

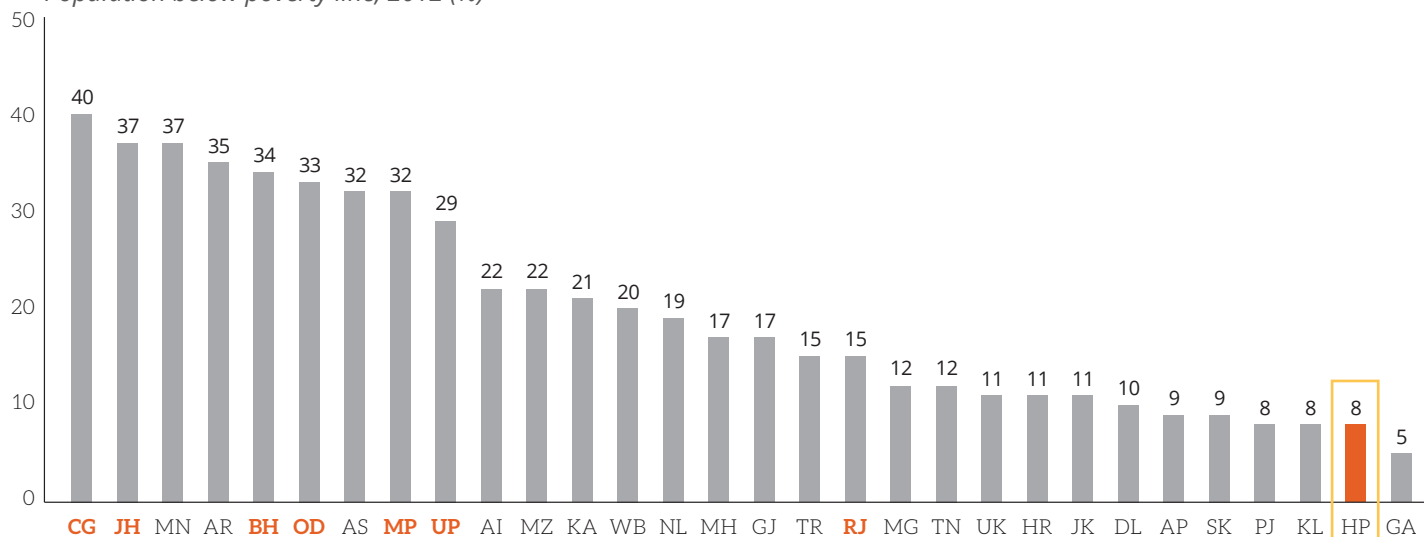
Himachal Pradesh

Poverty, Growth & Inequality

With poor people making up less than a tenth of its population, Himachal Pradesh is one of India's more prosperous states. Since 1994, there has been a steady decline in poverty in the state, specially in the rural areas. As a result, the difference in poverty levels between the state's rural and urban areas has narrowed considerably. In spite of this, Himachal Pradesh's western and central districts record higher levels of poverty than its other regions. Growth in the state has been modest after 2005, driven mainly by the non-farm sectors of the economy. In urban areas, consumption inequality has increased.

Poverty in Himachal Pradesh is among the lowest in the country

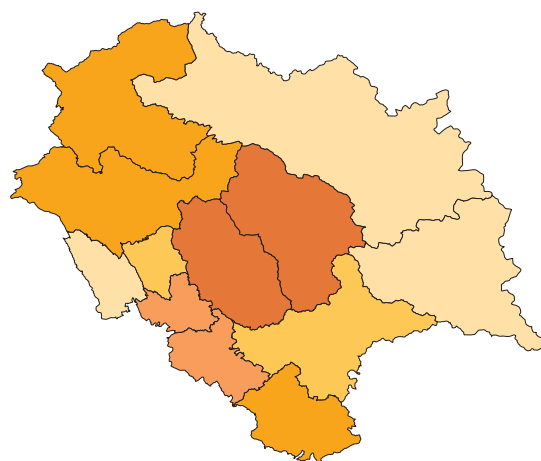
Population below poverty line, 2012 (%)



