The 2014 Lesotho Demographic and Health Survey (LDHS) is designed to provide data for monitoring the population and health situation in Lesotho. The 2014 LDHS is the third Demographic and Health Survey conducted in Lesotho since 2004. A nationally representative sample of 6,621 women age 15-49 in all selected households and 2,931 men age 15-59 in half of the selected households were interviewed.

**FAST FACTS FROM THE 2014 LESOTHO DHS**

- Over half (61%) of women have obtained secondary or higher education.
- Nearly all (97%) urban households have access to an improved source of drinking water, compared to 77% of rural households.
- Total Fertility Rate* by District
  - Butha-Buthe: 3.7
  - Mokhotlong: 4.4
  - Thaba-Tseka: 4.0
  - Qacha’s Nek: 3.9
  - Mohale’s Hoek: 3.8
  - Lesotho: 3.3
  - Mafeteng: 2.8
  - Maseru: 2.6
  - Berea: 3.3
  - Quthing: 2.9
  - Berea: 3.3
  - Berea: 3.3
- *For the three-year period before the survey

In Lesotho, women have an average of 3.3 children.

Under-five mortality has decreased since 2009.

One in every twelve Basotho children dies before their fifth birthday.

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**WATER**

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**FERTILITY**

**Understanding the Demographic and Health Survey**

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