Fertility, Family Planning, and Abortion: Results from the 2012 KgDHS

The 2012 Kyrgyz Republic Demographic and Health Survey (KgDHS) provides up-to-date information on the population and health situation in the Kyrgyz Republic. The 2012 KgDHS is the second national demographic and health survey conducted in the country.

The 2012 KgDHS included questions on fertility, fertility preferences, use of family planning, and experience with abortion.

Women have an average of 3.6 births.

Fertility Trends by Residence
- 1997 KgDHS
- 2012 KgDHS

Total fertility rate, average number of births per woman

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Age at First Marriage, Sex, and Birth
- Median age in years among women and men age 25-49
- Women
- Men

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Current use of Contraception
- Percent distribution of married women age 15-49
- Not using any method 64%
- IUD 22%
- Pill 2%
- Injectables 1%
- Male condom 8%
- Female sterilization 2%
- Traditional method 3%

Nearly 1 in 5 women have an unmet need for family planning— that is, they want no more children or want to wait at least 2 years before another child but are not using contraception.

Use of Modern Methods of Family Planning
- Percent of married women currently using a modern method
- Kyrgyz Republic - 34%

Trends in Family Planning Use
- 1997 KgDHS
- 2006 MICS
- 2012 KgDHS

Percent of married women currently using family planning

Unmet Need by Education
- Percent of married women 15–49 with unmet need for family planning

Basic general
- 23
Secondary
- 18
Professional/primary/middle
- 19
Higher
- 15
18% of women have ever had an abortion.

**Number of Abortions**

Among women who have had an abortion, percent distribution by number of abortions:

- 2 or 3: 44%
- 4 or 5, 4%
- 6 or more, 2%
- 1: 51%

**Lifetime Experience with Abortion by Number of Children**

Percent of women with an induced abortion:

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**Abortion Trends**

- 1997 KgDHS
- 2012 KgDHS

- Percent of women who have ever had an induced abortion:
  - 1997 KgDHS: 30
  - 2012 KgDHS: 18

- Average number of abortions among women with an induced abortion:
  - 1997 KgDHS: 2.3
  - 2012 KgDHS: 1.8

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