

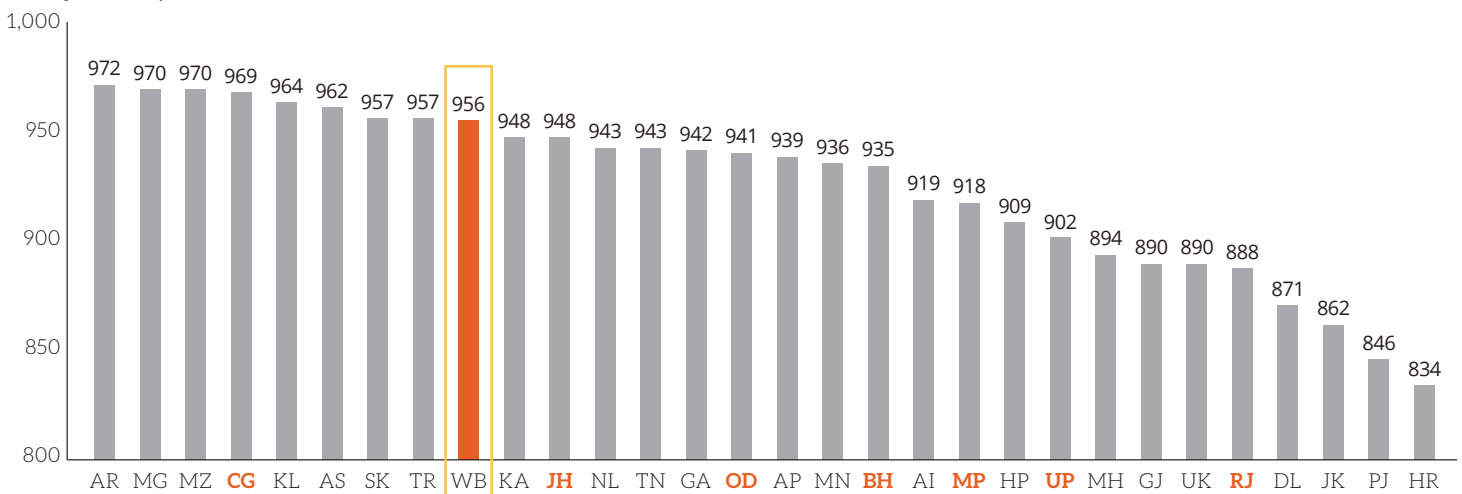
West Bengal

Gender

West Bengal has shown mixed progress on gender. On the one hand, maternal mortality in the state is low and declining. On the other hand, West Bengal's child sex ratio, which is still above the national average, is declining. Moreover, only a fifth of West Bengal's women have completed secondary school, which is lower than in most other states in the country. What's more, female labor force participation in West Bengal is among the lowest in India. On a more positive note, more girls than boys attend primary and secondary school in the state today. Interestingly, there is more non-farm employment for women than men in rural areas. In urban areas, by contrast, both men and women have similar types of jobs.

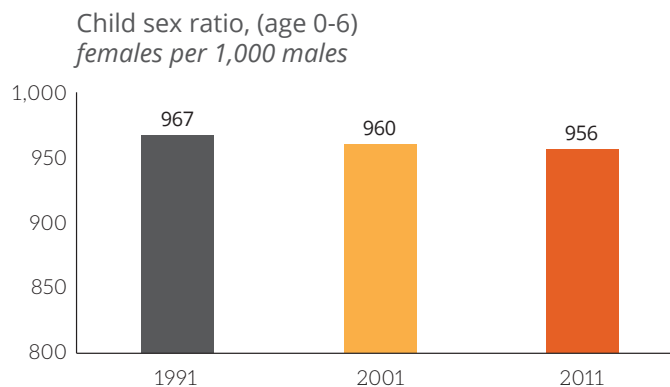
West Bengal's child sex ratio is higher than the national average

