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## FOREWORD

The 2005 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey (EDHS) was conducted under the auspices of the Ministry of Health and implemented by the then Population and Housing Census Commission Office (PHCCO), now merged with the Central Statistical Agency (CSA). The key findings of the survey were released in a preliminary report in November 2005. This final report details the findings of the survey. The first ever Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) in Ethiopia was conducted in 2000. The 2005 EDHS differed from the 2000 EDHS mainly because it included testing for the prevalence of anaemia and HIV. Major stakeholders from various Ministries were closely involved in the management and oversight of the survey and analysis of the survey results.

The primary objective of the 2005 EDHS was to provide up-to-date information for policy makers, planners, researchers and programme managers, which would allow guidance in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of population and health programmes in the country. The information obtained from the EDHS, in conjunction with statistical information obtained from the Welfare Monitoring Survey (WMS) and Household Income, Consumption and Expenditure Survey (HICES), will provide critical information for the monitoring and evaluation of the country's Plan for Accelerated and Sustained Development to End Poverty (PASDEP), the various sector development policies and programmes, and assist in the monitoring of the progress towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The 2005 EDHS collected information on the population and health situation, covering topics on family planning, fertility levels and determinants, fertility preferences, infant, child, adult and maternal mortality, maternal and child health, nutrition, malaria, women's empowerment, and knowledge of HIV/AIDS. In addition the EDHS includes population estimates of HIV and anaemia prevalence in the country. Key indicators relating to each of the above topics are provided for the nine regional states and two city administrations. In addition, data are also provided by urban and rural residence for the country. Findings from the survey indicate some improvements in major health and demographic variables in the past five years.

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The 2005 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey (EDHS) is a nationally representative survey of 14,070 women age $15-49$ and 6,033 men age 15-59. The EDHS is the second comprehensive survey conducted in Ethiopia as part of the worldwide Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) project. The primary purpose of the EDHS is to furnish policymakers and planners with detailed information on fertility, family planning, infant, child, adult and maternal mortality, maternal and child health, nutrition and knowledge of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. In addition, in one of two households selected for the survey, women age 15-49 and children age 6-59 months were tested for anaemia, and women age 15-49 and men age $15-59$ were tested for HIV. The 2005 EDHS is the first survey in Ethiopia to provide populationbased prevalence estimates for anaemia and HIV.

## FERTILITY

Survey results indicate that there has been a decline in fertility from 6.4 births per woman in 1990 to 5.4 births per woman in 2005, a one child drop in the last 15 years. The decline was more pronounced in the 10 years between 1990 and 2000 than in the five years between 2000 and 2005 and in urban than in rural areas. Rural women on average have two and a half children more than urban women. There is a substantial differential in fertility by region ranging from a low of 1.4 children per woman in Addis Ababa to a high of 6.2 children per woman in Oromiya. Education and wealth have a marked effect on fertility, with uneducated mothers having three times as many children as women with at least some secondary education and women in the lowest wealth quintile having twice as many children as women in the highest wealth quintile.

Childbearing starts early. At current agespecific rates of childbearing, an Ethiopian woman will have had more than half of her lifetime births by age 30 , and nearly threefourths by age 35 .

Marriage patterns are an important determinant of fertility levels in a population. Although there was a marked decline in the percentage of women in union from 72 percent in 1990 to 64 percent in 2000, little change was observed in women currently in union in the last five years. Similar trends were observed in the median age at marriage and the median age at first sexual intercourse, with obvious increases in the ten-year period between 1990 and 2000 and little change in the five-year period between 2000 and 2005.

Ethiopian women generally begin sexual intercourse at the time of their first marriage. This can be seen from the identical medians in age at first marriage and age at first sexual intercourse (16.1). Men, on the other hand, are sexually active before marriage, although the difference in age at first intercourse and age at first marriage has narrowed over the past five years. The median age at first sexual intercourse for men is 21.2 years while the median age at first marriage is 23.8. In general, Ethiopian men marry nearly eight years later than women.

Data from the 2005 EDHS show that 12 percent of currently married women are married to men who are in a polygynous union. Older women, rural women, women residing in Gambela, uneducated women, and women in the poorest wealth quintile are more likely to be in a polygynous union than other women. About one in fifteen men is in a polygynous union. The extent of polygyny has declined over the past five years.

The interval between births is relatively long in Ethiopia. The median number of months since the preceding birth is 33.8 . Twenty-one percent of nonfirst births occur within two years of a previous birth, 35 percent occur between 24 and 35 months later and 44 percent occur at least three years after a previous birth. Postpartum insusceptibility is one of the major factors contributing to the long birth interval in Ethiopia. The median duration of amenorrhea is 15.8 months, postpartum abstinence is 2.4 months, and insusceptibility is 16.7 months.

## FAMILY PLANNING

Overall, knowledge of contraception has remained consistently high in Ethiopia over the past five years with 88 percent of currently married women and 93 percent of currently married men having heard of at least one method of contraception. The pill, injectables, and condom are the most widely known modern methods among both women and men. Currently married men are more than twice as likely to recognize the condom as a method of family planning than currently married women ( 84 percent versus 41 percent).

Twenty-four percent of currently married women and 19 percent of currently married men have used a family planning method at least once in their lifetime. Fifteen percent of currently married women are using a method of contraception. Modern methods are more widely used than traditional methods, with 14 percent of currently married women using a modern method and 1 percent using a traditional method. The most popular modern method is the injectable used by one in ten currently married women. About four in five currently married women obtain modern methods from the public sector, while 17 percent and 3 percent, respectively, obtain their method from the private medical sector or other private sources.

Use of contraceptive methods tripled in the fifteen-year period between 1990 and 2005 from 5 percent to 15 percent. The increase is especially marked for modern methods which more than doubled in the five years between 2000 and 2005. This trend is mostly attributable to the recent rapid rise in the use of injectables from 3 percent in 2000 to 10 percent in 2005.

More than half of currently married women who were not using any family planning method at the time of the survey say they intend to use a method in the future. The majority of prospective users prefer injectables while a sizeable proportion cite the pill as their preferred method.

The desire for more children is frequently mentioned by currently married nonusers as a reason for not intending to use a method of contraception in the future. The proportion of women who cited this reason for not wanting to use a method has dropped markedly over the past
five years from 42 percent in 2000 to 18 percent in 2005.

Family planning information is largely received through the radio with limited exposure through the television and print media. Twentynine percent of women heard about family planning on the radio compared with 11 percent who heard about it from television and 8 percent who read about it in newspapers or magazines.

The majority of Ethiopian women (78 percent) and men ( 76 percent) prefer to space or limit the number of children they have, and have a potential need for family planning. One in three currently married women has an unmet need for family planning ( 34 percent). The need for spacing ( 20 percent) is higher than the need for limiting ( 14 percent). If all currently married women who say they want to space or limit the number of children were to use family planning, the contraceptive prevalence rate in Ethiopia would increase from 15 percent to 49 percent. Currently, only 31 percent of the demand for family planning is being met.

## CHILD HEALTH

At current mortality levels, one in every 13 Ethiopian children dies before reaching age one, while one in every eight does not survive to the fifth birthday. Data from the 2005 EDHS show that infant mortality has declined by 19 percent over the past 15 years from 95 deaths per 1,000 live births to 77 . Under-five mortality has gone down by 25 percent from 166 deaths per 1,000 live births to 123 . The corresponding declines in neonatal and postneonatal mortality over the 15 -year period are 15 percent and 22 percent, respectively.

Mortality is consistently lower in urban areas than in rural areas. The lowest level is in Addis Ababa, the most urbanized part of the country, while the highest levels are in BenishangulGumuz, Gambela, and Amhara. Maternal education is strongly correlated with child mortality. Under-five mortality among children born to mothers with no education is more than twice as high as that among children born to mothers with secondary education or higher.

Survival of infants and children is strongly influenced by the gender of the child, mother's
age at birth, birth order, and birth interval. Male children experience higher mortality than female children and the gender difference is especially pronounced for infant mortality. Childhood mortality is relatively higher among children born to mothers under age 20 and over age 40 . First births and births of order seven and higher also suffer significantly higher rates of mortality than births of order two to six. Children born within two years of a preceding birth are more than three times as likely to die within the first year of life as children born three or more years after an older sibling.

Twenty percent of children age 12-23 months had been fully vaccinated at the time of the survey. Three in five have received the BCG vaccination, and 35 percent have been vaccinated against measles. The coverage for the first dose of DPT is relatively high ( 58 percent). However, only 32 percent go on to receive the third dose of DPT. Polio coverage is much higher than DPT coverage because of the success of the national immunization day campaigns during which polio vaccines are administered. Nevertheless, the dropout between the first and subsequent doses of polio is marked - a 40 percent decline between the first and third dose. Vaccination coverage in Ethiopia has improved over the past five years. The percentage of children 12-23 months fully vaccinated at the time of the survey increased by 43 percent from 14 percent in 2000 to 20 percent in 2005 . However, the percentage who received none of the six basic vaccinations also increased from 17 percent in 2000 to 24 percent in 2005.

Thirteen percent of children under age five showed symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI) in the two weeks before the survey. Use of a health facility for the treatment of symptoms of ARI is low, with only 19 percent of children taken to a health facility or provider.

Nineteen percent of children under five were reported to have had fever, a major manifestation of malaria, in the two weeks before the survey. Less than one in five children was taken to a health facility or provider for treatment. A very small percentage of children with fever received antimalarial drugs (3 percent) or antibiotics (6 percent).

The 2005 EDHS gathered information on the use of mosquito nets, both treated and untreated.

The data show that only 6 percent of households in Ethiopia own a mosquito net, with 3 percent of households owning an insecticide-treated net (ITN). Consistent with the degree of risk of malaria, ownership of mosquito nets varies inversely with altitude. For instance, 36 percent of households living in areas below 1,000 metres own some type of net, while the corresponding figure for households at altitudes above 2,000 metres or more is only 2 percent. Only 2 percent of children under five slept under a net the night prior to the interview, while less than 2 percent slept under an ever-treated net and under an ITN. Use of nets varies inversely with altitude with 19 percent of children living at altitudes less than 1,000 metres sleeping under a net compared with 4 percent or less among children living at altitudes above 1,000 metres. Eleven percent of households occupying a dwelling had their inner walls sprayed with insecticide to prevent malaria, 2 percent had been sprayed in the 6 months preceding the survey, and 3 percent had white insecticide powder visible on the inner walls.

Nationally, 18 percent of children under age five had diarrhoea at some time in the two weeks before the survey, while 6 percent had diarrhoea with blood during the same period. Around one in five of these children were taken to a health provider. Thirty-seven percent of children with diarrhoea were treated with some kind of oral rehydration therapy (ORT): 20 percent were treated with ORS (solution prepared from ORS packets); 19 percent were given recommended home fluids (RHF) prepared at home; and 9 percent were given increased fluids. About half of children with diarrhoea did not receive any type of treatment at all.

## MATERNAL HEALTH

Twenty-eight percent of mothers who had a live birth in the five years preceding the survey received antenatal care from health professionals; less than 1 percent of mothers received antenatal care from trained and untrained traditional birth attendants. More than seven in ten mothers did not receive antenatal care. There was little improvement in the percentage of mothers who received antenatal care from a health professional in the five years between the 2000 and 2005 surveys. About one in ten women make four or more antenatal care visits during their entire pregnancy. The median duration of
pregnancy for the first antenatal visit is 5.6 months, indicating that Ethiopian women start antenatal care at a relatively late stage of their pregnancy.

Among mothers who received antenatal care 31 percent reported that they were informed about pregnancy complications during their antenatal care visits. Weight and blood pressure measurements were taken for 72 percent and 62 percent of mothers, respectively. About onequarter of mothers gave urine and blood samples.

For last live births in the five years preceding the survey, only one in three women was protected against neonatal tetanus. Most of these women (28 percent) had received two or more tetanus injections while pregnant with the last birth. Despite the low coverage, there is evidence of improvement over time. The percentage of women who received two or more tetanus injections during pregnancy for the last birth increased from 17 percent in 2000 to 28 percent in 2005.

An overwhelming majority of births in the five years before the survey were delivered at home ( 94 percent). Five percent of births were delivered in a public facility and 1 percent in a private facility. Six percent of births were delivered with the assistance of a trained health professional, that is, a doctor, nurse, or midwife, while 28 percent were delivered by a traditional birth attendant (TBA). The majority of births (61 percent) were attended by a relative or some other person. Five percent of births were delivered without any type of assistance at all.

Postnatal care is extremely low in Ethiopia. Nine in 10 mothers who had a live birth in the five years preceding the survey received no postnatal care at all and only 5 percent of mothers received postnatal care within the critical first two days after delivery.

## BREASTFEEDING AND NUTRITION

Breastfeeding is nearly universal in Ethiopia, and the median duration of any breastfeeding is long ( 25.8 months). Exclusive breastfeeding, on the other hand, is relatively short, with a median duration of 2.1 months. Contrary to WHO recommendations, only around one in three children age 4-5 months is exclusively breastfed.

The data also show that complementary foods are not introduced in a timely fashion for many children. At 6-8 months, only one in two children is receiving complementary foods. The use of a bottle with a nipple is not widespread in Ethiopia. However, the proportion of children who are bottle-fed rises from 8 percent among children age less than 2 months to 19 percent among children age $6-8$ months, after which it declines gradually.

More than half of Ethiopian children age 659 months are classified as anaemic, with 21 percent mildly anaemic, 28 percent moderately anaemic, and 4 percent severely anaemic. The prevalence of anaemia among women is less pronounced than among children. Twenty-seven percent of women age 15-49 are anaemic, with 17 percent mildly anaemic, 8 percent moderately anaemic, and just over 1 percent severely anaemic.

The level of malnutrition is significant with nearly one in two (47 percent) Ethiopian children under five years of age stunted (short for their age), 11 percent wasted (thin for their height), and 38 percent underweight. In general, rural children and children of uneducated mothers are more likely to be stunted, wasted, or underweight than other children. Regional variation in nutritional status of children is substantial. Stunting levels are above the national average in Amhara and SNNP. Wasting is higher than the national average in Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz, Amhara, Tigray and Dire Dawa. The percentage of underweight children is above the national average in Somali, Amhara, Tigray and Benishangul-Gumuz.

Survey results show that the level of chronic energy deficiency among women in Ethiopia is relatively high. Twenty-seven percent of women fall below the cutoff of 18.5 for the body mass index (BMI), which utilizes both height and weight to measure thinness. Four percent of women are overweight or obese.

## HIV/AIDS AND STIs

Knowledge of AIDS is widespread in Ethiopia. Ninety percent of women age 15-49 and 97 percent of men age 15-49 have heard of AIDS. Women and men are most aware that the chances of getting the AIDS virus can be reduced
by limiting sex to one uninfected partner who has no other partners ( 63 percent and 79 percent, respectively) or by abstaining from sexual intercourse ( 62 percent and 80 percent, respectively). Knowledge of condoms and the role they can play in preventing transmission of the AIDS virus is much less common, particularly among women.

Only 51 percent of women and 69 percent of men know that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus. Also, many women and men erroneously believe that AIDS can be transmitted by mosquito bites. Larger proportions of respondents are aware that the AIDS virus cannot be transmitted by supernatural means or by sharing food. The EDHS results also show that a minority of women ( 16 percent) and men ( 30 percent) have comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS transmission, that is, they know that both condom use and limiting sex partners to one uninfected partner are HIV prevention methods; that a healthy-looking person can have HIV; and reject the two most common local misconceptions about HIV/AIDS - that AIDS can be transmitted through mosquito bites and by sharing food with an infected person. Around one-fifth of women and one-third of men age 1524 have comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS.

Sixty-nine percent of women and 75 percent of men know that HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding. About one-fifth of women and one-fourth of men know that the risk of mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) can be reduced through the use of certain drugs during pregnancy.

Information on higher-risk sex (sexual intercourse with a partner who is neither a spouse nor a cohabiting partner) shows that less than 1 percent of women and 4 percent of men have had two or more partners during the 12 months preceding the survey, and 3 percent of women and 9 percent of men have had higher-risk sexual intercourse. Among respondents who engaged in higher-risk sexual intercourse, 24 percent of women and 52 percent of men reported condom use the last time they had sexual intercourse.

Among the adult population age 15-49, 4 percent of women and 6 percent of men reported that they had been tested for HIV at some time,
and the majority of them had received the results of their test. Three percent of women reported that they had received information and counselling about HIV/AIDS during antenatal care for their most recent birth.

Two percent each of sexually active women and men reported that they had had an STI and/or STI symptoms in the 12 months prior to the survey.

Results from the 2005 EDHS indicate that 1.4 percent of Ethiopian adults age $15-49$ are infected with HIV. HIV prevalence among women is nearly 2 percent, while for men 15-49, it is just under 1 percent. HIV prevalence levels rise with age, peaking among women in their late 30 s and among men in their early 40 s. The age pattern suggests that young women are particularly vulnerable to HIV infection compared with young men. Urban residents have a significantly higher risk of HIV infection (6 percent) than rural residents ( 0.7 percent). The risk of HIV infection among rural women and men is almost identical, while urban women are more than three times as likely as urban men to be infected. Prevalence levels are highest in Gambela (6 percent) and Addis Ababa (5 percent). Other regions in which HIV prevalence exceeds the national average include Harari, Dire Dawa, Affar, Tigray and Amhara. HIV infection levels increase directly with education among both women and men and are markedly higher among those with a secondary or higher education compared with those having less education. Employed women and men are also more likely to be HIV infected than the unemployed, as are women and men in the highest wealth quintile compared with those in the other wealth quintiles.

## WOMEN'S STATUS

The DHS data shed some light on the status of women in Ethiopia. While the majority of Ethiopians have little or no education, women are generally less educated than men. However, the male-female gap in education is more obvious at higher than at lower levels of education, indicating the government's recognition and successful intervention to address gender disparity in more recent years.

Marked differences were observed in the levels of employment by gender. The majority of men ( 86 percent) were employed at the time of the survey, compared with 29 percent of women. Nearly one in three currently married women was employed during the 12 months before the survey. Three-tenths of employed women earn cash only or cash and in-kind earnings. Nearly three-fifths of currently married women are not paid at all.

Almost two-fifths of currently married women who receive cash earnings report that they alone decide how their earnings are used, while more that half of currently married women say that they decide jointly with their husband or partner. Information on women's decisionmaking autonomy shows that almost 53 percent of currently married women make independent decision about daily household purchases. While 15 percent of women make sole decisions on their own health care, one-third say that their husband or partner makes such decisions. Decisions on large household purchases are typically made by the husband or partner alone or jointly with their husband or partner. More than two-thirds of women say that decisions to visit family or relatives are made jointly with their husband or partner.

The majority of women and men agree that a woman is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband or partner for at least one of three specified reasons. Only one in ten women and men is of the opinion that a woman cannot refuse sexual intercourse for any reason. On the other hand, a sizable proportion of women ( 44 percent) and to a lesser extent men (23 percent), believe that a husband is justified in beating his wife if she refuses to have sex with him. Overall, eight in ten women and around half of men believe that there are at least some situations in which a husband is justified in beating his wife.

EDHS data indicate a positive relationship between women's status and contraceptive use. Contraceptive use is highest among women who participate in most household decisions, who agree that a woman can refuse sexual intercourse with her partner for all three specified reasons, and who believe that wife beating is not justified for all five specified reasons. The data show that mean ideal family size declines as women's status increases. Also, there is a correlation
between women's status and utilization of health services. The more empowered a woman, the more likely she is to receive antenatal, postnatal, and delivery care from a health professional. The relationship between childhood mortality and women's empowerment is mixed.

The EDHS provides insight into several harmful traditional practices existent in Ethiopia. The practice of female circumcision is widespread in Ethiopia, with three in four women age 15-49 circumcised. Six percent of circumcised women reported that their vagina had been sewn closed (infibulation). More than two in five Ethiopian women themselves have had a uvulectomy or tonsillectomy. More than two-fifths of women with at least one daughter have a daughter who has had a uvulectomy or tonsillectomy. Eight percent of women reported that they had been married by abduction and about 1 percent with at least one daughter reported that a daughter was married by abduction.

Around one in four women interviewed in the EDHS had heard of obstetric fistula and 1 percent of women who have ever given birth reported having experienced obstetric fistula. A small percentage of women (less than 1 percent) reported that they had been treated for obstetric fistula. According to information gathered from women who have heard of the condition, 4 percent of other women resident in the household also suffer from obstetric fistula.

Maternal mortality is relatively high in Ethiopia with more than one in five deaths to women age 15-49 in the seven years preceding the survey attributed to pregnancy or pregnancyrelated causes. The maternal mortality ratio, which measures the obstetric risk associated with each live birth, is 673 deaths per 100,000 live births for the period 1994-2000.

Direct estimates of male and female mortality obtained from the sibling history gathered in the EDHS show that there were more female than male deaths in the seven years preceding the survey ( 925 compared with 903 ). The female mortality rate is 6.4 deaths per 1,000 population, which is 8 percent higher than the male mortality rate of 5.9 deaths per 1,000 population.

| Millennium Development Goal Indicators, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |
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| Goal | Indicator | Value |  |
| 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger | Prevalence of underweight children under five years of age | Male: 38.9\% Female: 37.9\% | Total: 38.4\% |
| 2. Achieve universal primary education | Net enrolment ratio in primary education ${ }^{1}$ <br> Proportion of pupils starting grade 1 who reach grade $5^{1}$ <br> Literacy rate of $15-24$-year olds ${ }^{2}$ | Male: 42.2\% <br> Female: 42.4\% <br> Male: 73.7\% <br> Female: 83.5\% <br> Male: 67.2\% <br> Female: 41.6\% | Total: 42.3\% <br> Total: 78.0\% <br> Total: 54.4\% |
| 3. Promote gender equality and empower women | Ratio of girls to boys in primary and secondary education <br> Ratio of literate women to men, 15-24 years old <br> Share of women in wage employment in the non-agricultural sector ${ }^{3}$ | Primary education: 0.91 Secondary education: 0.65 | $\begin{gathered} 0.62 \\ 76.5 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| 4. Reduce child mortality | Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) <br> Proportion of 1-year-old children immunised against measles | Male: 36.4\% <br> Female: 33.2\% | 123 per 1,000 <br> 77 per 1,000 <br> Total: 34.9\% |
| 5. Improve maternal health | Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100,000 live births) <br> Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel |  | $\begin{gathered} 673 \text { per 100,000 } \\ 5.7 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| 6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases | Condom use rate of the contraceptive prevalence rate (any modern method, currently married women 15-49) <br> Condom use at last high-risk sex (population age 15-24) ${ }^{4}$ <br> Percentage of population age 15-24 years with comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS ${ }^{5}$ <br> Contraceptive prevalence rate (any modern method, currently married women 15-49) <br> Ratio of school attendance of orphans to school attendance of non-orphans age 10-14 years | Male: 46.8\% <br> Female: 28.4\% <br> Male: 33.3\% <br> Female: 20.5\% | $\begin{gathered} 1.32 \% \\ \\ 13.9 \% \\ 0.9 \end{gathered}$ |
| 7. Ensure environmental sustainability | Proportion of population using solid fuels ${ }^{6}$ <br> Proportion of population with sustainable access to an improved water source, urban and rural ${ }^{7}$ <br> Proportion of population with access to improved sanitation, urban and rural ${ }^{8}$ | Urban: 96.5\% <br> Rural: 99.9\% <br> Urban: 92.7\% <br> Rural: 55.5\% <br> Urban: 22.6\% <br> Rural: 5.4\% | Total: 99.5\% <br> Total: 60.0\% <br> Total: 7.4\% |
| ${ }^{1}$ Excludes children with parental status missing <br> ${ }^{2}$ Refers to respondents who attended secondary school or higher and women who can read a whole sentence <br> ${ }^{3}$ Wage employment includes respondents who receive wages in cash or in cash and kind. <br> ${ }^{4}$ High risk refers to sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was a spouse nor who lived with the respondent; time frame is 12 months preceding the survey. <br> ${ }^{5}$ A person is considered to have a comprehensive knowledge about AIDS when they say that use of condoms for every sexual intercourse and having just one uninfected and faithful partner can reduce the chance of getting the AIDS virus, that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus, and when they reject the two most common local misconceptions. The most common misconceptions in Ethiopia are that AIDS can be transmitted through mosquito bites and that a person can become infected with the AIDS virus by sharing food or utensils with someone who is infected. <br> ${ }^{6}$ Charcoal, firewood, straw, dung, or crop waste <br> ${ }^{7}$ Improved water sources are: household connection (piped), public standpipe, borehole, protected dug well, protected spring, or rainwater collection. <br> ${ }^{8}$ Improved sanitation technologies are: connection to a public sewer, connection to septic system, pour-flush latrine, simple pit latrine, or ventilated improved pit latrine. |  |  |  |

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 History, Geography, and Economy

## History

Ethiopia is an ancient country with a rich diversity of peoples and cultures and a unique alphabet that has existed for more than 3,000 years. Palaeontological studies identify Ethiopia as one of the cradles of mankind. "Dinknesh" or "Lucy," one of the earliest and most complete hominoids discovered through archaeological excavations, dates back to 3.5 million years. Ethiopia's geographical and historical factors have had a great influence on the distribution of its peoples and languages. The country is situated at the cross roads between the Middle East and Africa. Through its long history, Ethiopia has become a melting pot of diverse customs and varied cultures, some of which are extremely ancient. Ethiopia embraces a complex variety of nations, nationalities and peoples, and linguistic groups. Its peoples altogether speak over 80 different languages constituting 12 Semitic, 22 Cushitic, 18 Omotic and 18 Nilo-Saharan languages (MOI, 2004).

The country has always maintained its independence, even during the colonial era in Africa. Ethiopia is one of the founding members of the United Nations. Ethiopia has been playing an active role in African affairs, specifically played a pioneering role in the formation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). In fact, the capital city, Addis Ababa, has been a seat for the OAU since its establishment and continues serving as the seat for the African Union (AU) today.

Ethiopia was ruled by successive emperors and kings with a feudal system of government until 1974. In 1974, the military took over the reign of rule by force and administered the country until May 1991. Currently, a federal system of government exists, and political leaders are elected every five years. The government is made up of two tiers of parliament, the House of Peoples' Representatives and the House of the Federation. Major changes in the administrative boundaries within the country have been made three times since the mid-1970s, and at present Ethiopia is administratively structured into nine regional states, namely, Tigray, Affar, Amhara, Oromiya, Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz, Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples, Gambela and Harari regional states and two city administrations, that is, Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa Administration Council.

## Geography

Ethiopia is situated in the Horn of Africa between 3 and 15 degrees north latitude and 33 and 48 degrees east longitude. It is a country with great geographical diversity; its topographic features range from the highest peak at Ras Dashen, which is 4,550 metres above sea level, down to the Affar Depression at 110 metres below sea level (CSA, 2000). The climatic condition of the country varies with the topography, with temperatures as high as 47 degrees Celsius in the Affar Depression and as low as 10 degrees Celsius in the highlands. The total area of the country is about 1.1 million square kilometres and Djibouti, Eritrea, Sudan, Kenya, and Somalia border it. A large part of the country is high plateaux and mountain ranges, with precipitous edges dissected by rushing streams of tributaries of famous rivers like the Abay (The Blue Nile), Tekeze, Awash, Omo, the Wabe Shebelie and the Baro-Akobo (MOI, 2004).

As the country is located within the tropics, its physical conditions and variations in altitude have resulted in great diversity of terrain, climate, soil, flora, and fauna. Ethiopia's major physical features are the result of extensive and spectacular faulting that cracked the old crystalline block of the African continent along the eastern side, producing the Great Rift Valley that stretches from the
eastern end of the Mediterranean Basin down to Mozambique in the southeastern part of our continent (MOI, 2004).

There are three principal climatic groups in Ethiopia, namely the tropical rainy, dry, and warm temperate climates. In Ethiopia the mean maximum and minimum temperatures vary spatially and temporally. Generally, the mean maximum temperature is higher from March to May and the mean minimum temperature is lower from November to December as compared to the other months (MOI, 2004). Ethiopia's mean annual distribution of rainfall is influenced by the direction of both westerly and southeasterly winds. Thus, in Ethiopia the general pattern of annual rainfall distribution remains seasonal, varying in amount, space, and time, as the rain moves from the southwest to the northeast of the country (MOI, 2004).

## Economy

Ethiopia is an agrarian country and agriculture accounts for 54 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP). Agriculture employs about 80 percent of the population and accounts for about 90 percent of the exports (CSA, 2000). The country is one of the least developed in the world, with a per capita gross national income (GNI) in 2004 of US\$110 (World Bank, 2006). Coffee has remained the main export of the country; however, other agricultural products are currently being introduced on the international market. The Ethiopian currency is the Birr, and at present, 1 US dollar is equivalent to about 8.60 Birr. Between 1974 and 1991, the country operated a central command economy under the socialist banner of the Derg regime. However, since their overthrow, Ethiopia has moved toward a market-oriented economy. At present, the country has one commercial and two specialized government-owned banks and also six privately owned commercial banks; one government-owned insurance company and seven private insurance companies (NBE, 2000). There are also 15 microfinancing institutions established by private organizations.

For the past three years the Ethiopian economy has shown mixed performance, with negative real GDP growth rate of 3.8 percent in 2002/03 as a result of drought, followed by strong positive performance of 11.3 percent and 8.9 percent during the past two years. Accordingly, during 2001/02$2004 / 05$ the annual real GDP growth averaged 5 percent. As usual, variability of growth was mostly a result of the variability in the output of the agricultural sector. Agricultural value-added declined by about 12 percent in 2002/03 and rebounded by 18 percent in the following year. Inflation stood at 15.1 percent in 2002/03, but declined to 9 percent in 2003/04 and 6.8 percent in 2004/05. Exports registered substantial growth in recent years, owing to both increases in volume and revival in the prices of major exports in the international market. In 2003/04 and 2004/05 the total value of exports grew by 25.0 and 36.0 percent, respectively (MoFED, 2005).

Despite improvements in the past few years, sustaining long-term growth remains a challenge. Economic growth averaged about 5 percent per annum over the period 1999/2000 to 2004/05. Adjusting for population growth, the average per capita income rose by about 2.1 percent per annum. Major disruptions and shocks in the 1970s and 1980s resulted in economic decline, and the relatively good performance of the 1990s and early 2000s has only recently helped to reverse and raise incomes (MoFED, 2005). Ethiopia is one of the seven priority countries selected by the Millennium Project to prepare a scaled-up investment plan that would allow the country to meet the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) targets in 2005. Ethiopia is on the verge of embarking on the second poverty reduction strategy, which is referred to as the "Plan for Accelerated and Sustained Development to End Poverty (PASDEP)" that supersedes the first strategy "Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction Program (SDPRP). The PASDEP carries forward important strategic directions pursued under the SDPRP—related to human development, rural development, food security and capacity building-but also embodies some bold new directions (MoFED, 2005). The PASDEP, which is the government's national development plan for the five years covering 2005/062009/10, consists of eight strategic elements, namely: a massive push to accelerated growth, a geographically differentiated strategy, addressing the population challenge, unleashing the potential of

Ethiopia's women, strengthening the infrastructural backbone, managing risk and volatility, scalingup to reach the MDG, and creating jobs.

### 1.2 Population

Despite its long history, there were no estimates of the total population of Ethiopia prior to the 1930s. However, population estimates for some towns like Axum, Lalibela and Debre Berhan are available from the $16^{\text {th }}$ century onwards. Many of the estimates were made by travellers and were based on a general observation. The first ever population and housing census was conducted in 1984. The 1984 Census covered about 81 percent of the population of the country and official estimates were given for the remaining 19 percent that were not enumerated in the census. The second population and housing census was conducted in 1994. Unlike the first census, the second census covered the entire population. Table 1.1 provides a summary of the basic demographic indicators for Ethiopia from data collected in the two population and housing censuses. The population increased over the decade from 42.6 million in 1984 to 53.5 million in 1994 . There was a slight decline in the population growth rate over the decade, from 3.1 percent in 1984 to 2.9 percent in 1994. Ethiopia is one of the least urbanized countries in the world, with less than 14 percent of the country urbanized in 1994. Female life expectancy is about two years higher than male life expectancy. Over the decade, life expectancy for both males and females did not improve.

| Table 1.1 Basic demographic indicators |  |  |
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| Indicator | 1984 |  |
| Census $^{1}$ | Census |  |
| Population (millions) | 42.6 | 53.5 |
| Intercensal grown rate (percent) | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| Density (pop./km ${ }^{2}$.) | 34.0 | 48.6 |
| Percent urban | 11.4 | 13.7 |
| Life expectancy |  |  |
| $\quad$ Male | 51.1 | 50.9 |
| Female | 53.4 | 53.5 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Including Eritrea; CSA, 1991 |  |  |
| ${ }^{2}$ CSA, 1998 |  |  |

The majority of the population lives in the highland areas of the country. The main occupation of the settled population is farming, while in the lowland areas, the mostly pastoral population moves from place to place with their livestock in search of grass and water. Among the nine regional states, Amhara, Oromiya and SNNP comprised about 80 percent of the total population of the country. Affar, Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz and Gambela regions are relatively underdeveloped. Christianity and Islam are the main religions; 51 percent of the population are Orthodox Christians, 33 percent are Muslims, and 10 percent are Protestants. The rest follow a diversity of other faiths. The country is home to about 80 ethnic groups that vary in population size from more than 18 million people to less than 100 (CSA, 1998).

