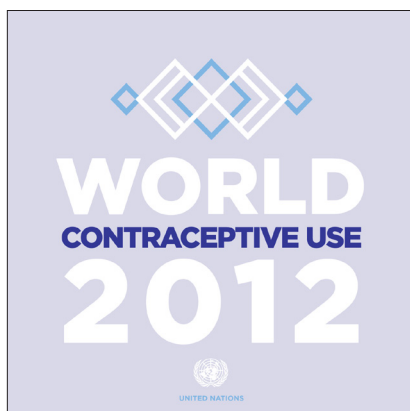




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World Contraceptive Use 2012

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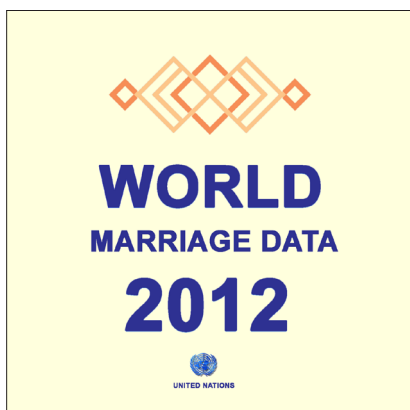
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National, regional, and global rates and trends in contraceptive prevalence and unmet need for family planning between 1990 and 2015: a systematic and comprehensive analysis

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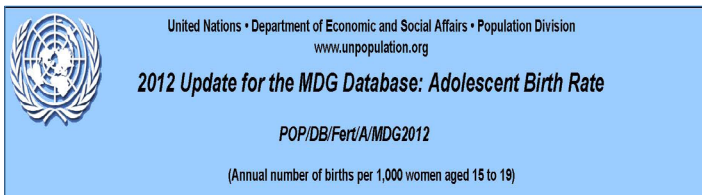
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World Marriage Data 2012

This data set contains comparable and up-to-date data on three key indicators on marital status of the population by age and sex for 221 countries and areas of the world: the percentage currently married, the percentage ever married and the singulate mean age at marriage (SMAM). The data set includes data as of January 2013. For each of these indicators and to the extent that data are available, data are presented for five reference dates: 1970, 1985, 1995, 2005 and the most recent data available. Major sources of data on marital status are censuses, sample surveys and national estimates based on population register data or on estimation methods using census data.



Progress on Millennium Development

Goal 5: Annual updates of data on the adolescent birth rate, contraceptive prevalence and unmet need for family planning.



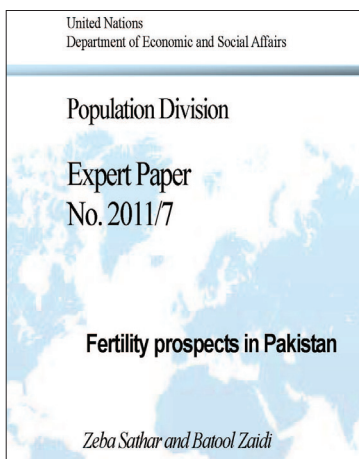
World Fertility Data 2012

World Fertility Data 2012 provides an up-to-date set of data on fertility and the timing of childbearing for all countries and areas of the world. Six key indicators are covered: the annual number of births, crude birth rate, age-specific fertility rates, total fertility, mean age at childbearing and the mean number of children ever born. Data are presented for five reference dates: 1970, 1985, 1995, 2005 and the most recent data available. Major sources of data are civil registration systems, sample surveys and censuses. The data set includes data as of January 2013.



Child Adoption: Trends and Policies

This report focuses on child adoption policies and resulting trends in 195 countries. Understanding adoption policies and their origins is all the more important today because, as adoption has become global, inconsistencies among the legal principles and traditions regarding adoption in different countries are increasingly coming to the fore. The study provides a solid foundation for furthering research on adoption, including the demographic factors that shape the demand for and availability of adoptable children.



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