There is uneven progress across social groups in Uttar Pradesh. The poverty rate for Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh is amongst the highest in the country. There are stark differences in education attainment, types of jobs and access to clean drinking water across social groups. Open defecation is high for most households in the state, but particularly for the Scheduled Castes.

![Graph showing higher poverty rate and slower poverty reduction for the Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh](image-url)

Poverty rate of Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh is among the highest in the country

![Poverty rate graph for different states](image-url)

*Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.*
Stark contrast in educational attainment across social groups in Uttar Pradesh

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

- **Scheduled Tribe**
  - Illiterate: 39
  - Literate or primary school completed: 14
  - Middle school completed: 15
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 31

- **Scheduled Caste**
  - Illiterate: 49
  - Literate or primary school completed: 19
  - Middle school completed: 17
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 16

- **Other Backward Caste**
  - Illiterate: 44
  - Literate or primary school completed: 17
  - Middle school completed: 16
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 23

- **General**
  - Illiterate: 22
  - Literate or primary school completed: 16
  - Middle school completed: 14
  - Secondary school or higher completed: 48

Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh have more casual wage jobs compared to other social groups

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

- **Scheduled Tribe**
  - Casual Wage: 30
  - Salaried: 17
  - Self-employed: 53

- **Scheduled Caste**
  - Casual Wage: 45
  - Salaried: 8
  - Self-employed: 47

- **Other Backward Caste**
  - Casual Wage: 21
  - Salaried: 8
  - Self-employed: 71

- **General**
  - Casual Wage: 21
  - Salaried: 11
  - Self-employed: 68
Higher open defecation in Uttar Pradesh than rest of country, especially among the Scheduled Castes

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

Access to drinking water better in Uttar Pradesh, but is uneven across social groups within the state

Households with drinking water on premises, 2012 (%)