Madhya Pradesh has made mixed progress on gender. Child sex ratio is deteriorating. Maternal mortality is high, but has seen improvement. Nearly one in every two adult females is illiterate. There has been a sharp decline in female labor force participation after 2005 and only one-third of the adult women are in the labor force today. On a positive note, gender gaps in elementary schools have been eliminated and, although fewer women work they have the same types of jobs as men.

Child sex ratio in Madhya Pradesh is close to the national average

Child sex ratio is deteriorating in Madhya Pradesh
Maternal mortality ratio in Madhya Pradesh is improving

Maternal mortality ratio in Madhya Pradesh is higher than the national average

Data for 19 large states and All India. Low income states are highlighted in orange and AI is All India.
Secondary education attainment among adult females in Madhya Pradesh is among the lowest in the country

High gender disparity in education attainment among adults in Madhya Pradesh, rural women lag behind urban
Gender gaps have been eliminated at elementary school level in Madhya Pradesh

*Enrolled in education institutes, (%)*

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Female labor force participation is low in Madhya Pradesh but equal to the national average

Female labor force participation rate, 2012 (%)

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

Female labor force participation in Madhya Pradesh has dropped sharply after 2005

Labor force participation rate, (%)
Farming is the main activity for males and females in rural Madhya Pradesh

*Share of employed, 2012 (%)*

- **Rural Males**
  - Farm - All: 69%
  - Non-farm Self Employed: 15%
  - Non-farm Salaried: 5%
  - Non-farm Casual Wage: 11%

- **Rural Females**
  - Farm - All: 80%
  - Non-farm Self Employed: 11%
  - Non-farm Salaried: 7%
  - Non-farm Casual Wage: 3%

When urban women work, they have similar types of jobs as urban men in Madhya Pradesh

*Share of employed, 2012 (%)*

- **Urban Males**
  - Farm - All: 35%
  - Non-farm Self Employed: 41%
  - Non-farm Salaried: 10%
  - Non-farm Casual Wage: 15%

- **Urban Females**
  - Farm - All: 35%
  - Non-farm Self Employed: 40%
  - Non-farm Salaried: 7%
  - Non-farm Casual Wage: 17%