

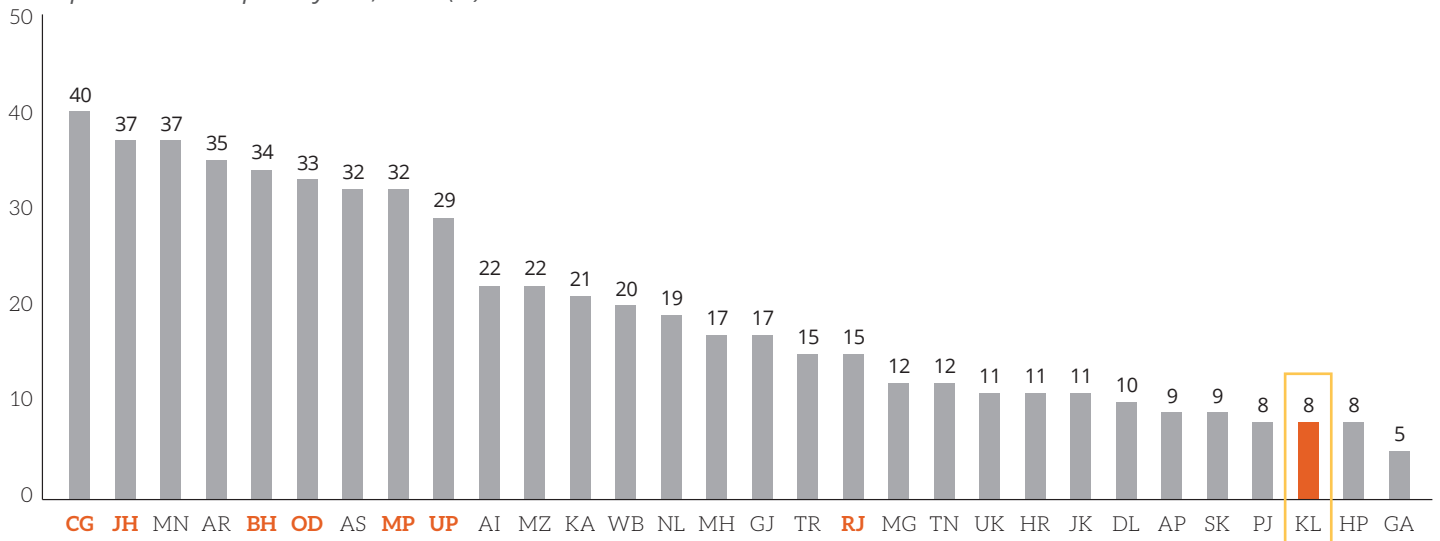
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Poverty, Growth & Inequality

Kerala has experienced a steady decline in poverty since 1994. As a result, poverty levels in the state are among the lowest in the country. After 2005, Kerala grew and reduced poverty faster than many other states, with growth being driven mainly by services. But, while Kerala is home to a small share of India's poor, pockets within the state record a high incidence of poverty. In addition, Kerala has the highest levels of consumption inequality in the country.

Poverty in Kerala is among the lowest in the country

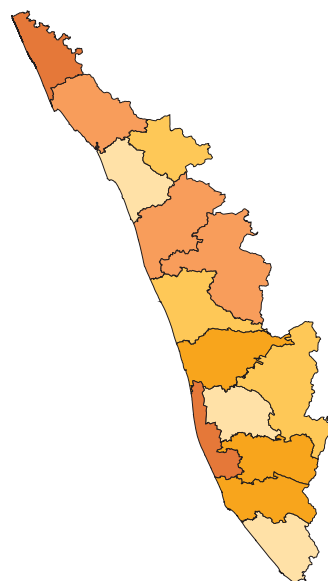
Population below poverty line, 2012 (%)



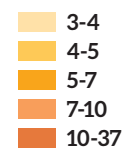
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Some districts in Kerala, such as in the north, have more poverty

