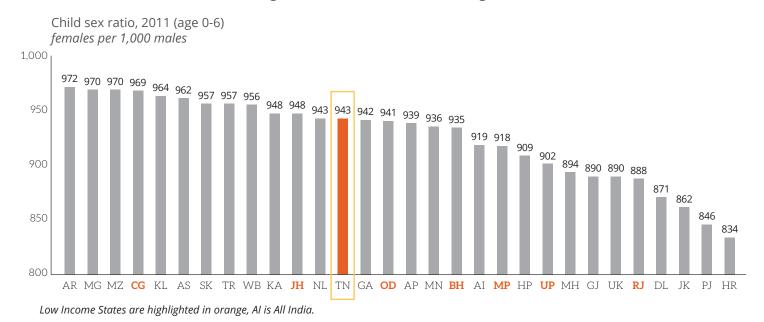
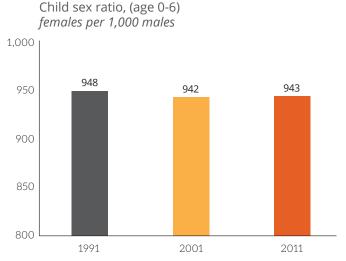
Gender

Women in Tamil Nadu have experienced mixed progress. On the bright side, maternal mortality in the state is low and declining. Moreover, women in Tamil Nadu are better educated than in many other states, with more girls going to school today than before. However, Tamil Nadu's child sex ratio is below many other states and has not shown much improvement since 2001. On the work front, women have been leaving the labor force in large numbers since 2005, especially in the rural areas. But, when women work, they by and large have similar types of jobs as men.

Child sex ratio in Tamil Nadu is higher than the national average



Little improvement in child sex ratio in Tamil Nadu after 2001





Gender

Steady decline in maternal mortality in Tamil Nadu after 2003

Maternal mortality ratio
maternal deaths per 100,000 live births

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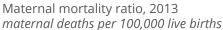
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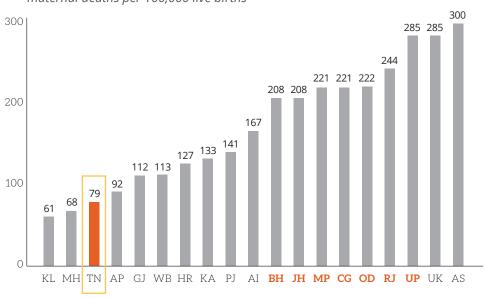
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2003
2009
2013

Tamil Nadu has fewer maternal deaths than most other states in the country





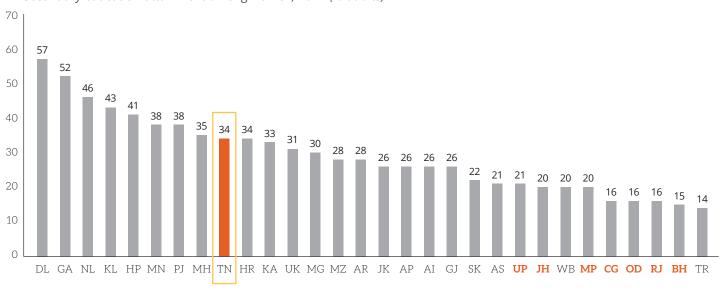
Data for 19 large states and All India. Low income states are highlighted in orange and Al is All India.



