

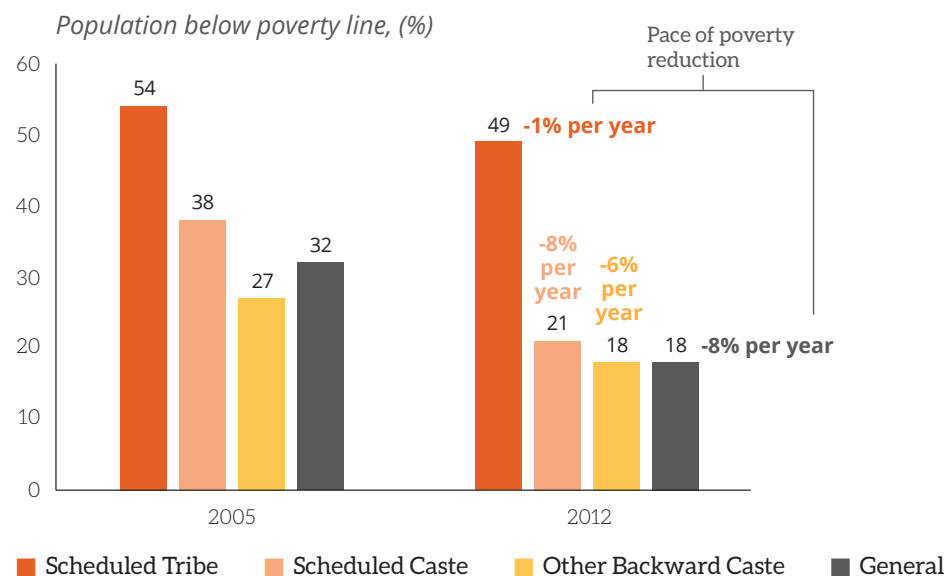
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Social Inclusion

Progress across social groups in West Bengal has been uneven. The state's Scheduled Tribes, in particular, record very high levels of poverty, and the pace of poverty reduction among them has been slow. In addition, more of their people work for casual wages than others. What's more, levels of educational attainment and open defecation vary starkly between social groups. While most households in the state have poor access to drinking water, the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes are particularly worse off than others.

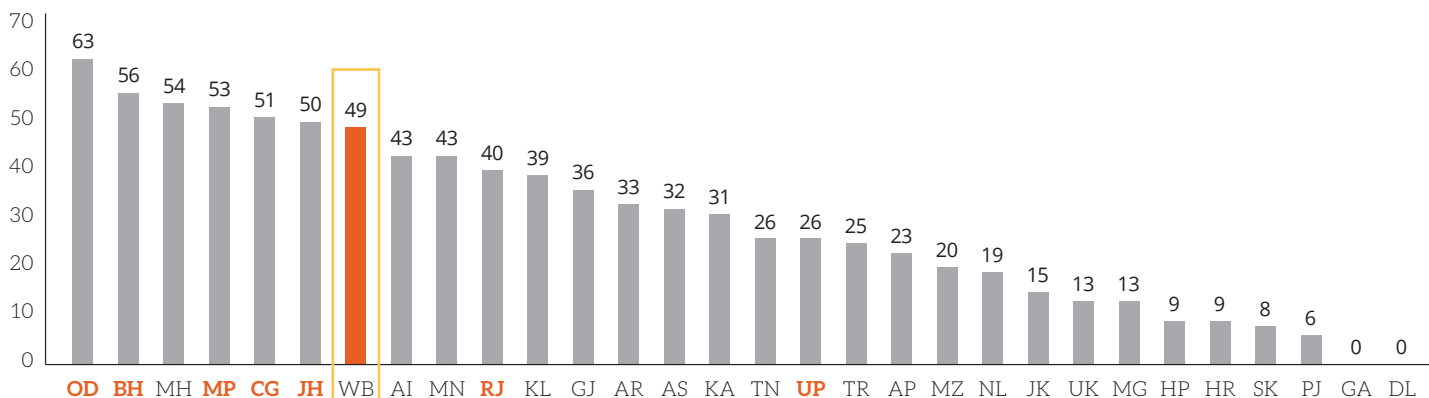
Households by Social Group, 2012 (%)		
	All India	West Bengal
Scheduled Tribe	9	5
Scheduled Caste	19	27
Other Backward Caste	43	9
General	29	59

High poverty and slow poverty reduction for the Scheduled Tribes in West Bengal



Poverty among the Scheduled Tribes in West Bengal is higher than in many other states

ST population below the poverty line, 2012 (%)

