Himachal Pradesh has made significant progress in education. Over two-thirds of its adults have completed secondary school, higher than in many other states. Moreover, enrollment in higher education has increased after 2012, and children's learning outcomes are the highest in the country. In health, however, progress is mixed. On the positive side, fewer households practice open defecation than in the rest of the country. And, infant mortality, already lower than the national average, is declining. On the other hand, malnutrition levels are high, especially among lower income groups.

Infant mortality is declining in Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh's infant mortality is lower than the national average

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.
Malnutrition in Himachal Pradesh is lower than the national average

Malnutrition is high for lower income households in Himachal Pradesh

Low income States are highlighted in orange, Ai is All India.

Latest stunting data by wealth class available for 2006.
Fewer households in Himachal Pradesh practice open defecation compared to the rest of the country

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, All is All India.

Barring the very rich, levels of open defecation are similar across income groups in Himachal Pradesh

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

Access and use of latrine  Open defecation
Secondary school attainment of adults in Himachal Pradesh is higher than in many other states

**Secondary education attainment, 2012 (% adults)**

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.

Significant progress in schooling in Himachal Pradesh after 2012

**Education attainment, (% age 18-30)**  

**Enrollment by age cohort, (%)**

- **2005**  
- **2012**  

**Age**  
- 6-8: 97  
- 9-11: 99  
- 12-14: 95  
- 15-17: 85  
- 18-20: 49  
- 21-23: 19

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Enrollment in public schools is higher in Himachal Pradesh than the rest of the country

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)

Low income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.

Enrollment in private schools increased after 2012, mostly for the rich

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)
Learning outcomes of children in Himachal Pradesh are the highest in the country

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

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Learning outcomes in Himachal Pradesh 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.