



CHILDREN'S DAY

14th November 2020



Are children safe at home during lockdown?

Children, women and older people are being exposed for a longer time to their abusers at home during a pandemic period like this. As per WHO,¹ **92000** child abuse reports to one helpline in India.

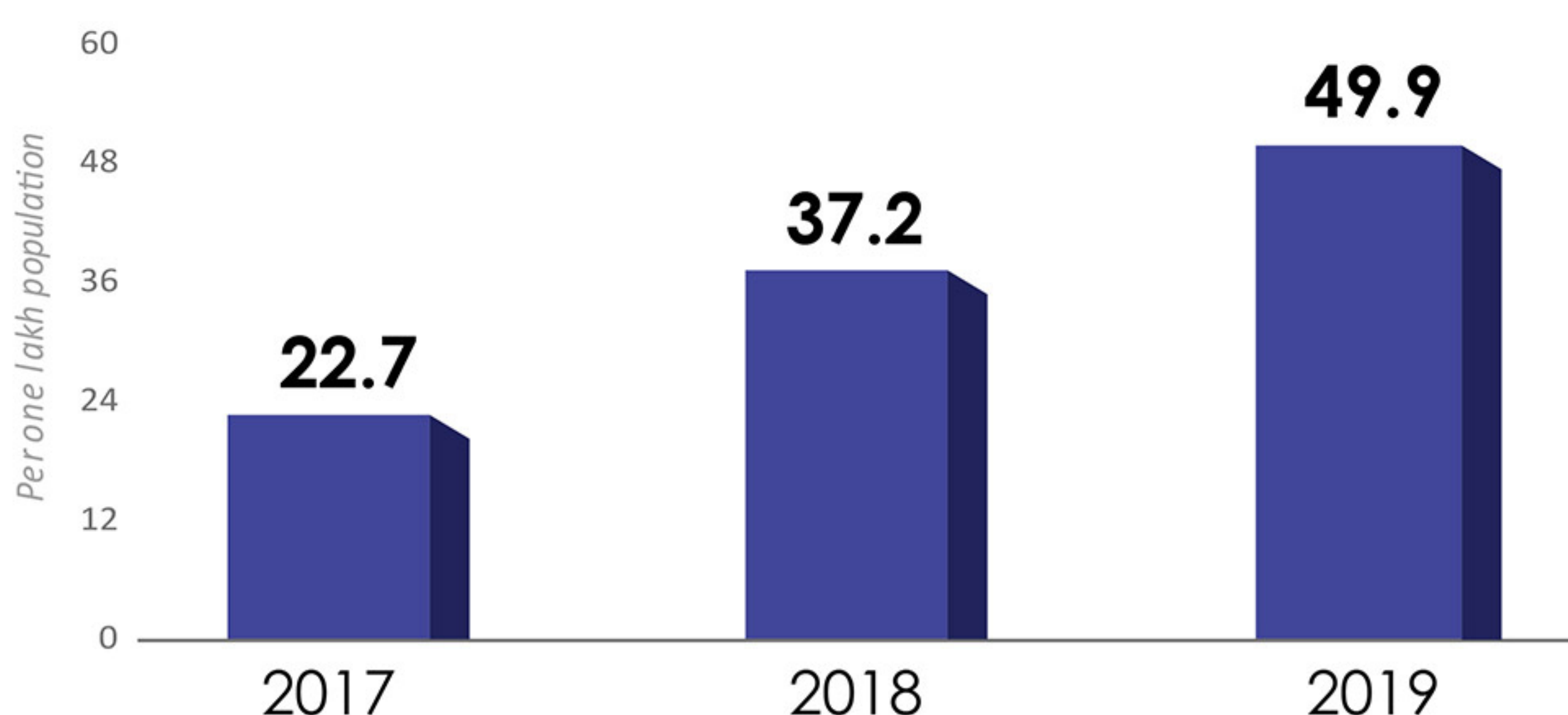
Why are children facing more risk?

- Lesser opportunities than adults to go out and seek help.
- Lack of access to school as a safe space and no school-related support networks due to school closures.
- Heightened risk of online abuse due to increased time online.