Gender

A third of Tamil Nadu's women have completed secondary school, which is higher than the national average

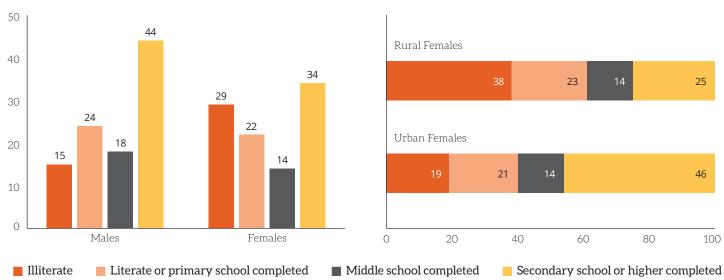
Secondary education attainment among women, 2012 (% adults)



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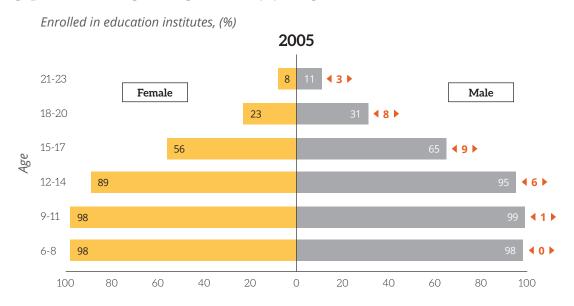
More men have secondary schooling than women in Tamil Nadu, rural women lag behind urban

Education attainment, 2012 (% adults)

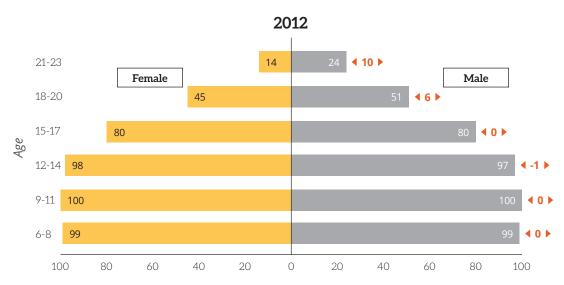


Gender

No gender gaps in schooling among the really young in Tamil Nadu



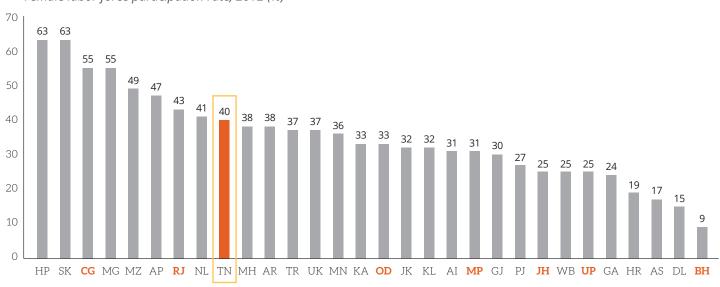
Enrolled in education institutes, (%)



Gender

Female labor force participation in Tamil Nadu is higher than the national average

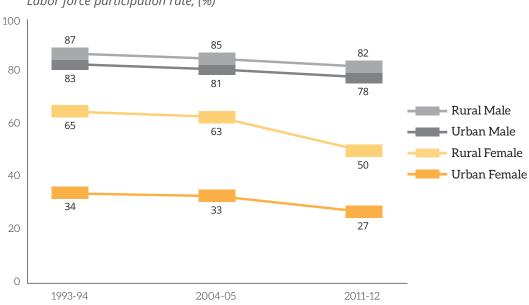
Female labor force participation rate, 2012 (%)



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Sharp decline in female labor force participation in Tamil Nadu after 2005

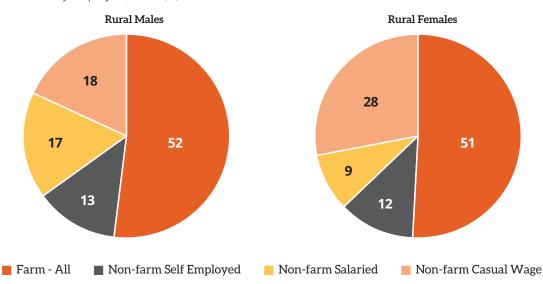




Gender

Women have slightly more casual wage jobs than men in rural Tamil Nadu

Share of employed, 2012 (%)



Women do similar types of jobs as men in urban Tamil Nadu

Share of employed, 2012 (%)

