There is mixed progress on health and education in Odisha. Infant mortality in the state is high, but has seen improvement. Malnutrition is particularly high for the poor. There is very high open defecation, even among the rich. Most adults only have a few years of schooling. There are however gains in schooling for the young. Most of them attend public schools. Although learning outcomes are better in Odisha than in other states, they have stagnated in recent times.

**Infant mortality rate is declining in Odisha**

![Infant mortality rate graph](image)

**Odisha’s infant mortality rate is among the highest in India**

![Infant mortality rate graph](image)

*Low Income States are highlighted in orange, Ai is All India.*
Malnutrition in Odisha is close to the national average

Stunting in children <5 years, 2014 (%)

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Malnutrition is particularly high for the poor in Odisha

Stunting in children <5 years, 2006 (%)

Latest stunting data by wealth class available for 2006.
Open defecation in Odisha is among the highest in the country

*Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)*

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High open defecation among richer households too in Odisha

*Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)*
Secondary school attainment among Odisha’s adults is among the lowest in the country

Secondary education attainment, 2012 (% adults)

There are gains in schooling for the young in Odisha

Education attainment, (% age 18-30)

Enrollment by age cohort, (%)

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Public school enrollment in Odisha is higher than in most low income states

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)

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Enrollment in public schools has remained high for most income groups in Odisha

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)
Learning outcomes in Odisha are better than in most Low Income states

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

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Learning outcomes have shown little improvement in Odisha

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

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