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The TDHS is part of the worldwide Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) program, which is designed to collect, analyse and disseminate demographic data on fertility, family planning, and maternal and child health. The survey is also the most recent in a series of demographic surveys carried out in Turkey by HIPS to provide information on fertility and child mortality levels; family planning awareness, approval and use; and basic indicators of maternal and child health.

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## PREFACE

The Turkish Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) is a nationwide sample survey of women of reproductive age designed to provide, among other things, information on fertility, family planning, child survival, and health of children.

The survey was conducted by the Institute of Population Studies, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey, under an agreement through a subcontract signed between the General Directorate of Mother and Child Health and Family Planning, Ministry of Health and Macro International Inc. of Calverton, Maryland, USA, as part of the worldwide Demographic and Health Surveys program, which is being administered by the later organisation.

The major objectives of the TDHS were to provide concerned circles in Turkey with data useful for making informed policy choices and for enhancing the design and implementation of programs aimed at promoting family planning and improving the health status of the population. As noted above, the survey collected data on major health phenomena, family planning, fertility, and infant and child mortality. In addition to providing information on recent demographic and health trends, the TDHS was further intended to serve as a source of demographic data for comparison with earlier surveys conducted by the Institute of Population Studies, particularly the 1988 Turkish Population and Health Survey, the 1983 Turkish Fertility and Health Survey, and the 1978 Turkish Fertility Survey.

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The 1993 Turkish Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) is a nationally representative survey of ever-married women less than 50 years old. The survey was designed to provide information on fertility levels and trends, infant and child mortality, family planning, and maternal and child health. The TDHS was conducted by the Hacettepe University Institute of Population Studies under a subcontract through an agreement between the General Directorate of Mother and Child Health and Family Planning, Ministry of Health and Macro International Inc. of Calverton, Maryland. Fieldwork was conducted from August to October 1993. Interviews were carried out in 8,619 households and with 6,519 women.

Fertility in Turkey is continuing to decline. If Turkish women maintain current fertility rates during their reproductive years, they can expect to have an average of 2.7 children by the end of their reproductive years. The highest fertility rate is observed for the age group 20-24. There are marked regional differences in fertility rates, ranging from 4.4 children per woman in the East to 2.0 children per woman in the West. Fertility also varies widely by urban-rural residence and by education level. A woman living in rural areas will have almost one child more than a woman living in an urban area. Women who have no education have almost one child more than women who have a primary-level education and 2.5 children more than women with secondary-level education.

The first requirement of success in family planning is the knowledge of family planning methods. Knowledge of any incthod is almost universal among Turkish women and almost all those who know a method also know the source of the method. Eighty percent of currently married women have used a method sometime in their life. One third of currently married women report ever using the IUD. Overall, 63 percent of currently married women are currently using a method. The majority of these women are modern method users ( 35 percent), but a very substantial proportion use traditional methods ( 28 percent). The IUD is the most commonly used modern method ( 19 percent), followed by the condom ( 7 percent) and the pill ( 5 percent). Regional differences are substantial. The level of current use is 42 percent in the East, 72 percent in the West and more than 60 percent in the other three regions. The common complaints about the methods are side effects and health concerns; these are especially prevalent for the pill and IUD.

A basic knowledge of reproductive physiology is necessary, especially in the use of coitus-related methods. However, only 22 percent of ever-married women koow the correct time of ovulation. Information on the sources of methods is important for planning the services. The majority of users ( 55 percent) obtain the methods from government services. Primary health care units are the major public sector suppliers ( 35 percent) and pharmacies are the major private sector suppliers ( 26 percent). The discontinuation rate of the IUD is the lowest among all methods. Information on the intentions of current non-users was also collected for the estimation of future demand. Of this group, 46 percent do not intend to use any method in the future whereas 45 percent have the intention to use. Of the latter women, the majority report that their method of ehoice will be the IUD.

Abortion rates have decreased slightly since 1990. The decrease is observed for induced abortions rather than spontaneous abortions. For the year preceding the survey, the abortion rate is 29 per 100 pregnancies, the induced abortion rate is 18 per 100 pregnancies and the spontaneous abortion rate is 12 per 100 pregnancics. The abortion incidence is twice as high in the Central, Southern and Northern regions and almost three times as high in the Western region compared to the Eastern region. There have been 1.5 stillbirths per 100 pregnancies in the last five years preceding the survey. Overall. 72 percent of women had had no abortions, 15 percent had one abortion, 8 percent had two abortions and 5 percent had three or more abortions. There is a very important opportunity for family planning counselling after an abortion. However, the results show that this opportunity is not utilised well. In the month after an induced abortion.

39 percent of women did not use any method and 27 percent used withdrawal. The main reason for obtaining an abortion was the desire not to have any more children ( 58 percent). Overall. 44 percent of abortions took place in the first month of pregnancy, 31 percent in the second month, 13 percent in the third month and 12 percent in the fourth or later months of pregnancy. Some 67 percent of abortions were performed by private physicians and 27 percent were performed in the government hospitals; there are no significant differences between regions in terms of the place where induced abortions are performed.

The age at first marriage is one of the important determinants of fertility. TDHS results suggest that there has been an increase over the past 20 years in the age at first marriage in Turkey. The median age at first marriage among women age 25-29 is 20 years compared to 18.3 ycars among women age 45-49. There are differences in the age at marriage across places of residence and regions. Even more pronounced differences are observed by educational level of women. Among women age 25-49, there is a difference of almost 5 years in the timing of entry into marriage between those with little or no education and those who completed at least the secondary level.

More than two-thirds of currently married women in Turkey say that they do not want any more children. An additional 14 percent want to wait at least two years before having another child. When asked how many children they would like to have if they were to start their reproductive lives all over again and be able to choose exactly, women reported an average ideal family size of 2.4 children. Results from the survey suggest that if all unwanted births were eliminated. the total fertility rate at the national level would be 1.8 children per woman, nearly one child lower than the actual level of 2.7 . Twenty percent of the births in the five years preceding the survey were unwanted births and 12 percent of them were mistimed. The unmet need for family planning in Turkey indicates that there is potential for further increases in contraceptive use. Twelve percent of currently married women are considered to be in need of family planning. These are women who want no more children (8 percent) or who want to delay the next birth (4 percent) but are not using family planning.

Data on infant and child mortality from the TIDIS appear to be of reasonable quality aecording to a preliminary assessment of the quality of birth history data. For the five years preceding the TDHS, the infant mortality rate is estimated at 53 per thousand, the child mortality rate at 9 per thousand, and the under-five mortality rate at 61 per thousand. For the same period, the results show that in Turkey, the neonatal mortality rate is higher than the postneonatal mortality rate, and that all the indicators of infant and child mortality have dec lined rapidly in recent years. The general agreement of the TDHS results with those from previous surveys contirms the plausibility of the TDHIS findings.

The TDHS findings point to significant differences in infant and child mortality between regions and urban and rural areas, and show that the educational level of the mother and the presence of medical maternity care are important correlates of infant and child mortality. In addition to the differentials observed between socioeconomic groups, infant and child mortality rates also appear to correlate strongly with demographic variables. Age of mother at birth and order of birlh show the expected U-shaped relationship with infant and child mortality. Elevated risks of mortality are also apparent in the case of short birth intervals.

Among the maternal health indicators, antenatal care was received from trained health personnel by 62 percent of pregnant women. For more than half of the births, antenatal care started before the fifth month of pregnancy. Tetanus toxoid coverage for women is low. with 16 percent having one dose and 26 percent having two doses or more. The TDHS shows that 60 percent of all deliveries took place at a health facility. Deliveries at home are more likely to oceur without the assistance of trained heatth personnel.

One of the major child health indicators is immunisation coverage. Among children age 12-23 months, the coverage rates for BCG and the first two doses of DPT and polio were about 90 percent, with most of the children receiving those vaccines before age one. The results indicate that 65 percent of the children had received all vaccinations at some time before the survey. On a regional basis, coverage is significantly lower in the Eastern region ( 41 percent), followed by the Northern and Central regions ( 61 percent and 65 percent, respectively). Acute respiratory infections (ARI) and diarrhoea are the two most prevalent diseases of children under age five in Turkey. In the two weeks preceding the survey, the prevalence of ARI was 12 percent and the prevalence of diarrhoea was 25 percent for children under age five. Among children with diarrhoea 56 percent were given more fluids than usual.

Breastfeeding in Turkey is widespread. Almost all Turkish children ( 95 percent) are breastfed for some period of time. The median duration of breastfeeding is 12 months, but supplementary foods and liquids are introduced at an early age. One-third of children are being given supplementary food as early as one month of age and by the age of $2-3$ months, half of the children are already being given supplementary foods or liquids.

By age five, almost one-fifth of children are stunted (short for their age), compared to an international reference population. Stunting is more prevalent in rural areas, in the East, among children of mothers with little or no education, among children who are of higher birth order, and among those born less than 24 months after a prior birth. Overall, wasting is not a problem. Two percent of children are wasted (thin for their height), and 11 percent of children under five are underweight for their age. The survey results show that obesity is a problem among mothers. According to Body Mass Index (BMI) calculations, 51 percent of mothers are overweight, of which 19 percent are obese.

## TURKEY



## CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 Geograp

Turkey has a surface area of 774,815 square kilometres and has land area in both Europe and Asia. About 3 percent of her total area lies in southeastern Europe (Thrace) and the remainder, in southwestern Asia (Anatolia, or Asia Minor). Turkey shares borders with Greece, Bulgaria, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Georgia, Armenia and Nahcivan (Azerbaijan). The shape of the country resembles a rectangle, stretching in the eastwest direction for roughly 1,565 kilometres and in the north-south direction for roughly 650 kilometres. Turkey is surrounded by seas in the north (the Black Sea), in the northwest (Marmara), in the west (the Aegean) and in the south (the Mediterranean), giving it a total coastline of approximately 8,333 kilometres.

Anatolia consists of a semi-arid central plateau surrounded by mountains. The Northerm Anatolia mountains in the north and the Taurus mountains in the south stretch parallel to the coastline, meeting in the eastern part of the country. The eastern region of the country is characterized by rugged mountainous areas. The average altitude of the country is approximately 1130 metres above sea level. However, there are vast differences in altitude among regions, ranging from an average of 500 metres in the west to 2,000 metres in the east.

The climate is characterized by variations of temperature and rainfall, depending on topography. The average rainfall is 500 millimetres. In Rize, a province on the Black Sea coast, however, the average increases to 2,000 millimetres, while it is less than 300 millimetres in parts of Central Anatolia. Dry, hot summers and cold, rainy winters are the typical climatic conditions of Turkey. In summer, temperatures do not display large variations among different regions of the country, whereas in winter, temperatures range from an average of $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in the eastern areas to $+10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in the south.

### 1.2 History

Anatolia was dominated by the Seljuqs for almost two centuries (1055-1243) and later became the core of the Ottoman Empire, one of the most powerful forces in the Middle East and Europe. Following the demise of the Empire, the Republic of Turkey was founded on its remnants, after the War of Independence led by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was won. The foundation of the modern Republic not only marked the end of the Ottoman era and drew the present borders of modern Turkey (with the exception of Hatay province, which was not annexed until 1939), but also signified a radical departure from the previous social formation. A modern constitution was introduced, the Sultanate and Caliphate were abolished, religious schools and courts were closed, Western headgear and dress were adopted, Islamic Law was abandoned and replaced with modified versions of the Swiss and Italian Civil and Penal Codes, and the Arabic alphabet was replaced with an alphabet based on Latin characters. In short, the direction of change, led by Atatürk, was one from a religious, oriental Empire to a modern, Westernized, secular Republic.

After both the death of Atatürk in 1938 and the Second World War, during which Turkey was initially neutral but eventually sided with the Allies, the country became less stable politically, but more democratic. The one-party system came to an end in 1950, when the first multiparty election was held; significantly, the Republican People's Party lost to the opposition, the Democrat Party. Turkey then entered
a period of liberalization and democratization. Turkey has succeeded in preserving a parliamentary, multiparty system until today, with the exception of three military interventions in 1960, 1971, and 1980.

Turkey is a member of the United Nations and the Council of Europe and is an associate member of the European Community. Close relations have been established with the Western world, manifested in its membership in NATO. Turkey maintains good relations with the countries of the Middle East, stemming from deep-rooted cultural and historical links.

### 1.3 Administrative Divisions and Political Organisation

The Turkish administrative structure, since the founding of the Republic, has been shaped by three fundamental codes, namely, the Constitutions of 1924, 1961, and 1982. These constitutions specify that Turkey is a Republic with a parliamentary system and that the will of the people is vested in the Turkish Grand National Asscmbly (TGNA).

All three constitutions adopt basic individual, social and political rights, and accept the principle of separation of powers. The legislative body of the Republic is the TGNA. The TGNA is composed of 450 deputies, who are elected in democratic elections for five-year periods. The President of the Republic is elected by the TGNA for a seven-year term. The Council of Ministers, the cxccutive branch of the Rcpublic, is composed of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet Ministers. The judiciary consists of the Constitutional Court, the Court of Appeals, the Military Court of Appeals, the Court of Jurisdictional Disputes, and the civil and military Courts.

Turkey is administratively divided into 76 provinces. These arc further subdivided into districts (ilce), subdivisions (bucak), and villages. The head of the province is the governor, who is appointed by and responsible to the central government. 'fhe governor, as the chief administrative officer in the province, carries out the policies of the central govermment, supervises the overall administration of the province, coordinates the work of the various ministry representatives appointed by the central authority in the capital Ankara, and maintains law and order within his/her jurisdiction.

At the municipality level, local governments, each administered by a mayor and a municipal council, are elected by the municipal electoral body for a term of four years. Every locality with a population of more than 2,000 is entitled to form a municipal administration. Municipalities are expected to provide basic services such as electricity, water, gas, the building and maintenance of roads, and sewage and garbage disposal facilities. Educational and health services are mainly provided by the central government, but municipalities also provide some health services.

### 1.4 Social and Cultural Features

Turkey has a highly heterogeneous social and cultural structure. The "modern" and "traditional" exist simultaneously; there are sharp contrasts between population groups. Attitudes to life are reminiscent of those in the Western world especially for the inhabitants of metropolitan areas. People are more conservative and religious in the rural areas of the country. Traditional opposition to modernization persists in the less developed areas in the north and east. Family ties are strong and influence the formation of values, attitudes, aspirations, and goals. Although laws can be considered to be quite liberal on gender cquality, patriarchal ideology still characterizes social life.

Citizens of Turkey are predominantly Muslim. About 98 percent of the population belong to the Sunni and Alevi sects of the Muslim religion, the Sunnis forming the overwhelming majority. Ethnically, Turks predominate; Kurdish, Arabic, Greek, Circassian, Georgian, Armenian, and Jewish communities of varying sizes complete the ethnic mosaic of the rich and complex culture of the Turkish society.

One of the most striking achievements since the founding of the Republic has been the increase in both literacy and education. In 1935, only 10 percent of females and 29 percent of males were literate in Turkey. According to the latest census figures, in 1990, these were 72 and 89 percent, respectively, for the population age 6 and over. Educational attainment has also increased dramatically. The rate for primary school attendance today is around 90 percent. Moderate achievements have also been made in increasing the proportions of males and females with higher than primary-level education. A five-year primary school education is compulsory in Turkey; however, this causes drop-outs after primary school. Considerable regional and urban-rural differences in literacy and educational attainment exist in the country in addition to differences between males and females (State Institute of Statistics, 1992; 1994).

### 1.5 Economy

Turkish governments have adopted various economic strategies for the development of the country since the founding of the Republic. Liberal policies were implemented during the early years, when the economy was based almost exclusively on agriculture. These policies continued until 1929, and moderate improvements were gained in the mechanization of agriculture. This period was followed by a period of "Etatism," characterized by the strong hand of the state in economic affairs and trade protectionism. The first serious improvements in industry were achieved during this period.

Turkey remained neutral during the Second World War, but the war still imposed heavy restraints on the economy, slowing down the industrialization process. After the war, a "mixed economy" regime followed, whereby private enterprise gained recognition side by side with the state economic enterprises. Also, more emphasis was placed on agricultural development.

The military intervention in 1960 and the consequent military government brought about the preparation of a series of Five-Year Development Plans, the first of which became operative in 1963. Preparations for the Seventh Plan are currently under way. The Turkish economy can now be called a "free enterprise" economy; the intervention of the state in economic matters has gradually decreased since the early 1980s. The policies of the 1980s and 1990s have aimed to articulate the backward sections of the economy to the capitalist market, to provide incentives to the improvement of export-oriented industries, to ease the restrictions on imports and exports, and to facilitate the inflow of foreign capital.

In general, Turkey is self-sufficient in terms of its agricultural production and does not import foodstuffs. Wheat, barley, sugar beets, potatoes, and rice are grown in the interior, and cotton, tobacco and citrus are grown for export around the coastal areas. Turkey is not rich in mineral resources. The country's main problem is the inadequacy of primary energy resources, and thus the cost of fuel oil is extremely high. Copper, chromium, borax, coal, and bauxite are among the mineral resources in the country. The main industries are steel, cement, textiles, and fertilizers. Machinery, chemicals and metals are imported mainly from the OECD countries. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the amount of industrial goods exported to Europe and Arab countries.

Turkey can be classified as a middle-income country in the 1990s. The rate of economic growth has been comparatively high in recent years and the economy has undergone a radical transformation, from an agricultural base to an industrial one.

### 1.6 Regional Breakdown

Due to the diverse geographical, climatic, cultural, social, and economic characteristics of different parts of the country, Turkey is perhaps best described by using a conventional regional breakdown of the country. Five regions (Western, Southern, Central, Northern, and Eastern) are distinguished, reflecting, to some extent, differences in socioeconomic development levels and demographic conditions among sections of the country. This regional breakdown is frequently used for sampling and analysis purposes in social surveys.

The Western region is the most densely settled, the most industrialized and socioeconomically, the most advanced region of the country. It includes İstanbul (previously the capital of the Ottoman Empire), which is Turkey's largest city and the country's manufacturing and commercial centre. The region also includes İzmir, the country's third largest city. Coastal provinces form a relatively urbanized, fast-growing area. The Aegean coast is also a major agricultural area, where cotton is grown in the river valleys and fruit is cultivated on the hillsides. With dry summers and mild, rainy winters, agricultural yields from the fertile soils are good. The region contributes most of the gross domestic product of the country. Most of the industrial establishments are situated in the Western region.

The Southern region includes highly fertile plains and some rapidly growing industrial centres. Adana, one of the new metropolises of Turkey, is located in this region. The semitropical coastal plains are cut off by steep mountains from the Anatolian highlands to the north. Hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters describe the climatic conditions of the region. Cultivation of cotton and citrus provide high incomes and export earnings; recent decades have witnessed an industrial boom and an inflow of migrants, especially from the Eastern region.

The Central region is an arid grazing area and includes Ankara, the capital and second largest city. Industrial production in the region is low, except for some minor industries located around Ankara. The region specializes in the production of cereals. Given the dry, temperate climate, fruit tree cultivation and sheep and cattle raising are also common.

The Northern region has a fertile coastal strip, but in most places it is only a few kilometres wide; the region is relatively isolated from the rest of the country by mountainous terrain. The region specializes in small-scale, labour-intensive crops like hazelnut and tea. The region receives large quantities of rainfall. Zonguldak, a western province, has extensive coal reserves and is a centre for mining and the steel industry.

The Eastern region includes the least developed provinces of the country. The sparse vegetation, rugged mountainous terrain, short summers, and severe climate are suited to animal husbandry rather than settled farming. In addition to having limited potential for agriculture, the region is also poor in terms of industrial production. However, much of the arid and semi-arid earth in the south of the region will be transformed into fertile land upon the completion of a large irrigation and energy project, the Southeast Anatolia Project. The project is by far the most serious and optimistic development program planned for the region. In addition to economic benefits, the project is also expected to reverse the migration flow from the region to the rest of the country.

### 1.7 Population

Turkey's population was 13.6 million in 1927 according to the census, which was performed four years after the establishment of the Republic. Beginning with the 1935 census, subsequent population censuses were undertaken at 5 -year intervals. The last one, in 1990, put Turkey's population at 56.5 million, which showed that the country's population had quadrupled since the founding of the Republic.

Turkey is among the 20 most populous countries of the world and is the most populous country of the Middle East (State Institute of Statistics, 1993; United Nations, 1985).

Intercensal estimates of population growth have been around 20-25 per thousand since the 1970s. The latest estimate of the population growth rate was 21.7 per thousand for the $1985-1990$ period. Population growth rates have fluctuated since the first census. The fluctuations have been particularly striking in the last two decades, owing their origins to varying rates of decline in the fertility and mortality rates, as well as to changes/reversals in migration trends; Turkish workers' emigration to Western Europe in the 1960s has been largely replaced by population movements to other countries, and a new trend of an inflow of population from neighbouring countries has been observed in the last decade. An increase in the number of expatriate workers returning from work in Europe is also a phenomenon of the same period (State Planning Organisation, 1993).

Turkey has a young population as a result of the high fertility and growth rates in the recent past. A third of the population is under 15 years of age, while the proportion of elderly is quite low. However, the absolute number of elderly is expected to increase considerably in the near future.

Marriage, predominantly civil, is widely practiced in Turkey. Religious marriages also account for a significant proportion of the marriages; however, the main custom is to undergo a civil as well as a religious ceremony to get married. The average age at marriage is relatively low, about 18 years for females. The universality of marriage in Turkey is observed in the proportions never married; at the end of the reproductive ages, in age group 45-49, only 1.6 percent of females were never married, whereas the corresponding figure for males in the same age group was 2.6 percent, according to the 1990 Population Census. Marriages in Turkey are also known to be very stable; divorce rates are very low (Hancioğlu and Akadlı Ergöçmen, 1992).

Recent decades have witnessed dramatic declines in fertility rates. In the early 1970s, the total fertility rate was around 5 children per woman, whereas the latest estimates in the late 1980s had put the total fertility rate at about 3 children per woman. The crude birth rate is estimated to have been around 25 per thousand in the late 1980s.

There is a considerable shortage of information on mortality in Turkey, particularly adult mortality. However, due to the relatively easy estimation of the indicator through fertility surveys, infant mortality rates can be traced back for a relatively long period of time. The infant mortality rate in the late 1950s was around 200 per thousand. It declined to about 130 per thousand during the mid 1970s and to an estimated 67 per thousand during the 1985-1990 period. Crude death rates have also declined from around 30 per thousand in the 1940 s to 8 per thousand in the late 1980s. The latest estimates put life expectancy in Turkey at 62.7 years for males and 67.3 for females (Shorter, 1994).

The population of Turkey has undergone an intensive process of urbanization, especially from the 1950s onwards. According to the 1970 census, only 32.3 percent of the population was living in localities with more than 20,000 population. The corresponding figure in the 1990 census was 51.4 percent. The rate of urbanization has been approximately 50 per thousand during the $1970-1990$ period. This process has inevitably caused problems in the provision of urban services and the emergence of large areas of squatter housing in unplanned cities.

According to the projections prepared by the State Planning Organisation for the Seventh Five-Year Development Plan, the population of Turkey is expected to reach 69.5 million in the year 2000 and 82 million in 2010 (Shorter, 1994).

### 1.8 Population and Family Planning Policies and Programs

The government of the Turkish Republic implemented a somewhat pronatalist population policy until the mid-1960s, after which an antinatalist policy was adopted. This shift in policy is manifested in the Population Planning Law of 1965 (State Planning Organisation, 1993).

Due to the heavy human losses during the First World War and the War of Independence, the defense needs of the country and the shortage of manpower, as well as the high infant and child mortality rates, a need to increase fertility and population growth was perceived during the early years of the Republic. A number of laws having direct or indirect implications on fertility and population growth were passed. These laws included monetary awards to women with more than 5 children, prohibitions on the import and sale of contraceptives, and prohibitions on abortions on social grounds.

The traditional attitudes of Turkish governments to population growth began to change in the 1950s, mainly due to medical problems, especially with the realization of the existence of high maternal mortality caused by illegal abortions. High urban population growth and employment problems were also factors contributing to the new antinatalist environment in government circles. The State Planning Organisation and the Ministry of Health pioneered the policy change; previous policies were liberalized by allowing limited importation of contraceptives. As mentioned, The Population Planning Law was enacted in 1965. The law mandated the Ministry of Health with the responsibility for implementing the new farnily planning policy. The State Planning Organisation, on the other hand, incorporated the notion of population planning in the First Five-Year Development Plan.

In 1983, the Population Planning Law was revised and a more liberal and comprehensive law was passed; the name remained the same. The new law legalized abortions up to the tenth week of pregnancy and voluntary surgical contraception. It also specified the training of auxiliary health personnel in inserting IUDs and included other measures to improve family planning services and mother and child health.

### 1.9 Health Priorities and Programs

Mother and child health and family planning services have been given a priority status in the antinatalist policies of the government in recent decades due to the large proportion of women of reproductive ages and children in the Turkish population, the high infant, child and maternal mortality rates, the high demand for family planning services, and the limited prenatal and postnatal care. A number of programs are being implemented, with special emphasis on provinces which have been designated as priority development areas, as well as programs focusing on squatter housing districts in metropolitan cities, rural areas and special risk groups.

Specific programs in immunisation, childhood diarrhoeal diseases, acute respiratory infections, promotion of breastfeeding and growth monitoring, nutrition, antenatal and delivery care, safe motherhood, Information, Education, and Communication programs for mother and child health and family planning activities are currently being implemented.

### 1.10 Health Care System in Turkey

The Ministry of Health is officially responsible for designing and implementing nation-wide health policies and delivering health-care services. Besides the Ministry of Health, other sectors and nonGovernmental Organisations contribute to carrying out some health services.

At the central level, the Ministry of Health is responsible for the implementation of curative and preventive health-care services throughout the country within the principles of primary health care. The responsibility for delivering the services and implementing specific Primary Health Care programs is shared by various General Directorates (Primary Health Care, Mother and Child Health and Family Planning, Health Training) and by various Departments (Departments of Tuberculosis Control, Malaria Control, Cancer Control).

At the provincial level, the health care system is under the responsibility of Health Directorates, under the supervision of the Governor. The provincial Health Director is responsible for delivering all primary health-care services as well as curative services.

The present network of Health Centres and Health Houses was formed on the basis of "Legislation for the Socialization of Health Services" so that services and facilities are extended down to the village level. A substantial proportion of villages have health centres or health houses. These are located so as to provide easy access to the other villages.

The most basic element of the health service is the Health House, which serves a population of $2500-3000$ and is staffed by a midwife. The Health Centre serves a population of $5,000-10,000$ and is staffed by a team consisting of a physician, a nurse, a health officer, midwives, an environmental health technician and a driver. Health Centres mainly offer integrated, polyvalent, primary health-care services. Mother and Child Health and Family Planning Centres and Tuberculosis Dispensaries also offer preventive health services.

This network of health systems works as a health team and is mainly responsible for delivering primary health services, maternal and child health, family planning, and public education services. These health facilities are also the main sources of the health information system.

### 1.11 Objectives and Organisation of the Survey

## Objectives

The Turkish Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) is a national sample survey of ever-married women of reproductive ages, designed to collect data on fertility, marriage patterns, family planning, early age mortality, socioeconomic characteristics, breastfeeding, immunisation of children, treatment of children during episodes of illness, and nutritional status of women and children. The TDHS, as part of the international DHS project, is also the latest survey in a series of national-level population and health surveys in Turkey, which have been conducted by the Institute of Population Studies, Hacettepe University (HIPS).

More specifically, the objectives of the TDHS are to:

- Collect data at the national level that will allow the calculation of demographic rates, particularly fertility and childhood mortality rates;
- Analyse the direct and indirect factors that determine levels and trends in fertility and childhood mortality;
- Measure the level of contraceptive knowledge and practice by method, region, and urbanrural residence;
- Collect data on mother and child health, including immunisations, prevalence and treatment of diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections among children under five, antenatal care, assistance at delivery, and breastfeeding;
- Measure the nutritional status of children under five and of their mothers using anthropometric measurements.

The TDHS information is intended to assist policy makers and administrators in evaluating existing programs and in designing new strategies for improving family planning and health services in Turkey.

## Organisation

The TDHS was carried out by HIPS, through a subcontract under an agreement signed by the General Directorate of Mother and Child Health and Family Planning, Ministry of Health, and Macro International Inc., of Calverton, Maryland, USA. Technical and financial support for the survey was provided by Macro International Inc. through its Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) program, a project sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to carry out population and health surveys in developing countries.

The Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies began preparations to carry out a Turkish demographic survey in 1993 as far back as December 1991. With the aim of continuing the series of quinquennial demographic surveys carried out since 1968, a preliminary questionnaire was designed, based on the model questionnaires used in the World Fertility Surveys, the Contraceptive Prevalence Surveys and the Family and Fertility Surveys, and on questionnaires used in previous demographic surveys in Turkey. Several international organisations, including the United Nations, were contacted in an effort to secure funding for the survey.

In December 1992, Macro International Inc. expressed an interest in providing funding for the implementation of a DHS survey in Turkey, and contacted the General Directorate of Mother and Child Health and Family Planning, Ministry of Health, and the Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies for this purpose. An agreement was signed between the General Directorate and Macro International Inc., and the General Directorate subcontracted the implementation of the survey activities to HIPS.

A steering committee consisting of representatives from the General Directorate, HIPS, the Hacettepe University Department of Public Health, the State Planning Organisation, and the State Institute of Statistics was set up to provide advice on the implementation of the survey.

The persons involved in the TDHS are listed in Appendix A.

## Questionnaires

Two questionnaires were used in the main fieldwork for the TDHS: the Household Questionnaire and the Individual Questionnaire for ever-married women of reproductive age. The questionnaires were based on the model survey instruments developed in the DHS program and on the questionnaires that had been employed in previous Turkish population and health surveys. The questionnaires were adapted to obtain data needed for program planning in Turkey during consultations with population and health agencies. Both questionnaires were developed in English and translated into Turkish; the English versions are reproduced in Appendix F.

The Household Questionnaire was used to enumerate all usual members of and visitors to the selected households and to collect information relating to the socioeconomic position of the households. In the first part of the Household Questionnaire, basic information was collected on the age, sex, educational attainment, marital status and relationship to the head of household for each person listed as a household member or visitor. The objective of the first part of the Household Questionnaire was to obtain the information needed to identify women who were eligible for the individual interview as well as to provide basic demographic data for Turkish households. In the second part of the Household Questionnaire, questions were included on the dwelling unit, such as the number of rooms, the flooring material, the source of water, and the type of toilet facilities, and on the household's ownership of a variety of consumer goods.

The Individual Questionnaire for women covered the following major topics:

- Background characteristics
- Reproduction
- Marriage
- Knowledge and use of family planning
- Other issues relating to contraception
- Matemal care and breastfeeding
- Immunisation and health
- Fertility preferences
- Husband's background, women's work and residence
- Values, attitudes and beliefs
- Matemal and child anthropometry.

The woman's questionnaire included a monthly calendar, which was used to record fertility, contraception, postpartum amenorrhoea and abstinence, breastfeeding, marriage, and migration histories for periods of more than five years, beginning in January 1988, up to the survey month. In addition, the fieldwork teams measured the heights and weights of children under age five and of their mothers, as well as mothers' arm circumference.

## Sample

The sample for the TDHS was designed to provide estimates of population and health indicators, including fertility and mortality rates for the nation as a whole, for urban and rural areas, and for the five major regions of the country. A weighted, multistage, stratified cluster sampling approach was used in the selection of the TDHS sample.

Sample selection was undertaken in three stages. The sampling units at the first stage were settlements that differed in population size. The frame for the selection of the primary sampling units (PSUs) was prepared using the results of the 1990 Population Census. The urban frame included provinces and district centres and settlements with populations of more than 10,000 ; the rural frame included subdistricts and villages with populations of less than 10,000 . Adjustments were made to consider the growth in some areas right up to survey time. In addition to the rural-urban and regional stratifications, settlements were classified in seven groups according to population size.

The second stage of selection involved the list of quarters (administrative divisions of varying size) for each urban settlement, provided by the State Institute of Statistics (SIS). Every selected quarter was subdivided according to the number of divisions (approximately 100 households) assigned to it. In rural areas, a selected village was taken as a single quarter, and wherever necessary, it was divided into subdivisions of approximately 100 households. In cases where the number of households in a selected village was less than 100 households, the nearest village was selected to complete the 100 households during the listing activity, which is described below.

After the selection of the secondary sampling units (SSUs), a household listing was obtained for each by the TDHS listing teams. The listing activity was carried out in May and June. From the household lists, a systematic random sample of households was chosen for the TDHS. All ever-married women age 12-49 who were present in the household on the night before the interview were eligible for the survey.

A more technical and detailed description of the TDHS sample design, selection and implementation is presented in Appendix B.

## Fieldwork and Data Processing

Data collection for the TDHS was carried out by 17 teams; each team consisted of four to five interviewers, a field editor, a measurer and the team supervisor. Six of the teams used notebook-type computers for data entry and editing in the field. In these teams, the field editor used a data entry program written in ISSA (Integrated System for Survey Analysis). In the other teams, editing was done manually. The field staff, including the editors working with notebooks, were trained during a four-week period in July 1993. The main fieldwork began in August 1993 and was completed in late October. All callbacks and re-interviews were completed by the end of October.

Questionnaires were returned to the Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies in Ankara for data processing. The office editing teams checked that the questionnaires for all selected households and eligible respondents were returned from the field. The comparatively few questions that had not been precoded (e.g., occupation) were coded at this time. The data were then entered and edited using microcomputers and the ISSA package. The office editing and data processing activities were initiated almost immediately after the beginning of fieldwork and were completed in November 1993.

The results of the household and individual questionnaires are summarized in Table 1.1. Information is provided on the overall coverage of the sample, including household and individual response rates. In all, 10,63 I households were selected for the TDHS. At the time of the survey, 8,900 households were considered as occupied and, thus, available for interview. The main reasons field teams were unable to interview some households were that some dwelling units that were listed were found to be vacant at the time of the interview or the household was away for an extended period. Of the 8,900 occupied households, 97 percent ( 8,619 households) were successfully interviewed.

In the interviewed households, 6,862

Table 1.1 Results of the household and individual interviews
Number of houscholds, number of interviews, and response rates, Turkey 1993

|  | Urban | Rural | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Houscholds selected | 7065 | 3566 | 10631 |
| Households found | 5752 | 3148 | 8900 |
| Houscholds interviewed | 5491 | 3128 | 8619 |
| Household response rate | 95.5 | 99.4 | 96.8 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Eligible women | 4344 | 2518 | 6862 |
| Eligible women interviewed | 4125 | 2394 | 6519 |
| Eligible women response rate | 95.0 | 95.1 | 95.0 |
| Overall response rate | 90.6 | 94.5 | 92.0 | women were identified as eligible for the individual interview, i.e., they were ever-married women younger than 50 years of age who were present in the household on the night before the interview. Interviews were successfully completed with 6,519 of these women ( 95 percent). Among the small number of eligible women not interviewed in the survey, the principal reason for nonresponse was the failure to find the woman at home after repeated visits to the household. The overall response rate for the women's sample was 92 percent.

A more complete description of the fieldwork, coverage of the sample, and data processing is presented in Appendix B.

## CHAPTER 2

# CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSEHOLDS AND RESPONDENTS 

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Information on the background characteristics of the households included in the survey and the individual respondents is essential for the interpretation of survey findings and provides a rough measure of the representativeness of the sample of women and households. The information in this chapter is presented in three sections: characteristics of the household population (age-sex structure and education), housing characteristics (including water supply, sanitation, flooring material and ownership of consumer goods), and background characteristics of survey respondents (agc, marital status, residence, and education levels).

### 2.1 Characteristics of the Houschold Population

The Turkish Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) household questionnaire included two questions that would distinguish between the de jure population (persons who are usual residents in the selected household) and the de facto population (persons who spent the night beforc the interview in the selected household). Unless otherwise indicated, all tabulations in this report are based on the de facto survey population in the selected households. A household was defined as a person or a group of persons living together and sharing a common source of food.


#### Abstract

Age The age distribution of the household population in the TDHS is shown in Table 2.1 and Figure 2.1 by five-year age groups,' according to sex. The population pyramid (Figurc 2.1) reflects the effects of past demographic trends on the population and gives an indication of future trends. The narrowing of the base of the pyramid is indicative of a recent decline in fertility, whereas the narrow top points to high mortality in the past; the greater concentration of the population in the 10-19 age group implies that large cohorts will be entering reproductive ages in the next decade.

Table 2.2 presents the population age structure found in the TDHS and in other data sources in the country. The age groups used allow the computation of the age dependency ratio at different points in time. The age dependency ratio is the ratio of non-productive persons (persons age 0 to 14 and those age 65 and over) to persons age 15 to 64 . It is an indicator of the dependency responsibility of adults in their productive years. The percentage of the population under 15 years of age appears to have declined between 1989 and 1993. As a result, the percentages in the $15-64$ and 65 and over categories show an increase. This pattern is typical of populations that are experiencing a fertility decline. The dependency ratio also decreased, from 66 in 1989 to 63 in 1993. The decline in the dependency ratio indicates a lessening of the economic burden on persons in the productive age groups, i.e., those who support people in the nonproductive age groups.


[^0]Table 2.1 Household population by age, residence and sex
Percent distribution of the de facto household population by five-year age groups, according to urban-rural residence and sex, Turkey 1993

| Age group | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| 0-4 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 10.3 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 8.6 | 9.1 |
| 5-9 | 11.3 | 10.0 | 10.6 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 11.1 |
| 10-14 | 12.5 | 11.8 | 12.1 | 14.5 | 13.0 | 13.7 | 13.2 | 12.2 | 12.7 |
| 15-19 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 12.5 | 11.9 | 11.2 | 12.1 | 11.6 |
| 20-24 | 8.5 | 10.0 | 9.3 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 9.6 | 8.8 |
| 25-29 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.6 |
| 30-34 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.9 |
| 35-39 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 6.2 |
| 40-44 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 45-49 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| 50-54 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| 55-59 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| 60-64 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 65-69 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| 70-74 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 75-79 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| $80+$ | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 11473 | 11655 | 23128 | 7237 | 7919 | 15156 | 18710 | 19574 | 38284 |

Figure 2.1
Population Pyramid of Turkey


| Table 2.2 Population by age from selected sources |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of the population by age group, selected sources, Turkey 1989-1993 |  |  |  |
| Age group | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TDS } \\ & 1989 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { CP } \\ 1990 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { TDHS } \\ 1993 \end{gathered}$ |
| Less than 15 | 35.4 | 35.0 | 33.0 |
| 15-64 | 60.4 | 60.7 | 61.4 |
| 65+ | 4.2 | 4.3 | 5.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Median age | 22.0 | 22.2 | 23.1 |
| Age dependency ratio | 65.7 | 64.7 | 62.7 |
| Sources: 1989 Turkish Demographic Survey. SIS, 1991. 1990 Census of Population. SIS, 1993. |  |  |  |

## Household Composition

Table 2.3 presents the percent distribution of households by sex of head of the household, household size, and relationship of household members to the head of the household, according to urban-rural residence, as calculated from the TDHS. The household composition usually affects the allocation of resources (financial, emotional, etc.) available to household members. In cases where women are heads of household, it is usually found that financial resources are limited. Similarly, the size of the household affects the well-being of its members. Where the size of the household is large, crowding can lead to health problems.

Of all households covered in the TDHS, 10 percent are headed by women. The proportion is slightly higher in urban than in rural areas. There are, on average, 4.5 persons in a household. Rural households are 0.8 persons larger than urban households. Considering adult household members age 15 and over only, the majority of households consist of two related adults of the opposite sex or three or more related adults. Five percent of households consist of only one adult.

## Education

Table 2.3 Household composition
Percent distribution of households by sex of head of household, household size, and relationship structure, according to urbanrural residence, Turkey 1993

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Characteristic |  |  |  |
| Housban | Rural | Total |  |
| Male |  |  |  |
| Female headship | 89.3 | 91.4 | 90.0 |
|  | 10.7 | 8.6 | 10.0 |
| Number of usual members |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 1.8 |
| 1 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| 2 | 13.6 | 14.7 | 14.0 |
| 3 | 18.0 | 10.9 | 15.5 |
| 4 | 24.5 | 15.5 | 21.3 |
| 5 | 17.3 | 14.5 | 16.3 |
| 6 | 9.6 | 11.1 | 10.1 |
| 7 | 5.5 | 8.6 | 6.6 |
| 8 | 2.6 | 6.7 | 4.0 |
| $9+$ | 3.2 | 11.0 | 6.0 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Mean size | 4.2 | 5.0 | 4.5 |
| Relationship structure |  |  |  |
| One adult | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.0 |
| Two related adults: |  |  |  |
| Of opposite sex | 44.4 | 32.6 | 40.2 |
| Of same sex | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| Three or more related adults | 46.6 | 58.6 | 50.9 |
| Other | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| Total |  |  |  |
| Number of households | 5563 | 3056 | 8619 |

Note: Table is based on de jure members, i.c., usual residents.

The education level of household members is perhaps their most important characteristic. Many phenomena, such as reproductive behavior, use of contraception, health of children, and proper hygienic habits, are issues that are affected by the education of household members. Table 2.4 shows the education

Table 2.4 Educational level of the household nopulation
Percent distribution of the de facto houschold population age six and over by highest level of education attended, according to selected background characteristics. Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Level of education |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number | Median number of years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underset{\substack{\text { No } \\ \text { education }}}{\text { and }}$ | Primary incomplete | Primary graduate | Secondary incomplete | Secondary graduate + | Missing Don't know |  |  |  |
| MALE POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.9 | 29.2 | 69.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1801 | 0.0 |
| 10-14 | 2.1 | 34.9 | 26.3 | 30.1 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2480 | 5.4 |
| 15-19 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 34.8 | 11.9 | 49.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2100 | 7.9 |
| 20-24 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 39.7 | 9.5 | 46.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1498 | 7.0 |
| 25-29 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 46.5 | 7.8 | 41.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1444 | 6.0 |
| 30-34 | 3.6 | 1.7 | 48.9 | 5.7 | 39.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1231 | 5.9 |
| 35-39 | 6.7 | 2.5 | 53.6 | 5.1 | 31.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1212 | 5.7 |
| 40-44 | 7.5 | 3.2 | 56.6 | 5.2 | 27.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 953 | 5.7 |
| 45-49 | 13.7 | 5.7 | 53.1 | 3.4 | 23.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 743 | 5.6 |
| 50-54 | 22.6 | 7.5 | 47.5 | 2.7 | 19.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 703 | 5.4 |
| 55.59 | 30.0 | 9.8 | 46.1 | 0.5 | 13.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 687 | 5.2 |
| 60-64 | 38.8 | 10.5 | 37.9 | 1.5 | 10.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 659 | 4.9 |
| 65+ | 51.0 | 10.1 | 28.4 | 1.0 | 8.4 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1039 | 0.0 |
| Missing/Don't know | * | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 7 | * |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.7 | 14.1 | 32.9 | 10.3 | 32.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 10201 | 5.8 |
| Rural | 18.2 | 18.4 | 42.4 | 7.1 | 13.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 6356 | 5.3 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 8.6 | 13.7 | 38.9 | 9.4 | 29.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5620 | 5.7 |
| South | 10.7 | 15.8 | 40.8 | 9.6 | 22.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2591 | 5.5 |
| Central | 11.9 | 15.5 | 35.9 | 9.3 | 27.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3628 | 5.6 |
| North | 13.3 | 16.6 | 36.1 | 9.4 | 24.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1360 | 5.5 |
| least | 23.0 | 19.2 | 30.0 | 7.9 | 19.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3358 | 5.3 |
| Total | 13.0 | 15.8 | 36.5 | 9.1 | 25.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 16557 | 5.6 |

| FEMALE POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-9 | 32.6 | 65.4 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1719 | 0.0 |
| 10-14 | 5.8 | 31.1 | 35.5 | 21.4 | 6.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2398 | 5.3 |
| 15-19 | 7.4 | 2.2 | 53.7 | 4.3 | 32.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2364 | 5.7 |
| 20-24 | 14.2 | 3.4 | 51.7 | 3.3 | 27.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1872 | 5.6 |
| 25-29 | 18.1 | 4.7 | 51.3 | 2.4 | 23.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1474 | 5.5 |
| 30-34 | 22.5 | 5.6 | 51.2 | 2.3 | 18.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1396 | 5.4 |
| 35-39 | 31.9 | 7.2 | 45.0 | 1.8 | 14.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1158 | 5.2 |
| 40-44 | 40.3 | 9.4 | 37.1 | 1.9 | 11.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 992 | 5.0 |
| 45-49 | 43.9 | 11.8 | 31.5 | 1.4 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 728 | 0.0 |
| 50-54 | 54.4 | 10.7 | 25.6 | 1.3 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 897 | 0.0 |
| 55-59 | 63.7 | 10.8 | 21.2 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 730 | 0.0 |
| 60-64 | 70.8 | 11.1 | 13.6 | 0.4 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 676 | 0.0 |
| $6.5+$ | 76.8 | 7.7 | 10.6 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1119 | 0.0 |
| Missing/Don`l know | * | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 5 | * |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 23.7 | 14.5 | 34.1 | 6.1 | 21.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 10449 | 5.3 |
| Rural | 37.1 | 17.2 | 38.5 | 2.5 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 7079 | 0.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 20.1 | 13.9 | 39.8 | 6.0 | 19.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5776 | 5.4 |
| South | 26.8 | 15.9 | 37.5 | 5.0 | 14.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2697 | 5.2 |
| Central | 25.9 | 17.5 | 37.1 | 4.4 | 14.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4048 | 5.2 |
| North | 33.3 | 14.8 | 36.7 | 3.9 | 11.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1614 | 5.1 |
| East | 48.1 | 16.3 | 25.9 | 2.8 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3393 | 0.0 |
| Total | 29.1 | 15.6 | 35.9 | 4.7 | 14.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 17528 | 5.1 |

[^1]level of household members by age group, residence, and region for each sex. Primary education is compulsory in Turkey; it usually starts at age 7 and lasts five years. Secondary education is for 3 years. Reccut national policy, however, encourages parents to send their children to primary school at age 6 . At present, therefore, a child can start school at either of two different ages. Approximately 71 percent of mon and 55 percent of women have completed at least primary school, and 25 percent of men and 15 percent of women have completed secondary school or higher. Table 2.4 also shows the median number of years of schooling atlained by males and females in each five-year age group. Overall, males have a median duration of schooling of 5.6 years, 0.5 years longer than females. The gap in the median number of years of schooling between males and females is more than 1 year for the population above age 15, but is negligible among those age $10-14$ years.

Presented also in Table 2.4 is the level of education by urban-rural residence and region. The proportion of persons with no education is much higher in rural areas than in urban areas, and this difference is observed for both males and females. Three-fourths of males and two-thirds of females in the urban areas are graduates of at least primary school. The proportion of secondary school graduates differs markedly between urban and rural areas, for males and, in a more pronounced way, for females. The proportion of secondary school graduates is five times higher for females in urban areas than in rural areas. Overall, regional differences in education are considerable. The overall level of education is highest in the Western region and lowest in the Eastern region.

## School Enrollment

Table 2.5 presents information on school enrollment by age, sex, and residence. These rates are simple ratios of the number of enrolled persons in a specific age group to the total number in that age group. Figure 2.2 depicts the levels of school enrollment by age and place of residence. According to the TDHS, 73 percent of children age $6-10$ were enrolled in school at the survey date. The percentage enrollment drops to 62 percent in the age group 11-15 years. For people age 15 and under, the percentage enroi.ed in school is higher for males than females. Enrollment after age 15 drops significantly; whereas 2 in 3 children age 6-15 are in school, by age 16-20 the ratio drops to only 1 in 4 children, and by age 21-24, only 1 in 10 ehildren are attending school. There are differences in school enrollment between urban and rural residents at all ages for both sexes; the rural and/or female population has consistently lower school enrollment than the urban and/or male population. As age increases, the gap between males and females widens.

Table 2.5 School enrollment
Percentage of the de facto household population age 6 -24 years enrolled in school, by age group, sex, and urhan-rural residence, Turkey 1993

| ^ge group | Malc |  |  | Female |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urhan | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| 6-10 | 75.5 | 72.1 | 74.1 | 72.5 | 68.7 | 70.8 | 74.1 | 70.4 | 72.5 |
| 11-15 | 78.1 | 62.6 | 71.7 | 64.7 | 35.1 | 51.9 | 71.6 | 48.7 | 61.9 |
| 6-15 | 76.8 | 67.2 | 72.9 | 68.5 | 51.4 | 61.1 | 72.8 | 59.2 | 67.1 |
| 16-20 | 38.9 | 24.6 | 33.6 | 26.9 | 4.8 | 17.6 | 32.6 | 13.2 | 24.8 |
| 21-24 | 16.8 | 6.5 | 13.2 | 9.1 | 2.6 | 6.8 | 12.6 | 4.4 | 9.7 |

Figure 2.2 School Enrollment by Age and Place of Residence


### 2.2 Housing Characteristics

In order to assess the socioeconomic conditions in which respondents live, household heads or respondents of the household questionnaire were asked to give specific information about their household environment. The type of water, sanitation facilities, quality of the floor, and crowding are important determinants of the health status of household members, particularly of children.

Table 2.6 presents the major housing characteristics by place of residence. Overall, 63 percent of the households get their drinking water from pipes. Sources used by households to obtain drinking water differ considerably by area of residence. Water that is piped into the residence is used by 75 percent of the households in urban areas versus 42 percent in rural areas. In rural areas, water from springs is the second main source of drinking water ( 27 percent) and another 16 percent obtain water from a public tap. The second source of drinking water in urban areas is bottled water.

Modern sanitation facilities are not widely available in rural areas. Pit toilets are used instead (85 percent) and only 3 percent of households have no toilet facility. In urban areas, most of the population use flush toilets ( 86 percent).

The flooring material of dwelling units is usually cement (34 percent), wood planks ( 25 percent), or mariey ( 14 percent). Cement is the most common flooring material in both rural areas ( 38 percent) and urban areas ( 32 percent). The flooring material of 1 in 5 households in rural areas is earth.

Information on the number of rooms households use for sleeping was collected as a measure of crowding. The mean number of persons per sleeping room is 2.5 for the country as a whole; this number varies from 2.3 in urban areas to 2.8 in rural areas. The sleeping room is shared by one or two persons in about 75 percent of urban households but this figure drops to 62 percent of rural households.

Table 2.6 Housing characteristics
Percent distribution of households by housing characteristics, according to urban-rural residence, Turkey 1993

| Housing characteristic | Residence |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| Source of drinking water |  |  |  |
| Piped into residence | 74.5 | 42.0 | 62.9 |
| Public tap | 3.8 | 16.3 | 8.2 |
| Well in residence | 0.6 | 3.8 | 1.7 |
| Public well | 0.1 | 4.0 | 1.5 |
| Spring | 5.7 | 27.4 | 13.4 |
| River, stream | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Pond, lake | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Dam | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Rainwater | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Tanker truck | 1.5 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| Bottled water | 12.7 | 0.6 | 8.4 |
| Other | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Stationary tank/pool | 0.7 | 3.7 | 1.8 |
| Missing/Don't know | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Sanitation facility |  |  |  |
| Flush toilet | 85.7 | 11.6 | 59.4 |
| Closed pit | 12.3 | 60.5 | 29.4 |
| Open pit | 1.5 | 24.5 | 9.7 |
| No facility | 0.4 | 3.3 | 1.4 |
| Missing | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Flooring |  |  |  |
| Earh | 2.2 | 20.1 | 8.6 |
| Wood planks | 18.9 | 37.2 | 25.4 |
| Parquet, polished wood | 7.7 | 0.4 | 5.1 |
| Cement | 31.7 | 37.6 | 33.9 |
| Carpet | 2.2 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| Marley | 20.3 | 2.1 | 13.8 |
| Mosaic | 13.5 | 1.2 | 9.1 |
| Square flagstone | 2.1 | 0.5 | 1.6 |
| Other | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| Missing/Don't know | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Persons per sleeping room |  |  |  |
| 1-2 | 74.9 | 61.8 | 70.2 |
| 3-4 | 21.0 | 27.5 | 23.3 |
| 5-6 | 3.1 | 6.7 | 4.4 |
| $7+$ | 0.9 | 3.9 | 2.0 |
| Missing/Don't know | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mean persons per room | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| Number of households | 5563 | 3056 | 8619 |

## Household Durable Goods

The availability of durable consumer goods is a good indicator of household socioeconomic level. Moreover, particular goods have specific benefits. Having access to a radio or a television exposes household members to innovative ideas, a refrigerator prolongs the wholesomeness of foods, and a means of transport allows greater access to many services away from the local area. Table 2.7 presents the availability of selected consumer goods by rcsidence.

Most of the population in Turkey enjoy the convenience of electrical appliances. Around 9 in 10 Turkish households own a television set and a refrigerator, while almost 8 in 10 own a radio cassette player and more than half own a telephone, an oven, a vacuum cleaner, and a washing machine. Urban households are more likely to have the convenience of all of these items than rural houscholds.

### 2.3 Background Characteristics of Survey Respondents

## Gencral Characteristics

A description of the basic characteristics of the ever-married women interviewed in the TDHS is essential as background for interpreting findings presented later in the report. Table 2.8 provides the percent distribution of women by age, marital status, level of education, urban-rural residence, and region.

Women were asked two questions in the individual interview to assess their age: "In what month and year were you born?" and "How old are you?" Interviewers were trained to use probing techniques for situations in which respondents knew neither their age nor date of birth; as a last resort, interviewers were instructed to record their best estimate of the respondent's age. Five percent of women are under 20 years of age, 35 percent are age 20 to 29,36 percent are age 30 to 39 , and the rest ( 24 percent) are 40 or over.

Of the ever-married women in the sample, 96 percent are currently married, while the rest are either widowed, divoreed, or separated, indicating the rarity of marital dissolution in Turkey.