Efforts were made to generate reliable demographic data by conducting a number of demographic surveys. These include the 1981 Demographic Survey, the 1990 National Family and Fertility Survey, the 1995 Fertility Survey of Urban Addis Ababa, and the 2000 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey (EDHS). The 1990 National Family and Fertility Survey (NFFS) was the first nationally representative survey that incorporated wider information on fertility, family planning, contraceptive use and other related topics. In addition to the topics covered by the NFFS, the 2000 EDHS collected information on maternal and child health, nutrition and breastfeeding practices, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

## Population Policy

Population policies had been accorded a low priority in Ethiopia prior to the early 1990s. After the end of the Derg regime, the Transitional Government adopted a national population policy in 1993 (TGE, 1993b). The primary objective of the population policy was to harmonize the rate of population growth with socio-economic development to achieve a high level of welfare. The main long-term objective was to close the gap between high population growth and low economic productivity and to expedite socio-economic development through holistic integrated programs. Other objectives included preserving the environment and reducing rural-urban migration and reducing morbidity and mortality, particularly infant and child mortality. More specifically, the population policy was targeted to:
i. Reduce the total fertility rate from 7.7 children per woman in 1990 to 4.0 children per woman in 2015;
ii. Increase the prevalence of contraceptives from 4 percent in 1990 to 44 percent in 2015;
iii. Reduce maternal, infant and child morbidity and mortality rates as well as promote the level of general welfare of the population;
iv. Significantly increase female participation at all levels of the educational system;
v. Remove all legal and customary practices that prevent women from the full enjoyment of economic and social rights, including the full enjoyment of property rights and access to gainful employment;
vi. Ensure spatially balanced population distribution patterns with a view to maintaining environmental security and extending the scope of development activities;
vii. Improve productivity in agriculture and introduce off-farm and non-agricultural activities for the purpose of employment diversification;
viii.Mount an effective countrywide population information and education programme addressing issues pertaining to small family size and its relationship with human welfare and environmental security (TGE, 1993b).

The policy indicated that population activities will be undertaken in Ethiopia under the framework that would be defined in the technical and programmatic guidelines to be developed by the Office of Population in consultation with the National Population Council. The policy also proposed the establishment of certain institutional structures for its implementation. In general, the national population policy covered all the major grounds that need to be covered in providing directives on the management of population dynamics in the interest of sustainable development.

### 1.3 Health Priorities and Programming

The health system in Ethiopia is underdeveloped, and transportation problems are severe. The majority of the population resides in the rural areas and has little access to any type of modern health institution. It is estimated that about 75 percent of the population suffers from some type of communicable disease and malnutrition, which are potentially preventable (TGE, 1995). There was no health policy up through the 1950s; however, in the early 1960s, a health policy initiated by the World Health Organization (WHO) was adopted. In the mid-1970s, during the Derg regime, an elaborate health policy with emphasis on disease prevention and control was formulated. This policy gave priority to rural areas and advocated community involvement (TGE, 1993a). At present, the government health policy takes into account population dynamics, food availability, acceptable living conditions, and other requisites essential for health improvements (TGE, 1993a). The present health policy arises from the fundamental principle that health constitutes physical, mental, and social wellbeing for the enjoyment of life and for optimal productivity. To realize this objective, the government has established the Health Sector Development Programme (HSDP), which incorporates a 20 -year health development strategy, through a series of five-year investment programmes (MOH, 1999). This programme calls for the democratisation and decentralization of health services; development of preventive health care; capacity building within the health service system; equitable access to health services; self-reliance; promotion of intersectoral activities and participation of the private sector,
including non-governmental organizations (NGOs); and cooperation and collaboration with all countries in general and neighbouring countries in particular and between regional and international organizations (TGE, 1993a).

The HSDP was implemented in two cycles, currently extending into the third programme (HSDP III). The focus of HSDP III will be on poverty-related health conditions, communicable diseases such as malaria and diarrhoea, and health problems that affect mothers and children. Efforts will be concentrated on rural areas and on extending services outwards from static facilities to reach villages and households. In addition, and more importantly, gender will be mainstreamed at all levels of the health system (MoFED, 2005). The main implementation modalities identified were:
i. The Health Service Extension Programme (HSEP) -which involves the use of female workers to deliver 16 health care packages in four main areas, i.e., hygiene and environmental sanitation, disease prevention and control, family health services, and health education and communication on outreach basis.
ii. The Accelerated Expansion of Primary Health Care Coverage-which has already been developed and endorsed by the government, with a view to achieving universal coverage of primary health care in the rural population by 2008.
iii. A Health Care Financing Strategy-which aims at increasing resource flow to the health sector, improving efficiency of resource utilization, and ensuring sustainability of financing to improve the coverage and quality of health service;
iv. The Health Sector Human Resource Development Plan-which aims at overcoming problems related to the absolute shortage, maldistribution and productivity of workforce.

Despite the progress to date, coverage of the system remains inadequate, and the quality of services available, especially in rural areas, is variable. In line with the government's current five-year national plan, the health sector will continue to emphasize primary health care and preventive services; with a big focus on extending these services to those who have not been reached, and improving the effectiveness of services, especially addressing difficulties in staffing and the flow of drugs. The major health outcome objectives envisaged in the five-year period include (MoFED, 2005):
i. To cover all rural localities with the HSEP to achieve universal primary health care coverage by the year 2008;
ii. To reduce the maternal mortality ratio from $871 / 100,000$ to 600 per 100,000 live births;
iii. To reduce under-five mortality from 140 to 85 per 1000 population, and the infant mortality rate from 97 to 45 per 1000 populations;
iv. To reduce total fertility rate from 5.9 to 4.0 children per woman;
v. To reduce the adult incidence of HIV from 0.68 to 0.65 and maintain the prevalence of HIV at 4.4 percent;
vi. To reduce morbidity attributed to malaria from 22 percent to 10 percent;
vii. To reduce the case fatality rate of malaria in age groups five years and above from 4.5 percent to 2 percent and the rate in children under five from 5 percent to 2 percent; and
viii. To reduce mortality attributed to tuberculosis (TB) from 7 percent to 4 percent of all treated cases.

### 1.4 ObJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY

The principal objective of the 2005 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) is to provide current and reliable data on fertility and family planning behaviour, child mortality, adult and maternal mortality, children's nutritional status, the utilization of maternal and child health services, knowledge of HIV/AIDS and prevalence of HIV/AIDS and anaemia. The specific objectives are to:

- collect data at the national level which will allow the calculation of key demographic rates;
- analyze the direct and indirect factors which determine the level and trends of fertility;
- measure the level of contraceptive knowledge and practice of women and men by method, urban-rural residence, and region;
- collect high quality data on family health including immunization coverage among children, prevalence and treatment of diarrhoea and other diseases among children under five, and maternity care indicators including antenatal visits and assistance at delivery;
- collect data on infant and child mortality and maternal and adult mortality;
- obtain data on child feeding practices including breastfeeding and collect anthropometric measures to use in assessing the nutritional status of women and children;
- collect data on knowledge and attitudes of women and men about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS and evaluate patterns of recent behaviour regarding condom use;
- conduct haemoglobin testing on women age 15-49 and children under age five years in a subsample of the households selected for the survey to provide information on the prevalence of anaemia among women in the reproductive ages and young children;
- collect samples for anonymous HIV testing from women and men in the reproductive ages to provide information on the prevalence of HIV among the adult population.

This information is essential for informed policy decisions, planning, monitoring, and evaluation of programs on health in general and reproductive health in particular at both the national and regional levels. A long-term objective of the survey is to strengthen the technical capacity of the Central Statistical Agency to plan, conduct, process, and analyse data from complex national population and health surveys. Moreover, the 2005 Ethiopia DHS provides national and regional estimates on population and health that are comparable to data collected in similar surveys in other developing countries. The first ever Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) in Ethiopia was conducted in the year 2000 as part of the worldwide DHS programme. Data from the 2005 Ethiopia DHS survey, the second such survey, add to the vast and growing international database on demographic and health variables.

Wherever possible, the 2005 EDHS data is compared with data from the 2000 EDHS. In addition, where applicable, the 2005 EDHS is compared with the 1990 NFFS, which also sampled women age 15-49. Husbands of currently married women were also covered in this survey. However, for security and other reasons, the NFFS excluded from its coverage Eritrea, Tigray, Asseb, and Ogaden autonomous regions. In addition, fieldwork could not be carried out for Northern Gondar, Southern Gondar, Northern Wello, and Southern Wello due to security reasons. Thus, any comparison between the EDHS and the NFFS has to be interpreted with caution.

### 1.5 Organization of the Survey

The 2005 EDHS was carried out under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and was implemented by the then Population and Housing Census Commission Office (PHCCO), now merged with the Central Statistical Agency (CSA). The testing of the blood samples for HIV status was handled by the Ethiopia Health and Nutrition Research Institute (EHNRI). ORC Macro provided technical assistance through its MEASURE DHS project. The resources for the conduct of the survey were committed by the Government of Ethiopia, and various international donor organizations and governments, namely, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the Dutch and Irish Governments, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

A steering committee composed of major stakeholders drawn from the government, international organizations and NGOs was formed. The steering committee was responsible for coordination, oversight, advice and decision-making on all major aspects of the survey undertaking.

Members of the steering committee include the Ministry of Health (MOH), PHCCO, EHNRI, the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office (HAPCO), the National Office of Population (NOP), the Ethiopian Science and Technology Agency, the Consortium of Reproductive Health Associations (CORHA), USAID, UNFPA, UNICEF, and WHO. A technical committee was also formed from among the steering committee institutions.

### 1.6 SAMPLE Design

The 2005 EDHS sample was designed to provide estimates for the health and demographic variables of interest for the following domains: Ethiopia as a whole; urban and rural areas of Ethiopia (each as a separate domain); and 11 geographic areas ( 9 regions and 2 city administrations), namely: Tigray; Affar; Amhara; Oromiya; Somali; Benishangul-Gumuz; Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples (SNNP); Gambela; Harari; Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa. In general, a DHS sample is stratified, clustered and selected in two stages. In the 2005 EDHS a representative sample of approximately 14,500 households from 540 clusters was selected. The sample was selected in two stages. In the first stage, 540 clusters ( 145 urban and 395 rural) were selected from the list of enumeration areas (EA) from the 1994 Population and Housing Census sample frame.

In the census frame, each of the 11 administrative areas is subdivided into zones and each zone into weredas. In addition to these administrative units, each wereda was subdivided into convenient areas called census EAs. Each EA was either totally urban or rural and the EAs were grouped by administrative wereda. Demarcated cartographic maps as well as census household and population data were also available for each census EA. The 1994 Census provided an adequate frame for drawing the sample for the 2005 EDHS. As in the 2000 EDHS, the 2005 EDHS sampled three of seven zones in the Somali Region (namely, Jijiga, Shinile and Liben). In the Affar Region the incomplete frame used in 2000 was improved adding a list of villages not previously included, to improve the region's representativeness in the survey. However, despite efforts to cover the settled population, there may be some bias in the representativeness of the regional estimates for both the Somali and Affar regions, primarily because the census frame excluded some areas in these regions that had a predominantly nomadic population.

The 540 EAs selected for the EDHS are not distributed by region proportionally to the census population. Thus, the sample for the 2005 EDHS must be weighted to produce national estimates. As part of the second stage, a complete household listing was carried out in each selected cluster. The listing operation lasted for three months from November 2004 to January 2005. Between 24 and 32 households from each cluster were then systematically selected for participation in the survey.

Because of the way the sample was designed, the number of cases in some regions appear small since they are weighted to make the regional distribution nationally representative. Throughout this report, numbers in the tables reflect weighted numbers. To ensure statistical reliability, percentages based on 25 to 49 unweighted cases are shown in parentheses and percentages based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases are suppressed.

### 1.7 Questionnaires

In order to adapt the standard DHS core questionnaires to the specific socio-cultural settings and needs in Ethiopia, its contents were revised through a technical committee composed of senior and experienced demographers of PHCCO. After the draft questionnaires were prepared in English, copies of the household, women's and men's questionnaires were distributed to relevant institutions and individual researchers for comments. A one-day workshop was organized on November 22, 2004 at the Ghion Hotel in Addis Ababa to discuss the contents of the questionnaire. Over 50 participants attended the national workshop and their comments and suggestions collected. Based on these comments, further revisions were made on the contents of the questionnaires. Some additional questions were included at the request of MOH , the Fistula Hospital, and USAID. The questionnaires were finalized in English and translated into the three main local languages: Amharic, Oromiffa and

Tigrigna. In addition, the DHS core interviewer's manual for the Women's and Men's Questionnaires, the supervisor's and editor's manual, and the HIV and anaemia field manual were modified and translated into Amharic.

The Household Questionnaire was used to list all the usual members and visitors in the selected households. Some basic information was collected on the characteristics of each person listed, including age, sex, education, and relationship to the head of the household. The main purpose of the Household Questionnaire was to identify women and men who were eligible for the individual interview. The Household Questionnaire also collected information on characteristics of the household's dwelling unit, such as the source of water, type of toilet facilities, materials used for the floor and roof of the house, ownership of various durable goods, and ownership and use of mosquito nets. In addition, this questionnaire was used to record height and weight measurements of women age 15-49 and children under the age of five, households eligible for collection of blood samples, and the respondents' consent to voluntarily give blood samples.

The Women's Questionnaire was used to collect information from all women age 15-49 years and covered the following topics.

- Household and respondent characteristics
- Fertility levels and preferences
- Knowledge and use of family planning
- Childhood mortality
- Maternity care
- Childhood illness, treatment, and preventative actions
- Anaemia levels among women and children
- Breastfeeding practices
- Nutritional status of women and young children
- Malaria prevention and treatment
- Marriage and sexual activity
- Awareness and behaviour regarding AIDS and STIs
- Harmful traditional practices
- Maternal mortality

The Men's Questionnaire was administered to all men age 15-59 years living in every second household in the sample. The Men's Questionnaire collected similar information contained in the Women's Questionnaire, but was shorter because it did not contain questions on reproductive history, maternal and child health, nutrition and maternal mortality.

### 1.8 Haemoglobin and HIV Testing

In one in two households selected for the 2005 EDHS, women age 15-49 and children age 659 months were tested for anaemia. In addition, all eligible women and men in this subsample of households were tested for HIV. Anaemia and HIV testing were only carried out if consent was provided by the respondents and in the case of a minor, by the parent or guardian. Consent for HIV and anaemia was obtained separately. The protocol for haemoglobin and HIV testing was approved by the National Ethics Review Committee of the Ethiopia Science and Technology Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the ORC Macro Institutional Review Board in Calverton, USA.

### 1.8.1 Haemoglobin Testing

Haemoglobin testing is the primary method of anaemia diagnosis. In the EDHS, testing was done using the HemoCue system. A consent statement was read to the eligible woman and to the parent or responsible adult of young children and women age 15-17. This statement explained the purpose of the test, informed prospective subjects tested and/or their caretakers that the results would
be made available as soon as the test was completed, and requested permission for the test to be carried out, as well as consent to report their names to health personnel in the local health facility if their haemoglobin level was severe.

Before the blood was taken, the finger was wiped with an alcohol prep swab and allowed to air-dry. Then the palm side of the end of a finger was punctured with a sterile, non-reusable, selfretractable lancet and a drop of blood collected on a HemoCue microcuvette and placed in a HemoCue photometer which displays the result. For children 6-11 months who were particularly undernourished and bony, a heel puncture was made to draw a drop of blood. The results were recorded in the Household Questionnaire, as well as on a brochure given to each woman, parent, or responsible adult, explaining what the results meant. For each person whose haemoglobin level was severe, and who agreed to have the condition reported, a referral was given to the respondent to be taken to a health facility.

### 1.8.2 HIV/AIDS Testing

Eligible women and men in the subsample of households selected for HIV testing who were interviewed were asked to voluntarily provide a few drops of blood for HIV testing. The protocol for the blood specimen collection and analysis was based on the anonymous linked protocol developed for DHS. The protocol allows for the merging of the HIV results to the socio-demographic data collected in the individual questionnaires, provided that information that could potentially identify an individual is destroyed before the linking takes place. This required that identification codes be deleted from the data file and that the back page of the Household Questionnaires that contain the bar code labels and names of respondents be destroyed prior to merging the HIV results with the individual data file.

If, after explaining the procedure, the confidentiality of the data, and the fact that the test results would not be made available to the subject, a respondent consented to the HIV testing, a minimum of three blood spots was obtained from a finger prick and collected on a filter paper to which was affixed a bar code label unique to the respondent, but with no other identifying information attached. Each respondent who consented to being tested for HIV was given an information brochure on AIDS, a list of fixed sites providing voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) services throughout the country, and a voucher to access free VCT services at any of these sites for the respondent and/or the partner.

Each dried blood spot (DBS) sample was given a bar code label, with a duplicate label attached to the Household Questionnaire on the line showing consent for that respondent. A third copy of the same bar code label was affixed to a Blood Sample Transmittal Form to track the blood samples from the field to the laboratory. Filter papers were dried overnight in a plastic drying box, after which the biomarker interviewer packed them in individual Ziploc bags for that particular sample point. Blood samples were periodically collected in the field along with the completed questionnaires and transported to the PHCCO headquarters in Addis Ababa for logging in, after which they were taken to EHNRI for HIV testing.

In preparation for carrying out the HIV testing, an assessment was conducted jointly by EHNRI staff and Macro consultants (from the Zambia Tropical Disease Research Centre) of the equipment and staff training required for the testing of the DBS samples. In addition, the consultants together with a biomarker specialist from ORC Macro worked with laboratory scientists at EHNRI to conduct a validation study and set up the dried blood spot methodology to test for HIV using two Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) tests from different manufacturers. Several meetings with ORC Macro staff, EHNRI staff, and staff of PHCCO, were held to discuss the monitoring of sample collection in the field, the collection of samples from the field, and the delivery of the samples to the laboratory, with built-in checks to verify the samples collected and delivered. It was emphasized at the meeting that the period between the collecting of blood samples in the field and the time of refrigeration should not exceed 14 days. The DBS filter paper samples with barcodes were
received by EHNRI. Upon receipt, the samples were counted and checked against the transmittal sheet to verify the barcode identifications and kept frozen until testing was started in September.

All specimens were tested with a screening test, Vironostika HIV Uni-Form Plus O manufactured by BioMerieux (ELISA I). All samples positive on the first screening test as well as 10 percent of the negatives were further tested with Enzygnost Anti HIV-1/2 Plus manufactured by Dade Behring (ELISA 2). According to the testing algorithm, samples positive on both ELISAs were regarded as positive and samples negative for both ELISAs were regarded as negative.

Samples that had discordant results on ELISA I and ELISA II were subject to a retest with both ELISAs. The results were obtained and interpreted in the same manner as indicated above for the repeat ELISA testing. Discordant samples from the repeat ELISAs, were tested with a confirmatory test, Genetic Systems HIV-1 Western Blot manufactured by Bio-Rad. The result on immunoblotting (Western Blot) was regarded as the final result.

### 1.9 Listing, Pretest, Training and Fieldwork

### 1.9.1 Listing

After the selection of the 540 clusters throughout the 11 administrative areas, a listing operation in the selected clusters starting from the month of October 2004 was conducted. For this purpose, training was conducted for 46 listers who had been recruited from all the regions to do the listing of households and delineation of EAs. A manual that described the listing procedure was prepared as a guideline and the training was conducted using classroom demonstrations and field practices. Instructions were given on the use of Global Positioning System (GPS) units to obtain locational coordinates for selected EAs. The listing was performed by organizing the listers into teams, with two listers per team. Seven field coordinators were also assigned from the head office to perform quality checks and handle all the administrative and financial issues of the listing staff. Supervision was carried out by the cartographic division of PHCCO to assess the quality of the field operation and the level of the accuracy of the GPS readings. Though the listing operation was aimed to be completed in three months, it was extended up to five months in some parts of the country, primarily because of a shortage of vehicles.

### 1.9.2 Pretest

Prior to the start of the fieldwork, the questionnaires were pretested in all the three local languages, to make sure that the questions were clear and could be understood by the respondents. In order to conduct the pilot survey, 12 interviewers were recruited from the Amhara, Oromiya and Tigray regions. In addition to the new recruits, 14 senior staff members of PHCCO were trained for a period of three weeks to conduct the pilot fieldwork and serve as trainers for the main fieldwork. The pilot training which was conducted from January 24 to February 11, 2005, included training in blood sample collection for the anaemia and HIV testing. The pilot survey was conducted from 11-25 February 2005 in four selected sites. The areas selected for the pretest were urban Addis Ababa and both urban and rural parts of Mekele, Ambo and Debre Birhan areas. Based on the findings of the pretest, the household, the women's and men's questionnaires were further refined in all the three local languages.

### 1.9.3 Training and Fieldwork

The recruitment of interviewers, editors and supervisors was conducted in the 9 regions and 2 city administrations taking into account language skills of the specific areas. Accommodation was arranged for the trainees as well as the trainers at a training site in Addis Ababa. The training of interviewers, editors and supervisors was conducted from March 14 to April 20, 2005. The Amharic questionnaires were used during the training, while the Tigrigna and Oromiffa versions were simultaneously checked against the Amharic questionnaires to ensure accurate translation. In addition
to classroom training, trainees did several days of field practice to gain more experience on interviewing in the three local languages and fieldwork logistics.

A total of 271 trainees were trained in five classrooms. In each class the training was conducted by two senior staff members of PHCCO. The Family Guidance Association of Ethiopia conducted a session demonstrating and explaining the different family planning methods, while UNFPA and CDC conducted a session on HIV/AIDS. After the training on how to complete the household, women's and men's questionnaires was completed, an exam was given to all trainees. On the basis of the scores on the exam and overall performances in the classroom, 240 trainees were selected to participate in the main fieldwork. From the group 30 of the best male trainees were selected as supervisors and 30 of the best female interviewers were identified as field editors. The remaining 180 trainees were selected to be interviewers. The trainees not selected to participate in the fieldwork were kept as reserve.

After completing the interviewers' training, the field editors and supervisors were trained for an additional three days on how to supervise the fieldwork and edit questionnaires in the field to ensure data quality.

Thirty male interviewers and 30 female interviewers were selected to attend the biomarker training. In addition, the 30 field editors also attended the training, as a backup to the biomarker interviewers. Thirteen regional laboratory technicians who were recruited from Private Laboratory Consortium Unit (PLCU) to serve as regional coordinators for the HIV testing were also trained, of whom 11 were eventually selected to supervise the blood collection. During the one-week biomarker training, six experienced experts from ORC Macro and EHNRI provided theoretical training followed by practical classroom demonstrations of the techniques for testing of haemoglobin and collection of dried blood spots from a finger prick for HIV testing. In addition to the classroom training, trainees did several days of field practice to gain more experience on blood collection.

A total of 30 data collection teams, each composed of four female interviewers, two male interviewers, one female editor, and a male team supervisor, were organized for the main fieldwork. Furthermore, the 30 field teams were organized into 11 regional groups, each headed by an experienced senior staff of PHCCO and accompanied by a regional coordinator from PLCU. The survey was fielded from April 27 to August 30, 2005. The fieldwork was closely monitored for data quality through regular field visits by senior staff from PHCCO, ORC Macro, and other member organizations of the Steering Committee. Data quality was also monitored through field check tables generated from completed clusters simultaneously data entered and produced during the fieldwork. Five senior experts from PHCCO were permanently assigned to monitor the fieldwork throughout the survey period by moving from one region to another. Continuous communication was maintained between the field staff and the headquarters through cell phones.

Fieldwork was successfully completed in 535 of the 540 clusters, with the 5 clusters not covered primarily due to reasons of inaccessibility. Two of these clusters were located in rural Oromiya, one in rural Somali, one in rural SNNP and one in urban Gambela. DBS samples were collected in 534 out of the 535 clusters and delivered to EHNRI for analysis. In one cluster in the Gambela Region, households refused to be finger-pricked for cultural and traditional reasons.

### 1.10 Data Processing

The processing of the 2005 EDHS results began soon after the start of fieldwork. Completed questionnaires were returned periodically from the field to the data processing department at the PHCCO headquarters. A total of 17 new recruits had been trained for office editing/coding and data entry of the questionnaires. Guidelines for the editing/coding procedures had been issued and questions, which needed coding, were identified and a list of codes prepared. After the actual entry of the data began, additional data entry operators were recruited and entry was performed in two shifts. A total of 22 data entry operators and 4 office editors carried out data entry and primary office editing
activities. Each of the questionnaires was keyed twice by two separate entry clerks. Consistency checks were made and entry errors were manually checked by going back to the questionnaires. A secondary editing program was then run on the data to indicate questions that showed inconsistency and these were also corrected by secondary editors. The data entry for the 535 clusters that started on 9 May 2005 was completed on 24 September 2005.

### 1.11 ReSPONSE RateS

Table 1.2 shows the household and individual interview response rates for the survey. A total of 14,645 households were selected, of which 13,928 were occupied. The total number of households interviewed was 13,721 , yielding a household response rate of 99 percent.

A total of 14,717 eligible women were identified in these households and interviews were completed for 14,070 women, yielding a response rate of 96 percent. One in two households were selected for the male survey and 6,778 eligible men were identified in this subsample of households, of whom 6,033 were successfully interviewed, yielding a response rate of 89 percent. The response rates are higher in rural areas than urban areas for both males and females.

| Table 1.2 Results of the household and individual interviews |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of households, number of interviews, and response rates, according to residence, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |
| Result | Residence |  | Total |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| Household interviews |  |  |  |
| Households selected | 3,989 | 10,656 | 14,645 |
| Households occupied | 3,762 | 10,166 | 13,928 |
| Households interviewed | 3,666 | 10,055 | 13,721 |
| Household response rate | 97.4 | 98.9 | 98.5 |
| Interviews with women |  |  |  |
| Number of eligible women | 4,686 | 10,031 | 14,717 |
| Number of eligible women interviewed | 4,423 | 9,647 | 14,070 |
| Eligible woman response rate | 94.4 | 96.2 | 95.6 |
| Household interviews for men |  |  |  |
| Households selected | 1,947 | 5,213 | 7,160 |
| Households occupied | 1,828 | 4,959 | 6,787 |
| Households interviewed | 1,785 | 4,904 | 6,689 |
| Household response rate | 97.6 | 98.9 | 98.6 |
| Interviews with men |  |  |  |
| Number of eligible men | 1,948 | 4,830 | 6,778 |
| Number of eligible men interviewed | 1,628 | 4,405 | 6,033 |
| Eligible man response rate | 83.6 | 91.2 | 89.0 |

## HOUSEHOLD POPULATION AND HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

This chapter provides a summary of the socioeconomic characteristics of households and respondents surveyed, including age, sex, place of residence, educational status, household facilities, and household characteristics. Information collected on the characteristics of the households and respondents is important in understanding and interpreting the findings of the survey and also provides indicators of the representativeness of the survey. The information is also useful in understanding and identifying the major factors that determine or influence the basic demographic indicators of the population.

The 2005 EDHS collected information from all usual residents of a selected household (the de jure population) and persons who had stayed in the selected household the night before the interview (the de facto population). Since the difference between these two populations is very small and to maintain comparability with other DHS reports, all tables in this report refer to the de facto population unless otherwise specified. A household was defined as a person or group of related and unrelated persons who live together in the same dwelling unit(s) or in connected premises, who acknowledge one adult member as head of the household, and who have common arrangements for cooking and eating.

### 2.1 Household Population By Age And Sex

Age and sex are important demographic variables and are the primary basis of demographic classification in vital statistics, censuses, and surveys. They are also very important variables in the study of mortality, fertility, and nuptiality. In general, a cross-classification with sex is useful for the effective analysis of all forms of data obtained in surveys.

The distribution of the household population in the 2005 EDHS is shown in Table 2.1 by fiveyear age groups, according to urban-rural residence and sex. The total population counted in the survey was 67,556 , with females slightly outnumbering males. The results indicate an overall sex ratio of 99 males per 100 females. The sex ratio is higher in rural areas ( 101 males per 100 females) than in urban areas ( 85 males per 100 females).

| Table 2.1 Household population by age, sex, and residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of the de facto household population by five-year age groups, according to sex and residence, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Total |  |
| Age | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| $<5$ | 10.3 | 8.9 | 9.5 | 16.9 | 16.5 | 16.7 | 16.1 | 15.5 | 15.8 |
| 5-9 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 17.9 | 17.5 | 17.7 | 17.2 | 16.6 | 16.9 |
| 10-14 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 12.8 | 15.8 | 14.7 | 15.3 | 15.6 | 14.3 | 15.0 |
| 15-19 | 14.3 | 16.2 | 15.3 | 10.0 | 9.1 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 10.2 |
| 20-24 | 12.0 | 12.7 | 12.4 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.7 |
| 25-29 | 8.4 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 5.7 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 6.9 |
| 30-34 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| 35-39 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| 40-44 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 45-49 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.3 |
| 50-54 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| 55-59 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 2.1 |
| 60-64 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| 65-69 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| 70-74 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| 75-79 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| $80+$ | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 3,752 | 4,425 | 8,177 | 29,903 | 29,475 | 59,378 | 33,656 | 33,900 | 67,556 |

The age structure of the household population is typical of a society with a youthful population. The sex and age distribution of the population is shown in the population pyramid in Figure 2.1. Ethiopia has a pyramidal age structure due to the large number of children under 15 years of age. Children under 15 years of age account for 48 percent of the population, a feature of populations with high fertility levels. Forty-nine percent of the population is in the age group 15-64 and about 4 percent are over 65 .

Figure 2.1 Population Pyramid


EDHS 2005

### 2.2 Household Composition

Table 2.2 shows the distribution of households in the survey by the sex of the head of the household and by the number of household members in urban and rural areas. Households in Ethiopia are predominantly male headed, a common feature of most African countries. More than one in five households are headed by women with the proportion of female-headed households much higher in urban than in rural areas.

The average household size observed in the survey is 5 persons, which is slightly higher than the 2000 EDHS ( 4.8 persons). Rural households have 5.2 persons per household and are larger than urban households ( 4.2 persons). Single-person households are more common in urban areas (13 percent) than in rural areas (4 percent). Only 7 percent of households have nine or more members.

Table 2.2 Household composition
Percent distribution of households by sex of head of household and by household size, according to residence, Ethiopia 2005

|  | Residence |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Characteristic | Urban $\quad$ Rural |  |


|  | Urban | Rural | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cousehold headship |  |  |  |
| Male | 61.4 | 79.9 | 77.2 |
| Female | 38.6 | 20.1 | 22.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of usual members |  |  |  |
| 1 | 13.0 | 3.7 | 5.0 |
| 2 | 13.0 | 8.4 | 9.0 |
| 3 | 16.4 | 13.4 | 13.8 |
| 4 | 17.6 | 15.3 | 15.7 |
| 5 | 14.4 | 17.2 | 16.8 |
| 6 | 10.5 | 14.6 | 14.0 |
| 7 | 6.4 | 11.9 | 11.1 |
| 8 | 3.9 | 7.7 | 7.2 |
| $9+$ | 4.8 | 7.8 | 7.4 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of households | 1,974 | 11,747 | 13,721 |
| Mean size | 4.2 | 5.2 | 5.0 |

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

Detailed information on children's living arrangements and orphanhood is presented in Table 2.3. In Ethiopia, 73 percent of children under 18 live with both parents, 12 percent live with only their mother, 4 percent live with only their father,
and 10 percent live with neither parent. Seven percent of children live with their mother even though their father is alive, 2 percent of children live with their father even though their mother is alive, and 6 percent live with neither parent even though both of them are alive. Eight percent of children do not have a father alive and 4 percent do not have a mother alive. The percentage of children not living with their parents increases with age of the child. The proportion of children living with both parents varies little by sex. However, rural children are more likely to live with both parents than urban children. The highest proportion of children living with both parents is in Somali ( 79 percent), while the lowest proportion is in Addis Ababa (49 percent).

| Percent distribution of de jure children under age 18 by children's living arrangements and survival status of parents, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Living | Living moth not | with <br> r but ather | Living father mot | with <br> but not ther |  | ving with | either p | rent | Missing informa- |  | Percentage with one |  |
| Background characteristic | with both parents | Father alive | Father dead | Mother alive | Mother dead | Both alive | Only father alive | Only mother alive | Both dead | tion on <br> father or mother | Total | or both parents dead | Number of children |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <2 | 88.6 | 8.7 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 4,287 |
| 2-4 | 84.6 | 6.5 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 6,545 |
| 5-9 | 74.9 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 6.4 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 11,579 |
| 10-14 | 65.2 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 8.5 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 16.5 | 10,284 |
| 15-17 | 52.0 | 7.1 | 9.9 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 11.7 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 23.7 | 4,308 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 73.6 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 5.7 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 18,950 |
| Female | 72.1 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 7.1 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 18,052 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 52.6 | 12.7 | 8.6 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 12.1 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 3,455 |
| Rural | 74.9 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 5.8 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 10.6 | 33,547 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 70.0 | 12.9 | 5.0 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 2,344 |
| Affar | 75.2 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 408 |
| Amhara | 71.5 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 6.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 8,835 |
| Oromiya | 73.8 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 6.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 13,918 |
| Somali | 79.4 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 1,643 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 72.5 | 8.7 | 7.2 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 327 |
| SNNP | 74.8 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 8,449 |
| Gambela | 63.9 | 10.3 | 8.1 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 8.5 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 13.2 | 101 |
| Harari | 67.1 | 7.5 | 5.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 10.3 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 74 |
| Addis Ababa | 48.5 | 10.1 | 8.7 | 3.6 | 1.7 | 15.5 | 2.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 21.0 | 773 |
| Dire Dawa | 62.0 | 10.1 | 7.8 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 10.0 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 14.8 | 130 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 73.5 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 4.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 7,758 |
| Second | 73.9 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 4.9 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 7,534 |
| Middle | 74.7 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 6.2 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 7,574 |
| Fourth | 76.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 6.5 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 7,605 |
| Highest | 64.4 | 8.8 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 10.2 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 6,531 |
| Total age $<18$ | 72.8 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 6.4 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 11.3 | 37,002 |
| Total age <15 | 75.6 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 5.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 32,694 |

The EDHS administered three questions on succession planning to women and men. Women and men were first asked if they were primary caregivers to children under the age of 18 , and if they were, an additional question was administered to ascertain if they had made any arrangements for someone to care for these children in the event of their illness or inability to care for their young children themselves. Information on succession planning is shown in Table 2.4.

