People in Jharkhand are increasingly moving off the farm and into other kinds of work. Overall job creation in the state however lags behind the expansion of the working age population that is not in school. Unlike other Low Income states, job growth was negative in the state after 2005. Half the population is still on the farm. Only a tenth of the working adults have salaried jobs, which is among the lowest in the country. There are even fewer job opportunities for women who have withdrawn from the labor force in large numbers.

Non-farm employment is increasing in Jharkhand, but half the workforce is still on the farm

Non-farm employment share in Jharkhand is close to the national average

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, All India is All India.
Negative job growth in Jharkhand after 2005, unlike in other Low Income States

Number of jobs added, 2005-2012 (mn)

Annual job growth, 2005-2012 (%)

Job creation in Jharkhand after 2005 was led by construction

Number of jobs, (mn)

Annual job growth, 2005-2012 (%)
Little change in wage employment in Jharkhand after 2005

The share of adults with salaried jobs in Jharkhand is among the lowest in the country

Low Income States are highlighted in orange. AI is All India.
Not enough jobs in Jharkhand for the size of the working age population not in school, especially for females

Sharp decline in female labor force participation in Jharkhand after 2005