Child sex ratio, 2011 (age 0-6)
females per 1,000 males



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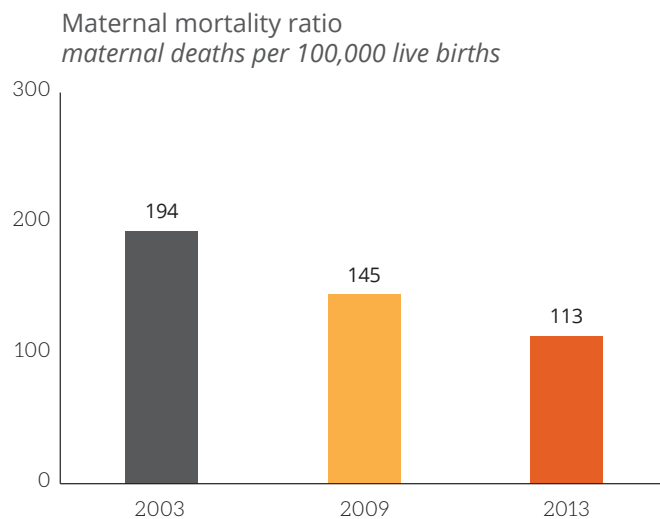
Child sex ratio is declining, albeit at a slow rate, in West Bengal



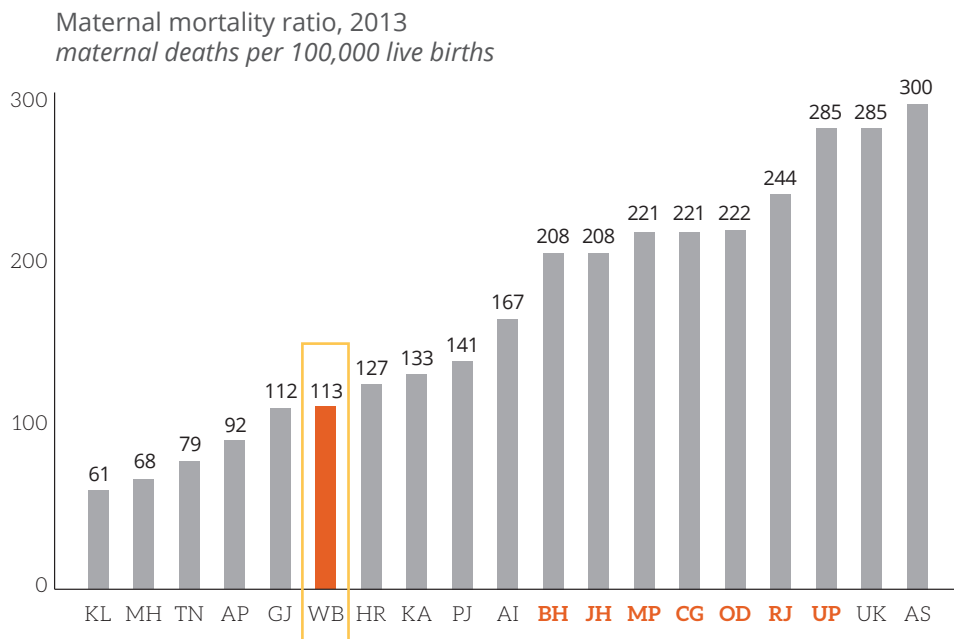
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Maternal mortality is decreasing in West Bengal



Maternal mortality in West Bengal is lower than in many other states



Data for 19 large states and All India.
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The share of women with secondary schooling in West Bengal is lower than in many other states