One in three women interviewed in the survey has either never attended school or has some primary education but did not finish primary school, 51 percent have either completed primary school or have some secondary education, and 15 pereent are at least secondary school graduates. This distribution of the respondents according to educational groups reveals a specific character of educational attainment in Turkey: once individuals attend school, they are likely to complete it, rather than drop out before completion. The proportions of women in the "Primary incomplete" and "Secondary ineomplete" categories are low, making their use as separate categories for demographic analysis impossible. Therefore, contrary to the conventions used in most other surveys conducted in the Demographic and Health Surveys program, the education categories in the following sections have been arranged based on graduation from, rather than otter danci in the various education levels. The first two categories arc combined to form the eategory
"women who have less education than primary school graduation"; the third and fourth groups are combined to form "women who have either completed primary school or attended secondary school without completing it," and the fifth group is kept the same, i.e., "women who have at least completed secondary school."

About two-thirds of women live in urban areas and the rest live in rural areas. According to the data, 36 percent of respondents live in the Western region, 23 percent live in the Central region, 16 percent live in the Eastern region, 15 percent live in the Southern region, and the remaining 9 percent live in the Northern region.

## Differentials in Education

Table 2.9 shows the distribution of the surveyed women by education, according to selected characteristics, as a first effort to clarify the relationship between the explanatory or background variables used in later tabulations. Of particular importance are possible differences in the educational composition of women from different age groups, regions, and urban-rural backgrounds. Education is inversely related to age, that is, older women are generally less educated than younger women. For example, 45 percent of women age 45-49 have had no formal education, whereas only 16 pereent of women age 15-19 have never been to school. Women in urban areas are more likely to have higher education than their rural counterparts. The urban-rural difference is most pronounced at the seeondary or higher level; only 3 percent of women in rural areas have secondary or more education, whereas the percentage in urban areas is 22 . Provided also in Table 2.9 is information on women's level of

Table 2.8 Background characteristics of respondents

Percent distribution of ever-married women by selected background characteristics. Turkey 1993

|  | Weighted |
| :--- | :--- |
| Background <br> characteristic | pereent Weighted weighted |


| Age |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15-19 | 5.0 | 332 | 330 |
| 20-24 | 16.0 | 1040 | 1031 |
| 25-29 | 18.6 | 1211 | 1230 |
| 30-34 | 19.7 | 1283 | 1280 |
| 35-39 | 16.5 | 1073 | 1085 |
| 40-44 | 13.8 | 901 | 888 |
| 45-49 | 10.4 | 679 | 675 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |
| Married | 96.1 | 6271 | 6273 |
| Widowed | 2.3 | 148 | 149 |
| Divored | 1.2 | 76 | 73 |
| Separated | 0.4 | 24 | 24 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 27.1 | 1765 | 1769 |
| I'rimary incomplete | 6.6 | 431 | 433 |
| Primary graduate | 48.8 | 3182 | 3192 |
| Sccondary incomplete | 2.4 | 157 | 155 |
| Secondary graduate + | 15.1 | 984 | 970 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 64.1 | 4181 | 4125 |
| Rural | 35.) | 2338 | 2394 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| West | 35.7 | 2325 | 1875 |
| South | 15.3 | 998 | 1295 |
| Central | 23.3 | 1520 | 1471 |
| North | 9.4 | 612 | 1004 |
| last | 16.3 | 1064 | 874 |
| All women | 100.0 | 6519 | 6519 | education by region. The Eastern region has the highest proportion of uneducated women ( 56 percent). The proportion of women who have attended at least primary school is higher in the West than in othe: regions.

## Table 2.9 Level of education

Percent distribution of women by the highest level of education attended, according to selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Level of education |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { education } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Primary } \\ \text { incomplete } \end{gathered}$ | Primary graduate | Secondary incomplete | Sccondary graduate + |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 16.1 | 3.1 | 67.6 | 4.5 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 332 |
| 20-24 | 17.1 | 3.9 | 57.3 | 3.3 | 18.4 | 100.0 | 1040 |
| 25-29 | 19.1 | 4.4 | 54.6 | 2.5 | 19.4 | 100.0 | 1211 |
| $30 \cdot 34$ | 21.9 | 6.0 | 52.4 | 2.3 | 17.4 | 100.0 | 1283 |
| 35-39 | 33.2 | 6.8 | 45.0 | 2.1 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 1073 |
| 40-44 | 40.2 | 10.3 | 37.1 | 1.6 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 901 |
| 45-49 | 44.6 | 12.2 | 31.2 | 1.8 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 679 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 21.2 | 5.5 | 48.4 | 3.3 | 21.6 | 100.0 | 4181 |
| Rural | 37.6 | 8.6 | 49.5 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 2338 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 15.8 | 5.4 | 55.2 | 3.4 | 20.2 | 100.0 | 2325 |
| South | 27.6 | 6.8 | 48.6 | 2.3 | 14.7 | 100.0 | 998 |
| Central | 22.4 | 8.4 | 53.0 | 2.2 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 1520 |
| North | 30.7 | 6.0 | 48.8 | 2.3 | 12.2 | 100.0 | 612 |
| East | 55.8 | 6.9 | 29.2 | 0.7 | 7.4 | 100.0 | 1064 |
| Total | 27.1 | 6.6 | 48.8 | 2.4 | 15.1 | 100.0 | 6519 |

## Access to Media

Women were asked if they usually read a newspaper, listen to a radio or watch television at least once a week. This information is important to program planners seeking to reach women with family planning and health messages through the media. Less than half of women read a newspaper at least once a week. Overall, 89 percent of women watch television weekly and 75 percent listen to the radio weekly (see Table 2.10). Although exposure to mass media varies little across age groups, women under age 40 are slightly more exposed to mass media than older women. Media access is stronger among the urban and educated population. A much higher proportion of educated and urban women read newspapers. Similarly, the proportion of educated women who watch television and listen to the radio is higher than less educated women.

| Percentage of women who usually read a newspaper at least once a week, watch television at least once a week, or listen to the radio at least once a week, by selected background characteristics. Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Rcad newspaper weekly | Watch television weekly | Listen to radio weekly | Number of <br> women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 46.1 | 84.0 | 79.1 | 332 |
| 20-24 | 49.3 | 90.1 | 81.1 | 1040 |
| 25-29 | 48.3 | 90.7 | 75.5 | 1211 |
| 30-34 | 50.4 | 90.0 | 73.7 | 1283 |
| 35-39 | 43.4 | 89.1 | 75.5 | 1073 |
| 40-44 | 38.6 | 86.8 | 71.8 | 901 |
| 45-49 | 32.7 | 87.6 | 68.6 | 679 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 56.7 | 93.1 | 78.8 | 4181 |
| Rural | 24.1 | 81.6 | 68.2 | 2338 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| West | 57.8 | 93.5 | 77.2 | 2325 |
| South | 45.8 | 89.0 | 77.6 | 998 |
| Central | 42.8 | 89.7 | 76.1 | 1520 |
| North | 44.3 | 89.8 | 75.7 | 612 |
| East | 20.0 | 77.6 | 65.8 | 1064 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 4.9 | 76.5 | 57.3 | 1765 |
| Primary incomplete | 23.2 | 88.0 | 70.4 | 431 |
| Primary graduate | 54.3 | 92.7 | 79.9 | 3182 |
| Secondary incomplete | 79.5 | 97.7 | 88.9 | 157 |
| Secondary graduate + | 90.8 | 98.6 | 90.8 | 984 |
| Total | 45.0 | 89.0 | 75.0 | 6519 |

## CHAPTER 3

## FERTILITY

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The fertility measures presented in this chapter are based on the retrospective reproductive histories of women age 15-49 interviewed in the TDHS. Each woman was asked the number of sons and daughters living with her, the number living elsewhere, and the number who bad died. She was then asked for a bistory of all her births, including the month and year of each, the name and sex and, if deceased, the age at death. If alive, the current age and whether he/she was living with the mother were also asked. Based on this information, measures of completed fertility (number of children ever born) and current fertility (age-specific rates) are examined. These measures are also analyzed in connection with various background characteristics.

Cumulative fertility and children ever born are also looked at in this chapter. The tables display the data on children ever born by the woman's current age and by her age at marriage. The chapter concludes with an analysis of information on the age of the woman at the time of her first birth. The data are important because they indicate the beginning of the woman's reproductive life.

### 3.1 Data Quality

Estimation of fertility is based on the number of births within a given period of time. usually a calendar year or one fall year preceding the surves. Data from many countries are vulnerable to various sources of errors (i.e., memory errors, omissions by survival status of children, ete.). Among these sources, incorrect reporting of the dates of recent births and omissions of birthe are most important in estimating current fertility levels. Unfortunately. Turkish data are no exception to this.

Various demographic data sources in Turkey have produced distributions that directly or indirectly point out errors in the data sets. For instance, the 1985 Population Census counted 986.730 children at age one but 1.014 .611 children at age zero. Similarly, the 1990 Population Census counted 1.007 .79 ) children at age one and $1,16,493$ children at age zero. A similar relationship was observed in the 1978 Turhish Fertility Survey ( 681 and 728 children, respectively). These results all imply, at face value. increasing trends in fertility, but in view of the well-documented decline in fertility in Turkey in the las half eenturs, this can not be real. Persistence "of a meaningfiul magnitude" of such inconsistencies in many data sources indicates a regularity or a character, rather than an unexpected linding.

The Preliminary Report of the 1993 TDIIS that was published earlier this sear used three-y ear averages that were subject to the above-memioned "psendo dippings" of fertility trends during the bast hive years. Due to the existence of such lindings from most surveys a number of preliminary checks were performed to assess whether the fertility data from the TDIIS relating to the one full year preceding the survey were plausible. These included checks of the sex ratios of birlhs declared. to see if there was sexselective omission of births, and tabulations of the background characteristics of children born in the last 8 years to see whether births had been selectively omitted by such characteristics as survival status. place of residence, education of mother, ete. In both cases, there appeared to be no significant selectivity in the births declared. Additionally, wo types of analyses were undertaken for the same purpose. I irst, the wellknown Bongarts model was used to project adjusted fertility estimates of previous survers to the year 1993, (for adjusted fertility estimates of previous surness. see 111PS. 1989. pp. 158-173). Second. current pregnancies reported in the TIIIS were used to calculate a "would-he" total fertilits rate for calendar sear 1993. The total ferility rates estimated for 1993 from boh typen al analyse ranged from 2.6 to 2.8 . which
are very close to the total fertility rate estimate of 2.7 presented in this chapter.

Further analysis should be carried out to gain insight into the nature of such patterns in fertility data from the TDHS, as well as in other fertility surveys in Turkey, and to assess the possible impact of these patterns on indicators other than fertility.

### 3.2 Current Fertility

The current level of fertility is the most important topic in this chapter because of its direct relevance to population policies and programmes. Age-specific fertility rates (ASFR) for the year before the survey are presented in Table 3.1 and Figure 3.1 for the country as a whole and for urban and rural areas. The total fertility rate (TFR) for women 15-44 years of age in addition to that for 15-49 is shown for comparative purposes.

Numerators for the age-specific fertility rates in Table 3.1 are calculated by isolating live births that occurred in
the 1-12 months preceding the survey (determined from the date of birth of the child) and classifying them by age of

Table 3.1 Current fertility
Age-specific and cumulative fertility rates and the crude birth rate for the year preceding the survey, by urban-rural residence, Turkey 1993

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Age group | Urban | Rural | Total |
| $15-19$ | 55 | 47 | 56 |
| $20-24$ | 163 | 204 | 179 |
| $25-29$ | 77 | 176 | 151 |
| $30-34$ | 33 | 49 | 94 |
| $35-39$ | 8 | 18 | 12 |
| 40-44 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 45-49 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.7 |
| TFR 15-49 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.7 |
| TFR $15-44$ | 87 | 102 | 95 |
| GFR | 21.7 | 24.0 | 22.9 |
| CBR |  |  |  |

Note: Rates are for the period 1-12 months preceding the survey. Rates for age group 45-49 may be slightly biased due to truncation.
TFR: Total fertility rate expressed per woman
GFR: General fertility rate (births divided by number of women 15-44), expressed per 1,000 women
CBR: Crude birth rate, expressed per 1,000 population

Figure 3.1
Age-Specific Fertility Rates by Urban-Rural Residence

the mother (in five-year age groups) of the mother at the time of birth (determined from the date of birth of the mother). The denominators of the rates are the number of woman-years lived in each of the specified five-year age groups during the $1-12$ months preceding the survey.

The crude birth rate (also shown in Table 3.1) is calculated by summing the product of the agespecific rates multiplied by the proportion of women in the specific age group out of the total de facto population, male and female.

Age-specific fertility rates are estimated for the twelve months preceding the survey. There is a typical skewed distribution towards the younger ages. The highest fertility rate is observed for the age group 20-24. After age 24, the curve declines in an upward concave form, implying modern levels of fertility control in the upper ages.

Total fertility rate (number of children a woman would bear if she lived through these rates throughout her reproductive life span) is slightly over three children (3.1) for women living in rural areas, and decreases to around two childien (2.4) in urban areas. The national average is 2.7 children per woman. When compared with evidence from previous surveys (see HIPS, 1980, 1987, 1989) the urban/rural gap appears to be closing.

The crude birth rate has fallen to the lower twenties. As expected, birth rates are higher in rural areas ( 24.0 per thousand) than in urban areas ( 21.7 per thousand). The national average ( 22.9 per thousand) implies a rather low population growth rate even if the crude death rate is very low.

The current total fertility for major groups in the population is summarised in Table 3.2. The table also provides a basis for inferring trends in fertility by comparing current synthetic measures with the average number of children ever born to women currently 40-49 years of age. Although comparison of completed fertility among women age 40 or more with the total fertility rate can provide an indication of fertility change, such an approach is vulnerable to an understatement of parity for older women. The findings on contraceptive use (Chapter 4) and nuptiality (Chapter 6) are also of crucial importance in reaching a balanced judgment about fertility trends.

The levels of fertility show variations across background characteristics of the population. This is clearly seen among the region and education categories.

Table 3.2 Fenility by background characteristics
Total fenility rate for the year preceding the survey and mean number of ehildren ever born to women age 40-49, by selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

|  | Total <br> ferility <br> rate | Mcan number <br> of children <br> ever bom <br> to women <br> age $40-49$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Background <br> characteristic | 2.4 | 4.0 |
| Residence | 5.6 |  |
| Urban |  |  |
| Rural | 3.1 |  |
| Region | 2.0 | 3.5 |
| West | 2.4 | 4.8 |
| South | 2.4 | 4.7 |
| Central | 4.2 | 4.7 |
| North |  | 7.3 |
| East | 4.2 | 5.9 |
| Education | 2.4 | 3.7 |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. |  |  |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 2.7 | 4.6 |
| Total |  |  |

'Rate for women age 15-49 years Variations are true for past fertility experience (mean number of children for women age 40-49) as well as current fertility levels (total fertility rates). Regional variations of fertility involve three regional groupings. The Eastem region is notable as a high fertility region, with a total fertility rate exceeding four children (4.4). Northem, Central and Southern regions constitute another group, with rates between two and three children (3.2, 2.4 and 2.4, respectively). The lowest rate (2.0) is found in the Westem region and is comparable to that of many Western European countries.

Grouping regions according to current levels of fertility is also cogent for differences in the past ${ }^{*}$ fertility experiences. Although the mean number of children born to women age $40-49$ is much higher (about twice) than the corresponding TFRs in each of the regions, notable variations are observed as with current fertility. The table suggests an overall decline in fertility, keeping regional differences almost the same, during the last three decades.

Past experience as well as current levels of fertility show strong variations by literacy and by levels of education. Both the total fertility rate and the number of children ever born declined more than fifty percent among women with at least a secondary level of education compared to women with no education.

Fertility trends can be analyzed in two ways. One is to compare TDHS data with previous surveys. Fertility trends can also be examined based on TDIIS data alone. Having the complete birth history makes more direct evidence on trends available, thereby permitting more aceurate conclusions. However, use of birth histories for analysis of trends places a great burden on the quality of data. which should always be interpreted with caution. Table 3.3 shows the age-specific fertility rates for five-year periods preceding the survey. The age-specilic schedule of rates in Table 3.3 is progressively truncated as time before the survey increases. The bottom diagonal of estimates (enclosed in brackets) is also truncated. Total fertility rates can be calculated from the age-specific rates in Table 3.3 , but only by summing across ages unaffected by eruncation.

| Age-specilic fertility rates for tive-par periods preceding the surney. by muller's ate. Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of years preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Mothers sipe | (1)-4 | $5-1$ | $110-14$ | 15-19 |
| 15-19 | 57 | 88 | 121 | 129 |
| 20-2. | 174 | 231 | $26{ }^{1}$ | 301 |
| 25-29 | 146 | 18.1 | 235 | 255 |
| 30.3. | $8 t$ | 123 | 156 | \|1871 |
| 35-39 | 43 | 71 | \|112-| |  |
| 40-4.4 | 13 | \|26| | - |  |
| +5-49 | [2] | - | - | - |
| Note: Age-specilic fertitity rates are per 1.0 (\%) women. Pstimater encloned in brackets are runcated |  |  |  |  |

The decline of fertility over time, which is implied by the earlier tables, is seen much more elearly in Figure 3.2. Considering that fertility over age 40 is almost negligible, cumulation of ASFRs up to age 40 and comparisons using this figure show that fertility declined by almost fifty percent during the last decade (4.4 in 1980 is 2.5 in 1990 ).

It is interesting to note that this survey produced higher fertility levels for the carly 1980s than the 1983 survey (altR for age 40 of 4.4 vs 3.9 ). In fact, all of the quinquemial national surveys conducted in I urkey yielded higher rates for the preceding 5-10 years than the prev fous surveys estimates of 0-4 years (i.e.. same reference periods from conseculive surveys).

Figure 3.2
Age-Specific Fertility Rates during the Last 20 Years


Dates are approximate and refer to Sept. 83, the mid-point of field work.

Table 3.4 presents fertility rates for ever-married women by duration since first marriage for five-year periods preceding the survey. These rates are similar to those presented in Table 3.3 and the same admonitions apply in their interpretation. Fertility early in marriage often remains resistant to change, even when fertility is declining, because fertility decline usually begins at the older ages (when women start to limit the number of births) and not by young couples postponing births. Therefore, a complete examination of duration-specific trends requires interpretation in the light of other evidence.

Fertility rates are declining in general, but as shown earlier, the decline is greater among women who are in their later years of childbearing. Table 3.4 indicates that a decline of fertility by one-fifth, from 372 to 306, among women in the early years of childbearing is not negligible. However, substantial declines by almost one half, from 302 to 167, are observed for the peak fertility ages and very dramatic changes (more than sixty percent) occur in the age groups that have followed during the last two decades. Although this pattern is quite common among populations with increasing fertility control, the speed of change is worth noting.

The table also indicates that the decline of fertility was more rapid during the late 1980s than during the early 1980s.

## Table 3.4 Fertility by marital duration

Ferility rates for ever-married women by duration since first marriage in years, for live-ycar periods preceding the survey. Turkey 1993

| Marriage duration at bith | Number of years preceding the survey |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0)-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15.19 |
| 0-4 | 306 | 350 | 359 | 372 |
| 5-9 | 167 | 221 | 268 | 302 |
| 10-14 | 91 | 140 | 197 | 226 |
| 15-19 | 55 | 94 | 139 | [199] |
| 20-24 | 28 | 55 | [116] |  |
| 25-29 | 9 | [27] |  |  |

Note: Fenility rates are per 1,000 women. Estimates enclosed in brackets are truncated.

### 3.3 Children Ever Born and Living

The distribution of women by number of children ever born is presented in Table 3.5 for all women and for currently married women. In the TDHS questionnaire, the total number of children ever born was ascertained by a sequence of questions designed to maximize recall. Life-time fertility reflects the accumulation of births over the past 30 years and therefore its relevance to the current situation is limited.

The results in Table 3.5 for younger women who are currently married differ from those for the sample as a whole because of the large number of unmarried women with minimal fertility. Differences at older ages, though minimal, generally reflect the impact of marital dissolution. The parity distribution for older currently married women provides an additional measure of primary infertility.

Mean number of children ever born compared with mean number of children surviving can lead to a quick evaluation of the survival status of the children. Almost one in five of children born by women age $45-49$ had not survived at the time of the survey ( 4.9 vs 4.0 ). The proportion of children surviving among younger women is much higher. This may not only be because of shorter exposure to risk by the children of the younger cohorts, but also because of the improved mortality conditions in general. Of all children born (mean of 2.0 ), 87 percent (mean of 1.8 ) had survived at the time of the survey.

Just as marriage is universal in Turkey (see Chapter 6), the proportion of women preferring to remain childless is very low. The proportion of women with no children declines in tandem with the proportion remaining single, and almost all women who are married by the age of 45-49 have children. Just over two percent of the currently married women who are about to complete their reproductive period remain childless, probably due to sterility rather than preference.

Table 3.5 Children ever hom and living
Pereent distribution of all women and of currently married women by number of children ever born (CLEB) and mean number ever born and living. according to live-year age groups. Turkey 1993

| Age group | Number of children ever born (CIB ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { women } \end{aligned}$ | Mean no. of CEB | Mcan no of living children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | $10+$ |  |  |  |  |
| AII. WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 93.8 | 5.2 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 00 | 100.0 | 2460 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 20-24 | 52.5 | 26.6 | 14.5 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1777 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| 15-29 | 22.1 | 16.6 | 32.4 | 16.5 | 7.3 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1436 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| 30-34 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 30.4 | 24.1 | 12.9 | 8.1 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1340 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| 35-39 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 21.3 | 23.5 | 14.6 | 10.4 | 8.2 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1093 | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| 40-44 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 18.4 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 10.6 | 9.6 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 921 | 4.4 | 3.8 |
| 45-49 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 12.3 | 16.4 | 158 | 14.2 | 10.3 | 7.6 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 8.5 | 100.0 | 685 | 4.9 | 4.0 |
| Total | 38.9 | 10.9 | 16.9 | 11.9 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 9712 | 2.0 | 1.8 |

CURRIENTI.Y MARRIED WOMEN

| 入дc |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15.19 | 54.4 | 38.6 | 6.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 329 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 20-24 | 18.7 | 45.4 | 24.9 | 7.5 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1026 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 25-29 | 7.4 | 19.5 | 38.7 | 19.7 | 8.7 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1190 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| 30-34 | 32 | 7.8 | 31.4 | 25.8 | 13.8 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1254 | 3.1 | 2.8 |
| 35-39 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 21.4 | 24.5 | 15.1 | 10.3 | 8.7 | 4.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 1026 | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| 40-44 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 19.2 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 833 | 4.6 | 3.9 |
| 45.49 | 2.1 | 36 | 11.4 | 16.5 | 15.7 | 15.3 | 11.2 | 7.9 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 613 | 5.0 | 4.1 |
| Jotal | 9.0 | 16.3 | 25.2 | 17.9 | 10.9 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 3.1 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 6271 | 3.0 | 2.7 |

### 3.4 Birth Intervals

There has been a fair amount of research to indicate that short birth intervals are deleterious to the health of babies. This is particularly true for babies bom at intervals of less than 24 months. Table 3.6 shows the percent distribution of births in the five years preceding the survey by the number of months since the previous birth.

The median birth interval is close to three years ( 33.6 months). This is only ten months longer than the minimum considered safe. Thirty percent of the births were born with intervals of less than 24 months. This percentage shows striking variations by background variables. Among women with at least a secondary -level education, the percentage of risky birth intervals is less than one half of those with no education ( 16 percent and 32 percent, respectively). The smallest proportion of risky birth intervals is observed in the

Table 3.6 Birth intervals
Percent distribution of births in the five years preceding the survey by number of months since previous birth, according to demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Characteristic | Number of months since previous birth |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of births | Median number of months since previous birth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $7-17$ | 18-23 | 24-35 | 36-47 | $48+$ |  |  |  |
| Age of mother |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | (47.8) | (27.3) | (20.3) | (4.6) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 26 | (19.2) |
| 20-24 | 24.9 | 26.4 | 28.0 | 13.5 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 456 | 23.7 |
| 25-29 | 14.3 | 13.2 | 26.8 | 20.1 | 25.6 | 100.0 | 844 | 33.6 |
| 30-34 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 21.6 | 14.6 | 40.9 | 100.0 | 694 | 39.0 |
| $35 \cdot 39$ | 10.1 | 9.1 | 21.1 | 15.8 | 43.9 | 100.0 | 324 | 42.2 |
| 40-44 | 10.6 | 12.4 | 14.9 | 21.1 | 41.0 | 100.0 | 129 | 44.4 |
| 45-49 | (0.0) | (8.4) | (24.8) | (11.0) | (55.8) | 100.0 | 25 | (48.7) |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-3 | 15.4 | 15.1 | 22.8 | 15.6 | 31.1 | 100.0 | 1501 | 33.8 |
| 4-6 | 11.6 | 13.3 | 26.4 | 17.9 | 30.8 | 100.0 | 665 | 35.2 |
| $7+$ | 19.3 | 15.4 | 25.6 | 18.6 | 21.1 | 100.0 | 332 | 28.7 |
| Sex of prior birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 12.9 | 14.6 | 23.7 | 17.1 | 31.7 | 100.0 | 1216 | 35.1 |
| Female | 16.7 | 14.7 | 24.6 | 16.2 | 27.8 | 100.0 | 1282 | 32.0 |
| Survival of prior birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Living | 13.0 | 14.2 | 24.2 | 17.3 | 31.3 | 100.0 | 2286 | 35.2 |
| Dead | 34.5 | 20.2 | 23.8 | 9.2 | 12.3 | 100.0 | 212 | 23.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 13.7 | 13.4 | 22.7 | 16.1 | 34.1 | 100.0 | 1410 | 36.1 |
| Rural | 16.4 | 16.3 | 26.1 | 17.2 | 24.0 | 100.0 | 1088 | 31.1 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 12.2 | 12.5 | 18.0 | 14.5 | 42.8 | 100.0 | 557 | 41.4 |
| Soutb | 15.0 | 14.2 | 24.6 | 14.6 | 31.6 | 100.0 | 407 | 33.6 |
| Central | 17.7 | 13.1 | 21.7 | 16.1 | 31.4 | 100.0 | 545 | 34.4 |
| North | 13.0 | 15.0 | 22.5 | 17.4 | 32.1 | 100.0 | 235 | 35.7 |
| Hast | 15.4 | 17.6 | 30.6 | 19.4 | 17.0 | 100.0 | 754 | 29.2 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 16.1 | 15.9 | 28.2 | 17.6 | 22.2 | 100.0 | 1146 | 30.5 |
| Pri. comp/Sec. incomp. | 15.2 | 14.6 | 21.0 | 15.9 | 33.3 | 100.0 | 1132 | 35.6 |
| Sec. comp/ $/+$ | 7.4 | 8.6 | 18.9 | 15.2 | 49.9 | 100.0 | 220 | 47.9 |
| Total | 14.9 | 14.7 | 24.1 | 16.6 | 29.7 | 100.0 | 2498 | 33.6 |

Note: First-order births are excluded. The interval for multiple births is the number of months since the preceding pregnancy that ended in a live birth.
() Figures in parentheses arc based on $25-49$ cases.

Western region and the highest proportion in the Eastern region ( 25 percent and 33 percent, respectively). Sex of child appears to be influential in a woman's decision of whether or not to have another child immediately. Short intervals following a female birth-are more frequent than for male births ( 31 percent and 28 percent. respectively). Among all the factors presented in the table, survival status of the preceding child appears to be the most influential in determining the proportion of short birth intervals ( 27 percent for surviving children and 55 percent for deccased children).

### 3.5 Age at First Birth

The age at which childbearing begins has important demographic consequences as well as important consequences for the mother and child. In many countries, postponement of first births, reflecting an increase in the age at marriage, has contributed greatly to overall fertility decline. The proportion of women who become mothers before the age of 20 is also a measure of the magnitude of adolescent fertility, which is a major health and social concern in many countries. Table 3.7 presents the distribution of Turkish women by age at first birth, according to their current age.

| lable 3.7 Age at first birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women 15-49 by age at lirst birth, according to current age. Jurkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  |  | Age at | t birth |  |  |  | Number | Median age al |
| Current age | births | $<15$ | 15-17 | 18.19 | 20-21 | 22-24 | $25+$ | J'otal | women | birth |
| 15-19 | 93.8 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 2.7 | N^ | NA | N^ | 100.0 | 2460 | a |
| 20-24 | 52.6 | 1.7 | 9.3 | 13.9 | 16.4 | 6.1 | N^ | 100.0 | 1777 | a |
| 25-29 | 22.1 | 2.3 | 14.4 | 17.9 | 16.9 | 18.7 | 7.7 | 100.0 | 1436 | 21.8 |
| 30-34 | 7.7 | 1.9 | 16.6 | 24.4 | 19.4 | 16.8 | 13.2 | 100.0 | 1340 | 20.7 |
| 35-39 | 5.0 | 2.3 | 18.6 | 24.5 | 19.6 | 16.4 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 1093 | 20.4 |
| 40-44 | 4.8 | 2.7 | 19.3 | 20.3 | 20.0 | 21.5 | 11.4 | 100.0 | 921 | 20.7 |
| 45-49 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 19.3 | 20.5 | 20.7 | 19.9 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 685 | 20.6 |
| $\mathrm{N} \Lambda=$ Not applicable <br> ${ }^{\text {'I }}$.ess than 50 percent of the women in the age group $x$ to $x+t$ have had a birth by age $x$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Age of childbearing is increasing gradually. The median has risen from 20.6 years among women age 45-49 years to 21.8 years among women age 25-29 years, despite these women not yet having reached their upper years of childbearing. The table indicates dramatic changes in adolescent fertility. Some 25 percent of women age $20-24$ during the survey had become mothers before age 20 ; this percentage is substantially lower than the percentage for the previous cohort ( 35 percent). For carlier cohorts, the proportion of women becoming mothers in their teens was more than a third, and even close to half, of the women.

The median age at first birth for different cohorts is summarised in Table 3.8 and the entry age into motherhood for different subgroups of the population can be compared (the medians for cohorts 15-19 and 20-24 could not be determined because half the women had not yet had a birth).

Table 3.8 Median age at first birh by background characteristics
Median age at first birth among women 25-49, by current age and selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Current age |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Women } \\ & \text { age } \\ & 25-49 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.1 | 21.0 | 20.6 | 20.9 | 20.8 | 21.1 |
| Rural | 21.3 | 19.9 | 20.0 | 20.3 | 20.1 | 20.3 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 22.6 | 21.3. | 21.0 | 20.9 | 21.2 | 21.4 |
| South | 22.7 | 21.3 | 20.6 | 20.8 | 20.8 | 21.3 |
| Central | 20.9 | 20.3 | 20.0 | 20.3 | 20.2 | 20.3 |
| North | 22.1 | 20.3 | 20.4 | 20.9 | 19.9 | 20.7 |
| East | 20.5 | 19.7 | 19.5 | 20.3 | 20.2 | 19.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 19.7 | 19.4 | 19.6 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 19.8 |
| Pri. comp/Sec. incomp. | 21.5 | 20.5 | 20.3 | 20.5 | 20.5 | 20.6 |
| Sce. comp. $/+$ | 25.1 | 24.0 | 24.6 | 23.9 | 24.4 | 24.5 |
| Total | 21.8 | 20.7 | 20.4 | 20.7 | 20.6 | 20.8 |

Note: The medians for cohorts 15-19 and 20-24 could not be determined because some women may still have a birth before reaching age 20 or 25 , respectively.

The median age at first birth is almost 21 years (20.8) among all women 25-49. It varies considerably according to background variables. Women living in urban areas tend to have their first birth one year later than women living in rural areas. Women living in the Eastern region become mothers about 1.5 years younger than women living in the Western region. Levels of education show the biggest difference among the background variables considered in this table. Women with no education become mothers at the age of 19.8 years, and women with at least a secondary level of education wait an additional four years (24.5) to become mothers.

### 3.6 Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood

Table 3.9 shows the percentage of women age 15-19 who are mothers or pregnant with their first child. About one in twelve ( 8 percent) of women age 17 have become mothers or are pregnant with their first child. The proportion increases steeply to one in seven ( 15 percent) among women age 18 and close to one in four ( 23 percent) among women age 19. Higher proportions of teenagers living in urban areas have begun childbearing than teenagers living in rural areas ( 10 percent vs 7 percent). Although fertility is highest in the Eastern region, the highest percentage of teenagers who have begun childbearing is found in the Northern region ( 11.4 percent). Levels of education again appear to be the most influential variable on teenage fertility, not only because of the years of schooling, which have postponcd births, but also because of changed attitudes.

Table 3.9 Teenage pregnancy and motherhood
Percentage of teenagers $15-19$ who are mothers or pregnant with their first child, by selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Percentage who are: |  | Percentage who have begun childbearing | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { tenagers } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mothers | Pregnant with first child |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 765 |
| 16 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 287 |
| 17 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 8.1 | 489 |
| 18 | 9.6 | 4.9 | 14.5 | 460 |
| 19 | 17.8 | 5.2 | 23.1 | 459 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.7 | 3.3 | 10.1 | 1360 |
| Rural | 4.2 | 2.3 | 6.5 | 1419 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| West | 5.2 | 3.2 | 8.3 | 669 |
| South | 6.8 | 2.8 | 9.5 | 364 |
| Central | 6.8 | 3.4 | 10.3 | 541 |
| North | 7.8 | 3.7 | 11.4 | 165 |
| East | 7.2 | 3.7 | 10.9 | 592 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 14.2 | 5.5 | 19.7 | 217 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 7.1 | 3.6 | 10.7 | 1570 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 1.6 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 610 |
| Total | 6.2 | 3.2 | 9.3 | 2460 |

Note: The sum of the absolute values does not add up to the total value in the last three categories due to the ever-maried factors used.

Although most teens who have begun childbearing have given birth only once, a small proportion have given birth twice. Table 3.10 shows the distribution of women age $15-19$ by number of children ever born, excluding those who are currently pregnant. One percent of women age 18 and 4 percent of women age 19 have given birth to two children. By giving birth early and presumably with short intervals, these women and their children are at a higher risk of dying. The issue of high-risk childbearing is discussed in Chapter 8.

Table 3.10 Children born to teenagers
Percent distribution of teenagers 15-19 by number of children ever born (CEB), Turkey 1993

|  | Number of <br> children ever born |  |  |  |  | Mean <br> number <br> of |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | $2+$ | Total | Number <br> of <br> CEB |  |
| Age | 09.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.00 | 765 |
| 15 | 98.1 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.02 | 287 |
| 16 | 96.2 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.04 | 489 |
| 17 | 90.4 | 88 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 0.11 | 460 |
| 18 | 82.2 | 13.8 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 0.22 | 459 |
| 19 | 93.8 | 5.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 0.07 | 2460 |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## CHAPTER 4

## FAMILY PLANNING

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Population policy in Turkey has gone through two major phases. Starting from the early years of the Republic, pronatalist policies were in effect until 1965, when antinatalist policies were accepted. A milestone in family planning practices in the country was the 1983 law that allows abortions on request, legalizes voluntary surgical contraception for males and females, permits midwifes to insert IUDs, and authorises general practitioners to terminate pregnancies by the menstrual regulation method after certification.

Family planning services are provided for the most part by the Ministry of Health, primarily through Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Primary Health Care Centers. Government hospitals also offer family planning services and are the sites for all male and female sterilisations and pregnancy terminations. Other public sector institutions also provide family planning services, including Social Security. Except for vasectomies and pregnancy terminations, all family planning services at public health institutions are provided free of charge. Physicians in private practice are another important group of providers. Some contraceptive methods like the pill, condom and spermicides are available at pharmacies.

Various issues relating to fertility regulation in Turkey are addressed in this chapter beginning with an appraisal of the knowledge of different contraceptive methods and the sources of supply and a consideration of current and past practice. Knowledge of the ovulatory cycle by users of periodic abstinence is examined as is the timing of method adoption for those relying on sterilisation. Special attention is focused on nonuse, reasons for discontinuation, and intention to use in the future.

These topics are of practical use to policymakers and program managers in several ways. The early sections concern the main preconditions to adoption of contraception, such as knowledge of methods and supply of sources. Levels of use of contraceptives provide the most obvious and widely accepted criterion of success of the program, especially when results from earlier surveys are available so that progress can be charted. The examination of use in relation to need pinpoints segments of the population for whom intensified efforts at service provision are most needed.

### 4.1 Knowledge of Contraception

Determining the level of knowledge of contraceptive methods and of services was a major objective of the TDHS, since knowledge of specific methods and of the places where they can be obtained is a precondition for use. Information about knowledge of contraceptive methods was collected by asking the respondent to name ways or methods by which a couple could delay or avoid pregnancy. If the respondent failed to mention a particular method spontaneously, the interviewer described the method and asked if she recognized it. Eight modern methods - the pill, IUD, injection, barrier methods (diaphragm, foam, foaming tablets and jelly), condoms, female sterilisation, male sterilisation, and Norplant - were described, as well as two traditional methods - periodic abstinence (rhythm method) and withdrawal. Any other methods mentioned by the respondent, such as herbs, vaginal douche or breastfeeding, were also recorded. For each method recognized, the respondent was asked if she knew where a person could obtain the method. If she reported knowing about the rhythm method or withdrawal, she was asked if she knew where a person
could obtain advice on how to use the method. Although questions on Norplant and injection were asked, these methods were not available at the time of the survey but were expected to be introduced in the country in the near future.

The data on women's knowledge reported in Table 4.1 is based on the combination of probed and spontaneous answers. Knowledge of any method is almost universal among women. The pill and the IUD are the most widely known modern methods, followed by the condom. Knowledge of female sterilisation and male sterilisation, which were introduced into family planning programs later than other methods, is less than knowledge of the pill, IUD or condom; however, knowledge of these methods has increased from the levels observed in the 1988 TPHS, from 65 percent to 76 percent in the case of female sterilisation and from 28 percent to 35 percent in the case of male sterilisation. Withdrawal is the most widely recognized traditional method.

Almost everyone who knows a method also knows the source of a method; 95 pcrcent of women are aware of at least one place to obtain family planning information or services. Lack of information about where to obtain a method is clearly not a barrier to contraceptive use in Turkey.

Table 4.1 Knowledge of contraceptive methods and source for methods
P'ercentage of all women and currently married women who know specitic contraceptive methods and who know a source (for information or services), by specific methods. Turkey 1993

| Contraceptive method | Know method |  | Know a source ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All women | Currently married women | All women | Currently married women |
| Any method | 99.0 | 99.1 | 94.7 | 94.8 |
| Modern method | 98.6 | 98.6 | 94.5 | 94.6 |
| Pill | 95.7 | 95.7 | 88.6 | 88.7 |
| IUD | 96.9 | 97.1 | 90.4 | 90.6 |
| Injection | 38.8 | 38.8 | 32.6 | 32.5 |
| Vaginal methods | 57.4 | 57.5 | 51.7 | 51.8 |
| Condom | 80.5 | 80.8 | 73.1 | 73.4 |
| Female sterilisation | 75.5 | 75.6 | 67.1 | 67.2 |
| Male sterilisation | 35.1 | 35.1 | 31.6 | 31.7 |
| Norplant | 6.7 | 6.7 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| Any traditional method | 89.0 | 89.1 | 36.0 | 36.0 |
| Periodic abstinence | 34.9 | 34.8 | 21.3 | 21.0 |
| Withdrawal | 87.1 | 87.4 | 31.2 | 31.2 |
| Vaginal douche | 3.1 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other traditional methods | 6.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Number of women | 6519 | 6271 | 6519 | 6271 |

'For modern methods, source refers to a place to obtain the method or procedure. For traditional methods. source refers to a place or person to obtain advice on practicing these methods.

Knowledge of any modern method of contraception is chosen as a summary indicator in preference to knowledge of any method because of its greater relevance for program promotion, which is usually confined to modern methods. Knowledge of a source for information or services for modern methods is also presented as are the mean number of methods known. Questions on method and source knowledge were asked of all ever-married women; however, the results are presented for currently married women because they are the immediate potential users.

There are no significant differences in the percentages knowing any modern method according to age, residence, region or level of education; however, both knowledge of a source and the mean number of methods known vary according to these background characteristics. For example, knowledge of a source is 87 percent among women with no education compared to 100 percent among women with a higher than primary education. Knowledge of a source for modern methods is 86 percent among illiterate respondents, compared to 98 percent among those who are literate (data not shown).

Table 4.2 presents differences in contraceptive knowledge by background characteristics. The mean number of methods known is 6.2 methods. For modern methods, the mean is 4.9 methods and the mean for traditional methods is 1.3. The mean number of methods known is highest in the 25-29 and 30-34 age groups and increases as the level of education increases. Urban residents know somewhat more methods

Table 4.2 Knowledge of contraception
Mean number of all methods, modern methods and traditional methods known, by selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Mean number of: |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Methods known | Modem methods known ${ }^{1}$ | Traditional methods known ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 329 |
| 20-24 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 1026 |
| 25-29 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 1.4 | 1190 |
| 30-34 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 1.4 | 1254 |
| 35-39 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 1.3 | 1026 |
| 40-44 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 1.3 | 833 |
| 45-49 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 1.3 | 613 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.7 | 5.2 | 1.5 | 4005 |
| Rural | 5.3 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 2266 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| West | 6.6 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 2207 |
| South | 6.3 | 5.0 | 1.3 | 964 |
| Central | 6.3 | 5.0 | 1.3 | 1472 |
| North | 5.9 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 589 |
| East | 5.3 | 4.4 | 0.9 | 1039 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 5.2 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 2102 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 6.3 | 4.9 | 1.4 | 3227 |
| Sec. comp. $/+$ | 8.0 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 942 |
| Total | 6.2 | 4.9 | 1.3 | 6271 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Includes pill, IUD, injection, vaginal methods (foaming tablets/diaphragm foam/jelly), condom, femalc sterilisation, male sterilisation and Noplant. ${ }^{2}$ Includes withdrawal, vaginal douche, and periodic abstinence. |  |  |  |  |

than rural residents, and the mean number of methods varies by region from 5.3 methods in the East to 6.6 methods in the West.

### 4.2 Ever Use of Contraception

All women interviewed in the TDHS who said that they had heard of a method of family planning were asked if they had ever used it. If all the answers were negative, the respondents were further asked whether they had "ever used anything or tried in any way to delay or avoid getting pregnant."

As seen in Table 4.3, 80 percent of currently married women have used a family planning method at some time in their lives. Among currently married women, ever use of any method is lowest for the 15 19 age group ( 37 percent), it peaks at 88 percent in the $30-34$ age group and then it gradually decreases to 78 percent in the 45-49 age group.

Table 4.3 Ever use of contraception
Among currently married women, the percentage who have ever used a contraceptive method, by specific method, according to age, Turkey 1993

|  | Modern methods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Traditional methods |  |  |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | Any method | Any modern method | Pill | 1UD | Injection | Vaginal methods | Condom | Female sterilisation | Male sterilisation | Any trad. method | Periodic abstinence | Withdrawal | Vaginal douche | Other |  |
| 15-19 | 37.4 | 16.6 | 4.6 | 7.8 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 29.0 | 1.5 | 28.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 329 |
| 20-24 | 70.0 | 47.2 | 18.2 | 23.8 | 0.7 | 4.7 | 20.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 51.2 | 5.2 | 49.3 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 1026 |
| 25-29 | 84.7 | 65.7 | 32.8 | 36.8 | 1.6 | 7.8 | 26.9 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 62.4 | 7.2 | 59.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1190 |
| 30-34 | 88.4 | 72.1 | 41.1 | 46.7 | 1.8 | 11.9 | 29.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 62.5 | 8.9 | 58.9 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1254 |
| 35-39 | 87.8 | 71.7 | 43.2 | 42.1 | 3.1 | 13.8 | 25.3 | 4.6 | 0.5 | 62.6 | 7.1 | 59.1 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1026 |
| 40-44 | 82.6 | 66.2 | 42.0 | 34.9 | 3.1 | 14.4 | 22.4 | 4.8 | 0.1 | 58.2 | 7.7 | 52.9 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 833 |
| 45-49 | 78.0 | 59.3 | 38.5 | 25.4 | 3.5 | 12.0 | 19.1 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 54.6 | 8.6 | 48.6 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 613 |
| Total | 80.1 | 61.8 | 34.1 | 34.6 | 2.1 | 10.1 | 23.7 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 57.5 | 7.1 | 54.1 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 6271 |

The age pattern varies somewhat according to the type of method. Ever use of modern methods is highest among women in their thirties, with almost three in four women in these age groups reporting that they have used a modern method at some time. The level of ever use of traditional methods reaches to more than 60 percent amóng women age 25-29 and stays at this level among women 30-39, before dropping off among women age 40 and older. Ever use of traditional methods is lower than ever use of modern methods in every age group, with the exception of women age 15-24.

Considering specific methods, around one-third of currently married women report ever using the IUD or the pill while 24 percent have tried the condom. Only one in ten women or fewer have ever used any of the other modern methods. Withdrawal, the most frequently used traditional method, has been used by 54 percent of currently married women.

Comparison of the levels of ever use found in the TDHS with the levels reported in earlier surveys shows that the level of ever use among ever-married women increased steadily between 1978 and 1988 (Figure 4.1). However, with the exception of the IUD, there was little or no change in the level of ever use of most methods between 1988 and 1993, and there were small declines in the ever-use rates for the pill and rhythm.

## Figure 4.1 Ever Use of Family Planning, Turkey 1978-1993



### 4.3 Current Use of Contraception

The level of current use is the most widely used and valuable measure of the success of a family planning program. Further, it can be used to estimate the reduction in fertility attributable to contraception.

Table 4.4 presents data on the proportion of currently married women who are using contraception by age. Overall, 63 percent of currently married women are using a contraceptive method. The majority of these women are modern method users ( 35 percent), but a substantial proportion use traditional methods (28 percent), particularly withdrawal. Withdrawal is, in fact, the most widely used method (26 percent) as it was in the previous surveys in Turkey. The IUD is the most commonly used modem method (19 percent). The condom ( 7 percent) and the pill ( 5 percent) are the second and third most popular modern methods, respectively. Current use of the IUD has increased markedly and that of female sterilisation has increased slightly, but condom and pill use have decreased compared to the 1988 TPHS (Figure 4.2).

Considering age patterns, modern method use is most prevalent in the 30-34 age group, while traditional method use peaks in the 35-39 age group. Modern methods are practiced more frequently than traditional methods in every age group except the 15-19 and 40-49 age groups.

## Table 4.4 Current use of contraception

Percent distribution of currently married women by contraceptive method currently used, according to age, Turkey 1993

|  | Modem methods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Traditional methods |  |  |  |  |  | Nol using any method | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | Any method | Any modern method | Pill | IUD | Injection | Vaginal methods | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Con- } \\ & \text { dom } \end{aligned}$ | Female sterilisation | Male sterilisation | Any <br> trad. <br> meth- <br> od | Periodic abstinence | Withdrawal | Prolonged abstinence | Vaginal douche | Other |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.1 | 9.3 | 0.6 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 0.0 | 14.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 75.9 | 100.0 | 329 |
| 20-24 | 51.1 | 28.2 | 5.1 | 16.4 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 22.9 | 0.5 | 22.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 48.9 | 100.0 | 1026 |
| 25-29 | 68.0 | 41.7 | 9.0 | 23.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 26.3 | 0.5 | 25.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 32.0 | 100.0 | 1190 |
| 30-34 | 76.5 | 46.0 | 6.2 | 26.3 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 8.5 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 30.5 | 1.8 | 27.8 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 23.5 | 100.0 | 1254 |
| 35-39 | 76.8 | 41.0 | 3.9 | 22.1 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 8.2 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 35.8 | 0.7 | 34.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 23.2 | 100.0 | 1026 |
| 40-44 | 61.0 | 29.2 | 2.1 | 13.4 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 7.0 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 31.8 | 1.6 | 28.4 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 39.0 | 100.0 | 833 |
| 45-49 | 41.7 | 17.5 | 1.9 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 24.2 | 0.8 | 20.6 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 58.3 | 100.0 | 613 |
| Total | 62.6 | 34.5 | 4.9 | 18.8 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 6.6 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 28.1 | 1.0 | 26.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 37.4 | 100.0 | 6271 |

## Figure 4.2

Current Use of Family Planning
Turkey 1988-1993


TDHS 1993

The levels of current contraceptive use among main groups of the population can be compared in Table 4.5. Overall, use of any method is higher in urban than in rural areas. Much of the urban-rural difference in use is owed to the substantially higher level of use of modern methods among urban women ( 39 percent) compared to rural women ( 27 percent). In turn, almost all of the difference in modern method use is due to greater use of the IUD among urban women ( 22 percent) than rural women ( 14 percent).

Table 4.5 Current use of contraception by background characteristics
Percent distribution of currently married women by contraceptive method currently used, according to selected background characteristics. Turkey 1993

|  |  | Modern methods |  |  |  |  |  | Traditional methods |  |  |  | Not currently using | Total | N .unber of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Any method | Any modern method | Pill | IUD | Vaginal methods | Condom | Female stcri- <br> lisation | All traditional | Periodic abstinence | Withdrawal | Other |  |  |  |


| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Urban | 66.2 | 38.9 | 5.0 | 21.5 | 1.3 | 7.8 | 3.3 | 27.3 | 1.4 | 24.9 | 0.4 | 33.8 | 100.0 | 4005 |
| Rural | 56.1 | 26.8 | 4.8 | 14.1 | 1.1 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 29.3 | 0.1 | 28.5 | 0.7 | 43.9 | 100.0 | 2265 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 71.5 | 37.3 | 6.2 | 18.8 | 1.2 | 8.4 | 2.7 | 34.2 | 1.3 | 31.5 | 0.4 | 28.5 | 100.0 | 2207 |
| South | 62.8 | 36.7 | 4.2 | 20.9 | 2.2 | 6.1 | 3.3 | 26.0 | 1.0 | 24.7 | 0.3 | 37.2 | 100.0 | 964 |
| Central | 62.7 | 30.6 | 4.3 | 21.9 | 1.2 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 26.1 | 1.1 | 23.7 | 1.3 | 37.3 | 100.0 | 1472 |
| North | 64.2 | 29.8 | 5.2 | 11.5 | 1.7 | 7.1 | 4.3 | 34.4 | 0.4 | 33.6 | 0.4 | 35.8 | 100.0 | 589 |
| last | 42.3 | 26.3 | 3.6 | 16.5 | 0.7 | 3.7 | 1.8 | 16.0 | 0.3 | 15.6 | 0.1 | 57.7 | 100.0 | 1039 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 50.4 | 25.6 | 3.7 | 13.4 | 1.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 24.8 | 0.2 | 23.6 | 1.0 | 49.6 | 100.0 | 2102 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 67.5 | 35.9 | 5.6 | 20.4 | 1.2 | 6.3 | 2.4 | 31.5 | 0.6 | 30.1 | 0.8 | 32.5 | 100.0 | 3227 |
| Sec. comp/ $/+$ | 73.0 | 49.7 | 5.3 | 25.3 | 1.7 | . 4.5 | 2.9 | 23.3 | 4.0 | 18.7 | 0.6 | 27.0 | 100.0 | 942 |
| Living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 8.6 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 1.0 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 91.4 | 100.0 | 596 |
| 1 | 58.0 | 31.4 | 4.8 | 17.5 | 0.8 | 7.6 | 0.7 | 26.5 | 1.0 | 25.3 | 0.2 | 42.0 | 100.0 | 1069 |
| 2 | 78.3 | 45.6 | 6.4 | 26.1 | 1.6 | 8.9 | 2.6 | 32.6 | 1.4 | 30.4 | 0.8 | 21.7 | 100.0 | 1778 |
| 3 | 73.3 | 39.8 | 5.9 | 20.6 | 1.5 | 7.8 | 4.0 | 33.6 | 1.1 | 31.1 | 1.3 | 26.7 | 100.0 | 1203 |
| 4+ | 60.2 | 32.1 | 4.1 | 17.0 | 1.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 28.1 | 0.3 | 26.4 | 1.4 | 39.8 | 100.0 | 1625 |
| Total | 62.6 | 34.5 | 4.9 | 18.8 | 1.3 | 6.6 | 2.9 | 28.1 | 1.0 | 26.2 | 0.9 | 37.4 | 100.0 | 6271 |

Regional differences in use are substantial. The level of current use is only 42 percent in the East, whereas it exceeds 70 percent in the West and 60 percent in the other three regions. Modern method use is higher than traditional use in all regions except the North, and it decreases from a high of 37 percent in the West to 26 percent in the East. Traditional method use is high in both the Western and Northern regions ( 34 percent). In fact, much of the difference in overall prevalence between the Western region and the Southern and Central regions is due to the higher level of traditional method use in the West.

Regional differences in the current use of specific methods are presented in Figure 4.3. The main differences between regions are in pill and IUD use, which are lowest in the East and the North, respectively. Female sterilisation and withdrawal are highest in the North.

Current use increases directly with education (Table 4.5). Among women who have no education, the percentages currently using modern and traditional methods are almost identical. In contrast, women with a primary or higher education are more likely to use modern than traditional methods. Women with secondary or more education are the group most likely to be using modern contraceptive methods, especially the IUD and the condom. Half of all women in this education group are users of a modern method, and a quarter are using IUDs.

Use of contraception increases rapidly with number of living children, peaking at 78 percent among women with two children, after which it declines slightly among women with three or more children. There appears to be little effort to delay first birth; less than nine percent of the currently married women with no children are using a method.