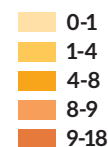
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Districts in the west and center of Himachal Pradesh have higher poverty than the rest

District level poverty, 2012



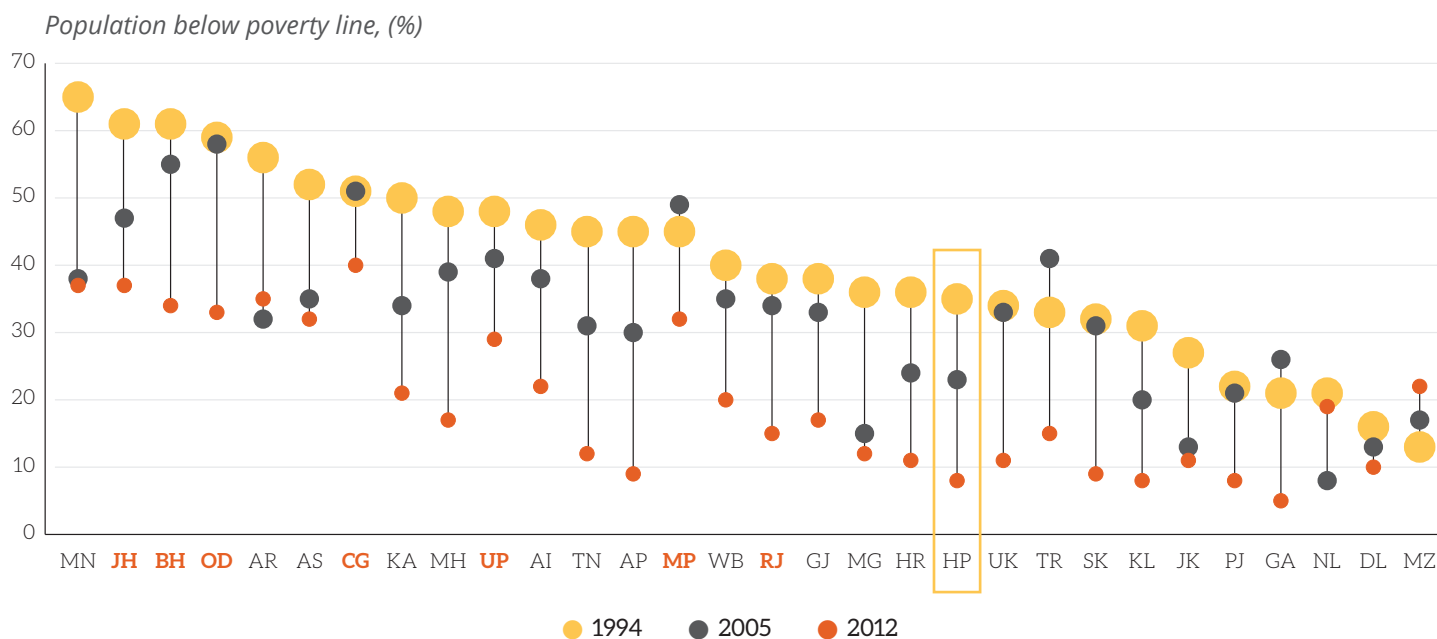
Population below the poverty line, 2012 (%)



