Progress across social groups has been uneven in Gujarat. Scheduled Tribes in particular have a very high incidence of poverty and slower poverty reduction than other social groups in the state. Gujarat's Scheduled Tribes also stand out for high levels of open defecation and poor access to drinking water. In addition, there are wide differences between social groups in schooling and access to salaried jobs.

### Poorest Tribes

Population below poverty line, (%)

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Poverty among the scheduled Tribes in Gujarat is below the national average

ST population below the poverty line, 2012 (%)

- Scheduled Tribe: 36
- Scheduled Caste: 18
- Other Backward Caste: 5
- General: 13

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.
Education levels are the highest for those belonging to the General category in Gujarat, illiteracy is highest among the Scheduled Tribes.

Striking differences in the types of jobs by social groups in Gujarat.
Open defecation is higher among the Scheduled Tribes in Gujarat than rest of the country

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

Barring the Scheduled Tribes, those living in Gujarat have greater access to drinking water than rest of India

Households with drinking water on premises, 2012 (%)

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