Figure 4.3

## Current Use of Family Planning by Region and Method




## 4．4 Number of Children at First Use of Contraception

In many cultures，family planning is used only when couples have already had as many children as they want．As the concept of planning families gains acceptance，however，couples may begin to use contraception for spacing births as well as for limiting family size．Moreover，young women may be particularly motivated to use family planning to delay the timing of the first child．To explore the possible motivation for use of contraceptives，a question was asked on the number of children the respondent had when contraception was first used．

These results shown in Table 4.6 allows us examine cohort change（as indicated by differences between age groups）in the early adoption of contraception．One third of women start using contraception after they have one child．There are clear distinctions between cohorts in the parity at which a method was first accepted，with women who are younger than 35 being much more likely to have adopted at lower parities than older women．

## 4．5 Problems with Current Method

All current contraceptive users in the TDHS were asked whether they had experienced problems with the method they were using and，if so，what the problems were．Identifying problems with the use of specific methods has practical implications for future educational and promotional campaigns．In the last five years there has been more emphasis on counselling，in order to improve the quality of family planning services．Information，education and communication（IE\＆C）programs affect the continuation of methods．

In general，most of the current users were pleased with their choice of method（Table 4．7）．Most of the problems reported for modern methods are for the pill and，to a lesser degree，for the IUD．Most of the women who are using traditional methods did not report any problems．

Table 4.6 Number of children at first use of contraception
Percent distribution of ever-married women by number of living children at the time of first use of contraception, according to current age, Turkey 1993

| Current age | Never used contraception | Number of living children at time of first use of contraception |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | $4+$ |  |  |
| 15-19 | 62.4 | 18.2 | 17.9 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 332 |
| 20-24 | 30.7 | 17.4 | 42.0 | 8.5 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1040 |
| 25-29 | 15.8 | 14.8 | 42.0 | 17.9 | 6.1 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 1211 |
| 30-34 | 11.9 | 10.4 | 39.2 | 19.5 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 1283 |
| 35-39 | 13.2 | 8.3 | 30.4 | 17.7 | 12.5 | 17.9 | 100.0 | 1073 |
| 40-44 | 18.4 | 6.4 | 23.6 | 19.5 | 11.2 | 20.9 | 100.0 | 901 |
| 45-49 | 22.8 | 5.1 | 17.3 | 19.6 | 12.7 | 22.5 | 100.0 | 679 |
| Total | 20.4 | 11.3 | 33.2 | 16.3 | 8.1 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 6519 |

In Table 4.7, of the specific problems reported, 13 percent of the women using pills complained about side effects and 8 percent had health concerns related to the method. Among IUD users, side effects and health concerns were problems for an identical percentage of users ( 6 percent). The percentages reporting concerns about side effects and health concerns may reflect inappropriate counselling as well as the prejudice mostly to the pills that is reflected to the women by the medical personnel (i.e., the "medical barrier").

## Table 4.7 Problems with current method of contraception

Percent distribution of contraceptive users by the main problem with current method, according to specific methods, Turkey 1993

| Main problem | Pill | IUD | Vaginal methods | Condom | Female sterilisation | Periodic abstinence | Withdrawal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No problem | 78.4 | 87.4 | 94.4 | 94.4 | 92.9 | 93.8 | 96.1 |
| Husband disapproves | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| Side effects | 13.2 | 6.3 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Health concerns | 7.6 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Other ${ }^{1}$ | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 6.2 | 1.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 308 | 1178 | 76 | 415 | 186 | 60 | 1642 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes access/availability, inconvenient to use, and can get pregnant.

### 4.6 Use of Name-brand Pills

In order to measure the extent to which the social marketing program has reached the general public, all TDHS respondents who reported that they were currently using the pill were asked to show the packet of the pills they were using, or, if they could not, to tell the interviewer which brand they were using. Table 4.8 presents the percentage of pill users who are using a social marketing brand. Of all the current pill users 73 percent were able to show the pills they were using to the interviewer. The most commonly
used pill brand was Lo-femenal (17 percent), which is distributed free of charge by the Ministry of Health; it is followed by Desolet ( 16 percent), which is sold at pharmacies. Among the group who reported themselves as current users of the pill and could not show the packet, 42 percent could not remember the brand that they were using. Minipill (progesterone only) use is only I percent among the pill users ("other" category).

### 4.7 Knowledge of the Fertile Period

A basic knowledge of reproductive physiology is useful for successful practice of coitus-related methods such as withdrawal, the condom, or barrier methods, but it is especially important for users of periodic abstinence or the rhythm method. The successful practive of periodic abstinence depends on an understanding of when during the ovulatory cycle a woman is most likely to conceive. Table 4.9 presents the percent distribution of all respondents and those who have ever used periodic abstinence and withdrawal by reported knowledge of the fertile period in the ovulatory cycle.

Table 4.8 Use of social marketing brand pills
Percent distribution of pill users who are using a social marketing brand, Turkey 1993

| Brand <br> currently <br> used | Pills <br> shown | Pills <br> not <br> shown | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Desolet | 17.2 | 14.5 | 16.4 |
| Eugynon | 6.8 | 3.6 | 5.9 |
| Jemulen | 0.9 | - | 0.7 |
| Lo-femenal | 22.6 | 1.3 | 16.8 |
| lo-ovral | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.0 |
| lyndiol | 13.1 | 7.2 | 11.5 |
| Microgynon | 9.9 | 1.2 | 7.6 |
| Minulet | - | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| Myralon | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.7 |
| Ovral | 13.6 | 6.0 | 11.5 |
| Ovulen | 2.3 | 4.8 | 3.0 |
| Triquilar | 3.6 | 4.8 | 3.9 |
| Trinordiol | 3.6 | - | 2.6 |
| Other | 2.7 | 6.0 | 3.6 |
| Don't know | - | 42.2 | 11.5 |
| Missing | 0.5 | 2.4 | 1.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 221 | 83 | 304 |

Women in Turkey do not have sufficient knowledge on the timing of ovulation. Only 22 percent of ever-married women know the correct time of ovulation, 47 percent have no idea as to the time, and 31 percent have incorrect knowledge (Figure 4.4). Women who have ever used the rhythm method have better knowledge than all ever-married women; 80 percent know the correct time of ovulation, 8 percent report that they do not know about the time of ovulation and 12 percent have incorrect knowledge. Ever users of withdrawal have similar knowledge about time of ovulation as all women.

Table 4.9 Knowledge of fertile period
Percent distribution of ever-married women, women who have ever used periodic abstinence, and women who have ever used withdrawal, by knowledge of the fertile period during the ovulatory cycle, Turkey 1993

| Perceived <br> fertile period | All <br> women | Ever users <br> of periodic <br> abstinence | Ever users <br> of with- <br> drawal |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| During her period | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| After period ended | 7.7 | 6.4 | 8.7 |
| Middle of her cycle | 22.3 | 79.7 | 24.6 |
| Before period begins | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.0 |
| Other | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| No particular time | 20.5 | 3.0 | 19.4 |
| Don't know | 47.3 | 8.1 | 44.8 |
| Missing | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
|  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 6519 | 465 | 3480 |
| Number |  |  |  |

Figure 4.4
Knowledge of Fertile Period among Ever-Married Women and Users of Periodic Abstinence


Ever-Married Women


Periodic Abstinence

### 4.8 Timing of Sterilisation

In countries where contraceptive sterilisation is practiced, there is interest in knowing the trend in the adoption of the method and in determining whether the age at the time of the operation is declining. Table 4.10 presents the percent distribution of sterilised women by age at the time of sterilisation, according to the number of years since the operation. The median age at the time of the operation is presented only for women less than 40 years of age to minimize problems of censoring.

Table 4.10 Timing of sterilisation
Percent distribution of sterilised women by age at the time of sterilisation, according to the number of years since the operation, Turkey 1993

| Years since operation | Age at time of sterilisation |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women | Median age ${ }^{\prime}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $<25$ | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | Total |  |  |
| $<2$ | (1.3) | (26.6) | (46.2) | (17.6) | (5.8) | (2.5) | 100.0 | 45 | (32.3) |
| 2-3 | (9.2) | (24.9) | (31.3) | (27.9) | (6.7) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 36 | (32.2) |
| 4-5 | (23.7) | (3.6) | (29.3) | (28.8) | (14.6) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 30 | (33.1) |
| 6-7 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 21 | * |
| 8-9 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 22 | * |
| $10+$ | (18.7) | (37.1) | (34.1) | (10.1) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 33 | - |
| Total | 11.4 | 24.9 | 36.0 | 20.8 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 187 | 31.8 |

[^2]The results in Table 4.10 suggest that the age at which sterilisation is adopted has been decreasing slightly in Turkey. The median age at the time of sterilisation for women who have been sterilised 4-7 years before the survey was 33 years, almost one year higher than the median age ( 32 years) among users who adopted the method more recently. However, conclusions about the timing of sterilisation adoption must be viewed with some caution because of the comparatively small number of users in each time period.

### 4.9 Sources for Family Planning Methods

At present, the IUD, pills, condoms and other modern methods are available free of charge in the government sector through the primary health care units and hospitals. Pharmacies and private physicians also supply methods, but charge for their services.

All current users of modern methods of family planning were asked to report the most recent source of supply for their methods. Because women often do not know the exact category of the source they use (e.g., govermment hospital, private health center, etc.), interviewers were instructed to write the name of the source. Supervisors and field editors were to verify that the name and the type of source were consistent. This practice was designed to improve the reporting of data on sources of family planning. The results are presented in Table 4.11.

The majority of users ( 55 percent) obtained their methods from government services (Figure 4.5). Primary health care units (health centers) are the major public sector suppliers of family planning methods ( 35 percent). Among private sector sources, pharmacies ( 25 percent) are the major suppliers of methods, followed by private doctors ( 15 percent) and private hospitals or clinics ( 3 percent).

Looking at sources for specific methods (Table 4.11), pharmacies are the main source of pills, condoms and vaginal methods ( 69 percent, 65 percent and 91 percent, respectively). For the IUD, the principal source is government health centres/houses/MCH-FP centers (49 percent) and hospitals ( 22 percent); however, private doctors ( 24 percent) are also important providers of the IUD. The majority of female sterilisation operations take place in government hospitals ( 83 percent). Provision of modern methods by nongovemmental organizations (NGOs) in Turkey is still at insignificant levels, not exceeding one percent for any of the modern methods.

| Table 4.11 Source of supply for modem contraceptive methods |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Percent distribution of current users of modern contraceptive methods by most recent |
| source of supply, according to specific methods, Turkey 1993 |

## Figure 4.5 Source of Supply of Modern Contraceptive Methods



### 4.10 Contraceptive Discontinuation

Cumulative one-year contraceptive discontinuation rates due to method failure, desire for pregnancy, or other reasons are presented in Table 4.12, according to specific method. The discontinuation rates shown are true,multiple decrement life-table rates (sometimes referred to as "net rates") where the various reasons for discontinuation are treated as competing risks and are additive across reasons for discontinuing. The rates are calculated from information collected in the calendar portion of the questionnaire (see Appendix E). The rates refer to all episodes of contraceptive use occurring during the period of time covered by the calendar, not just those episodes that began during this period. Specifically, the rates presented in Table

Table 4.12 Contraceptive discontinuation rates
First-year contraceptive discontinuation rates due to method failure, desire for pregnancy, side effects, or other reasons, according to specific method

| Method | Method <br> failure | Desire for <br> pregnancy | Side <br> effects | All <br> other <br> reasons | All <br> reasons |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Pill | 6.3 | 5.8 | 22.5 | 20.8 | 55.3 |
| UUD | 1.0 | 0.8 | 6.0 | 2.3 | 10.1 |
| Diaphragm/Foam/selly 16.1 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 36.7 | 60.0 |  |
| Condom | 8.6 | 5.9 | 0.6 | 33.7 | 48.8 |
| Periodic abstinence | 24.6 | 15.3 | 0.8 | 20.2 | 60.9 |
| Withdrawal | 14.9 | 6.4 | 0.2 | 17.3 | 38.8 |
| Total | 9.7 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 17.1 | 36.7 |

4.12 refer to the 60 -month period $3-63$ months prior to the survey; the month of the interview and the prior 2 months are ignored in order to avoid the bias that may be introduced by unrecognized pregnancies.

Proper counselling and type of services affect the continuation of methods. Crowded family planning centres lower the quality of services, limiting one-to-one contact with the clients. Regular followups or visits are required to maintain the continuation of the method.

The highest discontinuation rates are for barrier methods (diaphragm, foam or jelly) and periodic abstinence ( 60 percent and 61 percent, respectively). The discontinuation rate for the pill ( 55 percent) is also quite high. The lowest discontinuation rate ( 10 percent) is for the IUD. The discontinuation rate for withdrawal, the most widely used traditional method, is relatively low ( 39 percent) in comparison to that for some modern methods.

Side effects for the pill and IUD ( 23 percent and 6 percent, respectively) account for a large part of their high discontinuation rates. The highest failure rate is observed for periodic abstinence ( 25 percent). This may be due to the fact that periodic abstinence is used mostly by the delayers, who are not highly motivated. The failure rate for withdrawal for the first year is relatively low compared to the rates for other countries, c.g., 18 percent as reported by Hatcher et al. (1990). The high level of the failure rate for the pill ( 6 percent), compared to the typical first-year failure rate of 3 percent, may be due to its misuse.

Table 4.13 shows the percent distribution of the discontinuation of contraceptive methods in the last five years by main reason for discontinuation, according to specific method. Major reasons for discontinuation of the pill and IUDs were side effects and health concerns ( 41 percent and 47 percent, respectively); discontinuation due to side effects was higher among pill users than IUD users. The main reason for discontinuation of withdrawal was becoming pregnant ( 42 percent) with 17 percent accounting to the desire to change to a more effective method. Similarly, 14 percent of the discontinuation of condom use resulted from changing to a more effective method, while husband disapproval accounted for 23 percent of the discontinuations.

Table 4.13 Reasons for discontinuation of contraception
Percent distribution of contraceptive method discontinuation in the live years preceding the survey by main reason for discontinuation. according to specilic methods. Turkey 1993

| Reason for discontinuation | Modern methods |  |  |  | Traditional methods |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pill | IUD | Vaginal methods | Condom | Periodic ahstinence | Withdrawal | All methods |
| Became pregnant | 12.2 | 6.9 | 24.0 | 17.9 | 39.6 | 41.7 | 25.9 |
| To become pregnant | 13.3 | 16.1 | 10.2 | 18.9 | 25.9 | 18.0 | 16.7 |
| llusband disapproved | 1.0 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 23.3 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 5.1 |
| Side ellects | 26.8 | 16.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 8.0 |
| Ilealth concerns | 14.2 | 30.2 | 4.8 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 8.8 |
| Access/Availability | 2.6 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| More effective method | 3.4 | 0.7 | 11.6 | 13.6 | 9.9 | 17.3 | 10.8 |
| Inconvenient to use | 0.8 | 0.0 | 9.9 | 5.5 | 2.9 | 1.2 | 1.9 |
| Infrequent sex | 6.7 | 1.8 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| Cost | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Fatalistic | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Menopause | 2.3 | 2.5 | 7.8 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| Marital dissolution | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Other | 11.3 | 19.1 | 9.2 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 2.7 | 8.2 |
| Missing | 4.2 | 5.1 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 9.7 | 7.6 | 6.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 811 | 848 | 171 | 583 | 121 | 1942 | 4547 |

### 4.11 Intent to Use Family Planning Among Nonusers

Intent to use contraception in the future provides a forecast of potential demand for services and is a convenient indicator of the disposition towards contraception among current nonusers. Women who were not using a contraceptive method at the time of the survey were asked if they thought they would do something to keep from getting pregnant at any time in the future. In addition, those who reported that they were intending to use were asked whether they planned to begin use within the next 12 months. The distinction between intended use in the next 12 months and later use should provide a more trustworthy indication of demand in the near future. Since intention to use family planning is closely related to the number of children a woman has and past experience with contraception, the data on future use in Table 4.14 are broken down by these two factors. The reasons for not using contraception given by women who do not intend to use a method are presented in Table 4.15. Nonusers who said that they did intend to use family planning in the future were asked which method they preferred to use. These results are presented in Table 4.16.

Among currently married nonusers, 46 percent do not intend to use any method in the future while 31 percent intend to begin use in 12 months, 14 percent intend to use later and 8 percent are unsure of their intent or the timing (Table 4.14 and Figure 4.6). The proportion intending to use varies with number of living children, peaking at 64 percent among women with one child. The timing of the intention to use also varies with the number of living children; nonusers with two or more children are much more likely than those with no children to say that they plan to begin use within the next 12 months.

Table 4.14 Future use of contraception
Percent distribution of currently married women who are not using a contraceptive method by past experience with contraception and intention to use in the future, according to number of living children, Turkey 1993

| Past experience with contraception and future intentions | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | $4+$ |  |
| Never used before |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intend use/12 months | 2.9 | 29.3 | 11.2 | 9.1 | 11.3 | 13.4 |
| Intend use later | 26.3 | 12.6 | 4.1 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 8.4 |
| Unsure as to timing | 0.8 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Unsure as to intent | 10.3 | 5.4 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 4.7 |
| Docs not intend use | 44.9 | 19.0 | 17.4 | 15.5 | 28.8 | 25.0 |
| Missing | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Previously used |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intend use/ 12 months | 2.1 | 12.3 | 32.7 | 25.3 | 14.9 | 17.4 |
| Intend use later | 8.9 | 9.3 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 5.4 |
| Unsure as to timing | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Unsure as to intent | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Does not intend to use | 2.6 | 7.3 | 22.8 | 36.0 | 33.0 | 21.4 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Nonusers currently married |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intend use/12 months | 5.0 | 41.5 | 43.9 | 34.4 | 26.0 | 30.8 |
| Intend use later | 35.2 | 22.0 | 7.9 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 13.9 |
| Unsure as to timing | 0.8 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| Unsure as to intent | 11.0 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 6.0 |
| Does not intend to use | 47.5 | 26.4 | 40.3 | 51.5 | 61.9 | 46.4 |
| Missing | 0.5 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 361 | 492 | 459 | 346 | 689 | 2347 |

[^3]
## Figure 4.6 <br> Future Use of Contraception among Nonusers Currently Married



TDHS 1993

Nonusers are almost evenly divided between past users and never users. An examination of intention to use among these two groups indicates that past users are only slightly more likely than never users to express an intention to use in the future; past users are more likely than never users to say that they will begin use within the next 12 months.

Table 4.15 and Figure 4.7 show the reasons for nonuse among nonusers who do not intend to adopt any method in the future. Nonusers who do not intend to use in the future are mainly over the age of 30 ( 81 percent), and their reasons for nonuse are quite different from the reasons given by younger nonusers. The majority of these older nonusers are not exposed to pregnancy; 35 percent had a hysterectomy or are menopausal and 35 percent reported that it was difficult for them to get pregnant. The main reason for nonuse among women under age 30 was a desire for children ( 51 percent), and the second most frequently mentioned reason was infertility (19 percent).

Table 4.15 Reasons for not using contraception
Percent distribution of women who are not using a contraceptive method and who do not intend to use in the future by main reason for not using, according to age, Turkey 1993

| Reason for <br> not using <br> contraception | Age |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $15-29$ | $30-49$ | Total |
| Wants children | 50.7 | 7.9 | 15.9 |
| Lack of knowledge | 3.5 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| Partner opposed | 5.8 | 1.4 | 2.3 |
| Costs too much | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Side effects | 2.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Health concems | 2.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| Hard to get methods | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Religion | 2.5 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| Opposed to family planning | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Fatalistic | 4.4 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| Infrequent sex | 3.0 | 6.8 | 6.1 |
| Difficult to be pregnant | 18.5 | 35.4 | 32.2 |
| Menopausal/Had hysterectomy | 0.8 | 34.9 | 28.5 |
| Inconvenient | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Other | 5.4 | 2.8 | 3.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 204 | 886 | 1090 |



In the groups who intend to use in the next 12 months or later, the majority report that their method of choice will be the IUD. Women who are not sure of the timing of future use also are more likely to prefer the IUD ( 29 percent) than other methods, but significant proportions also prefer the pill ( 18 percent), and 11 percent want to be sterilised (Table 4.16).

Table 4.16 Preferred method of contraception for future use
Percent distribution of currently married women who are not using a contraceptive method but who intend to use in the future by preferred method, according to whether they intend to use in the next 12 months or later, Turkey 1993

|  | Intend to use |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| In next <br> Preferred method <br> of contraception | 12 <br> months <br> months | Unsure <br> when |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |
| Pill | 13.1 | 14.2 | $(17.7)$ | 13.5 |
| IUD | 54.0 | 46.7 | $(29.2)$ | 50.6 |
| Injection | 3.2 | 2.2 | $(2.9)$ | 2.8 |
| Diaphragm/Foam/Jelly | 1.1 | 1.8 | $(0.0)$ | 1.3 |
| Condom | 2.9 | 3.1 | $(4.8)$ | 3.0 |
| Norplant | 1.5 | 1.2 | $(2.9)$ | 1.4 |
| Female sterilisation | 5.2 | 6.6 | $(11.4)$ | 5.7 |
| Male sterilisation | 0.3 | 0.2 | $(0.0)$ | 0.3 |
| Periodic abstinence | 0.5 | 0.0 | $(0.0)$ | 0.3 |
| Withdrawal | 6.9 | 6.9 | $(2.9)$ | 6.7 |
| Abstinence | 0.0 | 0.3 | $(0.0)$ | 0.1 |
| Other | 1.2 | 3.0 | $(0.0)$ | 1.7 |
| Don't know/Missing | 10.1 | 13.8 | $(28.2)$ | 12.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 722 | 325 | 35 | 1082 |

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## CHAPTER 5

# ABORTIONS AND STILLBIRTHS 

## Ayşe Akın Dervişoğlu Gül Ergör

In this chapter, the fertility outcomes that have not been discussed in previous chapters-induced abortions, spontaneous abortions, and stillbirths-will be addressed. Greater emphasis will be placed on induced abortions due to the importance of its effects on health and fertility. Although stillbirths and spontaneous abortions are important indicators of prenatal care and maternal health, induced abortions have significance for family planning services.

Abortions have been used as a method of birth control over the years, despite the fact that they were hazardous and/or illegal. Induced abortion is a worldwide problem in women's health. Illegal abortion is a major cause of death among women of reproductive age in developing countries. The aim of family planning is to eliminate unwanted pregnancies. However, lack of access to contraception or non-use of contraception due to psychosocial factors or the failure of a contraceptive method may result in an unwanted pregnancy and may lead women to resort to induced abortion. Legalizing abortion provides safe conditions to terminate unwanted pregnancies. In May 1983, the new population planning law was accepted, by which Turkey chose to provide safe, equally available abortion for every women who needs the service. The new law introduced the following innovations:

- Legalized induced abortion on request during the first ten weeks of gestation
- Provided for pregnancy termination by a trained General Practitioner under the supervision of an ob/gyn specialist
- Legalized surgical contraception on request for both sexes
- Authorized trained nurse-midwives to provide effective contraceptive methods like IUD insertion
- Further emphasized the importance of intersectoral collaboration and cooperation for successful Family Planning activities.

It was a comprehensive law in that it aimed to increase contraceptive use. After 1983, induced abortions have been performed at government hospitals for a nominal fee. The private sector also provides abortion services for a fee.

In the 1993 TDHS, women were asked if they had had any abortions, miscarriages or stillbirths and if so, how many. If these events took place since 1988 the dates were also marked on the calendar section of the questionnaire. Information was also collected on the duration of the pregnancy in months before the abortion, the provider of the abortion, and the reason for the last abortion.

### 5.1 Abortion and Stillbirth Prevalence

Abortion rates are calculated in three different ways, by dividing the number of abortions by the number of women in a specified time period and multiplying by 100 (per 100 women), by dividing the number of abortions by the number of pregnancies in the same time period and multiplying by 100 (per 100 pregnancies), and by dividing the number of abortions by the number of live births in the same time period and multiplying by 100 (per 100 live births).

The total abortion rates show a slight decrease since 1990 as can be seen in the values for the induced abortions rather than the spontaneous abortions (Table 5.1). The decrease is from 21 per 100 pregnancies in 1990 to 18 in 1992. The low rates for 1988 and 1989 may be due to recall bias, i.e., they belong to a date further in the past. The spontaneous abortion rates were between 5 to 11 per 100 pregnancies during the same time period. The stillbirth incidence, between 1.1 and 1.9 , did not show a trend in the five years before the survey. At the time of the survey, respondents reported that 13 of 100 pregnancies ended in induced abortions, 8 pregnancies ended in spontaneous abortions and 2 pregnancies ended in stillbirths.

## Table 5.1 Abortions and stillibiths

Induced and spontaneous abortions and stillbirths per 100 pregnancies, 1988-1992, Turkey 1993

|  | 1992 | 1991 | 1990 | 1989 | 1988 | Total $^{1}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Induced abortion |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spontaneous abortion | 17.9 | 18.0 | 20.6 | 15.7 | 12.9 | 13.4 |
| Stillbirth | 1.1 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 8.3 |

${ }^{\prime}$ This category reflects the induced and spontaneous abortions and stillbirths per 100 pregnancies that women have had at the time of the survey.

Table 5.2 shows the abortion rates calculated up to the time of the survey. There have been 17 induced abortions per 100 live births and 52 induced abortions per 100 women, compared to 10 spontaneous abortions per 100 live births and 31 spontaneous abortions per 100 women.

Table 5.2 also shows the abortion rates for the three years preceding the survey. There were 29 total abortions for 100 pregnancies, of which 18 were induced and 11 were spontaneous. Out of 100 women, 9 women had induced abortions and 5 women had spontaneous abortions in the same time period. In terms of live births there have been 25 induced abortions and 15 spontaneous abortions per 100 live births. Abortion rates for the year preceding the survey are given at the end of Table 5.2.

Table 5.2 Total abortion rates
Total, induced, and spontaneous abortions per 100 women, 100 pregnancies, and 100 live births, Turkey 1993

|  | Number of abortions per $100:$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Women | Pregnancies | Live <br> births |
| Total |  |  |  |
| Total abortions | 83.8 | 21.4 | 27.6 |
| Induced abortions | 52.4 | 13.4 | 17.2 |
| Spontaneous abortions | 31.4 | 8.0 | 10.3 |
| Three years preceding |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Total abortions | 13.8 | 28.5 | 40.3 |
| Induced abortions | 8.7 | 17.9 | 25.4 |
| Spontaneous abortions | 5.1 | 10.5 | 14.9 |
| One year preceding |  |  |  |
| Total abortions | 5.4 | 29.4 | 42.4 |
| Induced abortions | 3.3 | 17.9 | 25.8 |
| Spontaneous abortions | 2.1 | 11.5 | 16.6 |

### 5.2 Abortions and Stillbirths by Selected Background Characteristics

The induced abortion rates according to region differ considerably from East to West. As seen in Table 5.3 the abortion rates per 100 pregnancies are almost twice as high in the Central, Southerm and Northern regions, and almost three times as high in the West as the abortion rate for the East. A similar gap is seen between the rural and urban areas, where induced abortions are nearly twice as high as in the rural areas.

Induced abortions per 100 pregnancies increase steadily by age, reaching the highest level in the 45-49 age group with 48 abortions. This pattern differs from the 1988 TDHS, where the highest abortion rate was seen in the 35-39 age group. The effect of education is similar to that of 1988, with the abortion rate increasing with the level of education, from 14 in the least educated group to 23 in the secondary or higher educated group.

| Table 5.3 Induced abortion and stillbiths |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Induced abortions and stillbirths per 100 women, per 100 pregnancies according to background characteristics in the five years preceding the survey, Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Induced abortions per |  | Stillbirths per |  |
| Background characteristics | $\begin{gathered} 100 \\ \text { women } \end{gathered}$ | 100 pregnancies | $\begin{gathered} 100 \\ \text { women } \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{100}{\text { pregnancies }}$ |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| West | 16.3 | 24.9 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| South | 13.1 | 16.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Central | 15.4 | 19.8 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| North | 13.7 | 17.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| East | 9.5 | 8.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 16.5 | 21.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| Rural | 10.2 | 13.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Age of woman |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 20-24 | 8.7 | 6.7 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| 25-29 | 17.4 | 13.9 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| 30-34 | 21.1 | 23.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| 35-39 | 20.0 | 34.7 | 1.8 | 3.1 |
| 40-44 | 11.3 | 37.8 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| 45-49 | 5.0 | 48.4 | 0.3 | 3.0 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 11.2 | 13.9 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 15.4 | 19.4 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 17.2 | 22.6 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| Total | 14.3 | 17.9 | 1.2 | 1.5 |

There have been 1.5 stillbirths per 100 pregnancies and 1.2 stillbirths per 100 women in the last five years preceding the survey. There are slightly more stillbirths in the East than in the West. The rural and urban differences are not very pronounced. Stillbirths definitely increase after age 35 to 2 or 3 stillbirths per 100 pregnancies. There are more stillbirths in the group that has never attended school or did not complete primary school than in the higher educated groups.

As seen in Table 5.4, overall 72 percent of women have not had an abortion throughout their lives (by the time of the survey), whereas 15 percent had one abortion, 8 percent had two abortions and 6 percent had three or more abortions. As the number of living children increases, the percent of women who had an abortion increases as well as the number of abortions a woman has had. Looking at the abortions according to the desired number of children, the highest percentage of abortions is seen among the women who desire only one child, followed by the women who desire two children.

| Table 5.4 Induced abortions throughout life of a woman |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of ever-married women by number of induced abortions, according to number of living children and desired number of children. Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of induced abortions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | None | 1 | 2 | $3+$ | Total | Number |
| Living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 96.7 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 623 |
| , | 87.2 | 9.4 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1117 |
| 2 | 68.0 | 17.9 | 9.0 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 1838 |
| $3+$ | 63.6 | 17.8 | 10.4 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 2941 |
| Desired children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 77.2 | 12.1 | 6.8 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 59 |
| 1 | 70.6 | 17.0 | 8.3 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 426 |
| 2 | 71.6 | 15.2 | 7.9 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 3911 |
| $3+$ | 73.0 | 14.1 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 2006 |
| Other | 72.8 | 12.1 | 10.1 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 117 |
| Total | 72.0 | 14.9 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 6519 |

### 5.3 Contraceptive Use Before and After Induced Abortions

Abortions result from either a failure to use contraceptives or a failure to use them effectively. The distribution of women according to the contraceptive method they used in the month preceding the abortion is shown in Table 5.5. In the past five years, 34 percent of women who had an abortion were not using any method whereas 45 percent were using withdrawal one month before the last abortion. The high percentage of witidrawal users among the women who chose to have an abortion implies motivation to control their fertility, but unfortunately the method they have chosen is ineffective. Among the women who terminated their pregnancy with an induced abortion, 6 percent were using condoms, 5 percent the IUD, and 4 percent the pill.

## Table 5.5 Metbod used before abortion

Method used within one month before pregnancy for the last abortion and before pregnancy for all abortions reported in the five years preceding the survey, Turkey 1993

| Method | Last <br> abortion | All <br> abortions |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Pill | 4.2 | 4.6 |
| IUD | 4.7 | 4.3 |
| Diaphragm/Foam/Jelly | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| Condom | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| Periodic abstinence | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Withdrawal | 45.1 | 44.7 |
| Other | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| No method | 33.8 | 34.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 799 | 929 |

Table 5.6 shows the aftermath of abortion in terms of method use. The time during an abortion certainly is an opportunity to offer counseling for effective contraceptive use. However, this seems to be a missed opportunity for health care providers, since 39 percent of women who had an abortion do not use any method one month after an abortion and 27 percent use withdrawal. Effective methods practiced within one month after an abortion include the IUD ( 11 percent), the pill ( 9 percent), and the condom ( 9 percent).

It is interesting to look at the women who used withdrawal and the nonusers, since they account for most of the women who had an abortion. Table 5.7 shows that more than half of the women who were nonusers who had an abortion are still not using any method in the first month after the abortion, only 11 percent started using the pill, 11 percent started using IUD, 8 percent started using the condom, and 12 percent started to use withdrawal.

Table 5.6 Method used after abortion
Method used within one month after last abortion and after all abortions reported in the five years preceding the survey, Turkey 1993

| Method | Last <br> abortion | All <br> abortions |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Pill | 9.1 | 9.2 |
| UD | 11.1 | 9.9 |
| Diaphragm/Foam/selly | 1.6 | 2.1 |
| Condom | 9.3 | 8.8 |
| Female sterilisation | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Periodic abstinence | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| Withdrawal | 26.8 | 27.6 |
| Other | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| No method | 38.8 | 38.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 799 | 929 |

Among the withdrawal users who had an abortion 43 percent continued to use withdrawal and 32 percent were not using any method. Only 10 percent started to use the IUD, 5 percent the pill and 7 percent the condom after the abortion.

Table 5.7 Method used after abortion and past use
Method used within 1 month before last abortion and method used within one month after last abontion in the five years preceding the survey, Turkey 1993

| Method used in the month before abortion | Method used one month after the abortion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pill | IUD | Diaphragm | Condom | Female sterilisation | Periodic abstinence | Withdrawal | Other | No method | Total |  |
| Pill | (30.3) | (21.3) | (0.0) | (12.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (7.5) | (0.0) | (28.9) | 100.0 | 33 |
| IUD | (18.6) | (17.6) | (0.0) | (11.6) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (22.6) | (0.0) | (29.6) | 100.0 | 38 |
| Diaphragm/Foam/Jell | ly * | * | * | * | * | * | , | * | * | 100.0 | 22 |
| Condom | (7.1) | (5.1) | (0.0) | (39.5) | (0.0) | (2.2) | (14.1) | (0.0) | (32.0) | 100.0 | 44 |
| Periodic abstinence | * | * | * | ( | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 21 |
| Withdrawal | 4.9 | 10.4 | 0.8 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 43.4 | 1.4 | 31.5 | 100.0 | 360 |
| No method | 11.1 | 10.7 | 0.9 | 7.7 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 12.2 | 2.4 | 53.8 | 100.0 | 270 |
| Total | 9.1 | 11.1 | 1.6 | 9.3 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 26.8 | 1.5 | 38.8 | 100.0 | $788^{\text {a }}$ |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Eleven women who were using "other" methods in the month before the abortion are not included in this table.
() Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 cases.

* Less than 25 cases


### 5.4 Reasons for Induced Abortion

Reasons for having an abortion for the last abortion a woman had are shown in Table 5.8. The most reported reason was not wanting any more children ( 58 percent). Socioeconomic reasons followed with 17 percent, physician's recommendation with 12 percent and recently ended a previous pregnancy accounted for 8 percent.

Table 5.8 Reasons for induced abortion
Reason for last induced abortion among women who have at least one induced abortion, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristics | Reasons for induced abortion |  |  |  |  | Total | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor recommended | Socioeconomic | Did not another | ```Previous pregnancy just ended``` | Other ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 10.0 | 19.2 | 56.9 | 8.2 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 742 |
| South | 15.9 | 12.7 | 54.7 | 12.1 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 248 |
| Central | 10.6 | 15.6 | 60.6 | 7.4 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 393 |
| North | 12.2 | 18.1 | 61.0 | 5.5 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 145 |
| East | 22.4 | 13.1 | 55.1 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 171 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 12.2 | 18.6 | 55.1 | 8.7 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 1269 |
| Rural | 13.4 | 11.1 | 64.6 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 430 |
| Age of woman |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $15-19$ | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 6 |
| 20-24 | 12.9 | 25.3 | 36.0 | 14.2 | 11.6 | 100.0 | 86 |
| 25-29 | 13.3 | 19.9 | 43.3 | 15.9 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 239 |
| 30-34 | 12.7 | 16.7 | 58.0 | 9.2 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 390 |
| 35-39 | 9.7 | 16.8 | 64.7 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 403 |
| 40-44 | 14.2 | 12.8 | 60.1 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 342 |
| 45.49 | 12.5 | 15.9 | 64.4 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 233 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 16.7 | 12.7 | 61.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 515 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 11.0 | 18.0 | 55.5 | 8.9 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 876 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 9.5 | 19.7 | 55.8 | 11.1 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 308 |
| Total | 12.4 | 16.7 | 57.5 | 8.0 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 1699 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes missing values, which are 4.3 .percent of the total

* Less than 25 cases

There were some regional differences in the reasons for abortions. In the East, physician's recommendation was 22 percent, the highest of all the other regions, which is probably due to the high number of pregnancies a woman has. In the South the short time interval seemed to be a more important factor to end a pregnancy than in the other regions. In the urban areas socioeconomic factors and birth spacing were the more important reasons, while in rural areas not wanting any more children was reported more.

As the age of the woman increased, the main reason for having the last induced abortion was "not wanting any more children." Socioeconomic reasons were reported more frequently by the younger age groups. Until age 30 between 12-16 percent of pregnancies were terminated because of a recent pregnancy.

Socioeconomic reasons and child spacing are perceived more as a reason to have an abortion among the higher educated women. Among the uneducated, 17 percent report physician's recommendation as a reason for their abortion and 62 percent report that they did not want any more children.

### 5.5 Timing of Induced Abortions

Although abortions are legal for up to 10 weeks of pregnancy ( 2.5 months), it is safer for a woman to have an abortion as early as possible. Table 5.9 shows the distribution of women with recent induced abortions by number of months of pregnancy at the time of the abortion, according to region and place of residence. Overall, 44 percent of abortions took place in the first month, 31 percent in the second month, 13 percent in the third month and 12 percent in the fourth or later months of pregnancy, which shows that at least 12 percent of the induced abortions were performed beyond the legal limits. This is especially noticeable in the East, where one fourth of abortions were done after the legal limits. These statistics may reflect a delay in access to health services.

Urban-rural differences are also more apparent for the abortions after the third month of pregnancy. Notice that 11 percent of induced abortions were carried out after the third month in the urban areas, where access to health care should be easier, compared with 16 percent in the rural areas.

Table 5.9 Timing of induced abortion
Percent distribution of women with recent induced abortions by number of months of pregnancy, according to place of residence, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Number of months pregnant |  |  |  | Missing | Total | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | I | 2 | 3 | $4+$ |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 51.5 | 29.5 | 10.5 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 508 |
| South | 38.8 | 33.6 | 14.6 | 12.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 191 |
| Central | 46.8 | 31.0 | 11.4 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 327 |
| North | 40.6 | 38.2 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 129 |
| East | 25.8 | 29.2 | 19.5 | 25.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 208 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 47.2 | 29.9 | 12.0 | 10.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 946 |
| Rural | 35.5 | 34.1 | 14.4 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 417 |
| Total | 43.6 | 31.2 | 12.7 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1363 |

This issue might be better explained when the abortion provider is taken into consideration. Table 5.10 shows that 67 percent of abortions were performed by private physicians and 27 percent by physicians in government hospitals. Although it differs by region, the private physician's share is not lower than 64 percent in any region. The percentage for physicians at government hospitals is the highest in the Western region, followed by the Central and Eastern regions. There are no marked urban and rural differences in terms of the place where the abortion service is provided. Three percent of unsafe induced abortions are performed either by the woman herself or by a nurse-midwife.

Table 5.10 Abortion providers
Percent distribution of women who used induced abortion to terminate their pregnancies during the last five years, by provider, according to place of residence, Turkey 1993

| Background <br> characteristic | Self/ <br> Nurse- <br> midwife | Physician <br> (gov't. <br> hospital) | Physician <br> (private) | Missing | Total | Number |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 1.0 | 32.7 | 64.3 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 379 |
| South | 7.1 | 17.6 | 73.5 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 131 |
| Central | 2.7 | 30.2 | 64.9 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 234 |
| North | 4.3 | 14.6 | 78.1 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 84 |
| East | 5.0 | 24.7 | 67.0 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 101 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Urban | 2.1 | 28.6 | 67.4 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 691 |
| Rural | 5.2 | 24.2 | 67.2 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 238 |
| Total | 2.9 | 27.4 | 67.4 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 929 |

## CHAPTER 6

## PROXIMATE DETERMINANTS OF FERTILITY

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The principal factors other than contraception that affect a woman's risk of becoming pregnant, namely, nuptiality, postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence from sexual relations, and secondary infertility, are addressed in this chapter. The nuptiality data collection procedure in the TDHS differs in various ways from the standard DHS questionnaire. In the TDHS, the nuptiality questions are after the fertility section and questions on recent sexual activity are not included because of the difficulty in addressing these questions to women. Instead there are some additional questions about family formation, religious marriages, and consanguinity.

Although it is by no means always true, marriage is an indicator of exposure of women to the risk of pregnancy; therefore it is important for the understanding of fertility. Populations in which age at marriage is low also tend to experience early childbearing and high fertility. Trends in the age at which women marry can help to explain the trends in fertility levels. Measures of other proximate determinants of fertility are the durations of postpartum amenorrhoea and postpartum abstincnce, and the level of secondary infertility.

In the TDHS, only women 15-49 who had ever been married were interviewed with the Individual Questionnaire. However, some tables presented in this chapter are based on all women, i.e., on both evermarried and never-married women. In constructing these tables, the number of ever-married women interviewed in the survey is multiplied by an inflation factor that is equal to the ratio of all women to evermarried women interviewed as reported in the Household Questionnaire. With this procedure the denominators are expanded to represent all women. The inflation factors are calculated by single years of age and, where the results are presented by background characteristics, single-year inflation factors are calculated separately for each category of the characteristic.

### 6.1 Current Marital Status

Current marital status at the time of the survey is shown in Table 6.1 and Figure 6.1. Overall, 65 percent are currently married,' 2 percent are widowed, 1 percent are divorced and 33 percent have never been married. In Turkey, marriage is almost universal. By the end of the reproductive years, only 1 percent of women have never married. The universality of marriage is also evident from the fact that among women age 30 and over, 96 percent or more are, or have been, married. The percentage of never married women declines rapidly with age, decreasing almost by half, from 87 percent among teenagers to 42 percent among women in their early twenties.

As expected, the proportion of widows increases with age, from less than I percent of women under age 30 to 7 percent among women age 45-49. The percentage of divorced women is very low and women who are not living with their husbands are even less common than the divorced group.

[^5]
## Table 6.1 Current marital status

Percent distribution of women by current marital status, according to age, Turkey 1993

| Age | Marital status |  |  |  |  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { women } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Not living together |  |  |
| 15-19 | 86.5 | 13.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2460 |
| 20-24 | 41.5 | 57.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1777 |
| 25-29 | 15.6 | 82.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1436 |
| 30-34 | 4.3 | 93.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1340 |
| 35-39 | 1.8 | 93.9 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1093 |
| 40-44 | 2.2 | 90.5 | 5.2 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 921 |
| 45-49 | 0.9 | 89.6 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 685 |
| Total | 32.9 | 64.6 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 9712 |

Figure 6.1
Current Marital Status


### 6.2 Marital Exposure

Table 6.2 presents marital exposure to the risk of pregnancy. The table is based on the information collected in the calendar. Therefore it shows the percentage of months in the five years before the survey spent in a marital union and incorporates the effects of age at first marriage, marital dissolution, and remarriage. The table shows variations in exposure by age and background characteristics of women.

## Table 6.2 Marital exposure

Percentage of time spent in marital union in the five years preceding the survey by age and selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Age at time of survey |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5.3 | 41.1 | 76.3 | 93.0 | 93.0 | 90.6 | 89.1 | 60.4 |
| Rural | 3.3 | 39.2 | 75.5 | 92.4 | 95.8 | 94.8 | 93.8 | 50.7 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 4.2 | 39.1 | 74.1 | 92.1 | 92.3 | 90.2 | 89.5 | 61.6 |
| South | 4.8 | 36.5 | 66.4 | 88.9 | 93.0 | 92.5 | 87.4 | 56.1 |
| Central | 5.0 | 43.1 | 80.9 | 95.3 | 93.5 | 92.3 | 93.8 | 60.8 |
| North | 6.6 | 37.6 | 81.1 | 90.2 | 96.0 | 91.8 | 92.3 | 63.3 |
| East | 5.9 | 44.4 | 81.5 | 95.0 | 96.8 | 95.3 | 92.1 | 53.0 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 13.4 | 57.6 | 85.4 | 94.0 | 95.4 | 92.2 | 94.0 | 81.4 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 5.3 | 43.9 | 78.8 | 93.8 | 94.9 | 93.1 | 87.6 | 54.8 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 1.1 | 23.1 | 61.5 | 87.8 | 86.2 | 87.1 | 83.1 | 40.7 |
| Total | 4.8 | 40.4 | 76.0 | 92.7 | 93.9 | 91.8 | 90.9 | 58.3 |

Overall, women in Turkey were in marital unions for 58 percent of the time during the five years preceding the survey. The percentage of months spent married varies by age. Younger women spent less time in marriage than older women, because a large proportion were not yet married. The percentage of months spent married increases to 94 percent among women age 35-39 and then declines. This pattern reflects marital dissolution among women age 40 and above, mostly through widowhood, since divorce is less common.

There are significant differences in marital exposure between regions. These differences are more marked in the younger age groups, indicating differences in the pace of entry into marriage. For example, women age $20-24$ in the Southern region spent 37 percent of the months in the five years preceding the survey in marital union, compared to 44 percent among women in the same age group in the Eastern region. In the 25-29 age group similar differences are observed between the regions.

With respect to residential variation, the percentage of months spent married is unexpectedly lower among rural women than among women living in urban areas up to age 35 . After this age, a reversed pattern is observed, with rural women spending a higher percentage of months married.

There are also large differences in marital exposure by the woman's level of education. Time spent in marital union decreases as the level of education increases. Overall, women with no education spent 81 percent of the months in the five years preceding the survey in marital union, whereas women with secondary and more education spent half of that time in marital union (41 percent).

### 6.3 Age at First Marriage

In Turkey, marriage is almost universal and almost all births occur within marriage. Therefore, age at first marriage is an important demographic indicator since it represents the beginning of exposure to the risk of pregnancy.

An increase in age at first marriage across cohorts is clearly observed in Table 6.3. Comparison of percentages across age groups indicates an increasing age at first marriage. The percentages at each specific marriage age are all lower for the younger age groups than for the older age groups. For example, among women age 45-49, 68 percent married by age 20 , whereas only 50 percent of women age 25-29 married by age 20. Getting married at very young ages is becoming less common. For example, 13 percent of women age 45-49 got married by age 15 , whereas only 5 percent of the 20-24 age group did so.

The median age at first marriage is 19 years when women 25-49 are considered. However, a steady increase is observed in the median age at first marriage, ranging from 18.3 years for the 45-49 age group to 20.0 years for the $25-29$ age group. This implies that half of women age $25-29$ marry after age 20 .

Table 6.3 Age at first marriage
Percentage of women who were first married by exact age 15, 18, 20, 22. and 25, and median age at first marriage, according to current age, Turkey 1993

| Current age | Percentage of women who were first married by exact age: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who had never married | Number of women | Median age at lirst marriage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.8 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 86.5 | 2460 | a |
| 20-24 | 4.7 | 23.3 | 41.1 | NA | NA | 41.5 | 1777 | a |
| 25-29 | 7.5 | 29.2 | 49.9 | 63.7 | 78.3 | 15.6 | 1436 | 20.0 |
| 30-34 | 6.8 | 38.0 | 58.8 | 74.6 | 86.9 | 4.3 | 1340 | 19.0 |
| 35-39 | 9.1 | 43.1 | 66.5 | 79.3 | 90.8 | 1.8 | 1093 | 18.6 |
| 40-44 | 12.0 | 44.8 | 66.4 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 2.2 | 921 | 18.5 |
| 45-49 | 12.9 | 45.4 | 67.8 | 82.0 | 91.9 | 0.9 | 685 | 18.3 |
| 20-49 | 8.0 | 35.0 | 55.7 | 69.7 | 79.9 | 14.7 | 7252 | 19.4 |
| 25-49 | 9.1 | 38.8 | 60.4 | 74.9 | 86.8 | 6.0 | 5475 | 19.0 |

NA = Not applicable
${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women in the age group $x$ to $x+4$ were first married by age $x$

Differences in the median age at first marriage among women age $25-49$ by residence, region, and education can be examined in Table 6.4. There is little variation in median age at first marriage by residence. Rural women marry slightly earlier than their urban counterparts (18.4 and 19.3, respectively). However, substantial differences are observed in median age at first marriage by region. The lowest median age, 18.0, is found in the East and the highest, 19.6, in the West, indicating that women in the East marry nearly two years earlier than women in the West. The median ages at first marriage for the Western and Southern regions are higher than the median age for Turkey overall.

Marked differences in age at first marriage are observed by educational level of women. Among women age 25-49, there is a five-year difference in the median age at first marriage between those who never attended school and those who completed at least the secondary level (Figure 6.2). For women with either

## Table 6.4 Median age at first marriage

Median age at first marriage among women age 25-49 years, by current age and selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Current age |  |  |  |  | Women age 25-49 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.3 | 19.5 | 18.8 | 18.7 | 18.8 | 19.3 |
| Rural | 19.5 | 18.3 | 18.2 | 18.0 | 17.6 | 18.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 21.0 | 19.8 | 19.4 | 18.9 | 18.8 | 19.6 |
| South | 20.8 | 19.8 | 18.8 | 18.7 | 18.8 | 19.5 |
| Central | 19.1 | 18.5 | 18.1 | 17.8 | 18.0 | 18.3 |
| North | 20.1 | 18.8 | 18.5 | 18.4 | 18.0 | 18.9 |
| East | 18.7 | 17.9 | 17.5 | 18.0 | 16.8 | 18.0 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 18.0 | 17.6 | 17.5 | 17.7 | 17.6 | 17.6 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 19.8 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 18.5 | 18.7 | 19.0 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 23.3 | 22.2 | 22.5 | 22.3 | 22.1 | 22.6 |
| Total | 20.0 | 19.0 | 18.6 | 18.5 | 18.3 | 19.0 |

Note: Medians are not shown for women 15-19 and 20-24 because less than 50 percent have married by age 15 and 20 in all subgroups shown in the table.

Figure 6.2

## Median Age at First Marriage among Women Age 25-49 by Background Characteristics

Median Age

primary school education or at least secondary level education, there is an upward trend in the median age at first marriage from older cohorts to younger ones. Among these women entry into marriage seems to be delayed by one year. The increase in the median age at first marriage across cohorts observed for women who have no education is not as great as for the other education groups.

### 6.4 Postpartum Amenorrhoca, Postpartum Abstinence, and Insusceptibility

Postpartum protection from conception can be prolonged by two factors: brcastfeeding and sexual abstinence. Breastfeeding lengthens the duration of amenorrhoea (menstruation has not yet returned) and postpartum abstinence delays the resumption of sexual relations. Women are defined as insusceptible if they are not exposed to the risk of pregnancy, either because they are amenorrhoeic or abstaining following a birth. The estimates for postpartum amenorrhoea, postpartum abstincnce, and insusceptibility are based on current status measures, that is, the proportion of births at cach time period before the survey for which the mothers are still amenorrhoeic, abstaining, or insusceptible at the time of the survey.

The percentage of births whose mothers are postpartum amenorrhoeic, abstaining, and postpartum insusceptible is presented in Table 6.5 by the number of months since the birth. The median and mean duration estimates are calculated from the current status proportions at each time period. The data are grouped by two-month intervals to minimize the fluctuations in the estimates.

| Table 6.5 Postpartum amenorrhoca, abstinence end insuscentibility |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of births whose mothers are postpartum amemorrhocic, abstaining and insusceptible. by number of months since birth, and median and mean durations. Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |
| Montis since birlh | Amenorrthocic | Abstaining | Insusceptible | Number of birlhs |
| $<2$ | 90.2 | 83.2 | 95.6 | 98 |
| 2-3 | 64.2 | 18.6 | 69.3 | 139 |
| 4-5 | 39.6 | 3.6 | 41.6 | 131 |
| 6-7 | 21.9 | 4.0 | 25.4 | 150 |
| 8-9 | 14.9 | 0.0 | 14.9 | 142 |
| 10-11 | 13.8 | 1.6 | 14.4 | 110 |
| 12-13 | 4.6 | 1.1 | 5.6 | 154 |
| 14-15 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 7.8 | 120 |
| 16-17 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 4.7 | 110 |
| 18-19 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 137 |
| 20-21 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 112 |
| 22-23 | 3.6 | 1.1 | 4.7 | 116 |
| 24-25 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 129 |
| 26-27 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 116 |
| 28-29 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 124 |
| 30-31 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 121 |
| 32-33 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 81 |
| 34-35 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 121 |
| Total | 14.8 | 5.8 | 16.2 | 2211 |
| Median | 3.7 | 1.9 | 4.0 | N/ |
| Mean | 5.6 | 2.7 | 6.1 | NA |
| Prevalence/ Incidence mean | 5.2 | 2.1 | 5.7 | N/ |
| N $\Lambda=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |

The estimates in Table 6.5 indicate that 15 percent of the mothers have not resumed menstruation and 6 percent have not resumed sexual relations. If the two conditions are combined, 16 percent of births are to women who are insusceptible to the risk of pregnancy. The mean duration of amenorrhoea is about 6 months and the mean duration of abstinence is about 3 months. The median durations are 4 months and 2 months, respectively.

The period of postpartum amenorrhoea is considerably longer than the period of postpartum abstinence and is the major determinant of the length of the period of postpartum insusceptibility to pregnancy for Turkish women. Ninety percent of women are amenorrhoeic immediately following the delivery, but this value decreases to 64 percent 2-3 months after birth and to slightly more than 20 percent 6-7 months after birth (Figure 6.3).

In Turkey, traditionally there is a period of sexual abstinence after birth that lasts 40 days. The estimates in Table 6.5 are in accordance with this tradition. Eighty-three percent of mothers abstain from sexual relations immediately following a birth. At 2-3 months following a birth, the percentage of mothers abstaining decreases to 19 percent and by 6-7 months only 4 percent of mothers have not yet resumed sexual relations.

Figure 6.3
Percentage of Births Whose Mothers Are Amenorrhoeic, Abstaining or Insusceptible


Table 6.6 shows the median durations of postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence, and insusceptibility by background characteristics of mothers. In the absence of contraception, variations in postpartum amenorrhoea and abstinence are the most important determinants of the interval between births and, ultimately, of completed ferility. In some populations differentials across subgroups in the duration of postpartum amenorrhoea and abstinence also may indicate incipient changes in traditional postpartum practices. Average durations of postpartum abstinence in Table 6.6 do not vary greatly according to the background characteristics of women. However, some variation is observed in the durations of postpartum

| Table 6.6 Median duration of postpanum abstinence and insusceptibility by |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median number of montbs of postpartum amenorrhoca, postpartum abstinence, and postpartum insusceptibility, by selected background characteristics, Turkcy 1993 |  |  |  |  |
| Background cbaracteristic | Postpantum amenorrhoea | Postpartum abstinence | Postpantum insusceptibility | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| $<30$ | 3.4 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 1584 |
| $30+$ | 4.8 | 1.9 | 4.9 | 627 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.7 | 1.7 | 4.0 | 1311 |
| Rural | 3.7 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 900 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| West | 3.1 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 596 |
| South | 3.3 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 338 |
| Central | 4.1 | 2.0 | 4.9 | 485 |
| North | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 221 |
| East | 4.6 | 1.9 | 4.9 | 571 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 4.9 | 2.0 | 5.3 | 759 |
| Pri. comp/Sec. incomp. | 3.2 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 1145 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 3.4 | 1.7 | 3.8 | 307 |
| Total | 3.7 | 1.9 | 4.0 | 2211 |
| Note: Medians are based on current status. |  |  |  |  |

amenorrhoea by age, region, and level of education. For example, older women, women living in the East, and women with less than primary education have the longest median durations for postpartum amenorrhoea. It is noteworthy that the shortest duration for postpartum amenorrhoea, 2.8 months, is found in the Northern region.