District level poverty, 2012



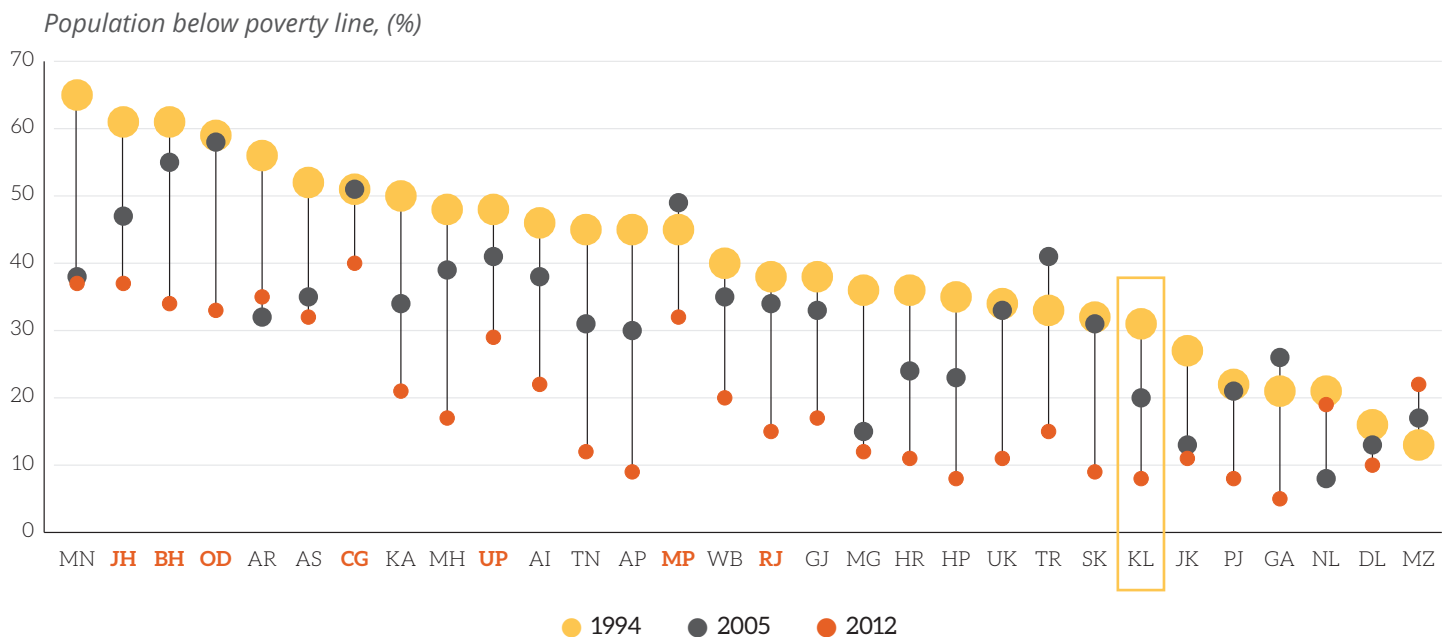
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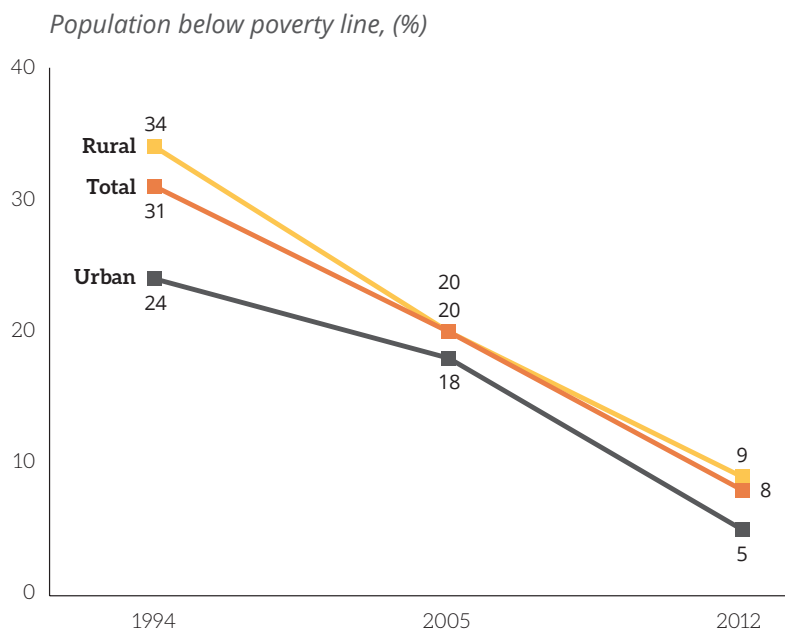
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There has been a steady decline in poverty in Kerala since 1994



