

A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Fertility Patterns in India: Evidence from NFHS-5

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Abstract

The present study examines some dimensions of fertility patterns across states in India using recent data on key indicators obtained from Round 5 of NFHS. The analysis of data shows considerable state-

within-region variations in fertility provides a better understanding of fertility patterns and is useful and relevant for policy purposes.

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