

KUPPUSWAMY SCALE

KUPPUSWAMY SCALE • Scale of Socio-Economic Status (SES) of Urban families • 3 components

- 1. Education status of Head of family
- 2. Occupation status of Head of family
- 3. Total per capita family Income (per month)

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EDUCATION

- i. Professional degree- MBBS, BE, Ph.D.
- ii. Graduate- B.A., B.Sc., B.Com

iii. Intermediate/ diploma - at least class 12th pass

iv. High school- at least class 10th pass

v. Middle school- at least class 8th pass

vi. Primary school- any level of literacy below 7th class
vii. Illiterate- person above 7 years of age who cannot read & write

OCCUPATION

i. Professional - Requires decision making & organizational abilities

ii. Doctors, Engineers, Advocates, Architects, Managers,

Principals

iii. Semiprofessional - Routine nature of job which requires post high school education

iv. commission agents, research assistants

v. Clerical / shop / farm - Some training in arithmetic along with reading & writing is required

vi. clerks, shopkeepers, farm owners

vii. Skilled workers - Long training & practice is required

viii. electrician, plumber, mechanic, carpenter

ix. Semiskilled workers - Some training is

required

x. factory worker, library attendant xi.
Unskilled worker - No education or
training is required

xii. laborer, watchman, peon, servant

xii. Unemployed-not employed

INCOME • Per capita family Income =
 $\frac{\text{Total income of the family}}{\text{Total number of family members}}$

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS / CLASS •

Total score • 26-29 > Upper class • 16-25
> Upper middle • 11-15 > Lower middle • 5-
10 > Upper lower • Below 5 > Lower class