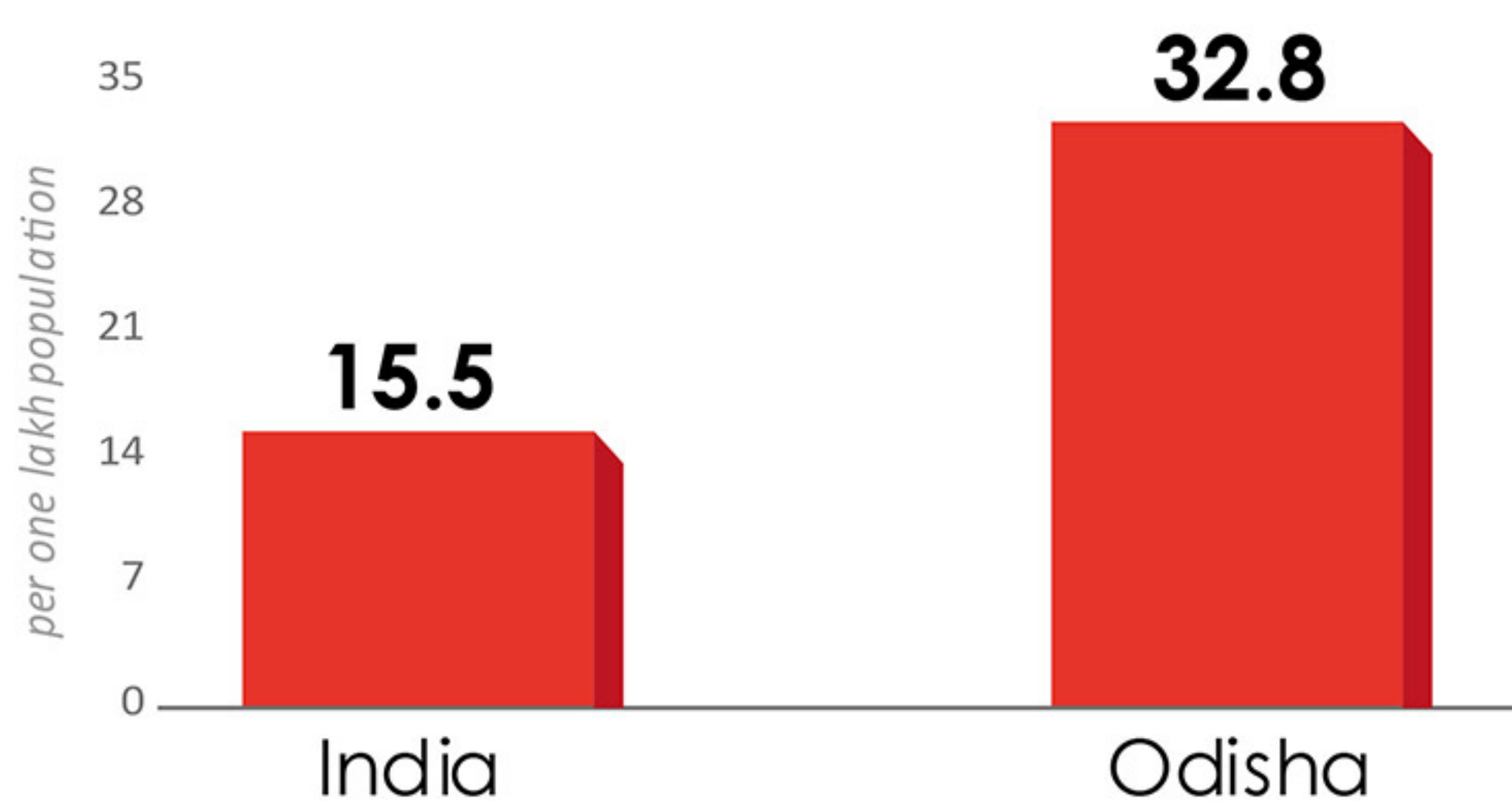
What do facts tell us?