The differentials in the median durations of postpartum insusceptibility reflect the combined effects of amenorrhoea and abstinence, but follow a pattern similar to that of amenorrhoea. In general, women over 30, women living in the Central and Eastern regions, and women with no education are insusceptible for relatively longer periods.

### 6.5 Termination of Exposure to Pregnancy

Later in life, the risk of pregnancy begins to decline with age, particularly beginning around age 30. Table 6.7 presents the indicators of decreasing exposure to the risk of pregnancy for women age 30 and above, menopause and terminal infertility.

## Table 6.7 Termination of exposure to the risk of pregnancy

Indicators of menopause and terminal infertility among currently married women age 30-49, by age, Turkey 1993

| Age | Menopause ${ }^{1}$ |  | Terminal infertility ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage | Number | Percentage | Number |
| 30-34 | 0.6 | 1118 | 32.0 | 157 |
| 35-39 | 2.7 | 980 | 58.8 | 156 |
| 40-41 | 5.1 | 362 | 64.1 | 99 |
| 42-43 | 9.6 | 325 | 79.1 | 87 |
| 44-45 | 18.1 | 304 | 86.6 | 108 |
| 46-47 | 27.6 | 255 | 90.3 | 97 |
| 48-49 | 42.5 | 181 | 95.9 | 90 |
| Total | 8.1 | 3525 | 68.2 | 794 |

'Percentage of non-pregnant, non-amenorrhoeic currently married women whose last menstrual period occurred six or more months preceding the survey or who report that they are menopausal.
${ }^{2}$ Percentage of women continuously married and not using contraception during the five years preceding the survey who did not have a birth during the period and who are not pregnant.

Menopausal women include women who are neither pregnant nor postpartum amenorrhoeic, but who have not had a menstrual period in the six months preceding the survey. The second indicator of infccundity is obtained from a demonstrated lack of fertility. A woman is considered terminally infertile if she was continuously married for the five years preceding the survey, did not use contraception, did not give birth in that time, and is not currently pregnant.

The percentage of women in menopause increases gradually with age, rising rapidly after age 44. At age 48-49, 43 percent of women are menopausal. The same pattern is observed for terminal infertility. At the end of the reproductive age, 96 percent of women are terminally infertile.

## CHAPTER 7

# FERTILITY PREFERENCES 

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In the TDHS, several questions were asked to ascertain women's fertility preferences: their desire to have another child, the length of time they wanted to wait before having that child, and the number of children they would want if they could start afresh. The resulting data make the quantification of fertility preferences possible and, in combination with information on contraceptive use, allow us to estimate the demand for family planning, either to space or to limit births. The first two questions were asked of nonsterilised, currently married women; the question to ascertain ideal family size was asked of all women.

Interpretation of data on fertility preferences has always been the subject of controversy. Survey questions have been criticized on the grounds that answers are misleading because a) they reflect unformed, ephemeral views, which are held with weak intensity and little conviction; and b) they do not take into account the effect of social pressures or the attitudes of other family members, particularly the husband, who may exert a major influence on reproductive decisions. Overall, however, the data on fertility preferences provide an indicator of the direction that future fertility will take, as well as an assessment of the need for family planning and the extent of unwanted fertility.

### 7.1 Desire for More Children

In order to obtain information on future childbearing, currently married women were asked: "Would you like to have another child or would you prefer not to have any more children ?" If they did indeed want another child, they were asked: "How long would you like to wait from now before the birth of another child?" These questions were appropriately phrased if the woman had not yet had any children; if the woman was pregnant, she was asked about her desire following the arrival of the baby she was expecting.

Figure 7.1 shows the percent distribution of currently married women by their intention to have more children and Table 7.1 shows the distribution according to the number of living children. Approximately 1 out of every 10 currently married women indicate that they wanted another child soon, 14 percent of women want another child later, and 70 percent want no more childrcu (including 3 percent who have been sterilised). The proportion of currently married women who want another child decreases rapidly as the number of living children increases. For instance, 78 percent of women with no living children want to have a child soon, whereas less than 1 percent of women with 6 or more living children want another child soon. Conversely, the proportion wanting no more children varies from 2 percent among women with no living children, to 88 percent of women with at least 6 children. The table indicates a considerable interest in controlling fertility, and therefore a potential demand for family planning services for spacing as well as for limiting births.

The percent distribution of currently married women by desire for children according to age is shown in Table 7.2. The desire to space births is concentrated among young women (under age 25). Interest in limiting child bearing increases rapidly with age; 15 percent of currently married women age $15-19$ want no more children, whereas more than 80 percent of those age $30-44$ and 75 percent of those age 45-49 want to stop childbearing.

## Figure 7.1

## Fertility Preferences among Currently Married Women Age 15-49



* Includes sterilised

Table 7.1 Fertility preference by number of living children
Percent distribution of currently married women by desire for more children, according to number of living children, Turkey 1993

| Desire for more children | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $6+$ |  |
| Have another soon ${ }^{2}$ | 77.5 | 15.5 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 9.7 |
| Have another later ${ }^{3}$ | 8.9 | 56.0 | 8.7 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 13.9 |
| Have another, undecided when | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Undecided | 0.0 | 4.6 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 2.2 |
| Wants no more | 2.0 | 20.0 | 78.3 | 86.6 | 85.8 | 86.9 | 88.3 | 66.8 |
| Sterilised | 0.0 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Declared infecund | 9.5 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 3.9 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 413 | 1111 | 1850 | 1228 | 707 | 419 | 543 | 6271 |

[^6]Table 7.2 Fentility preference by age
Percent distribution of currently married women by desire for more cbildren, according to age, Turkey 1993

| Desire for more <br> children | Age of woman |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $15-19$ | $20-24$ | $25-29$ | $30-34$ | $35-39$ | $40-44$ | $45-49$ | Total |
| lave another soon' | 29.4 | 19.4 | 12.2 | 8.1 | 4.0 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 9.7 |
| Have another later | 50.2 | 40.3 | 18.0 | 4.6 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 13.9 |
| llave another. undecided when | 3.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Undecided | 2.2 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| Wants no more | 15.1 | 34.3 | 63.2 | 80.4 | 84.9 | 84.4 | 74.7 | 66.8 |
| Sterilised | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 2.9 |
| Declared infecund | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 19.4 | 3.9 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 329 | 1026 | 1190 | 1254 | 1026 | 833 | 613 | 6271 |

${ }^{1}$ Wants next birth within 2 years
${ }^{2}$ Wants to delay next birth for 2 or more years

The desire to stop childbearing varies slightly by background characteristics of the respondent (see Table 7.3). Overall, there is only a small variation between rural and urban residencc. Also, the percentage of currently married women who want no more children does not show any major regional differences. Education is negatively associated with the desire to stop childbearing. The proportion of women who want no more children decreases as the level of education increases, from 79 percent among uneducated women to 62 percent among women who have completed secondary school or more. Uneducated women may be more likely to want to stop childbearing because they already have more children than educated women.

Table 7.3 Desire to limit (stop) childbearing
Percentage of currently married women who want no more children, by number of living children and selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $6+$ |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.2 | 22.2 | 81.5 | 91.5 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 92.2 | 68.8 |
| Rural | 1.4 | 17.6 | 79.4 | 88.7 | 90.6 | 94.3 | 90.6 | 71.6 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 1.9 | 25.9 | 86.6 | 93.4 | 90.4 | 90.0 | (83.3) | 70.6 |
| South | 3.2 | 17.2 | 77.4 | 87.6 | 88.5 | 97.5 | 90.8 | 68.5 |
| Central | 0.0 | 20.3 | 79.7 | 92.7 | 96.5 | 93.3 | 92.0 | 71.5 |
| North | 5.1 | 14.6 | 76.8 | 90.1 | 88.4 | 95.7 | 93.5 | 67.8 |
| East | 1.5 | 13.5 | 63.9 | 82.8 | 87.8 | 90.2 | 92.0 | 68.1 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No edue./Pri. incomp. | 0.7 | 25.7 | 73.3 | 86.4 | 88.2 | 93.1 | 91.1 | 78.5 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 1.7 | 15.3 | 80.5 | 93.1 | 95.1 | 92.9 | 91.7 | 66.5 |
| Sec. comp. $/+$ | 4.1 | 30.1 | 87.6 | 90.6 | 89.1 | 81.5 | * | 61.6 |
| Total | 2.0 | 20.8 | 80.9 | 90.5 | 91.2 | 93.0 | 91.2 | 69.8 |

[^7]
### 7.2 Demand for Family Planning Services

Information on fertility preferences alone is not sufficient to assess the need for family planning services. Many women who do not want to have another child or who want to space the next birth are already using contraception or are not exposed to the risk of pregnancy because they are menopausal or infecund.

In general, women who are currently married. and who declare either that they do not want to have any more children (they want to limit their childbearing) or that they want to wait two or more years before having another child (they want to space their births), but are not currently using contraception, have an unmet need for family planning. The calculation of unmet need, being a current status measure, is further refined by excluding women who are currently amenorrhoeic and, therefore, not in need of family planning at present. For an exact description of the calculation, see footnote I, Table 7.4. Women with uninet need and those currently using contraception constitute the total demand for family plaming.

## Table 7.4 Need for family planning services

Percentage of currently married women with unmet need for family planning. met need for family planning, and the total demand for family planning services, by selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Unmet need for family planning' |  |  | Met nced for family planning, (currently using) ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Total demand for family planning ${ }^{3}$ |  |  | Percentage of demand satislied |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { For } \\ \text { spacing } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { For } \\ & \text { limiting } \end{aligned}$ | Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { For } \\ \text { Spacing } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { For } \\ \text { limiting } \end{gathered}$ | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { For } \\ & \text { spacing } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { For } \\ & \text { limiting } \end{aligned}$ | Total |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 17.1 | 3.1 | 20.2 | 20.0 | 4.1 | 24.1 | 39.4 | 7.1 | 46.5 | 56.7 |
| 20-24 | 9.7 | 6.7 | 16.4 | 33.1 | 18.0 | 51.1 | 45.0 | 25.6 | 70.6 | 76.8 |
| 25-29 | 3.7 | 7.0 | 10.6 | 19.0 | 49.0 | 68.0 | 24.6 | 57.5 | 82.1 | 87.1 |
| 30-34 | 1.7 | 9.2 | 10.8 | 8.0 | 68.5 | 76.5 | 10.1 | 78.7 | 88.8 | 87.8 |
| 35-39 | 0.7 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 2.0 | 74.8 | 76.8 | 2.8 | 84.8 | 87.6 | 88.5 |
| 40-44 | 0.4 | 12.4 | 12.7 | 0.4 | 60.6 | 61.0 | 0.8 | 73.1 | 73.9 | 82.8 |
| 45-49 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 41.7 | 41.7 | 0.0 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 83.9 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.1 | 6.6 | 9.7 | 14.0 | 52.2 | 66.2 | 18.1 | 59.5 | 77.6 | 87.6 |
| Rural | 4.7 | 11.5 | 16.2 | 8.6 | 47.5 | 56.1 | 14.1 | 59.9 | 74.0 | 78.1 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 2.1 | 3.8 | 5.9 | 14.6 | 56.9 | 71.5 | 17.5 | 61.1 | 78.6 | 92.5 |
| South | 3.3 | 7.8 | 11.0 | 12.2 | 50.5 | 62.8 | 16.5 | 59.3 | 75.8 | 85.4 |
| Central | 3.2 | 7.4 | 10.6 | 11.4 | 51.3 | 62.7 | 15.6 | 59.6 | 75.2 | 85.9 |
| North | 3.7 | 7.0 | 10.8 | 12.7 | 51.5 | 64.2 | 17.7 | 59.8 | 77.5 | 86.1 |
| East | 8.0 | 20.7 | 28.7 | 6.9 | 35.3 | 42.3 | 16.0 | 56.9 | 73.0 | 60.6 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 3.9 | 16.4 | 20.3 | 3.3 | 47.1 | 50.4 | 8.0 | 64.4 | 72.4 | 71.9 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 3.9 | 4.7 | 8.6 | 14.6 | 52.8 | 67.5 | 19.5 | 58.2 | 77.7 | 88.9 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 2.3 | 3.1 | 5.3 | 22.7 | 50.3 | 73.0 | 26.5 | 54.2 | 80.7 | 93.4 |
| Total | 3.7 | 8.4 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 50.5 | 62.6 | 16.7 | 59.7 | 76.3 | 84.2 |

${ }^{1}$ Unmet need for spacing refers to pregnant women whose pregnancy was mistimed, amenorrhoeic women whose last birth was mistimed, and women who are nether pregnant nor amenorrhocic, who are not using any method of family planning and who say they want to wait two or more years for their next birth. Unmet need for limiting refers to pregnant women whose pregnancy was unwanted, amenorrhoeic women whose last child was unwanted. and women who are neither pregnant nor amenorrhocic, who are not using any method of family planning and who want no more children. Also excluded are menopausal and infecund wonen, defined in Footnotes 1 and 2 in Table 6.7.
${ }^{2}$ //sing for spacing refers to women who are using some method of family planning and who say they want to wait two or more years for their next child. Using for limiting refers to women who are using and who want no more cbildren.
Pregnant and amenorrhoeic women whose pregnancy was the result of a contraceptive failure are not included in the category of unmel need (they need a better method of contraception), but are included in total denand for contraception (since they would have been using bad their method not failed).

The data in Table 7.4 indicate that 12 percent of currently married women in Turkey are in need of a family planning method, either for spacing ( 4 percent) or for limiting ( 8 percent). Of the 63 percent of women using contraception, 12 percent use it to delay their next birth and 51 percent want to stop childbearing. An additional 2 percent of women have need of a better method, since the one they were using failed to protect them from pregnancy. Thus, the total demand for family planning among currently married women in Turkey is 76 percent. Out of this total demand for family planning 17 percent is a demand for spacing purposes and 60 percent is a demand for limiting purposcs. More than 80 percent of the total demand has been satisfied by women who are currently using contraception and women who had used it but failed.

The total demand for family plamning and the percentage of demand that is satisfied are highest for the most educated women; 81 percent of those who have completed at least secondary school have a demand for family plamning and the demand of 93 percent of those women is satisfied. Demand is higher in urban arcas ( 78 percent) than in rural areas ( 74 percent); only 12 percent of the demand in urban areas remains unsatisfied compared to 22 percent in rural areas. For the great majority of the women, the need for family planning is fulfilled ( 84 percent). Although the unmet need for spacing purposes is very low when all women are taken into account ( 4 percent), the proportion increases to 17 percent among younger women.

There is no crucial difference between regions in terms of need for family planning. However, the lowest demand is in the East ( 73 percent), where only 61 percent is being fulfilled.

### 7.3 Ideal and Actual Number of Children

Thus far in this chapter, interest has focused on the respondent's wishes for the future, implicitly taking into account the number of children that she already has. To ascertain the ideal number of children (sometimes expressed as desired family size) the respondent is required to perform the more difficult task of considering abstractly and independently of her actual family size, the number of children she would choose if she could start again.

In order to ascertain what women consider to be the ideal number of children, they were asked: "If you could go back to the time you did not have any children and could choose exactly the number of children to have in your whole life, how many would that be?" Table 7.5 shows the ideal number of chiklren according to number of living children (including current pregnancy), and Table 7.6 shows the mean ideal number of children by age and selected background characteristics of the respondents.

Table 7.5 indicates that most women want small families; 60 percent of women prefer a two-child family and another 20 percent consider a three-child family ideal. The mean ideal number of children is 2.4 among ever-married women as well as currently married women. Only 2 percent of women gave non-numeric responses.

Table 7.5 reveals an association between the ideal number of children and the actual number of living children. The mean ideal number of children increases from 2.1 among childless women to 3.3 among women with 6 or more living children. The reason for this correlation is twofold. On the one hand, women may successfully attain their desired family size, and consequently those who want more children have more. On the other hand, women may rationalize and adjust their ideal number of children to the actual number of children that they have already had.

## Table 7.5 Ideal number of children

Percent distribution of ever-maried women by ideal number of children and mean ideal number of children for everinaried women and for curently married women, according to number of living children, Turkey 1993

${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy.
${ }^{2}$ Excludes women who gave non-numeric responses.

Table 7.6 presents the mean ideal number of children for ever-married women by age and selected background characteristics. The mean ideal family size increases slightly with age, from 2.3 children among women age 15-19 to 2.5 children among women age 45-49. Typically, urban and more educated women have a smaller ideal family size. Women who live in the East have the largest mean ideal number of children (2.9), whereas women who live in the West have the smallest (2.2).

Table 7.6 Mean ideal number of children by background characteristics
Mean ideal number of children for ever-married women, by age and selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Age of woman |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| Rural | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| South | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| Central | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| North | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| East | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomplete | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Sce. comp./t | (2.0) | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| Total | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 |

( ) Figure in parentheses is based on 25-49 cases.

### 7.4 Fertility Planning

Since the issue of mistimed and unwanted fertility is an important one, respondents were asked whether each birth in the five years preceding the survey was planned (wanted then), umplanned (wanted later), or not wanted at all (wanted no more). These questions form a potentially powerful indication of the degree to which couples are successfully controlling their fertility. However, it must be noted that these questions require the respondent to recall accurately her wishes at one or more points in the last five years and to report them honestly. The danger of rationalization is present; an unwanted conception might well have become a cherished child. Therefore, the values presented here are likely to be underestimates of unplanned and unwanted fertility. The results by birth order and mother's age at the birth of the child are presented in Tabl- 7.7. This is a birth-based rather than a woman-based table.

Table 7.7 shows that 68 percent of births in the past five years were wanted at the time they were conceived whereas 12 percent were wanted later and 20 percent were not wanted at all. The proportion of births that are reported as not wanted or as mistimed increases with birth order; 55 percent of the fourth or higher order births were not wanted and 5 pereent of births of this order were wanted but at a later time. The proportion of births that were not wanted increases with mother's age at the time of the birth of the child. Compared to 64 percent of births to women age 40-44, 3 percent of births to the youngest women were not wanted.

Table 7.7 Fertility nlanning status
Percent distribution of hirths in the five sears preceding the survey by fertility planning status. according to birth order and mothers age at birh. Turkey 1993

| Birth order and mother's age at birth | Plaming status of birts |  |  |  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { hirths } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wanted Wen | Wanted later | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nol } \\ & \text { nimted } \end{aligned}$ | Missing |  |  |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 90.6 | 8.6 | 0.8 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 1412 |
| 2 | 68.9 | 23.7 | 7.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1095 |
| 3 | 59.9 | 12.1 | 28.19 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 614 |
| $4+$ | 40.8 | 4.6 | 54.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1107 |
| Mother's age at hirth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - 20 | 80.2 | 16.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 673 |
| 20-24 | 75.7 | 14.3 | 9.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1540 |
| 25-29 | 64.0 | 12.2 | 23.7 | 0.1 | 1000 | 1125 |
| 30-34 | 53.8 | 5.3 | 40.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 576 |
| 35-39 | 38.6 | 1.4 | 60.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 247 |
| +0-44 | 35.8 | 0.0 | 64.2 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 64 |
| 45-49 | * | * | * | * | * | 3 |
| Total | 67.5 | 12.0 | 20.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 4228 |
| Note: Birth order includes current pregnancy. <br> * Less than 25 cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Another way of measuring the extent of unwanted fertility is to calculate what the fertility rate would be if all unwanted births were avoided. This rate, known as the wemted fertility rate, is ealeulated in the same manner as the total fertility rate, but with unwanted births excluded from the numerator. In this context, unwanted births are defined as births that exceed the number considered ideal by the respondent (women who do not report a numeric ideal family size are assumed to want all their births). This rate represents the level of fertility that would have prevailed in the one year preceding the survey if all unwanted births had been prevented. A comparison of the total wanted fertility rate and the actual total fertility rate is believed to suggest the potential demographic impact of the elimination of unwanted births.

Table 7.8 presents the total wanted fertility rate and the total fertility rate by selected background characteristics. The total wanted fertility rate for Turkey is 1.8 births per women, almost one child less than the actual total fertility rate ( 2.7 births). This implies that the total fertility rate is about one-third higher than it would be if unwanted births were avoided. The gap between the wanted and actual fertility rates is largest among rural women, women living in the East, and women who have no education.

| Total wanted ferility rates and total ferility rates for the year preceding the surves. by selected backeround dharacteristics. Turke 1993 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | 1 otal wanted lertility ralc | Total lentility rate |
| Residence |  |  |
| Lirban | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| Rutal | 2.0 | 3.1 |
| Region |  |  |
| West | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| South | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| central | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| North | 2.4 | 3.2 |
| last | 2.3 | 4.4 |
| Education |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 2.6 | 4.2 |
| Pri. comp/Sce incomp. | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| Sece comp./4 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Total | 1.8 | 2.7 |
| Note: the total ferility rates are the same as those presented in lable 3.2 |  |  |

## CHAPTER 8

## INFANT AND CHILD MORTALITY

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The level of infant and child mortality is an important indicator of the general standard of living in a society, and of health conditions in particular. Information on mortality rates during infancy and childhood can form the basis for informed decisions on health, as well as on population policies and programs. Such information can be used for population projections and as a means of identifying population groups where children face higher mortality risks, so that detailed short- and long-term strategies can be developed to improve child survival and welfare.

Infant and child mortality rates have been attracting the unmatched interest of decision and policy makers in Turkey, not only because of the aforementioned reasons, but also because these rates have been found to be very high in the past. More specifically, infant and child mortality rates have been considered to be higher than what would be expected on the basis of other indicators of development, particularly demographic indicators.

Presented in this chapter are findings from the TDHS on the levels, trends and differentials in neonatal, postneonatal, infant. child, and under-five mortality. A preliminary assessment of data quality is also presented. The chapter ends with an analysis of high-risk fertility behaviour.

### 8.1 Definitions of Infant and Child Mortality

All female respondents to the TDIS individual questionnaire were asked to provide a complete birth history, including the sex, birth date, survival status, and current age or age at death for each of their live births. The data were used to calculate the following estimates of infant and child mortality for 5year periods preceding the TDIAS:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Neonatal mortality: } & \text { the probability of dying in the first month of life: } \\
\text { Postneonatal mortality: } & \text { the difference between infant and neonatal mortality; } \\
\text { Infant mortality }\left(\mathcal{q}_{0}\right) \text { : } & \text { the probability of dying in the first year of life; } \\
\text { Child mortality }\left(\epsilon_{4}\right): & \text { the probability of dying between the first and fifth birthday; } \\
\text { Under-five mortality }\left({ }_{s} q_{0}\right) \text { : } & \text { the probability of dying before the fifth birthday. }
\end{array}
$$

A detailed description of the method used to calculate these probabilities is given in Rutstein (1984).

### 8.2 Assessment of Data Quality

Infant and child mortality rates are subject to both sampling and nonsampling errors. Nonsampling errors cover a wide range: from underreporting of births and deaths to errors by the interviewers in recording responses. Presented in this section are some basic cheeks for various nonsampling errors.

Birth histories are powerful tools used in demographic surveys to collect retrospective information on births and deaths. However, as for any retrospective data collection procedure, birth histories are
subject to respondent recall errors, and these errors may result in biased rates and trends over time. It is therefore necessary to undertake a preliminary assessment of the quality of birth history data before one can start to examine estimates derived from them. In this section, such an assessment is made with respect to completeness and accuracy of date reporting, heaping of age at death, and sex selective omission of births.

Unreported birth dates and ages at death are potential problems in birth history data. Completeness of information on dates of birth and ages at death in the birth history section of the TDHS individual questionnaire appear to be of acceptable quality (see Appendix D, Table D. 3 and Table D.4). The percentage of live births in the 15 years preceding the survey for which information on month of birth was missing is 2 percent, whereas both month and year of birth were missing for only 0.2 percent of all live births in the same period. Interviewers were required to recover full information on birth date (i.e., month and year of birth) for births in the 5 years immediately preceding the survey. Table D. 4 shows that complete information on birth dates were indeed collected for all births in this period. Unreported ages at death were also uncommon in the TDHS data; only 0.4 percent of deaths recorded in the birth histories lacked an age at death. This is also a good indication of the completeness of information collected in the TDHS regarding dates of birth and ages at death.

Table D. 4 also shows that there is a deficit of births in the TDHS in the calendar year 1988 and an excess of births in ealendar year 1987. This pattern is one found in Demographic and Health Surveys (DIIS) data from other countries; it is thought to result, at least partly, from the transference of births by interviewers out of the period for which health and calendar data were collected (January 1988 through the date of the curvey) in order to reduce their workload.

A problem common to most retrospective surveys is heaping of age at death on "convenient" digits, for example. 6.12, and 18 months. This phenomenon introduces biases in the calculation of rates, if the net result is to shift deaths from one age segment to another. Despite the fact that heaping of age at death at 12 months in the TDHS was minimal (see Appendix D, Table D.6) and interviewers at times recorded deaths as " 1 year," even though instructions required them to record deaths under two years of age in months, an unknown fraction of these deaths might have actually occurred before the first birthday. Thus, the infant mortality rate might be biased downward somewhat and child mortality biased upivard; under-five mortality would be unaffected. Earlier simulation studies using DHS data from other countries indicate that misreporting of age at death can be troublesome (Sullivan et al., 1990). Due to the fact that heaping of age at death at 12 months was minimal in the TDHS, application of the simulation model indicated that any bias in the infant mortality rate from this source would be on the order of 1 percent. The rates presented here are thereforc unadjusted; that is, all deaths reported at 12 months or " 1 year" are assigned to the post-infant age period.

One other check that can be performed to assess the reliability of birth history data is to ealeulate sex ratios at birth for all live births. These ratios are expected to be around 105 male births per 100 female birlls. Sex ratios for single calendar years are likely to be affected by random fluctuations; this appears to have been the case in the TDHS (see Table D. 4 in Appendix D). However, when sex ratios based on five-ycar periods are considered. the findings point to the high quality of data, especially in the last two five-year periods (sex ratios for these periods are calculated as 105.4 and 105.6). The overall sex ratio for all births in the birth history is 106.4 , which is also within expected limits. The only problem appears to be with the births that occurred during the years 1979-1983, approximately $10-14$ years preceding the survey, where the sex ratio at birth is estimated at 108.6 , raising the possibility of underreporting of female deaths. Higher-than-expected ratios of this magnitude, however, are unlikely to affect the reliability of rates based on this period.

### 8.3 Levels and Trends in Infant and Child Mortality

Presented in Table 8.1 are infant and child mortality rates for periods 0-4, 5-9, and 10-14 years preceding the survey. These periods refer approximately to calendar periods of 1988-1993, 1983-1988, and 1978-1983, respectively. The estimated infant mortality rate for the most recent period ( $0-4$ years preceding the survey) is 53 per 1,000 live births. More than half of infant deaths ( 56 percent) occurred in the first four weeks of life, during the neonatal period. Child mortality ( $\left(_{4} q_{1}\right.$ ) is found to be approximately 9 per 1,000 during this period. The results also show that the probability of dying between birth and the fifth birthday is around 61 per 1,000 . Consequently, a large proportion of under-five deaths occurs before the first birthday ( 86 percent). This finding is consistent with previous information on the pattern of Turkish under-five mortality, where the magnitude of infant mortality rates was found to be high relative to child mortality rates.

The figures in Table 8.1 show that mortality risks during infancy and childhood have been declining at a relatively fast pace in Turkey. For the two most recent periods, the rates of decline seem to have been fastest; with the exception of the child mortality rate, all rates were found to have declined by about 35 percent. For the child mortality rate, the decline is even larger, i.e., about 48 percent. In other words, the child mortality rate has almost halved between the 1983-1988 and 1988-1993 periods, causing the proportion of infant deaths to under five deaths to increase.

| Table 8.1 Infant and child mortality |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Infant and child mortality rates by five-year periods preceding the 1988 TPHS and 1993 TDHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Years preceding survey | Approximate reference period | Neonatal mortality (NN) | Postneonatal mortality (PNN) | $\underset{\substack{\text { Infant } \\ \text { mortality } \\\left(1 q_{0}\right)}}{ }$ | Child mortality $\left({ }_{4} q_{1}\right)$ | Under-five mortality $\left(5 q_{0}\right)$ |
| 1993 TDHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 1988-1993 | 29.2 | 23.4 | 52.6 | 8.8 | 60.9 |
| 5-9 | 1983-1988 | 44.6 | 36.9 | 81.5 | 16.8 | 96.9 |
| 10-14 | 1978-1983 | 37.5 | 54.5 | 92.0 | 23.7 | 113.5 |
| 1988 TPHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 1983-1988 | 34.7 | 47.4 | 82.2 | 16.7 | 97.5 |
| 5-9 | 1978-1982 | 41.5 | 58.4 | 99.9 | 26.4 | 123.7 |

The declines in the mortality rates appear to have been somewhat slower during the period between $10-14$ and 5-9 years preceding the survey. This can be attributable to a genuine acceleration of the rates of decline in more recent periods, as well as to the fact that the rates from the $10-14$ years preceding the survey might be slightly biased downward due to the truncated nature of the data for this period (rates for this period exclude births to women older than 40 years of age; these births are known to face elevated risks of mortality) and possible underestimation of mortality, since the sex ratio of births for this period is higher than expected, as mentioned in the previous section.

The TDHS findings are also interesting in the sense that for the first time in a demographic survey in Turkey, the neonatal mortality rate is higher than the postneonatal rate ( 29 versus 23 per 1,000 ). This pattern is found for the two most recent 5 -year periods preceding the TDHS.

Also presented in Table 8.1 are the comparable mortality estimates of the 1988 Turkish Population and Health Survey, the last national demographic survey to have included a birth history, therefore making possible the calculation of mortality estimates using the same methodology of calculation. The consistency between the estimates of the 1988 TPHS and the TDHS is impressive (Figure 8.1). The period 5-9 years preceding the TDHS is comparable with the $0-4$ year period preceding the 1988 TPHS (referring to calendar years 1983-1988), during which both surveys indicate infant, child, and under-five mortality rates that are very close. In fact, the rates are within 1 per 1,000 of each other for all three indicators. The TDHS estimates for the period 1978-83 are slightly lower than those for the 1978-82 period from the 1988 TPHS. However, it should be kept in mind that there is a one-year difference in the reference periods and that the TDHS data are slightly truncated for this period.

The only inconsistency between the findings of the TDHS and those of the 1988 TPHS relates to the relative magnitudes of the neonatal and postneonatal mortality rates. The 1988 TPHS findings indicate higher postneonatal mortality than neonatal mortality during the 1983-88 period, whereas the TDHS findings point to a reverse pattern where the neonatal rates are higher. The consistency of the infant mortality rates from the surveys makes it difficult to postulate that postneonatal deaths in the TDHS have been underreported for this period. The inconsistency may well be due to differential heaping of age at death on "one month" in the two surveys, for instance. Further analysis of both the TDHS and TPHS data is needed before any conclusions ean be made in this respect.

Figure 8.1
Trends in Infant Mortality in Turkey, 1993 TDHS and 1988 TPHS


### 8.4 Differentials in Infant and Child Mortality

Presented in Table 8.2 are infant and child mortality rates by urban-rural residence, region of residence, level of mother's education, and use of basic maternal health services for the five years preceding the survey. Figure 8.2 shows infant mortality rates by these background characteristics. The findings imply that the infant mortality rate in the rural areas is about 1.5 times higher than in urban areas ( 65 versus 44 per 1,000 ). It is clearly observed that the difference between the infant mortality rate of urban and rural areas mainly derives from the difference in the postneonatal mortality rates. Neonatal mortality rates for urban and rural areas are very close. The composition of infant mortality in urban areas is dominated by neonatal deaths, where the proportion of postneonatal mortality in infant mortality is less than 50 percent.

Infant and under-five mortality rates are lower than the national average in the West and the North, whereas the rates from the Eastern region are about 15 percent higher than the national average. The proportion of infant deaths in under-live mortality in the Western and Northern regions appears to be higher than the national average. This finding confirms the expected pattern that the proportion of infant deaths in under-five deaths increases as the overall under-five mortality rates deeline.

Also provided in Table 8.2 are the TDHS findings regarding the age pattern of infant mortality rates in the five regions. The unusually low neonatal mortality rate in the Northern region ( 16 per 1,000 , as compared with the national average of 29 per 1,000 for the same period) is striking and suggests some problems in the rates estimated for this region, which could be due to underreporting of some neonatal deaths and/or differential heaping of ages at death among regions. The table also includes the interesting finding that the postneonatal rates are higher than the neonatal rates in two regions out of five, the Eastern and Northern regions.

Table 8.2 Infant and child mortality by background characteristics
Infint and child mortality rates for the live-year period preceding the survey, by selected background cbaracteristics. Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Neonatal mortality (NN) | Postneonatal mortality (PNN) | Infant mortality $\left(, q_{0}\right)$ | Child mortanty $\left(44_{1}\right)$ | Under-five mortality $(540)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 29.9 | 14.1 | 44.0 | 6.8 | 50.5 |
| Rural | 28.1 | 37.4 | 65.4 | 11.8 | 76.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 29.7 | 13.0 | 42.7 | 5.6 | 48.0 |
| South | 34.6 | 20.8 | 55.4 | 7.8 | 62.8 |
| Central | 29.4 | 28.5 | 57.9 | 12.0 | 69.2 |
| North | 16.2 | 28.0 | 44.2 | 5.6 | 49.5 |
| last | 29.9 | 30.1 | 60.0 | 11.0 | 70.4 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| None/Pri, incomp. | 31.4 | 36.5 | 68.0 | 12.6 | 79.7 |
| Pri. comp./+ | 27.9 | 15.7 | 43.6 | 6.1 | 49.7 |
| Medical maternity care |  |  |  |  |  |
| No antenatalal/ deliven care | 27.9 | 38.9 | 66.8 | 10.7 | 76.8 |
| Either carc | 29.6 | 14.3 | 43.9 | 6.1 | 49.7 |
| Total | 29.2 | 23.4 | 52.6 | 8.8 | 60.9 |

## Figure 8.2 Infant Mortality by Selected Background Characteristics



Child survival chances in Turkey are closely related to the level of education of the mother. For this analysis, mothers are classified into two educational groups to provide sufficient numbers of cases for the calculation of the rates. Children of mothers with no education (those who have never attended school or did not complete the primary level) experience over 1.6 times the level of infant and under-five mortality as children of mothers who have at least completed primary school. The strong influence of mother's education is apparent when the postneonatal and child mortality rates of the two groups are compared. Both rates are more than twice as high for children of mothers with no education as those with primary school education or more, demonstrating the positive effects of education on child care. In the case of neonatal rates, the figures are close for the two educational groups.

Medical maternity care is an important factor in the reduction of mortality rates during infancy and childhood. Under-five mortality is 55 percent higher ( 77 per 1,000 ) among children born to women who received neither antenatal care (ANC) nor delivery care from a trained health professional, compared to children whose mothers received either or both of these services ( 50 per 1,000 ). A similar differential exists when the infant mortality rates for the two groups are compared. As with the differentials by mother's education, the difference between these two groups is manifested in the postneonatal and child mortality rates.

Shown in Table 8.3 are differentials in infant and child mortality by various demographic characteristics for the 10 -year period preceding the TDHS. Figure 8.3 shows infant mortality rates by these demographic characteristics. In order to maintain adequate numbers of events and thus ensure statistically reliable estimates, the rates are based on the 10 -year period before the survey.

Table 8.3 Infant and child mortality by demographic characteristics
Intant and child monality rates for the ten-year period preceding the survey. by selected demographic characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Demographic characteristic | Neonatal mortality (NN) | Postnconatal mortality (PNN) | Infant mortality $\left(, q_{0}\right)$ | Child mortality $\left({ }_{4} \mathrm{q}_{1}\right)$ | Under-five mortality $\left({ }_{5} \mathrm{q}_{0}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex of child |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 40.7 | 29.7 | 70.5 | 12.4 | 82.0 |
| Female | 34.0 | 32.0 | 66.0 | 13.6 | 78.7 |
| Age of mother at birth |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 20 | 52.0 | 40.8 | 92.8 | 11.9 | 103.5 |
| 20-29 | 27.7 | 27.3 | 55.0 | 13.5 | 67.8 |
| 30-39 | 55.8 | 32.1 | 87.9 | 12.7 | 99.5 |
| 40-49 | (41.8) | (60.2) | (101.9) | (0.0) | (101.9) |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 37.4 | 26.6 | 64.0 | 8.8 | 72.2 |
| 2-3 | 26.2 | 24.4 | 50.6 | 11.0 | 61.0 |
| 4-6 | 41.1 | 39.3 | 80.3 | 20.0 | 98.7 |
| $7+$ | 75.4 | 49.7 | 125.1 | 16.5 | 139.5 |
| Previous birth interval |  |  |  |  |  |
| <2 years | 63.3 | 50.1 | 113.4 | 24.5 | 135.1 |
| 2.3 years | 23.2 | 27.3 | 50.4 | 11.5 | 61.3 |
| 4 years and + | 20.4 | 15.0 | 35.4 | 3.9 | 39.1 |

() Rates based on fewer than 500 cases (exposed children) are enclosed in parentheses.

Figure 8.3
Infant Mortality by Selected Demographic Characteristics


* Rate based on leas than 500 exposed
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The expected biological effects of sex on neonatal, infant, and under-five mortality are observed, i.e., rates for males are higher than those for females. The differentials are not as strong as expected, however (the sex ratio of infant deaths is about 1.07). The reverse situation is observed when postneonatal and child mortality rates are taken into account, i.e., the rates for the females are higher than those of the males. This is by no means an unprecedented finding: the same differentials by scx of the child were also found in the 1978 Turkish Fertility Survey (Rutstein, 1983). This pattern may be cxplained by child care practices favouring male children, which may lead to lower postneonatal and child mortality rates for males than females (Sullivan et al., 1990). However, the differences are not significant.

Age of mother at birth and order of birth show the expected U -shaped relationship with infant and child mortality rates. Lowest mortality rates are associated with childrem whose mothers were age 20-29 years at their birth: infant mortality rates are 69 and 60 percent higher in cases where the mother was younger than 20 years or was age 30-39 years, respectively. The strongest effect of mother's age on childhood mortality occurs in the case of neonatal mortality. For example, children of mothers who were younger than 20 at the time of birth experienced 88 percent higher mortality risks during the first months of life than children of mothers who were age 20-29 at their birth. The comparable estimate for children of mothers age 30-39 is even higher, about twice that for children whose mothers were age 20-29 at their birth.

First-order births are known to be under risks of elevated mortality, but these births are unavoidable. Higher order births, however, also experience these elevated risks of mortality. According to the findings in Table 8.3, the lowest mortality risks are associated with birth orders of 2 and 3, whereas very high rates are observed for births of order 7 and more. The infant mortality rate for births of orders of 7 and more is 2.5 times higher than that of the births of orders $2-3$, and the differential in the neonatal mortality rate is even greater ( 75 per 1,000 for births of order 7 and more, as compared to 26 per 1,000 for second- and third-order births). In fact, one does not have to analyse mortality risks of extremely high order births; elevated risks are apparent for fourth to sixth order births as well.

The pace of childbearing has a powerful effect on the survival chances of Turkish children. The differentials in this case are even greater than those observed for the other demographic variables. Short birth intervals are known to be associated with higher mortality risks: Table 8.3 provides convincing evidence of this relationship. According to the table, the longer the birth interval, the lower the mortality rates. Mortality rates for children born after a short interval, i.e., less than 2 years, are especially striking: for instance, such children are found to have experienced mortality risks before their first birthdays 3.2 times higher than those of children born after an interval of 4 years or more.

### 8.5 High-risk Fertility Behaviour

Demographic research has consistently shown that a strong relationship exists between a mother's pattern of fertility and her children's survival chances. Infants and young children face higher risks of dying if they are born to very young mothers or to older mothers, if they are born after a short birth interval, or if their mothers have already had many children. In the following analysis, mothers are classified as "too young" if they were less than 18 years old at the time of the birth, and "too old" if they were 34 or older at the time of the birth. A "short birth interval" is defined as less than 24 months, and a "high birth order" as one occurring after three or more previous births (i.e., birth order four or higher). Children can be further cross-classified by combinations of these characteristics. First births, although often at increased risk, are not included in this analysis because they are not considered an avoidable risk.

Column 1 in Table 8.4 shows the percentage of children born in the five years preceding the survey who are included in specific risk categories (due to mother's age, time elapsed since previous birth, or number of previous births). In order to calculate the increase in risk attributable to fertility behaviour, risk ratios were calculated for each of the risk categories (see column 2, Table 8.4). A risk ratio in this case is the ratio of the proportion of children in the category who have died to the proportion who have died in the not in any risk category, i.e., children whose mothers were age 18-34 at delivery, who were born after an interval of 24 or more inonths after the previous birth, and who are parity of 3 or less.

## Table 8.4 Lligh-risk fertility behaviour

Percent distribution of children born in the five years preceding the survey who are at elevated risk of mortality, and the percent distribution of currently married women at risk of conceiving a child with an elevated risk of mortality, by category of increased risk, Turkey 1993

| Risk category | Births in last 5 years preceding the survey |  | Percentage of currently married women ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of births | Risk ratio |  |
| Not in any risk category | 55.7 | 1.00 | $32.1{ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| Single risk categories | 31.2 | 1.45 | 33.3 |
| Mother's age < 18 | 4.1 | (2.14) | 0.6 |
| Mother's age > 34 | 1.2 | (1.29) | 10.4 |
| Birth interval $<24$ | 11.4 | 1.48 | 9.4 |
| Birth order > 3 | 14.4 | 1.25 | 13.0 |
| Multiple risk categories | 13.1 | 3.44 | 34.6 |
| Age < 18 and birth interval $<24^{\text {c }}$ | 0.8 | (2.93) | 0.1 |
| Age >34 and birth interval <24 | 0.0 | (0.00) | 0.2 |
| Age $>34$ and birth order $>3$ | 4.8 | (1.57) | 28.6 |
| Age $>34$, birh interval $<24$ and birth order >3 | 1.4 | (7.51) | 1.3 |
| Birth interval <24 and birth order >3 | 6.1 | 4.10 | 4.4 |
| In any risk category | 44.3 | 2.04 | 67.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | NA | 100.0 |
| Number | 3700 | NA | 6271 |

Note: Risk ratio is the ratio of the proportion dead of births in a specific risk category to the proportion dead of births not in any risk category.
${ }^{a}$ Women were assigned to risk categories according to the status they would have at the birth of a child, if the child were conceived at the time of the survey: age less than 17 years and 3 months, age older than 34 years and 2 months, latest birth less than 15 months ago, and latest birth of order 3 or higher.
Includes sterilised women
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Includes the combined categories age $<18$ and birth order $>3$.
NA = Not applicable
() Figures in parentheses are ratios hased on fewer than 200 cases.

Forty-four percent of children born in the five years preceding the survey are at elevated risk of dying. Of these, 31 percent have an increased risk due to a single risk category (mother's age, birth order, or birth interval), and 13 percent have an increased risk due to multiple risk categories. It is evident from the table that birth order higher than 3 is a major factor contributing to elevated risks of mortality. Approximately 14 percent of births in the last five years are found to have occurred after the mother had already had 3 or more births, whereas the comparable figure for births after short intervals is around 11 percent. The other two factors appear to have operated for smaller groups of children.

The second column in the table shows the elevated risk of dying for children according to the risk categories their mothers were in at the time of their birth. The figures show that the proportion deceased among children whose mothers were in a single risk category at the time of birth was 1.5 times that of children whose mothers were not in a risk category. The comparable figure among children whose mothers were in a multiple risk category is as high as 3.4 . Although the number is relatively small, those children who were born after a short interval, who had been born after at least three births and whose mothers were older than 34 years of age were 7.5 times more likely to have died. It is also noteworthy that young maternal age alone increases the risk ratio to 2.1 ; however, the number of births occurring to such mothers in Turkey appears to be relatively low.

The final column of Table 8.4 includes the distribution of currently married women according to category of increased risk if they were to conceive at the time of the survey. Women who have been sterilised are categorized as not being in a high-risk category. In other words, a woman's current age, time elapsed since last birth, and parity are used to determine into which category her next birth would fall if she were to conceive at the time of the survey. For example, if a woman age 37 who has five children and had her last birth three years ago were to become pregnant, she would fall into the multiple risk category of being too old ( 35 or older) and at too high a parity ( 4 or more children).

Since women who have the potential for a high-risk birth can avoid experiencing the risk by using contraception to avgid pregnancy (either to space or limit the pregnancy, depending on which risk category she is in), this analysis should pose a challenge to policy makers and program managers alike - to generate the demand for family planning and to improve the availability of contraceptive methods, so that high-risk births can be avoided. By the same token, the figures in the third column of the table should be interpreted with some caution, especially in relation to provision of services, since some women in these risk categories may well be using effective contraception or be in a situation where they would not need to take any current precautions (amenorrhoeic or pregnant women, for instance).

Sixty-eight percent of the 6,271 women who were married at the time of the TDHS were found to be at risk of conceiving a child with an increased risk of dying. Children of only one-third of women would fall into none of the risk categories. Children of 35 percent of women would fall into a multiple risk category, where the survival chances of a child to be conceived would be considerably lower, according to the findings in the second column of the table. The largest group of women would fall into the multiple risk category where the child to be born would have, at the time of birth, a mother who would be older than 34 and who would already have had at least three births.

Coupled with the findings on demographic differentials of infant and child mortality presented in the previous section, the findings in Table 8.4 indicate that for further reductions in infant and child mortality rates in Turkey, concerted efforts are needed to minimize the number of high-risk births.

## CHAPTER 9

# MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH 

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Basic questions on maternal and child health care were included in the 1993 TDHS because of the importance and priority of matemal and child health for Turkey. This chapter presents findings on the following maternal and child health areas: ANC, assistance and place of delivery, preventive child health measures such as vaccinations, and common childhood diseases and their treatment.

The vaccination coverage information focuses on the age group of 12-23 months; it is one of the most important sections of child health care. Overall coverage levels by the time of the survey and by 12 months of age are calculated. A written vaccination card or the mother's recall are the sources of the vaccination information.

Treatment practices and contact with health services for children with common childhood illnesses, diarrhoea, and acute respiratory infection (ARI), help to assess the impact of a national programme aimed at reducing the effect of these illnesses.

### 9.1 Antenatal Care and Delivery Assistance

Data regarding ANC and delivery were obtained for all live births that occurred in the five years preceding the survey. Antenatal care is defined according to the type of provider, the number of visits made, the stage of pregnancy at the time of the first visit, and the number of tetanus toxoid (TT) doses received. Similarly, the delivery services are described according to the person assisting and the type and place of the delivery.

## Source of Antenatal Care

Table 9.1 shows the percent distribution of births in the five years preceding the survey by source of ANC received during pregnancy, according to the maternal background characteristics and birth order. The interviewers were instructed to record all responses if more than one source of ANC was mentioned for the same pregnancy. However, for this tabulation only the provider with the highest qualifications is considered if there were more than one response.

As seen in Table 9.1, the majority of the mothers ( 62 percent) received at least one ANC visit from trained health personnel; 47 percent from a doctor and 16 percent from a nurse or midwife. In the 1988 Turkish Population and Health Survey ( 1988 TPHS), only 43 percent of women received ANC from medical or trained health personnel for their last births.

There are marked differences in ANC by background characteristics. Younger mothers are more likely to seek ANC from trained health personnel than women over age 35. Likewise, there are striking differences in the proportions of live births with ANC according to birth order. Children whose birth order is 4 or more are less likely to have received ANC than lower order births (Figure 9.1).

Table 9.1 Antenatal care ( ANC )
Percent distribution of births in the live years preceding the survey. hy source of 1 NC during pregnancy, according to selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Backgraund characteristic | Antenatal care provider ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Total | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trained } \\ \text { nurse/ } \\ \text { Midwife } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Other/ } \\ & \text { No } \\ & \text { response } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { ANC } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - 20 | 42.8 | 20.0 | 1.3 | 35.9 | 100.0 | 580 |
| 20-34 | 48.7 | 15.4 | 0.6 | 35.3 | 100.0 | 2845 |
| $35+$ | 35.4 | 6.4 | 0.8 | 57.4 | 100.0 | 275 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 60.1 | 16.4 | 1.1 | 22.4 | 100.0 | 1208 |
| 2.3 | 49.5 | 17.7 | 0.5 | 32.3 | 100.0 | 1504 |
| 4-5 | 30.8 | 12.8 | 0.0 | 56.4 | 100.0 | 513 |
| $6+$ | 21.5 | 9.2 | 0.9 | 68.4 | 100.0 | 475 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 57.7 | 15.3 | 0.5 | 26.5 | 100.0 | 2211 |
| Rural | 30.6 | 15.8 | 1.0 | 52.6 | 100.0 | 1489 |
| Region 7130050 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 71.3 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 13.7 | 100.0 |  |
| South | 48.8 | 25.6 | 0.4 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 584 |
| Central | 40.2 | 18.5 | 1.0 | 40.3 | 100.0 | 825 |
| North | 48.3 | 14.9 | 0.0 | 36.8 | 100.0 | 357 |
| East | 25.3 | 7.8 | 1.1 | 65.8 | 100.0 | 949 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 23.9 | 13.0 | 1.0 | 62.1 | 100.0 | 1351 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 53.4 | 19.4 | 0.5 | 26.7 | 100.0 | 1852 |
| Sec. comp. $/+$ | 84.6 | 7.8 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 100.0 | 497 |
| All births | 46.8 | 15.5 | 0.7 | 37.0 | 100.0 | 3700 |

Note: Figures are for births in the period 1-59 months preceding the survey.
'If the respondent mentioned more than one provider, only the most qualified provider is considered.

Residential and regional differentials in ANC are also apparent. Those living in cities arc more likely to have ANC than those living in rural areas ( 73 percent and 46 percent, respectively) (Figure 9.2). Antenatal care coverage exceeds 60 percent in all regions except the East, wherc it was received by only one third of the mothers in the five years prior to the survey. Antenatal care coverage increases sharply by educational level.


Figure 9.2
Antenatal Care by Region and Residence


DPhysician 图Health Dersonnel $\square$ No ANC

## Number and Timing of Antenatal Care Visits

Antenatal care can be more effective when it is sought early in pregnancy. The first antenatal visit should take place before the third month of pregnancy. The advantage of early detection of pregnancy is that a woman's normal baseline health status can be assessed; knowledge of a woman's baseline health will make early diagnosis of any abnormalities easier. The total number of antenatal visits also is an important indicator in assessing the adequacy of ANC. According to the required schedule, health institutions should provide three visits up to 28 weeks (7th month), with subsequent visits in the 32 nd, 36th and 39th weeks. Regular visits allow proper monitoring of the mother and child throughout pregnancy.

As shown in Table 9.2, ANC is usually sought relatively early in the pregnancy; for more than half of the births, ANC visits started before the fifth month. With regard to the frequency of care, although 37 percent of women received no ANC, 36 percent had 4 or more visits. Among those who received ANC, the inedian number of ANC visits is 4.7 , and the median time at first visit was 3.1 months.

## Tetanus Toxoid Coverage

Tetanus toxoid (TT) vaccination is one of the important preventive measures for neonatal tetanus. According to the Turkish vaccination schedule, during pregnancy two doses of TT are necessary for full immunisation of unvaccinated woman. However, if a woman has been vaccinated during a previous pregnancy, she might only require one dose for the current pregnancy.

Table 9.3 presents TT coverage during pregnancy for all births in the five years preceding the survey. Among these births, 16 percent had one dose, and 26 percent had two or more doses. In the 1988 TPHS, these figures were 8 percent and 3 percent for the last birth, respectively.

The difference in TT vaccination coverage according to background characteristics in Table 9.3 are similar to those observed for ANC coverage. Both age and level of education show a marked impact on the percent receiving TT vaccinations. Similarly, the data show that there are apparent differentials in TT vaccination by region. The Southern region had both the highest overall TT coverage and the greatest proportion receiving the second dose; this pattern was similar in the 1988 TPHS findings.

| Percent distribution of births in the five years preceding the survey, by number of tetanus toxoid injections given to the mother during pregnancy, according to selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of tetanus toxoid injections |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | None | One dose | $\begin{gathered} \text { Two } \\ \text { doses } \\ \text { or more } \end{gathered}$ | Don't know/ Missing | Total | Number of births |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 20 | 55.4 | 14.7 | 29.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 580 |
| 20-34 | 56.4 | 16.2 | 26.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2845 |
| 35+ | 74.8 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 275 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 50.0 | 15.5 | 34.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1208 |
| 2-3 | 55.0 | 17.8 | 26.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1504 |
| 4-5 | 66.8 | 13.8 | 18.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 513 |
| $6+$ | 75.4 | 10.9 | 12.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 475 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 54.8 | 16.1 | 28.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2211 |
| Rural | 61.8 | 15.0 | 22.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1489 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 56.4 | 15.0 | 28.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 985 |
| South | 35.5 | 19.1 | 45.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 584 |
| Central | 57.4 | 16.8 | 25.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 825 |
| North | 50.5 | 21.6 | 27.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 357 |
| East | 75.4 | 11.0 | 13.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 949 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 72.2 | 12.1 | 15.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1351 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 48.3 | 17.5 | 33.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1852 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 53.1 | 18.5 | 27.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 497 |
| All birtbs | 57.6 | 15.7 | 26.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3700 |

Note: Figures are for births in the period 1-59 months preceding the survey.