Three-fifths of women and men are primary caregivers to their children. Among primary caregivers, just under half (46 percent) had made provisions for someone else to take care of their children in case of their illness or inability to care for their own children. As the data show, younger, male, urban, highly educated and wealthy respondents are more likely than other respondents to make arrangements in the case of an eventuality. Succession planning varies markedly by region, with respondents residing in Harari ( 68 percent) most likely and respondents residing in Dire Dawa (34 percent) least likely to make plans in the case of an eventuality.

| Table 2.4 Succession planning |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of de facto women and men age 15-49 who are the primary caregivers of children under age 18 years, and among the primary caregivers, the percentage who have made arrangements for someone else to care for the children in the event of their own inability to do so because of illness or death, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | Percentage of women and men who are primary caregivers | Number of women and men age 15-49 | Percentage of caregivers who have made succession arrangements | Number of primary caregivers |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 17.0 | 4,601 | 52.8 | 783 |
| 20-29 | 60.3 | 6,869 | 48.0 | 4,143 |
| 30-39 | 83.2 | 4,815 | 45.3 | 4,006 |
| 40-49 | 81.3 | 3,249 | 43.0 | 2,642 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Women | 66.1 | 14,070 | 42.5 | 9,306 |
| Men | 41.5 | 5,464 | 61.7 | 2,268 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 45.1 | 3,353 | 50.8 | 1,513 |
| Rural | 62.2 | 16,181 | 45.5 | 10,061 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 61.4 | 1,235 | 55.8 | 758 |
| Affar | 60.6 | 205 | 45.7 | 124 |
| Amhara | 63.8 | 4,828 | 39.3 | 3,082 |
| Oromiya | 52.8 | 7,051 | 37.4 | 3,725 |
| Somali | 68.8 | 666 | 59.4 | 459 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 63.7 | 174 | 35.7 | 111 |
| SNNP | 67.0 | 4,138 | 60.2 | 2,774 |
| Gambela | 64.1 | 63 | 58.7 | 41 |
| Harari | 59.2 | 54 | 67.7 | 32 |
| Addis Ababa | 40.7 | 1,023 | 53.5 | 416 |
| Dire Dawa | 54.9 | 97 | 33.5 | 53 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 71.9 | 11,436 | 42.4 | 8,217 |
| Primary | 44.1 | 5,263 | 52.8 | 2,322 |
| Secondary and higher | 35.7 | 2,641 | 61.5 | 943 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 65.9 | 3,373 | 45.2 | 2,225 |
| Second | 64.1 | 3,670 | 42.9 | 2,354 |
| Middle | 61.6 | 3,767 | 43.9 | 2,321 |
| Fourth | 60.2 | 3,727 | 45.3 | 2,245 |
| Highest | 48.6 | 4,996 | 53.4 | 2,429 |
| Total | 59.3 | 19,534 | 46.2 | 11,574 |

### 2.3 Household Education

Studies show that education is one of the major socioeconomic factors that influence a person's behaviour and attitude. In general, the higher the level of education of a woman, the more knowledgeable she is about the use of health facilities, family planning methods, and the health of her children. Ethiopia's education system has been stable for a long time; however, recently a major restructuring and expansion programme was undertaken by the government. Following the free market oriented economic policy the education sector was opened to private investment. The current system of formal education is based on a three-tier system: eight years of primary education, followed by four years of secondary school and tertiary education. Prior to the change in the education policy, the education system was based on six years of primary education, followed by two years of junior secondary and four years of senior secondary education and tertiary education. Currently, several preuniversity collages and various institutions operated by the government and the private sector offer vocational, technical and professional training in different parts of the country. The number of government universities, and private universities and vocational and technical schools has increased tremendously in various parts of the country.

### 2.3.1 Educational Attainment of Household Population

Tables 2.5.1 and 2.5.2 show the percent distribution of the de facto female and male household population age six and over by highest level of education attended or completed, according to background characteristics. Survey results show that the majority of Ethiopians have little or no education, with females much less educated than males. Fifty-two percent of males and 67 percent of females have never attended school, and 32 percent of males and 25 percent of females have only some primary education. Four percent of males and 2 percent of females have completed primary education only, and 8 percent of males and 5 percent of females have attended, but not completed secondary education. ${ }^{1}$ Only 3 percent of males and 2 percent of females have completed secondary school or higher. Nevertheless, improvements in the education sector were observed since the 2000 EDHS, with the proportions of males and females with no education declining by 9 and 10 percentage points, respectively. The improvement is observed across all education categories. The male-female gap in education is more obvious at lower levels of education primarily because the proportion of males and females attending higher levels of education is so small.

An investigation of the changes in educational attainment by successive age groups indicates the long-term trend of the country's educational achievement. Survey results show that there has been a marked improvement in the educational attainment of women. For example, the proportion of women with no education has declined significantly from 99 percent among women age 65 and over to 41 percent among women age 10-14. A similar trend is noticeable among men, with the proportion of men with no education declining from 94 percent among those age 65 and over to 37 percent among those age 10-14.

As expected, educational attainment is much higher among the urban than the rural population. For example, 83 percent of males and 69 percent of females in urban areas have some education, compared with only 42 percent of males and 27 percent of females in rural areas. Regarding regional variation, the proportion of men and women with no education is highest in the Somali Region ( 82 percent and 89 percent, respectively), followed by the Affar Region ( 80 percent and 87 percent, respectively), and is lowest in the capital city, Addis Ababa (13 percent and 25 percent, respectively). It is noticeable that in the majority of the regions (Affar, Amhara, Oromiya, Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz, SNNP, and Gambela) about 2 percent or less of women and 3 percent or less of men have completed secondary and higher education. In the most urbanized regions, Harari, Addis Ababa, and Dire Dawa, much higher proportions of women and men have secondary education.

[^0]| Table 2.5.1 Educational attainment of household population: female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of the de facto female household population age six and over by highest level of education attended or completed, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary | Don't know/ missing | Total | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-9 | 73.3 | 26.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 4,704 |
| 10-14 | 41.1 | 54.9 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4,861 |
| 15-19 | 40.4 | 37.0 | 6.6 | 15.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,409 |
| 20-24 | 60.4 | 19.6 | 2.6 | 11.5 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,652 |
| 25-29 | 67.6 | 18.2 | 1.7 | 6.5 | 4.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,609 |
| 30-34 | 73.7 | 14.6 | 1.6 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,825 |
| 35-39 | 79.8 | 11.5 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,642 |
| 40-44 | 87.0 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,190 |
| 45-49 | 92.9 | 3.5 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,156 |
| 50-54 | 95.3 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 975 |
| 55-59 | 96.1 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 859 |
| 60-64 | 98.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 735 |
| $65+$ | 98.9 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,075 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.7 | 28.6 | 5.5 | 22.1 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,951 |
| Rural | 72.8 | 23.8 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 23,750 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 63.0 | 24.6 | 2.6 | 7.1 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,795 |
| Affar | 87.0 | 8.0 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 286 |
| Amhara | 69.5 | 24.2 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 6,937 |
| Oromiya | 66.1 | 26.5 | 1.8 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 9,919 |
| Somali | 88.8 | 6.6 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,063 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 67.9 | 26.7 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 240 |
| SNNP | 69.6 | 24.8 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 6,051 |
| Gambela | 58.6 | 32.4 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 79 |
| Harari | 49.4 | 21.5 | 2.9 | 15.6 | 8.0 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 69 |
| Addis Ababa | 24.6 | 26.8 | 5.5 | 22.9 | 11.9 | 8.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,143 |
| Dire Dawa | 52.9 | 22.4 | 3.9 | 14.0 | 5.3 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 119 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 84.1 | 14.7 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,426 |
| Second | 78.5 | 19.8 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,412 |
| Middle | 71.9 | 25.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,440 |
| Fourth | 65.0 | 30.4 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,334 |
| Highest | 38.0 | 31.6 | 4.7 | 16.6 | 5.8 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 6,088 |
| Total | 66.8 | 24.5 | 1.9 | 4.6 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 27,701 |
| Note: Total includes 5 women missing information on age and not shown separately. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level <br> ${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The proportion of female and male household members who have never attended school decreases with wealth. Seventy-three percent of men in the lowest wealth quintile have no education compared with only 24 percent in the highest quintile. Similarly, 84 percent of women in the lowest quintile have no education compared with 38 percent in the highest quintile.

| Table 2.5 .2 | Educational attainment of household population: male |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

### 2.3.2 School Attendance Ratios

Data on net attendance ratios (NARs) and gross attendance ratios (GARs) for the de facto household population by school level, sex, residence, region and wealth index are shown in Table 2.6. The NAR indicates participation in primary schooling for the population age $7-12$ and secondary schooling for the population age 13-18. The GAR measures participation at each level of schooling among those of any age. The GAR is nearly always higher than the NAR for the same level because the GAR includes participation by those who may be older or younger than the official age range for that level. ${ }^{2}$ An NAR of 100 percent would indicate that all those in the official age range for the level are attending at that level. The GAR can exceed 100 percent if there is significant overage or underage participation at a given level of schooling.

[^1]
## Table 2.6 School attendance ratios

Net attendance ratios (NAR) and gross attendance ratios (GAR) for the de facto household population by level of schooling and sex, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Net attendance ratio ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Gross attendance ratio ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Gender parity index ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |  |
| PRIMARY SCHOOL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 77.8 | 79.6 | 78.8 | 117.2 | 122.4 | 120.0 | 1.04 |
| Rural | 39.1 | 38.5 | 38.8 | 77.7 | 68.0 | 73.0 | 0.88 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 48.6 | 52.7 | 50.6 | 78.3 | 84.1 | 81.1 | 1.07 |
| Affar | 19.1 | 11.0 | 15.3 | 34.9 | 21.0 | 28.5 | 0.60 |
| Amhara | 46.3 | 54.5 | 50.4 | 85.9 | 82.3 | 84.1 | 0.96 |
| Oromiya | 43.9 | 41.4 | 42.7 | 88.2 | 75.7 | 82.1 | 0.86 |
| Somali | 15.5 | 11.6 | 13.8 | 24.4 | 17.2 | 21.2 | 0.71 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 49.7 | 47.1 | 48.4 | 90.5 | 69.6 | 79.6 | 0.77 |
| SNNP | 37.2 | 31.8 | 34.5 | 76.3 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 0.84 |
| Gambela | 39.2 | 45.9 | 42.2 | 81.4 | 84.7 | 82.9 | 1.04 |
| Harari | 54.0 | 54.6 | 54.3 | 85.2 | 80.8 | 83.1 | 0.95 |
| Addis Ababa | 83.0 | 78.8 | 80.6 | 124.9 | 137.0 | 131.8 | 1.10 |
| Dire Dawa | 60.6 | 48.7 | 54.8 | 93.6 | 74.8 | 84.4 | 0.80 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 26.0 | 24.9 | 25.4 | 52.2 | 41.4 | 46.9 | 0.79 |
| Second | 35.9 | 34.7 | 35.3 | 71.8 | 60.8 | 66.6 | 0.85 |
| Middle | 42.8 | 40.2 | 41.5 | 83.9 | 76.0 | 80.1 | 0.91 |
| Fourth | 46.2 | 47.0 | 46.6 | 92.8 | 82.8 | 87.9 | 0.89 |
| Highest | 66.9 | 69.4 | 68.2 | 112.7 | 111.1 | 111.9 | 0.99 |
| Total | 42.2 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 80.9 | 73.3 | 77.1 | 0.91 |


| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Urban | 55.3 | 42.3 | 48.2 | 79.9 | 57.2 | 67.6 | 0.72 |
| Rural | 11.9 | 7.3 | 9.7 | 20.3 | 10.3 | 15.6 | 0.51 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 19.6 | 17.6 | 18.6 | 32.8 | 26.1 | 29.3 | 0.80 |
| Affar | 6.7 | 4.1 | 5.3 | 12.6 | 7.9 | 10.2 | 0.62 |
| Amhara | 15.6 | 15.2 | 15.4 | 23.1 | 17.3 | 20.4 | 0.75 |
| Oromiya | 18.0 | 10.5 | 14.5 | 29.9 | 15.4 | 23.0 | 0.51 |
| Somali | 9.4 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 12.2 | 6.3 | 9.6 | 0.51 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 17.9 | 12.6 | 15.3 | 28.1 | 17.8 | 23.1 | 0.63 |
| SNNP | 14.2 | 9.6 | 11.9 | 25.0 | 15.1 | 20.2 | 0.60 |
| Gambela | 30.0 | 15.9 | 24.0 | 52.2 | 24.4 | 40.3 | 0.47 |
| Harari | 39.6 | 33.1 | 36.1 | 56.0 | 40.7 | 47.8 | 0.73 |
| Addis Ababa | 58.8 | 38.9 | 46.7 | 81.4 | 53.8 | 64.7 | 0.66 |
| Dire Dawa | 45.4 | 31.4 | 38.2 | 66.9 | 38.0 | 52.1 | 0.57 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 5.8 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 10.4 | 3.1 | 7.0 | 0.30 |
| Second | 8.3 | 3.3 | 5.8 | 15.2 | 4.9 | 10.1 | 0.32 |
| Middle | 9.4 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 18.8 | 9.3 | 14.1 | 0.49 |
| Fourth | 15.0 | 11.4 | 13.4 | 24.8 | 14.7 | 20.4 | 0.59 |
| Highest | 42.6 | 33.5 | 38.0 | 62.1 | 47.0 | 54.5 | 0.76 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 17.7 | 13.3 | 15.6 | 28.2 | 18.3 | 23.5 | 0.65 |

${ }^{1}$ The NAR for primary school is the percentage of the primary-school-age ( $7-12$ years) population that is attending primary school. The NAR for secondary school is the percentage of the secondary-school-age (13 18 years) population that is attending secondary school. By definition the NAR cannot exceed 100 percent. ${ }^{2}$ The GAR for primary school is the total number of primary school students, expressed as a percentage of the official primary-school-age population. The GAR for secondary school is the total number of secondary school students, expressed as a percentage of the official secondary-school-age population. If there are significant numbers of overage and underage students at a given level of schooling, the GAR can exceed 100 percent. ${ }^{3}$ The gender parity index for primary school is the ratio of the primary school GAR for females to the GAR for males. The gender parity index for secondary school is the ratio of the secondary school GAR for females to the GAR for males.

Forty-two percent of children who should be attending primary school are currently doing so. At the same time, only 16 percent of secondary-school-age youths are in school. Nevertheless, marked improvements in NAR are observed since the 2000 EDHS, with 12 and 4 percentage point improvements in the NARs for the primary and secondary levels, respectively. The NAR is higher among males than among females at the secondary level. Attendance ratios are much lower in rural areas than in urban areas and are the lowest in the Affar and Somali regions.

The GAR is higher among males than females at both the primary and secondary levels, at 81 and 73 at the primary-school level, respectively, and 28 and 18 at the secondary-school level, respectively, indicating higher attendance among males than among females. Although the overall GAR at the primary-school level is 77, there are significant levels of overage and/or underage participation in the urban areas among both males (117) and females (122) and also in Addis Ababa (132), the highest among the regions.

There is a strong relationship between household economic status and schooling that can be seen at both the primary and secondary levels and among males and females. For example, the NAR increases from 25 percent among students from poorer households (lowest wealth quintile) in primary school to 68 percent among students from richer households (highest wealth quintile). Similarly, the NAR rises from 4 percent among secondary attendees in the lowest wealth quintile to 38 percent among those in the highest wealth quintile.

The Gender Parity Index (GPI) represents the ratio of the GAR for females to the GAR for males. It is presented at both the primary and secondary levels and offers a summary measure of gender differences in school attendance rates. A GPI less than one indicates that a smaller proportion of females than males attend school. In Ethiopia, the GPI is slightly less than one (0.9) for primary school attendance, but 0.7 for secondary school attendance, indicating that the gender gap is smaller at the primary than the secondary level. There are also marked differences in the GPI by place of residence and by region. The primary school GPI is markedly lower in Affar, Somali and Benishangul-Gumuz than in other regions, while a higher female to male index is observed in Tigray, Gambela and Addis Ababa. The Tigray Region has the highest secondary school GPI (0.8) and Gambela, Oromiya and Somali regions the lowest.

Grade repetition and dropout rates for the de facto household population age 5-24 years who attended school in the previous school year is shown in Table 2.7. The repetition rate is defined as the percentage of students in a given grade in the previous school year who are repeating that grade in the current school year. Dropout rate refers to the percentage of students in a given grade in the previous school year who are not attending school in the current school year.

School attendance ratios in combination with repetition and dropout rates fully describe the flow of students through the school system. In countries with an automatic promotion policy, where students are nearly always promoted to the next grade at the end of the school year, repetition rates may approach zero. However, in Ethiopia the school system does not support automatic promotion of students. Therefore, repetition and dropout rates measure and show current educational problems and impacts of education policies and programmes. Repetition rates are higher in lower grades, specifically highest in grade one ( 6 percent). Males have higher repetition rates up to grade three compared with female children. However, more female than male children repeat in grades 4 and 5. Dropout rates are higher for males than females in all grade categories. Rural children are more disadvantaged than their urban counterparts; in all grade levels dropout rates are much higher for rural than urban children.

| Table 2.7 Grade repetition and dropout rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Repetition and dropout rates for the de facto household population age 5-24 years who attended school in the previous school year by school grade, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | School grade |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| REPETITION RATE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 6.5 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| Female | 4.7 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 2.4 |
| Rural | 5.8 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 0.0 |
| Affar | 2.1 | (0.0) | * | * | * | * |
| Amhara | 6.6 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 0.0 |
| Oromiya | 6.5 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 3.2 |
| Somali | 1.6 | (0.0) | (0.0) | (8.0) | * | * |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 13.2 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 0.0 | (2.3) | 0.0 |
| SNNP | 3.8 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Gambela | 7.5 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 5.3 |
| Harari | 6.1 | 4.6 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 1.4 |
| Addis Ababa | 9.5 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.3 |
| Dire Dawa | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 2.3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 7.8 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 0.1 |
| Second | 5.2 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 4.9 |
| Middle | 6.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 3.1 |
| Fourth | 4.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| Highest | 5.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 1.5 |
| Total | 5.7 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| DROPOUT RATE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 5.5 | 5.7 | 7.7 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 6.2 |
| Female | 3.6 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.1 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 2.4 |
| Rural | 5.0 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 6.9 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 2.5 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 8.1 | 6.8 | 5.0 |
| Affar | 2.3 | 4.8 | * | * | * | * |
| Amhara | 2.4 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 1.8 |
| Oromiya | 6.7 | 9.3 | 7.2 | 10.0 | 8.9 | 5.1 |
| Somali | 2.9 | (1.4) | (0.0) | (6.8) | * | * |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 2.6 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 8.9 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| SNNP | 5.0 | 4.1 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 11.3 |
| Gambela | 5.8 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 11.1 | 6.9 | 14.1 |
| Harari | 5.6 | 8.1 | 2.2 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 4.7 |
| Addis Ababa | 1.4 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 2.8 | 7.4 | 4.6 |
| Dire Dawa | 5.3 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 6.6 | 3.2 | 3.9 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 5.7 | 8.7 | 5.7 | 10.1 | 6.6 | 15.2 |
| Second | 4.2 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 6.1 | 15.1 | 9.6 |
| Middle | 5.1 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 11.1 | 7.8 | 6.7 |
| Fourth | 4.9 | 5.4 | 9.2 | 4.9 | 8.9 | 5.2 |
| Highest | 3.3 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 3.1 |
| Total | 4.6 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 7.1 | 7.9 | 5.6 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The age-specific attendance rates (ASARs) for the population age five and over by sex are shown in Figure 2.2. The ASAR indicates participation in schooling at any level, from primary to higher levels of education. Although the minimum age for schooling in Ethiopia is seven, there are some children enrolled prior to this age. Nevertheless, only 21 percent of children age seven are attending school, indicating that a large majority of children that age in Ethiopia have not entered the school system. However, a marked improvement in enrolment at age seven was observed since 2000 when 15 percent were attending school. There is little difference in the proportion of males and females attending school up to age 12; thereafter, a significantly higher proportion of males than females attends school.

Figure 2.2 Age-Specific Attendance Rates


### 2.4 Household Characteristics

The physical characteristics and availability and accessibility of basic household facilities are important in assessing the general welfare and socioeconomic condition of the population. In the 2005 EDHS respondents to the household questionnaire were asked about household drinking water and household sanitation facilities that included questions on the source of drinking water, time taken to the nearest source, and the person that usually collects drinking water, water treatment prior to drinking and questions on sanitation facilities.

Table 2.8 presents information on household drinking water. The majority ( 61 percent) of households in Ethiopia have access to an improved source of drinking water with access in urban areas much higher than in rural areas ( 94 percent and 56 percent, respectively). The most common source of improved drinking water in urban areas is piped water with 90 percent of households having access to this source. On the other hand, only 13 percent of rural households have access to piped water. The major source of improved drinking water in rural areas is a protected spring ( 39 percent). The proportion of households with access to piped water has increased from about 14 percent in 1994 (CSA, 1999) to 18 percent in 2000 and 24 percent in 2005.

| Table 2.8 Household drinking water |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of households by source, time to collect, person who usually collects drinking water, and treatment of water, according to residence, and percent distribution of the de jure population by source, time to collect, person who usually collects drinking water, and treatment of drinking water, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Characteristics of household drinking water | Households |  | Total | De jure population |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |  |
| Source of drinking water |  |  |  |  |
| Improved source | 93.7 | 56.0 | 61.4 | 60.0 |
| Piped into dwelling | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Piped into compound | 45.0 | 0.2 | 6.6 | 5.7 |
| Piped outside compound | 42.6 | 12.3 | 16.7 | 15.8 |
| Tube well or borehole | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Protected dug well | 1.2 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Protected spring | 2.3 | 38.7 | 33.5 | 33.7 |
| Rainwater | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Non-improved source | 6.1 | 43.8 | 38.4 | 39.9 |
| Unprotected dug well | 0.8 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| Unprotected spring | 4.1 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 7.3 |
| Tanker truck | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Surface water | 0.8 | 30.1 | 25.9 | 26.9 |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Time to obtain drinking water (round trip) |  |  |  |  |
| Water on premises | 48.4 | 1.6 | 8.4 | 7.4 |
| Less than 30 minutes | 36.4 | 45.6 | 44.3 | 44.1 |
| 30 minutes or longer | 14.6 | 52.1 | 46.7 | 47.9 |
| Missing | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Person who usually collects drinking water |  |  |  |  |
| Adult male age 15+ | 7.1 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 4.8 |
| Adult female age 15+ | 38.6 | 80.5 | 74.4 | 75.0 |
| Male child under age 15 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| Female child under age 15 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 9.6 |
| Water on premises | 48.4 | 1.6 | 8.4 | 7.4 |
| Other | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Missing | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Water treatment prior to drinking |  |  |  |  |
| Boiled | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Bleach/chlorine added | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Strained through cloth | 0.6 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.9 |
| Ceramic, sand or other filter | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Let it stand and settle | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Other | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| No treatment | 94.7 | 91.4 | 91.9 | 91.6 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 1,974 | 11,747 | 13,721 | 68,981 |

Only 8 percent of households reported having water on their premises. Households not having access on their premises were asked for the time taken to fetch water. Forty-four percent of all households ( 36 percent urban and 46 percent rural) take less than 30 minutes to fetch drinking water. In the majority ( 74 percent) of households, an adult female usually collects drinking water. Female children under age 15 are over three times more likely than male children the same age to fetch drinking water.

In the survey all households were asked whether they treat water prior to drinking. An overwhelming majority of households ( 92 percent) do not treat drinking water. Rural households are somewhat more likely than urban households to treat drinking water and this is mostly done by straining water through cloth.

Table 2.9 presents information on household sanitation facilities by type of toilet/latrine. Sixty-two percent of Ethiopian households do not have a toilet facility. Overall a small proportion (7 percent) of households use improved toilets that are not shared. Urban households are more than three times as likely as rural households to have access to improved toilet facilities. In urban areas, a pit latrine with a slab ( 12 percent) is the major type of improved toilet facility. There has been a decline recently in the proportion of households with no toilet facilities from 82 percent in 2000 to 62 percent in 2005. The decline was observed in both urban and rural areas (from 30 percent to 12 percent in urban areas and from 92 percent to 70 percent in rural areas).

| Table 2.9 Household sanitation facilities |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of households by type of toilet/latrine facilities, according to residence and the percent distribution of the de jure population by toilet/latrine facilities, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Type of toilet/ latrine facility | Households |  | Total | De jure population |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |  |
| Improved, not shared | 18.0 | 4.9 | 6.8 | 7.4 |
| Flush/pour flush to piped sewer system | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Flush/pour flush to septic tank | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Flush/pour flush to pit latrine | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| Ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Pit latrine with a slab | 11.5 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Composting toilet | 1.0 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| Not improved | 81.9 | 95.0 | 93.1 | 92.5 |
| Any facility shared with other households | 51.1 | 5.9 | 12.4 | 9.8 |
| Flush/pour flush not to sewer/septic tank/pit latrine | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Pit latrine without slab/ open pit | 18.1 | 18.6 | 18.5 | 20.3 |
| Bucket | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Hanging toilet/hanging latrine | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| No facility/bush/field | 12.2 | 70.3 | 61.9 | 62.2 |
| Other/missing | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 1,974 | 11,747 | 13,721 | 68,981 |

Information on household characteristics such as availability of electricity, type of flooring material, number of rooms for sleeping, type of fuel used for cooking, place for cooking and type of fire/stove among households using biomass are shown in Table 2.10. Fourteen percent of households have electricity, but this varies widely by place of residence. Two percent of households in rural areas have access to electricity, compared with 86 percent of urban households. The proportion of households with electricity rose from 76 percent to 86 percent in urban areas between 2000 and 2005 and from 0.4 percent to 1.9 percent in rural areas. Sixty-five percent of households have earth or sand floors and 25 percent have dung floors. Rural houses are more likely than urban houses to have earth, sand, or dung floors, while urban houses are more likely than rural houses to have floors made with cement/bricks.

| Table 2.10 Household characteristics |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of households by household characteristics, according to residence, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Household characteristic | Households |  | Total | De jure population |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |  |
| Electricity |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 85.7 | 1.9 | 14.0 | 12.0 |
| No | 14.3 | 98.0 | 85.9 | 87.9 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Flooring material |  |  |  |  |
| Earth/sand | 32.8 | 70.6 | 65.2 | 65.7 |
| Dung | 12.8 | 27.5 | 25.4 | 25.7 |
| Wood planks | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Reed/bamboo | 1.9 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Parquet or polished wood | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Vinyl | 17.7 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 2.4 |
| Ceramic tiles | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Cement/bricks | 23.3 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| Carpet | 3.6 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| Other/missing | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Rooms for sleeping |  |  |  |  |
| No bedrooms or only one | 67.4 | 78.4 | 76.8 | 71.5 |
| Two | 25.3 | 18.2 | 19.2 | 22.8 |
| Three or more | 7.1 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 5.0 |
| Missing | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Cooking fuel |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| LPG | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Natural gas | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Biogas | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Kerosene | 25.9 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 3.0 |
| Charcoal | 18.1 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 2.2 |
| Wood | 48.5 | 89.9 | 83.9 | 85.7 |
| Straw/shrubs/grass | 0.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Animal dung | 2.1 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 7.5 |
| Other/missing | 3.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Place for cooking |  |  |  |  |
| In the house | 31.1 | 74.1 | 67.9 | 66.4 |
| In a separate building | 53.5 | 21.0 | 25.7 | 27.6 |
| Outdoors | 12.4 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| Other/missing | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of households | 1,974 | 11,747 | 13,721 | 68,981 |
| Type of fire/stove among households using biomass fuel ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Open fire or stove whithou chimney/hood | 91.5 | 97.5 | 96.6 | 96.8 |
| Open fire or stove with chimney/hood | 5.9 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Closed stove with chimney | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Other | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Missing | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of households using biomass fuel | 1,871 | 11,722 | 13,593 | 68,605 |

${ }^{1}$ Biomass fuel includes kerosene, coal/lignite, charcoal, wood/straw/shrubs, and animal dung.

Data were collected on the number of sleeping rooms per household. Slightly over threefourths of households have no bedrooms or have only one room for sleeping. Nineteen percent of households have two rooms and only 3 percent have three or more rooms for sleeping. Urban households are more likely than rural households to have two or more rooms for sleeping.

The overwhelming majority of households ( 84 percent) use wood for cooking. Wood is the most common form of cooking fuel in rural areas ( 90 percent). In urban areas nearly half of the households use wood for cooking (49 percent), followed by kerosene ( 26 percent) and charcoal (18 percent). Slightly over two-thirds of households ( 68 percent) cook their meals in the house, while over a quarter use a separate building for cooking ( 26 percent). Slightly over half the households in urban areas ( 54 percent) use a separate building for cooking. Almost all households ( 99 percent) use a biomass fuel for cooking, that is, kerosene, charcoal, dung and wood/straw/shrubs, which generate smoke that is unhealthy when inhaled. In these households, almost all cooking is done over an open fire or stove with no chimney or hood to channel the smoke outside the house.

### 2.5 Household Possessions

Information on ownership of durable goods and other possessions is presented in Table 2.11. In general, ownership of household effects, means of transportation and agricultural land and farm animals is indicative of a household's social and economic well-being. The survey results show that one-third of all households have a radio, about 5 percent have a television, 4 percent have a nonmobile telephone, 2 percent have a mobile telephone and 2 percent have a refrigerator. In general, households in rural Ethiopia are much less likely to possess consumer items like televisions, telephones, or refrigerators. Ethiopians in general are not very likely to own a means of transport, although urban households are more likely than rural households to own a means of transportation. Bicycles owned by 1 percent of households are the most commonly owned means of transportation. Most rural households in contrast to urban households own agricultural land ( 92 percent versus 11 percent) or farm animals ( 90 percent versus 24 percent).

| Table 2.11 Household possessions |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of households possessing various household effects, means of transportation, agricultural land, and farm animals, by residence, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Possessions | Households |  | Total | De jure population |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |  |
| Household effects |  |  |  |  |
| Radio | 75.6 | 26.6 | 33.7 | 35.6 |
| Television | 33.1 | 0.1 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| Mobile telephone | 11.4 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Non-mobile telephone | 28.2 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| Refrigerator | 11.9 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Means of transport |  |  |  |  |
| Bicycle | 5.5 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| Animal drawn cart | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Motorcycle/scooter | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Car/truck | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Boat with a motor | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Ownership of agricultural land | 11.3 | 92.0 | 80.4 | 84.3 |
| Ownership of farm animals ${ }^{1}$ | 23.8 | 89.5 | 80.1 | 85.4 |
| Number of households | 1,974 | 11,747 | 13,721 | 68,981 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Cattle, cows, bulls, horses, donkeys, goats, sheep or chicken. |  |  |  |  |

### 2.6 Socioeconomic Status Index

One of the background characteristics used throughout this report is an index of socioeconomic status. The economic index used here was recently developed and tested in a large number of countries in relation to inequalities in household income, use of health services and health outcomes (Rutstein et al., 2000). It is an indicator of the level of wealth that is consistent with expenditure and income measures (Rutstein, 1999). The economic index was constructed using household asset data including ownership of a number of consumer items ranging from a television to a bicycle or car, as well as dwelling characteristics, such as source of drinking water, sanitation facilities and type of material used for flooring.

Each asset was assigned a weight (factor score) generated through principal components analysis, and the resulting asset scores were standardized in relation to a normal distribution with a mean of zero and standard deviation of one (Gwatkin et al., 2000). Each household was then assigned a score for each asset, and the scores were summed for each household; individuals were ranked according to the score of the household in which they resided. The sample was then divided into quintiles from one (lowest) to five (highest). A single asset index was developed for the whole sample; separate indices were not prepared for the urban and rural population.

