Despite overall progress in poverty reduction in Rajasthan, many social groups have been left behind. Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes in particular continue to lag behind in schooling and salaried jobs. Scheduled Tribes stand out not only for the slow pace of poverty reduction among this group, but also for high open defecation rates and poor access to drinking water.

### Higher poverty rate and slower poverty reduction for the Scheduled Tribes in Rajasthan

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![Graph showing pace of poverty reduction](image)

Poverty among the Scheduled Tribes in Rajasthan is lower than in other Low Income States

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Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.
Stark contrast in educational attainment across social groups in Rajasthan

**Education attainment, 2012 (% adults)**

- **Scheduled Tribe**
  - Illiterate: 58%
  - Literate or primary school completed: 19%
  - Middle school completed: 10%
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 13%

- **Scheduled Caste**
  - Illiterate: 48%
  - Literate or primary school completed: 22%
  - Middle school completed: 14%
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 17%

- **Other Backward Caste**
  - Illiterate: 42%
  - Literate or primary school completed: 20%
  - Middle school completed: 15%
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 23%

- **General**
  - Illiterate: 21%
  - Literate or primary school completed: 17%
  - Middle school completed: 16%
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 46%

Scheduled Tribes and Castes in Rajasthan have more casual wage jobs compared to other social groups

**Share of employed, 2012 (%)**

- **Scheduled Tribe**
  - Casual Wage: 43%
  - Salaried: 5%
  - Self-employed: 53%

- **Scheduled Caste**
  - Casual Wage: 38%
  - Salaried: 12%
  - Self-employed: 51%

- **Other Backward Caste**
  - Casual Wage: 16%
  - Salaried: 11%
  - Self-employed: 72%

- **General**
  - Casual Wage: 9%
  - Salaried: 28%
  - Self-employed: 63%
Open defecation in Rajasthan is higher than the national average, especially among the Scheduled Tribes

Access to drinking water is the lowest for the Scheduled Tribes in Rajasthan