## Place of Delivery and Assistance During Delivery

Table 9.4 and Figure 9.3 show the distribution of births in the five years preceding the survey by place of delivery according to background characteristics. Table 9.5 presents the distribution of these births by type of assistance during delivery. The type of assistance a woman receives during the birth of her child depends to a great extent on the place of delivery, with births delivered outside the health facility being much less likely than other births to receive assistance from a doctor or other trained health professional. The 1993 TDHS showed that 60 percent of all births were delivered at a health facility. This figure is similar to that reported in the 1988 TPHS. The proportion of all births delivered with the assistance of a doctor or trained health personnel was 76 percent. It is interesting to note that the likelihood of having a birth assisted by qualified health personnel is greater than the likelihood of receiving ANC from a medical care provider ( 62 percent).

Table 9.4 Place of deliven
Percent distribution of hirths in the live years preceding the survey, by place of deliver. according to selected background characteristics. Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Health Pacility | A1 home | Other | Total | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 20 | 61.6 | 38.2 | 0.2 | 10000 | 580 |
| 20-34 | 60.5 | 39.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2845 |
| $35+$ | 46.3 | 53.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 275 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 77.6 | 22.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1208 |
| 2-3 | 61.7 | 38.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1504 |
| 4-5 | 41.0 | 58.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 51.3 |
| $6+$ | 27.5 | 72.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 475 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 72.5 | 27.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2211 |
| Rural | 40.5 | 59.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1489 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 80.2 | 19.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 985 |
| South | 62.8 | 37.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 584 |
| Central | 64.0 | 35.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 825 |
| North | 66.1 | 33.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 357 |
| East | 30.2 | 69.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 949 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 34.0 | 65.7 | 0.3 | $1(\mathrm{H}) .0$ | 1351 |
| Pri. comp//Sec. incomp. | 70.7 | 29.1 | 0.2 | $1(0) .0$ | 1852 |
| Sce comp./+ | 88.0 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 497 |
| Antenatal care visits |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 34.8 | 64.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1371 |
| $1-3$ visits | 61.2 | 38.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 980 |
| 4 or more visits | 83.9 | 16.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1328 |
| Don't know/Missing | * | * | * | 100.0 | 21 |
| All birhs: | 59.6 | 40.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3700 |
| Note: Figures are for births in the period $1-59$ months preceding the survey. <br> * leses than 25 cases |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 9.3
Place of Delivery by Maternal Age and Birth Order


| Table 9.5 Assistance during delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of births in the five years preceding the survey, by type of assistance during delivery, according to selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attendant assisting during delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Doctor | Nursc/ Midwife | Tradjtional midwife | Relative/ Other | No one | Total | Number |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 20 | 30.0 | 46.8 | 12.5 | 9.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 580 |
| 20-34 | 34.8 | 42.6 | 12.0 | 9.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 2845 |
| $35+$ | 29.8 | 29.0 | 23.1 | 15.0 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 275 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 46.3 | 43.4 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1208 |
| 2-3 | 34.4 | 45.8 | 9.9 | 9.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1504 |
| 4-5 | 20.4 | 41.7 | 20.0 | 14.8 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 513 |
| $6+$ | 13.8 | 28.3 | 33.1 | 20.9 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 475 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 44.5 | 42.5 | 6.8 | 5.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 2211 |
| Rural | 17.5 | 41.9 | 22.1 | 16.6 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 1489 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 59.1 | 34.5 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 985 |
| South | 27.3 | 56.7 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 584 |
| Central | 33.7 | 43.3 | 11.3 | 10.2 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 825 |
| North | 31.7 | 47.6 | 13.0 | 6.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 357 |
| liast | 11.9 | 38.4 | 27.4 | 20.0 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 949 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 16.0 | 37.0 | 26.3 | 18.4 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 1351 |
| Pri. comp//Sec. incomp. | 38.7 | 47.9 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1852 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 62.9 | 35.3 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 497 |
| Antenatal care visits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 14.0 | 38.3 | 25.7 | 19.8 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1371 |
| 1.3 visits | 28.5 | 51.9 | 10.5 | 7.5 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 980 |
| 4 or more visits | 57.4 | 39.5 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1328 |
| Don't know/Missing | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 21 |
| Total | 33.7 | 42.2 | 12.9 | 9.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 3700 |

Note: If the respondent mentioned more than one attendant, only the most qualified attendant is considered.

* 1.ess than 25 cases

Home deliveries are more likely to occur without the assistance of trained health personnel. In rural areas 59 percent of births took place at home, whereas 73 percent took place at a health facility in urban areas (Figure 9.4). The level of education is strongly related to the utilisation of health institutions for delivery. The percentage of home deliveries shows a sharp decrease with increasing educational levels. In cases where the mother has graduated from at least secondary school, 88 percent of births take place in a health facility and almost all births ( 98 percent) are assisted by a doctor or nurse/midwife, compared to only 34 percent and 53 percent respectively, of births to mothers who have no education. A similar positive relationship is observed between both births occurring in a health facility and the percentage assisted by medical personnel and the number of antenatal care visits.

Figure 9.4
Place of Delivery by Region and Residence



## Delivery Characteristics

Respondents were asked about the duration of pregnancy and whether the delivery was by Caesarian section. Overall, 8 percent of the births in the last five years were delivered by Caesarian section and 3 percent of babies were born following a pregnancy of less than 9 months duration (data not shown).

### 9.2 Immunisation of Children

The World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on childhood immunisation call for all children to receive a BCG vaccination against tuberculosis: three doses of DPT vaccine to prevent diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus: three doses of polio vaccine: and one dose of measles vaccine before they reach 12 months of age. Immunisation activities in Turkey go back to the 1950s, when the Ministry of Health (MOH) launched a BCG vaccination campaign. The DPT vaccine, the oral potio vaccine (OPV), and more recently the ineasles vaceine were later added to the immunisation programme. Turkey joined the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) in 1981. The programme was hindered by many obstacles until 1985, when a mass immunisation campaign was conducted in order to increase the coverage rates and vaccinate susceptible children. Since 1985. EPI has beeome a part of routine primary health eare service delivery.

In the 1993 TDHS survey. information on vaccination status was collected for all children born in the five years preceding the survey. However, the data presented here are restrieted to children who were alive at the time of the survey fieldwork.

To obtain immunisation data for each eligible child, mothers were asked whether they had a vaccination card for the child. and if so. to show the card to the interviewer. The dates of the vaccinations were copied from the card to the questionnaire. Mothers were also asked whether the child had been given
any vaccinations not recorded on the card. If the vaccination card was not available for the child, the mother was asked a number of questions in order to determine the vaccination status of the child for each specific vaccine, and, in the case of DPT and polio, the number of doses of the vaccine that the child had received. Children who had received one dose of BCG, three doses of DP'T and OPV, and one dose of measles vaccine were considered to be fully vaccinated.

## Coverage of Children Age 12-23 Months

Table 9.6 presents information on both the percentage of children ever vaccinated and the percentage of these children vaccinated during the first year of life for children age $12-23$ months by source of information. The information was gathered from a vaccination card in the case of 42 percent of children. while mothers supplied the information for the remaining cases ( 58 percent). For children whose information was based on the mother's report, the proportion vaccinated during the first year of life is assumed to be the same as for children with a written record of vaccinations, and the IPT coverage rate for children without a written record is also assumed to be the same as that for polio vaccine, since mothers were asked whether the child had received polio vaccine.

Among children age 12-23 months, the coverage rates for BCG and the first two doses of polio were found to be around 90 percent, and most of the children reecived those vaccines before the age of one. However, due to high drop-out rates, coverage fell to 76 percent for DPT/OPV3. Measles vaccination coverage rate was even lower at only 69 percent.


The 1993 TDHS results can be compared to the findings of an immunisation survey conducted in 1989 in all provinces of Turkey. The 1989 survey, which collected information on the vaccination status of 14099 children age $12-23$ months old, relied both on the child's vaccination card and the mother's recall for immunisation information. The vaccination coverage rates reported in the 1989 survey for DPT/OPV and measles vaccines in children vaccinated by 12 months of age were very close to the figures gathered in the 1993 TDI IS. The percentage of children receiving the third dose of DPT and OPV by age 12 months was 77 percent for each and 65 percent for measles. The covcrage for BCG ( 67 percent) in the 1989 survey was based on the percentage of children having aCG scar. Thereforc. it is not directly comparable to the 1993 TDHS rate (87 percent).

Table 9.6 shows the percentage of children in the 12-23 month age group who had received all the recommended doses (i.e., who were fully immunised) and the percentage who had not received any immunisations. The results indicate that 65 percent of the children had received all of the immunisations at some time before the survey. Only 3 percent had not received any vaccination at all. The remaining 32 percent were partially vaccinated. The percentage of children who were fully immunised by 12 months of age was 59 percent (Figure 9.5).

Figure 9.5
Vaccination Coverage among Children Age 12-23 Months



## Coverage Rates by Background Charaeteristics

Vaccination coverage rates for children in the 12-23 month age group are presented in Table 9.7 by background characteristics, in order to provide information about the suceess of EPI in covering various subgroups. There are definite residential differences in vaccination coverage. The percentages receiving the first doses of DPT and OPV are high (over 90 percent) for both urban and rural children and the high

coverage rate is sustained in urban settements. However, as a result of high drop-out rates, coverage in rural children falls to 65 percent for the third dose of DPT/OPV. BCG and measles converage rates are also lower for rural children than urban children. Overall. nearly three quaners of uban children are fully vaccinated compared to only about half of rural children.

Considering regional differences, coverage is significantly lower in the lastern region (41 percent), followed by the Northern and the Central regions ( 63 percent and 66 percent. respectively). The Southern region has the highest vaccination coverage: 81 percent of children 12-23 months in the South are fully immunised.

The data in Table 9.7 also verify the fact that the drop-out rate is significantly high in the lastern region and is the inain result of low coverage rates. The vaccination card rates are lowest among children in rural areas and in the East; only 27 percent of mothers of rural children and 22 percent of mothers living in the Eastern region were able to show their children's vaccination card.

The mother's educational level is also related to the likelihood that a child will be vaccinated. The percentage of children who are fully vaccinated varies from 48 percent among children whose mothers have no education to around 84 percent among children whose mothers had a secondary or higher education. The DPT/OPV drop-out rates are higher for children of mothers with no education than for other children, with DPT/OPV coverage rates among children of somen with no education falling from 87 percent in the case of the first dose to 63 percent for the third dose. Only 65 percent of children of women with no education received a measles vaccination, and only 75 percent received a BCG vaccination.

A child`s birth order also is related to coverage rates. The percentage fully immunised among children of birth order 4 or higher is 55 percent, which is considerably lower than the rate for first-born children ( 68 percent) and for second- and third-order births ( 67 percent). Coverage falls from 90 percent for the lirst dose of DPT/OPV in mothers with 6 or more children to 63 percent for the third dose of DPT/OPV, further illustrating the high drop-out rate. There seems to be little difference between the vaccination levels of male and female children.

## Trend in Vaccination Coverage During First Year of Life

Table 9.8 provides information on children 12-59 months and shows the percentage of children who have a vaccination record as well as the percentage who have received each vaceine during the first year of life according to information from the vaccination records and mother's recall. As was the case in earlier tables, the distribution of vaccinations during the first year of life for children whose information was based on the mother's recall was assumed to be the same as that for children for whom a vaccination record was available.

| Percentage of children one to four years of age for whom a vaccination card was shown to the interviewer and the percentage vaccinated for $\mathrm{BCC}, \mathrm{DP}$ 'T, polio, and measles during the first year of life, by current age of the child, Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vaccine | Current age of child in months |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { All children } \\ & 12-59 \\ & \text { months } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 12-23 | 24-35 | 36-47 | 48-59 |  |
| Vaccination card shown to interviewer | 41.6 | 26.7 | 19.0 | 15.1 | 25.6 |
| Percent vaccinated at 0-11 months ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| [3CG | 87.4 | 84.3 | 86.7 | 74.8 | 83.3 |
| DPT DP DP | 91.8 | 89.6 | 85.3 | 80.4 | 86.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { DPT } \\ & \text { DPT } \end{aligned}$ | 86.7 76.2 | 84.9 70.9 | 81.5 68.8 | 75.4 67.9 | 82.1 71.0 |
| Potio 1 | 92.3 | 90.4 | 86.1 | 81.3 | 87.5 |
| Polio 2 | 87.1 | 85.5 | 81.9 | 76.0 | 82.6 |
| Polio 3 | 76.4 | 71.2 | 69.3 | 68.2 | 71.3 |
| Measles | 69.0 | 70.2 | 59.4 | 58.0 | 64.1 |
| All vaccinations ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 59.0 | 50.0 | 51.5 | 45.3 | 51.5 |
| No vaccinations | 4.7 | 5.7 | 8.8 | 13.6 | 8.3 |
| Number of children | 716 | 653 | 717 | 697 | 2783 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ information was obtained either from a vaccination card or from the mother if there was no written record. For children whose information was based on the mother's report, the proportion of vaccinations given during the first year of life was assumed to be the same as that for children with a written vaccination record. ${ }^{6}$ Children who have received BCG. measles and threc doses of DPT and polio vaccines

The first row in Table 9.8 shows the proportion of children age 12-59 months for whom a vaccination card was seen by the interviewer. The proportion for whom vaceination cards were seen declines with increasing age of child, from 42 percent among children age 12-23 months to only 15 percent among children age 48-59 months.

The variation in vaccination coverage rates by the child's age suggests that coverage rates have increased in the recent past. The proportion of children with no vaceinations during the first year of life has decreased from 14 percent among children age $48-59$ months to only 5 percem among children age 12 23 months. The proportion of children who were fully vaccinated during the lirst year of life also increased from 45 percent among children age $48-59$ months to 59 percent among children age 12-23 months. This might be an indicator of some progress in routine immunisation services or it might be evaluated as a result of lower vaccination card keeping in older age groups. The results of the 1989 Cluster Survey on Vaccination are higher than the coverage rates found for children $48-59$ months old in the 1993 TDHS. The drop-out rates between DPT1-DPT3 and DPT1-measles are almost the same in all age groups.

### 9.3 Acute Respiratory Infection

Acute respiratory infection (ARI) is the most prevalent disease among infants and children under age five in Turkey, especially during the winter months. ARI has long been known to contribute significantly to child mortality. For example, a study carried out in the Etimesgut district during 1970 indicated that 34 percent of infant deaths and 32 percent of child deaths were duc to pneumonia. In 1986, the Control of Acute Respiratory Infections Programme (CARI) was launched in Turkey. By 1993, the programme was being carried out in 33 provinces out of a total of 76 provinces. In other words, the CARI progranme covers 34 percent of the total population.

In this survey, the prevalence of ARI was estimated by asking mothers if their children had experienced coughing, accompanied by short, rapid breathing, in the two weeks preceding the survey. For children who had experienced these symptoms, questions were asked about the type of treatment given and the proportion who had contact with the health services. Figures 9.6 and 9.7 shows the distribution of ARI by sex, birth order, residence and region.

According to Table 9.9, 12 percent of children under five years of age were ill with cough and rapid breathing, in other words ARI, at some time in the two weeks preceding the survey. This percentage is somewhat lower than expected; however, one should take into consideration that the data collection activities were carried out during the summer and early fall when ARI levels would be lower than in the winter. Considering treatment patterns, 37 percent of children who have ARI were taken to a health facility, 30 percent were reported to have received antibiotic treatment including injections, 44 percent received cough syrup and 41 percent received other medicines.

There is no apparent differential by sex of the child in using a health facility for ARI treatment or in prescribing antibiotics including injections. However, cough syrup was used somewhat more often for female children than for male children ( 52 percent and 36 percent, respectively). "Other remedies" for ARI treatment are also used more for female children than for male children ( 45 percent and 36 percent, respectively).

Parents seem to be more sensitive to seeking health care for babies under age one. Similarly, mothers have used both antibiotics and cough syrup more often to treat their first-born children than other children.

Figure 9.6 Prevalence of Acute Respiratory Infection by Sex and Birth Order


Figure 9.7
Prevalence of Acute Respiratory Infection by Residence and Region


## Table 9.9 Prevalence and treatment of acute respiraton infection

Percentage of children under live years who were ill with a cough accompanied by rapid breathing during the wo weeks preceding the survey, and the pereentage of ill children who were treated with specilic remedies. by selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Percentage of children with cough and rapid breathing | Percentige tahen to a bealith facility or provider | Among children with cough and rapid hreathing |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Percentage treated with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Antibiotic pill or syrup | Injection | ('sugh syrup | Ilome remedy | Other | $\begin{aligned} & \text { None/ } \\ & \text { Don't know/ } \\ & \text { Missing } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Child's age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 6 months | 13.6 | 46.6 | 20.6 | 0.0 | 10. 8 | 1.4 | 55.1 | 17.8 | 329 |
| 6-11 months | 14.5 | 51.2 | 26.7 | 14.0 | 19.7 | 2.2 | 40.6 | 19.7 | 386 |
| 12-23 months | 17.6 | 32.2 | 20.0 | 7.2 | 45.8 | 1.2 | 39.0 | 29.9 | 716 |
| 24-35 montbs | 9.7 | 42.5 | 23.2 | 7.4 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 30.5 | 28.6 | 653 |
| 36-47 montbs | 9.6 | 36.5 | 24.3 | 8.5 | 45.7 | 9.8 | 42.8 | 21.9 | 717 |
| 48-59 montbs | 10.8 | 26.3 | 21.4 | 5.8 | 32.3 | 2.1 | 40.6 | 33.3 | 696 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 13.0 | 36.1 | 22.5 | 6.7 | 36.2 | 3.2 | 36.5 | 31.9 | 1803 |
| Female | 11.8 | $3 \times .7$ | 22.0 | 8.0 | 52.3 | 2.1 | 45.2 | 20.1 | 1694 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 11.5 | 49.8 | 25.5 | 7.7 | 57.1 | 1.9 | $3+.6$ | 21.1 | 1147 |
| 2-3 | 12.9 | 33.5 | 20.4 | 4.7 | 43.4 | 3.6 | 43.7 | 23.0 | 1447 |
| 4.5 | 13.8 | 27.3 | 21.7 | 11.7 | 25.5 | 1.2 | 42.8 | 43.0 | 471 |
| $6+$ | 11.6 | 31.5 | 21.8 | 10.6 | 32.7 | 3.6 | 41.1 | 32.2 | 432 |
| Kesidence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.3 | 44.3 | 28.8 | 7.5 | 50.9 | 3.9 | 45.9 | 15.5 | 2108 |
| Rural | 15.7 | 30.3 | 15.9 | 7.2 | 36.4 | 1.5 | 35.2 | 37.3 | 1389 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 7.5 | 56.1 | 24.6 | 3.5 | 56.1 | 5.3 | 49.1 | 10.5 | 940 |
| South | 13.3 | 42.1 | 24.2 | 13.7 | 68.4 | 4.2 | 50.5 | 14.7 | 550 |
| Central | 13.6 | 28.2 | 12.6 | 4.8 | 39.8 | 1.9 | 41.7 | 28.1 | 776 |
| North | 13.9 | 39.7 | 25.6 | 2.6 | 41.0 | 3.8 | 48.7 | 16.7 | 342 |
| last | 15.4 | 31.3 | 26.5 | 9.5 | 27.7 | 0.8 | 27.0 | 43.0 | 889 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 15.3 | 32.8 | 21.7 | 11.2 | 35.6 | 2.2 | 39.6 | 34.6 | 1255 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 11.2 | 37.3 | 20.9 | 4.5 | 45.7 | 2.1 | 40.1 | 23.3 | 1753 |
| Sec. comp./+ | 9.5 | 55.8 | 31.0 | 3.3 | 67.6 | 7.3 | 46.2 | 6.4 | 489 |
| All children | 12.4 | 37.3 | 22.3 | 7.3 | 43.6 | 2.7 | 40.5 | 26.5 | 3497 |

Note: Figures are for children born in the period I-59 months preceding the survey.
${ }^{1}$ Includes health house. health centre, hospital. and private doctor.

The percentage of children taken to a health facility is higher in urban areas (44 percent) than rural areas ( 30 percent), despite the lower ARI prevalence in urban areas. Urban children suffering from ARI symptoms are also more likely than rural children to receive antibiotics, cough syrup or other treatments. By region, children with ARI are less likely to be taken to a health facility in the Central region, followed by the Eastern region. The Eastern region has the highest percentage of children with $\wedge$ RI symptoms receiving no treatment, while the lowest antibiotic treatment rate is reported in the Central region.

The likelihood that a child with ARI will be taken to a health facility or given at least some treatment increases with the mother's level of education. Only 6 percent of mothers with a secondary or higher education reported that they did nothing to treat ARI symptoms in their children compared to 35 percent of mothers with no education.

### 9.4 Diarrhoca

Dehydration brought on hy severe diarrhoea is an important cause of morbidity and mortality among children in Turkey. The National Control of Diarrhoeal Diseases Programme was implemented in 1986. The main objcclive of the programme was prevention of deaths by prevention of dehydration. For this reason, Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) has been taught actively since the 1980s.

In the I 993 TDHS. mothers of children under age five were asked if their children had experienced a bout of diarrhoea within the past two weeks and in the 24 hours prior to interview. Mothers were also asked what treatment they had given to those children who had diarrhoea. In interpreting these findings, one should take into consideration that the TDHS fieldwork took place between August and October. Since the prevalence of diarrhoea varies seasonally, the results do not represent the average prevalence of diarrhoea throughout the year in Turkcy.

Table 9.10 and Figure 9.8 show the percentage of children under five years of age with diarrhoea during the two weeks prcceding the

| Pereentage of children under fise years who had diarthoea in the two weeks preceding the sursey, and the percentage of children who had diarrhoe in the preceding 24 hours. by selected background characteristics. Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Diarrhoca in the preceding 2 wechs | Diarrhoca in the past it hours | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { children } \end{aligned}$ |
| Child's age |  |  |  |
| - 6 munths | 26.0 | 15.4 | :29 |
| 6-11 months | 40.0 | 18.8 | 386 |
| 12-23 months | 36.1 | 17.1 | 716 |
| 24.35 membs | 26.7 | 12.0 | 653 |
| $36-47$ momus | 1.10 | 5.5 | 717 |
| $48-59$ months | 13.3 | 4.2 | $69 \%$ |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Malc | 26.7 | 12.3 | 1803 |
| Female | 22.7 | 10.1 | 1694 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |
| 1 | 24.6 | 10.4 | 1147 |
| 2-3 | 23.5 | 10.5 | 1447 |
| 4.5 | 250 | 13.1 | 471 |
| $6+$ | 29.2 | 14.0 | +32 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urhan | 22.7 | 9.1 | 2108 |
| Rural | 28.0 | 14.5 | 1389 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| Wesi | 19.9 | 7.8 | 940 |
| South | 21.7 | 9.7 | 550 |
| Central | 24.0 | 9.8 | 776 |
| North | 22.5 | 8.7 | 3.42 |
| l:ast | 33.3 | 18.1 | 889 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |
| No educ./I'ri. incomp. | 28.2 | 13.8 | 1255 |
| Pri. comp/See incomp. | 24.3 | 10.7 | 1753 |
| Sce. comp./t | 17.7 | 6.5 | 489 |
| All children | 24.8 | 11.2 | 3497 |

Note: Figures are for chiddren born in the period $1-59$ months preceding the surves. survey. Overall one-quarter of the children had experienced diarrhoea at some time in the two weeks preceding the survey, and 11 pereent were still having an episode of diarrhoea at the time of the survey. In the 1988 TPHS, the two-week prevalence of diarrhoea for the same period (August-September) was 24 percent. This finding suggests that measures designated to prevent diarrhoea, which were introduced following the 1988 survey, have not resulted in any change in diarrhoca prevalence during last five years.

Children age 6-11 months and $12-23$ months were the most likely to have experienced diarrhoca in the two weeks preceding the survey ( 40 percent and 36 percent, respectively). This pattern has been observed in many surveys, including the 1988 TPHS, and is believed to be associated with the effects of weaning practices and poor sanitation, especially the use of contaminated water supplies.

Figure 9.8
Pecentage of Children under Five Years with Diarrhoea, by Age, Sex, Birth Order and Residence


There are no marked differences in diarrhoea prevalence by sex or birth order. The prevalence of diarthoca appears to be slightly higher among rural children ( 28 percent), children in the East ( 33 percent) and children whose mothers are without any education ( 28 percent) than among other children. These findings are similar to the 1988 TPHS results.

Table 9.11 shows the practices of mothers in treating diarrhoea. Mothers reported that 24 percent of children with diarrhoea were not given any treatment. Rüral ehildren, children living in the Eastern and Western regions and children whose mothers had no education were the least likely to receive treatment.

With regard to treatment practices, one-fourth of children who had diarrhoea were taken to the health facility for treatment. Fluids made using a packet of oral relydration salts (ORS) were used in treating the diarrhoea in 11 percent of cases and 5 percent were given recommended home fluids; in 57 percent of the cases fluids were increased.

The proportion of mothers who took their child to a health facility is higher in urban areas than in rural areas ( 30 percent and 19 percent, respectively), and urban mothers were more likely than rural mothers to use some form of oral rehydration therapy (ORT) or to increase fluids ( 69 percent and 52 percent, respectively). The Southern region shows both the highost percentages seeking health care ( 30 percent) and using ORS packets ( 14 percent). Use of ORS is highest in children age 6-23 months. This finding supports the theory that these mothers may be receiving training in diarrhoea treatment during weaning instruction by health personnel.

## Table 9.31 Treatment of diarrhoca

Percentage of children under five years who had diarrhoea in the two weeks preceding the survey who were taken for treatment to a health facility or provider, the pereentage who received increased lluids and oral rehydration therapy (ORT), the percentage who received neither OR'l nor increased lluids, and the percentage reeeiving other treatments. according to selected background characteristics. Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Percentage taken to a health facility or provider ${ }^{\prime}$ | Oral relyydration theripy (ORT) |  | Percentage <br> Percentage receiving receiving neither in- OR'I nor creased increased tluids fluids |  | Percentage receiving other treatments: |  |  | No treatment | Number of children with diarrhoca |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ORS packets ${ }^{2}$ | Recommended home solution |  |  | Antihiotics | $\xrightarrow[\text { jection }]{\text { In- }}$ | Hone remedy/ Other |  |  |
| Child's age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 6 montls | 27.3 | 9.7 | 5.8 | 36.5 | 55.1 | 15.3 | 4.2 | 33.4 | 33.0 | 86 |
| 6-11 months | 35.7 | 15.4 | 3.7 | 52.6 | 42.3 | 23.0 | 3.4 | 27.1 | 26.7 | 154 |
| 12-23 months | 28.4 | 15.2 | 5.6 | 63.4 | 31.9 | 21.5 | 4.2 | 36.3 | 20.6 | 259 |
| 24-35 months | 20.9 | 9.8 | 4.4 | 58.8 | 38.0 | 20.1 | 1.1 | 37.4 | 23.3 | 174 |
| 36-47 months | 12.1 | 6.6 | 2.8 | 57.3 | 40.6 | 15.0 | 2.0 | 35.5 | 25.9 | 100 |
| $48-59$ months | 15.7 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 61.3 | 37.0 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 36.6 | 21.5 | 43 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 25.7 | 12.1 | 4.9 | 56.8 | 39.2 | 20.7 | 3.6 | 34.5 | 23.4 | 481 |
| Female | 23.7 | 10.5 | 4.9 | 57.1 | 38.4 | 18.1 | 1.7 | 34.6 | 25.2 | 385 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 27.3 | 13.4 | 3.1 | 58.7 | 35.9 | 21.6 | 1.9 | 36.2 | 23.1 | 282 |
| 2-3 | 25.0 | 9.9 | 6.4 | 58.4 | 38.8 | 17.5 | 2.6 | 35.7 | 23.3 | 340 |
| 4-5 | 23.0 | 7.8 | 4.8 | 53.2 | 43.0 | 13.0 | 4.1 | 39.3 | 28.0 | 118 |
| $6+$ | 20.4 | 14.3 | 4.7 | 52.7 | 41.5 | 26.5 | 3.6 | 23.2 | 25.5 | 126 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 29.9 | 12.2 | 4.4 | 64.7 | 31.2 | 22.7 | 3.6 | 39.0 | 17.4 | 478 |
| Rural | 18.6 | 10.4 | 5.4 | 47.4 | 48.2 | 15.6 | 1.7 | 29.0 | 32.6 | 388 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 27.8 | 11.3 | 7.9 | 52.3 | 41.1 | 14.6 | 2.6 | 35.1 | 27.2 | 187 |
| South | 29.7 | 14.2 | 2.6 | 70.3 | 24.5 | 30.3 | 3.9 | 48.4 | 14.8 | 119 |
| Central | 18.8 | 6.6 | 3.8 | 59.0 | 39.3 | 17.1 | 2.7 | 38.2 | 22.7 | 186 |
| North | 21.4 | 9.5 | 11.1 | 62.7 | 33.3 | 15.1 | 0.8 | 37.3 | 19.0 | 78 |
| East | 25.6 | 13.8 | 2.9 | 51.8 | 44.3 | 21.0 | 2.9 | 25.6 | 28.4 | 296 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No cduc./Pri. incomp. | 23.9 | 8.0 | 2.9 | 48.0 | 48.9 | 22.3 | 4.0 | 26.9 | 30.0 | 354 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 24.6 | 13.7 | 7.1 | 61.4 | 33.3 | 16.5 | 1.5 | 38.7 | 22.1 | 425 |
| See. comp/ $/+$ | 29.7 | 13.8 | 2.3 | 71.9 | 24.4 | 23.1 | 3.5 | 45.3 | 11.0 | 87 |
| All children | 24.8 | 11.4 | 4.9 | 57.0 | 38.8 | 19.5 | 2.7 | 34.5 | 24.2 | 866 |

[^8] of liquids that a child receiced during a diarrhoeal episode. Fo obtain the data. mothers who reported that they were stilt breastfeding a child suffering from diarhoen were anked whether they had ehanged the pattern ol breastlieding during the diarrhoeal episode. In addition. all mothers who had a child with diarrhoea were asked if they had changed the amount of flads given to the child having the diarrowal episode.

Iable 9.12 shows that mothers of 19 percent of chifdren who had diarshoe and were still being breastied reported that the had increased the frequency of breast feeding durine the diarrhoeal episode, and $7 f$ percent reported that thes had maintained the same frequency of teedings. Mothers of only 4 percent of the children reported a reduced frequency of breanfeeding. In the lo88 IPltS. a somenhat higher percentage ( 6 percent) of the mothers who were breasleeding before diarroce started reported hat they stopped breastieeding daring a diamboeal attach.

Table 9.12 also show shat. among all children with diarthoeat the majority either were given more Iluids 656 percent ) or received the satme amount ( 36 pereent). The amount of thid given was reduced in omly 7 percent of the cases.

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| :---: | :---: |
| 1'ereen distribution of chadern under fice sears who had diarthea in the two wechs preceding the surser. hy fecting practices durmy diarrhoc:a. Turhey 1903 |  |
| Peding practices | Percen |
| Breastfeeding frequen |  |
| Same as usual | 74.4 |
| Increased | 19.2 |
| Reduced | 4.1 |
| Stopped | 0.5 |
| Don't know/Missing | 1.8 |
| Number of children | 73.3 |
| Amount of 隹ids give |  |
| Same its ustal | 35.6 |
| More | 55.6 |
| I.css | 7.4 |
| Don't know/Missing | 1.4 |
| Number of children with diarrhoeal ${ }^{2}$ | 866 |
| 'Applies only to children who are still preastied. <br> 'Children bom in the period $1-59$ months preceding the survey. |  |
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# INFANT FEEDING, MATERNAL AND CHILDHOOD NUTRITION 

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This chapter covers two related topics: infant feeding and nutritional status. Infant feeding includes breastieeding practices, introduction of supplementary weaning foods, and use of feeding bottles. Nutritional status is based on height and weight measurements of both children under the age of five years and their mothers.

### 10.1 Breastfeeding and Supplementation

Infant feeding has an impact on both the child and the mother. Feeding practises are important determinants of the child's nuritional status, which in turn influcnees the risk of dying. The mother is affected by breastfeeding through its effects on postpartum infertility, which is related to the length of birth intervals, and thus to fertility levels. These effects are influenced by both the duration and intensity of breastleeding and the age at which the child receives supplemental foods and liquids. Breast milk is sterile and comains all the nutrients needed by children in the first few months of life. In addition, it provides some immunity to disease through the mother's antibodies and helps in reducing the prevalence of diarrhoea and nutritional deficiencies.

International guidelines' for the feeding of infants and young children recommend that infants receive only breast milk for the lirst 4 to 6 months of life. During this time, no other foods or liquids are needed. Beginning at about 4 months, adequate and appropriate complementary foods should gradually be added to the infant's diet in order to provide sufficient nutrients for optimal growth. Breastfeeding should continue, along with the complementary foods, up to the second birthday or beyond. It is recommended that a feeding bottle should not be used at any age. In addition, the recommendations of the Baby Friendly Hospitals Initiative, launched by WHO. include the carly initiation of breastfeeding.

As Table 10.1 indicates, breastfeeding is almost universal in Turkey; 95 percent of all children are breastfed for some period of time. Differentials in the proportion of children breastfed are quite small. No subgroup has less than 94 percent of children as having ever been breastfed.

Barly initiation of breastfeeding is of benefit to both mother and infant. Suckling stimulates production of oxvtocin, a hormone that causes the mother's uterus to contract. The first breast milk, colostrum, protects the newborn infant from infections because of its high concentration of antibodies. Information presented on the timing of initiation of breastfecding for last-born children indicates that initiation to breastfeeding is rather late (Table 10.1). Only one-fifth of last-born children were started breastfeeding as carly as within one hour of birth. As regards the subgroups, there is almost no variation in the initiation of breastfeeding with respect to sex of the child, residence, educational level of the mother, and utilisation of health services during delivery. The only marked variation in the timing of initiation of breastfeeding is observed among regions. The percentage of last-born ehildren who started breastfeeding within one hour of birh is highest in the Norhern region (24 percent) and lowest in the Eastern region (17 percent).

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## Table 10.1 Initial breasticeding

Percentage of ehildren bom in the live years preceding the survey who were ever breastfed, and the percentage of last-born children who started breastfeeding within one hour of birth and within one day of birth. by selected background characteristics. Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Among all children: |  | Among last-born children. percentage who started breastleeding: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage eler breastied | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { children } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Within } \\ & 1 \text { day } \\ & \text { of birth } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { children } \end{aligned}$ |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Malc | 94.6 | 1924 | 20.0 | 74.0 | 1478 |
| Female | 95.8 | 1812 | 19.8 | 78.0 | 1322 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Trban | 94.2 | 2236 | 20.2 | 76.8 | 1748 |
| Rural | 96.7 | 1500 | 19.4 | 74.3 | 105? |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 94.9 | 996 | 18.6 | 80.1 | 820 |
| South | 95.6 | 591 | 20.8 | 74.2 | 445 |
| Central | 95.7 | 833 | 22.4 | 77.4 | 6.38 |
| North | 95.9 | 359 | 24.3 | 75.7 | 273 |
| l:ast | 94.5 | 957 | 16.5 | 70.1 | 62.4 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No ciluc./Pri. incomp. | 95.4 | 1362 | 19.0 | 70.3 | 899 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 94.7 | 1872 | 20.1 | 78.1 | 1464 |
| Sce complt ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 96.5 | 502 | 21.2 | 79.8 | 437 |
| Assistance at delivery |  |  |  |  |  |
| Medically trained person | 95.0 | 2838 | 19.6 | 77.6 | 2233 |
| Iraditional midwile | 96.9 | 480 | 20.6 | 69.5 | 288 |
| Ohler none or missing | 94.4 | 418 | 21.6 | 68.3 | 279 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |
| llealth facilit! | $9+4$ | 2233 | 18.9 | 76.1 | 1795 |
| At home. other or missing | 96.6 | 1503 | 21.7 | 75.5 | 1005 |
| All children | 95.2 | 3736 | 19.9 | 75.9 | 2800 |

Note: Table is based on all children born in the live years preceding the survey. Whether living or dead at the time of the intervies.

A large proportion of children did not star breastfeeding within one day of birth. In the East, where mothers are usually less educated and give birth without the assistance of a medically trained person, 30 percent of last-born children were not put to the breast during the first day. This delayed exposure to the mother's breast may be influenced by cultural norms. In Turkey, there is a religious practice that calls for breastfeeding to start after 3 calls to prayer (ezan) following the child's birth, which means that there is almost a 15 -hour delay.

The percent distribution of living children by breastfeeding status at the time of the survey is shown in Table 10.2 (based on feeding practises in the last 24 hours before the interview). "Exclusively breastfed" denotes children who receive breast milk only. "Children who are fully breastfed" includes those who are exclusively breastfed and those who receive only plain water in addition to breast milk.

Table 10.2 shows that even in the first month of life, only 19 percent of chiddren were exclusively breastfed. Ilowever, the percentage of fully breastfed children in the first month of life reaches 46 percent. One-third of the children (33 pereent) are being given supplementary food as early as one month of age. The percentage of chidden recei ing supplements rapidy increases to 53 percent among children $2-3$ months of age farly introduction of supplementary food to infant nutrition increases the risk of gastrointestimal infections, which is one of the leading causes of infant mortality in Jurkey.


Note: Breastieeding status refers to preceding $2 t$ hours. Children classitied as hreastfecding and plain water only receive no supplements.

Table 10.3 shows the percentage of breastfeeding children receiving various types of supplements; the eategories are not mutually exclusive, that is, a child may be receiving more than one type of supplement. Looking at the type of supplement received by breastfed children in more detail, one sees that 15 percent of children $0-1$ months of age receives infant formula and this percentage increases rapidly to 28 percent among children 4-5 months of age, and then drops slowly as age increases. Children are more likely to receive other kinds of milk or liquids other than infant formula after 0 - 1 months of age. Nearly half of the children $10-18$ months of age were given other milk, most probably cow's milk, as a supplement to weaning food (Table 10.3).

Lable 10.3 Breastleeding and supplementation by age
Percentage of breastieeding chakdren who are receiving specifie types of food supplementation. and the pereentage who are using a bottle with a nipple. by age in months. Turkey 1993

| Anc in months | Percentage of breastieding children who are: |  |  |  |  | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Receiving supplement |  |  | Using a |  |
|  | Infant formula | Other milk | Other liquid | Solid Mushy | with a nipple |  |
| (1-1 | 14.7 | 6.3 | 21.2 | 0.0 | 17.7 | 94 |
| 2-3 | 20.7 | 28.7 | 44.9 | 8.3 | 30.4 | 125 |
| +-5 | 27.5 | 34.9 | 73.5 | 28.6 | 30.9 | 104 |
| 6-7 | 20.2 | 42.2 | 86.4 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 101 |
| 8-9 | 12.1 | 38.5 | 92.6 | 47.0 | 13.9 | 83 |
| 10-11 | 10.5 | 49.2 | 88.2 | 48.6 | 23.1 | 65 |
| 12-13 | 18.5 | 40.9 | 96.0 | 55.9 | 28.6 | 66 |
| $14-15$ | 8.3 | 52.1 | 98.2 | 67.4 | 11.3 | 59 |
| 16-17 | (5.6) | (32.1) | (94.5) | (55.5) | (18.5) | 40 |
| 18-19 | * | * | * | * | * | 23 |
| 20-21 | * | * | * | * | * | 15 |
| 22-23 | * | * | * | * | * | 17 |
| 24-25 | * | * | * | * | * | 10 |
| 26-27 | * | * | * | * | * | 10 |
| 28-29 | * | * | * | * | * | 10 |
| 30-31 | * | * | * | * | * | 11 |
| 32-33 | * | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| 34-35 | * | * | * | * | * | I |

Note: Breastieeding status refers to preceding 24 hours. Percents hy type of supplement among breastleeding children may sum to more than 100 percent, as children may have received more than one type of supplement.
() Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 calses.

* Less han 25 cancs

One of the most striking results is the early introduction of solid or mushy food into the diet. Solid or mushy food begins to be introduced into the diet as carly as 2-3 months of age, and the proportion of children receiving it rises to 29 percent by age 4-5 months. On the other hand, almost half of the breastfed children do not receive any solid or mushy food until they are around one year of age. This deleterious practice may be considered as one of the underlying factors of undernutrition among Turkish children.

In Table 10.3, the extent to which bottles are used to feed infants is also presented. Aithough the majority of infants are not fed with a bottle, bottle feeding is beyond the desirable level. Around one-third of the breastfed children 2-7 months of age are bottle fed. During this period children are vulnerable to various gastrointestinal infections.

Table 10.4 presents the estimates of medians and durations of breastfeeding patterns among subgroups: the mean duration is shown for all children. The median duration of breastfeeding is 12 months. There is some variation in breastfeeding duration across subgroups. The longest durations observed are for women living in the East ( 17 months) and for illiterate women ( 16 months). Children living in rural areas, children of women with less than primary education, and those children who are not assisted by medically trained personnel at delivery are more likely to have longer breastfeeding durations than others. Shorter median durations of $8-9$ months are observed for children of mothers with secondary education and for those from the Western and Northern regions. Median durations for exclusive and full breastfeeding are very short, and there are no marked variations in the median durations of full and exclusive breastfeeding according to various background characteristics.

Frequency of breastfeeding is also prcsented in Table 10.4. Eighty-one percent of children under 6 months of age werc brcastfed 6 or more times in the 24 hours preceding the interview. This feeding pattern occurs less often for children whose mothers have at least a secondary school education. Although breastfeeding is very common and the median duration is 12 months in Turkey, early introduction of supplementary food to the diet of some children and frequency of feeding are not enough to stimulate the contraceptive effect of breast milk. The limited contraceptive effect of breastfeeding is reflected in the relatively short median duration of postpartum amenorrhoea (4 months, see Table 6.5).

Table 10.4 Median duration and freguency of hreastfoeding
Median duration of any breastleeding and full breastleeding. and the percentage of children under six months of age who were breastied six or more times in the 24 hours preceding the survey, by selected background characteristics. Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Median dumation in months |  |  | Number of children | Percentage $<6$ months breastfed $6+$ times in last 24 hours | Number of children $<6$ months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Any breastfeeding | Iexclusive breastfeeding |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 12.8 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1151 | 79.9 | 185 |
| Yemate | 11.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1083 | 82.6 | 178 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U Irban | 10.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1326 | 80.7 | 218 |
| Rural | 14.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 908 | 82.0 | 145 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 8.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 603 | 77.3 | 93 |
| South | 13.1 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 338 | 80.9 | 52 |
| Central | 10.8 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 494 | 86.4 | 83 |
| North | 7.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 223 | (63.6) | 40 |
| liast | 17.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 576 | 88.2 | 95 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 15.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 767 | 85.2 | 117 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 10.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1160 | 80.9 | 192 |
| Sec. comp. $/+$ | 8.8 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 307 | 73.8 | 54 |
| Assistance at delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Medically trained person | 10.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1731 | 79.0 | 275 |
| Traditional midwife | 10.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 256 | (90.6) | 48 |
| Other or none | 14.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 247 | (85.5) | 40 |
| All children | 11.9 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 2234 | 81.2 | 363 |
| Mean | 13.3 | 1.5 | 2.7 | NA | NA | NA |
| Prevalence/Incidence mean | 13.3 | 0.7 | 2.1 | N^ | N^ | NA |

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### 10.2 Nutritional Status

One of the major contributions of the TDHS to the study of child health status is the anthropometric data collected on the children of respondents. These data on children under five years of age allow for calculation of indicators of nutritional status. These indicators are important because children's nutritional status influences their susceptibility to disease and untimely death. Children's nutritional status reflects infant and child feeding practices as well as recurrent and chronic infections. Both the height and weight of children were measured and three indices were constructed based on the data and the child's age: height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age. ${ }^{2}$

As recommended by WHO, the nutritional status of children in the survey is compared with an international reference population defined by the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and accepted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Use of this reference population is based on the finding that well-nourished young children of all population groups (for which data exist) follow very similar growth patterns (see Martorell and Habicht, 1986). In any large population, there is variation in height and weight; this variation approximates a normal distribution. The reference population serves as a point of comparison, facilitating the examination of differences in the anthropometric status of subgroups in a population and of changes in nutritional status over time.

The height-for-age index is an indicator of linear growth retardation. Children whose height-for-age is below minus two standard deviations ( -2 SD) from the median of the reference population are considered short for their age ("stunted"), and are chronically undernourished. Children who are below minus three standard deviations ( -3 SD ) from the median of the reference population are considered severely stunted. Stunting reflects the outcome of a failure to receive adequate nutrition over a long period of time, and is also affected by recurrent and chronic illness. Height-for-age, therefore, represents a measure of the longterm effects of undernutrition in a population and does not vary appreciably according to the season of data collection. Stunted children are not immediately obvious in a population; a stunted three-year-old child could look like a well-fed two-year-old.

The weight-for-height index measures body mass in relation to body length and describes current nutritional status. Children who are below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) from the median of the reference population are considered thin ("wasted") and are acutely undernourished. Wasting represents a failure to receive adequate nutrition in the period immediately preceding the survey and may be the result of recent episodes of illness, causing loss of weight and the onset of undernutrition. Wasting may also reflect acute food shortage. Children whose weight-for-height is below minus three standard deviations ( -3 SD) from the median of the reference population are considered to be severely wasted.

Weight-for-age is a composite index of height-for-age and weight-for-height; it takes into account both acute and chronic undernutrition. It is a useful tool in clinical settings for continuous assessment of nutritional progress and growth. Children whose weight-for-age is below minus two standard deviations from the median of the reference population are classified as "underweight." In the reference population only 2.3 percent of children fall below minus two ( -2 SD ) for each of the three indices.

Table 10.5 shows the percentage of children under five years of age classified as undernourished according to height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age indices, by the child's age group and selected demographic characteristics.

[^11]Table 10.5 Nutritional status by demographic characteristics
Percentage of children under five years who are classified as undernourished according to three anthropometric indices of nutritional status: height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age, by selected demographic characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Demographic characteristic | Height-for-age |  | Weight-for-height |  | Weight-for-age |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { children } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\overline{\text { Percentage }}$ below -3 SD | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { below } \\ & -2 \mathrm{SD}^{1} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { below } \\ & -3 \text { SD } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { below } \\ & -2 \mathrm{SD}^{1} \end{aligned}$ | Percentage below -3 SD | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { below } \\ & -2 \mathrm{SD}^{1} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 months | 0.5 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 313 |
| 6-11 months | 0.6 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 9.2 | 348 |
| 12-23 months | 2.3 | 15.8 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 1.3 | 9.7 | 638 |
| 24-35 months | 8.4 | 19.9 | 0.4 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 12.0 | 570 |
| 36-47 months | 9.1 | 25.3 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 10.3 | 643 |
| 48-59 months | 9.4 | 28.6 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 10.9 | 622 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 5.4 | 19.1 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 1.7 | 9.3 | 1617 |
| Female | 6.3 | 18.7 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 9.8 | 1517 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 3.4 | 13.0 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 7.3 | 1020 |
| 2-3 | 4.7 | 18.4 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 1316 |
| 4-5 | 10.1 | 24.3 | 1.3 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 13.0 | 407 |
| $6+$ | 11.9 | 30.5 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 16.7 | 391 |
| Birth interval |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First birth | 3.3 | 13.1 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 7.3 | 1029 |
| <2 years | 11.3 | 30.0 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 16.2 | 575 |
| 2-3 years | 8.1 | 24.8 | 0.7 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 10.8 | 891 |
| 4 or more years | 2.0 | 10.1 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 5.5 | 639 |
| All children | 5.9 | 18.9 | 0.4 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 9.5 | 3134 |

Note: Figures are for children born in the period $1-59$ months preceding the survey. Each index is expressec in terms of the number of standard deviation (SD) units from the median of the NCHS/CDC/WHO intemational reference population. Children are classified as undemourished if their z -scores are below minu two or minus three standard deviations ( -2 SD or -3 SD ) from the median of the reference population.
${ }^{\prime}$ Includes children who are below -3 SD

In the TDHS, all children under five years of age whose mothers were present in the sample household the night before the interview were eligible to be included in the anthropometric data collection. However, not all eligible children are included in the results presented here; the height or weight measurement is missing for 9.5 percent of eligible children (see Appendix D). Two of the indices (height-for-age and weight-for-age) are influenced by the accuracy of the reporting of the child's age, and the month and year of birth is not known for only 0.2 percent of the cases. Hence, height and weight data are shown for only 89 percent of the eligible children.

The height-for-age index is an important indicator of chronic undernutrition. A period of at least 12 months or even 24 months is necessary to see the outcome of chronic nutritional problems. But, according to the survey results there is a marked deterioration in nutritional status after 6 months of age (Figure 10.1). This may imply that, contrary to expectations, height can be affected in a shorter duration than 2 years. We believe these findings should be investigated further. For each indicator of nutritional

## Figure 10.1 Growth of Children Under Five Years, Mean Z-scores by Age in Months


status, a comparison is made with the reference population and expressed as the mean number of z -scores from the median of the reference population. The weight-for-height $z$-score is close to that of the referenee population except for children in the second half of the first year, when the $z$-scores are negative (i.e., the ehildren are thinner). There is a rapid decline in the height-for-age and weight-for age $z$-scores after the first 6 months of life. Height-for-age continues to decline until the fourh year of life and reaches one-third of the children between 48-59 months of age. However, weight-for-age stabilizes around the seeond birthday.

Overall, the youngest children show no evidence of undernutrition (Table 10.5). However, the proportion classified as stunted shows a steady increase starting in the first year of life. The deterioration in nutritional status continues through the second and third years of life, and thereafter appears to reach a plateau. Among children 24-59 months of age. 25 percent are classified as stunted (weighted average of the percentages in age groups 24 to 59 ). According to the survey (Table 10.5), by age 5 nearly one-fifth of the children are chronically undernourished and about 10 percent arc severely stunted. These patterns reflect inadequate feeding practices and the presence of recurrent and chronie illness.

One of the imporant observations is that increasing birth order is associated with an increase in the pereentage of undernutrition. Nearly one-third of children whose birlh order is 6 or above and one-fourth of children whose birth order is $4-5$ are stunted and about 10 pereent of these children are severely undernourished.

Birth interval is one of the most important variables affecting the height-for-age index. Children who are born with an interval of less than two years are much more prone to be stunted. Of these children, 30 percent are stunted and 11 percent are severely stunted.

Overall, wasting is not a problem. Three percent of children have a weight-for-height $z$-score below -2 SD which is very close to the reference population. However, this figure increases to 5 percent among children between 12-23 months of age and for those with a birth order of 4-5 whereas it increases to 6 percent among children whose birth orders are more than 6 .

Weight-for-age is an index reflecting both height-for-age and weight-for-height. According to the survey results, nearly 10 percent of all children are underweight and almost 2 percent are severely underweight. Birth order and birth interval are the two most important factors affecting this index.

Table 10.6 shows the percentage of children under five years of age classified as undernourished (according to the three anthropometric indices) by socioeconomic characteristics. There are striking differences in the percentage classified as stunted according to the mother's level of education. Undernutrition is not a problem among children of mothers with secondary education or higher; the percentage of children who are below the -2 SD cut-off point (4.4 percent) is close to that seen for the reference population ( 2.3 percent). In contrast, almost one-third of children whose mothers lack formal education are classified as stunted. There are also urban-rural and regional differences. Stunting is more common in rural ( 25 percent) than in urban areas ( 15 percent). The highest levels of stunting are seen in the Eastern region ( 33 percent) and the lowest levels are in the Western and Northern regions ( $10-13$ percent). Similar findings hold for weight-for-height and weight-for-age. There are also marked regional differences.

Table 10.6 Nutritional status by sociocconomic characteristics
Pereentage of children under five years who are classified as undernourished according to three anthropometric indices of nutritional status: height-for-age, weight-for-beight and weight-for-age, by selected socioeconomic characteristics, Turkey 1993

|  | Height-for-age |  | Weight-for-height |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |$\quad$| Weight-for-age |
| :---: |

Note: Figures are for children born in the period $1-59$ montbs preceding the survey. Each index is expressed in terms of the number of standard deviation (SD) units from the median of the NCHS/CDC/WHO intemational reference population. Children are classilied as undernourished if their $z$-seores are below minu: two or minus three standard deviations ( -2 SD or -3 SD ) from the median of the reference population.
${ }^{1}$ Includes children who are below -3 SD

### 10.3 Maternal Nutrition

Several indicators can be used to assess women's nutritional status (Krasovec and Anderson, 1991). In the TDHS, women who had given birth in the last 5 years before the interview were weighed and measurements were taken of their height and mid-upper-arm circumference. The same equipment, i.e., an electronic scale with accuracy of $+/-100$ grams and an expandable wooden measuring board, was used to measure the weight and height of both women and children. Women's arm circumference was measured using an insertion tape.

Height or weight measurements are missing for 4 percent of respondents. Table 10.7 shows the distribution as well as the means and standard deviations of the anthropometric indicators: height, weight, body mass index, and mid-upper-arm circumference. Indicators based on a woman's weight are not shown for currently pregnant women.

Attained adult height is associated with socioeconomic status, reflecting the end result of access to food and severity of illness during the childhood and adolescent years. Maternal height can be used to predict the risk of delivery complications because short stature is associated with a small pelvis. Cut-off points between 140 and 150 centimetres are usually used to identify women who are at risk of potentially complicated deliveries. In the TDHS, the average height for mothers was 155 centimetres. Two percent are shorter than 145 centimetres and 16 percent were below 150 centimetres.

The body mass index (BMI) relates a woman's weight to her height: it is defined as the weight in kilograms divided by the squared height in metres. A cut-off point of 18.5 has been suggested for defining chronic undermutrition. In the TDHS, 2.3 percent of the women measured fall in this category, and the mean value of the BMI is found to be 25.8 . Clear guidelines for defining obesity are not agreed upon; however, it has been suggested that those with a BMI above 25.0 are overweight. Fifty-one percent of the mothers measured fall in this category, including 19 percent who have a BMI of at least 30.0 , indicating obesity.

