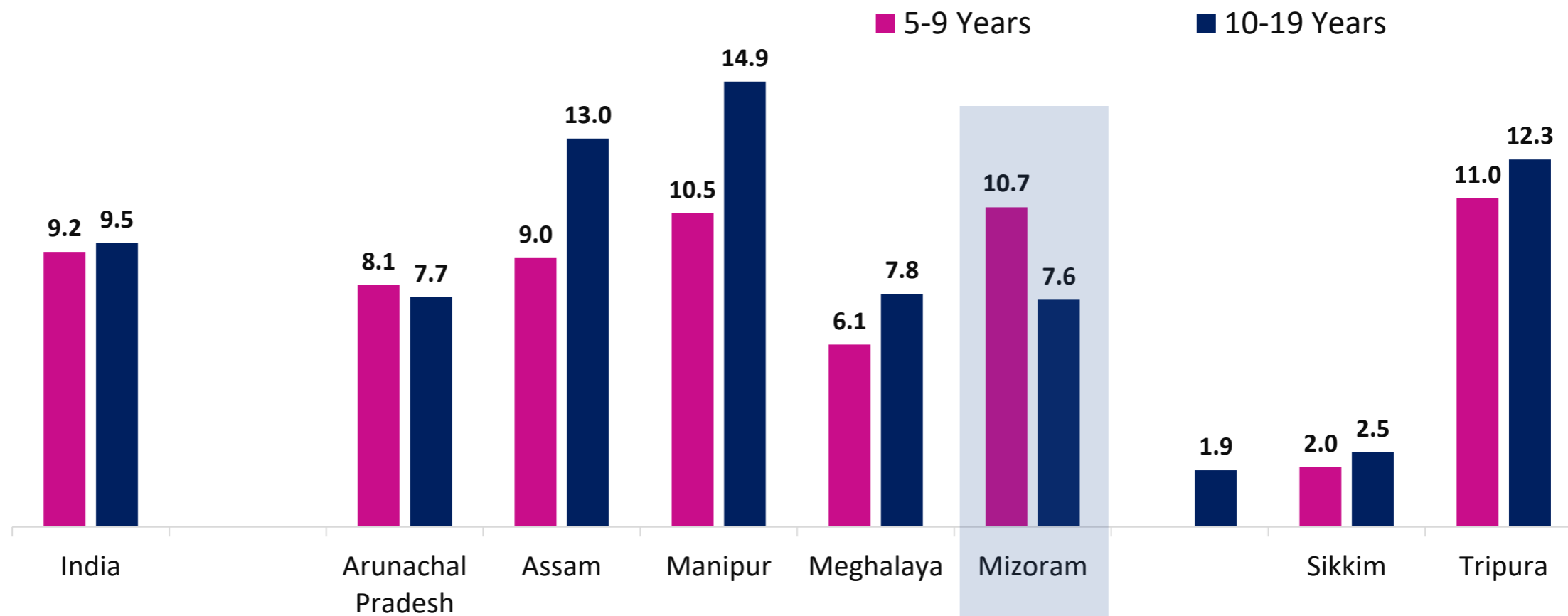
11% of school-age children and 8% of adolescents were found with high level of glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c).

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), **11%** of children and **8%** of adolescents had increased risk of diabetes in Mizoram.



High total cholesterol and high triglyceride among adolescents



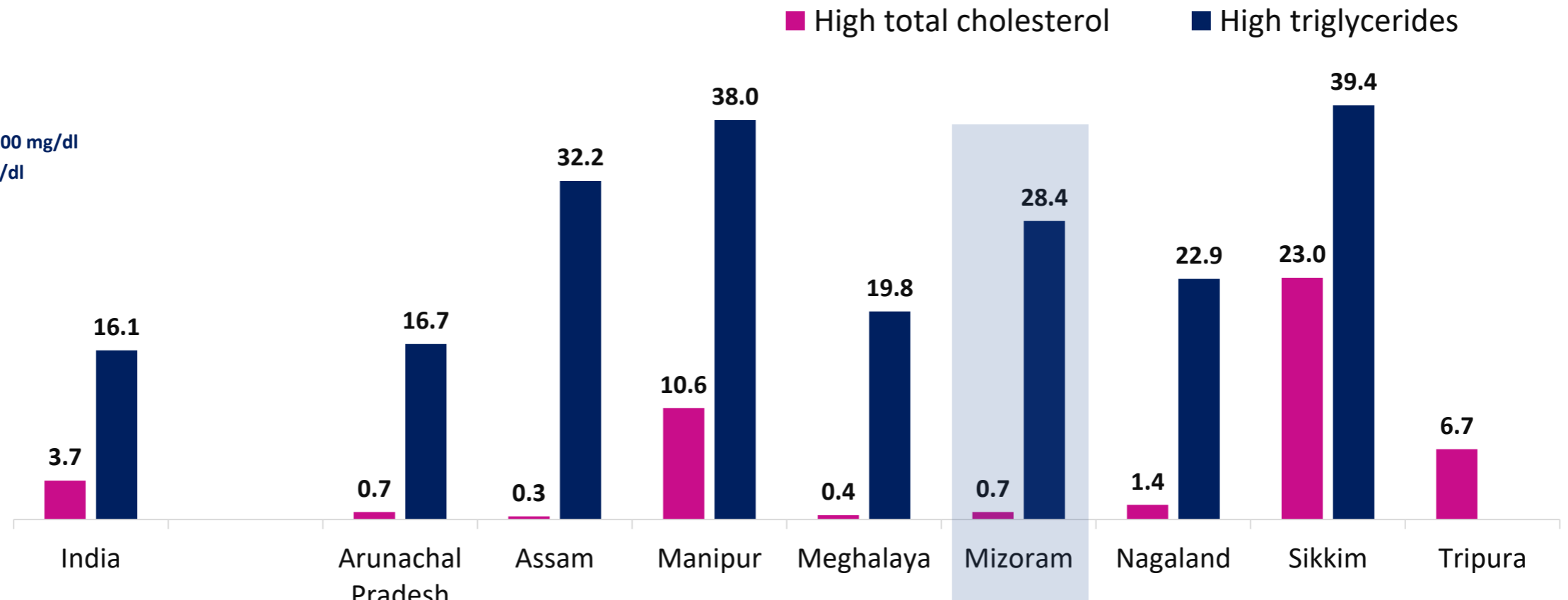
Elevated risk of NCDs in Mizoram among adolescents – less than **1%** had high level of total cholesterol and **28%** with high level of triglycerides