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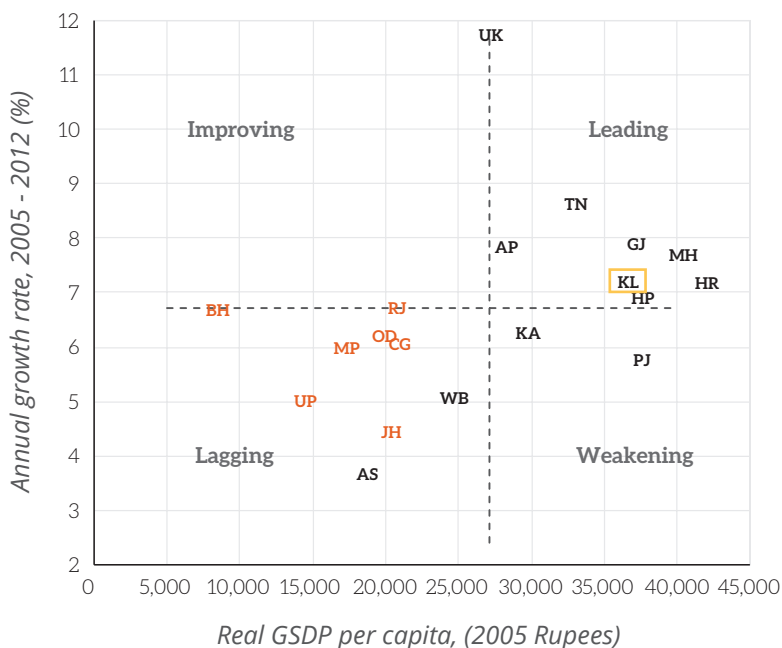
Poverty declined at a faster rate in urban areas of Kerala after 2005



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Growth in Kerala is higher than the national average



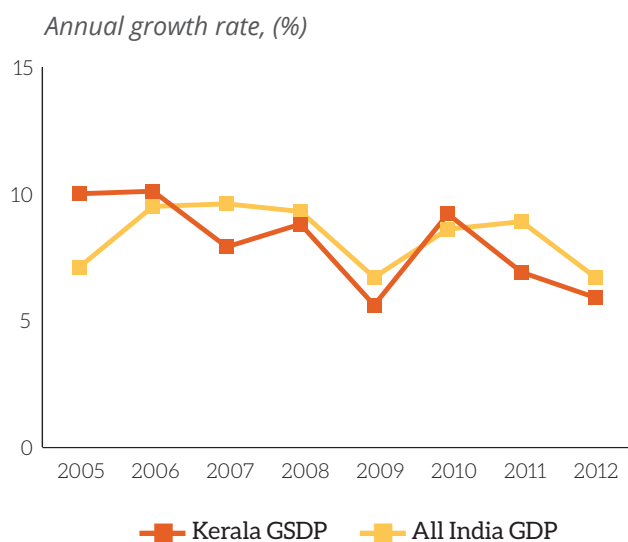
Interpreting the graph

Improving Low income, high growth	Leading High income, high growth
Lagging Low income, low growth	Weakening High income, low growth