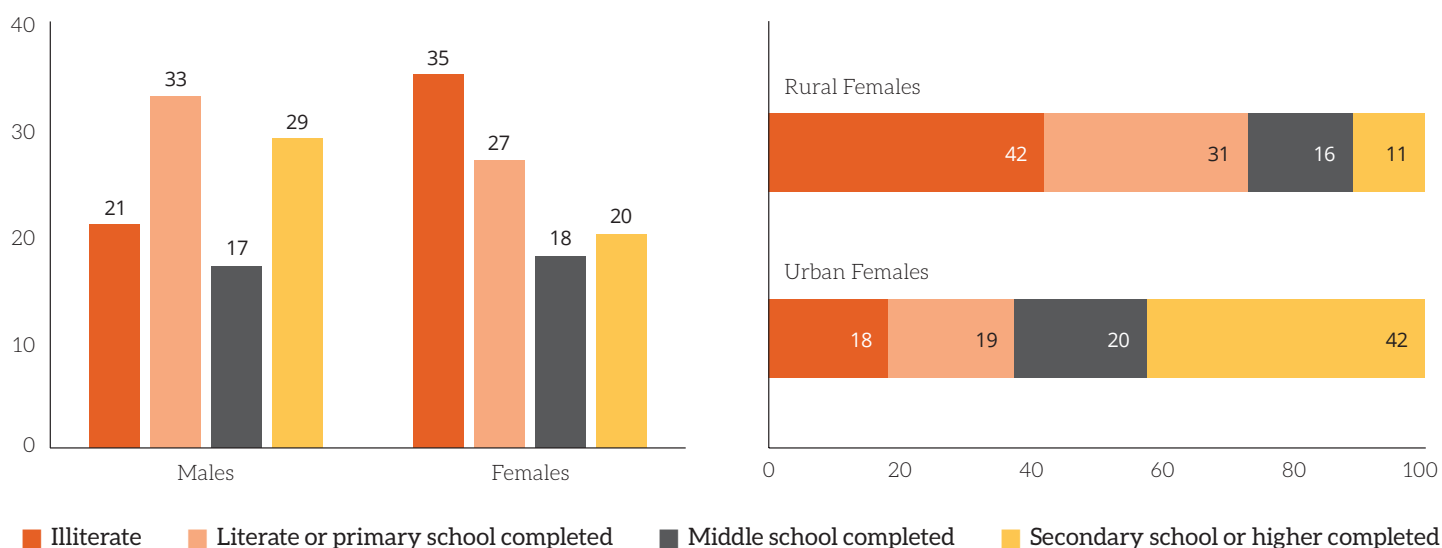
Secondary education attainment among women, 2012 (% adults)



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Less schooling for adult women than men in West Bengal, rural women lag behind urban

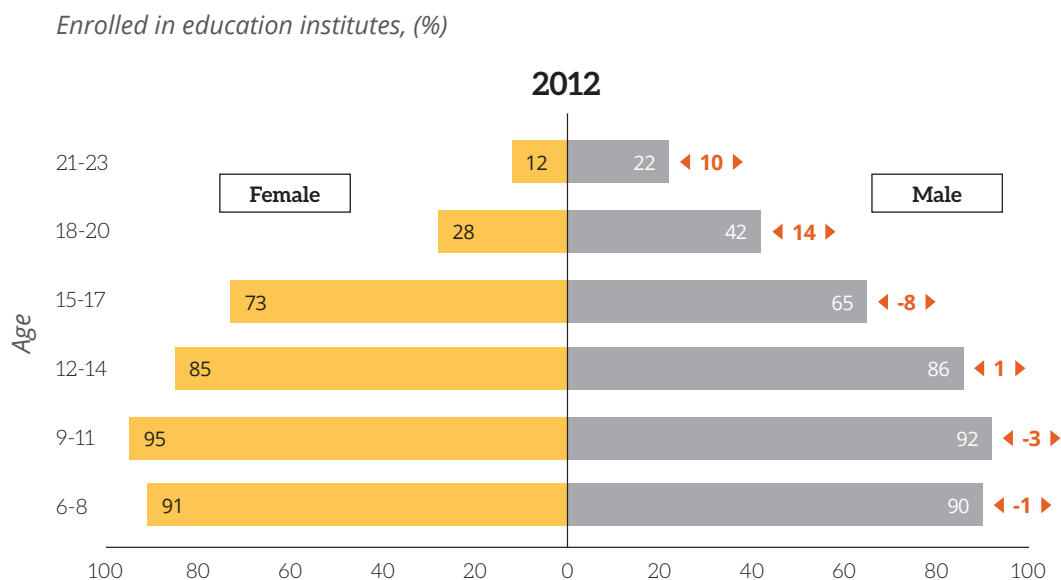
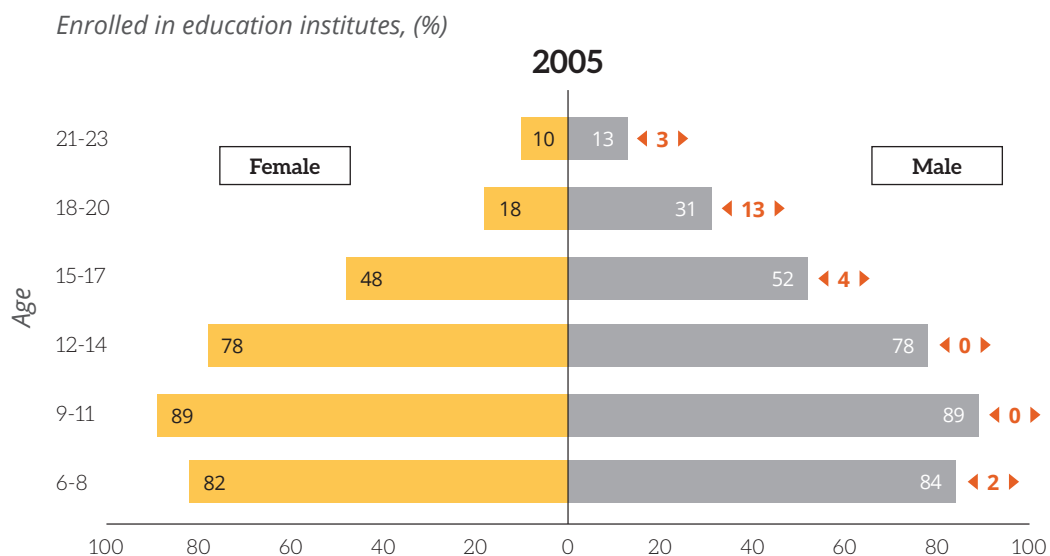
Education attainment, 2012 (% adults)