Table 2.12 presents the wealth quintiles by residence and administrative regions. Ninety-three percent of the population in urban areas is in the highest wealth quintile in contrast to the rural areas where only 10 percent are in this category. The wealth quintile distribution among regions shows large variations, with a relatively high percentage of the population in the most urbanized regions in the highest wealth quintile-Addis Ababa ( 99 percent), Dire Dawa ( 66 percent), and Harari ( 65 percent). On the other hand, a significant proportion of the population in the more rural areas of the country such as in Somali ( 72 percent), Affar ( 67 percent) and Gambela ( 44 percent) are in the lowest wealth quintile.

| Table 2.12 Wealth quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of the de jure population by wealth quintiles, according to residence and region, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  | Total | De jure population |
|  | Lowest | Second | Middle | Fourth | Highest |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 5.1 | 92.6 | 100.0 | 8,260 |
| Rural | 22.7 | 22.6 | 22.5 | 22.0 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 60,721 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 31.6 | 23.5 | 17.5 | 10.2 | 17.2 | 100.0 | 4,410 |
| Affar | 67.3 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 3.3 | 13.5 | 100.0 | 738 |
| Amhara | 17.5 | 21.4 | 22.1 | 23.5 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 17,081 |
| Oromiya | 19.9 | 22.0 | 20.6 | 19.7 | 17.9 | 100.0 | 25,278 |
| Somali | 71.8 | 11.1 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 2,835 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 19.1 | 21.9 | 24.6 | 18.5 | 15.9 | 100.0 | 600 |
| SNNP | 10.7 | 19.5 | 24.2 | 26.9 | 18.6 | 100.0 | 15,110 |
| Gambela | 44.0 | 15.1 | 7.9 | 13.6 | 19.4 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Harari | 5.7 | 6.7 | 10.3 | 12.7 | 64.6 | 100.0 | 163 |
| Addis Ababa | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 98.7 | 100.0 | 2,280 |
| Dire Dawa | 11.4 | 11.2 | 8.3 | 3.2 | 65.8 | 100.0 | 285 |
| Total | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 100.0 | 68,981 |

The registration of births is the inscription of the facts of the birth into an official log kept at the registrar's office. A birth certificate is issued at the time of registration or later as proof of the registration of the birth. Although Ethiopia does not have a legal and administrative structure that performs official registration of births according to standard procedures, there exists in the urban parts of the country a practice where certificates of birth are issued without the event being officially registered. Birth certificates may also be issued by hospitals where the birth occurred, but this event again may not be officially recorded in a civil registry. In addition, some regional capitals in the country may also issue birth certificates that are not officially recorded by a civil registry. Thus the information in Table 2.13 should be interpreted in the light of the situation in Ethiopia. Information on the registration of births was collected in the household interview where respondents were asked if their child under age five had a birth certificate. If they responded that the child did not have a birth certificate, an additional question was posed to ascertain if the child's birth had ever been registered with the municipal or local authorities. Seven percent of Ethiopian children under age five have had their births registered. However, most of these children ( 5 percent) did not have a birth certificate.

| Table 2.13 Birth registration of children under age five |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of de jure children under five years of age whose births are registered with the civil authorities, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of children whose births are registered: |  |  | Number of children |
| Background characteristic | Had a birth certificate | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Did not } \\ & \text { have a birth } \\ & \text { certificate } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Total registered |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| < 2 | 1.5 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 4,287 |
| 2-4 | 1.1 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 6,545 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 1.4 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 5,486 |
| Female | 1.2 | 5.7 | 6.9 | 5,345 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.1 | 18.9 | 28.9 | 783 |
| Rural | 0.6 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 10,048 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 3.4 | 4.1 | 7.5 | 694 |
| Affar | 1.5 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 102 |
| Amhara | 0.6 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 2,479 |
| Oromiya | 1.0 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 4,285 |
| Somali | 0.9 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 460 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.6 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 104 |
| SNNP | 0.9 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 2,467 |
| Gambela | 0.9 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 30 |
| Harari | 10.6 | 6.6 | 17.3 | 23 |
| Addis Ababa | 16.6 | 28.9 | 45.5 | 150 |
| Dire Dawa | 7.5 | 16.3 | 23.8 | 38 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2,366 |
| Second | 0.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 2,308 |
| Middle | 0.6 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 2,356 |
| Fourth | 0.9 | 5.7 | 6.6 | 2,184 |
| Highest | 5.9 | 12.2 | 18.1 | 1,617 |
| Total | 1.3 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 10,831 |

## CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

This chapter provides a demographic and socioeconomic profile of respondents interviewed in the 2005 EDHS. Such background information is essential to the interpretation of findings and for understanding the results presented later in the report. Basic characteristics collected include age, level of education, marital status, religion, ethnicity, and wealth status. Exposure to mass media and literacy status was examined and detailed information was collected on employment status, occupation, and earnings.

### 3.1 Characteristics of Survey Respondents

The background characteristics of the 14,070 women age $15-49$ and the 6,033 men age 15-59 interviewed in the 2005 EDHS are shown in Table 3.1. This table is important in that it provides the background for interpreting findings presented later in the report.

Three in five women ( 59 percent) and one in two men ( 52 percent) are under age 30 . In general, the proportion of women and men in each age group declines as age increases, reflecting the comparatively young age structure of the population in Ethiopia as a result of past high fertility levels.

The majority of surveyed respondents ( 65 percent of women and 57 percent of men) are married or living together. The proportion not currently married varies by gender. One in four women has never married compared with two in five men. On the other hand, women are much more likely to be divorced, separated, or widowed ( 11 percent) than men ( 3 percent).

Place of residence is another characteristic that determines access to services and exposure to information pertaining to reproductive health and other aspects of life. As expected, the majority of respondents reside in rural areas, with only 18 percent of women and 15 percent of men residing in urban areas.

More than 80 percent of the respondents live in three major regions, namely: Amhara, Oromiya, and SNNP. Respondents from Tigray, Addis Ababa, and Somali constitute about 7 percent, 5 percent, and 3 percent, respectively, of the sample. One percent or less of respondents reside in other regions.

Education is an important factor influencing an individual's attitude and outlook on various aspects of life. Generally, educational attainment in Ethiopia is very low among both men and women, with women much more disadvantaged than men. Two-thirds of women compared with twofifths of men do not have any formal education. The corresponding figures in the 2000 EDHS were 75 percent and 52 percent, respectively, indicating that the proportion of persons with no education has declined over the past five years. Nearly twice as many men as women have primary ( 37 percent of men compared with 22 percent of women) or secondary education ( 20 percent of men compared with 12 percent of women).

The distribution of respondents by religious affiliation shows that half are Orthodox Christians and nearly 30 percent are Muslims. Protestant women and men account for about 19 percent and 17 percent, respectively. The ethnic composition of respondents indicates that a third of respondents belong to the Oromo ethnic group and about three out of ten are Amharas. Tigraways constitute 7 percent of the population. While there are more than 80 ethnic groups in Ethiopia, most are small in number and, therefore, are not shown separately. They are grouped under the category "Other."


### 3.2 Educational Attainment and Literacy

Tables 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 present detailed distribution of educational attainment, according to background characteristics. As can be seen from the table, most women with no education are older and reside primarily in rural areas. The urban-rural difference in level of education is pronounced at secondary or higher levels. For example, only 3 percent of women in rural areas have some secondary education, compared with nearly a third of their counterparts in urban areas. Regarding regional differentials in educational attainment, the highest proportions of women with no education are observed in the Somali and Affar regions ( 91 percent and 85 percent, respectively). The lowest proportion is observed in Addis Ababa, where only 18 percent of women have never attended formal education.

| Table 3.2.1 Educational attainment by background characteristics: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women by highest level of schooling attained, and median number of years of schooling, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Highest level of schooling attended or completed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Median years of schooling |
| Background characteristic | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary | Total |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 40.1 | 36.4 | 7.2 | 15.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,266 | 1.2 |
| 20-24 | 60.2 | 19.8 | 2.7 | 11.4 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 2,547 | 0.0 |
| 25-29 | 68.9 | 17.4 | 1.6 | 6.6 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 2,517 | 0.0 |
| 30-34 | 73.0 | 15.5 | 1.7 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 1,808 | 0.0 |
| 35-39 | 80.1 | 11.3 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,602 | 0.0 |
| 40-44 | 87.0 | 6.0 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 1,187 | 0.0 |
| 45-49 | 92.8 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,143 | 0.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 24.7 | 17.8 | 6.7 | 31.5 | 12.5 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 2,499 | 6.2 |
| Rural | 74.8 | 19.5 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 11,571 | 0.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 63.5 | 16.4 | 3.7 | 12.0 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 919 | 0.0 |
| Affar | 84.8 | 6.7 | 1.7 | 6.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 146 | 0.0 |
| Amhara | 75.6 | 13.7 | 2.1 | 5.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 3,482 | 0.0 |
| Oromiya | 64.4 | 22.4 | 3.3 | 8.0 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 5,010 | 0.0 |
| Somali | 90.6 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 486 | 0.0 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 73.2 | 17.6 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 124 | 0.0 |
| SNNP | 65.7 | 24.6 | 3.0 | 5.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,995 | 0.0 |
| Gambela | 59.5 | 27.4 | 4.7 | 6.9 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 44 | 0.0 |
| Harari | 39.9 | 14.4 | 3.0 | 25.1 | 13.0 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 39 | 3.8 |
| Addis Ababa | 17.6 | 18.6 | 5.7 | 29.8 | 16.7 | 11.6 | 100.0 | 756 | 7.3 |
| Dire Dawa | 46.7 | 15.0 | 4.5 | 22.3 | 9.1 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 69 | 2.1 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 88.2 | 10.2 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,428 | 0.0 |
| Second | 83.5 | 14.3 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,643 | 0.0 |
| Middle | 73.2 | 21.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,732 | 0.0 |
| Fourth | 66.2 | 25.6 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,647 | 0.0 |
| Highest | 32.4 | 22.1 | 6.2 | 25.1 | 8.9 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 3,621 | 4.2 |
| Total | 65.9 | 19.2 | 3.0 | 8.2 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 14,070 | 0.0 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level <br> ${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Table 3.2.2 Educational attainment by background characteristics: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of men by highest level of schooling attained, and median number of years of schooling, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Highest level of schooling attended or completed |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of men | Median years of schooling |
| Background characteristic | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.2 | 43.3 | 11.4 | 22.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,335 | 3.5 |
| 20-24 | 32.7 | 30.4 | 7.7 | 22.0 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 1,064 | 3.1 |
| 25-29 | 42.2 | 31.4 | 5.2 | 12.5 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 741 | 1.4 |
| 30-34 | 44.6 | 32.1 | 7.4 | 9.5 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 754 | 1.3 |
| 35-39 | 49.1 | 28.1 | 6.3 | 8.8 | 5.0 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 651 | 0.2 |
| 40-44 | 57.0 | 22.2 | 3.6 | 8.6 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 497 | 0.0 |
| 45-49 | 66.9 | 16.8 | 3.1 | 6.6 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 422 | 0.0 |
| 50-54 | 73.0 | 16.8 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 335 | 0.0 |
| 55-59 | 77.0 | 19.7 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 235 | 0.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.9 | 14.6 | 5.8 | 40.3 | 18.1 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 916 | 8.5 |
| Rural | 49.2 | 33.4 | 7.0 | 9.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 5,117 | 0.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 46.9 | 24.0 | 6.1 | 14.2 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 366 | 0.7 |
| Affar | 71.4 | 14.2 | 2.9 | 6.4 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 65 | 0.0 |
| Amhara | 60.5 | 23.8 | 3.1 | 9.4 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,521 | 0.0 |
| Oromiya | 36.7 | 34.5 | 8.5 | 16.1 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 2,222 | 1.9 |
| Somali | 81.9 | 7.7 | 2.5 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 202 | 0.0 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 49.9 | 30.6 | 6.9 | 10.3 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 54 | 0.0 |
| SNNP | 32.6 | 42.7 | 9.4 | 12.5 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,244 | 2.3 |
| Gambela | 27.5 | 32.5 | 8.2 | 26.8 | 3.6 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 21 | 3.7 |
| Harari | 20.5 | 21.7 | 6.2 | 31.8 | 12.2 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 16 | 6.3 |
| Addis Ababa | 7.2 | 12.7 | 6.9 | 33.0 | 21.5 | 18.7 | 100.0 | 292 | 9.2 |
| Dire Dawa | 22.8 | 18.0 | 6.7 | 33.9 | 11.8 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 30 | 6.3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 69.6 | 21.9 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,100 | 0.0 |
| Second | 55.4 | 34.2 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,184 | 0.0 |
| Middle | 47.4 | 35.9 | 7.2 | 9.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,081 | 0.3 |
| Fourth | 37.0 | 39.2 | 9.7 | 13.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,200 | 2.1 |
| Highest | 14.5 | 22.9 | 7.7 | 32.6 | 12.5 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 1,469 | 6.7 |
| Total | 42.9 | 30.5 | 6.8 | 14.0 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 6,033 | 1.3 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level <br> ${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Not surprisingly, access to wealth equates with access to education. An analysis of the variation in the level of education by wealth quintile indicates that only those in the highest wealth quintile have the opportunity to complete secondary or higher levels of education. Likewise, only a third of the women in the highest quintile have never attended school, compared with 88 percent of women in the lowest quintile.

The pattern of educational attainment among men is similar to that of women. However, men are more educated than women at every level. This gender disparity is more marked at higher than at lower levels, indicating the government's recognition and successful intervention to address gender disparity in recent years.

Literacy is widely acknowledged as benefiting the individual and the society and is associated with a number of positive outcomes for health and nutrition. In the 2005 EDHS, literacy status was determined based on the respondents' ability to read all or part of a sentence. During data collection, interviewers carried a set of cards on which simple sentences were printed in five of the major languages for testing a respondent's reading ability. Only those who had never been to school and those who had not completed primary level were asked to read the cards in the language they were most likely able to read; those who had attained middle school or above were assumed to be literate.

Table 3.3.1 indicates that only 3 of 10 women in Ethiopia are literate and that literacy status varies greatly by place of residence. Three-fourths of women residing in urban areas are literate compared with only a fifth of their rural counterparts. The level of literacy by age exhibits a consistent decrease with increasing age, suggesting that the younger generation has had more opportunity for learning than the older generation. Half of the women age 15-19 are literate compared with only 8 percent of the women age 45-49.

Table 3.3.1 Literacy: women
Percent distribution of women by level of schooling attended and level of literacy, and percent literate, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Secondary school or higher | No schooling or primary school |  |  |  |  | Missing | Total |  | Percent literate ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | Cannot read at all | No card with required language | Blind/ visually impaired |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 16.4 | 22.4 | 10.7 | 47.5 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,266 | 49.5 |
| 20-24 | 17.3 | 7.8 | 6.4 | 66.1 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,547 | 31.5 |
| 25-29 | 12.1 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 73.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,517 | 26.1 |
| 30-34 | 9.8 | 6.1 | 8.9 | 74.2 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,808 | 24.8 |
| 35-39 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 7.3 | 78.8 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,602 | 19.6 |
| 40-44 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 84.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,187 | 14.4 |
| 45-49 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 4.0 | 90.9 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,143 | 8.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 50.9 | 14.3 | 8.3 | 26.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,499 | 73.6 |
| Rural | 3.5 | 8.6 | 7.5 | 78.4 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 11,571 | 19.6 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 16.5 | 10.0 | 7.2 | 66.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 919 | 33.7 |
| Affar | 6.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 84.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 146 | 15.6 |
| Amhara | 8.5 | 9.6 | 6.9 | 74.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,482 | 25.1 |
| Oromiya | 10.0 | 10.7 | 8.8 | 68.6 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5,010 | 29.5 |
| Somali | 5.2 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 89.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 486 | 9.8 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 6.4 | 9.2 | 7.6 | 74.7 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 124 | 23.2 |
| SNNP | 6.7 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 73.0 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,995 | 22.4 |
| Gambela | 8.4 | 5.4 | 9.1 | 73.2 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 44 | 22.8 |
| Harari | 42.7 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 44.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 39 | 54.9 |
| Addis Ababa | 58.1 | 12.7 | 9.0 | 19.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 756 | 79.9 |
| Dire Dawa | 33.7 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 46.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 69 | 53.0 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.2 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 88.7 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,428 | 9.5 |
| Second | 1.2 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 85.3 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,643 | 12.1 |
| Middle | 2.6 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 77.8 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,732 | 20.6 |
| Fourth | 4.6 | 12.5 | 9.4 | 71.5 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,647 | 26.5 |
| Highest | 39.3 | 14.9 | 8.9 | 35.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,621 | 63.1 |
| Total | 11.9 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 69.1 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 14,070 | 29.2 |

${ }^{1}$ Refers to women who attended secondary school or higher and women who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence

Regional differences in literacy are marked, with literacy being highest among women in predominantly urban Addis Ababa, (80 percent) and lowest in the predominantly rural Somali Region (10 percent). There is also a marked difference in literacy levels by women's wealth status, ranging from a low of 10 percent among women in the lowest wealth quintile to a high of 63 percent among women in the highest wealth quintile.

In general, men are more likely to be literate than women (Table 3.3.2). The urban-rural differential in literacy among men is smaller compared with women, suggesting that men in the rural areas have much greater opportunity for learning than women.

Table 3.3.2 Literacy: men
Percent distribution of men by level of schooling attended and level of literacy, and percent literate, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Secondary school or higher | No schooling or primary school |  |  |  |  | Missing | Total | Number of men | Percent literate ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | Cannot read at all | No card with required language | Blind/ visually impaired |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.2 | 33.8 | 12.9 | 25.4 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,335 | 70.9 |
| 20-24 | 29.3 | 22.4 | 11.0 | 35.3 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,064 | 62.7 |
| 25-29 | 21.2 | 22.0 | 13.9 | 41.6 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 741 | 57.0 |
| 30-34 | 15.9 | 30.0 | 14.4 | 38.5 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 754 | 60.3 |
| 35-39 | 16.5 | 25.7 | 20.5 | 36.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 651 | 62.7 |
| 40-44 | 17.2 | 21.9 | 13.2 | 47.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 497 | 52.3 |
| 45-49 | 13.2 | 16.7 | 17.0 | 52.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 422 | 46.9 |
| 50-54 | 7.5 | 20.9 | 9.3 | 61.9 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 335 | 37.7 |
| 55-59 | 3.0 | 11.8 | 15.6 | 67.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 235 | 30.4 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 71.8 | 15.7 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 916 | 93.7 |
| Rural | 10.4 | 27.0 | 15.3 | 45.3 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5,117 | 52.7 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 23.1 | 31.4 | 13.0 | 32.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 366 | 67.5 |
| Affar | 11.5 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 71.2 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 65 | 27.0 |
| Amhara | 12.6 | 30.0 | 11.5 | 45.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,521 | 54.0 |
| Oromiya | 20.3 | 22.7 | 18.6 | 37.8 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,222 | 61.5 |
| Somali | 7.9 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 77.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 202 | 22.0 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 12.6 | 25.6 | 9.2 | 51.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 54 | 47.4 |
| SNNP | 15.3 | 28.6 | 13.2 | 36.5 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,244 | 57.0 |
| Gambela | 31.7 | 15.9 | 9.8 | 41.3 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 21 | 57.5 |
| Harari | 51.6 | 22.5 | 4.3 | 20.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 16 | 78.4 |
| Addis Ababa | 73.2 | 16.5 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 292 | 93.6 |
| Dire Dawa | 52.5 | 13.4 | 10.6 | 22.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 30 | 76.6 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.2 | 16.2 | 13.5 | 64.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,100 | 33.9 |
| Second | 5.7 | 21.2 | 17.7 | 53.1 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,184 | 44.5 |
| Middle | 9.5 | 30.8 | 14.1 | 43.3 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,081 | 54.5 |
| Fourth | 14.1 | 37.1 | 15.1 | 31.5 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,200 | 66.3 |
| Highest | 54.9 | 21.5 | 9.9 | 12.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,469 | 86.4 |
| Total | 19.8 | 25.3 | 13.9 | 39.3 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 6,033 | 58.9 |

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### 3.3 Access to Mass Media

Exposure to mass media provides the opportunity to be acquainted with new ideas and knowledge that is useful in various aspects of everyday life. In the 2005 EDHS, exposure to media was assessed by asking respondents how often they listened to a radio, watched television, or read newspapers or magazines. This information is useful in determining which media may be more effective for disseminating health information to targeted audiences. The results are presented in Tables 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 by background characteristics.

Table 3.4.1 Exposure to mass media: women
Percentage of women who are exposed to specific media on a weekly basis, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Reads a newspaper at least once a week | Watches television at least once a week | Listens to the radio at least once a week | All three media at least once a week | No media at least once a week | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5.3 | 11.0 | 19.9 | 1.3 | 72.6 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 2.7 | 10.3 | 19.6 | 1.1 | 76.2 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 1.9 | 6.8 | 15.2 | 0.7 | 81.2 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 1.4 | 5.4 | 13.0 | 0.7 | 84.3 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 0.9 | 4.8 | 13.4 | 0.3 | 84.4 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 1.3 | 5.0 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 86.6 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 0.7 | 5.7 | 11.6 | 0.6 | 85.3 | 1,143 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.8 | 39.5 | 40.4 | 4.6 | 41.9 | 2,499 |
| Rural | 1.2 | 0.9 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 88.1 | 11,571 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 2.8 | 7.3 | 13.4 | 0.9 | 82.2 | 919 |
| Affar | 0.5 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 88.4 | 146 |
| Amhara | 1.2 | 3.5 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 83.8 | 3,482 |
| Oromiya | 2.3 | 6.5 | 16.6 | 0.6 | 79.4 | 5,010 |
| Somali | 0.6 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 90.9 | 486 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 1.6 | 1.4 | 13.2 | 0.3 | 86.1 | 124 |
| SNNP | 1.6 | 2.5 | 11.3 | 0.2 | 86.6 | 2,995 |
| Gambela | 1.7 | 3.6 | 7.6 | 0.0 | 89.1 | 44 |
| Harari | 6.1 | 42.2 | 39.1 | 4.0 | 46.3 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 14.1 | 55.8 | 45.9 | 7.4 | 29.2 | 756 |
| Dire Dawa | 4.1 | 37.2 | 38.3 | 3.0 | 53.1 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 1.5 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 91.0 | 9,271 |
| Primary | 3.6 | 7.4 | 21.2 | 0.3 | 72.8 | 3,123 |
| Secondary and higher | 14.3 | 43.5 | 50.1 | 6.6 | 31.6 | 1,675 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 97.2 | 2,428 |
| Second | 0.5 | 0.3 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 94.4 | 2,643 |
| Middle | 1.5 | 0.4 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 88.6 | 2,732 |
| Fourth | 1.5 | 1.1 | 15.6 | 0.0 | 82.8 | 2,647 |
| Highest | 6.9 | 28.7 | 37.9 | 3.3 | 48.9 | 3,621 |
| Total | 2.5 | 7.8 | 16.0 | 0.9 | 79.9 | 14,070 |


| Percentage of men who are exposed to specific media on a weekly basis, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Reads a newspaper at least once a week | Watches television at least once a week | Listens to the radio at least once a week | All three media at least once a week | No media at least once a week | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 8.6 | 13.3 | 26.5 | 2.9 | 65.6 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 9.9 | 14.9 | 37.1 | 4.0 | 57.0 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 7.8 | 12.4 | 33.5 | 3.8 | 61.7 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 34.0 | 3.2 | 63.8 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 30.1 | 2.4 | 66.6 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 33.4 | 3.1 | 64.0 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 5.6 | 8.0 | 31.4 | 2.3 | 65.4 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 23.3 | 2.1 | 73.9 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 27.6 | 1.2 | 71.0 | 235 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 27.3 | 49.9 | 62.8 | 17.6 | 21.9 | 916 |
| Rural | 3.9 | 3.7 | 25.7 | 0.5 | 71.6 | 5,117 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 13.7 | 18.4 | 37.0 | 4.1 | 54.1 | 366 |
| Affar | 1.4 | 13.1 | 29.1 | 1.2 | 67.1 | 65 |
| Amhara | 4.6 | 5.7 | 24.9 | 1.4 | 71.4 | 1,521 |
| Oromiya | 6.5 | 10.2 | 35.6 | 2.9 | 61.0 | 2,222 |
| Somali | 2.0 | 3.4 | 22.0 | 1.2 | 77.0 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 1.9 | 6.8 | 35.0 | 0.3 | 61.9 | 54 |
| SNNP | 4.6 | 5.6 | 24.6 | 1.2 | 72.3 | 1,244 |
| Gambela | 5.4 | 8.4 | 33.4 | 1.6 | 62.6 | 21 |
| Harari | 22.2 | 41.8 | 70.9 | 15.0 | 22.1 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 37.5 | 54.7 | 55.7 | 20.7 | 21.4 | 292 |
| Dire Dawa | 17.5 | 34.2 | 51.9 | 9.7 | 38.9 | 30 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.6 | 1.4 | 16.1 | 0.0 | 82.9 | 2,589 |
| Primary | 5.5 | 7.7 | 33.4 | 0.9 | 61.8 | 2,252 |
| Secondary and higher | 25.8 | 36.5 | 60.5 | 13.9 | 27.2 | 1,192 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.8 | 1.0 | 10.4 | 0.2 | 87.8 | 1,100 |
| Second | 1.7 | 2.9 | 18.6 | 0.4 | 79.5 | 1,184 |
| Middle | 6.3 | 3.6 | 25.0 | 0.3 | 70.3 | 1,081 |
| Fourth | 4.1 | 4.4 | 35.9 | 0.5 | 61.5 | 1,200 |
| Highest | 19.0 | 34.6 | 58.1 | 11.4 | 31.2 | 1,469 |
| Total | 7.4 | 10.7 | 31.3 | 3.1 | 64.0 | 6,033 |

The survey shows that exposure to media in Ethiopia is low, especially with regards to the print media. Respondents are more likely to be exposed to the radio than any other media. Men have greater access to mass media, particularly radio, than women. Specifically, men are twice as likely to listen to the radio as women ( 31 percent and 16 percent, respectively).

Young women under 25 years of age are more likely to be exposed to mass media than older women, primarily because of their higher level of education. There is also a wide gap in exposure to mass media by place of residence. For example, the proportion of newspaper readers is highest among urban residents and those with some secondary or higher levels of education. When looking into the regional variation, women in Addis Ababa are more likely to read newspapers or magazines on a weekly basis than other women.

There has been an increase in exposure to the media since 2000 . The proportion of women who listen to the radio at least once a week has increased by 43 percent, from 11 percent in 2000 to 16 percent in 2005, while the proportion among men rose from 24 percent to 31 percent. There was also an increase in exposure to television, from 4 to 8 percent among women and from 8 to 11 percent among men.

### 3.4 EMPLOYMENT

### 3.4.1 Employment Status

In the 2005 EDHS, respondents were asked a number of questions regarding their employment status, including whether they were working in the seven days preceding the survey and, if not, whether they had worked in the 12 months before the survey. The results for women and men are presented in Tables 3.5.1 and 3.5.2. At the time of the survey, about 3 of 10 women were currently employed and an additional 5 percent were not employed but had worked sometime during the preceding 12 months.

Current employment generally increases with increasing age and women who are divorced, separated, or widowed are more likely to be employed than other women. Women who have four or less children are more likely to be employed than those with five or more children.

There are notable variations in the proportion currently employed by place of residence and region. Urban women are more likely to be currently employed than rural women ( 40 percent compared with 27 percent).Women in Addis Ababa and Harari are most likely to be employed (44 percent and 41 percent, respectively), while Affar and Somali regions have the lowest proportions of employed women (11 percent each).

Current employment increases with an increase in level of education; the proportion of employed women increases from 27 percent among uneducated women to 38 percent among those with some secondary education. There is also an increase in the percentage of employed persons by wealth quintile, with those in the highest quintile much more likely to be employed than those in the other four quintiles.

A marked difference was observed in the level of employment by gender. The proportion currently employed is much higher among men than women. As can be seen from Table 3.5.2, the majority of men ( 86 percent) were employed at the time of survey. The majority of employed men are in rural areas and have little or no education. This is probably because the EDHS data collection took place during the peak agricultural season when most men in rural areas are likely to be engaged in farm work.

Although the level of female employment is lower in 2005 than in 2000, the patterns for men are very similar. The marked difference in the percentage of women currently employed between 2000 ( 57 percent) and 2005 ( 29 percent) can be attributed to the difference in the way the data on current employment were collected for women in the two DHS surveys. There was no difference in the wording of the question on current employment for men between the two surveys.