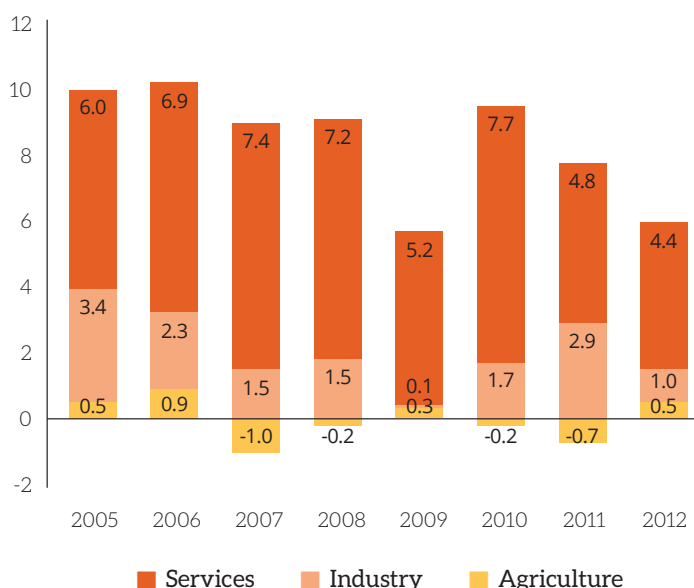
Improvement from 2005 to 2012

Standard of living, 2005

Kerala's growth mainly driven by services



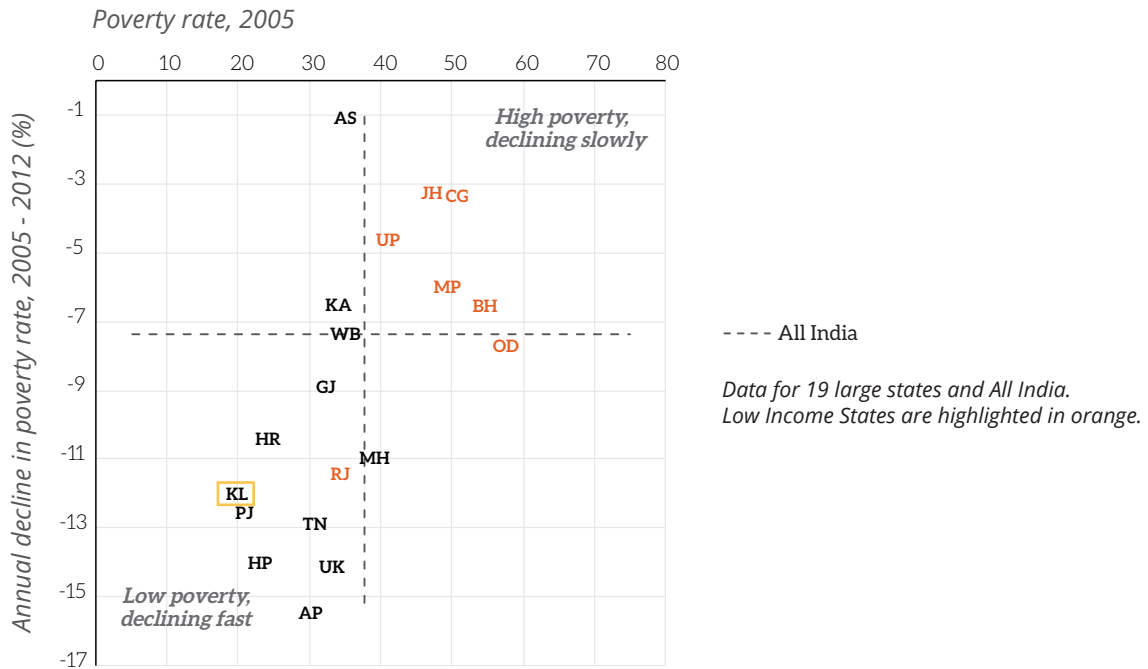
Components of GSDP growth rate, (%)



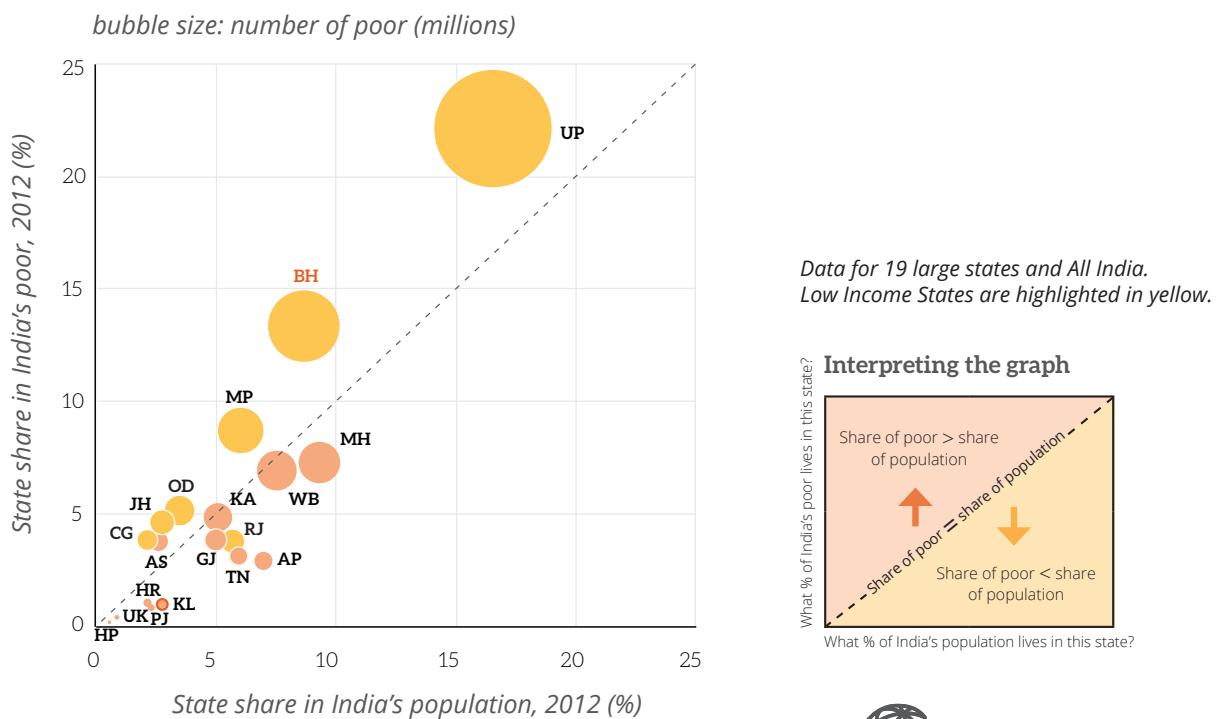
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The pace of poverty reduction in Kerala after 2005 has been faster than in many other states