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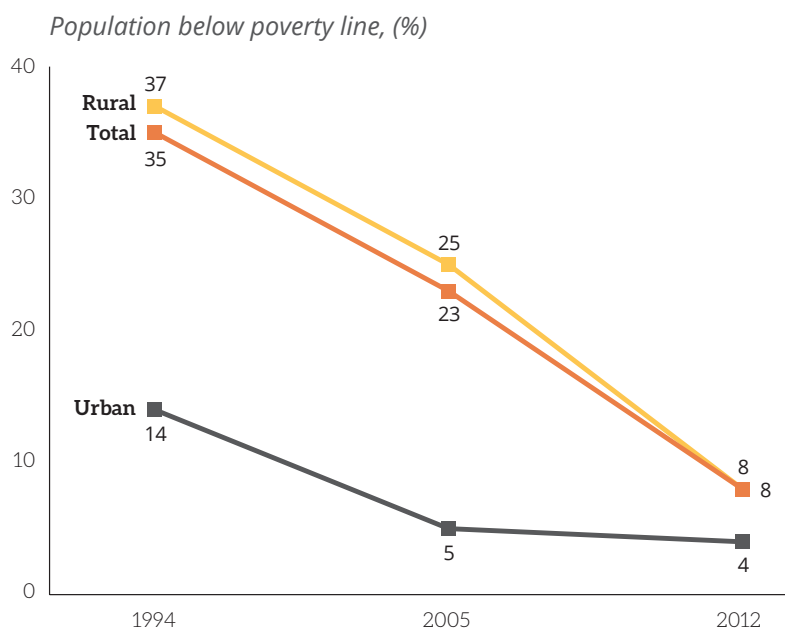
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Since 1994, a steady decline in poverty in Himachal Pradesh



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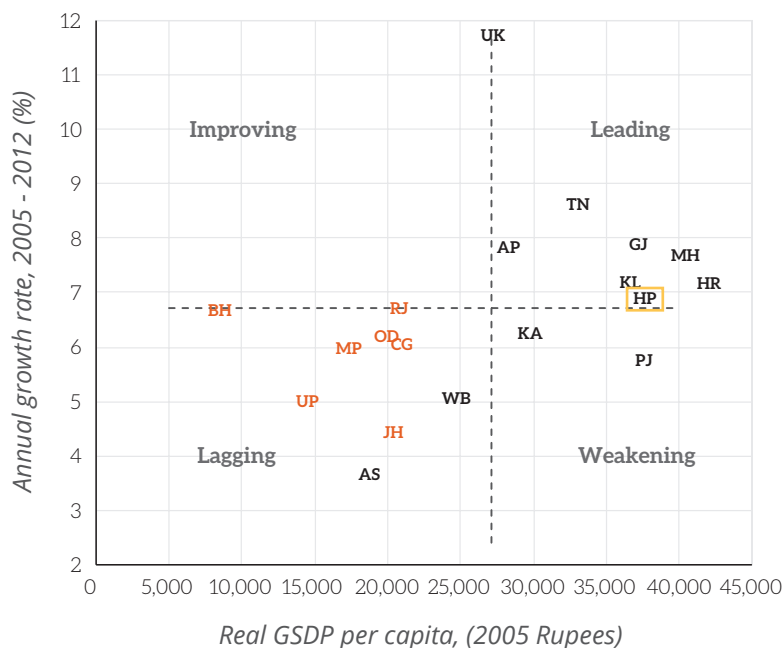
With rapid poverty reduction in rural areas, the rural-urban gap in poverty is closing in Himachal Pradesh



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Growth in Himachal Pradesh is similar to the national average