Table 3.5.1 Employment status: women
Percent distribution of women by employment status, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Employed in the 12 months preceding the survey |  | Not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey | Missing | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Currently employed ${ }^{1}$ | Not currently employed |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.0 | 4.2 | 65.8 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 29.6 | 5.9 | 60.5 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 28.8 | 6.1 | 60.5 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 30.2 | 5.7 | 60.6 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 31.2 | 4.6 | 59.2 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 33.0 | 6.6 | 56.0 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 31.6 | 5.1 | 60.6 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 1,143 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 31.2 | 3.4 | 60.2 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 3,516 |
| Married or living together | 25.5 | 6.0 | 63.9 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 9,066 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 44.3 | 6.0 | 47.2 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,488 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 30.4 | 4.7 | 60.0 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 4,554 |
| 1-2 | 29.5 | 6.4 | 60.1 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| 3-4 | 29.7 | 5.7 | 60.2 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 2,981 |
| 5+ | 25.5 | 5.0 | 64.8 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 3,309 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 39.6 | 3.8 | 53.5 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 2,499 |
| Rural | 26.6 | 5.7 | 62.9 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 11,571 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 27.6 | 16.8 | 51.5 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 919 |
| Affar | 11.3 | 0.6 | 82.5 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 146 |
| Amhara | 27.9 | 8.4 | 59.9 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 3,482 |
| Oromiya | 32.0 | 3.3 | 59.9 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 5,010 |
| Somali | 11.4 | 0.1 | 73.1 | 15.4 | 100.0 | 486 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 34.3 | 9.1 | 51.1 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 124 |
| SNNP | 24.5 | 3.0 | 68.3 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 2,995 |
| Gambela | 26.7 | 6.2 | 59.8 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 44 |
| Harari | 41.1 | 1.0 | 53.5 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 44.2 | 4.7 | 49.4 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 756 |
| Dire Dawa | 33.7 | 0.9 | 64.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 27.2 | 5.6 | 62.5 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 9,271 |
| Primary | 29.1 | 4.9 | 60.9 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 3,123 |
| Secondary and higher | 38.0 | 4.6 | 54.5 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 1,675 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 23.5 | 5.7 | 64.4 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 2,428 |
| Second | 26.6 | 6.3 | 62.0 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 2,643 |
| Middle | 25.9 | 5.2 | 64.0 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 2,732 |
| Fourth | 29.6 | 5.3 | 61.9 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 2,647 |
| Highest | 35.9 | 4.6 | 55.9 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 3,621 |
| Total | 28.9 | 5.4 | 61.2 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 14,070 |

1 "Currently employed" is defined as having done work in the last seven days. Includes persons who did not work in the last seven days but who are regularly employed and were absent from work for leave, illness, vacation, or any other such reason.

| Percent distribution of men by employment status, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Employed in the 12 months preceding the survey |  | Not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey | Missing | Total | Number of men |
|  | Currently employed ${ }^{1}$ | Not currently employed |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 63.0 | 2.0 | 34.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 79.8 | 3.4 | 16.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 91.9 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 97.6 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 97.3 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 96.3 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 95.5 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 96.6 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 93.4 | 0.8 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 235 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 69.0 | 3.1 | 27.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,419 |
| Married or living together | 97.0 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,424 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 92.0 | 1.0 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 190 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 72.5 | 2.9 | 24.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,766 |
| 1-2 | 95.8 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 993 |
| 3-4 | 97.6 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 967 |
| 5+ | 96.7 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,307 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 62.1 | 5.5 | 32.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 916 |
| Rural | 89.8 | 1.2 | 8.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,117 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 80.5 | 6.2 | 13.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 366 |
| Affar | 92.0 | 2.1 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 65 |
| Amhara | 91.3 | 0.7 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,521 |
| Oromiya | 84.1 | 1.2 | 14.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,222 |
| Somali | 87.2 | 1.9 | 10.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 91.0 | 1.6 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 54 |
| SNNP | 86.4 | 1.5 | 11.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,244 |
| Gambela | 82.1 | 6.1 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 21 |
| Harari | 81.0 | 3.1 | 15.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 68.9 | 7.3 | 23.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 292 |
| Dire Dawa | 68.8 | 6.1 | 25.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 30 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 97.4 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,589 |
| Primary | 83.9 | 1.4 | 14.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,252 |
| Secondary and higher | 63.2 | 4.4 | 31.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,192 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 92.8 | 1.4 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,100 |
| Second | 91.8 | 1.2 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,184 |
| Middle | 90.7 | 0.9 | 7.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,081 |
| Fourth | 86.4 | 1.6 | 11.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,200 |
| Highest | 70.8 | 3.5 | 25.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,469 |
| Total | 85.6 | 1.8 | 12.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 6,033 |
| 1 "Currently employed" is defined as having done work in the last seven days. Includes persons who did not work in the last seven days but who are regularly employed and were absent from work for leave, illness, vacation, or any other such reason. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 3.4.2 OCCUPATION

Respondents who were currently employed or had worked in the 12 months preceding the survey were further asked to specify their occupation. Tables 3.6.1 and 3.6.2 show data on employed women and men, respectively, by occupation according to background characteristics. Most employed persons are engaged in the agricultural sector. Specifically, more than half of employed women and 84 percent of employed men are engaged in agricultural jobs. Sales and service is an important occupation category, especially for women, employing nearly a third of the women and about 7 percent of the men.

| Table 3.6.1 Occupation: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by occupation, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Professional/ technical/ managerial | Clerical | Sales and services | Manual labour |  | Agriculture | Missing | Total | Number of women |
|  |  |  |  | Skilled | Unskilled |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 35.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 52.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 922 |
| 20-24 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 35.4 | 4.6 | 6.4 | 45.6 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 905 |
| 25-29 | 6.1 | 1.1 | 33.6 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 47.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 879 |
| 30-34 | 5.8 | 1.8 | 28.3 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 51.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 648 |
| 35-39 | 4.6 | 1.1 | 28.2 | 7.6 | 3.8 | 54.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 574 |
| 40-44 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 24.7 | 8.1 | 2.4 | 58.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 470 |
| 45-49 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 24.7 | 7.2 | 3.6 | 61.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 419 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 5.1 | 2.7 | 43.6 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 35.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,217 |
| Married or living together | 3.6 | 0.6 | 24.8 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 61.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2,854 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 2.2 | 1.0 | 36.3 | 10.8 | 8.8 | 39.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 748 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 40.6 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 39.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,596 |
| 1-2 | 5.8 | 1.4 | 29.1 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 50.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,157 |
| 3-4 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 25.5 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 59.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,056 |
| 5+ | 1.0 | 0.3 | 25.2 | 6.2 | 2.6 | 63.4 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,010 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.2 | 5.0 | 57.5 | 12.2 | 9.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,084 |
| Rural | 0.7 | 0.1 | 23.7 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 66.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,734 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 5.5 | 1.6 | 15.3 | 4.5 | 20.1 | 52.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 408 |
| Affar | 8.1 | 3.5 | 37.0 | 10.3 | 19.7 | 20.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 17 |
| Amhara | 3.4 | 0.5 | 15.3 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 68.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,265 |
| Oromiya | 2.3 | 0.7 | 25.2 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 63.7 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,771 |
| Somali | 14.9 | 2.8 | 74.8 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 56 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 4.2 | 0.7 | 18.0 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 73.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 54 |
| SNNP | 1.0 | 0.4 | 58.8 | 9.5 | 2.0 | 27.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 824 |
| Gambela | 3.0 | 1.9 | 31.9 | 17.5 | 7.2 | 38.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 15 |
| Harari | 14.4 | 5.5 | 64.9 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 13.7 | 6.0 | 62.7 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 370 |
| Dire Dawa | 7.0 | 4.0 | 73.9 | 3.3 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 24 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.1 | 0.0 | 25.8 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 62.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,042 |
| Primary | 0.0 | 0.4 | 37.8 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 48.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,063 |
| Secondary and higher | 25.0 | 7.3 | 45.1 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 8.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 714 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.0 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 70.3 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 709 |
| Second | 0.2 | 0.0 | 18.9 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 68.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 870 |
| Middle | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.8 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 68.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 851 |
| Fourth | 0.0 | 0.2 | 28.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 62.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 924 |
| Highest | 12.2 | 3.7 | 51.2 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 16.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,465 |
| Total | 3.8 | 1.2 | 31.3 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 51.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 4,819 |


| Percent distribution of men employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by occupation, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Professional/ technical/ managerial | Clerical | Sales and services | Manual labour |  | Agriculture | Missing | Total | Number of men |
|  |  |  |  | Skilled | Unskilled |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 88.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 869 |
| 20-24 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 9.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 79.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 884 |
| 25-29 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 8.0 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 80.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 702 |
| 30-34 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 1.9 | 84.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 741 |
| 35-39 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 7.5 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 84.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 637 |
| 40-44 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 82.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 487 |
| 45-49 | 4.7 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 85.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 407 |
| 50-54 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 90.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 326 |
| 55-59 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 7.2 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 87.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 221 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 1.9 | 0.2 | 9.2 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 79.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,745 |
| Married or living together | 2.9 | 0.2 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 86.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 3,353 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 4.4 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 79.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 177 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 8.6 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 80.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,084 |
| 1-2 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 8.9 | 4.9 | 2.5 | 78.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 963 |
| 3-4 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 5.0 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 86.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 948 |
| $5+$ | 1.8 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 91.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,279 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 15.8 | 1.4 | 37.0 | 24.4 | 14.5 | 6.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 620 |
| Rural | 0.8 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 94.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 4,655 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.0 | 0.8 | 8.0 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 78.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 317 |
| Affar | 4.6 | 1.1 | 15.2 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 67.9 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 61 |
| Amhara | 1.1 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 91.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,400 |
| Oromiya | 2.2 | 0.1 | 5.3 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 87.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,896 |
| Somali | 3.8 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 86.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 180 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 2.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 91.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 50 |
| SNNP | 1.6 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 89.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,093 |
| Gambela | 5.3 | 0.4 | 10.5 | 2.0 | 6.8 | 74.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 18 |
| Harari | 11.5 | 0.4 | 23.7 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 42.2 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 14 |
| Addis Ababa | 14.9 | 1.5 | 39.0 | 32.5 | 10.1 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 222 |
| Dire Dawa | 9.4 | 1.3 | 29.3 | 13.2 | 11.6 | 34.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 22 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 94.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,547 |
| Primary | 0.3 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 88.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,922 |
| Secondary and higher | 15.9 | 1.1 | 20.1 | 15.1 | 6.6 | 40.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 806 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 96.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,037 |
| Second | 0.3 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 96.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,101 |
| Middle | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 96.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 991 |
| Fourth | 0.7 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 93.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,055 |
| Highest | 11.4 | 0.8 | 24.0 | 14.4 | 8.9 | 39.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,091 |
| Total | 2.6 | 0.2 | 6.8 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 84.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 5,274 |

Six percent of employed women are skilled manual workers, while 5 percent are engaged as unskilled manual workers. Only 4 percent of employed women work in the professional, technical, and managerial fields. Women are less likely to be highly educated and less likely to have attended vocational or technical schools. Therefore, their employment in the professional, technical, and managerial sector is somewhat low compared with men.

The analysis of occupation by background characteristics suggests that the proportion of women with jobs in sales and services decreases as age increases and that married women are more likely to be employed in agricultural work than other women. Never-married women, on the other hand, are more likely to be employed in sales and services and in clerical work.

Residence has a significant effect on the type of occupation. As expected, two-thirds of employed women and 94 percent of employed men in rural areas are engaged in agricultural work. Most educated women are employed in sales and services and professional, technical, and managerial occupations, whereas women with little or no education tend to be employed in the agricultural sector. Agriculture is by far the most important occupation for working women in the lower wealth quintiles. Employment outside the agricultural sector is greatest among men with secondary or higher education and men in the highest wealth quintile.

### 3.4.3 Earnings, Employers and Continuity of Employment

Table 3.7.1 shows the percent distribution of employed women by type of earnings and employment characteristics. The table takes into account whether women are involved in agricultural or nonagricultural occupations, because all of the employment variables in the table are strongly influenced by the sector in which a woman is employed.

An overwhelming majority (81 percent) of women engaged in agricultural work are unpaid workers most likely employed by family members at the peak of the agricultural season. Women are more likely to be paid in cash if they are employed in the nonagricultural sector; about three-fourths of the women employed in this sector are paid in cash. Overall, more than half ( 52 percent) of employed women are not paid at all and only 40 percent earn cash for their work.

Six out of 10 employed women work for a family member, and about 27 percent are selfemployed. Only 14 percent of employed women work for someone outside the family.

Table 3.7.1 Type of employment: women
Percent distribution of women employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by type of earnings, type of employer, and continuity of employment, according to type of employment (agricultural or nonagricultural), Ethiopia 2005

| Employment <br> characteristic | Agricultural <br> work | Nonagricultural <br> work | Total |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Type of earnings |  |  |  |
| Cash only | 2.5 | 73.8 | 36.4 |
| Cash and in-kind | 3.6 | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| In-kind only | 12.6 | 2.7 | 7.8 |
| Not paid | 81.1 | 20.6 | 52.3 |
| Missing | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Type of employer | 75.4 | 42.5 | 59.5 |
| Employed by family member | 3.1 | 25.0 | 13.6 |
| Employed by nonfamily member | 21.5 | 32.4 | 26.7 |
| Self-employed | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Missing |  |  |  |
|  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Total |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Continuity of employment | 5.8 | 63.0 | 33.2 |
| All year | 88.5 | 14.1 | 52.6 |
| Seasonal | 5.5 | 22.9 | 13.9 |
| Occasional | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Missing |  |  |  |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 2,484 | 2,273 | 4,819 |

Note: Total includes women with missing information on type of employment who are not shown separately.

Three-quarters of women working in the agricultural sector are working for a family member compared with 43 percent working in the nonagricultural sector. In addition, the proportion of women employed by someone outside the family is higher among those working in the nonagricultural sector than those in the agricultural sector ( 25 percent versus 3 percent).

Generally, a third of employed women work all year round while 53 percent work seasonally. Those who work occasionally account for 14 percent. As in the case of type of earning and employer, continuity of employment also varies by sector of employment. Around 9 in 10 women employed in the agricultural sector are seasonal workers compared with only 14 percent among those working in the nonagricultural sector. On the other hand, continuity of employment is more assured for women engaged in nonagricultural work than those in agricultural work. For example, 63 percent of women working in the nonagricultural sector work all year compared with only 6 percent of women engaged in agricultural work.

Male respondents were only asked questions on type of earning. Table 3.7.2 shows that only 3 in 10 employed men are paid in cash. Eighty-four percent of men employed in nonagricultural work are paid in cash compared with 18 percent among those engaged in agricultural work.

Table 3.7.2 Type of employment: men
Percent distribution of men employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by type of earnings, according to type of employment (agricultural or nonagricultural), Ethiopia 2005

|  | Agricultural <br> work | Nonagricultural <br> work | Total |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Type of earnings | 7.7 | 82.4 | 19.3 |
| Cash only | 10.5 | 1.9 | 9.2 |
| Cash and in-kind | 23.6 | 1.1 | 20.1 |
| In-kind only | 58.2 | 14.4 | 51.4 |
| Not paid | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Missing |  |  |  |
|  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 4,432 | 806 | 5,274 |

Note: Total includes men with missing information on type of employment who are not shown separately.

Fertility is one of the three principal components of population dynamics that determine the size and structure of the population of a country. This chapter presents the 2005 EDHS results on the levels, trends, and differentials in fertility. The analysis is based on birth history information collected from women age 15-49 interviewed during the survey. Each eligible woman was asked a series of questions on the number of sons and daughters who were living with her, the number living elsewhere, and the number who had died, in order to obtain the total number of live births she had had in her lifetime. For each live birth, information was also collected on the name, sex, age and survival status of the child. For dead children, age at death was recorded. Information from the birth history is then used to assess current and completed fertility and factors related to fertility such as age at first birth, birth intervals, and adolescent childbearing.

### 4.1 Current Fertility

Measures of current fertility are presented in Table 4.1 for the three-year period preceding the survey, corresponding to the calendar period 20032005. A three-year period was chosen because it reflects the most current information, while also allowing the rates to be calculated on a sufficient number of cases so as not to compromise the statistical precision of the estimate.

Several measures of current fertility are shown. Age-specific fertility rates (ASFRs), expressed as the number of births per thousand women in a specified age group, are calculated by dividing the number of live births to women in a specific age group by the number of woman-years lived in that age group The total fertility rate (TFR) is a common measure of current fertility and is defined as the total number of births a woman would have by the end of her childbearing period if she were to pass through those years bearing children at the currently observed agespecific fertility rates. The general fertility rate (GFR) is the number of live births occurring during a specified period per 1,000 women age $15-44$. The crude birth rate (CBR) is the number of births per

| Age-specific and total fertility rate, the general fertility rate and the crude birth rate for the three years preceding the survey, by residence, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group | Residence |  | Total |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| 15-19 | 35 | 122 | 104 |
| 20-24 | 105 | 260 | 228 |
| 25-29 | 133 | 261 | 241 |
| 30-34 | 101 | 253 | 231 |
| 35-39 | 58 | 178 | 160 |
| 40-44 | 28 | 94 | 84 |
| 45-49 | 14 | 38 | 34 |
| TFR (15-49) | 2.4 | 6.0 | 5.4 |
| GFR | 77 | 200 | 179 |
| CBR | 23.4 | 37.3 | 35.7 |

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

Table 4.1 shows current fertility levels for Ethiopia as a whole, and for urban and rural areas. The total fertility rate for Ethiopia is 5.4 births per woman. As expected, fertility is considerably higher in the rural areas than urban areas. The TFR in the rural areas is 6.0, two and half times higher than the TFR in the urban areas (2.4). As the ASFRs show, this pattern of higher rural fertility is prevalent in all age groups (Figure 4.1). The urban-rural difference in fertility is especially pronounced among women age 20-34.

The overall age pattern of fertility as reflected in the ASFRs indicates that childbearing begins early. Fertility is low among adolescents and increases to a peak of 241 births per 1,000 among women age 25-29 and declines thereafter.

Figure 4.1 Age-specific Fertility Rates by Urban-Rural Residence


### 4.2 Fertility Differentials

Table 4.2 and Figure 4.2 present differentials in the total fertility rates, the percentage of women who are currently pregnant and the mean number of children ever born (CEB) to women age 40-49, by residence, region, education and wealth quintile.

There are substantial differentials in fertility among regions, ranging from a low of 1.4 children per woman in Addis Ababa to a high of 6.2 children per woman in Oromiya. With the exception of Oromiya, Somali and SNNP, fertility levels in the other 8 regions are less than the national average. The level of fertility is inversely related to women's educational attainment, decreasing rapidly from 6.1 children among women with no education to 2.0 children among women who have at least some secondary education. Fertility is also associated with wealth quintile. Women in the lowest wealth quintile have a TFR of 6.6 , twice as high as that of women in the highest quintile (3.2).

Table 4.2 also presents a crude assessment of trends in the various subgroups by comparing current fertility with a measure of completed fertility: the mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49. The mean number of children ever born to older women who are nearing the end of their reproductive period is an indicator of average completed fertility of women who began childbearing during the three decades preceding the survey. If fertility remained constant over time and the reported data on both children ever born and births during the three years preceding the survey are reasonably accurate, the TFR and the mean number of children ever born for women 40-49 are expected to be similar. When fertility levels have been falling, the TFR will be substantially lower than the mean number of children ever born among women age 40-49. The comparison suggests that fertility has fallen by more than one child during the past few decades, from 6.9 children per woman to 5.4. Fertility has declined in both rural and urban areas, in all regions, at all educational levels, and for all wealth quintiles. The difference between the level of current and completed fertility is highest in Addis Ababa (3 children), in all urban areas ( 2.7 children), and among women in the highest wealth quintile ( 2.7 children).

| Table 4.2 Fertility by background characteristics |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total fertility rate for the three years preceding the survey, percentage of women currently pregnant, and mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49 years, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Total fertility rate | Percentage currently pregnant ${ }^{1}$ | Mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.4 | 2.5 | 5.1 |
| Rural | 6.0 | 9.7 | 7.3 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 5.1 | 8.6 | 6.8 |
| Affar | 4.9 | 8.9 | 5.8 |
| Amhara | 5.1 | 7.2 | 7.0 |
| Oromiya | 6.2 | 9.0 | 7.1 |
| Somali | 6.0 | 10.0 | 6.7 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 5.2 | 10.2 | 6.7 |
| SNNP | 5.6 | 10.2 | 7.5 |
| Gambela | 4.0 | 8.3 | 5.3 |
| Harari | 3.8 | 6.7 | 5.2 |
| Addis Ababa | 1.4 | 1.5 | 4.4 |
| Dire Dawa | 3.6 | 3.9 | 5.6 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 6.1 | 10.1 | 7.1 |
| Primary | 5.1 | 6.7 | 5.8 |
| Secondary and higher | 2.0 | 2.2 | 4.2 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.6 | 10.2 | 6.9 |
| Second | 6.0 | 11.0 | 7.0 |
| Middle | 6.2 | 10.5 | 7.4 |
| Fourth | 5.7 | 8.3 | 7.6 |
| Highest | 3.2 | 3.8 | 5.9 |
| Total | 5.4 | 8.4 | 6.9 |

Figure 4.2 Total Fertility Rates by Background Characteristics


EDHS 2005

Table 4.2 shows the percentage of women who reported being pregnant at the time of the survey. This percentage may be underreported since women may not be aware of a pregnancy, especially at the very early stages, and some women who are early in their pregnancy may not want to reveal that they are pregnant. Eight percent of women were pregnant at the time of the survey. Rural women were almost four times as likely to be pregnant as urban women. The proportion of women currently pregnant declines as the level of education rises. Current pregnancy is highest in Benishangul-Gumuz, SNNP and Somali and lowest in Addis Ababa.

| Table 4.3 |  |  |  |  |  | Trends in age-specific fertility rates |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Note: Age-specific fertility rates are per 1,000 women. Estimates in brackets are truncated.

### 4.3 Fertility Trends

In addition to comparison of current and completed fertility, trends in fertility can be assessed in two other ways. First, the TFR from the 2005 EDHS can be compared with estimates obtained in earlier surveys. Second, fertility trends can be investigated using retrospective data from the birth histories collected in the same survey.

One way of examining trends in fertility over time is to compare age-specific fertility rates from the 2005 EDHS for successive five-year periods preceding the survey, as presented in Table 4.3. The numerators of the rates are classified by five-year segments of time preceding the survey and the mother's age at the time of survey. Because women 50 years and over were not interviewed in the survey, the rates for older age groups become progressively more truncated for periods more distant from the survey date. For example, rates cannot be calculated for women age $35-39$ for the period 15-19 years before the survey because these women would have been over age 50 at the time of the survey and were not interviewed.

Fertility has fallen substantially among all age groups over the past two decades. This decline is most obvious in the 15 years preceding the survey, with the largest decline observed between the two most recent five-year periods. Fertility decline is steepest among the youngest cohort, with a 35 percent decline between the period 15-19 years before the survey and the period $0-4$ years before the survey. The decline in fertility observed in Ethiopia can be attributed in part to increasing use of contraception, which will be discussed in the next chapter.

Another way to assess fertility trends is to compare estimates obtained in earlier surveys. Table 4.4 presents the ASFRs and TFRs from the 1990 NFFS, the 2000 EDHS, and the 2005 EDHS.

There has been a decline in fertility from 6.4 births per woman in the 1990 NFFS to 5.4 births in the 2005 EDHS, a one-child drop in the past 15 years. The decline in fertility was more pronounced in the 10 years between 1990 and 2000 than in the five years between 2000 and 2005 and more pronounced in urban than rural areas. A comparison of the three-year TFR calculated from the 2000 EDHS and the 2005 EDHS shows little change for the country as a whole

| Table 4.4 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trends in age-specific and total fertility rates |  |  |  |
| Trends in age-specific and total fertility rates, Ethiopia |  |  |  |
|  | NFFS | EDHS | EDHS |
| Age group | $1990^{1}$ | $2000^{2}$ | 2005 |
| $15-19$ | 95 | 100 | 104 |
| $20-24$ | 275 | 235 | 228 |
| $25-29$ | 289 | 251 | 241 |
| $30-34$ | 257 | 243 | 231 |
| $35-39$ | 199 | 168 | 160 |
| $40-44$ | 105 | 89 | 84 |
| $45-49$ | 56 | 19 | 34 |
| TFR | 6.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 |

Note: Rates for NFFS 1990 are for the 12 months preceding the survey; rates for EDHS 2000 and EDHS 2005 are for the three years prior to the survey.
${ }^{1}$ CSA, 1993
${ }^{2}$ CSA and ORC Macro, 2001
( 5.5 births in 2000 versus 5.4 births in 2005). ${ }^{1}$ With the exception of the $15-19$ age group, fertility has declined in every age group over the past 15 years, with the largest decline-nearly 40 percentamong the oldest cohort (age 45-49).

### 4.4 Children Ever Born and Surviving

Data on the number of children ever born reflect the accumulation of births over the past 30 years and therefore have limited relevance to current fertility levels, particularly when the country has experienced a decline in fertility. Moreover, the data are subject to recall error, which is typically greater for older than younger women. Nevertheless, the information on children ever born (or parity) is useful in looking at a number of issues. The parity data show how average family size varies across age groups. The percentage of women in their forties who have never had children also provides an indicator of the level of primary infertility or the inability to bear children. ${ }^{2}$ Voluntary childlessness is rare in developing countries like Ethiopia, so that married women in their late forties with no live births are predominantly those involuntarily so. Comparison of the differences in the mean number of children ever born and surviving reflects the cumulative effects of mortality levels during the period in which women have been bearing children.

Table 4.5 shows the percent distribution of all women and currently married women by number of children ever born and mean number of children surviving. More than four-fifths of women age 15-19 (86 percent) have never given birth. However, this proportion declines to 13 percent for women age 25-29 and to 6 percent or less among women age 30 and above, indicating that childbearing among Ethiopian women is nearly universal. On the average, Ethiopian women nearing the end of their reproductive years have attained a parity of 7.3 children. This is 1.9 children more than the total fertility rate, a difference brought about by the dramatic decline in fertility during the 1980s and 1990s.

Table 4.5 Children ever born and living
Percent distribution of all women and currently married women by number of children ever born, and mean number of children ever born and mean number of living children, according to age group, Ethiopia 2005

| Age | Number of children ever born |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women | Mean number of children ever born | Mean number of children living |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ |  |  |  |  |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 86.4 | 9.9 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,266 | 0.18 | 0.15 |
| 20-24 | 39.7 | 26.2 | 19.6 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,547 | 1.15 | 1.01 |
| 25-29 | 12.8 | 11.4 | 17.2 | 22.5 | 18.7 | 10.5 | 4.6 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,517 | 2.85 | 2.50 |
| 30-34 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 7.8 | 12.6 | 16.8 | 18.9 | 16.5 | 9.3 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,808 | 4.48 | 3.81 |
| 35-39 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 7.3 | 11.4 | 13.0 | 17.9 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 1,602 | 5.78 | 4.74 |
| 40-44 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 13.4 | 17.7 | 14.9 | 11.5 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 1,187 | 6.63 | 5.25 |
| 45-49 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 5.2 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 12.4 | 13.9 | 12.2 | 23.6 | 100.0 | 1,143 | 7.25 | 5.50 |
| Total | 31.0 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 14,070 | 3.14 | 2.59 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 45.1 | 38.4 | 13.9 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 711 | 0.75 | 0.64 |
| 20-24 | 12.7 | 35.0 | 29.5 | 15.1 | 5.9 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,574 | 1.72 | 1.52 |
| 25-29 | 3.1 | 10.0 | 18.4 | 25.7 | 21.9 | 12.6 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,066 | 3.28 | 2.90 |
| 30-34 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 12.2 | 17.5 | 20.2 | 18.3 | 10.7 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,551 | 4.82 | 4.13 |
| 35-39 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 6.7 | 10.5 | 13.2 | 19.6 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 1,343 | 6.18 | 5.10 |
| 40-44 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 8.1 | 12.6 | 18.7 | 15.8 | 12.4 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 960 | 6.92 | 5.54 |
| 45-49 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 8.6 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 14.8 | 13.0 | 26.6 | 100.0 | 862 | 7.54 | 5.81 |
| Total | 7.3 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 11.5 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 9,066 | 4.29 | 3.57 |

[^3]The same pattern is replicated for currently married women, except that the mean number of children ever born is higher for currently married women ( 4.3 children) than for all women (3.1 children). The difference between all women and currently married women in the mean number of children ever born is due to a substantial proportion of young and unmarried women in the former category who exhibit lower fertility.

Consistent with expectations, the mean number of children ever born and mean number of children surviving rise monotonically with increasing age of women. Comparison of the mean children ever born with the mean number of living children reveals the experience of child loss among Ethiopian women. By the end of their reproductive years (age 45-49), women in Ethiopia have given birth, on average, to 7.3 children, with 5.5 surviving.

Voluntary childlessness is uncommon in Ethiopia and currently married women with no children are likely to be those who are unable to bear children. The level of childlessness among married women at the end of their reproductive period can be used as an indicator of the level of primary sterility. In Ethiopia, primary sterility among older currently married women is less than 2 percent.

### 4.5 BIRTH INTERVALS

Birth interval is the length of time between two successive live births. Information on birth intervals provides insight into birth spacing patterns, which affect fertility as well as infant and childhood mortality. Studies have shown that children born too soon after a previous birth are at increased risk of dying at an early age, particularly when the interval between births is less than 24 months.

Table 4.6 shows the percent distribution of non-first births in the five years preceding the survey by number of months since the preceding birth, according to background characteristics. The median birth interval in Ethiopia is 33.8 months. The median number of months since a preceding birth increases significantly with age, from a low of 26.1 months among mothers age 15-19 to a high of 38.8 months among mothers age 40-49.

There is no substantial difference in the length of the median birth interval by birth order and sex of the preceding birth.

Studies have shown that the death of a preceding child leads to a shorter birth interval than when the preceding child survived. The median birth interval is more than eight months shorter for children whose previous sibling is dead than for children whose previous sibling is alive ( 26.1 months and 34.6 months, respectively). It is presumed that the difference in the birth intervals is related to the desire of parents to replace a dead child, as well as to the loss of the fertility-delaying effects of breastfeeding.

According to the 2005 EDHS data, urban women have slightly longer intervals between births ( 39.1 months) compared with rural women ( 33.6 months).

Regional variations in birth intervals range from a low of 29 months in Affar to a high of 45.2 months in Addis Ababa. The median birth interval is longer among births to women with at least some secondary education than among births to women with lower levels of education. The birth interval does not vary consistently by wealth quintile.

| Table 4.6 Birth intervals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of non-first births in the five years preceding the survey by number of months since preceding birth, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Months since preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of nonfirst births | Median <br> number of <br> months <br> since <br> preceding <br> birth |
|  | 7-17 | 18-23 | 24-35 | 36-47 | 48-54 | 55-59 | 60+ |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.4 | 18.8 | 44.5 | 10.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 144 | 26.1 |
| 20-29 | 10.1 | 15.3 | 36.6 | 23.2 | 6.6 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 4,002 | 31.6 |
| 30-39 | 6.7 | 11.8 | 34.6 | 25.4 | 7.2 | 3.9 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 3,930 | 35.0 |
| 40-49 | 5.3 | 9.7 | 27.5 | 25.7 | 9.5 | 4.8 | 17.4 | 100.0 | 1,150 | 38.8 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-3 | 8.7 | 13.8 | 34.3 | 24.1 | 6.8 | 3.2 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 3,347 | 33.5 |
| 4-6 | 8.3 | 12.8 | 35.3 | 24.0 | 7.2 | 3.7 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 3,659 | 33.6 |
| 7+ | 7.5 | 12.6 | 34.4 | 25.0 | 7.7 | 3.4 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 2,220 | 34.3 |
| Sex of preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 8.2 | 13.0 | 34.9 | 24.4 | 7.4 | 3.2 | 8.9 | 100.0 | 4,711 | 33.7 |
| Female | 8.3 | 13.3 | 34.6 | 24.2 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 4,515 | 33.8 |
| Survival of preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Living | 6.1 | 12.2 | 35.7 | 25.6 | 7.5 | 3.6 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 8,026 | 34.6 |
| Dead | 22.3 | 19.4 | 28.5 | 15.4 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 1,201 | 26.1 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.0 | 11.5 | 24.6 | 16.9 | 8.9 | 2.7 | 26.5 | 100.0 | 551 | 39.1 |
| Rural | 8.2 | 13.2 | 35.4 | 24.8 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 8,675 | 33.6 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.0 | 9.2 | 38.8 | 25.7 | 8.5 | 3.0 | 10.9 | 100.0 | 578 | 35.2 |
| Affar | 14.3 | 17.2 | 33.9 | 17.3 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 87 | 29.0 |
| Amhara | 5.4 | 8.5 | 31.5 | 30.4 | 8.4 | 4.0 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 2,109 | 37.0 |
| Oromiya | 9.3 | 16.3 | 37.4 | 21.7 | 5.5 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 100.0 | 3,719 | 31.0 |
| Somali | 13.4 | 19.0 | 31.4 | 18.5 | 6.7 | 2.3 | 8.8 | 100.0 | 402 | 29.6 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 9.8 | 14.2 | 35.8 | 22.7 | 6.2 | 3.1 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 83 | 32.2 |
| SNNP | 9.3 | 11.9 | 33.5 | 24.2 | 8.6 | 4.3 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 2,093 | 34.5 |
| Gambela | 6.0 | 10.1 | 27.4 | 23.6 | 11.1 | 5.6 | 16.2 | 100.0 | 25 | 38.2 |
| Harari | 10.8 | 17.1 | 31.4 | 18.9 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 14.2 | 100.0 | 16 | 31.4 |
| Addis Ababa | 5.0 | 12.3 | 19.4 | 17.3 | 10.4 | 3.6 | 32.1 | 100.0 | 86 | 45.2 |
| Dire Dawa | 8.9 | 17.0 | 32.5 | 20.9 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 28 | 31.5 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 7.9 | 13.3 | 34.8 | 24.9 | 7.1 | 3.4 | 8.5 | 100.0 | 7,459 | 33.8 |
| Primary | 9.3 | 12.6 | 36.3 | 22.7 | 7.1 | 3.6 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 1,462 | 32.8 |
| Secondary and higher | 10.5 | 11.5 | 24.9 | 17.1 | 8.6 | 3.0 | 24.5 | 100.0 | 305 | 38.7 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.2 | 14.9 | 36.1 | 23.0 | 7.5 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 2,079 | 32.3 |
| Second | 7.4 | 12.1 | 35.7 | 25.2 | 6.7 | 3.7 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 1,956 | 34.0 |
| Middle | 7.8 | 13.3 | 34.1 | 24.8 | 7.2 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 2,070 | 34.1 |
| Fourth | 8.4 | 12.8 | 35.8 | 24.9 | 6.8 | 3.5 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 1,850 | 33.7 |
| Highest | 8.3 | 12.2 | 30.6 | 23.4 | 7.9 | 2.0 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 1,272 | 35.5 |
| Total | 8.2 | 13.1 | 34.7 | 24.3 | 7.2 | 3.4 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 9,226 | 33.8 |

Note: First-order births are excluded from this table. The interval for multiple births is the number of months since the preceding pregnancy that ended in a live birth.

### 4.6 Age at First Birth

Early age at initiation of childbearing has a detrimental effect on the health of both mother and child. It also lengthens the reproductive period, thereby increasing the level of fertility. Table 4.7 shows the median age at first birth and the percentage of women who first gave birth by specific exact ages, by five-year age groups.

| Table 4.7 Age at first birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women who gave birth by specific exact ages, and median age at first birth, by current age, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current age | Percentage who gave birth by exact age |  |  |  |  | Percentage who have never given | Number of women | Median age at first birth |
|  | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 | birt |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.7 | na | na | na | na | 86.4 | 3,266 | a |
| 20-24 | 5.4 | 28.4 | 46.1 | na | na | 39.7 | 2,547 | a |
| 25-29 | 8.5 | 38.0 | 58.1 | 73.0 | 83.3 | 12.8 | 2,517 | 19.2 |
| 30-34 | 10.0 | 40.9 | 59.7 | 74.9 | 87.6 | 5.9 | 1,808 | 18.9 |
| 35-39 | 9.9 | 40.3 | 58.3 | 75.2 | 89.1 | 2.7 | 1,602 | 19.0 |
| 40-44 | 11.2 | 41.2 | 60.3 | 74.7 | 86.8 | 2.7 | 1,187 | 19.0 |
| 45-49 | 10.5 | 45.4 | 60.3 | 73.4 | 86.7 | 1.6 | 1,143 | 18.7 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Childbearing begins early in Ethiopia. The median age at first birth is 19.2 years for the younger cohort (age 25-29) of women for whom a median age can be computed and varies between 18.7 and 19.0 years for the older cohorts. This suggests a small, recent rise in the median age at first birth. An examination of the percentage of women in various age groups who had a first birth by specific exact age indicates that the percentage increases as the exact age increases, as expected. The proportion of women in the age group 20-24 who had their first birth by exact age 20 ( 46 percent), for instance, is higher than by exact age 15 ( 5 percent) and 18 ( 28 percent). The data also show some evidence of a trend toward delayed onset of childbearing among younger women; for example, 41 percent of women age 30 and above had their first birth by exact age 18 while 28 percent and 38 percent of women in the age groups 20-24 and $25-29$, respectively, had started childbearing at the same age.

