

**CHANGING CHILD POPULATION AND HEALTH CARE
INFRASTRUCTURE:**

A Study in Karnataka

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The present investigation endeavors to understand the proportion of child population in total population and also traces the major changes in its growth and distribution in Karnataka by Districts, for the decades 1981-1991 and 1991-2001. The study deals with the two related aspects of population and health. Both primary and secondary data have been used for the study. The major findings of the study are: there has been a drastic change in the growth rate of child population in Karnataka in the last two decades under review. Most of the districts in southern region have registered negative rate of growth in child population. Sixteen out of 53 sanctioned posts of pediatrics were vacant in Karnataka district hospitals. Upgrading services like increasing children ward and also bed strength etc., need to be done by the public health care department of the government. There is need to build neo-natal incentive care units in the hospitals of Bidar, Bijapur, Chamarajangar, Haveri, Kolar, Koppal and Udupi districts. The findings of the study can be taken note of and implemented by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka.