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Education in India

Part 2 : Schools

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Introduction

- The education system in India is one of the largest in the world comprising more than **1.5 million schools**, **9.6 million teachers**, and over **264 million students** from varied socio-economic backgrounds across 28 States and 8 Union Territories (UTs).
- The global education development agenda reflected in the Goal 4 (SDG 4) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development seeks to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all” by 2030.
- The number of schools and the quality of schools thereby become primary input indicators in understanding the basic prevailing conditions and access to education to determine our progress towards SGD 4.

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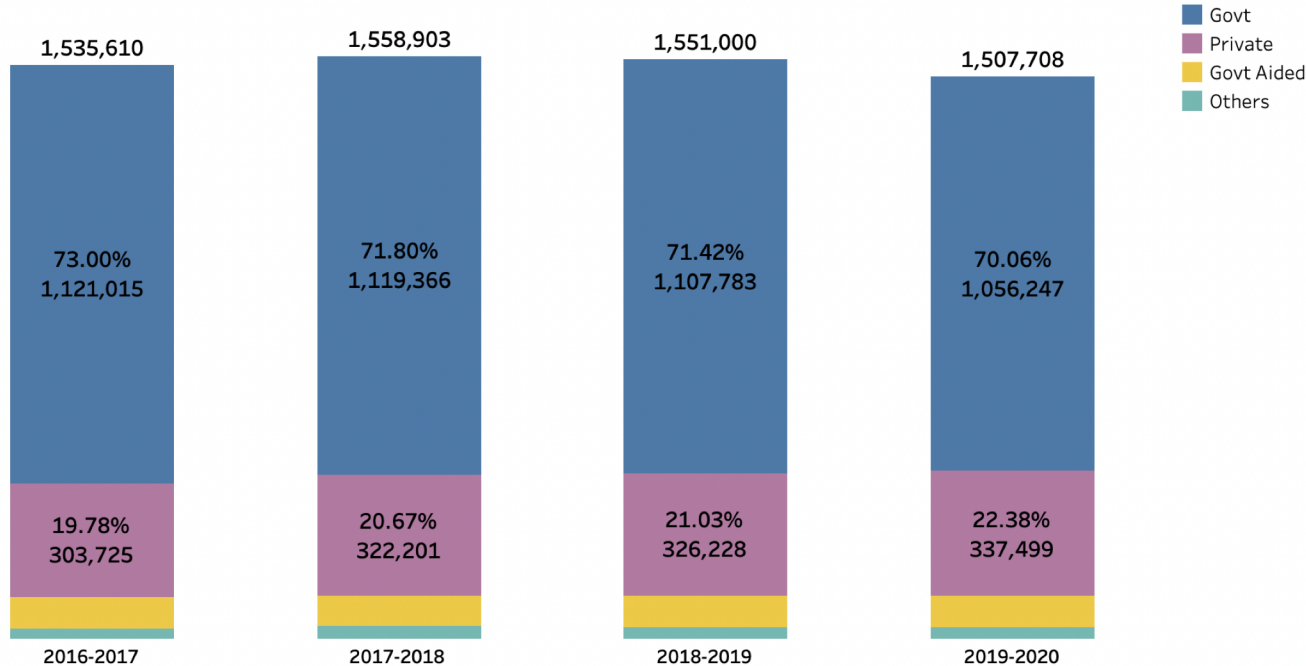
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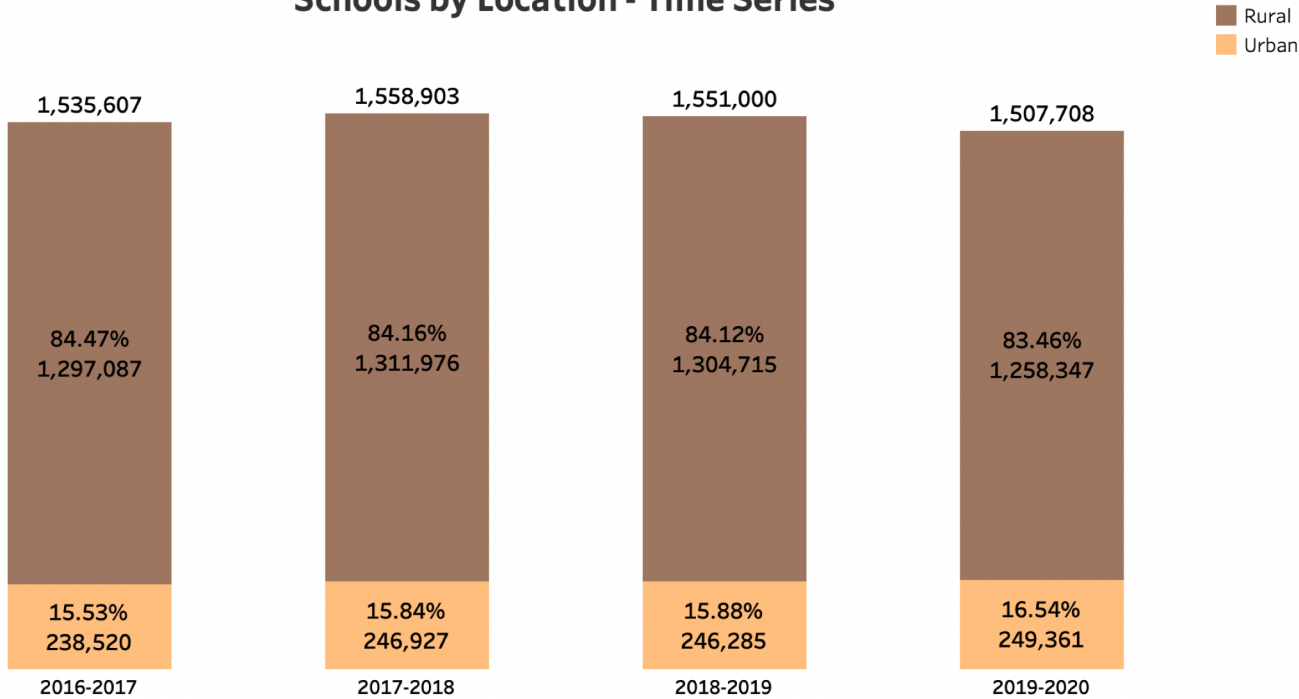
- The total number of schools in India has **increased** from 2016-2017 to 2017-2018. There has been a **decline** in the total number of schools from 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 by **3%**.
- As of 2019-2020, **84%** of schools lie in **rural** areas. There is a gradual **increase in share of urban** schools to the total schools in this time period.
- As of 2019-2020, **70%** of the total schools are **government** schools. Proportion of government schools varies from state to state, ranging from **65% in Kerala** to **95% in Tripura**.
- The quality of schools has seen an **improvement** across three areas - water & sanitation, electricity & digital access, and infrastructure & services. A greater proportion of schools have basic WASH & infrastructure facilities in comparison to electricity & digital access. As of 2019-2020, **88%** of schools have WASH facilities, **90%** have functional electricity, over **80%** have libraries & playgrounds, **62%** have computers and **43%** have internet access.
- **Private** schools **outperform** government schools in most quality indicators with the exception of medical check-ups and functional drinking water facilities.

Types of Schools in India - Time Series



In 2019-2020, government schools made up **70%** of the total schools, a **3% decrease** in proportion from 2016-2017 and subsequently a **2% increase** in the proportion of private schools.

Schools by Location - Time Series



Number of **rural** schools has **steadily increased** from 2016-2017 to 2018-2019 with a **3.5% decrease** between 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

Urban schools have continued to **increase** in the same time period, with a **1% rise**.

To explore the state of school in India in more detail,
 explore our comprehensive interactive dashboard:

<https://indiadatainsights.com/IDI-Interact/education-in-india-schools/>

For other data assets on SDG 4 (Quality Education) – [click here](#)



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