Table 4.8 shows median age at first birth by background characteristics and age at the time of the survey. The median age at first birth is higher in urban areas than in rural areas, with a difference of almost two years among women age 25-49. According to the data the urban-rural difference in median age at first birth is much wider among younger (25-29) than older women. Among regions, Addis Ababa has the highest median age at first birth ( 23.5 years) for women age 25-49, followed by Harari (21.0 years), while the Amhara Region has the lowest median age at first birth (18 years). This indicates that women in the Amhara Region initiated childbearing more than five years earlier on average than women in Addis Ababa.

There is a positive relationship between educational attainment and median age at first birth, but the impact seems more significant at secondary and higher levels of education. Women with at least secondary education begin their childbearing more than four years ( 22.9 years) later than women with no education ( 18.7 years). Although the median age at first birth is consistently the highest among the wealthiest women, there is no clear pattern between the onset of childbearing and women's wealth across age groups except among the younger cohort (25-29).

| Table 4.8 Median age at first birth by background characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median age at first birth among women age 25-49 years, by current age and background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Current age |  |  |  |  | Women |
|  | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 25-49 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 23.6 | 21.0 | 20.0 | 18.8 | 19.3 | 20.7 |
| Rural | 18.8 | 18.7 | 18.9 | 19.0 | 18.5 | 18.8 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 19.5 | 19.0 | 18.6 | 18.7 | 18.9 | 19.0 |
| Affar | 18.8 | 17.9 | 19.2 | 21.1 | 20.3 | 19.5 |
| Amhara | 18.1 | 18.3 | 18.0 | 18.1 | 17.6 | 18.0 |
| Oromiya | 19.1 | 18.9 | 19.7 | 19.3 | 18.9 | 19.2 |
| Somali | 18.8 | 18.6 | 20.8 | 21.1 | 22.8 | 20.0 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 17.9 | 18.0 | 18.5 | 18.2 | 17.1 | 18.1 |
| SNNP | 19.6 | 19.2 | 19.0 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 19.3 |
| Gambela | 17.8 | 18.2 | 18.8 | 17.9 | 17.3 | 18.1 |
| Harari | 22.9 | 20.7 | 20.0 | 19.6 | 20.4 | 21.0 |
| Addis Ababa | a | 25.8 | 22.3 | 19.3 | 19.5 | 23.5 |
| Dire Dawa | 21.5 | 20.1 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.3 | 19.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.8 | 18.6 | 18.7 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 18.7 |
| Primary | 18.7 | 18.6 | 19.9 | 19.9 | 18.8 | 18.9 |
| Secondary and higher | a | 22.2 | 22.1 | 19.8 | 20.5 | 22.9 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 18.7 | 18.7 | 18.9 | 19.6 | 20.5 | 19.0 |
| Second | 18.3 | 18.5 | 19.1 | 19.3 | 18.4 | 18.6 |
| Middle | 19.0 | 18.9 | 19.5 | 19.1 | 19.0 | 19.1 |
| Fourth | 19.0 | 18.7 | 18.0 | 18.4 | 17.8 | 18.5 |
| Highest | 21.5 | 19.8 | 19.2 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 19.8 |
| Total | 19.2 | 18.9 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 18.7 | 19.0 |
| $\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women had a birth before reaching the beginning of the age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 4.7 Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood

In addition to the relatively high level of pregnancy complications among young mothers because of physiological immaturity, inexperience associated with child care practices also influences maternal and infant health. Moreover, an early start to childbearing greatly reduces the educational and employment opportunities of women and is associated with higher levels of fertility. Table 4.9 shows the proportion of women age 15-19 (teenagers) who are mothers or pregnant with their first child, by background characteristics.

| Table 4.9 Teenage pregnancy and motherhood |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-19 who have had a live birth or who are pregnant with their first child, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage who: |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Have had a live birth | Are pregnant with first child | Percentage who have begun childbearing | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 729 |
| 16 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 8.1 | 667 |
| 17 | 10.9 | 3.1 | 14.0 | 556 |
| 18 | 20.4 | 4.3 | 24.7 | 862 |
| 19 | 36.1 | 4.7 | 40.8 | 451 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.0 | 0.6 | 6.6 | 703 |
| Rural | 15.6 | 3.7 | 19.4 | 2,562 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 12.9 | 1.8 | 14.7 | 229 |
| Affar | 14.6 | 5.7 | 20.3 | 31 |
| Amhara | 16.7 | 3.6 | 20.3 | 811 |
| Oromiya | 15.8 | 3.2 | 19.0 | 1,206 |
| Somali | 16.8 | 2.6 | 19.5 | 78 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 20.8 | 6.4 | 27.1 | 27 |
| SNNP | 8.1 | 2.9 | 11.0 | 652 |
| Gambela | 24.8 | 6.0 | 30.8 | 8 |
| Harari | 18.2 | 3.7 | 21.9 | 11 |
| Addis Ababa | 3.4 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 199 |
| Dire Dawa | 11.9 | 1.8 | 13.7 | 16 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 24.9 | 4.0 | 28.9 | 1,308 |
| Primary | 7.4 | 3.1 | 10.4 | 1,423 |
| Secondary and higher | 2.3 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 535 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.7 | 4.1 | 23.8 | 448 |
| Second | 17.3 | 3.5 | 20.8 | 566 |
| Middle | 15.9 | 4.0 | 19.8 | 627 |
| Fourth | 13.9 | 4.5 | 18.3 | 603 |
| Highest | 7.2 | 1.0 | 8.2 | 1,022 |
| Total | 13.6 | 3.1 | 16.6 | 3,266 |

Seventeen percent of women age 15-19 have already become mothers or are currently pregnant with their first child, which is similar to the pattern seen from data collected in the 2000 EDHS ( 16 percent). The percentage of women who have begun childbearing increases rapidly with age, from 2 percent among women age 15 , to 41 percent among women age 19 . Nearly three times as many teenagers residing in rural areas as in urban areas have begun childbearing. Childbearing among teenagers is lowest in Addis Ababa (4 percent) and highest in the Gambela Region (31 percent). The level of teenage parenthood among teenagers with no education is nearly three times that among teenagers with primary education, while it is nearly ten times that of teenagers with secondary and higher education. The percentage of teenagers who have begun childbearing is three times higher among those in the poorest households ( 24 percent) compared with those in the wealthiest households ( 8 percent).


### 3.2 Educational Attainment and Literacy

Tables 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 present detailed distribution of educational attainment, according to background characteristics. As can be seen from the table, most women with no education are older and reside primarily in rural areas. The urban-rural difference in level of education is pronounced at secondary or higher levels. For example, only 3 percent of women in rural areas have some secondary education, compared with nearly a third of their counterparts in urban areas. Regarding regional differentials in educational attainment, the highest proportions of women with no education are observed in the Somali and Affar regions ( 91 percent and 85 percent, respectively). The lowest proportion is observed in Addis Ababa, where only 18 percent of women have never attended formal education.

| Percent distribution of women by highest level of schooling attained, and median number of years of schooling, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Highest level of schooling attended or completed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary | Total | of women | Median years of schooling |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 40.1 | 36.4 | 7.2 | 15.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,266 | 1.2 |
| 20-24 | 60.2 | 19.8 | 2.7 | 11.4 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 2,547 | 0.0 |
| 25-29 | 68.9 | 17.4 | 1.6 | 6.6 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 2,517 | 0.0 |
| 30-34 | 73.0 | 15.5 | 1.7 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 1,808 | 0.0 |
| 35-39 | 80.1 | 11.3 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,602 | 0.0 |
| 40-44 | 87.0 | 6.0 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 1,187 | 0.0 |
| 45-49 | 92.8 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,143 | 0.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 24.7 | 17.8 | 6.7 | 31.5 | 12.5 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 2,499 | 6.2 |
| Rural | 74.8 | 19.5 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 11,571 | 0.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 63.5 | 16.4 | 3.7 | 12.0 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 919 | 0.0 |
| Affar | 84.8 | 6.7 | 1.7 | 6.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 146 | 0.0 |
| Amhara | 75.6 | 13.7 | 2.1 | 5.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 3,482 | 0.0 |
| Oromiya | 64.4 | 22.4 | 3.3 | 8.0 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 5,010 | 0.0 |
| Somali | 90.6 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 486 | 0.0 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 73.2 | 17.6 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 124 | 0.0 |
| SNNP | 65.7 | 24.6 | 3.0 | 5.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,995 | 0.0 |
| Gambela | 59.5 | 27.4 | 4.7 | 6.9 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 44 | 0.0 |
| Harari | 39.9 | 14.4 | 3.0 | 25.1 | 13.0 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 39 | 3.8 |
| Addis Ababa | 17.6 | 18.6 | 5.7 | 29.8 | 16.7 | 11.6 | 100.0 | 756 | 7.3 |
| Dire Dawa | 46.7 | 15.0 | 4.5 | 22.3 | 9.1 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 69 | 2.1 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 88.2 | 10.2 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,428 | 0.0 |
| Second | 83.5 | 14.3 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,643 | 0.0 |
| Middle | 73.2 | 21.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,732 | 0.0 |
| Fourth | 66.2 | 25.6 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,647 | 0.0 |
| Highest | 32.4 | 22.1 | 6.2 | 25.1 | 8.9 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 3,621 | 4.2 |
| Total | 65.9 | 19.2 | 3.0 | 8.2 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 14,070 | 0.0 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level <br> ${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Table 3.2.2 Educational attainment by background characteristics: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of men by highest level of schooling attained, and median number of years of schooling, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Highest level of schooling attended or completed |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of men | Median years of schooling |
| Background characteristic | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.2 | 43.3 | 11.4 | 22.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,335 | 3.5 |
| 20-24 | 32.7 | 30.4 | 7.7 | 22.0 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 1,064 | 3.1 |
| 25-29 | 42.2 | 31.4 | 5.2 | 12.5 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 741 | 1.4 |
| 30-34 | 44.6 | 32.1 | 7.4 | 9.5 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 754 | 1.3 |
| 35-39 | 49.1 | 28.1 | 6.3 | 8.8 | 5.0 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 651 | 0.2 |
| 40-44 | 57.0 | 22.2 | 3.6 | 8.6 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 497 | 0.0 |
| 45-49 | 66.9 | 16.8 | 3.1 | 6.6 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 422 | 0.0 |
| 50-54 | 73.0 | 16.8 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 335 | 0.0 |
| 55-59 | 77.0 | 19.7 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 235 | 0.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.9 | 14.6 | 5.8 | 40.3 | 18.1 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 916 | 8.5 |
| Rural | 49.2 | 33.4 | 7.0 | 9.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 5,117 | 0.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 46.9 | 24.0 | 6.1 | 14.2 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 366 | 0.7 |
| Affar | 71.4 | 14.2 | 2.9 | 6.4 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 65 | 0.0 |
| Amhara | 60.5 | 23.8 | 3.1 | 9.4 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,521 | 0.0 |
| Oromiya | 36.7 | 34.5 | 8.5 | 16.1 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 2,222 | 1.9 |
| Somali | 81.9 | 7.7 | 2.5 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 202 | 0.0 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 49.9 | 30.6 | 6.9 | 10.3 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 54 | 0.0 |
| SNNP | 32.6 | 42.7 | 9.4 | 12.5 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,244 | 2.3 |
| Gambela | 27.5 | 32.5 | 8.2 | 26.8 | 3.6 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 21 | 3.7 |
| Harari | 20.5 | 21.7 | 6.2 | 31.8 | 12.2 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 16 | 6.3 |
| Addis Ababa | 7.2 | 12.7 | 6.9 | 33.0 | 21.5 | 18.7 | 100.0 | 292 | 9.2 |
| Dire Dawa | 22.8 | 18.0 | 6.7 | 33.9 | 11.8 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 30 | 6.3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 69.6 | 21.9 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,100 | 0.0 |
| Second | 55.4 | 34.2 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,184 | 0.0 |
| Middle | 47.4 | 35.9 | 7.2 | 9.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,081 | 0.3 |
| Fourth | 37.0 | 39.2 | 9.7 | 13.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,200 | 2.1 |
| Highest | 14.5 | 22.9 | 7.7 | 32.6 | 12.5 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 1,469 | 6.7 |
| Total | 42.9 | 30.5 | 6.8 | 14.0 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 6,033 | 1.3 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level <br> ${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Not surprisingly, access to wealth equates with access to education. An analysis of the variation in the level of education by wealth quintile indicates that only those in the highest wealth quintile have the opportunity to complete secondary or higher levels of education. Likewise, only a third of the women in the highest quintile have never attended school, compared with 88 percent of women in the lowest quintile.

The pattern of educational attainment among men is similar to that of women. However, men are more educated than women at every level. This gender disparity is more marked at higher than at lower levels, indicating the government's recognition and successful intervention to address gender disparity in recent years.

Literacy is widely acknowledged as benefiting the individual and the society and is associated with a number of positive outcomes for health and nutrition. In the 2005 EDHS, literacy status was determined based on the respondents' ability to read all or part of a sentence. During data collection, interviewers carried a set of cards on which simple sentences were printed in five of the major languages for testing a respondent's reading ability. Only those who had never been to school and those who had not completed primary level were asked to read the cards in the language they were most likely able to read; those who had attained middle school or above were assumed to be literate.

Table 3.3.1 indicates that only 3 of 10 women in Ethiopia are literate and that literacy status varies greatly by place of residence. Three-fourths of women residing in urban areas are literate compared with only a fifth of their rural counterparts. The level of literacy by age exhibits a consistent decrease with increasing age, suggesting that the younger generation has had more opportunity for learning than the older generation. Half of the women age 15-19 are literate compared with only 8 percent of the women age 45-49.

Table 3.3.1 Literacy: women
Percent distribution of women by level of schooling attended and level of literacy, and percent literate, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Secondary school or higher | No schooling or primary school |  |  |  |  | Missing | Total | Number of women | Percent literate ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | Cannot read at all | No card with required language | Blind/ visually impaired |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 16.4 | 22.4 | 10.7 | 47.5 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,266 | 49.5 |
| 20-24 | 17.3 | 7.8 | 6.4 | 66.1 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,547 | 31.5 |
| 25-29 | 12.1 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 73.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,517 | 26.1 |
| 30-34 | 9.8 | 6.1 | 8.9 | 74.2 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,808 | 24.8 |
| 35-39 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 7.3 | 78.8 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,602 | 19.6 |
| 40-44 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 84.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,187 | 14.4 |
| 45-49 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 4.0 | 90.9 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,143 | 8.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 50.9 | 14.3 | 8.3 | 26.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,499 | 73.6 |
| Rural | 3.5 | 8.6 | 7.5 | 78.4 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 11,571 | 19.6 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 16.5 | 10.0 | 7.2 | 66.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 919 | 33.7 |
| Affar | 6.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 84.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 146 | 15.6 |
| Amhara | 8.5 | 9.6 | 6.9 | 74.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,482 | 25.1 |
| Oromiya | 10.0 | 10.7 | 8.8 | 68.6 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5,010 | 29.5 |
| Somali | 5.2 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 89.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 486 | 9.8 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 6.4 | 9.2 | 7.6 | 74.7 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 124 | 23.2 |
| SNNP | 6.7 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 73.0 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,995 | 22.4 |
| Gambela | 8.4 | 5.4 | 9.1 | 73.2 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 44 | 22.8 |
| Harari | 42.7 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 44.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 39 | 54.9 |
| Addis Ababa | 58.1 | 12.7 | 9.0 | 19.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 756 | 79.9 |
| Dire Dawa | 33.7 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 46.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 69 | 53.0 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.2 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 88.7 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,428 | 9.5 |
| Second | 1.2 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 85.3 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,643 | 12.1 |
| Middle | 2.6 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 77.8 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,732 | 20.6 |
| Fourth | 4.6 | 12.5 | 9.4 | 71.5 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,647 | 26.5 |
| Highest | 39.3 | 14.9 | 8.9 | 35.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,621 | 63.1 |
| Total | 11.9 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 69.1 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 14,070 | 29.2 |

${ }^{1}$ Refers to women who attended secondary school or higher and women who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence

Regional differences in literacy are marked, with literacy being highest among women in predominantly urban Addis Ababa, (80 percent) and lowest in the predominantly rural Somali Region (10 percent). There is also a marked difference in literacy levels by women's wealth status, ranging from a low of 10 percent among women in the lowest wealth quintile to a high of 63 percent among women in the highest wealth quintile.

In general, men are more likely to be literate than women (Table 3.3.2). The urban-rural differential in literacy among men is smaller compared with women, suggesting that men in the rural areas have much greater opportunity for learning than women.

Table 3.3.2 Literacy: men
Percent distribution of men by level of schooling attended and level of literacy, and percent literate, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Secondary school or higher | No schooling or primary school |  |  |  |  | Missing | Total | Number of men | Percent literate ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | Cannot read at all | No card with required language | Blind/ visually impaired |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.2 | 33.8 | 12.9 | 25.4 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,335 | 70.9 |
| 20-24 | 29.3 | 22.4 | 11.0 | 35.3 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,064 | 62.7 |
| 25-29 | 21.2 | 22.0 | 13.9 | 41.6 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 741 | 57.0 |
| 30-34 | 15.9 | 30.0 | 14.4 | 38.5 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 754 | 60.3 |
| 35-39 | 16.5 | 25.7 | 20.5 | 36.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 651 | 62.7 |
| 40-44 | 17.2 | 21.9 | 13.2 | 47.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 497 | 52.3 |
| 45-49 | 13.2 | 16.7 | 17.0 | 52.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 422 | 46.9 |
| 50-54 | 7.5 | 20.9 | 9.3 | 61.9 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 335 | 37.7 |
| 55-59 | 3.0 | 11.8 | 15.6 | 67.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 235 | 30.4 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 71.8 | 15.7 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 916 | 93.7 |
| Rural | 10.4 | 27.0 | 15.3 | 45.3 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5,117 | 52.7 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 23.1 | 31.4 | 13.0 | 32.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 366 | 67.5 |
| Affar | 11.5 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 71.2 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 65 | 27.0 |
| Amhara | 12.6 | 30.0 | 11.5 | 45.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,521 | 54.0 |
| Oromiya | 20.3 | 22.7 | 18.6 | 37.8 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,222 | 61.5 |
| Somali | 7.9 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 77.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 202 | 22.0 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 12.6 | 25.6 | 9.2 | 51.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 54 | 47.4 |
| SNNP | 15.3 | 28.6 | 13.2 | 36.5 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,244 | 57.0 |
| Gambela | 31.7 | 15.9 | 9.8 | 41.3 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 21 | 57.5 |
| Harari | 51.6 | 22.5 | 4.3 | 20.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 16 | 78.4 |
| Addis Ababa | 73.2 | 16.5 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 292 | 93.6 |
| Dire Dawa | 52.5 | 13.4 | 10.6 | 22.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 30 | 76.6 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.2 | 16.2 | 13.5 | 64.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,100 | 33.9 |
| Second | 5.7 | 21.2 | 17.7 | 53.1 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,184 | 44.5 |
| Middle | 9.5 | 30.8 | 14.1 | 43.3 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,081 | 54.5 |
| Fourth | 14.1 | 37.1 | 15.1 | 31.5 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,200 | 66.3 |
| Highest | 54.9 | 21.5 | 9.9 | 12.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,469 | 86.4 |
| Total | 19.8 | 25.3 | 13.9 | 39.3 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 6,033 | 58.9 |

${ }^{1}$ Refers to men who attended secondary school or higher and men who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence

### 3.3 Access to Mass Media

Exposure to mass media provides the opportunity to be acquainted with new ideas and knowledge that is useful in various aspects of everyday life. In the 2005 EDHS, exposure to media was assessed by asking respondents how often they listened to a radio, watched television, or read newspapers or magazines. This information is useful in determining which media may be more effective for disseminating health information to targeted audiences. The results are presented in Tables 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 by background characteristics.

| Table 3.4.1 Exposure to mass media: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women who are exposed to specific media on a weekly basis, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Reads a newspaper at least once a week | Watches television at least once a week | Listens to the radio at least once a week | All three media at least once a week | No media at least once a week | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5.3 | 11.0 | 19.9 | 1.3 | 72.6 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 2.7 | 10.3 | 19.6 | 1.1 | 76.2 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 1.9 | 6.8 | 15.2 | 0.7 | 81.2 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 1.4 | 5.4 | 13.0 | 0.7 | 84.3 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 0.9 | 4.8 | 13.4 | 0.3 | 84.4 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 1.3 | 5.0 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 86.6 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 0.7 | 5.7 | 11.6 | 0.6 | 85.3 | 1,143 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.8 | 39.5 | 40.4 | 4.6 | 41.9 | 2,499 |
| Rural | 1.2 | 0.9 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 88.1 | 11,571 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 2.8 | 7.3 | 13.4 | 0.9 | 82.2 | 919 |
| Affar | 0.5 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 88.4 | 146 |
| Amhara | 1.2 | 3.5 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 83.8 | 3,482 |
| Oromiya | 2.3 | 6.5 | 16.6 | 0.6 | 79.4 | 5,010 |
| Somali | 0.6 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 90.9 | 486 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 1.6 | 1.4 | 13.2 | 0.3 | 86.1 | 124 |
| SNNP | 1.6 | 2.5 | 11.3 | 0.2 | 86.6 | 2,995 |
| Gambela | 1.7 | 3.6 | 7.6 | 0.0 | 89.1 | 44 |
| Harari | 6.1 | 42.2 | 39.1 | 4.0 | 46.3 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 14.1 | 55.8 | 45.9 | 7.4 | 29.2 | 756 |
| Dire Dawa | 4.1 | 37.2 | 38.3 | 3.0 | 53.1 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 1.5 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 91.0 | 9,271 |
| Primary | 3.6 | 7.4 | 21.2 | 0.3 | 72.8 | 3,123 |
| Secondary and higher | 14.3 | 43.5 | 50.1 | 6.6 | 31.6 | 1,675 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 97.2 | 2,428 |
| Second | 0.5 | 0.3 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 94.4 | 2,643 |
| Middle | 1.5 | 0.4 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 88.6 | 2,732 |
| Fourth | 1.5 | 1.1 | 15.6 | 0.0 | 82.8 | 2,647 |
| Highest | 6.9 | 28.7 | 37.9 | 3.3 | 48.9 | 3,621 |
| Total | 2.5 | 7.8 | 16.0 | 0.9 | 79.9 | 14,070 |

Table 3.4.2 Exposure to mass media: men
Percentage of men who are exposed to specific media on a weekly basis, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Reads a newspaper at least once a week | Watches television at least once a week | Listens to the radio at least once a week | All three media at least once a week | No media at least once a week | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 8.6 | 13.3 | 26.5 | 2.9 | 65.6 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 9.9 | 14.9 | 37.1 | 4.0 | 57.0 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 7.8 | 12.4 | 33.5 | 3.8 | 61.7 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 34.0 | 3.2 | 63.8 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 30.1 | 2.4 | 66.6 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 33.4 | 3.1 | 64.0 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 5.6 | 8.0 | 31.4 | 2.3 | 65.4 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 23.3 | 2.1 | 73.9 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 27.6 | 1.2 | 71.0 | 235 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 27.3 | 49.9 | 62.8 | 17.6 | 21.9 | 916 |
| Rural | 3.9 | 3.7 | 25.7 | 0.5 | 71.6 | 5,117 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 13.7 | 18.4 | 37.0 | 4.1 | 54.1 | 366 |
| Affar | 1.4 | 13.1 | 29.1 | 1.2 | 67.1 | 65 |
| Amhara | 4.6 | 5.7 | 24.9 | 1.4 | 71.4 | 1,521 |
| Oromiya | 6.5 | 10.2 | 35.6 | 2.9 | 61.0 | 2,222 |
| Somali | 2.0 | 3.4 | 22.0 | 1.2 | 77.0 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 1.9 | 6.8 | 35.0 | 0.3 | 61.9 | 54 |
| SNNP | 4.6 | 5.6 | 24.6 | 1.2 | 72.3 | 1,244 |
| Gambela | 5.4 | 8.4 | 33.4 | 1.6 | 62.6 | 21 |
| Harari | 22.2 | 41.8 | 70.9 | 15.0 | 22.1 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 37.5 | 54.7 | 55.7 | 20.7 | 21.4 | 292 |
| Dire Dawa | 17.5 | 34.2 | 51.9 | 9.7 | 38.9 | 30 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.6 | 1.4 | 16.1 | 0.0 | 82.9 | 2,589 |
| Primary | 5.5 | 7.7 | 33.4 | 0.9 | 61.8 | 2,252 |
| Secondary and higher | 25.8 | 36.5 | 60.5 | 13.9 | 27.2 | 1,192 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.8 | 1.0 | 10.4 | 0.2 | 87.8 | 1,100 |
| Second | 1.7 | 2.9 | 18.6 | 0.4 | 79.5 | 1,184 |
| Middle | 6.3 | 3.6 | 25.0 | 0.3 | 70.3 | 1,081 |
| Fourth | 4.1 | 4.4 | 35.9 | 0.5 | 61.5 | 1,200 |
| Highest | 19.0 | 34.6 | 58.1 | 11.4 | 31.2 | 1,469 |
| Total | 7.4 | 10.7 | 31.3 | 3.1 | 64.0 | 6,033 |

The survey shows that exposure to media in Ethiopia is low, especially with regards to the print media. Respondents are more likely to be exposed to the radio than any other media. Men have greater access to mass media, particularly radio, than women. Specifically, men are twice as likely to listen to the radio as women ( 31 percent and 16 percent, respectively).

Young women under 25 years of age are more likely to be exposed to mass media than older women, primarily because of their higher level of education. There is also a wide gap in exposure to mass media by place of residence. For example, the proportion of newspaper readers is highest among urban residents and those with some secondary or higher levels of education. When looking into the regional variation, women in Addis Ababa are more likely to read newspapers or magazines on a weekly basis than other women.

There has been an increase in exposure to the media since 2000 . The proportion of women who listen to the radio at least once a week has increased by 43 percent, from 11 percent in 2000 to 16 percent in 2005, while the proportion among men rose from 24 percent to 31 percent. There was also an increase in exposure to television, from 4 to 8 percent among women and from 8 to 11 percent among men.

### 3.4 EMPLOYMENT

### 3.4.1 Employment Status

In the 2005 EDHS, respondents were asked a number of questions regarding their employment status, including whether they were working in the seven days preceding the survey and, if not, whether they had worked in the 12 months before the survey. The results for women and men are presented in Tables 3.5.1 and 3.5.2. At the time of the survey, about 3 of 10 women were currently employed and an additional 5 percent were not employed but had worked sometime during the preceding 12 months.

Current employment generally increases with increasing age and women who are divorced, separated, or widowed are more likely to be employed than other women. Women who have four or less children are more likely to be employed than those with five or more children.

There are notable variations in the proportion currently employed by place of residence and region. Urban women are more likely to be currently employed than rural women ( 40 percent compared with 27 percent).Women in Addis Ababa and Harari are most likely to be employed (44 percent and 41 percent, respectively), while Affar and Somali regions have the lowest proportions of employed women (11 percent each).

Current employment increases with an increase in level of education; the proportion of employed women increases from 27 percent among uneducated women to 38 percent among those with some secondary education. There is also an increase in the percentage of employed persons by wealth quintile, with those in the highest quintile much more likely to be employed than those in the other four quintiles.

A marked difference was observed in the level of employment by gender. The proportion currently employed is much higher among men than women. As can be seen from Table 3.5.2, the majority of men ( 86 percent) were employed at the time of survey. The majority of employed men are in rural areas and have little or no education. This is probably because the EDHS data collection took place during the peak agricultural season when most men in rural areas are likely to be engaged in farm work.

Although the level of female employment is lower in 2005 than in 2000, the patterns for men are very similar. The marked difference in the percentage of women currently employed between 2000 ( 57 percent) and 2005 ( 29 percent) can be attributed to the difference in the way the data on current employment were collected for women in the two DHS surveys. There was no difference in the wording of the question on current employment for men between the two surveys.

Table 3.5.1 Employment status: women
Percent distribution of women by employment status, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Employed in the 12 months preceding the survey |  | Not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey | Missing | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Currently employed ${ }^{1}$ | Not currently employed |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.0 | 4.2 | 65.8 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 29.6 | 5.9 | 60.5 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 28.8 | 6.1 | 60.5 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 30.2 | 5.7 | 60.6 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 31.2 | 4.6 | 59.2 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 33.0 | 6.6 | 56.0 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 31.6 | 5.1 | 60.6 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 1,143 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 31.2 | 3.4 | 60.2 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 3,516 |
| Married or living together | 25.5 | 6.0 | 63.9 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 9,066 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 44.3 | 6.0 | 47.2 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,488 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 30.4 | 4.7 | 60.0 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 4,554 |
| 1-2 | 29.5 | 6.4 | 60.1 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| 3-4 | 29.7 | 5.7 | 60.2 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 2,981 |
| $5+$ | 25.5 | 5.0 | 64.8 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 3,309 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 39.6 | 3.8 | 53.5 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 2,499 |
| Rural | 26.6 | 5.7 | 62.9 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 11,571 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 27.6 | 16.8 | 51.5 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 919 |
| Affar | 11.3 | 0.6 | 82.5 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 146 |
| Amhara | 27.9 | 8.4 | 59.9 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 3,482 |
| Oromiya | 32.0 | 3.3 | 59.9 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 5,010 |
| Somali | 11.4 | 0.1 | 73.1 | 15.4 | 100.0 | 486 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 34.3 | 9.1 | 51.1 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 124 |
| SNNP | 24.5 | 3.0 | 68.3 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 2,995 |
| Gambela | 26.7 | 6.2 | 59.8 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 44 |
| Harari | 41.1 | 1.0 | 53.5 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 44.2 | 4.7 | 49.4 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 756 |
| Dire Dawa | 33.7 | 0.9 | 64.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 27.2 | 5.6 | 62.5 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 9,271 |
| Primary | 29.1 | 4.9 | 60.9 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 3,123 |
| Secondary and higher | 38.0 | 4.6 | 54.5 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 1,675 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 23.5 | 5.7 | 64.4 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 2,428 |
| Second | 26.6 | 6.3 | 62.0 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 2,643 |
| Middle | 25.9 | 5.2 | 64.0 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 2,732 |
| Fourth | 29.6 | 5.3 | 61.9 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 2,647 |
| Highest | 35.9 | 4.6 | 55.9 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 3,621 |
| Total | 28.9 | 5.4 | 61.2 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 14,070 |

1 "Currently employed" is defined as having done work in the last seven days. Includes persons who did not work in the last seven days but who are regularly employed and were absent from work for leave, illness, vacation, or any other such reason.

| Percent distribution of men by employment status, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Employed in the 12 months preceding the survey |  | Not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey | Missing | Total | Number of men |
| Background characteristic | Currently employed ${ }^{1}$ | Not currently employed |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 63.0 | 2.0 | 34.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 79.8 | 3.4 | 16.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 91.9 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 97.6 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 97.3 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 96.3 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 95.5 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 96.6 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 93.4 | 0.8 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 235 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 69.0 | 3.1 | 27.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,419 |
| Married or living together | 97.0 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,424 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 92.0 | 1.0 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 190 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 72.5 | 2.9 | 24.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,766 |
| 1-2 | 95.8 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 993 |
| 3-4 | 97.6 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 967 |
| 5+ | 96.7 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,307 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 62.1 | 5.5 | 32.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 916 |
| Rural | 89.8 | 1.2 | 8.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,117 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 80.5 | 6.2 | 13.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 366 |
| Affar | 92.0 | 2.1 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 65 |
| Amhara | 91.3 | 0.7 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,521 |
| Oromiya | 84.1 | 1.2 | 14.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,222 |
| Somali | 87.2 | 1.9 | 10.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 91.0 | 1.6 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 54 |
| SNNP | 86.4 | 1.5 | 11.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,244 |
| Gambela | 82.1 | 6.1 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 21 |
| Harari | 81.0 | 3.1 | 15.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 68.9 | 7.3 | 23.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 292 |
| Dire Dawa | 68.8 | 6.1 | 25.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 30 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 97.4 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,589 |
| Primary | 83.9 | 1.4 | 14.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,252 |
| Secondary and higher | 63.2 | 4.4 | 31.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,192 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 92.8 | 1.4 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,100 |
| Second | 91.8 | 1.2 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,184 |
| Middle | 90.7 | 0.9 | 7.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,081 |
| Fourth | 86.4 | 1.6 | 11.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,200 |
| Highest | 70.8 | 3.5 | 25.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,469 |
| Total | 85.6 | 1.8 | 12.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 6,033 |
| 1 "Currently employed" is defined as having done work in the last seven days. Includes persons who did not work in the last seven days but who are regularly employed and were absent from work for leave, illness, vacation, or any other such reason. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 3.4.2 OCCUPATION

Respondents who were currently employed or had worked in the 12 months preceding the survey were further asked to specify their occupation. Tables 3.6.1 and 3.6.2 show data on employed women and men, respectively, by occupation according to background characteristics. Most employed persons are engaged in the agricultural sector. Specifically, more than half of employed women and 84 percent of employed men are engaged in agricultural jobs. Sales and service is an important occupation category, especially for women, employing nearly a third of the women and about 7 percent of the men.