Rate of crime against children in Odisha has increased 2.2 times between 2017 & 2019



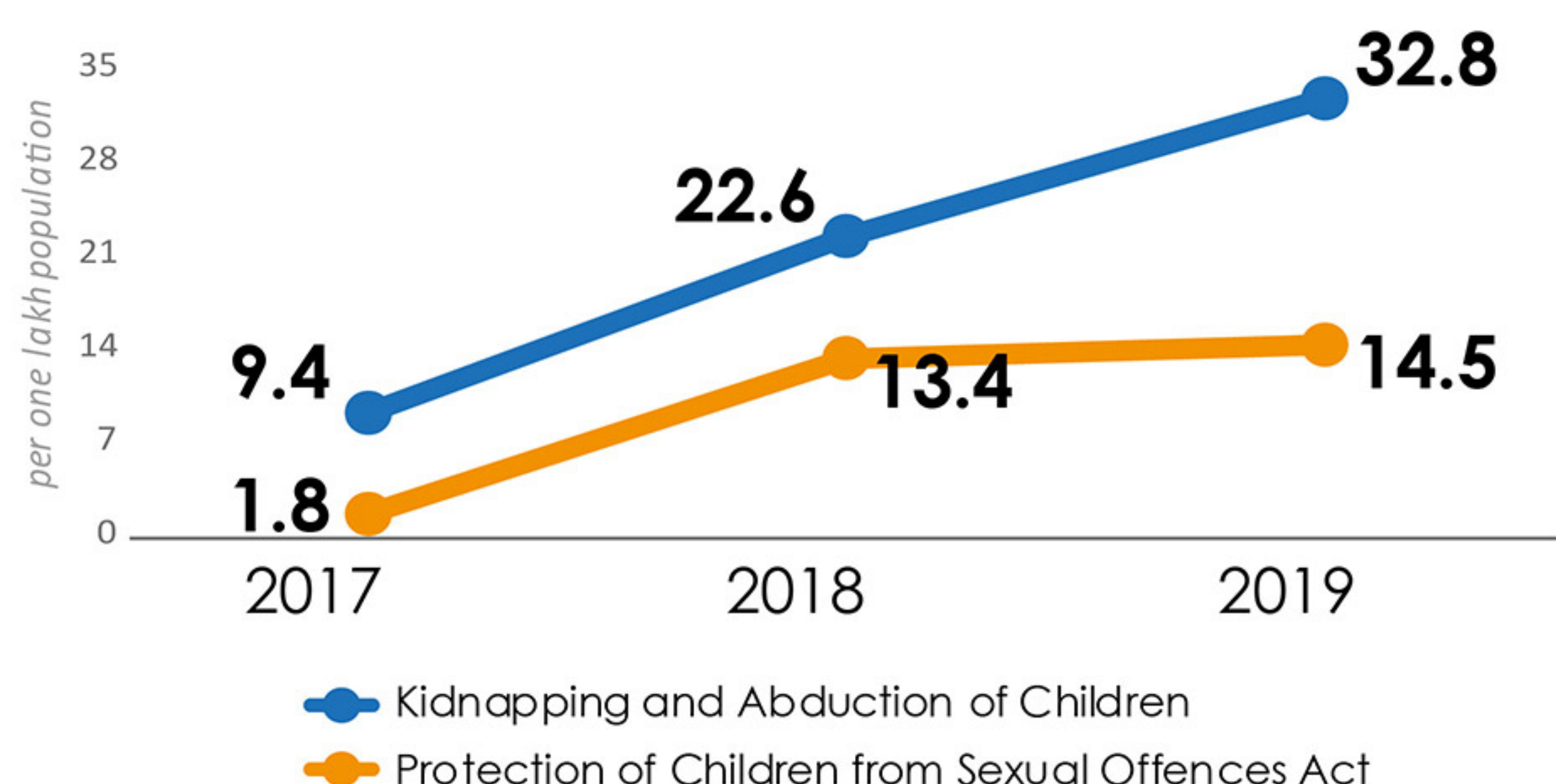
- Latest rate of crime against children in Odisha, **49.9** per one lakh population, is higher than national average of **33.2**, which makes Odisha the **12th** highest unsafe state in the country for children.

