Health issues in Uttarakhand have shown mixed progress. While the state’s infant mortality rate, which is already lower than the national average, is declining, malnutrition levels among most households remain high. And although open defecation is more prevalent among the poor, the overall rates in Uttarakhand are lower than in most other Indian states. As for education, more of Uttarakhand’s adults have completed secondary school than in many other states, and a larger share of its children are now in school than before. But, while it is heartening to note that the state ranks high on learning outcomes, these levels have stagnated in recent times. Incidentally, enrollment in the state’s public school remains high, especially among the low income households.

Infant mortality is declining in Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand’s infant mortality is lower than the national average

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.
Malnutrition in Uttarakhand is below the national average

Stunting in children <5 years, 2014 (%)

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Barring the rich, malnutrition is higher than the national average for most households in Uttarakhand

Stunting in children <5 years, 2006 (%)

Latest stunting data by wealth class available for 2006.
Open defecation in Uttarakhand is lower than in most other states

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

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Open defecation is higher among the poor than the rich in Uttarakhand

Households practicing open defecation, 2012(%)

Access and use of latrine Open defecation
The share of adults with secondary school education in Uttarakhand is higher than the national average.

*Secondary education attainment, 2012 (% adults)*

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.

Since 2005, significant progress in schooling for the young in Uttarakhand.

*Education attainment, (% age 18-30)*

*Enrollment by age cohort, (%)*
Public school enrollment in Uttarakhand is close to the national average

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)

Private school enrollment is increasing mainly among high income households in Uttarakhand

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)
Learning outcomes in Uttarakhand are higher than in most other states

*Children in Std V who can read Std II level text*, 2014 (%)

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.

Learning outcomes have stagnated in Uttarakhand

*Children in Std V who can read Std II level text*, (%)

*Data on learning outcomes available for rural areas only.*