

RBI's Financial Inclusion Index 2025

Source: IE

The <u>Reserve Bank of India's Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index)</u> rose to **67 in March 2025**, up from **64.2 in March 2024**, driven by better **access, usage and quality**, showing deeper financial engagement and improved literacy.

- FI-Index is a comprehensive measure of financial inclusion across banking, investment, insurance, pension, and postal sectors, developed with inputs from the government and regulators.
 - It is published annually in July and scores range from 0 (exclusion) to 100 (full inclusion).
 - The index has **no base year**, reflecting **cumulative progress** over time.
 - It consists of three parameters: Access (35%), Usage (45%), and Quality (20%).
 - The quality parameter is a unique feature that includes financial literacy, consumer protection, and service equity
- The index has steadily grown from **43.4** in March **2017** to **53.9** in March **2021**, now reaching **67** in March **2025**.
 - Experts credit the rise to digital efforts and sustained financial literacy, marking a shift toward meaningful and inclusive financial empowerment.

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- Financial Literacy, Financial Inclusion and Digital Banking Initiatives
- Building a More Inclusive Financial System

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