

# Title: Child Migration And Their Working Status – A Study Based On 2001 And 2011 Census



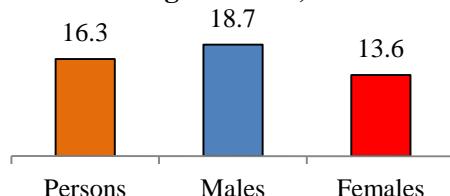
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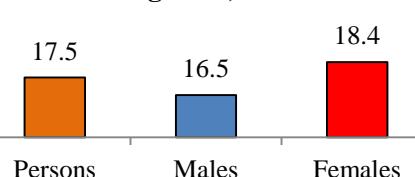
## Background:

In India with a total population of 1210854977 with total number of children being 372444116 according to the according to the Census of India, 2011 the whole child population constitutes about one third of the total population. According to the Census of India, 2011 more than 74 lakh children have migrated within the span of ten years, of them more than 39 lakh are male and 36 lakh are female.

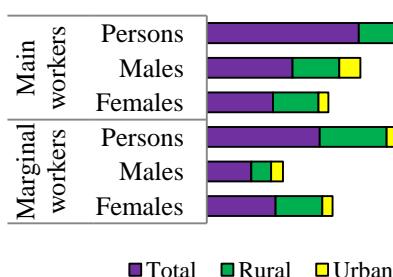
Percent of Child Workers among Children, 2001



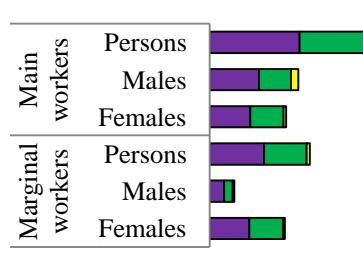
Percentage of Child Migrant Workers among Child Migrants, 2001



Migrant Working Children by Economic Activity, 2011



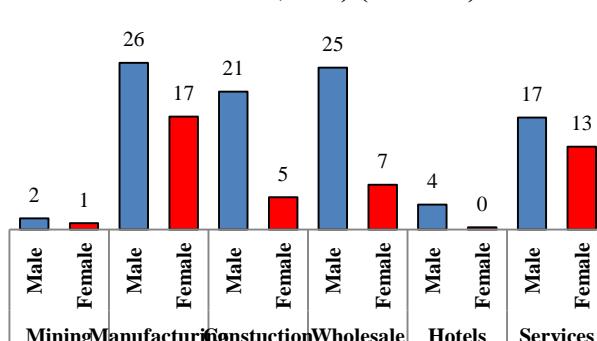
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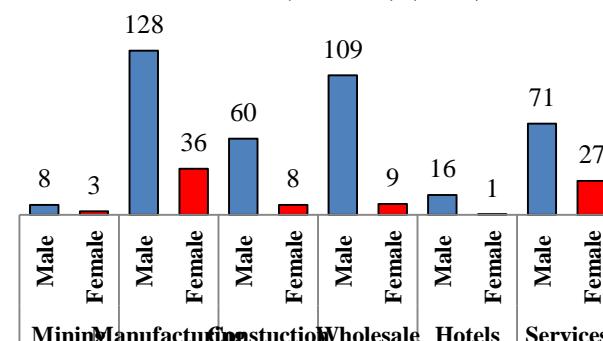
Illegal (below 14) Child Workers (in 000'000) (2001)



Marginal Child Workers in Harmful Industries (2001) (in '0000)



Main Child Workers in Harmful industries (in '0000) (2001)



## Need for the study:

- India remains among the lowest 25% performing countries globally in terms of the Child Labour Index.
- The SDG Goal 8.7 specifies “secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour... end child labour in all its forms” India has a long way to go and in-depth attention should be given to this topic.

## Objectives:

- To specify blind spots in child labour laws.
- To identify which of the harmful industries still employ child workers

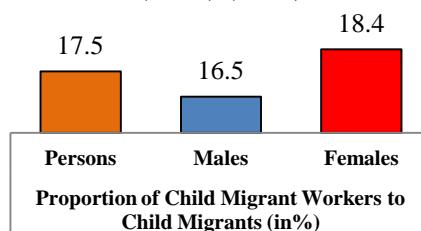
## Data Source & Methodology:

**Data Source:** Data for this study has been collected from the Census of India official website.

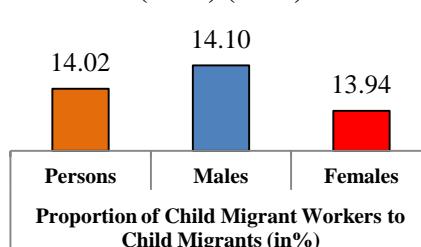
**Methods used:** Proportions of age groups had to be standardised. Uni-variate analysis has been carried out on the secondary data collected and presented .

**Assumption:** For this study, youth between the age group of 10 to 17 years have been considered as children.

Proportion of Child Migrant Workers to Child Migrants (in %) (2001)



Proportion of Child Migrant Workers to Child Migrants (in %) (2011)



## Findings:

- In 2001, migrants children were more prone to work
- Incidence of migrant children working has reduced from 2001 to 2011.
- Majority of the working children are involved in Main-Economic Activity which leaves less chance of attending school.
- More than 12 million migrant children are working illegally in India.
- More children are involved in Main work and are thus more vulnerable.
- Male children are more prone to working in harmful industries than the females.
- The tendency of Child Migrants to be involved in economic activity has decreased.

## Limitations:

**Data limitations-** The Economic tables (B series) for 2011 Census has not yet been released, therefore data from 2001 was used.