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More girls than boys in primary and secondary school in West Bengal after 2005

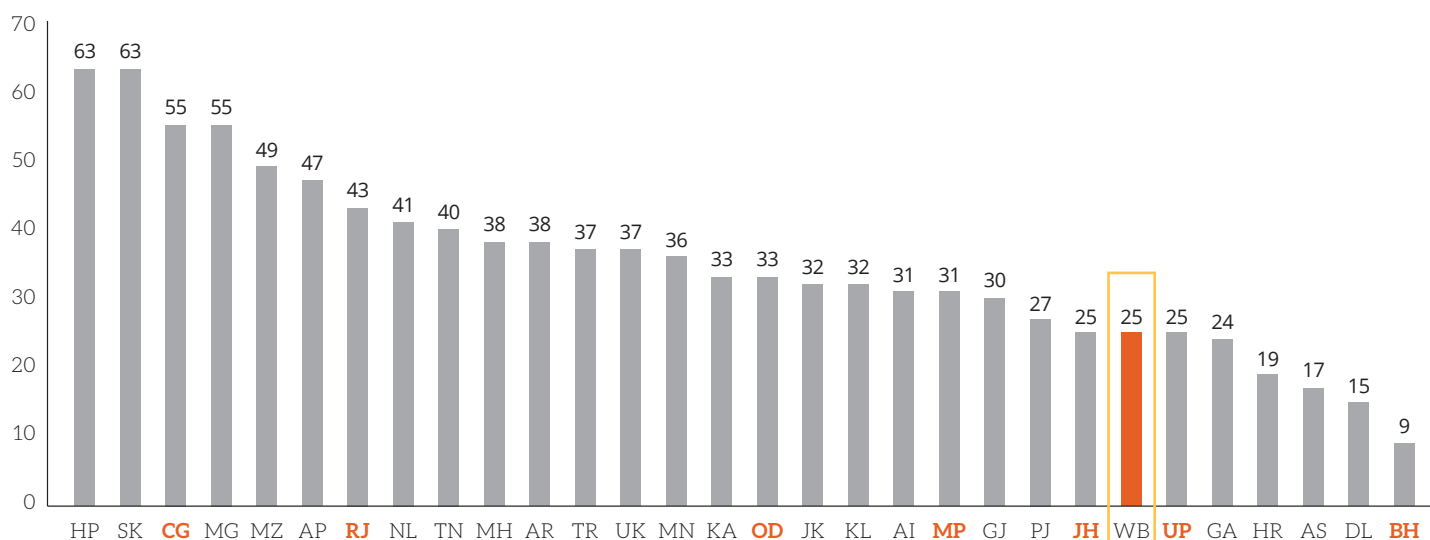


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Female labor force participation in West Bengal is below that of many other states in India