| Table 3.6.1 Occupation: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by occupation, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Professional/ technical/ |  | Sales and services | Manual labour |  | Agriculture | Missing | Total | Numberof women |
|  | managerial | Clerical |  | Skilled | Unskilled |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 35.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 52.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 922 |
| 20-24 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 35.4 | 4.6 | 6.4 | 45.6 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 905 |
| 25-29 | 6.1 | 1.1 | 33.6 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 47.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 879 |
| 30-34 | 5.8 | 1.8 | 28.3 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 51.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 648 |
| 35-39 | 4.6 | 1.1 | 28.2 | 7.6 | 3.8 | 54.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 574 |
| 40-44 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 24.7 | 8.1 | 2.4 | 58.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 470 |
| 45-49 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 24.7 | 7.2 | 3.6 | 61.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 419 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 5.1 | 2.7 | 43.6 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 35.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,217 |
| Married or living together | 3.6 | 0.6 | 24.8 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 61.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2,854 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 2.2 | 1.0 | 36.3 | 10.8 | 8.8 | 39.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 748 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 40.6 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 39.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,596 |
| 1-2 | 5.8 | 1.4 | 29.1 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 50.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,157 |
| 3-4 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 25.5 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 59.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,056 |
| $5+$ | 1.0 | 0.3 | 25.2 | 6.2 | 2.6 | 63.4 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,010 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.2 | 5.0 | 57.5 | 12.2 | 9.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,084 |
| Rural | 0.7 | 0.1 | 23.7 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 66.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,734 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 5.5 | 1.6 | 15.3 | 4.5 | 20.1 | 52.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 408 |
| Affar | 8.1 | 3.5 | 37.0 | 10.3 | 19.7 | 20.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 17 |
| Amhara | 3.4 | 0.5 | 15.3 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 68.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,265 |
| Oromiya | 2.3 | 0.7 | 25.2 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 63.7 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,771 |
| Somali | 14.9 | 2.8 | 74.8 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 56 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 4.2 | 0.7 | 18.0 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 73.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 54 |
| SNNP | 1.0 | 0.4 | 58.8 | 9.5 | 2.0 | 27.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 824 |
| Gambela | 3.0 | 1.9 | 31.9 | 17.5 | 7.2 | 38.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 15 |
| Harari | 14.4 | 5.5 | 64.9 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 13.7 | 6.0 | 62.7 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 370 |
| Dire Dawa | 7.0 | 4.0 | 73.9 | 3.3 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 24 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.1 | 0.0 | 25.8 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 62.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,042 |
| Primary | 0.0 | 0.4 | 37.8 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 48.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,063 |
| Secondary and higher | 25.0 | 7.3 | 45.1 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 8.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 714 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.0 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 70.3 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 709 |
| Second | 0.2 | 0.0 | 18.9 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 68.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 870 |
| Middle | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.8 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 68.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 851 |
| Fourth | 0.0 | 0.2 | 28.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 62.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 924 |
| Highest | 12.2 | 3.7 | 51.2 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 16.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,465 |
| Total | 3.8 | 1.2 | 31.3 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 51.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 4,819 |


| Percent distribution of men employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by occupation, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Professional/ technical/ |  | Sales and services | Manual labour |  | Agriculture | Missing | Total | Number of men |
|  | managerial | Clerical |  | Skilled | Unskilled |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 88.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 869 |
| 20-24 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 9.8 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 79.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 884 |
| 25-29 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 8.0 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 80.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 702 |
| 30-34 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 1.9 | 84.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 741 |
| 35-39 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 7.5 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 84.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 637 |
| 40-44 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 82.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 487 |
| 45-49 | 4.7 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 85.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 407 |
| 50-54 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 90.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 326 |
| 55-59 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 7.2 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 87.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 221 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 1.9 | 0.2 | 9.2 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 79.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,745 |
| Married or living together | 2.9 | 0.2 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 86.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 3,353 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 4.4 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 79.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 177 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 8.6 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 80.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,084 |
| 1-2 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 8.9 | 4.9 | 2.5 | 78.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 963 |
| 3-4 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 5.0 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 86.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 948 |
| $5+$ | 1.8 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 91.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,279 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 15.8 | 1.4 | 37.0 | 24.4 | 14.5 | 6.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 620 |
| Rural | 0.8 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 94.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 4,655 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.0 | 0.8 | 8.0 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 78.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 317 |
| Affar | 4.6 | 1.1 | 15.2 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 67.9 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 61 |
| Amhara | 1.1 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 91.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,400 |
| Oromiya | 2.2 | 0.1 | 5.3 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 87.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,896 |
| Somali | 3.8 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 86.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 180 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 2.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 91.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 50 |
| SNNP | 1.6 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 89.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,093 |
| Gambela | 5.3 | 0.4 | 10.5 | 2.0 | 6.8 | 74.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 18 |
| Harari | 11.5 | 0.4 | 23.7 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 42.2 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 14 |
| Addis Ababa | 14.9 | 1.5 | 39.0 | 32.5 | 10.1 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 222 |
| Dire Dawa | 9.4 | 1.3 | 29.3 | 13.2 | 11.6 | 34.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 22 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 94.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,547 |
| Primary | 0.3 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 88.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,922 |
| Secondary and higher | 15.9 | 1.1 | 20.1 | 15.1 | 6.6 | 40.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 806 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 96.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,037 |
| Second | 0.3 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 96.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,101 |
| Middle | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 96.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 991 |
| Fourth | 0.7 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 93.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,055 |
| Highest | 11.4 | 0.8 | 24.0 | 14.4 | 8.9 | 39.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,091 |
| Total | 2.6 | 0.2 | 6.8 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 84.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 5,274 |

Six percent of employed women are skilled manual workers, while 5 percent are engaged as unskilled manual workers. Only 4 percent of employed women work in the professional, technical, and managerial fields. Women are less likely to be highly educated and less likely to have attended vocational or technical schools. Therefore, their employment in the professional, technical, and managerial sector is somewhat low compared with men.

The analysis of occupation by background characteristics suggests that the proportion of women with jobs in sales and services decreases as age increases and that married women are more likely to be employed in agricultural work than other women. Never-married women, on the other hand, are more likely to be employed in sales and services and in clerical work.

Residence has a significant effect on the type of occupation. As expected, two-thirds of employed women and 94 percent of employed men in rural areas are engaged in agricultural work. Most educated women are employed in sales and services and professional, technical, and managerial occupations, whereas women with little or no education tend to be employed in the agricultural sector. Agriculture is by far the most important occupation for working women in the lower wealth quintiles. Employment outside the agricultural sector is greatest among men with secondary or higher education and men in the highest wealth quintile.

### 3.4.3 Earnings, Employers and Continuity of Employment

Table 3.7.1 shows the percent distribution of employed women by type of earnings and employment characteristics. The table takes into account whether women are involved in agricultural or nonagricultural occupations, because all of the employment variables in the table are strongly influenced by the sector in which a woman is employed.

An overwhelming majority (81 percent) of women engaged in agricultural work are unpaid workers most likely employed by family members at the peak of the agricultural season. Women are more likely to be paid in cash if they are employed in the nonagricultural sector; about three-fourths of the women employed in this sector are paid in cash. Overall, more than half ( 52 percent) of employed women are not paid at all and only 40 percent earn cash for their work.

Six out of 10 employed women work for a family member, and about 27 percent are selfemployed. Only 14 percent of employed women work for someone outside the family.

Table 3.7.1 Type of employment: women
Percent distribution of women employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by type of earnings, type of employer, and continuity of employment, according to type of employment (agricultural or nonagricultural), Ethiopia 2005

| Employment <br> characteristic | Agricultural <br> work | Nonagricultural <br> work | Total |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Type of earnings |  |  |  |
| Cash only | 2.5 | 73.8 | 36.4 |
| Cash and in-kind | 3.6 | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| In-kind only | 12.6 | 2.7 | 7.8 |
| Not paid | 81.1 | 20.6 | 52.3 |
| Missing | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Type of employer | 75.4 | 42.5 | 59.5 |
| $\quad$ Employed by family member | 3.1 | 25.0 | 13.6 |
| Employed by nonfamily member | 21.5 | 32.4 | 26.7 |
| Self-employed | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Missing |  |  |  |
|  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Total |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Continuity of employment | 5.8 | 63.0 | 33.2 |
| All year | 88.5 | 14.1 | 52.6 |
| Seasonal | 5.5 | 22.9 | 13.9 |
| Occasional | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Missing |  |  |  |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 2,484 | 2,273 | 4,819 |

Note: Total includes women with missing information on type of employment who are not shown separately.

Three-quarters of women working in the agricultural sector are working for a family member compared with 43 percent working in the nonagricultural sector. In addition, the proportion of women employed by someone outside the family is higher among those working in the nonagricultural sector than those in the agricultural sector ( 25 percent versus 3 percent).

Generally, a third of employed women work all year round while 53 percent work seasonally. Those who work occasionally account for 14 percent. As in the case of type of earning and employer, continuity of employment also varies by sector of employment. Around 9 in 10 women employed in the agricultural sector are seasonal workers compared with only 14 percent among those working in the nonagricultural sector. On the other hand, continuity of employment is more assured for women engaged in nonagricultural work than those in agricultural work. For example, 63 percent of women working in the nonagricultural sector work all year compared with only 6 percent of women engaged in agricultural work.

Male respondents were only asked questions on type of earning. Table 3.7.2 shows that only 3 in 10 employed men are paid in cash. Eighty-four percent of men employed in nonagricultural work are paid in cash compared with 18 percent among those engaged in agricultural work.

Table 3.7.2 Type of employment: men
Percent distribution of men employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by type of earnings, according to type of employment (agricultural or nonagricultural), Ethiopia 2005

|  | Agricultural <br> work | Nonagricultural <br> work | Total |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: |
| Type of earnings | 7.7 | 82.4 | 19.3 |
| Cash only | 10.5 | 1.9 | 9.2 |
| Cash and in-kind | 23.6 | 1.1 | 20.1 |
| In-kind only | 58.2 | 14.4 | 51.4 |
| Not paid | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Missing |  |  |  |
|  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 4,432 | 806 | 5,274 |

Note: Total includes men with missing information on type of employment who are not shown separately.

Fertility is one of the three principal components of population dynamics that determine the size and structure of the population of a country. This chapter presents the 2005 EDHS results on the levels, trends, and differentials in fertility. The analysis is based on birth history information collected from women age 15-49 interviewed during the survey. Each eligible woman was asked a series of questions on the number of sons and daughters who were living with her, the number living elsewhere, and the number who had died, in order to obtain the total number of live births she had had in her lifetime. For each live birth, information was also collected on the name, sex, age and survival status of the child. For dead children, age at death was recorded. Information from the birth history is then used to assess current and completed fertility and factors related to fertility such as age at first birth, birth intervals, and adolescent childbearing.

### 4.1 Current Fertility

Measures of current fertility are presented in Table 4.1 for the three-year period preceding the survey, corresponding to the calendar period 20032005. A three-year period was chosen because it reflects the most current information, while also allowing the rates to be calculated on a sufficient number of cases so as not to compromise the statistical precision of the estimate.

Several measures of current fertility are shown. Age-specific fertility rates (ASFRs), expressed as the number of births per thousand women in a specified age group, are calculated by dividing the number of live births to women in a specific age group by the number of woman-years lived in that age group The total fertility rate (TFR) is a common measure of current fertility and is defined as the total number of births a woman would have by the end of her childbearing period if she were to pass through those years bearing children at the currently observed agespecific fertility rates. The general fertility rate (GFR) is the number of live births occurring during a specified period per 1,000 women age $15-44$. The crude birth rate (CBR) is the number of births per

| Age-specific and total fertility rate, the general fertility rate and the crude birth rate for the three years preceding the survey, by residence, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group | Residence |  | Total |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| 15-19 | 35 | 122 | 104 |
| 20-24 | 105 | 260 | 228 |
| 25-29 | 133 | 261 | 241 |
| 30-34 | 101 | 253 | 231 |
| 35-39 | 58 | 178 | 160 |
| 40-44 | 28 | 94 | 84 |
| 45-49 | 14 | 38 | 34 |
| TFR (15-49) | 2.4 | 6.0 | 5.4 |
| GFR | 77 | 200 | 179 |
| CBR | 23.4 | 37.3 | 35.7 |

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

Table 4.1 shows current fertility levels for Ethiopia as a whole, and for urban and rural areas. The total fertility rate for Ethiopia is 5.4 births per woman. As expected, fertility is considerably higher in the rural areas than urban areas. The TFR in the rural areas is 6.0, two and half times higher than the TFR in the urban areas (2.4). As the ASFRs show, this pattern of higher rural fertility is prevalent in all age groups (Figure 4.1). The urban-rural difference in fertility is especially pronounced among women age 20-34.

The overall age pattern of fertility as reflected in the ASFRs indicates that childbearing begins early. Fertility is low among adolescents and increases to a peak of 241 births per 1,000 among women age 25-29 and declines thereafter.

Figure 4.1 Age-specific Fertility Rates by Urban-Rural Residence


### 4.2 Fertility Differentials

Table 4.2 and Figure 4.2 present differentials in the total fertility rates, the percentage of women who are currently pregnant and the mean number of children ever born (CEB) to women age 40-49, by residence, region, education and wealth quintile.

There are substantial differentials in fertility among regions, ranging from a low of 1.4 children per woman in Addis Ababa to a high of 6.2 children per woman in Oromiya. With the exception of Oromiya, Somali and SNNP, fertility levels in the other 8 regions are less than the national average. The level of fertility is inversely related to women's educational attainment, decreasing rapidly from 6.1 children among women with no education to 2.0 children among women who have at least some secondary education. Fertility is also associated with wealth quintile. Women in the lowest wealth quintile have a TFR of 6.6 , twice as high as that of women in the highest quintile (3.2).

Table 4.2 also presents a crude assessment of trends in the various subgroups by comparing current fertility with a measure of completed fertility: the mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49. The mean number of children ever born to older women who are nearing the end of their reproductive period is an indicator of average completed fertility of women who began childbearing during the three decades preceding the survey. If fertility remained constant over time and the reported data on both children ever born and births during the three years preceding the survey are reasonably accurate, the TFR and the mean number of children ever born for women 40-49 are expected to be similar. When fertility levels have been falling, the TFR will be substantially lower than the mean number of children ever born among women age 40-49. The comparison suggests that fertility has fallen by more than one child during the past few decades, from 6.9 children per woman to 5.4. Fertility has declined in both rural and urban areas, in all regions, at all educational levels, and for all wealth quintiles. The difference between the level of current and completed fertility is highest in Addis Ababa (3 children), in all urban areas ( 2.7 children), and among women in the highest wealth quintile ( 2.7 children).

| Table 4.2 Fertility by background characteristics |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total fertility rate for the three years preceding the survey, percentage of women currently pregnant, and mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49 years, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Total fertility rate | Percentage currently pregnant ${ }^{1}$ | Mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.4 | 2.5 | 5.1 |
| Rural | 6.0 | 9.7 | 7.3 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 5.1 | 8.6 | 6.8 |
| Affar | 4.9 | 8.9 | 5.8 |
| Amhara | 5.1 | 7.2 | 7.0 |
| Oromiya | 6.2 | 9.0 | 7.1 |
| Somali | 6.0 | 10.0 | 6.7 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 5.2 | 10.2 | 6.7 |
| SNNP | 5.6 | 10.2 | 7.5 |
| Gambela | 4.0 | 8.3 | 5.3 |
| Harari | 3.8 | 6.7 | 5.2 |
| Addis Ababa | 1.4 | 1.5 | 4.4 |
| Dire Dawa | 3.6 | 3.9 | 5.6 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 6.1 | 10.1 | 7.1 |
| Primary | 5.1 | 6.7 | 5.8 |
| Secondary and higher | 2.0 | 2.2 | 4.2 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.6 | 10.2 | 6.9 |
| Second | 6.0 | 11.0 | 7.0 |
| Middle | 6.2 | 10.5 | 7.4 |
| Fourth | 5.7 | 8.3 | 7.6 |
| Highest | 3.2 | 3.8 | 5.9 |
| Total | 5.4 | 8.4 | 6.9 |

Figure 4.2 Total Fertility Rates by Background Characteristics


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Table 4.2 shows the percentage of women who reported being pregnant at the time of the survey. This percentage may be underreported since women may not be aware of a pregnancy, especially at the very early stages, and some women who are early in their pregnancy may not want to reveal that they are pregnant. Eight percent of women were pregnant at the time of the survey. Rural women were almost four times as likely to be pregnant as urban women. The proportion of women currently pregnant declines as the level of education rises. Current pregnancy is highest in Benishangul-Gumuz, SNNP and Somali and lowest in Addis Ababa.

| Table 4.3 |  |  |  |  |  | Trends in age-specific fertility rates |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Note: Age-specific fertility rates are per 1,000 women. Estimates in brackets are truncated.

### 4.3 Fertility Trends

In addition to comparison of current and completed fertility, trends in fertility can be assessed in two other ways. First, the TFR from the 2005 EDHS can be compared with estimates obtained in earlier surveys. Second, fertility trends can be investigated using retrospective data from the birth histories collected in the same survey.

One way of examining trends in fertility over time is to compare age-specific fertility rates from the 2005 EDHS for successive five-year periods preceding the survey, as presented in Table 4.3. The numerators of the rates are classified by five-year segments of time preceding the survey and the mother's age at the time of survey. Because women 50 years and over were not interviewed in the survey, the rates for older age groups become progressively more truncated for periods more distant from the survey date. For example, rates cannot be calculated for women age $35-39$ for the period 15-19 years before the survey because these women would have been over age 50 at the time of the survey and were not interviewed.

Fertility has fallen substantially among all age groups over the past two decades. This decline is most obvious in the 15 years preceding the survey, with the largest decline observed between the two most recent five-year periods. Fertility decline is steepest among the youngest cohort, with a 35 percent decline between the period 15-19 years before the survey and the period $0-4$ years before the survey. The decline in fertility observed in Ethiopia can be attributed in part to increasing use of contraception, which will be discussed in the next chapter.

Another way to assess fertility trends is to compare estimates obtained in earlier surveys. Table 4.4 presents the ASFRs and TFRs from the 1990 NFFS, the 2000 EDHS, and the 2005 EDHS.

There has been a decline in fertility from 6.4 births per woman in the 1990 NFFS to 5.4 births in the 2005 EDHS, a one-child drop in the past 15 years. The decline in fertility was more pronounced in the 10 years between 1990 and 2000 than in the five years between 2000 and 2005 and more pronounced in urban than rural areas. A comparison of the three-year TFR calculated from the 2000 EDHS and the 2005 EDHS shows little change for the country as a whole

| Table 4.4 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trends in age-specific and total fertility rates |  |  |  |
| Trends in age-specific and total fertility rates, Ethiopia |  |  |  |
|  | NFFS | EDHS | EDHS |
| Age group | $1990^{1}$ | $2000^{2}$ | 2005 |
| $15-19$ | 95 | 100 | 104 |
| $20-24$ | 275 | 235 | 228 |
| $25-29$ | 289 | 251 | 241 |
| $30-34$ | 257 | 243 | 231 |
| $35-39$ | 199 | 168 | 160 |
| $40-44$ | 105 | 89 | 84 |
| $45-49$ | 56 | 19 | 34 |
| TFR | 6.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 |

Note: Rates for NFFS 1990 are for the 12 months preceding the survey; rates for EDHS 2000 and EDHS 2005 are for the three years prior to the survey.
${ }^{1}$ CSA, 1993
${ }^{2}$ CSA and ORC Macro, 2001
( 5.5 births in 2000 versus 5.4 births in 2005). ${ }^{1}$ With the exception of the $15-19$ age group, fertility has declined in every age group over the past 15 years, with the largest decline-nearly 40 percentamong the oldest cohort (age 45-49).

### 4.4 Children Ever Born and Surviving

Data on the number of children ever born reflect the accumulation of births over the past 30 years and therefore have limited relevance to current fertility levels, particularly when the country has experienced a decline in fertility. Moreover, the data are subject to recall error, which is typically greater for older than younger women. Nevertheless, the information on children ever born (or parity) is useful in looking at a number of issues. The parity data show how average family size varies across age groups. The percentage of women in their forties who have never had children also provides an indicator of the level of primary infertility or the inability to bear children. ${ }^{2}$ Voluntary childlessness is rare in developing countries like Ethiopia, so that married women in their late forties with no live births are predominantly those involuntarily so. Comparison of the differences in the mean number of children ever born and surviving reflects the cumulative effects of mortality levels during the period in which women have been bearing children.

Table 4.5 shows the percent distribution of all women and currently married women by number of children ever born and mean number of children surviving. More than four-fifths of women age 15-19 (86 percent) have never given birth. However, this proportion declines to 13 percent for women age 25-29 and to 6 percent or less among women age 30 and above, indicating that childbearing among Ethiopian women is nearly universal. On the average, Ethiopian women nearing the end of their reproductive years have attained a parity of 7.3 children. This is 1.9 children more than the total fertility rate, a difference brought about by the dramatic decline in fertility during the 1980s and 1990s.

Table 4.5 Children ever born and living
Percent distribution of all women and currently married women by number of children ever born, and mean number of children ever born and mean number of living children, according to age group, Ethiopia 2005

| Age | Number of children ever born |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women | Mean number of children ever born | Mean number of children living |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ |  |  |  |  |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 86.4 | 9.9 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,266 | 0.18 | 0.15 |
| 20-24 | 39.7 | 26.2 | 19.6 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,547 | 1.15 | 1.01 |
| 25-29 | 12.8 | 11.4 | 17.2 | 22.5 | 18.7 | 10.5 | 4.6 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,517 | 2.85 | 2.50 |
| 30-34 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 7.8 | 12.6 | 16.8 | 18.9 | 16.5 | 9.3 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,808 | 4.48 | 3.81 |
| 35-39 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 7.3 | 11.4 | 13.0 | 17.9 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 1,602 | 5.78 | 4.74 |
| 40-44 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 13.4 | 17.7 | 14.9 | 11.5 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 1,187 | 6.63 | 5.25 |
| 45-49 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 5.2 | 9.8 | 11.3 | 12.4 | 13.9 | 12.2 | 23.6 | 100.0 | 1,143 | 7.25 | 5.50 |
| Total | 31.0 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 14,070 | 3.14 | 2.59 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 45.1 | 38.4 | 13.9 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 711 | 0.75 | 0.64 |
| 20-24 | 12.7 | 35.0 | 29.5 | 15.1 | 5.9 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,574 | 1.72 | 1.52 |
| 25-29 | 3.1 | 10.0 | 18.4 | 25.7 | 21.9 | 12.6 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,066 | 3.28 | 2.90 |
| 30-34 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 12.2 | 17.5 | 20.2 | 18.3 | 10.7 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,551 | 4.82 | 4.13 |
| 35-39 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 6.7 | 10.5 | 13.2 | 19.6 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 1,343 | 6.18 | 5.10 |
| 40-44 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 8.1 | 12.6 | 18.7 | 15.8 | 12.4 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 960 | 6.92 | 5.54 |
| 45-49 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 8.6 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 14.8 | 13.0 | 26.6 | 100.0 | 862 | 7.54 | 5.81 |
| Total | 7.3 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 11.5 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 9,066 | 4.29 | 3.57 |

[^4]The same pattern is replicated for currently married women, except that the mean number of children ever born is higher for currently married women ( 4.3 children) than for all women (3.1 children). The difference between all women and currently married women in the mean number of children ever born is due to a substantial proportion of young and unmarried women in the former category who exhibit lower fertility.

Consistent with expectations, the mean number of children ever born and mean number of children surviving rise monotonically with increasing age of women. Comparison of the mean children ever born with the mean number of living children reveals the experience of child loss among Ethiopian women. By the end of their reproductive years (age 45-49), women in Ethiopia have given birth, on average, to 7.3 children, with 5.5 surviving.

Voluntary childlessness is uncommon in Ethiopia and currently married women with no children are likely to be those who are unable to bear children. The level of childlessness among married women at the end of their reproductive period can be used as an indicator of the level of primary sterility. In Ethiopia, primary sterility among older currently married women is less than 2 percent.

### 4.5 BIRTH INTERVALS

Birth interval is the length of time between two successive live births. Information on birth intervals provides insight into birth spacing patterns, which affect fertility as well as infant and childhood mortality. Studies have shown that children born too soon after a previous birth are at increased risk of dying at an early age, particularly when the interval between births is less than 24 months.

Table 4.6 shows the percent distribution of non-first births in the five years preceding the survey by number of months since the preceding birth, according to background characteristics. The median birth interval in Ethiopia is 33.8 months. The median number of months since a preceding birth increases significantly with age, from a low of 26.1 months among mothers age 15-19 to a high of 38.8 months among mothers age 40-49.

There is no substantial difference in the length of the median birth interval by birth order and sex of the preceding birth.

Studies have shown that the death of a preceding child leads to a shorter birth interval than when the preceding child survived. The median birth interval is more than eight months shorter for children whose previous sibling is dead than for children whose previous sibling is alive ( 26.1 months and 34.6 months, respectively). It is presumed that the difference in the birth intervals is related to the desire of parents to replace a dead child, as well as to the loss of the fertility-delaying effects of breastfeeding.

According to the 2005 EDHS data, urban women have slightly longer intervals between births ( 39.1 months) compared with rural women ( 33.6 months).

Regional variations in birth intervals range from a low of 29 months in Affar to a high of 45.2 months in Addis Ababa. The median birth interval is longer among births to women with at least some secondary education than among births to women with lower levels of education. The birth interval does not vary consistently by wealth quintile.

| Table 4.6 Birth intervals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of non-first births in the five years preceding the survey by number of months since preceding birth, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Months since preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of nonfirst births | Median <br> number of <br> months <br> since <br> preceding <br> birth |
|  | 7-17 | 18-23 | 24-35 | 36-47 | 48-54 | 55-59 | 60+ |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.4 | 18.8 | 44.5 | 10.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 144 | 26.1 |
| 20-29 | 10.1 | 15.3 | 36.6 | 23.2 | 6.6 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 4,002 | 31.6 |
| 30-39 | 6.7 | 11.8 | 34.6 | 25.4 | 7.2 | 3.9 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 3,930 | 35.0 |
| 40-49 | 5.3 | 9.7 | 27.5 | 25.7 | 9.5 | 4.8 | 17.4 | 100.0 | 1,150 | 38.8 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-3 | 8.7 | 13.8 | 34.3 | 24.1 | 6.8 | 3.2 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 3,347 | 33.5 |
| 4-6 | 8.3 | 12.8 | 35.3 | 24.0 | 7.2 | 3.7 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 3,659 | 33.6 |
| 7+ | 7.5 | 12.6 | 34.4 | 25.0 | 7.7 | 3.4 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 2,220 | 34.3 |
| Sex of preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 8.2 | 13.0 | 34.9 | 24.4 | 7.4 | 3.2 | 8.9 | 100.0 | 4,711 | 33.7 |
| Female | 8.3 | 13.3 | 34.6 | 24.2 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 4,515 | 33.8 |
| Survival of preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Living | 6.1 | 12.2 | 35.7 | 25.6 | 7.5 | 3.6 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 8,026 | 34.6 |
| Dead | 22.3 | 19.4 | 28.5 | 15.4 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 1,201 | 26.1 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.0 | 11.5 | 24.6 | 16.9 | 8.9 | 2.7 | 26.5 | 100.0 | 551 | 39.1 |
| Rural | 8.2 | 13.2 | 35.4 | 24.8 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 8,675 | 33.6 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.0 | 9.2 | 38.8 | 25.7 | 8.5 | 3.0 | 10.9 | 100.0 | 578 | 35.2 |
| Affar | 14.3 | 17.2 | 33.9 | 17.3 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 87 | 29.0 |
| Amhara | 5.4 | 8.5 | 31.5 | 30.4 | 8.4 | 4.0 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 2,109 | 37.0 |
| Oromiya | 9.3 | 16.3 | 37.4 | 21.7 | 5.5 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 100.0 | 3,719 | 31.0 |
| Somali | 13.4 | 19.0 | 31.4 | 18.5 | 6.7 | 2.3 | 8.8 | 100.0 | 402 | 29.6 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 9.8 | 14.2 | 35.8 | 22.7 | 6.2 | 3.1 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 83 | 32.2 |
| SNNP | 9.3 | 11.9 | 33.5 | 24.2 | 8.6 | 4.3 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 2,093 | 34.5 |
| Gambela | 6.0 | 10.1 | 27.4 | 23.6 | 11.1 | 5.6 | 16.2 | 100.0 | 25 | 38.2 |
| Harari | 10.8 | 17.1 | 31.4 | 18.9 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 14.2 | 100.0 | 16 | 31.4 |
| Addis Ababa | 5.0 | 12.3 | 19.4 | 17.3 | 10.4 | 3.6 | 32.1 | 100.0 | 86 | 45.2 |
| Dire Dawa | 8.9 | 17.0 | 32.5 | 20.9 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 28 | 31.5 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 7.9 | 13.3 | 34.8 | 24.9 | 7.1 | 3.4 | 8.5 | 100.0 | 7,459 | 33.8 |
| Primary | 9.3 | 12.6 | 36.3 | 22.7 | 7.1 | 3.6 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 1,462 | 32.8 |
| Secondary and higher | 10.5 | 11.5 | 24.9 | 17.1 | 8.6 | 3.0 | 24.5 | 100.0 | 305 | 38.7 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.2 | 14.9 | 36.1 | 23.0 | 7.5 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 2,079 | 32.3 |
| Second | 7.4 | 12.1 | 35.7 | 25.2 | 6.7 | 3.7 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 1,956 | 34.0 |
| Middle | 7.8 | 13.3 | 34.1 | 24.8 | 7.2 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 2,070 | 34.1 |
| Fourth | 8.4 | 12.8 | 35.8 | 24.9 | 6.8 | 3.5 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 1,850 | 33.7 |
| Highest | 8.3 | 12.2 | 30.6 | 23.4 | 7.9 | 2.0 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 1,272 | 35.5 |
| Total | 8.2 | 13.1 | 34.7 | 24.3 | 7.2 | 3.4 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 9,226 | 33.8 |

Note: First-order births are excluded from this table. The interval for multiple births is the number of months since the preceding pregnancy that ended in a live birth.

### 4.6 Age at First Birth

Early age at initiation of childbearing has a detrimental effect on the health of both mother and child. It also lengthens the reproductive period, thereby increasing the level of fertility. Table 4.7 shows the median age at first birth and the percentage of women who first gave birth by specific exact ages, by five-year age groups.

| Table 4.7 Age at first birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women who gave birth by specific exact ages, and median age at first birth, by current age, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current age | Percentage who gave birth by exact age |  |  |  |  | Percentage who have never given | Number of women | Median age at first birth |
|  | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 | birt |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.7 | na | na | na | na | 86.4 | 3,266 | a |
| 20-24 | 5.4 | 28.4 | 46.1 | na | na | 39.7 | 2,547 | a |
| 25-29 | 8.5 | 38.0 | 58.1 | 73.0 | 83.3 | 12.8 | 2,517 | 19.2 |
| 30-34 | 10.0 | 40.9 | 59.7 | 74.9 | 87.6 | 5.9 | 1,808 | 18.9 |
| 35-39 | 9.9 | 40.3 | 58.3 | 75.2 | 89.1 | 2.7 | 1,602 | 19.0 |
| 40-44 | 11.2 | 41.2 | 60.3 | 74.7 | 86.8 | 2.7 | 1,187 | 19.0 |
| 45-49 | 10.5 | 45.4 | 60.3 | 73.4 | 86.7 | 1.6 | 1,143 | 18.7 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Childbearing begins early in Ethiopia. The median age at first birth is 19.2 years for the younger cohort (age 25-29) of women for whom a median age can be computed and varies between 18.7 and 19.0 years for the older cohorts. This suggests a small, recent rise in the median age at first birth. An examination of the percentage of women in various age groups who had a first birth by specific exact age indicates that the percentage increases as the exact age increases, as expected. The proportion of women in the age group 20-24 who had their first birth by exact age 20 ( 46 percent), for instance, is higher than by exact age 15 ( 5 percent) and 18 ( 28 percent). The data also show some evidence of a trend toward delayed onset of childbearing among younger women; for example, 41 percent of women age 30 and above had their first birth by exact age 18 while 28 percent and 38 percent of women in the age groups 20-24 and $25-29$, respectively, had started childbearing at the same age.

Table 4.8 shows median age at first birth by background characteristics and age at the time of the survey. The median age at first birth is higher in urban areas than in rural areas, with a difference of almost two years among women age 25-49. According to the data the urban-rural difference in median age at first birth is much wider among younger (25-29) than older women. Among regions, Addis Ababa has the highest median age at first birth ( 23.5 years) for women age 25-49, followed by Harari (21.0 years), while the Amhara Region has the lowest median age at first birth (18 years). This indicates that women in the Amhara Region initiated childbearing more than five years earlier on average than women in Addis Ababa.