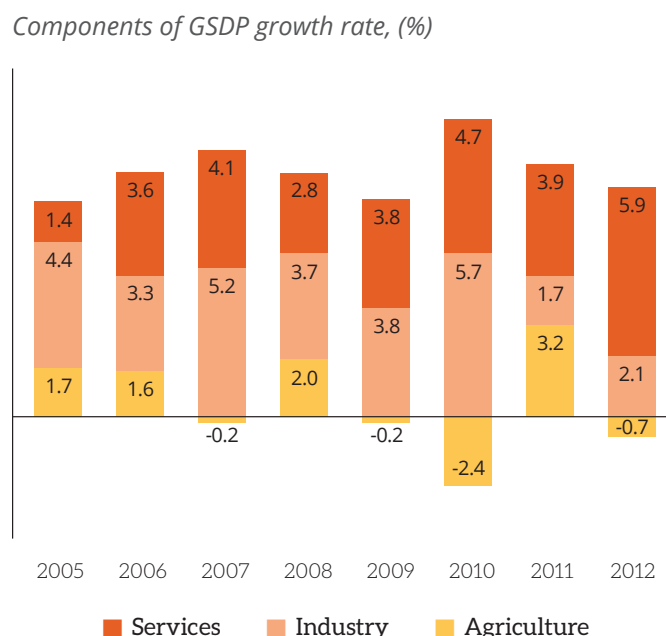
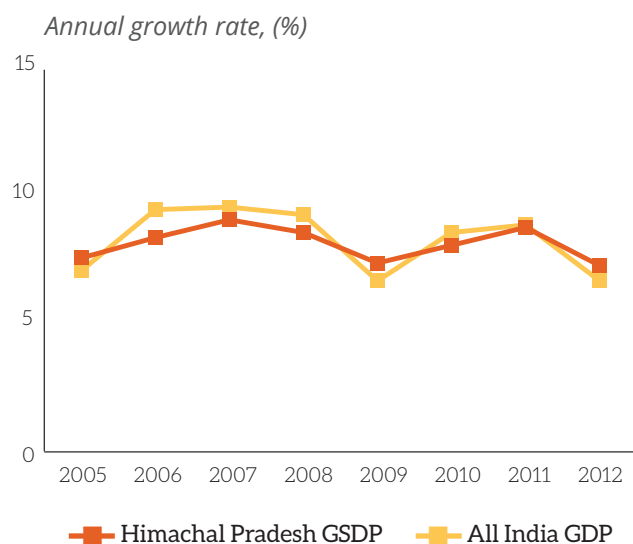
Interpreting the graph

Improving Low income, high growth	Leading High income, high growth
Lagging Low income, low growth	Weakening High income, low growth

Improvement from 2005 to 2012

Standard of living, 2005

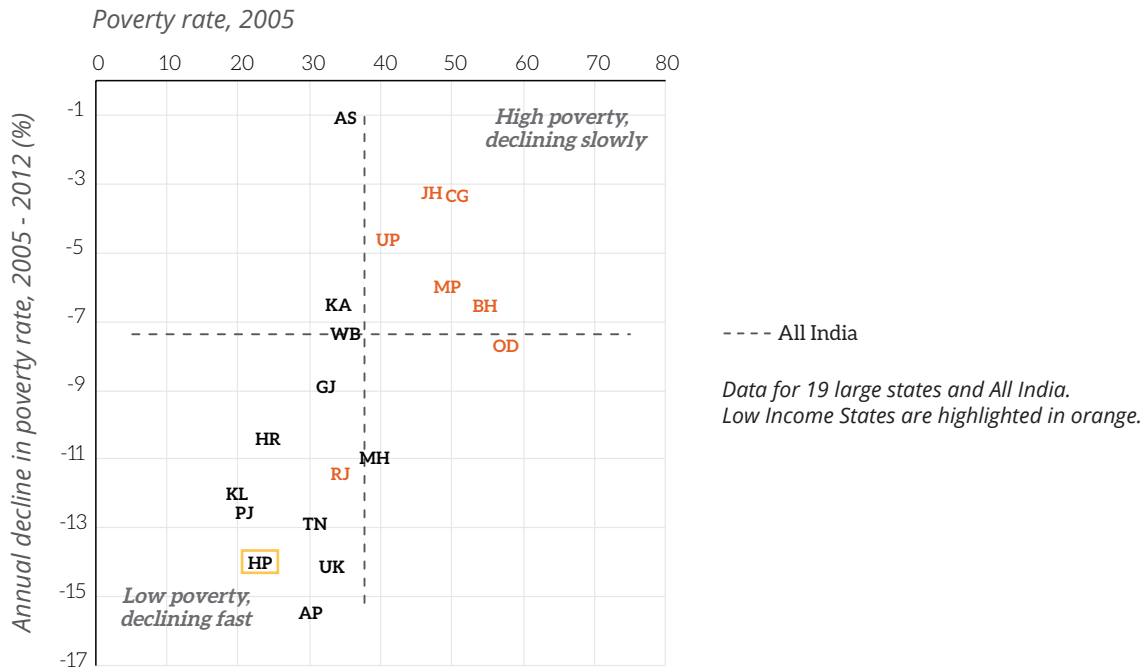
Non-farm sectors drive Himachal Pradesh's growth



