Bihar has a lot of ground to cover in improving health and education outcomes. The state has one of the highest incidence of malnutrition in the country. Infant mortality is declining, but is still high. Open defecation is widely practiced, even among the rich. Most adults have only a few years of schooling. Learning outcomes are low and show a declining trend over the years. On a positive note, there are gains in schooling for the young. Enrollment in public schools remains high.

Infant mortality rate is declining in Bihar

Infant mortality rate for Bihar is close to the national average

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.
Malnutrition in Bihar is amongst the highest in the country

Stunting in children <5 years, 2014 (%)

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Malnutrition is high across most income groups in Bihar

Stunting in children <5 years, 2006 (%)

Latest stunting data by wealth class available for 2006.
Open defecation in Bihar is higher than in most states

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

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Open defecation is high across all income groups in Bihar

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)
Bihar has one of the lowest rates of secondary school completion among adults

*Secondary education attainment, 2012 (% adults)*

There are gains in schooling for the young in Bihar

*Education attainment, (% age 18-30)*

*Enrollment by age cohort, (%)*
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Public school enrollment in Bihar is amongst the highest in the country

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)

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

Enrollment in public schools has increased marginally for most income groups in Bihar

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)
Learning outcomes in Bihar are close to the national average

*Children in Std V who can read Std II level text*, 2014 (%)

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

Learning outcomes in Bihar are low and have declined

*Children in Std V who can read Std II level text*, (%)

*Data on learning outcomes available for rural areas only.*