Madhya Pradesh is the 5th most populous state in India and home to 73 million people. Poverty in Madhya Pradesh was similar to the national average in 1994, but since then poverty reduction has lagged the rest of the country. Consumption inequality has increased marginally during this period. The state today has high levels of poverty, especially in the eastern and southern districts, and is home to 24 million poor. Growth is lower than in other states, and is driven mainly by industry and services.

Poverty in Madhya Pradesh is among the highest in the country

Population below poverty line, 2012 (%)

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

Eastern and southern districts of Madhya Pradesh have very high poverty

District level poverty, 2012
Poverty reduction in Madhya Pradesh has lagged the rest of the country

Population below poverty line, (%)

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

Poverty in Madhya Pradesh increased during 1994-2005, but has declined steadily since then

Population below poverty line, (%)

Rural

Total

Urban

1994  2005  2012
Madhya Pradesh
Poverty, Growth & Inequality

Growth in Madhya Pradesh has lagged other states

Interpreting the graph

Madhya Pradesh’s growth is driven by industry and services

Components of GSDP growth rate, (%)

Madhya Pradesh GSDP  All India GDP

Annual growth rate, (%)

Real GSDP per capita, (2005 Rupees)
Madhya Pradesh
Poverty, Growth & Inequality

Poverty reduction in Madhya Pradesh slower than in other states

Madhya Pradesh is among the Low Income States where a disproportionate share of India's poor live

Interpreting the graph
- Share of poor > share of population
- Share of poor < share of population
- What % of India's population lives in this state?
Consumption inequality has increased marginally in Madhya Pradesh, mainly in urban areas.

Madhya Pradesh's consumption inequality is higher than other Low Income states but below the national average.

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