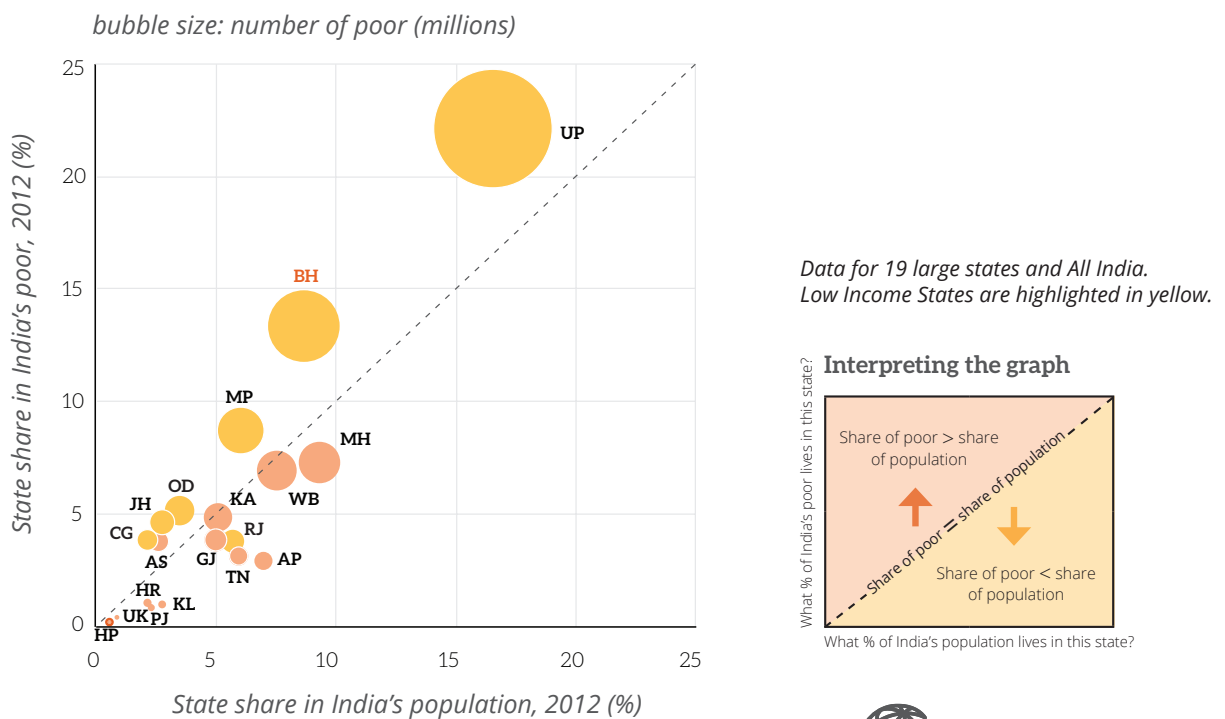
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The pace of poverty reduction in Himachal Pradesh has been among the fastest after 2005