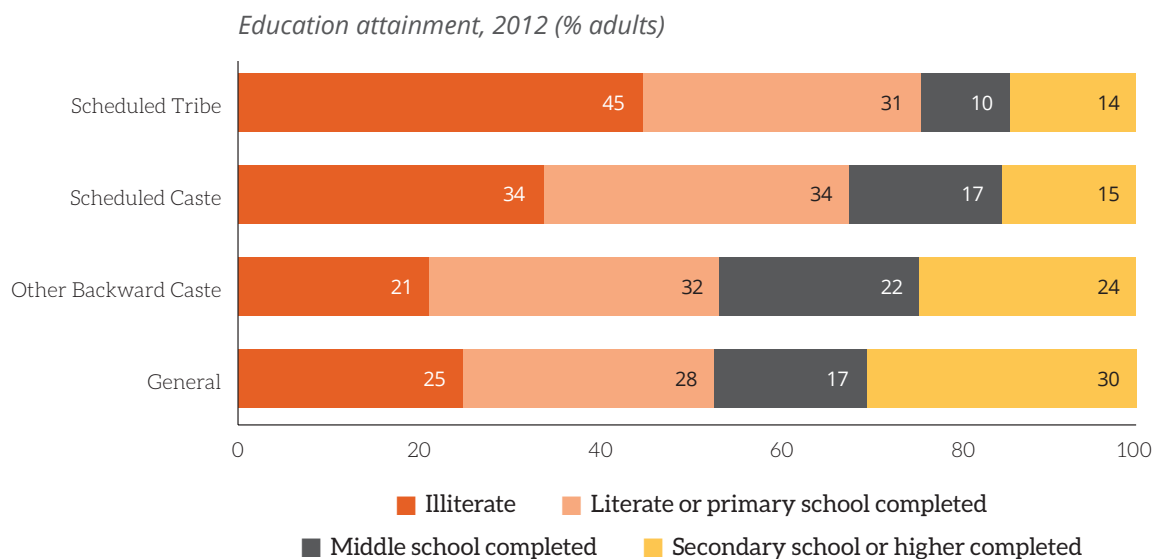


Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.

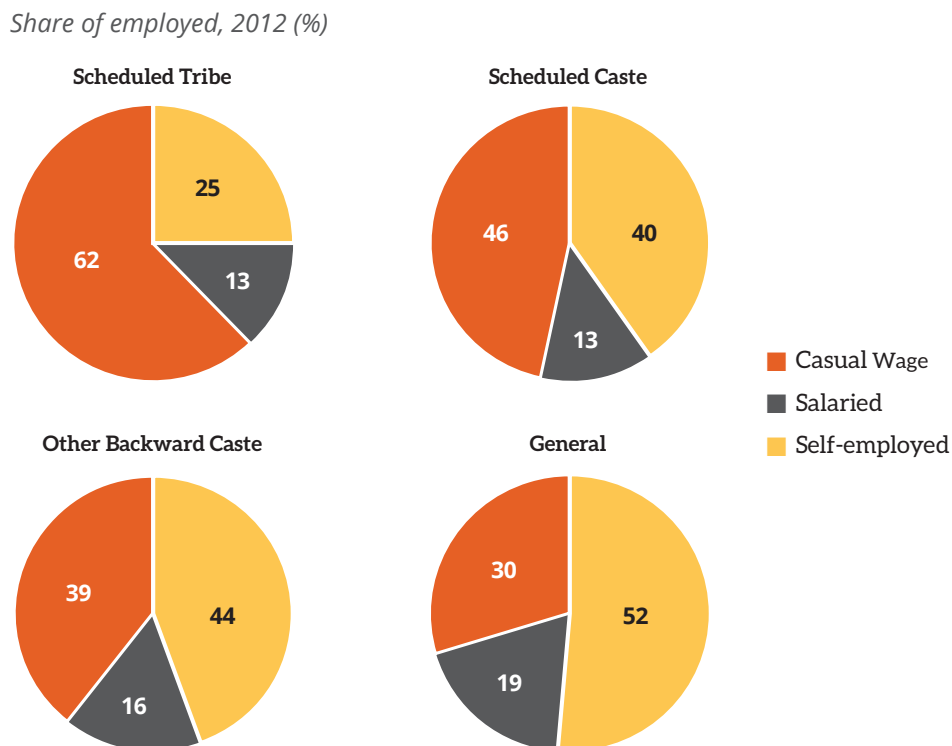
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Schooling levels vary between social groups in West Bengal



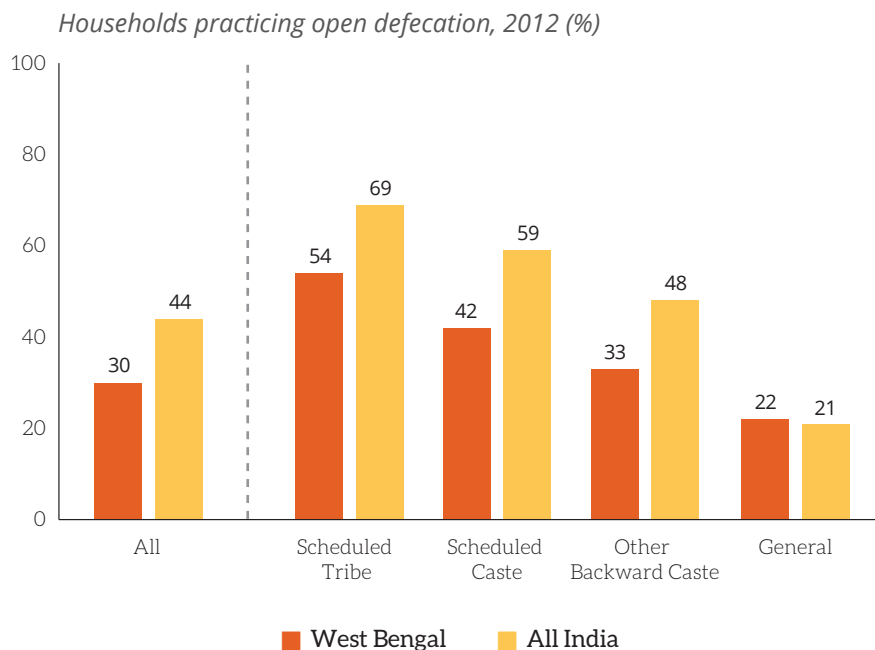
More casual wage jobs for the Scheduled Tribes than other groups in West Bengal



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While open defecation is low on average in West Bengal, it is high among some social groups



Access to drinking water is poor in West Bengal, especially among the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes

