

The Rs 500 Wall

What 1,286 tutor asking rates in Delhi NCR actually show

EZ Tuitions rate study, snapshot of 22 September 2026

Why we measured this

Parents ask us one question more than any other: what should home tuition cost in Delhi NCR? Most answers online are a single number with no source. So on 22 September 2026 we took a read-only snapshot of our own platform and published everything we found, including the parts that make our numbers look strange.

EZ Tuitions had 7,500+ registered tutor profiles that day. Of those, 1,286 carried a self-set hourly rate between Rs 50 and Rs 5,000. This document explains what those 1,286 rates show, in plain language, so a parent can use it while talking to any tutor, on any platform.

One thing before the numbers: these are asking rates. Tutors type their own rate into their profile. Money never moves through us, so we see what tutors ask, never what families finally pay. Keep that in mind throughout.

The middle half: Rs 350 to Rs 600

The single most useful line in the whole study: the middle half of the 1,286 rate-bearing profiles ask between Rs 350 and Rs 600 per hour. That is the interquartile range, p25 to p75. Half of all asking rates sit inside that band, a quarter below it, a quarter above it.

We use the middle half and not the average or the median for a reason the next section makes obvious.

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Here is the strangest finding. Of 1,286 profiles, 483 (37.6 percent) ask exactly Rs 500 per hour. Not Rs 490, not Rs 510. Exactly 500.

The next most common rates are Rs 300 (126 profiles), Rs 400 (95), Rs 600 (83), Rs 200 (81) and Rs 1,000 (74). Six round numbers cover 73.4 percent of the entire set. And 97.7 percent of all rates are a multiple of Rs 50.

When more than a third of profiles type the same number, the median of almost any slice becomes Rs 500. The median is Rs 500 in New Delhi, in Noida, in Gurgaon, in Ghaziabad and in Mumbai. That does not mean every city costs the same. It means the median has

stopped measuring the cities and is measuring the clustering habit instead. This is why we report the middle half.

We checked the obvious objection: is Rs 500 just a default the software fills in? The backend field's default is Rs 0, not Rs 500, and 298 zero-rate profiles were excluded from the study. So the platform default does not explain the wall. Why so many tutors pick Rs 500, the data cannot say.

What moves by city

The middle half does move, and it moves by city.

Gurgaon has the high ceiling. Gurgaon's p75 is Rs 700 ($n = 75$), the highest of the five cities. A quarter of Gurgaon profiles ask Rs 700 or more.

Noida is compressed. Noida's middle half is Rs 350 to Rs 500 ($n = 141$). Three quarters of Noida profiles ask Rs 500 or less. In Noida, Rs 500 is the ceiling, not the centre.

Mumbai has the surprising floor. Mumbai's p25 is Rs 300 ($n = 54$), the lowest in the set, which is the opposite of what cost of living would predict. With only 54 profiles, treat this row as a flag for re-measurement, not a conclusion.

New Delhi and Ghaziabad sit in between. The full table with every city's p25, median and p75 is on the study page.

Online versus at-home

Online profiles ($n = 531$) show p25 of Rs 300, median Rs 500, p75 Rs 500. At-home profiles ($n = 263$) show p25 of Rs 400, median Rs 500, p75 Rs 600.

The medians are identical. The gap is Rs 100 at the cheaper end: the bottom quarter of online tutors price lower than the bottom quarter of home-visit tutors. Travel time is a plausible reason, but these slices do not isolate it.

Experience: one bucket moves

Only one experience slice has a median that is not Rs 500: tutors reporting 6 to 10 years of experience ($n = 100$). Their numbers are p25 Rs 500, median Rs 600, p75 Rs 800. Every other bucket, including 10+ years, medians at Rs 500. The 10+ bucket has only 47 profiles, so do not over-read its fallback.

Asking rates differ by reported experience. Whether experience actually earns more in the final settled fee, this dataset cannot establish, because we never see the settled fee.

How to use this when you talk to a tutor

1. Treat Rs 350 to Rs 600 per hour as the normal asking band for Delhi NCR, and Rs 500 as the most common single ask, not as the right price for your child.
2. Compare monthly quotes by counting teaching hours: hourly rate x session length x number of sessions. A lower monthly total is not cheaper if it buys fewer hours.
3. Ask what the quote covers: travel, materials, extra sessions before exams, make-up classes for missed ones.
4. Bring your class, board, subject and locality into the conversation. The study has no class-wise or subject-wise price list, because the sample cannot support one.
5. If a quote sits far outside the band, ask why. A Gurgaon home-visit tutor with 6 to 10 years of experience asking Rs 800 fits the data. So does an online tutor at Rs 300. Context, not one number.

What this study is not

It is not a record of fees families paid. It is not a Delhi-only home-tuition tariff; the sample mixes teaching modes and includes a Mumbai comparison. It is not a recommendation of any tutor or rate. Pune is outside the sample, so these figures say nothing about Pune.

Full tables, method and exclusions: eztuitions.com/home-tuition-fees-delhi-ncr