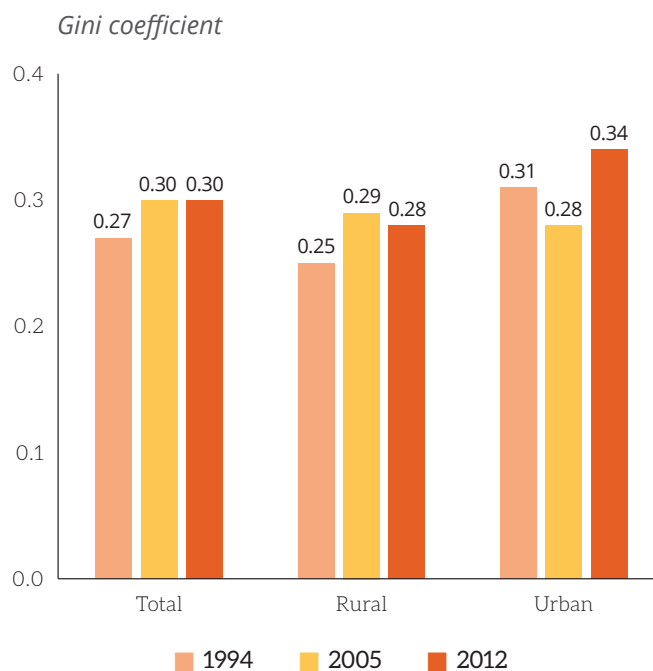
A very small share of India's poor live in Himachal Pradesh



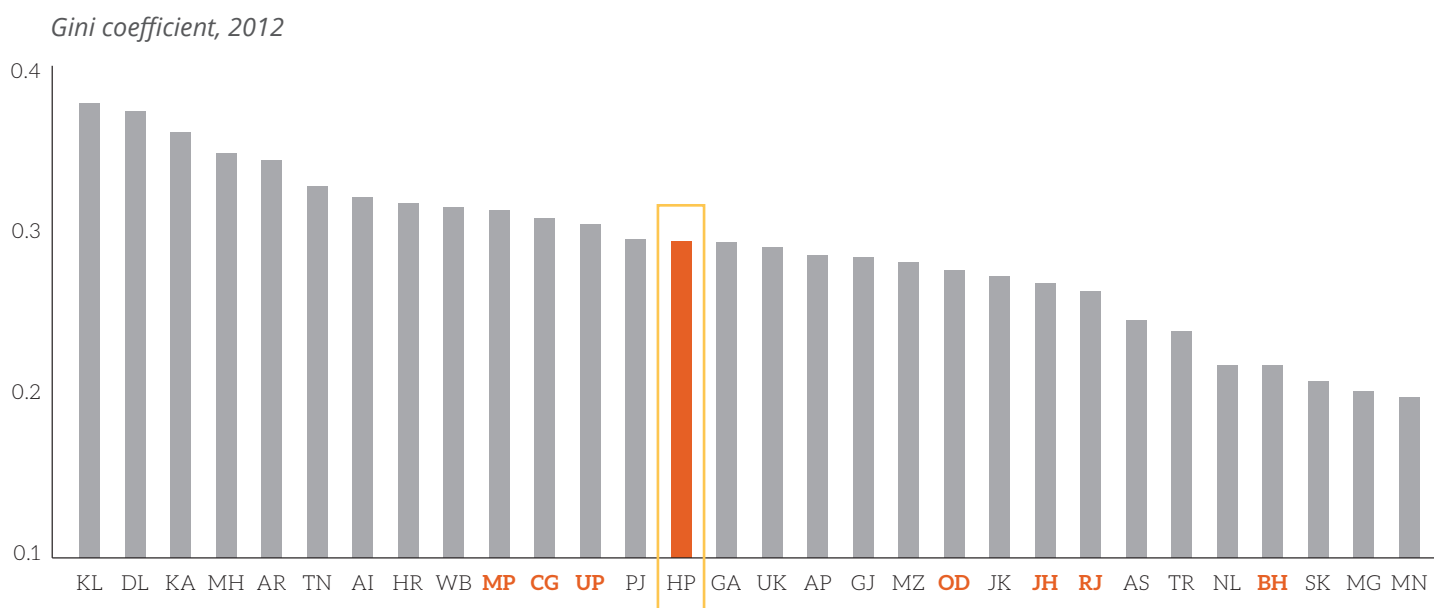
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Consumption inequality has risen in urban areas of Himachal Pradesh, but dropped marginally in rural areas



Consumption inequality in Himachal Pradesh is lower than the national average



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