The share of India's poor in Kerala is small



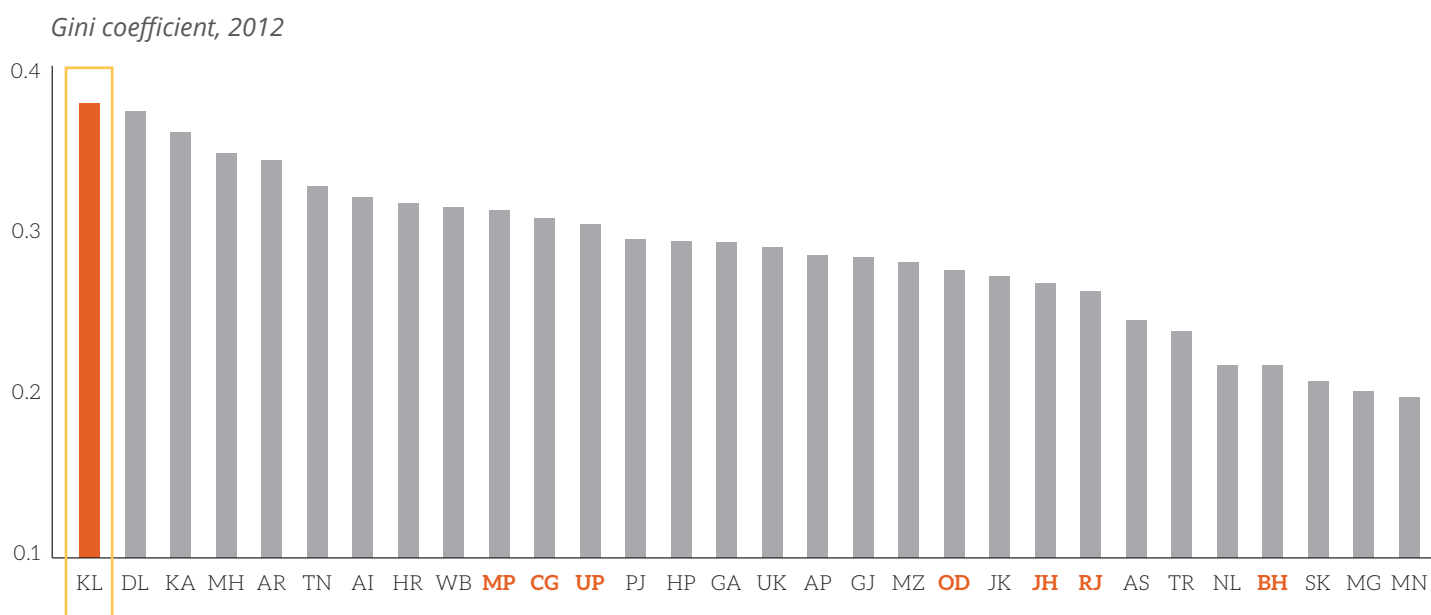
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Consumption inequality in Kerala increased largely in the period between 1994 and 2005



Kerala has the highest consumption inequality in the country



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