The child mortality has declined worldwide. The total number of deaths of children under 5 years old fell from 12.4 million in 1990 to 8.1 million in 2009 globally. In India, the under-five child mortality rate has fallen from 118 deaths per 1000 live births in 1990 to 66 deaths per 1000 live births.

The per capita total expenditure on health has increased from 19 US $ in 1997 to 45 US $ in 2009. This explains the utilization of the health services which have led to an increase in the health expenditures.

** Source: The World Health Statistics 2011 (http://www.indiaenvironmentportal.org.in/content/world-health-statistics-2011)