

Global Hunger Index 2026

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Why in News?

Recently, the GHI 2026 data indicate that India experiences serious hunger.

The Global Hunger Index data for 2026 indicate the following:

- India ranks **100th among 122 countries** with sufficient data to calculate Global Hunger Index (GHI) scores.
- India's GHI score is 24.1, which categorises the country as experiencing serious hunger.
- South Asia's GHI score is 23.5, in contrast to the global average of 18.1.
- India's child stunting rate decreased from 50.0% in 2000 to 29.3% in 2026, representing a reduction of 20.7 percentage points.



Global Hunger Index (GHI)

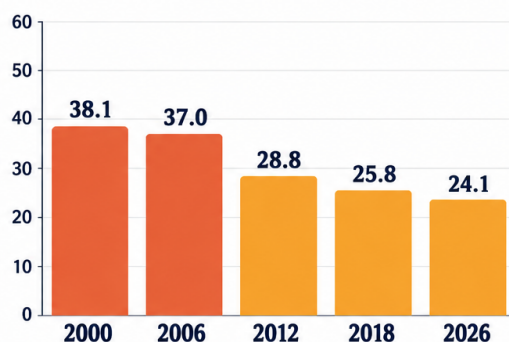


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Key Data for India (2026)

Parameter	2026 data
 India's rank	100th
 Countries ranked	122
 India's GHI score	24.1
 Hunger severity category	Serious
 South Asia GHI score	23.5
 Global GHI score	18.1
 Population undernourished in India	9.8%
 Child stunting	29.3%
 Child wasting	19.0%
 Under-five child mortality	2.7%

GHI Score Trend for India



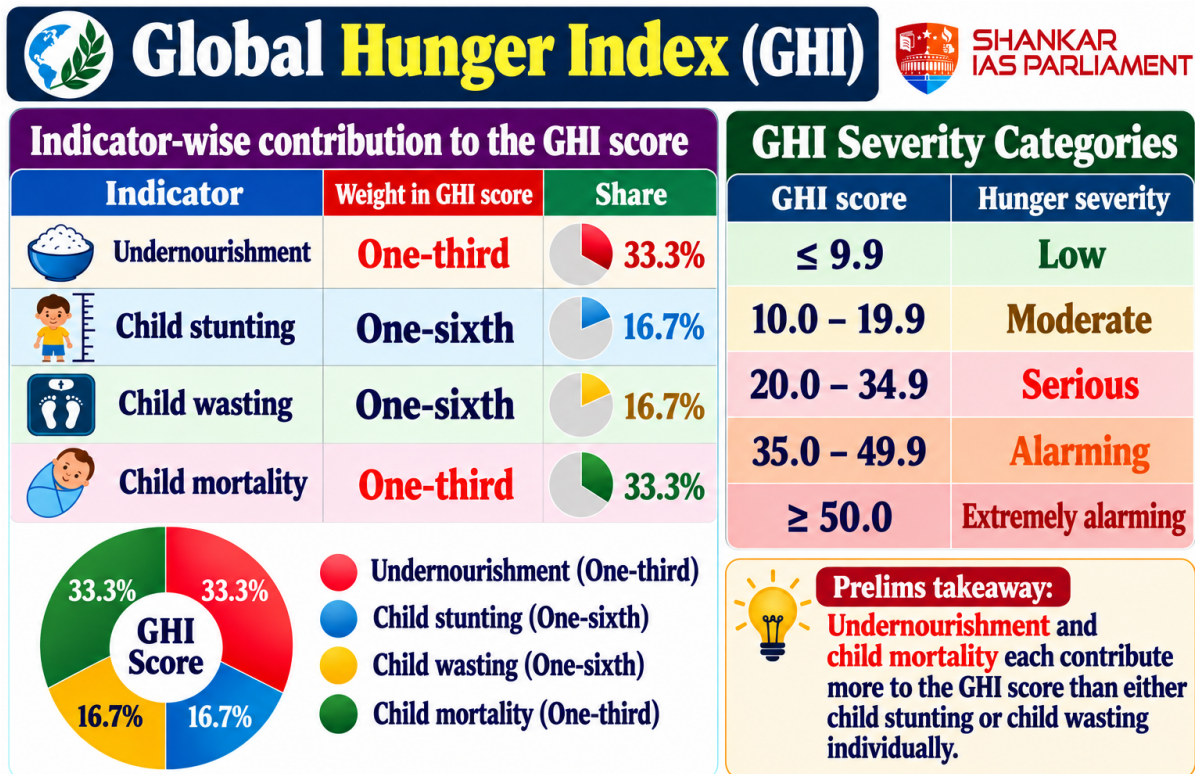
Key Takeaway:

India's GHI score has improved from 38.1 in 2000 to 24.1 in 2026, but the hunger severity category remains **'Serious'**.

Global Hunger Index

- **GHI** - It is an annual tool designed to measure and track hunger at global, regional and national levels.

- It is published jointly by:
 - Concern Worldwide
 - Welthungerhilfe
 - Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV)
- **Score** - It is measured on a 0-100 scale:
 - 0 represents the best possible outcome (no hunger).
 - 100 represents the worst possible outcome.
- **Four Indicators & its weightage**



- GHI scores are calculated using the most recent available data for each of the four indicators; however, these **data may not correspond to the same year**.
- For the 2026 edition, the data sources specify the following timeframes:
 - Undernourishment data - 2023 to 2025.
 - Child wasting data - 2021 to 2025.
 - Child stunting and child mortality data - 2024.
- The index incorporates data from international agencies, including
 - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO),
 - World Health Organization (WHO),
 - UNICEF, and
 - United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation.

Reference

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