Maternal mid-upper-arm circumference can be used as an indicator of maternal nutritional status. It is useful even in pregnant women because of a correlation with pre-pregnant weight-for-height indicators. Cut-off points of 21.0-23.5 centimetres have been suggested. Seven percent of the mothers have an arm circumference below 23 centimetres, the mean being 28 centimetres. Thirty-eight percent have an arm circumference above 29 centimetres. The findings suggest that obesity is a problem among mothers.

Table 10.8 summarises maternal nutritional status by background characteristics, showing mean height and percent with a height below 145 centimetres, mean BMI and percent with a BMI below 18.5, and mean arm circumference and percent with arm circumference below 23.0 centimetres. There was a consistent difference in height by the woman's level of education: increasing from a mean height of 154.7 centimetres among those who had never been to school or not completed their primary education to 156.7 centimetres for women who had completed secondary education. Differences by age should be interpreted cautiously because of the nature of the sample. However, it is interesting to note that the youngest mothers ( < 20 years) are taller than women 20-34 years of age, suggesting that there might be an overall improvement in nutritional status over time. The proportion with BMI below a cut-off point of 18.5 was slightly higher in the Western and Eastern regions than in the other areas of the country. The proportion with arm circumference below a 23.0 centimetre cut-off was 11 percent in the Eastern region compared to $5-6$ percent in the other regions. A higher proportion of women in rural areas had arm circumference below the cut-off point than in urban areas ( 8 versus 6 percent).

| Table 10.7 Anthropometric indicators of maternal |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution and mean and standard deviation for women who had a birth in the five years preceding the survey by selected anthropometric indicators (height, weight, body mass index (BMI), and amm circumference), Turkey 1993 |  |  |
| Indicator | Total | Distribution including missing |
| Height (cm) |  |  |
| < 140 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 140-144 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 145-149 | 13.4 | 12.9 |
| 150-159 | 64.3 | 61.5 |
| 160-169 | 19.7 | 18.8 |
| 170-179 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| $\geq 180$ | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Missing | - | 4.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 2646 | 2763 |
| Mean | 155.4 | - |
| Standard deviation | 5.5 | - |
| Weight (kg) |  |  |
| < 40 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 40-49 | 14.0 | 13.5 |
| 50-59 | 34.3 | 33.0 |
| 60-69 | 27.6 | 26.5 |
| $\geq 70$ | 23.7 | 22.8 |
| Missing | - | 3.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 2311 | 2402 |
| Mean | 62.2 | - |
| Standard deviation | 12.1 | - |
| BMI |  |  |
| < 16.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 16.0-18.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| 18.5-20.4 | 9.0 | 8.6 |
| 20.5-22.9 | 21.1 | 20.2 |
| 23.0-24.9 | 16.9 | 16.2 |
| 25.0-26.9 | 14.7 | 14.0 |
| 27.0-28.9 | 12.4 | 11.8 |
| 29.0-29.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 |
| $\geq 30.0$ | 18.7 | 18.0 |
| Missing | - | 4.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 2300 | 2402 |
| Mean | 25.8 | - |
| Standard deviation | 4.9 | - |
| Arm circumference (cm) |  |  |
| < 21.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| 21.0-21.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 22.0-22.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 23.0-23.9 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| 24.0-24.9 | 7.3 | 7.0 |
| 25.0-25.9 | 10.2 | 9.8 |
| 26.0-26.9 | 12.8 | 12.3 |
| 27.0-27.9 | 8.1 | 7.8 |
| 28.0-28.9 | 10.6 | 10.2 |
| 29.0-29.9 | 9.5 | 9.1 |
| $\geq 30.0$ | 28.7 | 27.6 |
| Missing | - | 3.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 2658 | 2763 |
| Mean | 28.1 | - |
| Standard deviation | 3.7 | - |

## Table 10.8 Differentials in maternal anthronometric indicators

Mean height and percentage of women shorter than 145 centimetres, mean body mass index (BMI) and percentage of women whose BMl is less than 18.5, and mean arm circumlerence and percentage of women with anm circumference less than 23 centimetres, according to selected background characteristics, Turkey 1993

| Background characteristic | Height |  |  | 13M1 |  |  | Arm circumference |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mcan | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percent } \\ & <145 \mathrm{~cm} \end{aligned}$ | Number | Mean | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ <18.5 \end{gathered}$ | Number | Mean | Percent $<23 \mathrm{~cm}$ | Number |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 155.7 | 2.0 | 1643 | 26.0 | 3.0 | 1446 | 28.3 | 6.2 | 1650 |
| Rural | 154.9 | 2.6 | 1003 | 25.5 | 1.8 | 854 | 27.7 | 8.2 | 1008 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West | 155.5 | 1.9 | 764 | 25.8 | 3.5 | 678 | 28.3 | 5.8 | 765 |
| South | 155.5 | 1.8 | 418 | 26.5 | 1.5 | 368 | 28.6 | 5.2 | 426 |
| Central | 155.3 | 2.4 | 604 | 26.0 | 1.8 | 526 | 28.0 | 6.1 | 606 |
| North | 154.3 | 4.9 | 262 | 25.9 | 1.3 | 231 | 28.0 | 6.3 | 261 |
| East | 155.8 | 1.4 | 598 | 24.9 | 3.6 | 497 | 27.4 | 10.6 | 600 |
| Age of woman |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 20 | 156.2 | 0.5 | 146 | 23.3 | 4.6 | 110 | 25.8 | 12.9 | 148 |
| 20-34 | 155.5 | 2.2 | 2133 | 25.5 | 2.9 | 1850 | 27.9 | 7.3 | 2138 |
| $35+$ | 154.6 | 2.9 | 367 | 28.0 | 0.0 | 340 | 29.8 | 2.6 | 372 |
| Children ever born |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 156.1 | 1.9 | 782 | 24.1 | 4.6 | 626 | 26.9 | 9.9 | 788 |
| $2 \cdot 3$ | 155.3 | 2.1 | 1161 | 26.1 | 2.5 | 1052 | 28.3 | 6.1 | 1166 |
| 4-5 | 154.8 | 2.7 | 375 | 27.0 | 0.6 | 326 | 28.9 | 5.9 | 374 |
| $6+$ | 154.7 | 2.5 | 328 | 26.9 | 0.7 | 296 | 28.8 | 4.0 | 330 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No educ./Pri. incomp. | 154.7 | 3.3 | 855 | 26.2 | 2.0 | 712 | 28.1 | 8.2 | 861 |
| Pri. comp./Sec. incomp. | 155.4 | 1.7 | 1387 | 25.8 | 2.4 | 1216 | 28.1 | 6.2 | 1391 |
| Sec. comp. $/+$ | 156.9 | 1.8 | 404 | 24.8 | 4.3 | 372 | 27.8 | 6.5 | 406 |
| Total | 155.4 | 2.2 | 2646 | 25.8 | 2.6 | 2300 | 28.1 | 6.9 | 2658 |

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## SURVEY DESIGN

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The major features of sample design and implementation for the Turkish Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) are described in this section. Sample design features include: target sample size, choice of domains, sampling stages, stratification, degree of clustering, and the relationship of design decisions to the nature of the sample frame. For a more complete description of the material covered in the description of sample designs of DHS surveys, see the DHS Sampling Manual, Basic Documentation Series, No. 8, pp. 59-66. Sample implementation refers to any cartographic and listing work that was needed to update, improve, or generate the ultimate sample lists of households or individuals, and includes procedures for the final household selection.

This section also presents information on fieldwork, including descriptions of recruitment and training of interviewers, the composition of interviewing teams, quality control procedures, and various practical problems encountered. Response rates for urban and rural areas and regions are presented. For a more complete discussion of the calculation of response rates, see the DHS Sampling Manual, Basic Documentation Series, No. 8, pp. 55-57.

An account is also given of the data collection, data processing and analysis, which covers such topics as questionnaire design, pretest, training, and the final weighting factors (design plus nonresponse weights) used for tabulations.

## B. 1 Sample Design and Implementation

A weighted, multistage, stratified cluster sampling approach was used in the selection of the TDHS sample.

The TDHS was designed so that a variety of characteristics would be analyzed for various domains. These domains, which are distinguished in the tabulation of important characteristics, are:

- Turkey as a whole;
- Urban and rural areas (each as a separate domain);
- Each of the major five regions of the country, namely the Western, Southern, Central, Northern and Eastern regions.

The major focus of the TDHS was to provide estimates with acceptabie precision for important iomographic characteristics, such as fertility, infant and child mortality, and contraceptive prevalence, as - ell as several health indicators. The universe of the TDHS was defined as the total population of Turkey :or the Household Questionnaire, and as a subset, all ever-married women younger than age 50 for the individual Questionnaire. The aim was to survey the pop:iation by designing a sample of households and
interviewing an adult member of the household in order to collect information on household members. In addition, all eligible women who were present in the household were interviewed.'

## B. 2 Sample Frame

Currently Turkey is divided administratively into 76 provinces. This figure was 67 for a long time; new provinces have been formed since the late 1980s. At the time of the last Turkish population census, in October 1990, there were 73 provinces.

Turkey is divided geographically into five regions, as described in Chapter 1. This regional breakdown of the country was used for sampling purposes in previous demographic surveys and has been popularised as a powerful variable for understanding the demographic, social, cultural, and economic differences between different parts of the country. These five regions, Western, Southern, Central, Northem and Eastern regions, include varying numbers of provinces of geographical proximity. In other words, borders of provinces divide the five regions.

Different criteria have been used to describe "urban" and "rural" settlements in Turkey. In the demographic surveys of the 1970s a population size of 2,000 was used to differentiate between urban and rural settlements. In the 1980s, this was increased to 10,000 and, in some surveys in the 1990s, to 20,000 . A number of surveys used the administrative status of settlements in combination with population size for the purpose of differentiation.

The urban frame of the TDHS consists of a list of provincial centres, district centres, and settlements with populations larger than 10,000 , regardless of administrative status. The rural frame, on the other hand, consists of all subdistricts and villages not included in the urban frame. Initial information on these settlements was obtained from the 1985 census and the 1990 Population Census report (State Institute of Statistics, Census of Population: Administrative Division, Ankara, 1992). However, the final sampling frame was redefined, mainly due to the transference of a number of rural settlements in the 1990 Population Census into urban settlements due to population growth. Additionally, the administrative status of a number of settlements had changed during the period between the 1990 Population Census and the fieldwork date; several subdistricts and villages were made district centres. The final frame was also corrected to encompass these changes.

The 1990 Population Census report provides the list of urban settlements (provincial and district centres) and their population. Every urban settlement in Turkey is divided administratively into quarters. Each quarter contains a number of streets within its boundaries.

Since probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling was intended in the selection of urban settlements, it was essential to estimate the populations of settlements as of the fieldwork date. For this purpose, the compound interest formula

$$
P_{t}=P_{\theta} * e^{r t}
$$

was used. The growth rates of individual settlements were calculated by using their 1985 and 1990 census populations. The 1990 census populations of urban settlements were then extrapolated to the fieldwork date, using the estimated growth rates.

[^12]A number of settlements in the 1990 Population Census report were administratively classified as "villages" but had populations larger than 10,000 . Some of these villages had populations much less than 10,000 in the 1985 Population Census. Individual projections of such settlements yielded unreasonably large populations for the fieldwork date. Thus, a different procedure was implemented; a single growth rate ( $r$ ) was calculated for the total population of all "villages" with more than 10,000 population and was then used to estimate the populations of these settlements, as of the fieldwork date.

A high rate of growth (33.4 per thousand) was observed in the urban population of Turkey during the 1985-1990 intercensal period. Because a number of settlements with populations less than 10,000 in the 1990 Population Census would be expected to exceed 10,000 at the time of the survey, a modified procedure was used for all those with populations between 7,000 and 9,999 . The total population of these settlements was forecast by extrapolation to the fieldwork date, using the estimated intercensal growth rate of these settlements. Settlements exceeding 10,000 as of the fieldwork date were included in the urban frame.

In addition, information on administrative status was combined with information on population size for the classification of settlements as "urban." In Turkey, a district centre, no matter what its population size, is entitled to receive health and education investments (such as a state hospital) from the central government. In order to distinguish such settlements in the sample, as well as to enable their separate analysis, all settlements designated as district centres despite having less than 10,000 population were also added to the urban frame.

Therefore, the rural frame of the TDHS consisted of all subdistricts and villages with populations less than 10,000 (projected population by the fieldwork date). To estimate the populations of rural settlements as of the date of the field work, it was assumed that the growth rates of individual subdistrict centres and villages that appear in the same district were the same, and the "rural" population of each district was projected separately. This frame was initially updated to allow for the fact that some "villages" in the 1990 Population Census had been made into district centres after the census was taken. Such settlements were excluded from the projections of the rural populations.

## B. 3 Stratification

One of the priorities of the TDHS was to produce a sample design that was methodologically and conceptually consistent with the designs of previous demographic surveys carried out by the Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies. For this reason, comparable subregions and settlement-size categories were used as the criteria of stratification.

In the prior surveys, a five-region division of the country was used for stratification purposes. In the TDHS, a more detailed regional stratification was used to obtain a better dispersion of the selected sample. The criteria selected for further subdividing the five major regions into subregions were the infant mortality rates of each province, estimated from the 1990 Population Census using indirect techniques (see Hancioğlu, A. 1991. Indirect estimation of mortality from information on the survival status of a close relative: Turkey 1970-1985, Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies, Ankara). Using geographical proximity and infant mortality as the two variables, the provinces in each region were further grouped into subregions. This procedure created a total of 14 subregions embedded in the initial five major regions.

The provinces of Turkey were classified into 5 regions and 14 subregions as follows:

| Region | Sub- <br> region | Provinces | Number <br> of Provinces |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| West | 1 | Edirne, İstanbul, Kırklareli, Tekirdağ | 4 |
| West | 2 | Balıkesir, Kocaeli, Sakarya, Çanakkale, Bursa | 5 |
| West | 3 | İmir, Denizli, Manisa, Aydın | 4 |
| South | 4 | Muğla, Burdur, Isparta, Antalya | 4 |
| South | 5 | Hatay, Adana, İçel, Gaziantep | 4 |
| Central | 6 | Çankırı, Çorum, Yozgat, Tokat, Amasya | 4 |
| Central | 7 | Bilecik, Eskişehir, Uşak, Kutahya, Afyon | 5 |
| Central | 8 | Ankara, Kırşehir, Nevşehir, Bolu, Konya, | 5 |
|  |  | Kayseri, Niģde, Aksaray, Karaman, Kırıkkale |  |
| North | 9 | Trabzon, Rize, Giresun, Ordu, Artvin | 10 |
| North | 10 | Samsun, Kastamonu, Zonguldak, Sinop, Bartın | 5 |
| East | 11 | Mardin, Diyarbakır, Siirt, Hakkari, Bitlis, Van, Batman, Sırnak | 5 |
| East | 12 | Kars, Bingol, Ağrı, Muş, Erzurum, Ardahan, Igdır | 8 |
| East | 13 | Urfa, Malatya, Adıyaman, K.Maras, Sivas | 7 |
| East | 14 | Tunceli, Elazıǵ, Erzincan, Gumuş̧ane, Bayburt | 5 |

The second criterion for stratification was the population size category of each settlement. Again, in order to be consistent with previous surveys and with the stratification conventions of other government organisations, such as the State Planning Organisation and the State Institute of Statistics (SIS), settlement size categories were formed as follows :

Rural: 1. Subdistrict centres and villages with populations less than 10,000
Urban: 2. District centres with populations less than 10,000
Settlements with populations of;
3. $10,000-19,999$
4. $20,000-49,999$
5. $50,000-499,999$
6. $500,000-999,999$
7. $1,000,000$ and more.

It should be noted here that although these straia are defined primarily for sampling purposes, it is possible to combine all settlement size categories and subregions for analytical purposes.

## B. 4 Sample Allocation

Sampling errors were evaluated for 20 variables from the 1988 Turkish Population and Health Survey, using the CLUSTERS computer software program (see Ulusoy, M. 1991."Sampling errors for selected variables from the 1988 Turkish Population and Health Survey," Turkish Journal of Population Studies, 13:33-55). The target sample size of 10,000 households was determined using the sampling error estimates in combination with the power allocation technique (see Bankier, M.D., 1988. "Power allocations: Determining sample sizes for subnational areas," The American Statistician, 42:(3):174-177) with the expectation that this target sample size would provide about 8,000 completed individual interviews. The optimal distribution of the target sample size of 10,000

| Table B. 1 | Number of households to be <br> selected from regions by power allocation |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Number of households <br> and allocation proportional for each region |  |
|  | selected by: |  | households among the five major regions was performed; the results are shown in Table B.1.

To have an adequate representation of clusters within each of the five major regions, it was decided that selection of an average of 20 households per standard segment (each consisting of 100 households) would be sufficient. On such a basis, the total number of selected standard segments by regions is shown in Table B.2.

## B. 5 Sample Selection

In Turkey, lack of information on standard segments made it unfeasible to obtain well-defined

Table B. 2 Distribution of clusters in regions and urban and rural areas

| Region | Urban <br> segments | Rural <br> segments | No. of <br> segments |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | 104 | 31 | 135 |
| South | 53 | 32 | 85 |
| Central | 63 | 42 | 105 |
| North | 33 | 42 | 75 |
| East | 49 | 51 | 100 |
| Total | 302 | 198 | 500 | standard segments with clear boundaries. Therefore, the standard segments had to be selected by increasing the number of sampling stages, first by selecting administrative area units that were larger than the standard segments. The lists of the provinces and the district centres for the urban areas and of subdistricts and villages for the rural areas constituted the sample frame for the first stage of the sample selection. The list of quarters for each selected province or district centre constituted the sample frame for the second sampling stage. Every selected quarter (or combined quarter having a minimum size of 75 households according to the 1990 Population Census) was subdivided according to the number of divisions (in terms of 100 households in the 1990 Census) assigned to it.

## B.5. 1 Selection Procedures

For the selection of the urban sample, the list of urban centres by region and size stratum were grouped and a systematic PPS random sample was selected from these settlements. Lists of quarters were then obtained for each selected urban centre. If any quarter had less than 100 households according to the 1990 Population Census, it was combined with a neighbouring quarter to attain a total of at least 90 households. Quarters were selected according to the assigned numbers for the selection of standard segments. Every selected quarter was subdivided in terms of standard segments, according to the 1990 Population Census, meaning they were of almost equal sizes but having clear boundaries. During the listing activity, described below, every selected segment was completely listed.

In the rural areas, villages and subdistricts were selected directly; therefore, each village was subdivided into standard segments during the listing activity and the households in one of the segments were listed completely.

## B.5.2 Listing and Mapping Activities

The SIS prepared the household urban frame in Turkey that could be used for sampling purposes. The frame was created in April 1989 during the preparations for the 1990 Population Census. It contained a list of dwelling units with their full addresses (quarter, area, avenue, street, building and door number, etc.). The frame was created by a quick count of buildings; however, the quality of the resulting lists varied primarily due to two reasons: first, the quality of work produced by the listers varied across listing teams, and second, circumstances in some areas of Turkey allowed listers to produce detailed lists of quarters, but other areas were very restrictive in the quality of work to be produced.

Although the SIS had a set of dwelling lists, they did not have the corresponding maps. For this reason, the selected clusters were formed with streets that were not always adjacent to each other. The cluster (standard segment) size was around 100 households for most of the clusters in urban areas. Only two urban clusters had extremely high numbers of households; these were truncated at 200 households.

The lists provided by the SIS did not reflect the changes that may have occurred during the period from the 1990 Population Census to the survey date. Two types of changes were possible: those that could be updated during listing, such as the construction of a new building on the street, a change in the use of a building (e.g., a flat can be used as an office instead of a dwelling), or changes in the names of streets, and those that were more problematic, e.g., the appearance of new quarters in urban centres. The latter places had a probability of zero of being selected to the TDHS sample since they were not included in the SIS lists.

An attempt to identify the possible problems that could arise during the actual listing work was made by undertaking a listing activity in the capital, Ankara, before the actual listing activity began. Listing forms and listing and mapping manuals were developed based on this experience.

Listing teams were formed following a four-day training program in May 1993. Each team was provided with the necessary materials, as well as with maps describing the location of the settlements they were expected to visit.

The performance of the listers was supervised by research assistants of the Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies. More than 60 percent of the clusters in the sample were listed under the supervision of the research assistants.

In 15 of the selected 198 villages, the total populations were too small, and therefore did not yield the standard segment size of 100 households. In these cases, the village that was nearest to the selected village was also included in the sample, and the names of these villages were provided to the listing teams; the lists of 100 households were completed from the two villages.

Most of the listing activity was completed before the training for the main fieldwork began in July; however, listing of 25 clusters was completed independently by separate listing teams after the main fieldwork began. A number of clusters could not be listed due to problems of accessibility; information on these clusters is presented later in this Appendix.

## B. 6 Questionnaire Development and Pretest

## B.6.1 Questionnaires

Two main types of questionnaires were used to collect the TDHS data: the Household Questionnaire and the Individual Questionnaire for ever-married women of reproductive ages. The contents of these questionnaires were based on the DHS Model "A" Questionnaire, which was designed for the DHS program for use in countries with high contraceptive prevalence. Additions, deletions and modifications were made to the model questionnaire in order to collect information particularly relevant to Turkey; a number of questions were included to ascertain the comparability of the TDHS findings with previous demographic surveys carried out by the Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies. In the process of designing the TDHS questionnaires, national and international population and health agencies were consulted for their comments.

A third type of questionnaire used in the TDHS was the Cluster Questionnaire, which was designed slightly differently for urban and rural areas. This questionnaire was based on community-type questionnaires used in previous surveys in Turkey. The aim was to collect information on each cluster in the TDHS sample that related to the general economic and social environment in which the cluster was situated.

All TDHS questionnaires were developed in English and then translated into Turkish. English versions of the Household and Individual questionnaires are reproduced in Appendix F.

The Household Questionnaire was used to enumerate all usual members of and visitors to the selected households and to collect information relating to the socioeconomic position of the households. In the first part of the Household Questionnaire, basic information was collected on the age, sex, educational attainment, marital status, and relationship to the head of household of each person listed as a household member or visitor. The objective of the first part of the Household Questionnaire was to obtain the information needed to identify women who were eligible for the individual interview as well as to provide basic demographic data for Turkish households. In the second part of the Household Questionnaire, questions were included on the dwelling unit, such as the number of rooms, the flooring material, the source of water, and the type of toilet facilities, and on the household's ownership of a variety of consumer goods.

The Individual Questionnaire for women was designed with the following section headings:

- Background characteristics
- Reproduction
- Marriage
- Contraception
- Pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Immunisation and health
- Fertility preferences
- Husband's background and woman's work
- Values, attitudes and beliefs
- Maternal and child anthropometry.

The Individual Questionnaire included a monthly calendar, which was used to record fertility, contraception, postpartum amenorrhea and abstinence, breastfeeding, marriage and migration histories for a period of approximately six years beginning in January 1988 up to the survey month. In addition, fieldwork teams measured the heights and weights of children under age five and of their mothers, as well as mothers' arm circumference.

As mentioned earlier, the DHS Model "A" Questionnaire was modified to include subjects of particular interest in Turkey. The following is a list of some of the main differences between the standard DHS questionnaire and the TDHS questionnaire.

- Information on the mother tongues and second languages known by the respondent, her husband, and their parents was collected in the TDHS.
- Additional questions were asked to respondents regarding their cumulative numbers of abortions, miscarriages and stillbirths; specific questions regarding the last abortion were also included.
- A separate section on nuptiality was included in the Individual Questionnaire of the TDHS; this included a number of questions already in the standard DHS questionnaire, as well as questions on the type of marriage, arrangement of marriage, and consanguinity, etc.
- Withdrawal users were asked two additional questions to determine whether they were using this method in combination with other methods.
- Respondents were asked a series of additional questions concerning their attitudes and beliefs regarding the pill, the IUD, the condom and withdrawal. The questions probed whether women thought these methods were reliable, easy to use, or harmful to their health and whether their husbands opposed their use.
- A number of questions regarding recent sexual activity as well as initiation of sexual activity were not included in the TDHS.
- A separate section dealing with the attitudes, beliefs and behaviour of women regarding intramarital relationships, child rearing, and status of women was included in the TDHS Individual Questionnaire.


## B.6.2 Pretest

In May 1993, a pretest was conducted to ensure that the questions in the TDHS questionnaires were in a logical sequence; that the wording of the questions was comprehensible, appropriate and meaningful; and that the precoded answers were adequate.

Fifteen interviewers were trained at the Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies for a period of two weeks. The training period included both classroom training and interviews in the field. The interviewers were mostly university graduates who had worked on previous surveys. In addition to the interviewers, research assistants, who would later become regional coordinators and supervisors, also received training.

Fieldwork for the pretest was carried out in one district in central Ankara, two districts in squatter housing areas of Ankara, and a village in Ankara province. Notebook computers were used by the research assistants to enter data in the field.

Some 180 interviews were completed during the pretest. Frequency distributions and cross tabulations were obtained shortly after the completion of the interviews. Based on the evaluation of these results and on the feedback obtained from the interviewers, several minor changes were made to the TDHS questionnaires.

## B. 7 Data Collection Activities

Staff Recruitment. Candidates for the positions of interviewers, field editors, supervisors and measurers were solicited from newspaper advertisements and Institute of Population Studies files of field editors and supervisors who had worked on previous surveys. All candidates for the field staff positions were interviewed in three groups by the staff of the Institute of Population Studies using interview guidelines prepared for this purpose. Individuals who met a number of the requirements and had the necessary qualifications were accepted into the training program.

All candidates for the field staff positions were at least high school graduates and the majority were university students. Previous survey experience was not among the qualifications for the candidates for the position of interviewers to ensure that the trainees had no biases that might result from their previous experience. Approximately 120 applicants were accepted for the training program.

Training. Training of the candidates for the fieldwork positions began on 19 July 1993 at the Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies. The training program included general lectures related to the demographic situation in Turkey, family planning and mother and child health, questionnaire training, role playing and mock interviews, field practice in areas not covered in the survey and quizzes to test the progress and capabilities of the candidates. A variety of materials were used during the training sessions, including manuals for supervisors and editors, and for interviewers.

All trainees received the same classroom training during the first two weeks of the training period; at the beginning of the third week, supervisors, field editors, and measurers were selected from among the
candidates, and a number of unsuccessful candidates were eliminated at this stage. Separate classroom training sessions were organised for supervisors, field editors, and measurers.

Towards the end of the third week of the training program, teams that would eventually participate in the main fieldwork were selected. Six field editors were randomly selected to do data entry and editing in the field using notebook-type computers and were trained separately for this purpose. The training program continued for about 20 days.

Fieldwork. Fieldwork for the TDHS, including initial interviews, callbacks and reinterviews began in the first week of August 1993 and was completed at the end of October 1993.

Fieldwork activities were completed in two stages. In the first stage, data collection was carried out by 13 teams, each consisting of a supervisor, a field editor, a measurer and 4 or 5 interviewers, depending on the workload of that specific team. All teams worked in Ankara in the beginning and as soon as all initial visits to all the selected households were completed they left for the other provinces.

The first stage of the fieldwork was completed by the end of September, at which point a number of fieldwork staff, as agreed initially, discontinued working in the field. Four new teams were set up from among the 13 teams who worked in the first stage of fieldwork. The teams at this second stage had the same composition as those in the first stage but only one team used a notebook to enter and edit data rather than five in the first stage. This stage continued until the end of October.

Four regional coordinators were responsible for visiting the fieldwork teams in turn, checking the quality of data collected, and reporting periodically to the field director in Ankara. All interviewers and field editors were female and all measurers were male; both male and female supervisors were present.

Fieldwork teams visited 68 of the 76 provinces in Turkey. Some 41 percent of the clusters in the sample were from provincial centres, 21 percent were from district centres, and 38 percent were from subdistrict centres and villages. The TDHS fieldwork was a relatively fast operation because of the specific conditions prevailing in the country, i.e., a large proportion of the fieldwork staff consisted of students who had to begin school in October and climatic conditions in many parts of the country limited access to many areas after October.

A total of 500 clusters were selected for the TDHS sample. Of these, interviews were successfully completed in 478 clusters. Due to accessiblity problems and lack of security, 8 clusters were not listed and consequently were not visited by the fieldwork teams; 14 clusters were listed but fieldwork teams could not visit them because of the problems mentioned before.

## B. 8 Data Processing and Analysis

Office Editing. The questionnaires were returned to the Institute of Population Studies by the fieldwork teams for data processing as soon as each provincial interview was completed. The office editing staff checked that the questionnaires for all the selected households and eligible respondents were returned from the field. The comparatively few questions that had not been precoded (e.g., occupation) were coded at this time.

Machine Entry and Editing. The data were entered and edited on microcomputers using the Integrated System for Survey Analysis(ISSA), a packaged program specifically developed to process DHS data. ISSA allows range, skip, and consistency errors to be detected and corrected at the data entry stage. The machine entry and editing activities were initiated within two days after the beginning of the fieldwork and were completed 10 days after the completion of the fieldwork.

Advantage was taken of the fact that data processing activities ran concurrently with fieldwork. Field check tables from edited data were periodically produced for each interviewing team. These focused on such potential problems as high proportions of incomplete households and displacement of eligible respondents and were used to check the progress and quality of data from the field.

The Weighting Procedure. An important aspect of the TDHS data is that analysis has to be performed using weights. As mentioned earlier, the TDHS sampling plan is not a self-weighted one; in order to have sufficient numbers of observations for meaningful statistical analyses, more sample units were chosen from the Northern and Southern regions, which would have yielded inadequate numbers of observations if the target number of households had been allocated by PPS.

The number of households that were selected in each region according to power allocation as well as the expected numbers of households assuming a PPS distribution of the targeted 10,000 households can be seen in Table B.1.

The weight assigned to any stratum is simply the reciprocal of the sampling fraction employed in calculating the number of units in that particular stratum:

$$
w(i)=I / f(i) .
$$

The term $f(i)$, the sampling fraction at the $i^{\text {th }}$ stratum, is the product of the probabilities of selection at every stage in a stratum:

$$
f(i)=P(i, I) * P(i, 2) * \ldots \ldots{ }^{*} P(i, s)
$$

where $s$ is the stage.
The weights for the regions were assumed to be compensated for the nonresponse to the Household Questionnaire and to the Individual Questionnaire during fieldwork. The compensating factor for the nonresponse for the Household Questionnaire is the inverse value of:

$$
\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{i}, 2)=\text { Completed households/Eligible households. }
$$

Eligible households include the households where interviews were completed, households where there were no competent respondents, households where interviews were postponed and eventually not completed, refusals, and those dwellings that were not found by the fieldwork teams.

Similarly, the compensating factor for the nonresponse to the Individual Questionnaire is the inverse value of:

$$
R(i, 3)=\text { Completed individual questionnaires/Eligible women. }
$$

The weights for the regions and the compensating factors for nonresponse are shown in Table B.3.
Since selection was carried out proportionately in the urban/rural breakdown within the regions, and since there is almost no variation in nonresponse rates among the rural areas of the five regions, there was no need to calculate separate weights for rural and urban areas. The response rates in the rural and urban areas of the five regions are presented in Table B.4.

| Table B. 3 Weights for regions and compensating factors for |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | pensating facto |  |
| Region | Selection probability | Household Questionnaire | Individual Questionnaire |
| West | $\begin{gathered} 20869813 / \\ \left(2720^{*} 5\right) \end{gathered}$ | 2801 / 2673 | 1985 / 1875 |
| South | $\begin{aligned} & 8617554 / \\ & \left(1700^{*} 5\right) \end{aligned}$ | 1751 / 1731 | 1341/1295 |
| Central | $\begin{gathered} 13888833 / \\ (2080 * 5) \end{gathered}$ | 1966 / 1932 | 1523 / 1471 |
| North | $\begin{gathered} 5777776 / \\ (1500 * 5) \end{gathered}$ | 1200 / 1186 | 1080 / 1009 |
| East | $\begin{gathered} 11995698 / \\ (2000 * 5) \end{gathered}$ | 1151 / 1098 | 936 / 877 |

Note: 5 is the average household size.

| Table B. 4  Response rates in five <br> regions and setllement types   |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
| Region | Urban | Rural |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| West | 0.9409 | 0.9956 |
| South | 0.9889 | 0.9933 |
| Central | 0.9730 | 0.9986 |
| North | 0.9939 | 0.9928 |
| East | 0.9665 | 0.9950 |

Weights should also include compensating factors for the missing clusters that were not visited at all for various reasons. Since sample selection was done in subregions, it would be better to have compensating factors in the subregional level. The subregions and compensating factors for missing clusters are given below:

| Subregion | Compensating <br> factor |
| :--- | :---: |
| Central (Ankara) | $21 / 20$ |
| East 11 urban | $19 / 16$ |
| " 12 urban | $6 / 5$ |
| " $\quad 11$ rural | $17 / 8$ |
| " $\quad 12$ rural | $13 / 6$ |
| " $\quad 13$ rural | $17 / 16$ |

The weights for the households were calculated by multiplying the above factors for each region and subregion. They were then standardized by multiplying these weights by the ratio of the number of interviewed households to the total weighted number of households. Standardization of the weights of individual women was undertaken by multiplying the individual weights by the ratio of the number of interviewed women to the total weighted number of women. The final weights for households and individual women are shown in Table B.5.

| Table B.5 Final weights for households and |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| individual women |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Central Ankara |  |  |
| Central (rest) | 1.082846 | 1.073883 |
| North | 0.591382 | 1.022746 |
| South | 0.777267 | 0.609340 |
| West | 1.222905 | 1.240095 |
| East subregion 11 Urban | 1.130194 | 1.156888 |
| East subregion 11 Rural | 2.022452 | 2.070221 |
| East subregion 12 Urban | 1.142090 | 1.169066 |
| East subregion 12 Rural | 2.062108 | 2.110814 |
| East subregion 13 Rural | 1.011226 | 1.035110 |
| East (rest) | 0.951742 | 0.974222 |
|  |  |  |

## B. 9 Coverage of the Sample

The results of sample implementation for the household and the individual interviews for the country as a whole, for urban and rural areas, and for the five regions of Turkey are shown in Table B.6. The results indicate that of the 10,631 households selected, the TDHS fieldwork teams successfully completed interviews with 8,619 ( 81 percent). The main reasons fieldwork teams were unable to interview some households were that some of the listed dwelling units were found to be vacant at the time of the interview or the household was away for an extended period. Eight thousand nine hundred households were identified as being occupied, and 8,619 households were successfully interviewed. Consequently, the household response rate was calculated as 96.8 percent. The household response rate was higher in rural areas than in urban areas and highest in the Southem and Northem regions.

In the interviewed households, 6,862 eligible women were identified, of whom 95 percent were interviewed. Eligibility for the individual interview required that the woman be ever-married, be younger than 50 years of age, and be present in the household on the night before the interview. Among the small number of eligible women not interviewed in the survey, the principal reason for nonresponse was the failure to find the woman at home after repeated visits to the household. The eligible woman response rate was higher in rural areas than in urban areas and was higher in the Southern and Central regions than in the other three regions.

The overall response rate for the TDHS was calculated as 92 percent, ranging from 89 percent in the Eastern region to 95 percent in the Southern region.

Table B. 6 Results of the household and individual interviews by residence and region
Percent distribution of households and eligible women in the sample by results of the household and individual interviews, and household, eligible women and overall response rates, according to residence and region, Turkey 1993

| Result | Residence |  | Region |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rurai | West | South | Central | North | East |  |
| Selected households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (C) | 77.7 | 87.7 | 79.2 | 84.6 | 85.1 | 76.3 | 79.0 | 81.1 |
| No competent respondent at home (HP) | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Refused (R) | 2.8 | 0.1 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Dwelling not found (DNF) | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.4 |
| Household absent (HA) | 11.8 | 7.0 | 9.8 | 7.9 | 8.6 | 16.0 | 10.7 | 10.2 |
| Dwelling vacant/address not a dwelling (DV) | 6.3 | 4.1 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| Dwelling destroyed (DD) | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| Other (0) | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Total percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 7065 | 3566 | 3374 | 2045 | 2269 | 1554 | 1389 | 10631 |
| Household response rate (HRR) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 95.5 | 99.4 | 94.9 | 98.6 | 97.9 | 98.5 | 95.3 | 96.8 |
| Eligible women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (EWC) | 95.0 | 95.1 | 94.5 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 93.0 | 93.7 | 95.0 |
| Not at home (EWNH) | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 5.2 | 4.0 | 3.3 |
| Postponed (EWP) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Refused(EWR) | 0.9 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| Partly completed (EWPC) | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| Incapacitated (EW) | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Other (EWO) | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Total percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 4344 | 2518 | 1985 | 1341 | 1523 | 1080 | 933 | 6862 |
| Eligible women response rate (EWRR) ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 95.0 | 95.1 | 94.5 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 93.0 | 93.7 | 95.0 |
| Overall response rate (ORR) ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 90.6 | 94.5 | 89.6 | 95.2 | 94.6 | 91.6 | 89.3 | 92.0 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Using the number of households falling into specific response categories, the household response rate (HRR) is calculated as:

$$
\frac{C}{C+H P+P+R+D N F}
$$

${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Using the number of eligible women falling into specific response categories, the eligible woman response rate (EWRR) is calculated as:

EWC

$$
E W C+E W N H+E W P+E W R+E W P C+E W I+E W O
$$

${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ The overall response rate (ORR) is calculated as:
ORR = HRR * EWRR

## APPENDIX C

## ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERRORS

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The estimates from a sample survey are affected by two types of errors-nonsampling and sampling. Nonsampling errors result from mistakes made in implementing data collection and data processing, such as failure to locate and interview the correct household, misunderstanding of the questions on the part of either the interviewer or the respondent, and data entry errors. Although numerous efforts were made to minimise this type of error during the implementation of the TDHS, nonsampling errors are impossible to avoid and difficult to evaluate statistically.

Sampling errors, on the other hand, can be evaluated statistically. The sample of women selected in the TDHS is only one of many samples that could have been selected from the same population, using the same design and expected size. Each of these samples would yield results that would differ somewhat from the results of the actual sample selected. The sampling error is a measure of the variability between all possible samples. Although the degree of variability is not known exactly, it can be estimated from the survey results.

Sampling error is usually measured in terms of the standard error for a particular statistic (mean, percentage, etc.), which is the ratio of the standard deviation to the square root of the sample size. The standard error can be used to calculate confidence intervals within which the true value for the population can reasonably be assumed to fall. For example, for any given statistic calculated from a sample survey, the value of that statistic will fall within a range of plus or minus two times the standard error of that statistic in 95 percent of all possible samples of identical size and design.

If the sample of women had been selected as a simple random sample, it would have been possible to use straightforward formulas for calculating sampling errors. However, the TDHS sample is the result of a three-stage stratified design, and, consequently, it was necessary to use more complex formulas. The computer package CLUSTERS, developed by the International Statistical Institute for the World Fertility Survey, was used to compute the sampling errors for 42 variables with the proper statistical methodology.

The CLUSTERS package treats any percentage or average as a ratio estimate, $r=y / x$, where $y$ represents the total sample value for variable $y$, and $x$ represents the total number of cases in the group or subgroup under consideration. The variance of $r$ is computed using the formula given below, with the standard error being the square root of the variance,

$$
\operatorname{var}(r)=\frac{1-f}{x^{2}} \sum_{h=1}^{H}\left[\frac{m_{h}}{m_{h}-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m_{h}} z_{h i}^{2}-\frac{z_{h}^{2}}{m_{h}}\right)\right]
$$

in which

$$
z_{h i}=y_{h i}-r \cdot x_{h i} \text {, and } z_{h}=y_{h}-r \cdot x_{h}
$$

| $h$ | represents the stratum that varies from 1 to H |
| :--- | :--- |
| $m_{h}$ | is the total number of standard segments selected in the $\mathrm{h}^{\text {th }}$ stratum |
| $y_{h i}$ | is the sum of the values of variable y in standard segments i in the $\mathrm{h}^{\text {th }}$ stratum |
| $x_{h i}$ | is the sum of the number of cases (women) in standard segments i in the $\mathrm{h}^{\text {th }}$ stratum <br> $f$ |
| is the overall sampling fraction, which is so small that CLUSTERS ignores it. |  |

In addition to the standard errors, CLUSTERS computes the design effect (DEFT) for each estimate, which is defined as the ratio of the standard error using the given sample design to the standard error that would result if a simple random sample had been used. A DEFT value of 1.0 indicates that the sample design is as efficient as a simple random sample, whereas a value greater than 1.0 indicates the increasc in the sampling error due to the use of a more complex and less statistically efficient design. CLUSTERS also computes the relative error and confidence limits for the estimates.

The results for the 42 variables mentioned, which are those considered to be of primary interest, are presented in this appendix for the country as a whole, for urban and rural areas, for the five regions, and for age groups. The type of statistic (mean or proportion) and the base population for each variable are given in Table C.1. Tables C. 2 to C. 12 present the value of the statistic (R), its standard error (SE), the number of unweighted ( N ) and weighted (WN) cases, the design effect (DEFT), the relative standard error ( $\mathrm{SE} / \mathrm{R}$ ), and the 95 percent confidence limits ( $\mathrm{R} \pm 2 \mathrm{SE}$ ), for each variable.

Additionally, sampling errors were calculated for the total fertility rate of the last year prior to the survey date and the infant mortality rate for the 5 years preceding the survey, for the national total, and for urban-rural areas. These calculations were undertaken using the Jacknife methodology rather than the CLUSTERS package because of the nature of these two estimates. The Jacknife methodology is based on having replicate values for the estimates and applying the simple standard error formulae to these replicates.

The TDHS included 478 clusters. Each replication considers all clusters but deletes one cluster at a time for the calculations and then creates pseudoindependent replicates. In total, 478 replications for the infant mortality and total fertility rates create the pseudoindependent values:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left.e_{(-i)}=478 * \text { estimate (all clusters) }-477 * \text { estimate (all minus } i^{\text {ilh }}\right) \\
& e=\text { estimate (all clusters) }
\end{aligned}
$$

and the sampling errors for the estimate is given by:

$$
\operatorname{SE}(\text { estimate })=\left\{\sum\left(\mathrm{e}_{(-i)}-\mathrm{c}\right)^{2} /(478 *(478-1))\right\}^{1 / 2} .
$$

The results of the calculations using the Jacknife methodology to estimate sampling errors for the infant mortality rate and the total fertility rate for the national total, for urban and rural areas, and for the five major regions is shown in Table C. 13 .

The confidence interval (e.g., as calculated for EVBORN) can be interpreted as follows: the overall average from the national sample is 3.041 and the standard error is 0.044 . Therefore, to obtain the 95 percent confidence limits, one adds and subtracts twice the standard error to the sample estimate, i.e., 3.041 $\pm 0.088$. There is a high probability ( 95 percent) that the true average number of children ever born to all women age 15 to 49 is between 2.954 and 3.128.

Of the 42 variables for which CLUSTERS was used for the estimation of sampling errors, 28 are based on women, and 14 are based on children under age 5 . In general, the relative standard error for most
estimates for the country as a whole is small, except for estimates of very small proportions. Therc are some differentials in the relative standard error for the estimates of subpopulations such as urban and rural areas. For example, for the variable SECATT (secondary school attendance), the relative standard errors as a percent of the estimated proportion for urban and rural areas are 4.6 percent and 12.5 percent, respectively. The same is true for SECGRD (proportion of women who completed secondary school) with values of 5 percent and 14.2 percent, for XCUPIL (current use of the pill) with values of 8.1 and 13.6 percent, for XCUIUD (current use of IUD) with values of 3.4 and 8.5 percent, and for XCUPAB (current use of periodic abstinence) with values of 17 percent and 0 percent, for urban and rural areas, respectivcly for each variable.

Of the 42 variables, 24 were found to have $\mathrm{SE} / \mathrm{R}$ values of less than 0.03 , which means that the SE of those variables is at most 3 percent of the estimate. $\mathrm{SE} / \mathrm{R}$ values are between 0.031 and 0.059 for 13 variables, and greater than 0.06 for only 5 variables; the maximum value being 16.6 percent. The variables with the highest $\mathrm{SE} / \mathrm{R}$ ratio are the ones calculated for relatively rare events.

The DEFT value is less than 1.3 for 24 variables; between 1.31 and 1.5 for 13 variables; and greater than 1.51 for only 5 variables. The maximum DEFT value obtained is 1.668 . The average of 42 variables is 1.301 . The average is 1.213 in urban areas and 1.293 in rural areas for 41 variables (due to the exclusion of the URBAN variable).

| Variable | Estimate | Base | Population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| URBAN | Urban | Proportion | Ever-married women |
| SECATT | Attended secondary or higher | Proportion | Ever-marricd women |
| SECGRD | Graduated secondary or higher | Proportion | Ever-married women |
| CURMAR | Currently married | Proportion | Ever-marricd women |
| AGEMAR | Age at marriage | Mean | Ever-married women |
| PREGNT | Currently pregnant | Proportion | Ever-marricd women |
| NUPREG | Number of pregnancics | Mean | liver-married women |
| NUMISC | Number of miscarriages | Mcan | Ever-married women |
| EVBORN | Children cver bom | Mean | Ever-married women |
| XEVB | Children ever bom | Mcan | Currently married women |
| XEVB40 | Children ever bom | Mean | Currently married women 40-49 |
| SURVIV | Children surviving | Mean | Ever-marricd women |
| KMETIIO | Know any method | Proportion | Ever-married women |
| XKMOD | Know modem method | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XKSOUR | Know source of method | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XEVUSE | Ever used any method | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XCUSE | Currently using any method | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XCUPIL | Current use pill | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XCUIUD | Current use IUD | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XCUCON | Current use condom | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XCUWIT | Current use withdrawal | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XCUSTE | Current use female steril. | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XCUPAB | Current use periodic abst. | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XCUMOD | Currently using modem method | Proportion | Currently married women |
| XPSOUR | Using public source | Proportion | Modem users married women |
| XNOMOR | Want no more children | Proportion | Currently maried women |
| XDELAY | Delay at least two years | Proportion | Currently married women |
| IDİAL | Ideal number of children | Mcan | liver-married women |
| TETANU | Mother received tetanus injection | Proportion | Births last five years |
| MI:DELI | Mother received medical attention | Proportion | Births last five years |
| DIARR1 | Had diarrhoca in last 2 weeks | Proportion | Children under live years |
| DIARR2 | Had diarhoea in last 24 hours | Proportion | Children under five years |
| ORSTRE | Children ORS treated diarrhoea | Proportion | Children with diarrhoea last 2 wecks |
| MİDTRE | Children medical treated diarrhoca | Proportion | Children with diarrhoea last 2 wecks |
| RESPI2 | llad resp. disease last 2 weeks | Proportion | Children under five years |
| RESPII | Had resp. disease last 24 hours | Proportion | Children under five years |
| HCARD | Children having health card | Proportion | Children 12 to 23 months |
| BCG | Children with BCG | Proportion | Children 12 to 23 months |
| DPT3 | Children with DPT (3 doses) | Proportion | Children 12 to 23 months |
| POL3 | Children with Polio (3 doses) | Proportion | Children 12 to 23 months |
| MEASLE | Children with measles | Proportion | Children 12 to 23 months |
| FULLIM | Children fully immunised | Proportion | Children 12 to 23 months |

Table C. 2 Sampling errors - Entire sample, Turkey 1993

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  |  | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| URBAN | . 641 | . 010 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.636 | . 015 | . 622 | . 661 |
| SECATT | . 175 | . 008 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.664 | . 045 | 159 | . 191 |
| SECGRD | . 151 | . 007 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.668 | . 049 | . 1.6 | . 166 |
| CURMAR | . 962 | . 003 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.154 | . 003 | . 956 | . 967 |
| AGEMAR | 18.499 | . 064 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.466 | . 003 | 18.371 | 18.628 |
| PREGNT | . 076 | . 004 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.089 | . 047 | . 068 | . 083 |
| NUPREG | 3.910 | . 047 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.290 | . 012 | 3.815 | 4.005 |
| NUMISC | . 314 | . 010 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.060 | . 031 | . 294 | . 333 |
| EVBORN | 3.041 | . 044 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.492 | . 014 | 2.954 | 3.128 |
| XEVB | 3.035 | . 044 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.475 | . 014 | 2.947 | 3.122 |
| XEVB40 | 4.740 | . 101 | 1433 | 1447 | 1.384 | . 021 | 4.538 | 4.942 |
| SURVIV | 2.671 | . 034 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.440 | . 013 | 2.603 | 2.738 |
| KMETHO | . 990 | . 002 | 6519 | 6519 | 1.307 | . 002 | . 987 | . 993 |
| XKMOD | . 986 | . 002 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.233 | . 002 | . 983 | . 990 |
| XKSOUR | . 948 | . 004 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.495 | . 004 | . 940 | . 957 |
| Xevuse | . 802 | . 008 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.513 | . 009 | . 787 | . 817 |
| XCUSE | . 626 | . 008 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.331 | . 013 | . 609 | . 642 |
| XCUPIL | . 049 | . 004 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.283 | . 071 | . 042 | . 056 |
| XCUIUD | . 188 | . 006 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.290 | . 034 | . 175 | . 201 |
| XCUCON | . 066 | . 004 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.215 | . 058 | . 059 | . 074 |
| XCUWIT | . 262 | . 007 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.338 | . 028 | . 247 | . 277 |
| XCUSTE | . 029 | . 002 | 6273 | 6271 | . 958 | . 070 | . 025 | . 033 |
| XCUPAB | . 010 | . 002 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.294 | . 166 | . 006 | . 013 |
| XCUMOD | . 345 | . 007 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.221 | . 021 | . 331 | . 360 |
| XPSOUR | . 547 | . 014 | 2161 | 2164 | 1.272 | . 025 | . 520 | . 574 |
| XNOMOR | . 701 | . 006 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.002 | . 009 | . 689 | . 713 |
| XDELAY | . 141 | . 005 | 6273 | 6271 | 1.054 | . 036 | . 131 | . 151 |
| IDEAL | 2.396 | . 018 | 6399 | 6402 | 1.328 | . 007 | 2.361 | 2.432 |
| TETANU | . 424 | . 013 | 3688 | 3700 | 1.421 | . 032 | . 397 | . 451 |
| MEDELI | . 759 | . 015 | 3688 | 3700 | 1.630 | . 019 | . 730 | . 788 |
| DIARR1 | . 248 | . 009 | 3493 | 3497 | 1.221 | . 038 | . 229 | . 266 |
| DIARR2 | . 112 | . 007 | 3493 | 3497 | 1.175 | . 059 | . 099 | . 126 |
| ORSTRE | . 161 | . 014 | 836 | 866 | 1.050 | . 085 | . 134 | . 189 |
| MEDTRE | . 248 | . 017 | 836 | 866 | 1.106 | . 068 | . 214 | . 282 |
| RESP12 | . 155 | . 008 | 3493 | 3497 | 1.231 | . 053 | . 138 | . 171 |
| RESPI1 | . 397 | . 011 | 3493 | 3497 | 1.270 | . 029 | . 374 | . 419 |
| HCARD | . 416 | . 023 | 716 | 716 | 1.204 | . 054 | . 371 | . 461 |
| BCG | . 891 | . 017 | 716 | 716 | 1.463 | . 019 | . 857 | . 925 |
| DPT3 | . 776 | . 021 | 716 | 716 | 1.309 | . 026 | . 735 | . 817 |
| POL3 | . 772 | . 020 | 716 | 716 | 1.272 | . 026 | . 732 | . 813 |
| MEASLE | . 779 | . 019 | 716 | 716 | 1.195 | . 024 | . 741 | . 816 |
| FULLIM | . 642 | . 020 | 716 | 716 | 1.130 | . 032 | . 601 | . 683 |

