Health and education outcomes in Karnataka have been improving; nonetheless progress could be faster. As for health, on the positive side, infant mortality is below the national average, and declining. However, malnutrition is high among the lower income groups. And, nearly one in every two households in Karnataka defecates in the open, with open defecation being even higher among the lower income groups. In education, secondary school completion is higher in Karnataka than in many other states. And, learning outcomes have remained close to the national average. Moreover, enrollment in private schools has increased after 2012.

**Infant mortality has been declining in Karnataka**

![Infant mortality rate](image)

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-Karnataka's infant mortality is lower than in many other states

![Infant mortality rate, 2013](image)

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

*Stunting in children <5 years, 2014 (%)*

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Malnutrition is high among lower income households in Karnataka

*Stunting in children <5 years, 2006 (%)*

Latest stunting data by wealth class available for 2006.
Open defecation in Karnataka is close to the national average

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)

More open defecation among lower income households in Karnataka

Households practicing open defecation, 2012 (%)
Secondary school completion among adults in Karnataka is higher than in many states

Secondary education attainment, 2012 (% adults)

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There are gains in schooling for the young in Karnataka

Education attainment, (% age 18-30)
Public school enrollment in Karnataka is close to the national average

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)

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Enrollment in private schools increased in Karnataka after 2012, more for the rich

Enrollment in public educational institutes, 2012 (%)

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Learning outcomes of children in Karnataka are similar to the national average

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

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Learning outcomes have stagnated in Karnataka

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

*Data on learning outcomes available for rural areas only.