

# Measuring governance

The Public Affairs Centre, a not for profit organisation, has assessed states and union territories on key areas of governance using data available in public domain. In its report, the organisation came out with a Public Affairs Index, presenting an interstate comparison. Here's a look at its key findings, top and bottom rankers and their respective scores.

Note: The scores are between 0 and 1, with 0 being the lowest and 1 being the highest

## Essential infrastructure

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Power**
  - Transmission & distribution losses
  - Per capita consumption of power
  - Percentage of households electrified
- Water**
  - Percentage of households with access to safe drinking water
  - Total irrigated area vs total agricultural area
  - Existence of water regulatory commission
  - Existence of ground water regulation act
- Roads & communication**
  - Percentage of surfaced roads
  - Road density per 1,000 sq. km
  - Percentage of households with access to cellphone
- Housing**
  - Number of pucca houses as a percentage of population
  - Slum population as a percentage of total urban population
  - Percentage of households with toilets inside premises

↑ Delhi: 0.812  
↓ Odisha: 0.239

## Support to human development

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Education**
  - Educational development index
  - Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) learning levels
  - Number of higher education colleges per unit of population
  - Educational expenditure as a percentage of gross state domestic product (GSDP)
- Health**
  - Infant mortality rate
  - Average population served per hospital bed
  - Full immunisation
  - Expenditure on health as a percentage of GSDP

↑ Sikkim: 0.77  
↓ Bihar: 0.22

## Social protection

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Public distribution system**
  - Allocation and offtake of grain under PDS
- Social justice & empowerment**
  - Percentage of pension beneficiaries of the total population above the age of 60 years
  - Percentage of households with no land
  - Incidences of crime against SC/ST
- Minority welfare**
  - Number of minority children given pre-matric scholarship
- Employment**
  - Unemployment rate
  - Percentage of manual casual labour

↑ Mizoram: 0.795  
↓ Bihar: 0.303

## Women and children

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Children**
  - Crime against children
  - Percentage of child labour
  - Beneficiaries in the special nutrition programme under integrated child development services
  - Child sex ratio
  - Percentage of malnourished children
- Women**
  - Working women-population ratio
  - Utilisation of Janani Suraksha Yojana Funds
  - Male-female literacy gap
  - Institutional delivery

↑ Manipur: 0.723  
↓ Jharkhand: 0.359

## Crime, law & order

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Violent crimes**
  - Rapes per ten lakh population
  - Murders per ten lakh population
  - Dowry deaths per ten lakh population
- Atrocities**
  - Custodial deaths
  - Number of police firings
- Policing**
  - Number of police personnel per ten lakh population

↑ Manipur: 0.795  
↓ Haryana: 0.406

## Delivery of justice

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Pendency of cases**
  - Pendency in high court
  - Pendency in district courts
- Vacancies of presiding officers**
  - Vacancy in high court
  - Vacancy in district courts

↑ Meghalaya: 0.727  
↓ Jharkhand: 0.244

## Environment

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Pollution & environmental violations**
  - Suspended particulate matter
  - SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions
  - NO<sub>2</sub> Emissions
  - Number of environmental violations in the state
- Forest cover**
  - Increase/decrease in forest cover
- Renewable energy**
  - Percentage of renewable energy

↑ Arunachal Pradesh: 0.72  
↓ Uttarakhand: 0.331

## Transparency and accountability

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Transparency**
  - Adherence to Section 4 of the RTI Act
  - Right to Public Services Act legislated or not
  - Number of services provided under e-governance plan
- Accountability**
  - Lokayukta: Constituted/bill passed, individual websites and chairpersons appointment
  - Number of ACB cases disposed of
  - Social audit under NREGA
  - Panchayat devolution index

↑ Kerala: 0.757  
↓ Arunachal Pradesh: 0.087

## Fiscal management

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Fiscal responsibility and budget management compliance**
  - Revenue deficit as a percentage of GSDP
  - Fiscal deficit as a percentage of GSDP
  - Debt burden as a percentage of GSDP
- Resource generation & development expenditure**
  - Per capita development expenditure
  - States' own tax revenue growth

↑ Delhi: 0.567  
↓ Himachal Pradesh: 0.248

## Economic freedom

Focus subject (and indicators)



- Economic freedom**
  - Number of industrial entrepreneurship memoranda filed
  - Ease of doing business
  - Value of small and medium scale enterprises assets as a percentage of GSDP

↑ Gujarat: 0.89  
↓ Meghalaya: 0.031