Table C. 3 Sampling errors - Urban areas, Turkey 1993

| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard стто (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative ertor (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weigbted (WN) |  |  | $\overline{\mathrm{R}-2 \mathrm{SE}}$ | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| SECAT「 | . 249 | . 011 | 4125 | 4181 | 1.691 | . 046 | . 226 | . 272 |
| SECGRI) | . 216 | . 011 | 4125 | 4181 | 1.692 | . 050 | . 195 | . 238 |
| CURMAR | . 958 | . 004 | 4125 | 4181 | 1.143 | . 004 | . 951 | . 965 |
| AGEMAR | 18.820 | . 082 | 4125 | 4181 | 1.464 | . 004 | 18.655 | 18.985 |
| PREGNT | . 071 | . 004 | 4125 | 4181 | 1.090 | . 062 | . 062 | . 079 |
| NUPREG | 3.669 | . 048 | 4125 | 4181 | 1.102 | . 013 | 3.573 | 3.765 |
| NUMISC | . 306 | .011 | 4125 | 4181 | . 982 | . 036 | . 284 | . 328 |
| EVIJORN | 2.710 | . 042 | 4125 | 4181 | 1.317 | . 015 | 2.627 | 2.794 |
| XIVB | 2.700 | . 042 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.318 | . 016 | 2.616 | 2.785 |
| XEVI340 | 4.130 | . 095 | 868 | 884 | 1.198 | . 023 | 3.939 | 4.321 |
| SURVIV | 2.439 | . 036 | 4125 | 4181 | 1.355 | . 015 | 2.367 | 2.510 |
| KMETHO | . 995 | . 001 | 4125 | 4181 | 1.133 | . 001 | . 992 | . 997 |
| XKMOD | . 992 | . 002 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.149 | . 002 | . 989 | . 995 |
| XKSOUR | . 975 | . 003 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.175 | . 003 | . 969 | . 981 |
| XEVUSE | . 837 | . 008 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.424 | . 010 | . 820 | . 854 |
| XCUSE | . 662 | . 009 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.252 | . 014 | . 643 | . 681 |
| XCUPIL | . 050 | . 004 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.170 | . 081 | . 042 | . 058 |
| XCUIUD | . 215 | . 007 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.126 | . 034 | . 200 | . 229 |
| XCUCON | . 078 | . 005 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.289 | . 070 | . 067 | . 089 |
| XCUWIT | . 249 | . 009 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.293 | . 036 | . 231 | . 267 |
| XCOSTE: | . 033 | . 003 | 3957 | 4005 | . 932 | . 081 | . 027 | . 038 |
| XCUPAB | . 014 | . 002 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.292 | . 170 | . 010 | . 019 |
| XCUMOD | . 389 | . 008 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.096 | . 022 | . 372 | . 406 |
| XPSOUR | . 532 | . 015 | 1548 | 1558 | 1.162 | . 028 | . 502 | . 561 |
| XNOMOR | .691 | . 008 | 3957 | 4005 | . 988 | . 011 | . 676 | . 706 |
| XDELAY | . 146 | . 007 | 3957 | 4005 | 1.080 | . 045 | . 133 | . 159 |
| IDEAL | 2.321 | . 020 | 4062 | 4118 | 1.233 | . 009 | 2.282 | 2.361 |
| TE:TANU | . 452 | . 016 | 2203 | 2211 | 1.328 | . 035 | . 420 | . 484 |
| MI:DEL! | . 870 | . 014 | 2203 | 2211 | 1.551 | . 016 | . 842 | . 899 |
| DIARRI | . 227 | . 011 | 2101 | 2108 | 1.111 | . 047 | . 205 | . 248 |
| DIARR2 | . 091 | . 007 | 2101 | 2108 | 1.021 | . 074 | . 078 | . 105 |
| ORSTRE | . 167 | . 017 | 475 | 478 | . 958 | . 103 | . 132 | . 201 |
| MED'TRE | . 299 | . 023 | 475 | 478 | 1.074 | . 078 | . 252 | . 345 |
| RISPPl2 | . 133 | . 008 | 2101 | 2108 | 1.045 | . 060 | . 117 | . 149 |
| RISPPII | . 372 | . 012 | 2101 | 2108 | 1.060 | . 032 | . 348 | . 396 |
| IICARI) | . 517 | . 027 | 417 | 421 | 1.075 | . 052 | . 464 | . 571 |
| ISCG | . 932 | . 015 | 417 | 42! | 1.205 | . 016 | . 903 | . 962 |
| DP73 | . 865 | . 025 | 417 | 421 | 1.464 | . 028 | . 816 | . 914 |
| POL3 | . 859 | . 024 | 417 | 421 | 1.421 | . 028 | . 810 | . 908 |
| MEASLE | . 821 | . 022 | 417 | 421 | 1.145 | . 027 | . 777 | . 864 |
| FULLIM | . 739 | . 025 | 417 | 421 | 1.147 | . 034 | . 689 | . 789 |


| Variable | Value (R) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Standard } \\ \text { crror } \\ \text { (SE) } \end{gathered}$ | Number of cases |  | Design cffect (DIFT) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Relative } \\ & \text { crror } \\ & \text { (SE/R) } \end{aligned}$ | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | R-2SI: | $\mathrm{K}+2 \mathrm{St}$ |
| SICATT | . 043 | . 005 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.297 | . 125 | . 032 | . 053 |
| Sticgri) | . 034 | . 005 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.300 | . 142 | . 024 | . 044 |
| CURMAR | . 969 | . 004 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.174 | . 004 | . 961 | . 977 |
| AGEMAR | 17.925 | . 101 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.500 | . 006 | 17.722 | 18.128 |
| PREGNT | . 084 | . 006 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.087 | . 073 | . 072 | . 097 |
| NUPREG | 4.341 | . 098 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.498 | . 023 | 4.144 | 4.538 |
| NUMISC | . 327 | . 019 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.177 | . 057 | . 290 | . 364 |
| l V IBORN | 3.634 | .091 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.623 | . 025 | 3.452 | 3.815 |
| XEVB | 3.626 | . 090 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.587 | . 025 | 3.445 | 3.806 |
| XIEVB40 | 5.697 | . 191 | 565 | 563 | 1.478 | . 034 | 5.314 | 6.080 |
| SURVIV | 3.085 | . 068 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.537 | . 022 | 2.949 | 3.222 |
| KMIETHO | . 982 | . 004 | 2394 | 2338 | 1.373 | . 004 | . 974 | . 989 |
| XKMOD | . 976 | . 004 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.269 | . 004 | . 968 | . 984 |
| XKSOUR | . 901 | . 010 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.670 | . 011 | . 881 | . 922 |
| XI:VUSE: | . 741 | . 015 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.623 | . 020 | . 711 | . 770 |
| XCUSE: | . 561 | . 015 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.430 | . 026 | . 532 | . 591 |
| XCUPIL | . 048 | . 007 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.472 | . 136 | . 035 | . 061 |
| XCUlus | . 141 | . 012 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.663 | . 085 | . 117 | . 165 |
| XCUCON | . 046 | . 004 | 2316 | 2265 | . 901 | . 086 | . 038 | . 053 |
| xcuwit | . 285 | . 013 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.427 | . 047 | . 258 | . 312 |
| xcuste | . 022 | . 003 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.006 | . 139 | . 016 | . 028 |
| XCUPAB | . 001 | . 000 | 2316 | 2265 | . 000 | . 000 | . 001 | . 001 |
| XCUMOI) | . 268 | . 013 | 2316 | 2265 | 1.465 | . 050 | . 241 | . 295 |
| XPSOUR | . 587 | . 030 | 613 | 606 | 1.494 | . 051 | . 527 | . 646 |
| XNOMOR | . 718 | . 010 | 2316 | 2265 | . 998 | . 014 | . 698 | . 738 |
| XDELAY | . 133 | . 008 | 2316 | 2265 | . 985 | . 057 | . 118 | . 148 |
| IDEAI. | 2.532 | . 035 | 2337 | 2284 | 1.506 | . 014 | 2.462 | 2.602 |
| TETANU | . 382 | . 023 | 1485 | 1488 | 1.539 | . 061 | . 335 | . 428 |
| MEDELI | . 594 | . 026 | 1485 | 1488 | 1.679 | . 044 | . 541 | . 646 |
| DIARRI | . 280 | . 017 | 1392 | 1389 | 1.346 | . 062 | . 245 | . 314 |
| DIARR2 | . 145 | . 013 | 1392 | 1389 | 1.311 | . 091 | . 119 | . 171 |
| ORSTRE | . 155 | . 022 | 361 | 388 | 1.163 | . 142 | . 111 | . 199 |
| MIEDTRE | . 186 | . 022 | 361 | 388 | 1.062 | . 117 | . 142 | . 230 |
| RESPP12 | . 188 | . 016 | 1392 | 1389 | 1.339 | . 084 | . 156 | . 219 |
| RESPII | . 434 | . 021 | 1392 | 1389 | 1.472 | . 049 | . 391 | . 477 |
| IICARD | . 271 | . 035 | 299 | 295 | 1.347 | . 128 | . 202 | 340 |
| BCG | . 832 | . 034 | 299 | 295 | 1.565 | . 041 | . 765 | . 900 |
| DP'3 | . 650 | . 032 | 299 | 295 | 1.164 | . 050 | . 586 | . 714 |
| POL 3 | . 649 | . 031 | 299 | 295 | 1.135 | . 048 | . 586 | . 712 |
| MEASLIE | . 719 | . 033 | 299 | 295 | 1.252 | . 046 | . 653 | . 785 |
| FULLIM | . 504 | . 032 | 299 | 295 | 1.102 | . 064 | . 440 | . 568 |

Table C. 5 Sampling errors - Westem Region, Turkey 1993

| Variable | Value <br> (R) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Standard } \\ & \text { error } \\ & \text { (SE) } \end{aligned}$ | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Conlidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| URBAN | . 761 | . 016 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.600 | . 021 | . 730 | . 793 |
| SECATT | . 236 | . 013 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.372 | . 057 | . 209 | . 263 |
| SECGRD | . 202 | . 013 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.405 | . 065 | . 176 | 228 |
| CURMAR | . 949 | . 006 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.108 | . 006 | . 938 | . 961 |
| AGEMAR | 19.119 | . 116 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.402 | . 006 | 18.888 | 19.350 |
| PREGNT | . 057 | . 005 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.016 | . 096 | . 046 | . 067 |
| NUPREG | 3.395 | . 070 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.178 | . 021 | 3.255 | 3.535 |
| NUMISC | . 273 | . 015 | 1875 | 2325 | . 967 | . 056 | . 242 | . 303 |
| EVBORN | 2.446 | . 050 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.272 | . 021 | 2.346 | 2.547 |
| XEVB | 2.439 | . 051 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.270 | . 021 | 2.338 | 2.540 |
| XEVB40 | 3.590 | . 112 | 441 | 547 | 1.224 | . 031 | 3.366 | 3.813 |
| SURVIV | 2.197 | . 040 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.256 | . 018 | 2.117 | 2.277 |
| KMETHO | . 996 | . 002 | 1875 | 2325 | 1.012 | . 002 | . 993 | . 999 |
| XKMOD | . 991 | . 003 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.122 | . 003 | . 986 | . 996 |
| XKSOUR | . 964 | . 006 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.305 | . 006 | . 953 | . 976 |
| XEVUSE | . 878 | . 009 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.163 | . 010 | . 860 | . 896 |
| XCUSE | . 715 | . 010 | 1780 | 2207 | . 936 | . 014 | . 695 | . 735 |
| XCUPIL | . 062 | . 007 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.249 | . 115 | . 048 | . 076 |
| XCUIUD | . 188 | . 010 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.062 | . 052 | . 169 | . 208 |
| XCUCON | . 084 | . 008 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.288 | . 101 | . 067 | . 101 |
| XCUWIT | . 315 | . 013 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.188 | . 042 | . 289 | . 341 |
| XCUSTE | . 027 | . 004 | 1780 | 2207 | . 927 | . 132 | . 020 | . 034 |
| XCUPAB | . 013 | . 004 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.312 | . 272 | . 006 | . 020 |
| XCUMOD | . 373 | . 013 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.098 | . 034 | . 348 | . 398 |
| XPSOUR | . 468 | . 020 | 664 | 823 | 1.024 | . 042 | . 429 | . 508 |
| XNOMOR | . 711 | . 012 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.039 | . 017 | . 686 | . 735 |
| XDELAY | . 137 | . 010 | 1780 | 2207 | 1.110 | . 077 | . 116 | . 157 |
| IDEAL | 2.155 | . 021 | 1848 | 2292 | 1.011 | . 010 | 2.113 | 2.197 |
| TETANU | . 436 | . 021 | 794 | 985 | 1.074 | . 047 | . 395 | . 477 |
| MEDELI | . 936 | . 012 | 794 | 985 | 1.106 | . 012 | . 913 | . 959 |
| DIARR1 | . 199 | . 018 | 758 | 940 | 1.220 | . 091 | . 163 | . 236 |
| DIARR2 | . 078 | . 011 | 758 | 940 | 1.122 | . 142 | . 056 | . 100 |
| ORSTRE | 192 | . 034 | 151 | 187 | 1.044 | . 180 | . 123 | . 261 |
| MEDTRE | . 278 | . 040 | 151 | 187 | 1.061 | . 143 | . 198 | . 358 |
| RESP12 | . 108 | . 010 | 758 | 940 | . 922 | . 097 | . 087 | . 129 |
| RESPII | . 354 | . 021 | 758 | 940 | 1.147 | . 059 | . 312 | . 395 |
| HCARD | . 578 | . 040 | 154 | 191 | . 993 | . 069 | . 499 | . 657 |
| BCG | . 961 | . 013 | 154 | 191 | . 837 | . 014 | . 935 | . 987 |
| ${ }^{\text {DPT }} 3$ | . 890 | . 024 | 154 | 191 | . 954 | . 027 | . 841 | . 938 |
| POL3 | 883 | . 023 | 154 | 191 | . 895 | . 026 | . 837 | . 930 |
| MEASLE | . 838 | . 030 | 154 | 191 | 1.025 | . 036 | . 777 | . 899 |
| FULLIM | . 760 | . 031 | 154 | 191 | . 911 | . 041 | . 697 | . 823 |


| Table C. 6 Sampling errors - Southern Region, Turkcy 1993 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Contidence limits |  |
|  |  |  | Unweighted <br> ( N ) | Weighted (WN) |  |  |  | $\overline{R+2 S E}$ |
| URBAN | . 677 | . 017 | 1295 | 998 | 1.330 | . 026 | . 643 | . 712 |
| SECATT | . 171 | . 020 | 1295 | 998 | 1.910 | . 117 | . 131 | . 211 |
| SECGRD | . 147 | . 019 | 1295 | 998 | 1.968 | . 132 | . 109 | . 186 |
| CURMAR | . 964 | . 006 | 1295 | 998 | 1.125 | . 006 | . 953 | . 976 |
| AGEMAR | 18.812 | . 134 | 1295 | 998 | 1.330 | . 007 | 18.543 | 19.080 |
| PREGNT | . 073 | . 008 | 1295 | 998 | 1.048 | . 104 | . 057 | . 088 |
| NUPREG | 3.967 | . 092 | 1295 | 998 | 1.111 | . 023 | 3.783 | 4.151 |
| NUMISC | . 337 | . 021 | 1295 | 998 | . 998 | . 062 | . 295 | . 378 |
| EVBORN | 3.101 | . 079 | 1295 | 998 | 1.222 | . 025 | 2.944 | 3.259 |
| XEVB | 3.080 | . 080 | 1249 | 963 | 1.225 | . 026 | 2.921 | 3.239 |
| XEVB40 | 4.933 | . 198 | 285 | 220 | 1.236 | . 040 | 4.538 | 5.329 |
| SURVIV | 2.778 | . 065 | 1295 | 998 | 1.213 | . 023 | 2.648 | 2.909 |
| KMETHO | . 990 | . 003 | 1295 | 998 | 1.087 | . 003 | . 984 | . 996 |
| XKMOD | . 989 | . 003 | 1249 | 963 | 1.002 | . 003 | . 983 | . 995 |
| XKSOUR | . 965 | . 007 | 1249 | 963 | 1.391 | . 008 | . 950 | . 979 |
| XeVUSE | . 813 | . 014 | 1249 | 963 | 1.271 | . 017 | . 785 | . 841 |
| XCUSE | . 628 | . 014 | 1249 | 963 | 1.047 | . 023 | . 599 | . 656 |
| XCUPIL | . 042 | . 008 | 1249 | 963 | 1.329 | . 181 | . 027 | . 057 |
| XCUIUD | . 209 | . 013 | 1249 | 963 | 1.106 | . 061 | . 184 | . 234 |
| XCUCON | . 061 | . 006 | 1249 | 963 | . 886 | . 098 | . 049 | . 073 |
| xCuwis | . 247 | . 016 | 1249 | 963 | 1.333 | . 066 | . 215 | . 280 |
| XCUSTE | . 033 | . 005 | 1249 | 963 | . 927 | . 142 | . 023 | . 042 |
| XCUPAB | . 010 | . 003 | 1249 | 963 | 1.012 | . 279 | . 005 | . 016 |
| XCUMOD | . 367 | . 013 | 1249 | 963 | . 919 | . 034 | . 342 | . 393 |
| XPSOUR | . 584 | . 033 | 459 | 354 | 1.422 | . 056 | . 518 | . 649 |
| XNOMOR | . 685 | . 011 | 1249 | 963 | . 836 | . 016 | . 663 | . 707 |
| XDELAY | . 139 | . 010 | 1249 | 963 | . 976 | . 069 | . 120 | . 158 |
| 1DEAL | 2.515 | . 038 | 1269 | 978 | 1.225 | . 015 | 2.440 | 2.591 |
| TETANU | . 645 | . 030 | 758 | 584 | 1.481 | . 047 | . 584 | . 706 |
| MEDELI | . 840 | . 024 | 758 | 584 | 1.435 | . 029 | . 792 | . 888 |
| DIARR1 | . 217 | . 016 | 714 | 551 | . 983 | . 073 | . 185 | . 249 |
| DIARR2 | . 097 | . 013 | 714 | 551 | 1.123 | . 137 | . 070 | . 123 |
| ORSTRE | . 168 | . 028 | 155 | 120 | . 838 | . 166 | . 112 | . 223 |
| MEDTRE | . 297 | . 045 | 155 | 120 | 1.166 | . 153 | . 206 | . 387 |
| RESPI2 | . 181 | . 018 | 714 | 551 | 1.172 | . 100 | . 145 | . 217 |
| RESPII | . 437 | . 021 | 714 | 551 | 1.022 | . 047 | . 396 | . 478 |
| HCARD | . 517 | . 046 | 143 | 110 | 1.101 | . 089 | . 425 | . 609 |
| BCG | . 972 | . 019 | 143 | 110 | 1.408 | . 020 | . 933 | 1.011 |
| DPT3 | . 839 | . 038 | 143 | 110 | 1.245 | . 046 | . 763 | . 916 |
| POL3 | . 832 | . 039 | 143 | 110 | 1.234 | . 046 | . 755 | . 909 |
| MEASLE | . 930 | . 019 | 143 | 110 | . 896 | . 021 | . 892 | . 968 |
| FULLIM | . 811 | . 040 | 143 | 110 | 1.221 | . 049 | . 731 | . 891 |

Table C. 7 Sampling errors - Central Region, Turkey 1993

| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design eflect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\overline{R-2 S E}$ | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| URBAN | . 616 | . 020 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.585 | . 033 | . 575 | . 656 |
| SECATT | . 163 | . 018 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.881 | . 111 | . 127 | . 199 |
| SECGRD | . 141 | . 016 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.801 | . 116 | . 108 | . 174 |
| CURMAR | . 969 | . 006 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.291 | . 006 | . 957 | . 980 |
| AGEMAR | 18.082 | . 132 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.537 | . 007 | 17.818 | 18.346 |
| PREGNT | . 078 | . 007 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.025 | . 092 | . 063 | . 092 |
| NUPREG | 4.007 | . 082 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.066 | . 020 | 3.842 | 4.171 |
| NUMISC | . 367 | . 023 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.064 | . 062 | .321 | . 413 |
| IVVBORN | 3.072 | . 071 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.209 | . 023 | 2.930 | 3.213 |
| XEVB | 3.062 | . 071 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.201 | . 023 | 2.920 | 3.205 |
| XİVB40 | 4.773 | . 166 | 341 | 352 | 1.163 | . 035 | 4.442 | 5.105 |
| SURVIV | 2.642 | . 059 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.287 | . 022 | 2.524 | 2.760 |
| KMETHO | . 994 | . 002 | 1471 | 1520 | 1.015 | . 002 | . 990 | . 998 |
| XKMOD | . 992 | . 002 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.013 | . 002 | . 987 | . 997 |
| XKSOUR | . 950 | . 007 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.175 | . 007 | . 936 | . 963 |
| XEVUSE | . 832 | . 010 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.006 | . 012 | . 812 | . 851 |
| XCUSE | . 627 | . 015 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.140 | . 023 | . 598 | . 656 |
| XCUPlı. | . 043 | . 007 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.239 | . 154 | . 030 | . 057 |
| XCUIUD | . 219 | . 015 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.379 | . 069 | . 189 | . 249 |
| XCUCON | . 061 | . 007 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.079 | . 112 | . 047 | . 075 |
| XCUWIT | . 237 | . 015 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.350 | . 064 | . 206 | . 267 |
| XCUSTE | . 031 | . 004 | 1425 | 1472 | . 934 | . 138 | . 022 | . 040 |
| XCUPAB | . 011 | . 003 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.274 | . 326 | .004 | . 018 |
| XCUMOD | . 366 | . 017 | 1425 | 1472 | 1.297 | . 045 | . 333 | . 399 |
| XPSOUR | . 580 | . 030 | 520 | 538 | 1.379 | . 051 | . 520 | . 640 |
| XNOMOR | . 715 | . 011 | 1425 | 1472 | . 895 | . 015 | . 694 | . 737 |
| XDELAY | . 131 | . 008 | 1425 | 1472 | . 856 | . 058 | . 116 | . 146 |
| IDEAL | 2.343 | . 033 | 1451 | 1499 | 1.434 | . 014 | 2.277 | 2.408 |
| TETANU | . 426 | . 027 | 800 | 825 | 1.307 | . 063 | . 372 | . 480 |
| MEDELI | . 770 | . 021 | 800 | 825 | 1.137 | . 027 | . 729 | . 812 |
| DIARRI | . 240 | . 019 | 752 | 776 | 1.104 | . 077 | . 203 | . 277 |
| DlARR2 | . 098 | . 012 | 752 | 776 | 1.031 | . 125 | . 074 | . 123 |
| ORSTRE | -. 105 | . 021 | 181 | 186 | . 909 | . 199 | . 063 | . 147 |
| MEDTRE | . 188 | . 030 | 181 | 186 | . 980 | . 158 | . 128 | . 247 |
| RI:SP12 | . 188 | . 016 | 752 | 776 | 1.058 | . 086 | . 156 | . 221 |
| RISSPII | . 404 | . 023 | 752 | 776 | 1.198 | . 058 | . 357 | . 450 |
| HCARD | . 391 | . 042 | 171 | 176 | 1.077 | . 107 | . 307 | . 475 |
| BCG | . 906 | . 025 | 171 | 176 | 1.112 | . 027 | . 857 | . 956 |
| DPT3 | . 823 | . 027 | 171 | 176 | . 927 | . 033 | . 769 | . 878 |
| POL 3 | . 823 | . 028 | 171 | 176 | . 939 | . 034 | . 768 | . 879 |
| MEASLE | . 812 | . 031 | 171 | 176 | . 986 | . 038 | . 749 | . 874 |
| FULLLM | . 647 | . 035 | 171 | 176 | . 935 | . 055 | . 577 | . 718 |

Table C. 8 Sampling errors - Northern Rcgion, Turkey 1993

| Variable | Value <br> (R) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Standard } \\ & \text { crror } \\ & \text { (SE) } \end{aligned}$ | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Relative } \\ & \text { error } \\ & (\mathrm{SE} / \mathrm{R}) \end{aligned}$ | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  |  | $\overline{\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}}$ |
| URBAN | . 384 | . 025 | 1004 | 612 | 1.601 | . 064 | . 335 | . 434 |
| SECATT | . 145 | . 017 | 1004 | 612 | 1.503 | . 115 | . 112 | . 179 |
| SECGRD | . 123 | . 016 | 1004 | 612 | 1.515 | . 128 | . 091 | . 154 |
| CURMAR | . 963 | . 005 | 1004 | 612 | . 792 | . 005 | . 954 | . 973 |
| AGEMAR | 18.594 | . 163 | 1004 | 612 | 1.551 | . 009 | 18.268 | 18.920 |
| PREGNT | . 060 | . 008 | 1004 | 612 | 1.085 | . 136 | . 044 | . 076 |
| NUPREG | 3.826 | . 112 | 1004 | 612 | 1.249 | . 029 | 3.601 | 4.050 |
| NUMISC | . 322 | . 027 | 1004 | 612 | 1.103 | . 083 | . 269 | . 375 |
| EVBORN | 3.025 | . 091 | 1004 | 612 | 1.278 | . 030 | 2.844 | 3.206 |
| XEVB | 3.030 | . 092 | 967 | 589 | 1.284 | . 030 | 2.846 | 3.214 |
| XEVB40 | 4.844 | . 187 | 199 | 121 | 1.043 | . 039 | 4.471 | 5.218 |
| SURVIV | 2.665 | . 076 | 1004 | 612 | 1.306 | . 029 | 2.513 | 2.818 |
| KMETHO | . 987 | . 004 | 1004 | 612 | 1.217 | . 004 | . 978 | . 996 |
| XKMOD | . 983 | . 005 | 967 | 589 | 1.317 | . 005 | . 973 | . 994 |
| XKSOUR | . 948 | . 011 | 967 | 589 | 1.605 | . 012 | . 925 | . 971 |
| XEVUSE | . 841 | . 016 | 967 | 589 | 1.331 | . 019 | . 809 | . 872 |
| XCUSE | . 642 | . 016 | 967 | 589 | 1.047 | . 025 | . 610 | . 674 |
| XCUPIL | . 052 | . 009 | 967 | 589 | 1.289 | . 178 | . 033 | . 070 |
| XCUIUD | . 115 | . 013 | 967 | 589 | 1.244 | . 111 | . 089 | . 140 |
| XCUCON | . 071 | . 009 | 967 | 589 | 1.066 | . 124 | . 054 | . 089 |
| XCUWIT | . 336 | . 016 | 967 | 589 | 1.050 | . 047 | . 304 | . 368 |
| XCUSTE | . 043 | . 007 | 967 | 589 | 1.126 | . 170 | . 029 | . 058 |
| XCUPAB | . 004 | . 002 | 967 | 589 | 1.003 | . 501 | . 000 | . 008 |
| XCUMOD | . 298 | . 014 | 967 | 589 | . 979 | . 048 | . 269 | . 327 |
| XPSOUR | . 500 | . 040 | 288 | 176 | 1.369 | . 081 | . 419 | . 581 |
| XNOMOR | . 688 | . 019 | 967 | 589 | 1.094 | . 028 | . 650 | . 726 |
| XDELAY | . 163 | . 019 | 967 | 589 | 1.266 | . 115 | . 126 | . 201 |
| IDEAL | 2.371 | . 030 | 985 | 600 | 1.076 | . 013 | 2.311 | 2.430 |
| TETANU | 495 | . 031 | 584 | 356 | 1.383 | . 063 | . 433 | . 557 |
| MEDELI | . 793 | . 034 | 584 | 356 | 1.642 | . 043 | . 724 | . 862 |
| DIARR1 | . 225 | . 016 | 561 | 342 | . 898 | . 072 | . 192 | . 257 |
| DIARR2 | . 087 | . 009 | 561 | 342 | . 706 | . 100 | . 070 | . 105 |
| ORSTRE | 190 | . 034 | 126 | 77 | . 935 | . 178 | 123 | . 258 |
| MEDTRE | . 214 | . 031 | 126 | 77 | . 780 | . 142 | . 153 | . 275 |
| RESPI2 | . 103 | . 020 | 561 | 342 | 1.429 | . 189 | . 064 | . 142 |
| RESPII | . 392 | . 025 | 561 | 342 | 1.180 | . 064 | . 342 | . 442 |
| HCARD | . 342 | . 062 | 114 | 70 | 1.386 | . 181 | . 218 | . 466 |
| BCG | . 965 | . 021 | 114 | 70 | 1.228 | . 022 | . 923 | 1.007 |
| DPT3 | . 781 | . 039 | 114 | 70 | . 986 | . 050 | . 702 | . 859 |
| POL3 | . 798 | . 044 | 114 | 70 | 1.127 | . 055 | . 711 | . 886 |
| MEASLE | . 781 | . 049 | 114 | 70 | 1.230 | . 063 | . 682 | . 879 |
| FULLIM | . 614 | . 055 | 114 | 70 | 1.183 | . 089 | . 505 | . 723 |

Table C. 9 Sampling errors - Eastem Region, Turkey 1993

| Variable | Value (R) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Standard } \\ \text { error } \\ \text { (SE) } \end{gathered}$ | Number of cases |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Design } \\ & \text { effect } \\ & \text { (DEFT) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Relative } \\ & \text { error } \\ & \text { (SE/R) } \end{aligned}$ | Conlidence timils |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted | Weighted |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| URBAN | . 531 | . 028 | 874 | 1064 | 1.631 | . 052 | 476 | . 586 |
| SECATT | . 081 | . 016 | 874 | 1064 | 1.736 | . 198 | . 049 | 113 |
| SECGRD | . 074 | . 015 | 874 | 1064 | 1.742 | 208 | . 043 | 105 |
| CURMAR | . 976 | . 005 | 874 | 1064 | . 981 | . 005 | . 966 | . 987 |
| AGEMAR | 17.393 | . 182 | 874 | 1064 | 1.543 | . 010 | 17.029 | 17.757 |
| PREGNT | . 126 | . 012 | 874 | 1064 | 1.114 | . 099 | . 101 | .151 |
| NUPREG | 4.893 | . 155 | 874 | 1064 | 1.295 | . 032 | 4.583 | 5.204 |
| NUMISC | . 302 | . 027 | 874 | 1064 | 1.130 | . 089 | . 249 | . 356 |
| EVBORN | 4.252 | . 157 | 874 | 1064 | 1.448 | . 037 | 3.939 | 4.565 |
| XEVB | 4.221 | . 154 | 852 | 1039 | 1.407 | . 036 | 3.913 | 4.529 |
| XEVB40 | 7.468 | . 334 | 167 | 206 | 1.397 | . 045 | 6.799 | 8.136 |
| SURVIV | 3.649 | . 121 | 874 | 1064 | 1.384 | . 033 | 3.406 | 3.891 |
| KMETHO | . 975 | . 007 | 874 | 1064 | 1.409 | . 008 | . 961 | . 990 |
| XKMOD | . 968 | . 007 | 852 | 1039 | 1.216 | . 008 | . 954 | . 983 |
| XKSOUR | . 898 | . 017 | 852 | 1039 | 1.591 | . 018 | . 864 | . 931 |
| XEVUSE | . 567 | . 031 | 852 | 1039 | 1.847 | . 055 | . 505 | . 630 |
| XCUSE | . 423 | . 031 | 852 | 1039 | 1.843 | . 074 | . 360 | . 485 |
| XCUPIL | . 036 | . 007 | 852 | 1039 | 1.053 | . 186 | . 023 | . 050 |
| XCUIUD | . 165 | . 019 | 852 | 1039 | 1.511 | . 117 | . 126 | . 203 |
| XCUCON | . 037 | . 007 | 852 | 1039 | 1.008 | . 175 | . 024 | . 050 |
| XCUWIT | . 156 | . 019 | 852 | 1039 | 1.543 | . 123 | . 117 | . 194 |
| XCUSTE | . 018 | . 004 | 852 | 1039 | . 967 | . 246 | . 009 | . 027 |
| XCUPAB | . 003 | . 002 | 852 | 1039 | . 963 | . 585 | .001 | . 007 |
| XCUMOD | . 263 | .021 | 852 | 1039 | 1.391 | . 080 | . 221 | . 305 |
| XPSOUR | . 703 | . 035 | 230 | 273 | 1.152 | . 050 | . 633 | . 772 |
| XNOMOR | . 681 | . 015 | 852 | 1039 | . 935 | . 022 | . 651 | . 710 |
| XDELAY | . 156 | . 011 | 852 | 1039 | . 899 | . 072 | . 134 | . 178 |
| IDEAL | 2.912 | . 072 | 846 | 1033 | 1.435 | . 025 | 2.767 | 3.057 |
| TETANU | . 247 | . 027 | 752 | 949 | 1.469 | . 111 | . 192 | . 302 |
| MEDELI | . 503 | . 036 | 752 | 949 | 1.595 | . 072 | . 431 | . 576 |
| DIARRI | . 333 | . 023 | 708 | 889 | 1.236 | . 069 | . 287 | . 379 |
| DIARR2 | . 181 | . 017 | 708 | 889 | 1.158 | . 097 | . 146 | . 216 |
| ORSTRE | . 167 | . 027 | 223 | 296 | 1.092 | . 163 | . 112 | . 222 |
| MEDTRE | . 256 | . 033 | 223 | 296 | 1.141 | . 128 | . 191 | . 322 |
| RESP12 | . 178 | . 022 | 708 | 889 | 1.360 | . 125 | . 133 | . 222 |
| RESPII | . 413 | . 029 | 708 | 889 | 1.434 | . 069 | . 356 | . 470 |
| HCARD | . 222 | . 043 | 134 | 169 | 1.207 | . 196 | . 135 | . 309 |
| BCG | . 713 | . 050 | 134 | 169 | 1.293 | . 070 | . 614 | . 813 |
| DPT3 | . 557 | . 051 | 134 | 169 | 1.192 | . 091 | . 456 | . 658 |
| POL3 | . 545 | . 048 | 134 | 169 | 1.128 | . 088 | . 449 | . 640 |
| MEASLE | . 578 | . 047 | 134 | 169 | 1.121 | . 082 | . 483 | . 672 |
| FULLIM | . 406 | . 038 | 134 | 169 | . 908 | . 094 | . 329 | . 482 |


| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SI) | Number of cases |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Design } \\ & \text { effect } \end{aligned}$$\text { ( } \mathrm{D} \mathrm{HNT} \text { ) }$ | Relative crror ( $\mathrm{S}: / \mathrm{R}$ ) | Comlidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted <br> (N) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wcighted } \\ & (W N) \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $R+2 S T$ |
| URIBAN | . 623 | . 016 | 1361 | 1372 | 1.245 | . 026 | . 590 | . 655 |
| SECATT | . 196 | . 013 | 1.361 | 1372 | 1.206 | . 066 | . 170 | . 222 |
| SECGRD | . 160 | . 011 | 1361 | 1372 | 1.131 | . 070 | . 138 | . 183 |
| CURMAR | . 987 | . 003 | 1361 | 1372 | . 935 | . 003 | . 982 | . 993 |
| $\wedge$ (ilmAR | 17.659 | . 080 | 1361 | 1372 | 1.223 | . 005 | 17.498 | 17.819 |
| PRİGNT | . 203 | 011 | 1361 | 1372 | 1.050 | . 056 | . 180 | . 226 |
| NUPRE: | 1.379 | . 036 | 1361 | 1372 | 1.114 | . 126 | 1.307 | 1.452 |
| Numisc | . 142 | . 012 | 1361 | 1372 | 1.064 | . 084 | . 118 | . 166 |
| IVIBORN | 1.140 | 032 | 1361 | 1372 | 1.1 .35 | . 128 | 1.077 | 1.203 |
| XI:VB | 1.145 | . 032 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.134 | . 1028 | 1.081 | 1.209 |
| SURVIV | 1.062 | . 027 | 1361 | 1372 | 1.068 | . 125 | 1.009 | 1.116 |
| kMiltio | . 987 | 004 | 1361 | 1372 | 1.295 | 004 | . 979 | 995 |
| XKMOI) | . 984 | . 004 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.234 | . 0104 | . 976 | . 992 |
| XKSOUR | . 926 | . 008 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.130 | . 009 | . 910 | . 942 |
| xisvosis | . 621 | . 015 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.123 | . 02.4 | . 591 | . 651 |
| XCUS: | . 446 | . 015 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.123 | . 034 | . 415 | . 476 |
| XCUPIL | . 040 | . 006 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.03 .4 | . 139 | . 029 | . 051 |
| XC110) | . 139 | . 111 | 13.42 | 1355 | 1.111 | . 075 | . 118 | . 160 |
| XCuCON | . 148 | . 006 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.062 | . 129 | . 035 | . 060 |
| XCUWIT | 204 | . 013 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.155 | 062 | . 179 | 230 |
| xcustis | . 002 | . 001 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.005 | 595 | -. 000 | 005 |
| XCUPAB | . 004 | . 002 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.056 | . 458 | 000 | . 018 |
| XCumon | . 236 | . 013 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.117 | . 055 | . 210 | 262 |
| XPSOUR | . 582 | . 029 | 318 | 320 | 1.057 | . 050 | . 523 | . 640 |
| XNOMOR | . 299 | . 012 | 1342 | 1355 | . 953 | . 1040 | 275 | . 323 |
| XIDIt.AY | 427 | . 014 | 1342 | 1355 | 1.002 | . 032 | 400 | . 4.4 |
| IDEAI. | 2.244 | . 025 | 1346 | 1.357 | 1.065 | . 011 | 2.193 | 2.295 |
| Tlimant | 464 | . 020 | 1261 | 1281 | 1.244 | 044 | +123 | . 505 |
| MIEDELII | . 790 | . 024 | 1261 | 1281 | 1.623 | 030 | . 743 | 837 |
| DIARRI | . 286 | . 015 | 1195 | 1210 | 1.118 | 1053 | 256 | .317 |
| DIARR2 | . 128 | . 012 | 1195 | 1210 | 1.164 | 09 | 105 | 152 |
| ORSTRE: | . 185 | . 025 | 331 | 346 | 1.119 | 133 | . 136 | 234 |
| MIED'RIE: | . 272 | . 025 | 331 | 346 | 1.009 | (10)2 | .222 | 322 |
| RISSPI2 | . 171 | . 014 | 1195 | 1210 | 1.188 | 081 | 144 | 199 |
| RISSPII | . 421 | . 016 | 1195 | 1210 | 1.091 | .039 | . 388 | . 4.4 |
| ICARI) | 419 | . 032 | 294 | 299 | 1.102 | . 075 | 356 | $1 \times 2$ |
| BCC | . 890 | . 022 | 294 | 299 | $1.23,3$ | . 025 | 8.86 | 935 |
| ${ }^{\text {D }}$ 13 3 | . 739 | . 031 | 294 | 299) | 1.232 | . 143 | . 677 | 802 |
| P OL 3 | . 733 | . 032 | 294 | 299 | 1.236 | . 043 | . 670 | . 797 |
| MEASIIE: | . 783 | . 027 | 294 | 299 | 1.119 | .034 | 729 | 836 |
| FULIIM | . 616 | . 033 | 294 | 299 | 1.172 | 05.4 | . 550 | 18.2 |


| Table C. 11 Sampling errors - Age 25-34, Turkey 1993 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
|  |  |  | Unweighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $R+2 S E$ |
| URBAN | . 666 | . 013 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.368 | . 019 | . 640 | . 692 |
| SECATT | . 208 | . 011 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.385 | . 054 | . 186 | . 230 |
| SECGRD | . 184 | . 011 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.365 | . 057 | . 163 | 205 |
| CURMAR | . 980 | . 003 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.149 | . 003 | . 973 | . 986 |
| AGEMAR | 18.993 | . 099 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.377 | . 005 | 18.796 | 19.190 |
| PREGNT | . 074 | . 006 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.112 | . 078 | . 063 | . 086 |
| NUPREG | 3.407 | . 052 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.282 | . 015 | 3.302 | 3.511 |
| NUMISC | . 263 | . 012 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.018 | . 047 | . 238 | . 288 |
| EVBORN | 2.675 | . 048 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.477 | . 018 | 2.579 | 2.771 |
| XEVB | 2.694 | . 048 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.464 | . 018 | 2.598 | 2.790 |
| SURVIV | 2.438 | . 040 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.438 | . 016 | 2.359 | 2.518 |
| KMETHO | . 995 | . 002 | 2510 | 2494 | 1.125 | . 002 | . 992 | . 998 |
| XKMOD | . 994 | . 002 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.110 | . 002 | . 990 | . 997 |
| XKSOUR | . 967 | . 005 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.279 | . 005 | . 958 | . 977 |
| XEVUSE | 866 | . 009 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.361 | . 011 | . 848 | . 885 |
| XCUSE | . 724 | . 012 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.313 | . 016 | . 700 | . 747 |
| XCUPIL | . 076 | . 006 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.204 | . 085 | . 063 | . 089 |
| XCUIUD | . 249 | . 011 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.245 | . 044 | . 227 | . 270 |
| XCUCON | . 078 | . 006 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.105 | . 077 | . 066 | . 090 |
| XCUWIT | . 267 | . 011 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.184 | . 040 | . 246 | . 288 |
| XCUSTE | . 025 | . 003 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.043 | . 132 | . 018 | . 031 |
| XCUPAB | . 012 | . 002 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.129 | . 207 | . 007 | . 017 |
| XCUMOD | . 439 | . 012 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.210 | . 028 | . 415 | . 463 |
| XPSOUR | . 545 | . 018 | 1072 | 1073 | 1.216 | . 034 | . 508 | . 582 |
| XNOMOR | . 745 | . 009 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.031 | . 012 | . 727 | . 763 |
| XDELAY | . 112 | . 007 | 2460 | 2443 | 1.133 | . 064 | . 097 | . 126 |
| IDEAL | 2.334 | . 019 | 2479 | 2462 | 1.026 | . 008 | 2.296 | 2.372 |
| TETANU | . 430 | . 016 | 1945 | 1935 | 1.226 | . 037 | . 398 | . 462 |
| MEDELI | . 767 | . 018 | 1945 | 1935 | 1.485 | . 024 | . 730 | . 803 |
| DIARRI | . 223 | . 012 | 1853 | 1843 | 1.130 | . 052 | . 200 | . 246 |
| DIARR2 | . 099 | . 008 | 1853 | 1843 | 1.070 | . 079 | . 083 | . 115 |
| ORSTRE | . 138 | . 017 | 396 | 411 | . 964 | . 123 | . 104 | . 172 |
| MEDTRE | . 231 | . 025 | 396 | 411 | 1.137 | . 106 | . 182 | . 281 |
| RESP12 | . 147 | . 010 | 1853 | 1843 | 1.120 | . 069 | . 127 | . 168 |
| RISSPI | . 382 | . 015 | 1853 | 1843 | 1.224 | . 040 | . 352 | . 412 |
| HICARD | . 439 | . 033 | 342 | 340 | 1.196 | . 074 | . 373 | . 504 |
| BCG | . 898 | . 019 | 342 | 340 | 1.182 | . 022 | . 859 | . 936 |
| DPT3 | . 815 | . 026 | 342 | 340 | 1.205 | . 031 | . 764 | . 866 |
| POL3 | . 811 | . 027 | 342 | 340 | 1.262 | . 033 | . 757 | . 865 |
| MEASLE | . 775 | . 025 | 342 | 340 | 1.079 | . 032 | . 725 | . 825 |
| fULLIM | . 663 | . 027 | 342 | 340 | 1.041 | . 041 | . 609 | .717 |

Table C. 12 Sampling errors - Age 35-49, Turkey 1993

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design cffect (DEFT) | Relative ептог (SE/R) | Conlidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  |  | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| URBAN | . 628 | . 012 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.329 | . 020 | . 603 | . 653 |
| SECATT | . 133 | . 010 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.541 | . 076 | . 113 | . 153 |
| SECGRD | . 115 | . 009 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.485 | . 080 | . 097 | . 133 |
| CURMAR | . 932 | . 005 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.052 | . 006 | . 922 | . 942 |
| AGEMAR | 18.470 | . 089 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.179 | . 005 | 18.292 | 18.647 |
| PREGNT | . 011 | . 002 | 2648 | 2653 | . 939 | . 177 | . 007 | . 014 |
| NUPREG | 5.692 | . 082 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.308 | . 014 | 5.529 | 5.856 |
| NUMISC | . 451 | . 020 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.087 | . 044 | . 411 | . 490 |
| EVBORN | 4.370 | . 075 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.474 | . 017 | 4.220 | 4.519 |
| XEVB | 4.406 | . 077 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.474 | . 018 | 4.251 | 4.560 |
| XEVB40 | 4.740 | . 101 | 1433 | 1447 | 1.384 | . 021 | 4.538 | 4.942 |
| SURVIV | 3.720 | . 056 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.420 | . 015 | 3.608 | 3.833 |
| KMETHO | . 988 | . 003 | 2648 | 2653 | 1.198 | . 003 | . 983 | . 993 |
| XKMOD | . 981 | . 003 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.159 | . 003 | . 974 | . 987 |
| XKSOUR | . 942 | . 006 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.328 | . 007 | . 929 | . 954 |
| XeVUSE | . 838 | . 009 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.257 | . 011 | . 819 | . 857 |
| XCUSE | . 628 | . 010 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.003 | . 016 | . 608 | . 647 |
| XCUPIL | . 028 | . 004 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.073 | . 127 | . 021 | . 035 |
| XCUIUD | . 154 | . 009 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.230 | . 058 | . 136 | . 172 |
| XCUCON | . 065 | . 006 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.129 | . 086 | . 053 | . 076 |
| xcuwit | . 289 | . 010 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.115 | . 035 | . 268 | . 309 |
| xCuste | . 048 | . 004 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.018 | . 092 | . 039 | . 056 |
| XCUPAB | . 010 | . 003 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.259 | . 249 | . 005 | . 015 |
| XCUMOD | . 312 | . 011 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.126 | . 034 | . 291 | . 333 |
| XPSOUR | . 535 | . 020 | 771 | 772 | 1.085 | . 036 | . 496 | . 574 |
| XNOMOR | . 877 | . 007 | 2471 | 2473 | . 898 | . 008 | . 862 | . 891 |
| XDELAY | . 014 | . 005 | 2471 | 2473 | 1.025 | . 373 | . 004 | . 025 |
| IDEAS. | 2.536 | . 033 | 2574 | 2583 | 1.342 | . 013 | 2.470 | 2.602 |
| tetanu | . 291 | . 026 | 482 | 484 | 1.087 | . 088 | . 240 | . 342 |
| MEDELI | . 647 | . 035 | 482 | 484 | 1.291 | . 054 | . 578 | . 717 |
| DIARR1 | . 244 | . 024 | 445 | 444 | 1.113 | . 098 | . 196 | . 292 |
| DIARR2 | . 124 | . 019 | 445 | 444 | 1.146 | . 154 | . 086 | . 163 |
| ORSTRI: | . 173 | . 041 | 109 | 108 | 1.078 | . 238 | . 091 | . 255 |
| MEDTRE: | . 235 | . 038 | 109 | 108 | . 923 | . 164 | . 158 | . 312 |
| RLSPP12 | . 139 | . 019 | 445 | 444 | 1.092 | . 137 | . 101 | . 177 |
| RISPPI | . 392 | . 029 | 445 | 444 | 1.157 | . 074 | . 334 | . 451 |
| IICARI) | . 301 | . 056 | 80 | 77 | . 987 | . 187 | . 189 | . 413 |
| BCG | . 866 | . 050 | 80 | 77 | 1.282 | . 058 | . 766 | . 966 |
| DPT3 | . 748 | . 053 | 80 | 77 | 1.056 | . 071 | . 643 | . 854 |
| POL3 | . 754 | . 054 | 80 | 77 | 1.091 | . 072 | . 646 | . 863 |
| MIEASLE | . 779 | . 046 | 80 | 77 | . 953 | . 058 | . 688 | . 870 |
| FULLIM | . 652 | . 058 | 80 | 77 | 1.048 | . 089 | . 536 | .768 |

Table C. 13 Sampling errors for total fertility rates and infant mortality rates, Turkey 1993

| Variable | Valuc (R) | Standard crror (Sl) | Number of cases |  | Design eflect (DIFT) | Relative error ( S : $/ \mathrm{R}$ ) | Conlidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SI}$ |
| Total fertility rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.373 | . 114 | 5703 | 5775 | 1.159 | . 048 | 2.144 | 2.602 |
| Rural | 3.101 | . 248 | 3672 | 3687 | 1.575 | . 080 | 2.604 | 3.598 |
| Total ${ }^{\text {l }}$ | 2.647 | . 112 | 9201 | 9263 | 1.324 | . 042 | 2.423 | 2.870 |
| Infant mortality rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 44.038 | 4.992 | 2277 | 2284 | 1.027 | . 113 | 34.053 | 54.022 |
| Rural | 65.442 | 7.860 | 1538 | 1539 | 1.276 | . 120 | 49.722 | 81.163 |
| Total | 52.574 | 4.391 | 3815 | 3823 | 1.148 | . 084 | 43.793 | 61.355 |

'It should be noted that adding the number of cases for urban and rural areas does not provide the total number of cases for the entire country. The calculation of the total ferility rate is based on years of exposure by women and the cases are not additive in separate domains.

## APPENDIX D

## DATA QUALITY TABLES

## Table D. 1 Household age distribution

Single-year age distribution of the de facto household population by sex (weighted). Turkey 1993

| Age | Male |  | Femalc |  | Age | Male |  | Female |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage |  | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage |
| 0 | 396 | 2.1 | 373 | 1.9 | 37 | 250 | 1.3 | 212 | 1.1 |
| 1 | 328 | 1.8 | 315 | 1.6 | 38 | 258 | 1.4 | 271 | 1.4 |
| 2 | 329 | 1.8 | 323 | 1.7 | 39 | 187 | 1.0 | 183 | 0.9 |
| 3 | 365 | 1.9 | 325 | 1.7 | 40 | 285 | 1.5 | 297 | 1.5 |
| 4 | 374 | 2.0 | 355 | 1.8 | 41 | 134 | 0.7 | 149 | 0.8 |
| 5 | 362 | 1.9 | 355 | 1.8 | 42 | 183 | 1.0 | 188 | 1.0 |
| 6 | 385 | 2.1 | 415 | 2.1 | 43 | 22. | 1.2 | 224 | 1.1 |
| 7 | 468 | 2.5 | 444 | 2.3 | 44 | 130 | 0.7 | 135 | 0.7 |
| 8 | 481 | 2.6 | 468 | 2.4 | 45 | 227 | 1.2 | 217 | 1.1 |
| 9 | 467 | 2.5 | 392 | 2.0 | 46 | 125 | 0.7 | 139 | 0.7 |
| 10 | 517 | 2.8 | 499 | 2.5 | 47 | 130 | 0.7 | 134 | 0.7 |
| 11 | 450 | 2.4 | 419 | 2.1 | 48 | 158 | 0.8 | 157 | 0.8 |
| 12 | 521 | 2.8 | 511 | 2.6 | 49 | 102 | 0.5 | 81 | 0.4 |
| 13 | 546 | 2.9 | 497 | 2.5 | 50 | 226 | 1.2 | 198 | 1.0 |
| 14 | 446 | 2.4 | 472 | 2.4 | 51 | 105 | 0.6 | 169 | 0.9 |
| 15 | 444 | 2.4 | 471 | 2.4 | 52 | 118 | 0.6 | 209 | 1.1 |
| 16 | 446 | 2.4 | 498 | 2.5 | 53 | 150 | 0.8 | 191 | 1.0 |
| 17 | 439 | 2.3 | 521 | 2.7 | 54 | 104 | 0.6 | 130 | 0.7 |
| 18 | 428 | 2.3 | 492 | 2.5 | 55 | 248 | 1.3 | 285 | 1.5 |
| 19 | 344 | 1.8 | 382 | 2.0 | 56 | 127 | 0.7 | 126 | 0.6 |
| 20 | 298 | 1.6 | 453 | 2.3 | 57 | 100 | 0.5 | 126 | 0.6 |
| 21 | 221 | 1.2 | 352 | 1.8 | 58 | 126 | 0.7 | 116 | 0.6 |
| 22 | 311 | 1.7 | 389 | 2.0 | 59 | 87 | 0.5 | 76 | 0.4 |
| 23 | 358 | 1.9 | 360 | 1.8 | 60 | 269 | 1.4 | 327 | 1.7 |
| 24 | 310 | 1.7 | 317 | 1.6 | 61 | 95 | 0.5 | 64 | 0.3 |
| 25 | 360 | 1.9 | 355 | 1.8 | 62 | 106 | 0.6 | 99 | 0.5 |
| 26 | 261 | 1.4 | 284 | 1.5 | 63 | 116 | 0.6 | 108 | 0.6 |
| 27 | 297 | 1.6 | 315 | 1.6 | 64 | 72 | 0.4 | 78 | 0.4 |
| 28 | 298 | 1.6 | 298 | 1.5 | 65 | 222 | 1.2 | 239 | 1.2 |
| 29 | 228 | 1.2 | 221 | 1.1 | 66 | 82 | 0.4 | 116 | 0.6 |
| 30 | 355 | 1.9 | 382 | 1.9 | 67 | 85 | 0.5 | 97 | 0.5 |
| 31 | 203 | 1.1 | 219 | 1.1 | 68 | 65 | 0.3 | 57 | 0.3 |
| 32 | 221 | 1.2 | 246 | 1.3 | 69 | 41 | 0.2 | 27 | 0.1 |
| 33 | 250 | 1.3 | 332 | 1.7 | 70+ | 544 | 2.9 | 582 | 3.0 |
| 34 | 203 | 1.1 | 218 | 1.1 | Don't kno |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | 305 | 1.6 | 292 | 1.5 | Missing | 7 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| 36 | 212 | 1.1 | 199 | 1.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | 18710 | 100.0 | 19574 | 100.0 |

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who siept in the household the night before the interview.