Odisha ranked 3rd in kidnapping & abduction of children in India



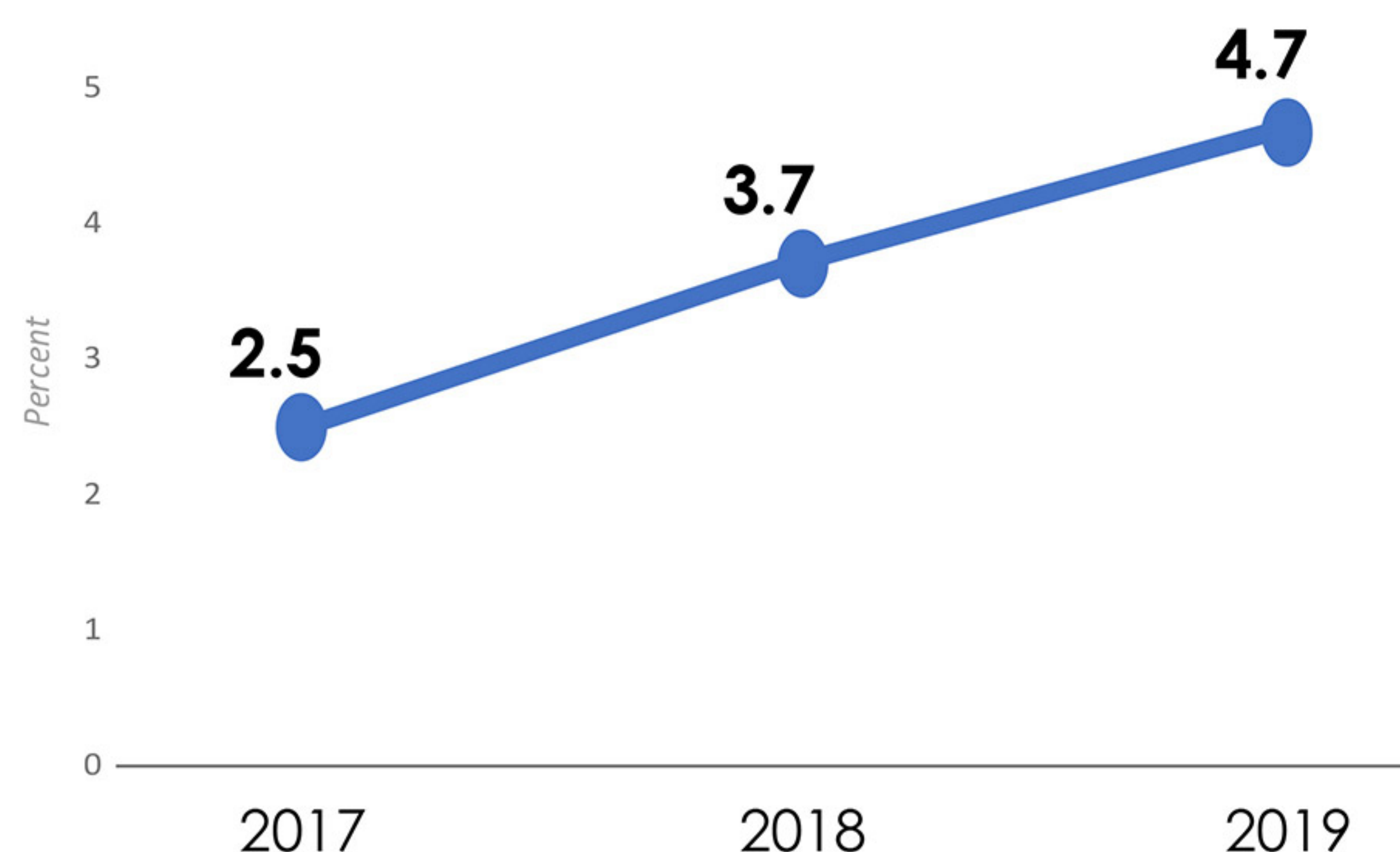
- Rate of Kidnapping and abduction of children in the state is **2 times** more than the national average.

