

India worst place in world for girl child: UN study

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New Delhi: It's official. India is the most dangerous place to be a baby girl. Newly released data shows that an Indian girl aged 1-5 years is 75% more likely to die than an Indian boy, making it the worst gender differential in child mortality for any country.

Gender Bias

Ratio of male to female mortality (per 100 females)

Country	Infant Child	
	(0-1)	(1-5)
India	97	56
China	76	97
Pakistan	120	100
Sri Lanka	125	111
Less Developed Areas	122	111
World	122	116

Source: UN-DESA

Infant (0-1 years) and child (1-5) mortality are declining in the country and the world, though not as fast as was hoped in India. Simultaneously, most of the world, except India and China, is experiencing a faster fall in female infant and child mortality than in male on account of biological factors which make girls better survivors of early infancy, given equal access to resources.