

*Table 2*  
Literacy Rate by Gender in Isfahan Province\*  
1956-2000

Year	Total	Male	Female
1956	14.6	23.9	5.1
1971	40.3	53.6	26.0
1976	52.4	65.3	38.7
1986	71.0	78.5	62.7
1996	84.7	88.3	80.9
2000	90.1	n.a.	n.a.

\* Percent of the population 10 years of age and over who could read and write for 1956 and 6 years of age and over for the following years. Yazd included in the province in the 1956 census.  
*Sources: Āmār dar Irān/Statistics in Iran 1, Jan. 1960; Anṣārī, p. 64; Gozāreš, 2002, p. 26; cf. SAOE, 2002, Table 15.4.*