Prevalence of high total cholesterol and high triglyceride were highest in Sikkim, followed by Manipur, among northeast states

Cut Offs:

Total cholesterol \geq 200 mg/dl

Triglyceride $>$ 130 mg/dl



High LDL and low HDL among adolescents

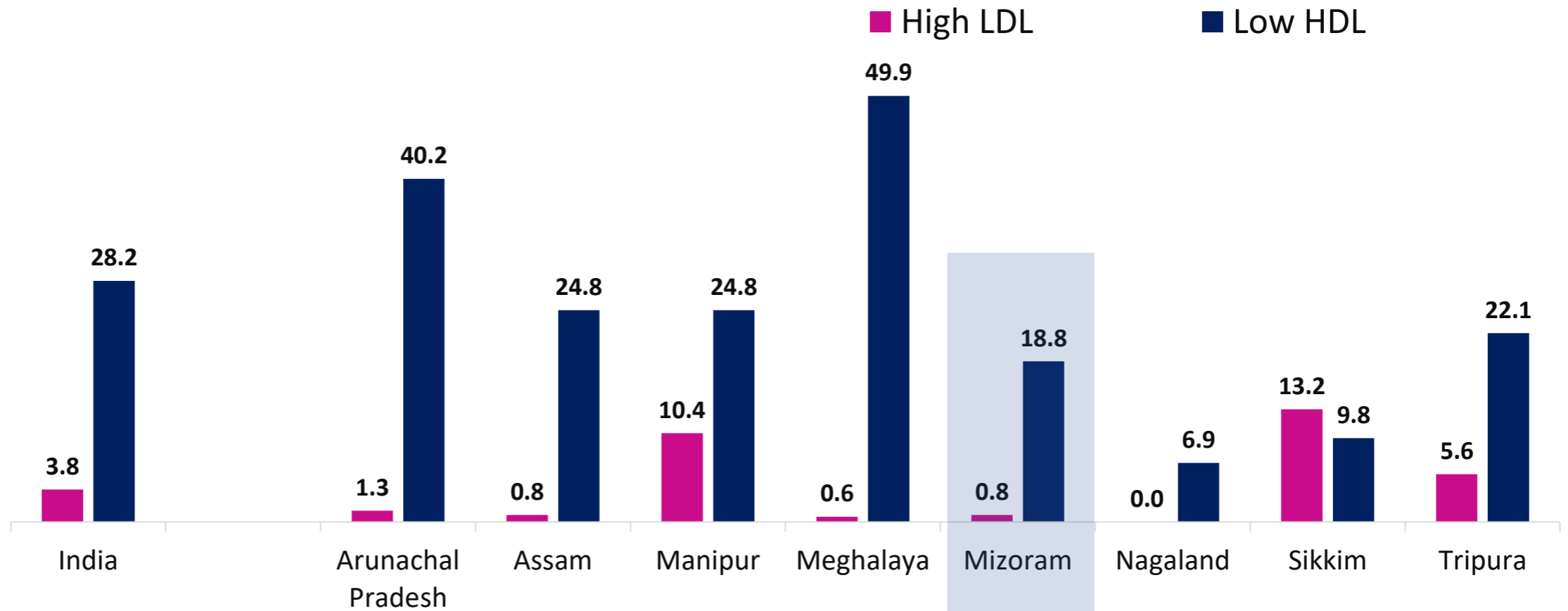


Risk of NCDs among adolescents in Mizoram– **1%** had high level of LDL and **19%** had low level of HDL

Cut Offs:

LDL \geq 130 mg/dl

HDL $<$ 40 mg/dl



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 very high. Policy review is warranted. 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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