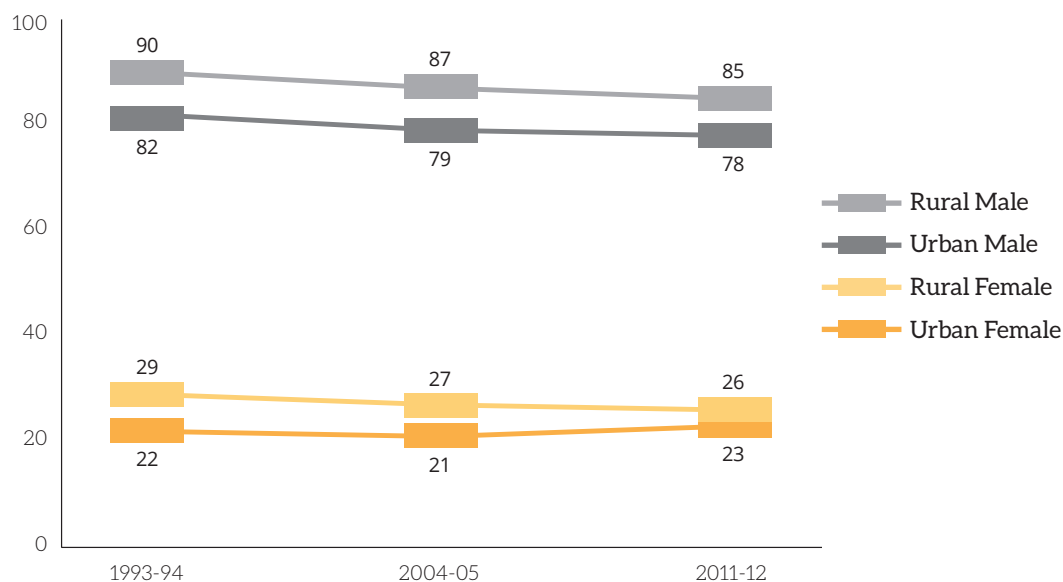
Female labor force participation rate, 2012 (%)



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Low female labor force participation in both rural and urban areas of West Bengal

Labor force participation rate, (%)

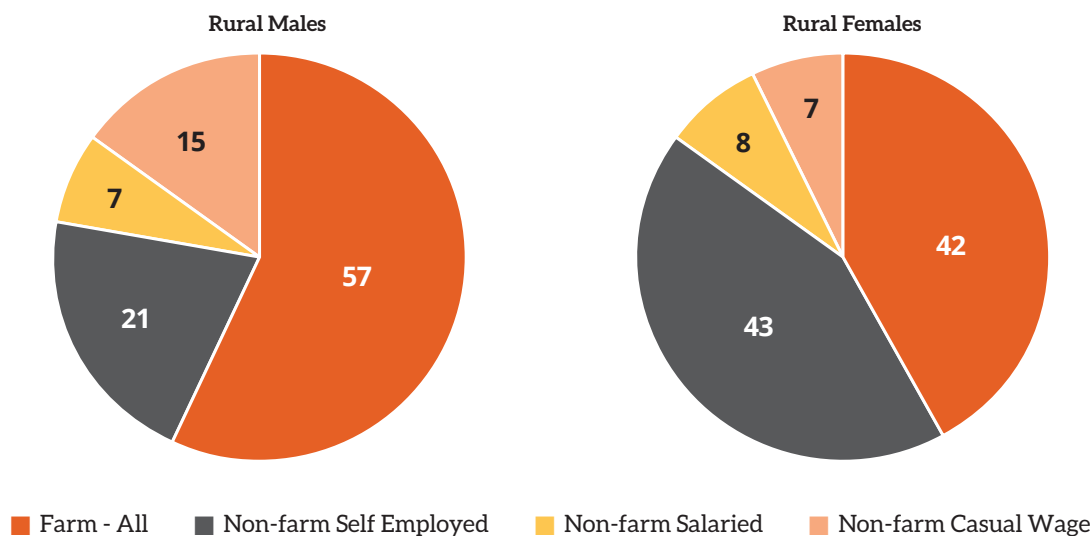


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Majority of the rural men in West Bengal work in farming, more self employment among rural women

Share of employed, 2012 (%)



When women urban work in West Bengal, they have similar jobs as urban men

Share of employed, 2012 (%)

