There is uneven progress across social groups in Chhattisgarh. Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes in particular have very high poverty levels. In addition, there are wide differences in schooling and access to salaried jobs across social groups. Apart from households that belong to the General category, there is high open defecation and poor access to drinking water for most households in the state.

| Poverty of Scheduled Tribes in Chhattisgarh is among the highest in the country |

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Stark contrast in educational attainment across social groups in Chhattisgarh

**Education attainment, 2012 (% adults)**

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- **General**
  - Illiterate: 11%
  - Literate or primary school completed: 19%
  - Middle school completed: 14%
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 56%

- **Other Backward Caste**
  - Illiterate: 27%
  - Literate or primary school completed: 29%
  - Middle school completed: 20%
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 24%

- **Scheduled Caste**
  - Illiterate: 35%
  - Literate or primary school completed: 29%
  - Middle school completed: 16%
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 20%

- **Scheduled Tribe**
  - Illiterate: 33%
  - Literate or primary school completed: 32%
  - Middle school completed: 17%
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 17%

Stark contrast in the types of jobs across social groups in Chhattisgarh

**Share of employed, 2012 (%)**

- **Scheduled Tribe**
  - Casual Wage: 66%
  - Salaried: 6%
  - Self-employed: 28%

- **Scheduled Caste**
  - Casual Wage: 50%
  - Salaried: 9%
  - Self-employed: 41%

- **Other Backward Caste**
  - Casual Wage: 48%
  - Salaried: 10%
  - Self-employed: 42%

- **General**
  - Casual Wage: 53%
  - Salaried: 34%
  - Self-employed: 13%
Open defecation across most social groups in Chhattisgarh is higher than the national averages

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

- Chhattisgarh
- All India

There is poor access to drinking water in Chhattisgarh, particularly for the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes

Households with drinking water on premises, 2012 (%)

- Chhattisgarh
- All India