1able D. 2 Age distribution of eligible and interviewed women
Five-year age distribution of the de facto household population of women age $10-54$, five-year age distribution of interviewed women age 15-49, and percentage of eligible women who were interviewed (weighted), Turkcy 1993

| Age | Household |  | Ever-married women in household |  | Women |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage | Percentage interviewed |
| 10-14 | 2398 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 15-19 | 2364 | 23.7 | 321 | 4.7 | 298 | 4.6 | 92.9 |
| 20-24 | 1871 | 18.7 | 1089 | 16.0 | 1041 | 16.1 | 95.6 |
| 25-29 | 1474 | 14.8 | 1239 | 18.2 | 1196 | 18.5 | 96.5 |
| 30-34 | 1396 | 14.0 | 1334 | 19.6 | 1283 | 19.9 | 96.1 |
| 35-39 | 1158 | 11.6 | 1133 | 16.6 | 1070 | 16.6 | 94.5 |
| 40-44 | 992 | 9.9 | 969 | 14.2 | 899 | 13.9 | 92.8 |
| 45-49 | 728 | 7.3 | 721 | 10.6 | 674 | 10.4 | 93.5 |
| 50-54 | 897 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 15-49 | 9983 | NA | 6806 | NA | 6461 | NA | 94.9 |

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who slept in the household the night before interview.
$\mathrm{NA}=$ Not applicable

Table D. 3 Completeness of reporting
Percentage of observations missing information for selected demographic and health questions, Turkey 1993

|  |  | Percentage <br> o「 reference <br> group with <br> missing |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Subject | Reference group |  |  |
| information |  |  |  | Number

'Both year and age missing
${ }^{2}$ Child not measured

## Table D. 4 Births by calendar year since birth

Distribution of births by calendar years since birh for living, dead, and all children, according to reporting completeness, sex ratio at birth, and ratio of births by calendar year, Turkey 1993

|  | Total number of births |  |  | Percentage with complete birth date ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Scx ratio at birth ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Calendar ratio ${ }^{3}$ |  |  | Number of male births |  |  | Number of female births |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ycar | living | Dead | All | Living | Dead | All | Living | Dead | All | Living | Dead | All | Living | Dead | All | Living | Dead | All |
| 93 | 570 | 18 | 588 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 108.0 | 368.9 | 111.6 | - | - | - | 296 | 14 | 310 | 274 | 4 | 278 |
| 92 | 724 | 47 | 771 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 111.9 | 85.0 | 110.0 | 117.4 | 154.8 | 119.2 | 382 | 22 | 404 | 342 | 26 | 367 |
| 91 | 663 | 44 | 707 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 101.3 | 103.8 | 101.4 | 92.5 | 100.4 | 93.0 | 334 | 22 | 356 | 329 | 21 | 351 |
| 90 | 709 | 39 | 748 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 96.1 | 78.0 | 95.1 | 102.4 | 93.0 | 101.9 | 347 | 17 | 365 | 361 | 22 | 383 |
| 89 | 722 | 41 | 762 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 108.7 | 149.2 | 110.6 | 105.4 | 83.3 | 104.0 | 376 | 24 | 400 | 346 | 16 | 362 |
| 88 | 660 | 59 | 719 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 101.1 | 108.3 | 101.7 | 82.5 | 96.2 | 83.5 | 332 | 31 | 362 | 328 | 28 | 356 |
| 87 | 878 | 81 | 959 | 98.2 | 93.4 | 97.8 | 103.9 | 126.5 | 105.7 | 119.0 | 119.6 | 119.1 | 448 | 45 | 493 | 431 | 36 | 466 |
| 86 | 816 | 77 | 893 | 97.7 | 92.6 | 97.2 | 112.9 | 86.3 | 110.3 | 95.3 | 97.0 | 95.4 | 433 | 36 | 468 | 383 | 41 | 425 |
| 85 | 834 | 78 | 912 | 97.2 | 86.6 | 96.3 | 95.9 | 93.6 | 95.7 | 106.1 | 88.3 | 104.3 | 408 | 38 | 446 | 426 | 40 | 466 |
| 84 | 757 | 99 | 856 | 98.2 | 89.3 | 97.2 | 114.4 | 125.4 | 115.6 | - | - | - | 404 | 55 | 459 | 353 | 44 | 397 |
| 89.93 | 3388 | 189 | 3577 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 105.0 | 111.7 | 105.4 | - | - | - | 1735 | 100 | 1835 | 1653 | 89 | 1742 |
| 84.88 | 3944 | 395 | 4339 | 98.2 | 91.9 | 97.6 | 105.4 | 107.8 | 105.6 | - | - | - | 2024 | 205 | 2229 | 1920 | 190 | 2110 |
| 79.83 | 4067 | 508 | 4575 | 97.2 | 89.4 | 96.3 | 106.1 | 131.5 | 108.6 | - | - | - | 2093 | 289 | 2382 | 1974 | 220 | 2193 |
| 74.78 | 3160 | 566 | 3725 | 96.5 | 85.8 | 94.9 | 103.5 | 118.8 | 105.7 | - | - | - | 1607 | 307 | 1915 | 1552 | 259 | 1811 |
| $<74$ | 2851 | 760 | 3610 | 95.5 | 84.1 | 93.1 | 105.7 | 107.7 | 106.1 | - | - | - | 1465 | 394 | 1859 | 1386 | 366 | 1752 |
| All | 17409 | 24181 | 19827 | 97.6 | 88.1 | 96.4 | 105.2 | 115.3 | 106.4 | - | - |  | 8925 | 12941 | 10219 | 8485 | 1123 | 9608 |

[^13]Table D. 5 Reporting of age at death in days
Distribution of reported deaths under 1 month of age by age at death in days and the percentage of neonatal deaths reported to occur at ages 0-6 days, for five-year periods preceding the survey, Turkey 1993

| Age at death (in days) | Number of years preceding the survey |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & 0-19 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 |  |
| 0 | 27 | 25 | 13 | 25 | 91 |
| 1 | 24 | 38 | 29 | 44 | 135 |
| 2 | 9 | 16 | 11 | 11 | 45 |
| 3 | 9 | 24 | 22 | 18 | 72 |
| 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 12 |
| 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 28 |
| 6 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| 7 | 6 | 28 | 23 | 21 | 79 |
| 8 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 10 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 28 |
| 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| 13 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| 14 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| 15 | 2 | 15 | 7 | 8 | 32 |
| 16 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| 17 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 18 | 0 | 1 | 2 | I | 3 |
| 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 20 | 4 | 13 | 19 | 19 | 55 |
| 21 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 22 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 25 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| 27 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 28 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 31 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| Missing | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  |  | $198$ | $168$ | 191 | 664 |
| Early neonatal (\%) | 73.5 | 58.8 | 51.3 | 57.9 | 59.0 |
| ${ }^{1} 0-6$ days/0-30 days |  |  |  |  |  |

## Table D. 6 Reporting of age at death in months

Distribution of reported deaths under 2 years of age hy age at death in months and the percentage of infant deaths reported to occur at age under one month, for five-year periods preceding the survey. Turkey 1993

| Age at death (in months) | Number of years preceding the survey |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & 0-19 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 |  |
| < 1 month ${ }^{1}$ | 108 | 198 | 168 | 191 | 665 |
| 1 | 9 | 22 | 51 | 39 | 122 |
| 2 | 8 | 17 | 32 | 34 | 91 |
| 3 | 7 | 21 | 33 | 36 | 98 |
| 4 | 14 | 14 | 23 | 27 | 77 |
| 5 | 12 | 10 | 17 | 19 | 57 |
| 6 | 10 | 23 | 22 | 27 | 83 |
| 7 | 7 | 17 | 20 | 14 | 57 |
| 8 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 21 | 49 |
| 9 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 33 |
| 10 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 20 |
| 11 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 25 |
| 12 | 7 | 8 | 25 | 20 | 60 |
| 13 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 14 | 1 | 1 | 3 | I | 6 |
| 15 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 16 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 17 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 18 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 35 |
| 20 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 24+ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Total 0-11 | 186 | 345 | 407 | 437 | 1376 |
| 1 year | 1 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 29 |
| Percent neonatal ${ }^{2}$ | 58.0 | 57.2 | 41.3 | 43.7 | 48.3 |

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## APPENDIX E

## CALCULATION OF CONTRACEPTIVE DISCONTINUATION RATES

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The cumulative one-year discontinuation rates represent the proportion of users discontinuing a method within 12 months after the start of use $\left(\mathrm{Q}_{12 \mathrm{j}}\right)$. The monthly rates $\left(\mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)$ are calculated by dividing the number of discontinuations for reason $j$ at each duration of use $i$ in single months ( $d_{i j}$ ) by the number of women exposed at that duration ( $\mathrm{e}_{\mathfrak{j}}$ ):

$$
q_{i j}=\frac{d_{i j}}{e_{i}}
$$

$\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{ij}}$ is the probability of continuing to use at each duration,

$$
p_{i j}=\left(1-q_{k j}\right)
$$

and the cumulative probability of discontinuing within 12 months is

$$
Q_{\mathrm{kj}}=1-\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{kj}}
$$

where $\mathrm{k}=12$.
Note that these are true multiple decrement life tables (sometimes referred to as "net rates"); the various reasons for discontinuation are treated as competing risks and the q's are additive across reasons for discontinuing. The tabulation program is set up to present results for three specific reasons for discontinuation-stopped to get pregnant, became pregnant while using, side effects/health concerns-plus a column for "all other reasons" and a total column. The program can be modified to include additional specific reasons for discontinuation.

All episodes of contraceptive use between January of the first year of the calender and the date of interview are recorded in the calender along with the reason for any discontinuation of use during this period. In addition, in order to obtain the duration of use of any episode that was in progress in January of the first year of the calendar, the date that the respondent started this period of use is collected. Women who were using a method in January of the first year of the calender enter the life table at their duration of use as of that date. (If the woman or her husband was sterilised before January of the first year of the calendar, we use the date of sterilisation to calculate the duration at which she should enter the life table.) Thus, discontinuation rates presented in this table refer to all episodes of contraceptive use occurring during the period of time covered by the calendar, not just those episodes that began during this period. Specifically, the rates presented in Table 4.12 refer to the 60 -month period 3-63 months prior to the survey; the month of interview and the prior 2 months are ignored in order to avoid the bias that may be introduced by unrecognised pregnancies.

The program is currently set up to suppress results for specific contraceptive methods that have fewer than 125 women exposed in month 1 .

Special cases are handled as follows:

- If the reason for discontinuation in the calendar is missing, the discontinuation is grouped in the "All other reasons" category.
- If the year of the start date of the segment of use in progress in January of the first year of the calendar is missing and:
- If there is a birth prior to the calendar period, then the segment of use is assumed to begin one month after the birth
- If there is no birth prior to the calendar period, but the marriage started before the calendar, then the segment of use is assumed to begin one month after marriage.
- If the year of the start date of the segment of use in progress in January of the first year of the calendar is known, a range of possible start dates (January-December of the year given if the month is not known) is calculated. Note that if the month is known, the range consists of only one month.
- If the lower bound of the range is on or before the date of the last birth prior to the start of the calendar, the segment is assumed to begin one month after the birth
- If the lower bound of the range is after the date of the last birth prior to the start of the calendar, the segment is assumed to begin at the mid-point of the range
- If the date of sterilisation is on or before the date of the last birth prior to the start of the calendar, the segment is assumed to begin on the date of that birth. Note that the date of sterilisation should be before the date of the last birth only in the case of male sterilisation.


## APPENDIX F

## SURVEY INSTRUMENTS

## 1993 TURKISH DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY

 HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE

| INTERVIEWER VISITS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | FINAL VISIT |
| DATE : <br> INTERV <br> RESULT | MONTH <br> NAME AME |  |  | $\qquad$ |  |
| NEXT <br> VISIT | DAY <br> MONTH <br> HOUR | - | - |  | TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS $\square$ |

(*) RESULT CODES :
1 COMPLETED
2 HOSEHOLD PRESENT BUT NO COMPETENT RESPONDENT AT HOME
3 HOUSEHOLD ABSENT
4 POSTPONED
5 REFUSED
6 DWELLING VACANT OR ADDRESS NOT A DWELLING
7 DWELLING DESTROYED
8 DWELLING NOT FOUND
9 OTHER
(SPECIFY)



I want to be sure that $I$ have completed the full list of those in this household :

1. Are there any other persons such as small children and infants ?
2.Are there any other persons who are not members of your family but live here, YES such as lodgers, friends, servants ?


IF THE HOUSEHOLD LIST COMPRISES MORE THAN 10 PERSONS, TICK here and continue listing the HOUSEHOLD ON A SEPARATE FORM. PROCEED WITH THE REST OF THE INTERVIEW ON THE ADDITIONAL FORM.


(*) CODES FOR RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLD HEAD :

| 01. HEAD | 05.GRANDCHILD | 09. BROTHER-SISTER | 13.OTHER RELATIVE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 02.WIFE-HUSBAND | 06.MOTHER-FATHER | IN LAW | 14.NOT RELATED |
| 03. SON-DAUGHTER | 07.MOTHER-FATHER | 10.FATHERS SIBLING |  |
| 04. SON-DAUGHTER | IN LAW | 11.MOTHERS SIBLING | 98.DK |
| IN LAW | 08. BROTHER-SISTER | 12.STEP CHILD |  |



## HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

| 33 | What is the source of water your housebold uses for handwashing and dishwashing ? | PIPED WATER <br> PIPED WATER IN HOUSE/GARDEN... 11 PUBLIC TAP......................... . 12 WELI. WATER <br> WELL IN RESIDENCE/YARD/PLOT... 21 <br> PUBLIC WELL........................ . 22 <br> SURFACE WATER <br> SPRING. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 31 <br> RIVER/STREAM. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 32 <br> POND/LAKE. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 33 <br> DAM. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $3^{4}$ <br> RAINWATER. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 41 <br> TANKER. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 51 <br> BOTTLED WATER/DEMIJOHN . . . . . . . . . . 61 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 71 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 35 | Do you obtain drinking water fron the same source as water for handwashing and dishwashing ? |  |
| 36 | What is the source of your drinking water? | PIPED WATER <br> PIPED WATER IN HOUSE/GARDEN... 11 PUBLIC TAP......................... . . 12 WELL WATER <br> WELL IN RESIDENCE/YARD/PLOT... 21 <br> PUBLIC WELL........................ 22 <br> SURFACE WATER <br> SPRING. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 31 <br> RIVER/STREAM. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 32 <br> POND/LAKE. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 33 <br> DAM. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 34 <br> RAINWATER. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 41 <br> TANKER. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 51 <br> BOTTLED WATER/DEMIJOHN. . . . . . . . . 61 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 71 |
| 37 | Now 1 would like to ask you questions about the toilet facility of your house. Is the toilet in the house or outside ? |  |
| 38 | What type of toilet is it ? Is it a flush toilet, a closed pit or an open pit ? | FLUSH TOILET......................... 1 CLOSED PIT. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 OPEN PIT. $\qquad$ |




GO BACK TO THE FRONT COVER AND COMPIETE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.



| (*) RESULT CODES : |
| :--- |
| 1 COMPLETED |
| 2 NOT AT HOME |
| 3 POSTPONED |
| 4 |
| 5 REFUSED |
| 6 PARTLY COMPLETED |
| 6 OTHER_(SPECIFY) |



Do you read a newspaper or magazine at least
$\left|\begin{array}{c}\text { yes } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ \text { no. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1\end{array}\right|$

EASILY. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
WITH DIFFICULTY................... . . . 2
NOT AT ALL............................ $3-111$
$\qquad$
SECONDARY
OR HJGHER

$\rightarrow 110$

109
Can you read and understand a letter or newspaper easily, with difficulty, or not at all? once a weex?
| yes. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
$\qquad$

112 Do you watch television al least | once a week? |
| :--- |

$\qquad$
YES.
.1
once a weck?
No.
.2


113B
How many cigarettes do you smoke per day on the average? average no. of cigarettes.


What is your mother tongue ?

RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE.


|  | It addition to your mother tongue, which language (s) can you speak and or understand? <br> RECOHD ALL MENTIONED. | TURKISH. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A <br>  <br> ARABIC. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $C$ <br> ARMENIAN. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . D <br> CIRCASSIAN. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\mathbf{E}$ <br> GEORGIAN. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . F <br> HEBREW. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $G$ <br> PERSIAN. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . <br> GREEK. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . I <br> L/". Language. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . J <br> east eldropean languages <br> (BUl.garlan, russian, SERBIAN, <br> rumanian, bosnian etc)........... $k$ <br> WEST EUROPEAN LANGUAGES <br> (ENGIISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, <br> SPANISH, ITAIIIAN ETC)............ l OTHER $\qquad$ M <br> (SPECIFY) <br> KNOWS NO OTHER LANGUAGE.......... ! |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 114 C | What is (was) your mother's mother tongue? <br> RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE. |  |
| 1140 | What is (was) your father's mother tongue ? <br> RECOR! ONI.Y ONE RESPONSE. |  |



| 121 | What is the sourre of your drinking water ? | PIPED WATER PIPED WATER IN HOUSE/GARDEN $\ldots .11$ PUBLIC TAP . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 12 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1214 | Now 1 would like to ask you questions about the toilet facility of your house. ls the toilet in the house or outside? | INSIDE. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> oUTSIDE. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> NO TOILET FACILITY. . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 <br> OTHEK $\qquad$ 4 <br> (SPPCIFY) |
| 1218 | What type of toilet is it ? Is it a flush toilet, a closed pit or an open pit ? | flush toilet. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 CLOSED PIT. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 |
| 121C | Is the toilet cused by only those in this household, or is it shared by members of another household ? | THis household only . . . . . . . . . . 1 Shared. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |
| 122H | Is there a place for washing hands in the toilet ? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |
| 122C | What is the source of heating in winter ? |  |
| 124 | How many rooms in your household are used for sleeping ? | ROOMS FOR SLEEPING......... |



201 Now I would like to ask about all the births you have had during your life. Have you ever given birth?


202 Do you have any sons or daughters to whom you have given birth who are now living with you?
YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

$203 \boldsymbol{l}$| How many sons live wi |
| :--- |
| And how many daughters |
| IF NONE RFCORD |

SONS AT HOME . ................

204 Do you have any sons or daughters to whom you have given birth who are alive but do not live with you?

$205\left(\begin{array}{l}\text { How many sons are alive but do not live with you? } \\ \text { And how many daughters are alive but do not live with } \\ \text { you? } \\ \text { IF NONE RECORD ' } 00^{\prime} .\end{array}\right.$
SONS ELSEWHERE . . . . . .........

| 206 | Have vou ever given birth to a boy or a girl who was born alive but later died? JF NO, PROBE: Any baby who eried or showed any sign of life but only survived a few hours or days? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO $\qquad$ $2 \longrightarrow 208$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |


| 207 | In all, how many boys have died? And how many girls have died? <br> IF NONE RECORD 'OO'. | BOYS DEAD.................. <br> GIRLS DEAD................... |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 208 | FIND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN : SUM ANSWERS TO 203. 205, ANI 207. AND ENTPR TOTAL. IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | TOTAL. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |



CONTINUE: WITH
THE BIRTH HISTORY
(Q.211)

211 Now lould like to talk to you about all of your births, whether still alive or not. starting with the first one you had.
RECORD NAMES OF ALI, BIRTHS IN 212. KECOHD TWINS ANI TRIPIETS ON SEPARATE LINES. MAKE SURE TO RECORD IJECEASH:D CIILIDREN FROM MULTTIPIE: BJRTHS BEFOHE THOSE SURVIVING.

| 212 What name whs given (first, next) baby ? <br> WRITE 'BABY' JF THE: BABY DIED BFFFORE, A Nam\& was givfin. | 213 RF:CORD SINGLE OH MLLTIPIE: BIRTII status | 214 Is (NAME) a boy or a girl? | 214A where were you 1 iving at the time of (NAME)s birth ? which province was this place in? <br> IF IN CURRENT PLACE, CIRCLE "OO" AND CONTINUE. OTHERWYSE, RECORD NAME AND CODE OF THE PROVINCE. CIRCLE " 90 " IF ABROAD. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{011}{\text { (NAME) }}$ | SJNG].f. . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> MULTIPILE. . . . . . . . 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BOY . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { GIRL. . . . . . . . } 2 \end{aligned}$ | CURRENT PHOVINCE. . . . . . . . . 00 <br> PROVINCE NAME $\qquad$ <br> ABROAD $\qquad$ |
| $\underbrace{02}_{\text {(NAME, }}$ | SINGI.E. . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> MUSTIPLE........ 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BOY . . . . . . . . . . } \\ & \text { GIRL . . . . . . . . } 2 \end{aligned}$ | CURRENT PROVINCE.......... 00 <br> PROVINCE NAME $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> ABROAD. $\qquad$ |
| $\frac{031}{\text { (NAME) }}$ | SINGIEE. . . . . . . . . 1 <br> MULT1Fl.F. . . . . . . . 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BOY . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { GIRL . . . . . . . . } 2 \end{aligned}$ | CURRENT PROVINCE . . . . . . . . . . 00 <br> PROVINCE NAME $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> ABROAD . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 90 |
| $\frac{041}{}$ | SINGl.E. . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> MULTIPI.F. . . . . . . . 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BOY . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { GIRL . . . . . . . . } 2 \end{aligned}$ | CURRENT PROVINCE. . . . . . . . . 00 <br> PROVINCE NAME $\qquad$ <br> ABROAD. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 90 |
| 05 | S INGI.E. . . . . . . . . . 1 | BOY . . . . . . . . 1 | CURRENT PROVINCE. . . . . . . . . 00 |
| (NAME) | MULT I PLE . . . . . . . 2 |  | PROVINCE NAME $\qquad$ <br> ABROAD. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 90 |


| 215 In what month and year was (NAME) born ? <br> PROBE : What is his/her birthday ? OR : In what season was he/she born ? <br> NOTE : THE YEAR OF BIRTI HAS TO BE DETERMINED | 216 Is (NAME)  <br> still  <br> alive ?  <br>   <br>   <br>   <br>   <br>  How old was <br>  (NAME) at his <br>  last birthday ? <br>  RECORD AGE IN <br>  COMPLETED YEARS. <br>  MAKE CALCULATI- <br>  ONS FOR CONSIS- <br>  TENCY | 220 If DEAD : <br> Hou old vas he/she when she died ? <br> IF "1 YEAR", PRORE : How many months old was (NAME) ? <br> RECORD DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 MONTII. RECORD MONTHS IF LESS THAN 2 years, RECORD YEARS OTHERWISE. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MONTH. <br> YEAR. |  | DAYS. $\qquad$ <br> MONTHS . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> YEARS $\qquad$ |
| MONTH. <br> YEAR. $\square$ |  | DAYS............. 1 <br> MONTHS. . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> YEARS. $\qquad$ |
| MONTH <br> YEAR. |  | DAYS <br> . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> MONTHS . $\qquad$ <br> yEARS $\qquad$ |
| MONTH. <br> YE:AR |  | DAYS . . . . . . . . . . 1   <br> MONTHS . . . . . . . . 2   <br>    <br> YEARS . . . . . . . . . 3   |
| MONTH <br> YEAR |  | DAYS <br> MONTHS $\qquad$ .2 <br> YEARS $\qquad$ .3 |



| 215 In what month and year was (NAME:) born ? <br> PHOBE : What is his/her birthday ? OR : In what season was he/she born ? <br> NOTE : THE YEAR OF BIRTH HAS TO BE DETERMINF,D | $\begin{gathered} 216 \text { Is (NAMF) } \\ \text { still } \\ \text { alive? } \end{gathered}$ | 217 IF ALIVE : <br> How old was (NAME) at his last birthday ? RECORD AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS. MAKE CALCULATIONS FOR CONSISTENCY | 220 IF DEAD : <br> How old was he/she when she died ? <br> IF "1 YEAR", PROBE : How many months old was (NAME) ? <br> RECORD DAYS IF less than 1 MONTH, RECORD MONTHS IF less than 2 years, RECORD YEARS OTHERWISE. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MONTH. $\qquad$ <br> YEAR. | YES....... 1 <br>  | age in years <br> (NEXT BIRTH) | DAYS $\qquad$ <br> MONTHS. . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> YEARS $\qquad$ |
| MONTH . . . . . . . . . YEAR. . . . . . . . . . $\square$ | YES....... 1 $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text { NO } \ldots . .2 .2 \\ 220 \end{array}\right]$ | AGE IN YEARS <br> (NEXT BIRTH) |  |
| MONTH . . . . . . . . . . YEAR. . . . . . . . . . $\square$ | YES. . . . . . 1 | AGE IN YEARS <br> (NEXT BIRTH) | DAYS $\qquad$ <br> MONTHS........... . 2 <br> YEARS............ 3 |
| MONTH <br> YEAR. | YES...... . 1 | AGE IN YEARS <br> (NEXT BIRTH) | DAYS.............. 1 <br> MONTHS $\qquad$ <br> YEARS $\qquad$ |
| MONTH <br> YEAR. | YES....... 1 | AGE IN YEARS <br> (NEXT BIRTH) | DAYS. <br> MONTHS. . . . . . . . . 2 <br> YEARS. . . . . . . . . . 3 |

221 COMPARE 208 WITH NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN HISTORY ABOVE AND MARK:


CHECK: FOR EACH BIRTH: YEAR OF BIRTH IS RECORDED (215)

FOR EACH LIVING CHILD: CURRENT AGE IS RECORDED (217)

FOR EACH DEAD CHILD: AGE at DEATH IS RECORDED (220)

FOR AGE AT DEATH 12 MONTHS: PROBE TO DETERMINE EXACT
NUMEER OF MONTHS (220)


222 CHECK 215 AND ENTER THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS SINCE JANUARY 1988. IF NONE, ENTER 0 AND SKIP TO 224.


223 FOR EACH BIRTH AFTER JANUARY 1988 :

- ENTER "D" IN MONTH AND YEAR OF BIRTH.
- ENTER "H" for each of the 8 preceding months.
- WRITE THE NAME OF THE CHILD TO THE LEFT OF THE "D" CODE.

NOTE : in cases when you have obtained the information that the pregnancy ended before 9 months, you should still mark 8 "h"s. however, put notes in the calendar section.

224 AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CALENDAR, ENTER THE NAME AND BIRTH DATE OF THE LAST CHILD BORN PRIOR TO JANUARY 1988, IF APPLICABLE.
225 Are you pregnant now?

| YES. <br> NO. |
| :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |

226
How many months pregnant are you?
MONTHS


ENTER "H" IN COLUMN 1 OF CALENDAR IN MONTH OF INTERVIEW AND IN EACI PRECEDING MONTH PREGNANT.

## 227

At the time you became pregnant, did you want to become pregnant then, did you want to wait until later,

THEN . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 pregnant then, did you want to wait until later.

LATER. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . or did you not want to become pregnant at all?



How marly months pregnant were you when the pregnancy
LAST PREGNANCY ENDED
LAST PREGNANCY END BEFORE JANUARY 1988 $\qquad$ SINCE JANUARY 1988
$\qquad$ ended?


WASTED PREGNANCIES AFIER JANUARY 1988
(IN COLUMNS 1 ANI) 2 OF THE CAI.ENDAR)

- PROBF TO DETERMINE HOW PREGNANCY ENDED (INDUCED ABORTION, MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH)
- ENTER TIEF APPROPRIATE CODE IN THE MONTII AND YEAR PREGNANCY TERMINATED.

CODES : F - MISCARRIACE
K - INDUCED ABORTION
J - STILSHIRTH

- ENTER "\{" IN EACH PRECEDING MONTH PREGNANT.
- IF THE PREGNANCY ENDED WITH AN INDUCED ABORTION, ENTER CODE FOR THE PERSON INITIATING THE ABORTION IN COLUMN 2 OF TIIE CALENDAR, IN THE MONTH AND YEAR OF TERMINATION.
CODES : L - HFRSELF E - MIDWIFE/NURSE
A - RELATIVE / FRIEND T - DOCTOR IN HOSPITAL
$N$ - TKADITIONAL MIDWIFE R - PRIVATE DOCTOR
w - OTHER

THEN ASK FOR DATES AND DURATIONS OF ANY OTHER PREGNANCIES BACK TO JANUARY 1988. REPEAT THE PROCEDURES AS DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR THESE PREGNANCIES.

ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS :

- How did this pregnancy end ? (was it an abortion, a miscarriage or a stillbirth etc)
- What was the total duration of this pregnancy? How any months pregnant were you ?
- Who initiated the abortion ?

234

When did your last menstrual period start?


CURRENTLY MENSTRUATING. . . . . . . 993
IN MENOPAUSE.................. . 99/
BEFORE LAST BIRTH. . . . . . . . . . . . 995
NEVER MENSTRUATED . . . . . . . . . . . . 996


During which times of the monthly cycle does a woman have the greatest chance of becoming pregnant?

DURING HER PERIOD $\qquad$ RIGHT AFTER HER PERIOD has Ended.2
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CYCLE. ..... 3
JUST BEFORE HER PERIOD BEGINS...OTHER5
(SPECIFY)

DK. .8

2B. MARRIAGE





301 Now 1 would like to talk with you about family planning. There are various methods that a married couple can use to avoid pregnancy. Which ways or methods have you heard ?

- LISTEN TO THE WOMAN'S RESPONSES WITHOUT INTERRUPTING. CIRCLE CODE 1 IN 302 FOR EACH METHOD MENTIONED SPONTANEOUSLY. KEEP HER CONTINUING BY ASKING "ANY OTHER METHOD ?".
beginning with the upfermost method in the list, read the descriptions of the methods not mentioned Spontaneously and ask whether she has heard of the method. if she recognizes the method, circle " 2 " IN 302 ; IF NOT, CIRCLE " 3 ". AFTEK YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS ROUTINE, ALL METHODS MUST HAVE BEEN CODED IN 302.
- HEGINNING WITH THE UPPERMOST METHOD in THE LIST, ASK 303 and 304 FOR ALL METHODS MENTIONED SPONTANE-OUSLY OR AFTER PROBING IN 302.

NOTE : IF THE WOMAN SAYS "YES" TO 304. PROBE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THIS IS REALLY A "PLACE".

|  | 302 Have you ever heard of this method ? <br> READ DESCRIPTION OF EACH METHOD. | 303 Have you ever used this method ? | 304 Do you know where this method could be obtained from ? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 PIll. Women can avoid a pregnancy by taking a pill every day. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES/SPONT . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { YES / PROBED . . . . . . . . . } \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 no . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |
| 02 IUD Women can have the so called spiral or IUD placed in them by a doctor or a nurse which is left there and this avoids pregnancy. | YES/SPONT. . . . . . . . 1 <br> YES/PROLED. . . . . . . . 2 <br> NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 | YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 03 InJe:CTIONS Women ran have an $\qquad$ irijection which stops them from becoming pregnant for a certain period of time. | YES/SPONT. . . . . . . . 1 <br> YES/PROHED. . . . . . . . 2 <br> NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 | YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 no . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |
| 04 DIAPHRAGM. FOAM. JELIY Women can place a sponge. suppository, diaphragm, jelly or cream inside them before intercourse. | YES/SPONT. . . . . . . . . 1 <br> YES/PROBED. . . . . . . . 2 <br> NO. $\qquad$ | YFS. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |
| 05 CONBMM There are methods that men can use so that their wives will not get pregnant. They can use a rubber sheath called condom during sexual intercourse. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES/SPONT . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { YES/PROBELD . . . . . . . . } 2 \\ & \text { NO. . . . . . . . . . . . } 3-2 . \end{aligned}$ | YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |
| 06 NORPlant Now there is a new method. A small capsule is placed by a doctor underneath the skin of the arm and this avoids the women from getting pregnant. | YES/SPONT . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> YES/PROBED . . . . . . . . 2 <br> No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3— | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 $\text { no. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 2$ | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |

302 Have you ever $\mid 303$ Have you ever heard of this method ? READ DESCRIPTION OF EACH METHOD.
used this method ?

304 Do you know where
this method could be obtained from ?

07 TUBAL LIGATION Some women canhave an operation of tubal ligation to avoid having any more children. Afterwards they continue to have their normal husband-wife relationship but they don't have children.
$\qquad$ 08 MALE: STERILIZATION Some men can have an operation called vasectomy so that their wives would not get pregnant. Afterwards they have their normal husband wife relationship but they don't have children

| RHYTHM (PERODIC ABSTINENCE) <br> Couples can avoid having sexual intercourse on certain days of the month when the woman is more likely to become pregnant. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES/SPONT . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { YES/PROBED . . . . . . . } 2 \\ & \text { NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . } 3- \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10 Withorawal Some men pull out during sexual intercourse, that is they can be careful and pull out before climax. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { yES/SPONT . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { yES/PROBED . . . . . . . . } 2 \\ & \text { NO. . . . . . . . . . . . } 3- \end{aligned}$ |
| 11 ABSTINENCE In order to avoid pregnancy, some couples do not have sexual intercourse for several months. |  |

YES/PROHED. . . . . . . . 2
NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3
$3 \square$

No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3
NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3-


Couples can avoid having sexual intercourse on certain days of the month when the woman is more likely to become pregnant.

WITHDRAWAL Some men pull out

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\text { YES/PROBED. . . . . . . . } 2
$$

N is they can be careful and pull out before climax.

ABSTINENCE In order to avoid pregnancy, some couples do not have scxual intercourse for several months.


Have you heard of any other method that women or men can use to avoid pregnancy?


YES/SPONT . . . . . . . . . 1
yes/PROBED. . . . . . . . 2
No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3








| 331A | CHECK COLUMN 1 OF THE CALENDAR : <br> UNCODED BOXES <br> ALL BOXES CODFD |
| :---: | :---: |
| 331 B | CODING METHOD USE SINCE JANUARY 1988 in COLUMNS 1 and 2 of the calendar : <br> BEGIN BY ASKING : <br> I would like to ask some questions about the periods during which your husband or you used a method to avoid getting pregnant. <br> - begin with the last method used. use calendar to probe for earlier periods of use and nonuse. use names of children, durations of pregnancy, dates of birth, dates of marriage ETC. TO PROBE. <br> - IN EACH MONTH OF USE, ENTER CODE FOR METHOD IN COLUMN 1. FOR MONTHS OF NONUSE, ENTER "0". <br> - Enter codes of discontinuation in column 2. determine last month of use in column 1, and ENTER DISCONTINUATION CODES IN THIS MONTH IN COLUMN 2. <br> - ask why she stoffed using the mfthod. if a pregnancy followed. ask whether she became PREGNANT UNINTENTIONALIY WHILE USING THE METHOD OR DELIRERATELY STOPPED TO BECOME fregnant. ENTER THE RESPONSE IN COIUMN 2, TO THE LAST MONTH OF METHOD USE. <br> note : number of codes entered in column 2 must be the same as THE NUMBER OF INTERRUPTIONS OF CONTRACEPTIVE USE IN COLUMN 1 <br> ILI.USTRATIVE QUESTIONS: <br> COLUMN 1: <br> -When was the last time you used a method? Which method was that? <br> -When did you start using that method? How long after the birth of (NAME)? <br> -How long did you use the method then? <br> COLUMN 2: <br> Why did you stop using the (METHOD) ? <br> -Did you become pregnant while using (METHOD), or did you stop to get pregnant. or stop for some other reason? <br> If deliberately stopped to become pregnant, ask: <br> "How many months did it take you to get pregnant after you stopped using (METHOD)? AND ENTER 'O' IN FACH SUCH MONTH IN COLUMN 1. <br> Note : extra probing may be necessary for long period of nonuse : these may actually include method use not mentioned or a not mentioned pregnancy. <br> NOTE : ALL boxes in column 1 should aE filled at this point. |




| 343 | Where can you get this method (METHOD MENTIONED IN 342) <br> (NAME OF PLACE) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 344 | Do you know of a place where you can obtain a method of family planning? |  |
| 345 | Where is that? <br> (NAME OF PLACE) | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT/INSTITUT. HOSP. . . . . . 11 <br> health center/health house.... 12 <br> PRIVATE SECTOR <br> PRIVATE CLINIC OR HOSPITAL.... 21 <br> PHARMACY. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 22 <br> PRIVATE DOCTOR. $\qquad$ <br> OTHER PRIVATE <br> NGO LIKE PP FOUNDATION OR <br> FP ASSOC. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 31 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 41 <br> (SPEC1FY) $\qquad$ 98 |
| 347 | Is it easy or difficult to get there? | EASY. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 DIPFICULT. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |





CHECK 222:
ONE OR MORE
BIRTHS SINCE JAN. $1988 \quad \square \quad \square \quad \square \quad$ SINCE JAN. $1988 \quad$ (SKIP TO 444)

402 enter the line number, name, and survival status of each birth since january 1988 in the table.
ask the questions about all of these births. begin with the last girth. (if there are more than 3 births, USE ADDITIONAL FORMS - DO NOT USE THE LAST BIRTH COLUMN IN THE ADDITIONAL FORM).

Now 1 would like to ask you some more questions about the health of all your children born in the past five years.
(We will talk about one child at a time.)


| 404 How much longer would you like to have waited? | MONTHS. $\qquad$ <br> YeARS $\qquad$ <br> DK. <br> 998 | MONTHS <br> YEARS. $\square$ DK. | MONTHS $\qquad$ <br> YEARS $\qquad$ <br> DK. <br> .998 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| When you were pregnant with (NAME), did you see anyone for antenatal care for this pregnancy ? <br> IF YES, Whom did you see? Anyone else? <br> record all persons seen. |  |  |  |



|  | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NaME | SECOND-FROM-I.AST BIRTH NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Who assisted with the delivery of (NAME) ? <br> Anyone else? <br> PROBE FOR THE TYPE OF PERSON AND RECORD ALLL PERSONS ASSISTING. |  | HEALTH PROPESSIONAL <br> DOCTOR̊. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A <br> MIDWIFE/NURSE. . . . . . . . . . . B <br> OTHER PERSONR <br> TRADITIONAL MIDWIFE.....C <br> NEIGHBOUR/RELATIVE. . . . . . F <br> OTHER $\qquad$ G <br> (SPECIFY) <br> NO ONE. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $H$ | health professional <br> DOCTOR. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A <br> MIDWIFE/NURSE . . . . . . . . . . $B$ <br> OTHER PERSONR <br> TRADITIONAL MIDWIFE.....C <br> NE1GHBOUR/RELATIVE. . . . . . F <br> OTHER $\qquad$ G <br> (SPECIFY) <br> NO ONE. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . H |
| 412A How many months did your pregnancy to (NAME) last ? | MONTHS . . . . . . . . . . . $\square$ | MONTHS . . . . . . . . . . $\square$ | MONTHS . . . . . . . . . . . . $\square$ |
| 412日 CHECK 411: <br> BIRTH IN A HEALTH INSTITUTION? |  |  | Yes <br> No <br> $\rightarrow 414$ |
| 412C What is the main reason for not having done (NAME)s birth in a health institution ? | ACCESSIBILITY PROBLEMS...OI D1STRUST OF INSTITUTIONS <br> OR PERSONNEL............ . . 02 <br> HAPPENED SUDDENLY. . . . . . . . 03 PROBLEMS IN USING HEALTH <br> INSTITUTIONS. . . . . . . . . . . 04 TRADITIONS ETC............. 05 OTHEH $\qquad$ 06 <br> (SPECIFY) <br> NO SPECIFIC REASON....... . 07 DK. $\qquad$ <br> (SKIP TO 418) | ACCESSIBILITY PROBLEMS... 01 DISTRUST OF INSTITUTIONS OR PERSONNEL. . . . . . . . . . 02 HAPPENED SUDDENLY. . . . . . . . 03 PROBLEMS IN USJNG HFALTH INSTITUTIONS. . . . . . . . . . . 04 TRADITIONS ETC............ 05 OTHER $\qquad$ 06 <br> (SPECIFY) <br> NO SPECIFIC REASON....... 07 <br> DK. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 98 <br> (SKIP TO 420) | accessibil.jTy froblems. . 01 DISTRUST OF INSTITUTIONS OR PERSONNEL............ . 02 happened suddenily. . . . . . . 03 PROBLEMS IN USING HFALTH <br> INSTITUTIONS. $\qquad$ 04 TRADITIONS ETC............ 05 OTHER $\qquad$ 06 <br> (SPECIFY) <br> NO SPECIFIC REASON....... 07 <br> DK. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 98 <br> (SKIP TO 420) |
| $414 \begin{aligned} & \text { Was (NAME) delivered } \\ & \text { by caesarian section? }\end{aligned}$ | yes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 no. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | Yes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 no. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |



423 ENTER "X" IN COL. 4 OF CALENDAR IN MONTH AFTER BIRTH and in each month ro current month.
(SKIP TO 424A)

424 For how many months after the birth of (NAME) did you not have sexual relations ?

ENTER "X" IN COL. 4 OF CALENDAR FOR THE NUMBER OF SPECIPIED MONTHS WITHOUT SEXUAL RELATIONS, STARTING IN THE MONTH AFTER BIRTH.

IF less than one month without sexual relations.
ENTER " 0 " IN COL. 4 OF CALENDAR IN THE MONTH AFTER BIRTH.

NOTE THE RESPONSE HERE $\qquad$

| 42/4A | Have you ever swaddled (NAME) ? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |




| 4240 | Did you give the collostrum | YES........ . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | YES.... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | YES......... . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |




|  | NAME LAST BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH NAME $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| At any time yesterday <br> or last night was (NAME) <br> given any of <br> the following : <br> Plain water ? <br> Sugar water? <br> Fruit juice ? <br> Tea ? <br> Baby formula ? <br> Yoghurt ? <br> Pudding ? <br> Juice of cooked meal ? <br> Turkish delight ? <br> Cow's milk ? <br> Pasteurized milk ? <br> Other liquide ? <br> Any solid or mushy food ?- |  |  |  |
| 435 CHECK 434 : <br> FOOD OR LIQUID GIVEN YESTERDAY ? |  |  |  |
| 436 For how many months did you breastdfeed (NAME) ? | ENTER "X" IN COL. 5 OP CALEND BREASTPEEDING, STARTING IN <br> IP BREASTFED POR LESS THAN <br> NOTE THE RESPONSE HERE $\qquad$ | AR POR THE NUMBER OP SPECIFI HE MONTH OP BIRTH. <br> NE MONTH, ENTER "0" IN COL. 5 | MONTHS OF <br> IN MONTH AFTER BIRTH. |
| 437 Why did you stop breastfeeding (NAME) ? | MOTHER ILL/WEAK. . . . . . . . . 01 <br> CHILD ILL/WEAK. . . . . . . . . . 02 <br> CHILD DIED. . . . . . . . . . . . . 03 <br> NIPPLE/BREAST PROBLEM. . . 04 <br> INSUPPICIENT MILK. . . . . . . 05 <br> MOTHER WORKING. . . . . . . . . 06 <br> CHILD REFUSED. . . . . . . . . . 07 <br> WEANING AGE. . . . . . . . . . . . . 08 <br> BECAME PREGNANT. . . . . . . . . 09 <br> STARTED USING <br> CONTRACEPTION. . . . . . . . . . 10 OTHER $\qquad$ 11 <br> (SPECIPY) | MOTHER ILL/WEAK. . . . . . . . . 01 <br> CHILD ILL/WEAK. . . . . . . . . . 02 <br> CHILD DIED................. . . 03 <br> NIPPLE/BREAST PROBLEM. . 04 <br> INSUFPICIENT MILK....... . 05 <br> MOTHER WORKING. . . . . . . . . . 06 <br> CHILD REFUSED. . . . . . . . . . . 07 <br> WEANING AGE...... . . . . . . . 08 <br> became pregnant. . . . . . . . . 09 <br> STARTED USING <br> CONTRACEPTION. . . . . . . . . . 10 OTHER $\qquad$ 11 <br> (SPECIPY) | MOTHER ILL/WEAK. . . . . . . . . 01 <br> CHILD ILL/WEAK. . . . . . . . . . 02 <br> CHILD DIED................. 03 <br> NIPPLE/BREAST PROELEM. . 04 <br> INSUFPICIENT MILK........ 05 <br> MOTHER WORKING. . . . . . . . . . 06 <br> CHILD REFUSED........... . . 07 <br> WEANING AGE................ 08 <br> BECAME PREGNANT.......... 09 <br> STARTED USING <br> CONTRACEPTION. . . . . . . . . . 10 OTHER $\qquad$ 11 <br> (SPECIFY) |




451 enter the line number and name of each birth since january 1988 in the table. ask the questions about all these births. begin with the last birth (if there are more than 3 births, use additional forms - do not use the last birth column in the additional form).



|  |  | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | SECOND-FROM-I.AST HIRTH NAME $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 457A | CHECK 454 AND 457 : <br> CHILD RECEIVED ANY OF THE vaccines ? |  |  |  |
| 457B | Where did (NAME) receive the vaccination the last time ? | MCH/FP. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> HOSP./MATERNITY HOSP.... 2 <br> HEALTH CENTER............ 3 <br> PRIVATE HOSP./CLINIC.... 4 <br> mobile teams............... 5 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 6 <br> (SPECIFY) |  |  |
| 458 | CHECK 216 : <br> CHILD ALIVE? |  | Alive DEAD (SKIP TO 460) | ALIVE <br> dEAD <br> (SKIP TO 460) |
| 459 GO BACK TO 452 FOR NEXT BIRTH. IF NO MORE BIRTHS, SKIP TO 601. |  |  |  |  |


| $460 \boldsymbol{l}$Has (NAME) been ill with a <br> fever at any time in the <br> last 2 weeks ? |
| :--- |


|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
|  |  |


yes. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
no. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8

461 Has (NAME) been ill with a cough at any time in the last 2 weeks ?

| YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 27 | No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 27 |
| (SKIP T0 465) < | (SKIP TO 465) < |
| DK. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 - | DK. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .8- |

YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
NO. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2
DK.............................

462 Has (NAME) been ill with a
| YES............................ 1

| YES | . 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
| NO. | . . 2 |
| DK. |  |

yEs. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

463 For how many days (has the cough lasted / did the cough 1ast) ?

If Less than 1 day. RECORD ' 00 '


DAYS


464 When (NAME) had the illness with a cough, did he/she

| YES <br> NO. <br> DK. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

YES. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1
breathe faster then usual with
short, rapid breaths ?
YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
№. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2
DK. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8
DK. . .8

465 CHECK 460 AND 461 :

FEVLR OR COLCH ?









| 7051 | What language(s) do (did) you usually use to speak with your (last) husband ? <br> HECORI ALA. MENTLONED. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 705. | What is (was) your (last) husband's mother's mither tongur ? <br> hecord oni.y onf hesponse. | TURKISH. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 01 <br> KURDISh, ZaZa...................... 02 <br> arabic. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 03 <br> ARMENIAN. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 04 <br> Citrcassian. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 05 <br> georgian. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 06 <br> Hebrew. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 07 <br> PERSIAN. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 08 <br> GREEK. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 09 <br> laz language. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 <br> East EUROPEAN L.ANGUAGES <br> ( BUIGARIAN, RUSSIAN, SFRBIAN, <br> RUMANIAN, BOSNIAN ETC) . . . . . . . . . 11 WFST EUROPEAN LANGUAGES <br> (ENGLISH, FRENCH, GEKMAN, <br> SpANISH,ITALIAN ETC). . . . . . . . . 12 OTHER $\qquad$ 1.3 <br> (SPECIFY) |
| 705K | What is (was) your (last) husband's father's mother tongue ? <br> RECORD ONI,Y ONF RESPONSE. |  |







# INTERVIEWERS OBSERVATIONS <br> (To be rilled in after completing interview) 

Comments About Respondent :

Comments on Specific Questions: $\qquad$

Any other Comments :

SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS
Name of Supervisor: $\quad$ Date: ___

## EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

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801 CHECX 222 :
HAS ONE OR MORE BIRTHS
SINCE JANUARY 1988
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has no births since
JANUARY 1988

INTERVIEWER : IN 802 (COLUMNS 2-4) RECORD THE LINE NUMBER OF EACH CHILD BORN SINCE JANUARY 1988 AND STILI, alive. IN 803 and 804 hecord the name and birth date for the respondent and for al. l.iving CHILDREN GORN SINCE JANUARY 1988. IN 806 and 808 RECORD HEIGHT AND WEIGHT OF THE respondent and the living children. in t8og record the arm circumference of the rrispondent.
(NOTE : ALL RESPONDENTS WITH ONE OR MORE BIRTHS SINCE JANUARY 1988 SHOULD BE WF:IGHED ANI) measured even if all the children have died. if there are more than 3 living chitdren born SINCE JANUARY 1988, USE ADDITIONAL FORMS).

|  | [1] RESPONDENT | $2^{2} \left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Youngest } \\ & \text { LIVING CHILD }\end{aligned}\right.$ | Living Child | SFCOND-TO- <br> Youngest <br> living CHIl.d |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 802 <br> LINE NO. <br> FROM Q. 212 |  |  |  | $\qquad$ |
| 803 <br> Name FROM Q. 212 FOR CHILDREN | (NAME.) | (NAME) | (NAME) | (NAME) |
| 804 <br> DATE OF BIRTH <br> FROM Q. 104 FOR RESPONDENT <br> FROM Q. 215 FOK CHILDREN, <br> AND ASK FOR DAY OF BIRTH | MONTH. <br> YFAR. | DAY. <br> MONTH. <br> YEAR. | DAY <br> MONTH <br> YEAR. | DAY. <br> MONTH. <br> YEAR. |
| 805 <br> BCG SCAR ON TOP <br> of left shoulder <br> (TUBERCULOSIS INJECTION SCAR) |  | SCAR SEEN. . . . . 1 <br> NO SCAR. . . . . . . 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SCAR SEEN. . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { NO SCar. . . . . . } 2 \end{aligned}$ | SCAR Sfen...... 1 <br> NO SCAR. . . . . . . 2 |
| 806 <br> HEIGHT <br> (in centimeters) |  |  |  |  |
| 807 <br> Was helght/LengTh of child measured lying down or STANDING UP? |  | LYING. . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> STANDING. . . . . . . 2 | LYING. . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> standing. . . . . . 2 | LYING. . . . . . . . . 1 <br> STANDING. . . . . . . 2 |


|  | 11 <br> RESPONDENT | $12 \left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { YOUNGEST } \\ & \text { LIVING CHILD }\end{aligned}\right.$ | NEXT-TO- <br> youncest <br> living child | SECOND-TO- <br> YOUNGEST <br> l.IVING CHILD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 808 <br> WEIGHT <br> (in kilograms) |  | 0 $\square$ |  |  |
| $808 \mathrm{~A}$ <br> ARM Cincumperfince: <br> (in centimeters) |  |  |  |  |
| 809 <br> DATE <br> WE IGHED <br> AND <br> MEASURED | IDAY. <br> MONTH <br> YEAR | DAY. <br> MONTH <br> YEAR. | DAY <br> MONTH. <br> YEAR | DAY. <br> MONTH. <br> YEAR. |
| $810$ <br> RESULT | MEASURED. . . . . . . 1 <br> NOT PRESENT.... 3 <br> REFUSED. . . . . . . 4 <br> OTHER. . . . . . . . . 6 <br> (SPEC1FY) | CHILD MEASURED. 1 <br> CHILD SICK..... 2 <br> CHILD NOT <br> Present........ 3 <br> CHILD REFUSED. . 4 <br> MOTHER REFUSED. 5 <br> OTHER. . . . . . . . . 6 <br> (SPECIFY) | CHILD MEASURED. 1 <br> CHILD SICK. . . . 2 <br> CHILD NOT <br> PRESENT. . . . . . 3 <br> CHILD REFUSED. . 4 <br> MOTHER REFUSED. 5 <br> OTHER. . . . . . . . . 6 $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) | CHILD MEASURED. 1 <br> CHILD SICK. . . . 2 <br> CHILD NOT <br> PRESENT........ 3 <br> CHILD REFUSED. . 4 <br> MOTHER REFUSED. 5 <br> OTHER. . . . . . . . . 6 $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) |
| $811$ <br> NAME OF MEASUREH: |  |  |  |  |

INSTRUCTIONS: ONLY ONE CODE SHOULD APPEAR IN ANY BOX. FOR COLUMNS 1. 6 AND 7 ALL months should be filled in.

INFORMATION TO BE CODED FOR EACH COLUMN
COL 1 : BLRTHS. PREGNANCLES.
CONTRACEPTIVE USE

## D BIRTHS

h pregnancies
$k$ induced abortions
F miscarriages
$J$ Still births
O NO METHOD USED
1 PILL
IUD
INJECTIONS
DIAPHRAGM/FORM/JELLY
CONDOM
NORPLANT
tUBAL LIGATION
MALE STERILIZATION
9 RHYTKM
GITHDRAWAL
c AbSTINENCE
W OTHER $\qquad$
N HONTHS OUT OF WEDLOCK (METHOD USE NOT ASKED)
COL 2 : DISCONT INUATION OF CONTR. USE AND PERSON INITIATING ABORTION
1 became pregnant while using
2 WANTED TO GET PREGNANT
3 HUSBAND DISAPPROVED
4 SIDE EFFECTS
5 health concerns
6 ACCESS/RVAILABILITY
7 WANTED MORE EFFECTIVE METHOD
a inconvenient to use
9 INFREQUENT SEX/hUSBAND AWAY
P cost
y fatalistic
M DIFFICULT TO GET PREGNANT/MENOPAUSE
B DIVORCE/SEPARATION/DEATH OF HUSBAND W OTHER

- DON'T KNOW
l started it herself
A relative/neighbour
n traditional miduife
E MIDWIFE/NURSE
t doctor in hospital
R DOCTOR IN PRIVATE CLINIC
w otrer


## (SPECIFY)

COL 3 : POSTPARTUH AMENORRHEA
$x$ PERIOD DID NOT RETURN
0 less than one month
COL 4 : POSTPARTUM
ABSTINENCE
$x$ no sexual relation
0 Less than one month
COL 5.: BREASTFEEDING
$x$ breastreeding
O LESS THAN ONE MONTH
N NEVER GREASTFED
COL 6 : MARRIAGE
$x$ Married
0 NOT MARRIED
COL 7 : MOVES AND TYPES OF SETTLEMENTS X Change of settlement
1 PROVINCE CENTRE
2 DISTRICT CENTRE
3 Subdistrict / village
4 abroad

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|  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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CONVERSION OF YEARS OF BIRTH FROM RUMI CALENDAR TO MILADI CAIENDAR YEARS :

RUMI YFAR $+584=$ MIIADI YEAR


[^0]:    ${ }^{\text {'S }}$ Single-year age distributions are presented in Appendix D, which includes tables on the quality of the TDHS data.

[^1]:    * Less than 25 cases

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Median age was calculated only for women less than 40 ycars of age to avoid problems of censoring.

    * Less than 25 cases
    () Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 cases

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy

[^4]:    () Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 cases.

[^5]:    'The term married refers both to "currently married" and "currently in union."

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy
    ${ }^{2}$ Wants next birth within 2 years
    ${ }^{3}$ Wants to delay next birth for 2 or more years

[^7]:    Note: Women who have been sterilised are considered to want no more children.
    ${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy
    () Figure in parentheses is based on 25-49 cases

    * Less than 25 cases

[^8]:    ${ }^{I}$ Includes health house, health centre, hospital, and private doctor.
    ${ }^{2}$ Oral rehydration salts

[^9]:    ${ }^{T}$ The 1990 Imocenti Declaration on the Protection, Promotion and Support of Breastfeeding resulted from a meeting sponsored by WHO and UNICEF, and cosponsored by SIDA and USAID.

[^10]:    Nole: Medians and means are based on current status.
    Nither exclusively breastled or received plain water only in addition to breastfeeding.
    N $\wedge=$ Not applicable
    ( ) Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 cases.

[^11]:    ${ }^{2}$ Although the term "height" is used here, children younger than 24 months were measured lying down on a measuring board (recumbent length), whereas standing height was measured for older children.

[^12]:    ${ }^{1}$ Although all women who were permanent residents of or were visitors to the sampled households were interviewed during the fieidwork, the tabulations were restricted to those who had slept in the household the night before the interview, i.e., the analysis was based on the de facto population.

[^13]:    ${ }^{\prime}$ Both year and month of birth given
    ${ }^{2}\left(B_{16} / B_{j}\right)^{*} 100$, where $B_{n}$ and $B_{i}$ are the numbers of male and reniate births, respectively
    ${ }^{3}\left[2 B_{x} /\left(B_{x, 1}+B_{x+1}\right)\right)^{*} 100$, where $B_{x}$ is the number of births in calendar year $x$

[^14]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes deaths under 1 month reported in days
    ${ }^{2}$ Under I month/under I year

