

Analysis Of Indian Human Development Survey -II(IHDS-II), 2011-12

IHDS is a panel survey led by Sonalde Desai and others at NCAER/UofMd which collected on a wide range of topics from 42,000 households across India. IHDS Covers range of topics from income, agriculture, education, social inequalities etc.

IHDS is a credible survey, and the data points is taken from around 780 survey questions and has almost clean data to draw a conclusion on most of the social research topics like income, gender, education, and social inequalities. The data is gathered and taken from around 42,000 households . The hierarchy of social groups or castes is very prevalent in any Indian society and it is inherent in every Indian family. This hierarchical social system marginalised some communities from access to education and income sources and wealth. In the past, there were some communities that also suffered from the untouchability practice. This interested me in asking the question, Is Untouchability still present in Indian Society? If Yes, what are the social groups still practicing untouchability?

The survey answers are organised in a tabular format with codes.

In the file, ID13 represents the Caste category and TR4A is Practicing Untouchability.

Coded values and the samples of each category as below.

FROM 36151-0002-Codebook.pdf

ID13: Caste category

Value	Label	Count
1	Brahmin	2192
2	Forward/ General (except Brahmin)	9665
3	OBC	17056
4	Scheduled Castes (SC)	8941
5	Scheduled Tribes (ST)	3644
6	Others	568
Missing Data		86
Total		42,152

TR4A: Practice untouchability

Value	Label
0	No
1	Yes

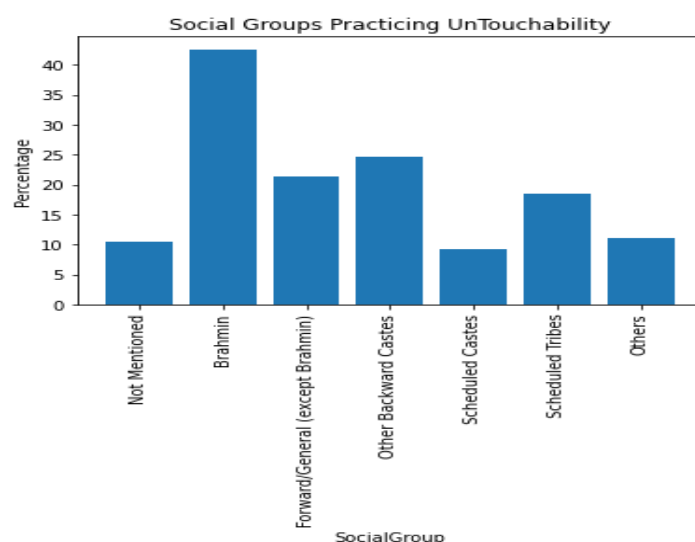
From the Analysis, it is observed that households practicing untouchability are around 21 % and it is a fact that untouchability is still being practiced. After digging in below are the observations.

Data Source: <https://ihds.umd.edu/>

From the below observations around 42 percentage of Social Group **(ID13:1)** practicing untouchability and 21 and 24 % from **(ID13:2)** and **(ID13:3)**.

ID13	TR4A	Percentage	SocialGroup
	1	10.4651	Not Mentioned
1	1	42.5639	Brahmin
2	1	21.2726	Forward/General (except Brahmin)
3	1	24.6717	Other Backward Castes
4	1	9.16005	Scheduled Castes
5	1	18.4962	Scheduled Tribes
6	1	11.0915	Others

From the Below Bar Graph It is pretty clear that the groups which are on top of the caste hierarachy practicing it more than bottom of the hierarchy. This is somwahat predictable for people who have some idea on indian society but what is shocking is that the groups which are on the bottom also practicing untouchability with other social groups. There are around 9 and 18 percentage of people practicing from Social Gropus **(ID13:4)** and **(ID13:5)**



Even though the sample size is small compared to the Indian population, it still gives a good observation on the prevalence of untouchability in India.