Madhya Pradesh has a lot of ground to cover on health and education. Infant mortality rate is the highest in the country despite improvement. Malnutrition and open defecation rates are high even among the rich. Most adults have only a few years of schooling. There are however gains in schooling for the young. Enrollment in public schools is high for a majority of them. While improvements in schooling for the younger generation are a bright spot, better learning outcomes have not followed.

**Infant mortality rate is declining in Madhya Pradesh**

![Infant mortality rate chart](chart)

**Madhya Pradesh has the highest infant mortality rate in India**

![Infant mortality rate chart](chart)

*Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.*
Malnutrition in Madhya Pradesh is amongst the highest in the country

Stunting in children <5 years, 2014 (%)

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Malnutrition is high across most income groups in Madhya Pradesh

Stunting in children <5 years, 2006 (%)

Latest stunting data by wealth class available for 2006.
Open defecation in Madhya Pradesh is higher than most states

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

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Open defecation is high among richer households too in Madhya Pradesh

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)
Secondary school attainment among adults in Madhya Pradesh is lower than in most other states

Secondary education attainment, 2012 (% adults)

There are gains in secondary schooling for the young in Madhya Pradesh

Education attainment, (% age 18-30)

Enrollment by age cohort, (%)
Public school enrollment in Madhya Pradesh is higher than the national average

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)

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Enrollment in private schools has increased marginally in Madhya Pradesh, mostly for the rich

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)

All Quintile 1 Quintile 2 Quintile 3 Quintile 4 Quintile 5

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Learning outcomes in Madhya Pradesh are among the poorest in the country

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

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Sharp decline in learning outcomes after 2008 in Madhya Pradesh

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

*Data on learning outcomes available for rural areas only.