ASER coverage over time												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2016**	2018
No. of districts covered*	489	557	569	577	580	567	564	568	550	577	589	596
No. of villages covered	9,593	15,841	16,131	16,303	16,484	16,149	16,159	16,243	15,941	16,497	17,473	17,730
No. of households surveyed	192,517	322,425	320,71 9	337,315	331,791	333,042	328,141	331,490	325,827	341,070	350,232	354,944
No. of children surveyed (total)	330,101	762,252	723,96 9	703,047	679,271	655,810	631,137	595,139	566,661	1,138,458	562,305	546,527
Children aged 3-5		148,054	125,41 6	119,322	119,238	124,349	116,618	112,773	107,392	109,045	108,316	104,728
Children aged 6-14	330,101	521,116	529,88 9	509,188	478,901	455,769	439,168	411,519	390,838	392,371	384,338	377,071
Children aged 15-16		93,082	68,664	74,537	81,132	75,692	75,351	70,847	68,431	67,813	69,651	64,728
No. of schools observed	8,306		14,066		14,748	14,240	14,373	14,662	14,724	15,206	15,682	15,998

^{*} ASER used the Census 2001 as the sampling frame. Total number of rural districts according to that was 585.

^{**}From 2016, ASER uses Census 2011 as the sampling frame. Total number of rural districts according to that is 640

	2017***	
No. of districts covered	28	
No. of villages covered	1641	
No. of households surveyed	25,726	
No. of children surveyed (total)	30,532	
Children aged 14-16	18,998	
Children aged 17-18	11,534	

^{***} In 2017, ASER looked at a different but related set of issues focusing on older children (in the age group 14-18). Since the chosen age group was different from earlier ASERs, ASER 2017 was conducted in a total of 28 districts spread across 24 states and generated only district level estimates.