Kidnapping and POCSO cases in the state are rising at an alarming rate



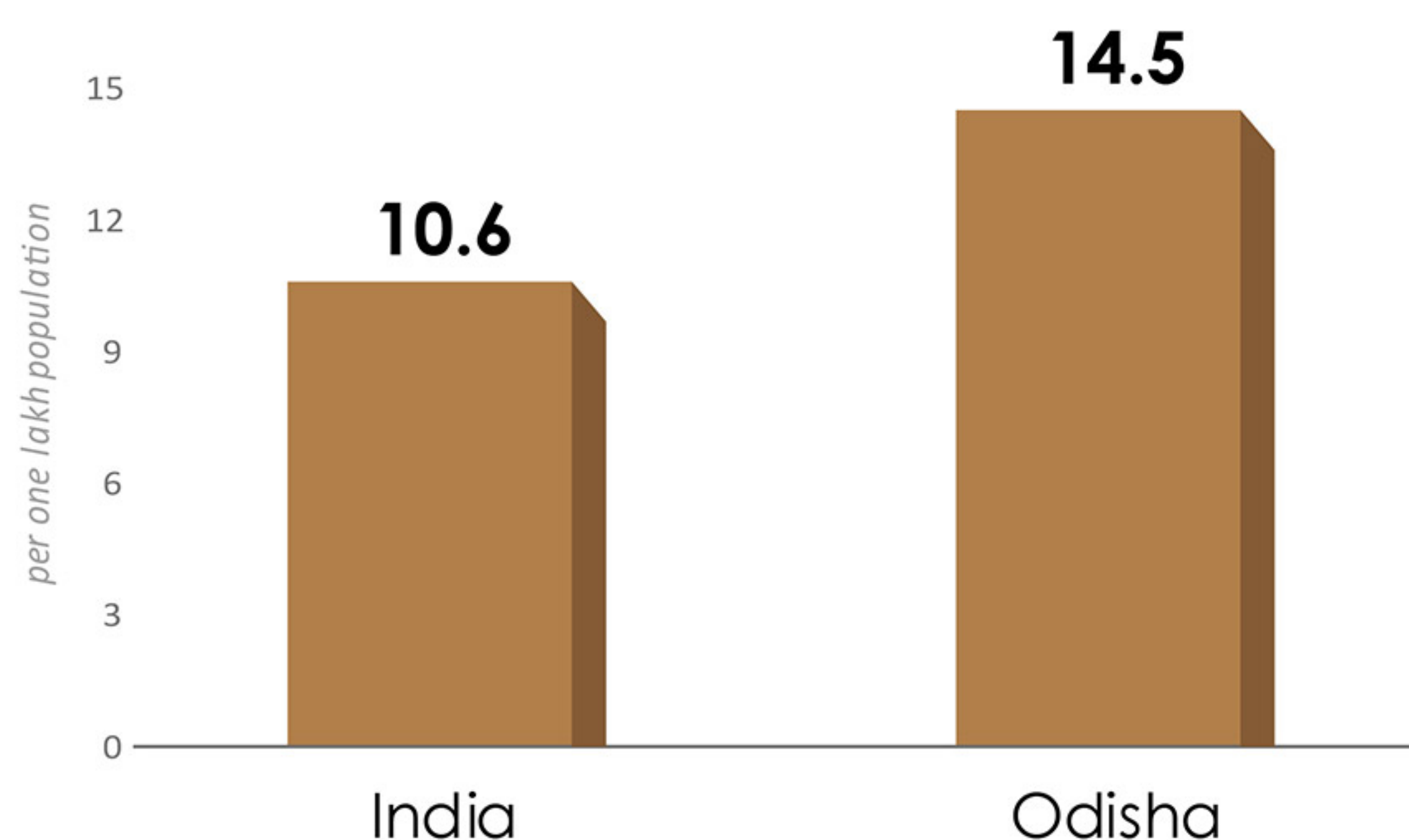
- Between 2017 and 2019, the rate of kidnapping & abduction of children in Odisha has increased almost **4 times**.

Odisha's share in total crime against children in India has been increasing in the past two years



- Around **5%** of total crimes taking place against children in India are from Odisha, that is **7th** highest among other states and UTs.

Odisha reported higher rate of POCSO² cases than national average



- All 2124 victims of POCSO cases (2019) in Odisha were girls.
- Odisha reported **13th** highest rate of Rape cases against children in the country.
- State has a higher rate of Rape cases against children (1.6 per one lakh population) than national average of 1.1.

Notes:

¹ World Health Organization

² Protection of Children from Sexual Offences