Kerala outperforms most states on health and education. Infant mortality is among the lowest in the country, and open defecation is very low compared to other states. As for education, two in every five adults has completed secondary school, which is higher than in most other states. What’s more, the learning outcomes of Kerala’s children are among the highest in the country, and enrollment in higher education has increased since 2005. Notwithstanding these achievements, however, there is room for improvement in the nutrition levels of lower income families.

Infant mortality rate is low and declining in Kerala

Kerala's infant mortality is among the lowest in the country

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, All is All India.
Malnutrition in Kerala is the lowest in the country

_Stunting in children <5 years, 2014 (%)_

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Higher malnutrition among the lower income households in Kerala

_Stunting in children <5 years, 2006 (%)_

Latest stunting data by wealth class available for 2006.
Kerala has very few households that practice open defecation compared to the rest of the country

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

There is no difference in the practice of open defecation by income level in Kerala

Households practicing open defecation, 2012(%)
Secondary school attainment among Kerala's adults is higher than in many other states

Since 2005, significant progress in secondary schooling and above in Kerala
Enrollment in public schools in Kerala is lower than in most other states

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)

Higher public school enrollment among children from low income families in Kerala

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)
Learning outcomes in Kerala are among the highest in the country

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 Kerala have been consistently above the rest of the country

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

*Data on learning outcomes available for rural areas only.