There is a positive relationship between educational attainment and median age at first birth, but the impact seems more significant at secondary and higher levels of education. Women with at least secondary education begin their childbearing more than four years ( 22.9 years) later than women with no education ( 18.7 years). Although the median age at first birth is consistently the highest among the wealthiest women, there is no clear pattern between the onset of childbearing and women's wealth across age groups except among the younger cohort (25-29).

| Table 4.8 Median age at first birth by background characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median age at first birth among women age 25-49 years, by current age and background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Current age |  |  |  |  | Women |
|  | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 25-49 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 23.6 | 21.0 | 20.0 | 18.8 | 19.3 | 20.7 |
| Rural | 18.8 | 18.7 | 18.9 | 19.0 | 18.5 | 18.8 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 19.5 | 19.0 | 18.6 | 18.7 | 18.9 | 19.0 |
| Affar | 18.8 | 17.9 | 19.2 | 21.1 | 20.3 | 19.5 |
| Amhara | 18.1 | 18.3 | 18.0 | 18.1 | 17.6 | 18.0 |
| Oromiya | 19.1 | 18.9 | 19.7 | 19.3 | 18.9 | 19.2 |
| Somali | 18.8 | 18.6 | 20.8 | 21.1 | 22.8 | 20.0 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 17.9 | 18.0 | 18.5 | 18.2 | 17.1 | 18.1 |
| SNNP | 19.6 | 19.2 | 19.0 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 19.3 |
| Gambela | 17.8 | 18.2 | 18.8 | 17.9 | 17.3 | 18.1 |
| Harari | 22.9 | 20.7 | 20.0 | 19.6 | 20.4 | 21.0 |
| Addis Ababa | a | 25.8 | 22.3 | 19.3 | 19.5 | 23.5 |
| Dire Dawa | 21.5 | 20.1 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.3 | 19.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.8 | 18.6 | 18.7 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 18.7 |
| Primary | 18.7 | 18.6 | 19.9 | 19.9 | 18.8 | 18.9 |
| Secondary and higher | a | 22.2 | 22.1 | 19.8 | 20.5 | 22.9 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 18.7 | 18.7 | 18.9 | 19.6 | 20.5 | 19.0 |
| Second | 18.3 | 18.5 | 19.1 | 19.3 | 18.4 | 18.6 |
| Middle | 19.0 | 18.9 | 19.5 | 19.1 | 19.0 | 19.1 |
| Fourth | 19.0 | 18.7 | 18.0 | 18.4 | 17.8 | 18.5 |
| Highest | 21.5 | 19.8 | 19.2 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 19.8 |
| Total | 19.2 | 18.9 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 18.7 | 19.0 |
| $\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women had a birth before reaching the beginning of the age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 4.7 Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood

In addition to the relatively high level of pregnancy complications among young mothers because of physiological immaturity, inexperience associated with child care practices also influences maternal and infant health. Moreover, an early start to childbearing greatly reduces the educational and employment opportunities of women and is associated with higher levels of fertility. Table 4.9 shows the proportion of women age 15-19 (teenagers) who are mothers or pregnant with their first child, by background characteristics.

| Table 4.9 Teenage pregnancy and motherhood |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-19 who have had a live birth or who are pregnant with their first child, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage who: |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Have had a live birth | Are pregnant with first child | Percentage who have begun childbearing | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 729 |
| 16 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 8.1 | 667 |
| 17 | 10.9 | 3.1 | 14.0 | 556 |
| 18 | 20.4 | 4.3 | 24.7 | 862 |
| 19 | 36.1 | 4.7 | 40.8 | 451 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.0 | 0.6 | 6.6 | 703 |
| Rural | 15.6 | 3.7 | 19.4 | 2,562 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 12.9 | 1.8 | 14.7 | 229 |
| Affar | 14.6 | 5.7 | 20.3 | 31 |
| Amhara | 16.7 | 3.6 | 20.3 | 811 |
| Oromiya | 15.8 | 3.2 | 19.0 | 1,206 |
| Somali | 16.8 | 2.6 | 19.5 | 78 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 20.8 | 6.4 | 27.1 | 27 |
| SNNP | 8.1 | 2.9 | 11.0 | 652 |
| Gambela | 24.8 | 6.0 | 30.8 | 8 |
| Harari | 18.2 | 3.7 | 21.9 | 11 |
| Addis Ababa | 3.4 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 199 |
| Dire Dawa | 11.9 | 1.8 | 13.7 | 16 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 24.9 | 4.0 | 28.9 | 1,308 |
| Primary | 7.4 | 3.1 | 10.4 | 1,423 |
| Secondary and higher | 2.3 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 535 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.7 | 4.1 | 23.8 | 448 |
| Second | 17.3 | 3.5 | 20.8 | 566 |
| Middle | 15.9 | 4.0 | 19.8 | 627 |
| Fourth | 13.9 | 4.5 | 18.3 | 603 |
| Highest | 7.2 | 1.0 | 8.2 | 1,022 |
| Total | 13.6 | 3.1 | 16.6 | 3,266 |

Seventeen percent of women age 15-19 have already become mothers or are currently pregnant with their first child, which is similar to the pattern seen from data collected in the 2000 EDHS ( 16 percent). The percentage of women who have begun childbearing increases rapidly with age, from 2 percent among women age 15 , to 41 percent among women age 19 . Nearly three times as many teenagers residing in rural areas as in urban areas have begun childbearing. Childbearing among teenagers is lowest in Addis Ababa (4 percent) and highest in the Gambela Region (31 percent). The level of teenage parenthood among teenagers with no education is nearly three times that among teenagers with primary education, while it is nearly ten times that of teenagers with secondary and higher education. The percentage of teenagers who have begun childbearing is three times higher among those in the poorest households ( 24 percent) compared with those in the wealthiest households ( 8 percent).

This chapter presents information from the 2005 EDHS on contraceptive knowledge, attitudes and behaviour. Although the focus is on women, some results from the male survey are also presented because men play an important role in the realization of reproductive goals. Comparisons are also made, where appropriate, with findings from the 2000 EDHS to evaluate changes over the past five years.

### 5.1 Knowledge of Contraceptive Methods

Acquiring knowledge about family planning is an important step towards gaining access to and using a suitable contraceptive method in a timely and effective manner. Individuals who have adequate information about the available methods of contraception are better able to make choices about planning their families. Thus, one of the main objectives of the 2005 EDHS was to obtain information on knowledge of family planning methods among women and men in the reproductive age. Data on knowledge of contraception was collected in two ways. First, respondents were asked to mention all the methods of contraception that they had heard of spontaneously. For methods not mentioned spontaneously, the interviewer described and probed for whether the respondent recognized it.

Information was collected for 10 modern contraceptive methods: female and male sterilization, the pill, the IUD, injectables, implants, condoms, diaphragm/foam/jelly, standard days method and lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM), and two traditional methods (periodic abstinence and withdrawal). In addition, provision was made in the questionnaire to record any other method named spontaneously by the respondents.

Table 5.1 shows knowledge of contraception among all women age $15-49$ and men age $15-59$, as well as among those who are currently married and those unmarried and sexually active. Knowledge of contraceptive methods is high with 88 percent of currently married women and 93 percent of currently married men knowing at least one method of contraception. Modern methods are more widely known than traditional methods. For example, 87 percent of currently married women know of a modern method, and only 17 percent know of a traditional method. The pill is the most widely known method ( 84 percent), followed closely by injectables ( 83 percent). Currently married men are more than twice as likely to recognize the condom as a method of family planning as currently married women ( 41 percent versus 84 percent).

The mean number of methods known is a rough indicator of the breadth of knowledge of family planning methods. Using this as a measure, contraceptive knowledge is highest among sexually active unmarried men ( 5.6 methods) and women ( 4.7 methods).

Overall, knowledge of contraception has remained high in Ethiopia over the past five years. For example, knowledge of any modern method among currently married women was 85 percent in 2000 and 87 percent in 2005. Similarly, knowledge of any modern method among currently married men was 90 percent in 2000 and 91 percent in 2005 . The most notable increases in knowledge of specific methods among currently married women are with respect to injectables and condoms-from 70 percent to 83 percent for injectables and from 29 percent to 41 percent for condoms between 2000 and 2005. Men also had significant gains in knowledge for these two methods.

| Table 5.1 Knowledge of contraceptive methods |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of all women and men, currently married women and men, and sexually active unmarried women and men who know any contraceptive method, by specific method, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| Method | All women | Currently married women | Sexually active unmarried women ${ }^{1}$ | All men | Currently married men | Sexually active unmarried men ${ }^{1}$ |
| Any method | 86.1 | 87.5 | 91.2 | 91.0 | 93.0 | 95.3 |
| Any modern method | 86.0 | 87.4 | 91.2 | 90.7 | 92.6 | 93.1 |
| Female sterilisation | 18.4 | 17.2 | 30.4 | 26.4 | 28.2 | 45.7 |
| Male sterilisation | 6.6 | 5.5 | 12.5 | 15.3 | 14.0 | 24.1 |
| Pill | 82.6 | 84.2 | 86.8 | 81.2 | 84.7 | 87.4 |
| IUD | 14.8 | 12.2 | 33.0 | 14.3 | 12.0 | 22.0 |
| Injectables | 80.9 | 82.6 | 87.4 | 79.0 | 82.9 | 89.5 |
| Implants | 22.4 | 20.0 | 47.3 | 23.0 | 22.3 | 40.0 |
| Condom | 46.1 | 40.6 | 69.8 | 84.2 | 84.2 | 90.1 |
| Diaphragm/foam/jelly | 5.9 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 8.8 | 6.3 | 16.3 |
| Standard days method | 4.3 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 11.6 |
| Lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM) | 9.2 | 8.9 | 20.9 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 14.6 |
| Any traditional method | 20.6 | 17.0 | 53.2 | 39.2 | 39.3 | 70.6 |
| Rhythm | 18.0 | 14.4 | 48.2 | 34.9 | 34.2 | 69.9 |
| Withdrawal | 11.8 | 9.3 | 28.6 | 21.3 | 19.8 | 50.9 |
| Folk method | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 0.7 |
| Mean number of methods known | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.6 |
| Number | 14,070 | 9,066 | 52 | 6,033 | 3,424 | 72 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Had sexual intercourse in the month preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 5.2 shows the correspondence between the contraceptive knowledge of husbands and wives among the 2,972 couples interviewed in the 2005 EDHS. Knowledge of at least one method of contraception by both spouses is relatively high ( 84 percent). Among couples in which only one partner knows of a method, husbands are more likely to know the method than their wives. The discordance in knowledge with respect to specific modern methods is most noticeable for the condom-which is twice as likely to be known by men as women-and sterilization, especially male sterilization. Among married couples, men are also more likely to mention knowing a traditional method than women ( 38 percent and 17 percent, respectively).

## Table 5.2 Couples' knowledge of contraceptive methods

Percent distribution of couples by contraceptive knowledge, according to specific methods, Ethiopia 2005

| Method | Both know method | Husband knows method, wife doesn't | Wife knows method, husband doesn't | Neither knows method | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Any method | 84.3 | 8.6 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 100.0 |
| Any modern method | 84.0 | 8.5 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 100.0 |
| Female sterilisation | 6.9 | 20.5 | 11.1 | 61.5 | 100.0 |
| Male sterilisation | 1.7 | 11.3 | 3.2 | 83.9 | 100.0 |
| Pill | 75.4 | 9.1 | 9.9 | 5.6 | 100.0 |
| IUD | 4.3 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 81.0 | 100.0 |
| Injectables | 73.6 | 9.2 | 10.5 | 6.8 | 100.0 |
| Implants | 7.6 | 14.1 | 13.0 | 65.4 | 100.0 |
| Condom | 41.9 | 42.2 | 4.0 | 11.8 | 100.0 |
| Diaphragm/foam/jelly | 0.6 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 90.7 | 100.0 |
| Standard days method | 0.3 | 4.6 | 2.7 | 92.5 | 100.0 |
| Lactational amenorrhoe (LAM) | 2.0 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 85.6 | 100.0 |
| Any traditional method | 10.6 | 27.8 | 6.2 | 55.5 | 100.0 |
| Rhythm | 8.0 | 25.3 | 6.3 | 60.4 | 100.0 |
| Withdrawal | 4.8 | 14.3 | 3.5 | 77.3 | 100.0 |
| Other methods | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 97.8 | 100.0 |

### 5.2 Ever Use of Contraceptive Methods

Ever use of contraception provides a measure of the cumulative experience of a population with family planning. The EDHS 2005 collected data on ever use of family planning methods from women by asking respondents whether they had ever used each of the methods that they have heard about.

Table 5.3.1 presents ever use of contraception among three groups of women: all women; currently married women, and unmarried, sexually active women, by current age. The data indicate that 18 percent of all women and 24 percent of currently married women have used a method at some time. Women are much more likely to have used a modern method than a traditional method. For example, 23 percent of currently married women have used a modern method at some time compared with 2 percent who have used a traditional method. Injectables have been the most commonly used modern method (18 percent) among currently married women. Rhythm has been the most widely employed traditional method.

Among currently married women ever use of any method rises from 16 percent among those age 15-19, peaks at 27 percent among those age 25-29, and remains consistently high until age 40-44, before falling markedly to 14 percent among the oldest age group.

Although based on a small number of cases, ever use of any method is highest among sexually active unmarried women. Sixty-five percent of sexually active unmarried women have used a contraceptive method at some time in the past.

| Table 5.3.1 Ever use of contraception: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of all women, currently married women, and sexually active unmarried women who have ever used any contraceptive method, by specific method and age, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Modern method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Any traditional method | Traditional method |  |  | Number of women |
| Age | Any method | Any modern method | Female sterilisation | Pill | IUD | Injectables | Implants | Condom | Standard days method | LAM |  | Rhythm | Withdrawal | Folk method |  |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 18.9 | 17.7 | 0.0 | 9.3 | 0.2 | 13.2 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 25.6 | 24.4 | 0.1 | 11.7 | 0.2 | 18.7 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 24.7 | 23.9 | 0.2 | 12.4 | 0.6 | 18.1 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 24.5 | 23.9 | 0.2 | 13.9 | 1.0 | 16.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 23.9 | 23.2 | 0.6 | 12.6 | 0.9 | 16.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 13.8 | 12.6 | 0.5 | 7.2 | 0.9 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1,143 |
| Total | 18.2 | 17.4 | 0.2 | 8.9 | 0.4 | 12.7 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 14,070 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 16.1 | 15.6 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 11.6 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 711 |
| 20-24 | 25.7 | 24.3 | 0.0 | 13.3 | 0.3 | 19.1 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1,574 |
| 25-29 | 27.1 | 26.1 | 0.0 | 12.7 | 0.2 | 20.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 2,066 |
| 30-34 | 25.4 | 24.8 | 0.0 | 12.9 | 0.7 | 18.8 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 1,551 |
| 35-39 | 25.2 | 24.8 | 0.2 | 14.1 | 1.2 | 18.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1,343 |
| 40-44 | 26.5 | 25.8 | 0.6 | 13.6 | 0.9 | 19.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 960 |
| 45-49 | 13.8 | 12.8 | 0.6 | 6.8 | 1.0 | 8.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 862 |
| Total | 24.1 | 23.2 | 0.2 | 12.0 | 0.6 | 17.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 9,066 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | XUALLY | ACTIVE U | UNMARRIE | ED WOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 62.2 | 51.7 | 0.0 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 12.9 | 0.0 | 42.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.0 | 13.5 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 28 |
| 25-49 | 68.7 | 55.5 | 0.0 | 25.8 | 0.0 | 37.7 | 0.4 | 29.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 25 |
| Total | 65.3 | 53.5 | 0.0 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 24.6 | 0.2 | 36.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 15.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 52 |
| LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method <br> ${ }^{1}$ Had sexual intercourse in the month preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The 2005 EDHS collected information on ever use of contraception from men as well as women, but with respect to the four male methods only, namely male sterilization, condoms, the rhythm method, and withdrawal. Table 5.3 .2 shows that 19 percent of currently married men have used a male method of contraception at some time. Men have been more likely to use a traditional method, particularly rhythm (14 percent), than a modern method. Five percent of currently married men have used a condom at some time. Ever use of any method among currently married men rises from 14 percent among the youngest men to a peak of 23 percent among men 25-29 and then falls steadily to a low of 10 percent among those in the oldest cohort.

| Table 5.3.2 Ever use of contraception: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of all men, currently married men, and sexually active unmarried men who have ever used any contraceptive method, by specific method and age, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ever used | Ever used condom | Moder | method | Ever used | Tradi me | onal <br> od |  |
| Age | any of four male methods | or male sterilisation | Male sterilisation | Condom | rhythm or withdrawal | Rhythm | With- <br> drawal | Number of men |
| ALL MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 13.3 | 9.7 | 0.2 | 9.5 | 7.2 | 5.7 | 2.8 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 21.9 | 10.8 | 0.2 | 10.6 | 16.2 | 14.5 | 6.2 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 23.9 | 10.0 | 0.1 | 9.9 | 18.7 | 15.6 | 7.5 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 20.7 | 7.0 | 0.6 | 6.6 | 16.7 | 14.7 | 3.9 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 20.2 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 6.5 | 17.3 | 14.6 | 4.8 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 15.2 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 3.8 | 13.1 | 11.8 | 2.5 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 10.9 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 10.6 | 8.8 | 4.1 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 9.9 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 8.1 | 6.7 | 2.1 | 235 |
| Total | 14.7 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 6.3 | 10.9 | 9.3 | 3.6 | 6,033 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 13.5 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 11.7 | 10.2 | 6.7 | 28 |
| 20-24 | 19.6 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 16.3 | 13.2 | 5.6 | 255 |
| 25-29 | 23.2 | 7.7 | 0.2 | 7.5 | 20.2 | 18.4 | 7.5 | 482 |
| 30-34 | 22.6 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 19.3 | 16.6 | 7.1 | 646 |
| 35-39 | 20.1 | 5.7 | 0.4 | 5.3 | 17.0 | 15.0 | 3.8 | 610 |
| 40-44 | 19.3 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 4.8 | 16.7 | 13.9 | 4.3 | 468 |
| 45-49 | 14.8 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 3.4 | 12.8 | 11.6 | 2.2 | 399 |
| 50-54 | 11.1 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 11.0 | 9.4 | 4.2 | 310 |
| 55-59 | 9.6 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 7.8 | 6.3 | 2.2 | 225 |
| Total | 18.7 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 5.2 | 16.1 | 14.0 | 4.9 | 3,424 |
| SEXUALLY ACTIVE UNMARRIED MEN¹ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 46.6 | 34.3 | 0.9 | 34.3 | 21.0 | 18.4 | 7.6 | 46 |
| 25-59 | 72.9 | 68.0 | 0.2 | 68.0 | 42.8 | 23.2 | 33.3 | 26 |
| Total | 56.2 | 46.5 | 0.6 | 46.5 | 28.9 | 20.2 | 16.9 | 72 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Had sexual intercourse in the month preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 5.3 Current Use of Contraceptive Methods

The current level of contraceptive use is a measure of actual contraceptive practice at the time of the survey. It takes into account all use of contraception, whether the concern of the user is permanent cessation of childbearing or a desire to space births. Current use of family planning services provides insight into one of the principal determinants of fertility. It also serves to assess the success of family planning programmes. This section focuses on the levels, differentials, and trends in current use of family planning methods in Ethiopia.

Contraceptive use among all women, currently married women, and sexually active unmarried women, is presented in Table 5.4 by age group. The contraceptive prevalence rate for married Ethiopian women who are currently using a method of family planning is 15 percent. Almost all of these users are using modern methods. The most widely used method is injectables (10 percent) followed by the pill (3 percent).

| Table 5.4 Current use of contraception |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Percent distribution of all women, currently married women, and sexually active unmarried women by contraceptive method currently used, according to age, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Modern m | ethod |  |  | An | Tradi met | $\begin{aligned} & \text { tional } \\ & \text { hod } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Age | Any method | Any modern method | Female sterilisation | Pill | IUD | Injectables | Implants | Condom | LAM |  | Rhythm | Withdrawal | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { currently } \\ \text { using } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Total | Number of women |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 97.5 | 100.0 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 11.4 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 7.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 88.6 | 100.0 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 15.2 | 14.4 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 10.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 84.8 | 100.0 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 13.2 | 12.6 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 9.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 86.8 | 100.0 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 15.3 | 14.4 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 9.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 84.7 | 100.0 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 11.9 | 11.1 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 8.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 88.1 | 100.0 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 93.7 | 100.0 | 1,143 |
| Total | 10.3 | 9.7 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 89.7 | 100.0 | 14,070 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 91.1 | 100.0 | 711 |
| 20-24 | 16.7 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 0.1 | 11.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 83.3 | 100.0 | 1,574 |
| 25-29 | 16.9 | 16.2 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 11.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 83.1 | 100.0 | 2,066 |
| 30-34 | 14.4 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 10.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 85.6 | 100.0 | 1,551 |
| 35-39 | 17.2 | 16.4 | 0.2 | 4.3 | 0.5 | 10.5 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 82.8 | 100.0 | 1,343 |
| 40-44 | 14.2 | 13.2 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 9.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 85.8 | 100.0 | 960 |
| 45-49 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 91.9 | 100.0 | 862 |
| Total | 14.7 | 13.9 | 0.2 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 9.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 85.3 | 100.0 | 9,066 |
| SEXUALLY ACTIVE UNMARRIED WOMEN ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 60.7 | 48.9 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 8.4 | 0.0 | 36.1 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 39.3 | 100.0 | 28 |
| 25-49 | 48.3 | 36.9 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 26.4 | 0.0 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 51.7 | 100.0 | 25 |
| Total | 54.9 | 43.3 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 16.9 | 0.0 | 23.3 | 0.0 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 0.0 | 45.1 | 100.0 | 52 |

Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation.
LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method
${ }^{1}$ Had sexual intercourse in the month preceding the survey

Use of contraception among the small number of sexually active unmarried women is higher than among all women and currently married women. Fifty-five percent of sexually active unmarried women are currently using contraception, with 43 percent using modern methods and 12 percent using traditional methods. The difference in use of modern methods among unmarried sexually active women and all other women may be attributed primarily to the greater use of condoms and injectables.

As shown in Table 5.5, there are marked differences in the contraceptive prevalence rate among currently married women by background characteristics. Contraceptive use is associated with the number of living children a woman has; it is highest among currently married women with one or two children (17 percent) and lowest among women with no children (12 percent).

As expected, contraceptive prevalence is more than four times higher in urban than in rural areas ( 47 percent versus 11 percent). There is also substantial variation in current use by region. Current use is highest in Addis Ababa (57 percent) and lowest in the Somali Region (3 percent). Urbanized areas like Dire Dawa and Harari also have much higher levels of current use ( 34 percent each) than the other regions.

| Table 5.5 Current use of contraception by background characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Percent distribution of currently married women by contraceptive method currently used, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Modern method |  |  |  |  |  |  | Any traditional method | Traditional method |  | Not currently using | Total | Number <br> of <br> women |
| Background characteristic | Any method | Any modern method | Female sterilisation | Pill | IUD | Injectables | $\begin{gathered} \text { Im- } \\ \text { plants } \end{gathered}$ | Male <br> con- <br> dom | LAM |  | Rhythm | Withdrawal |  |  |  |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 11.7 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 88.3 | 100.0 | 600 |
| 1-2 | 16.5 | 15.4 | 0.2 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 10.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 83.5 | 100.0 | 2,662 |
| 3-4 | 14.8 | 14.1 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.2 | 10.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 85.2 | 100.0 | 2,645 |
| 5+ | 13.7 | 13.2 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 9.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 86.3 | 100.0 | 3,159 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 46.7 | 42.2 | 1.3 | 10.7 | 1.8 | 25.9 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 53.3 | 100.0 | 959 |
| Rural | 10.9 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 89.1 | 100.0 | 8,107 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 16.5 | 16.2 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 83.5 | 100.0 | 570 |
| Affar | 6.6 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 93.4 | 100.0 | 109 |
| Amhara | 16.1 | 15.7 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 0.2 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 83.9 | 100.0 | 2,330 |
| Oromiya | 13.6 | 12.9 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 0.2 | 8.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 86.4 | 100.0 | 3,300 |
| Somali | 3.1 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 96.9 | 100.0 | 363 |
| Benishangul- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gumuz | 11.1 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 88.9 | 100.0 | 92 |
| SNNP | 11.9 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 8.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 88.1 | 100.0 | 1,988 |
| Gambela | 15.9 | 15.8 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 12.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 84.1 | 100.0 | 31 |
| Harari | 33.5 | 29.1 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 1.6 | 20.1 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 66.5 | 100.0 | 22 |
| Addis Ababa | 56.9 | 45.2 | 1.8 | 10.6 | 3.9 | 23.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 11.7 | 9.2 | 2.5 | 43.1 | 100.0 | 224 |
| Dire Dawa | 34.0 | 31.5 | 0.3 | 6.7 | 0.6 | 21.4 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 66.0 | 100.0 | 37 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 10.0 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 90.0 | 100.0 | 7,094 |
| Primary | 23.4 | 21.9 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 0.5 | 15.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 76.6 | 100.0 | 1,402 |
| Secondary and higher | 52.6 | 45.9 | 0.7 | 11.0 | 1.7 | 28.7 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 0.8 | 47.4 | 100.0 | 570 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.2 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 95.8 | 100.0 | 1,759 |
| Second | 6.6 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 93.4 | 100.0 | 1,892 |
| Middle | 12.0 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 8.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 88.0 | 100.0 | 1,903 |
| Fourth | 15.5 | 15.2 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 11.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 84.5 | 100.0 | 1,823 |
| Highest | 37.0 | 33.7 | 0.8 | 8.2 | 1.2 | 21.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 63.0 | 100.0 | 1,689 |
| Total | 14.7 | 13.9 | 0.2 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 9.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 85.3 | 100.0 | 9,066 |
| Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation. LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Contraceptive use differs significantly across educational categories. Current use increases five-fold from 10 percent among women with no education to 53 percent among those with secondary and higher levels of education.

Wealth has a positive effect on women's contraceptive use, with use increasing markedly as wealth increases, from 4 percent among married women in the lowest wealth quintile to 37 percent among those in the highest wealth quintile.

### 5.3.1 Trends in Contraceptive Use

Results on contraceptive use from the 2005 EDHS are compared with similar surveys in Table 5.6 and Figure 5.1. Use of contraceptive methods tripled in the 15 year period between the 1990 NFFS and the 2005 EDHS from 5 percent to 15 percent. The increase is especially marked for modern methods in the five years between 2000 and 2005. This increase is attributed primarily to the rapid rise in the use of injectables from 3 percent in 2000 to 10 percent in 2005.

### 5.3.2 Number of Children at First Use of Contraception

Family planning may be used to either limit family size or delay the next birth. Couples using family planning to limit family size adopt contraception when they have already had the number of children they want. When contraception is used to space births, couples may start using family planning earlier, with the intention of delaying a possible pregnancy. This may be done even before a couple has had their desired number of children.

Figure 5.1 Trends in Current Use of Contraception, Ethiopia 1990-2005


Women interviewed in the 2005 EDHS were asked how many children they had at the time they first used a contraceptive method. Table 5.7 shows the percent distribution of women by the number of living children at the time of first use of contraception, according to current age.

The data show that one-third of users (6 percent of all women) first used a method of family planning when they had four or more children. Nearly one-fifth of users ( 3 percent of all the women) first used at the time they had no children, and 4 percent first used after the birth of their first child.

The age pattern of first use of contraception shows that younger women are more likely to start using contraception at lower parities than older women. For example, most women below age 30 started using contraception after they had one child, suggesting the intention of younger women to space births at earlier parities than older women.

| Percent distribution of women by number of living children at time of first use of contraception, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current | Neve | Num | vin | en | $f$ fir | of c | eption |  | Number of |
| age | used | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4+ | Missing | Total | women |
| 15-19 | 95.3 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 81.1 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 3.9 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 74.4 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 75.3 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 10.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 75.5 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 14.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 76.1 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 86.2 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,143 |
| Total | 81.8 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 6.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 14,070 |

### 5.4 USE OF SOCIAl Marketing Brands

Current users of the pills and condoms were asked for the brand name of the pills and condoms they last used. This information is useful in monitoring the success of social marketing programmes that promote a specific brand. In Ethiopia, "Prudence" and "Choice" are the two brands of pills that are socially marketed, and "Hiwot" and "Sensation" are two brands of condoms that are socially marketed.

Table 5.8.1 indicates that nearly one-third ( 29 percent) of users said that they use Prudence. This is much higher than the level reported in the 2000 EDHS ( 13 percent). Forty-one percent of pill users reported that they did not know the brand of pills they were using.

Table 5.8 .2 shows the percentage of men currently using condoms by brand used. About 39 percent of men use Hiwot, and 19 percent use Sensation. Nearly, one-third of condom users (30 percent) do not know the brand of condoms they are using.

| Table 5.8.1 Pill brands |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Percent distribution of |  |
| women currently using the |  |
| pill by brand used, Ethiopia |  |
| 2005 |  |
|  |  |
| Pill brand |  |


| Table 5.8.2 Condom brands |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Percent distribution of men <br> currently using condoms by <br> brand used, Ethiopia 2005 |  |
|  | Condom <br> Condom brand |
| Hiwot | 38.7 |
| Sensation | 18.7 |
| Durex | 0.2 |
| Other | 0.1 |
|  | 30.2 |
| Don't know | 12.0 |
| Missing | 100.0 |
| Total | 40 |

### 5.5 Knowledge of Fertile Period

A basic knowledge of the physiology of reproduction is especially useful for the successful practice of coitus-related methods such as periodic abstinence. The successful use of such methods depends in part on an understanding of when during the ovulatory cycle a woman is most likely to conceive. All women and men in the survey were asked about their knowledge of a woman's fertile period. Specifically, they were asked whether there are certain days between two menstrual periods when a woman is more likely to become pregnant if she has sexual intercourse. Those who answered in the affirmative were further asked if this time is just before the period begins, during the period, right after the period ends, or halfway between the two periods.

Table 5.9 shows that only 11 percent of women and 8 percent of men, interviewed in the EDHS, know that a woman is most likely to conceive halfway between her menstrual periods. Slightly over one-fifth of all women ( 22 percent) wrongly believe that the fertile period is just before her period begins or during her period or right after her period has ended. However, the great majority of women either do not know when the fertile period falls ( 35 percent) or believe that there is no specific time ( 32 percent). Regarding men, 43 percent say that they do not know when the fertile period falls and 27 percent believe that there is no specific time when a woman is more likely to conceive.

As expected, users of the rhythm method are more likely than nonusers to know that the fertile time in a women's menstrual cycle is halfway between periods. In addition, there has been a slight increase in knowledge of the fertile period over the past five years among users of the rhythm method (from 53 percent in 2000 to 62 percent in 2005).

| Table 5.9 Knowledge of fertile period |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women currently using periodic abstinence, women not using periodic abstinence, and all women and all men by knowledge of the fertile period during the ovulatory cycle, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Perceived fertile period | Users of rhythm method | Nonusers of rhythm method | All women | All men |
| Just before her period begins | 5.6 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.5 |
| During her period | 0.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Right after her period has ended | 20.1 | 17.8 | 17.8 | 16.2 |
| Halfway between two periods | 61.8 | 11.1 | 11.4 | 8.1 |
| Other | 3.2 | 32.0 | 31.9 | 27.1 |
| Don't know | 6.4 | 35.1 | 34.9 | 43.0 |
| Missing | 2.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 69 | 14,001 | 14,070 | 6,033 |

### 5.6 Source of Family Planning Methods

Information on sources of modern contraceptives is useful for family planning managers and implementers. Women who reported using a modern method of contraception at the time of the survey were asked where they obtained the method the last time and interviewers recorded the name and location of the source. To ensure accuracy in reporting, supervisors and editors were asked to verify the type of source from the written response.

Table 5.10 shows that four-fifths of current users ( 80 percent) obtain methods from the public sector, 17 percent from the private medical sector, and 3 percent from other sources. The most important source of contraceptives in the public sector is the government health centre, providing methods to 37 percent of current users. Government health stations or clinics and government health
posts also play a major role in distributing contraceptives, being the source of 19 percent and 16 percent, of modern methods, respectively. The public sector is the leading source of injectables and the pill, distributed mainly through government health centres ( 39 percent and 36 percent, respectively). More than half of condom users get their supply from other sources, predominantly shops (42 percent).

Over the years, the public sector has been the major source of family planning methods, particularly for injectables and the pill. While the overall contribution from other private sources has declined from 6 percent in 2000 to 3 percent in 2005, the contribution of shops in supplying condoms has increased substantially, from 23 percent in 2000 to 42 percent in 2005.

The 2005 EDHS also gathered information on the cost of modern contraceptive methods. The data show that the majority of users who obtained a method from the public sector obtained it for free compared with 16 percent of users who obtained their method from the private medical sector (data not shown).

| Percent distribution of users of modern contraceptive methods by most recent source of the method, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Most recent source of method | Pill | IUD | Injectables | Condom | Total |
| Public sector | 70.5 | (64.9) | 85.2 | 17.3 | 79.5 |
| Government hospital | 3.2 | (47.1) | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.8 |
| Government health centre | 36.0 | (14.1) | 39.3 | 10.0 | 36.8 |
| Government health post | 11.8 | (0.0) | 18.6 | 0.1 | 16.1 |
| Government health station/clinic | 15.7 | (0.0) | 20.6 | 0.2 | 18.6 |
| CBD worker | 3.1 | (3.6) | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Other public | 0.6 | (0.0) | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Private medical sector | 27.0 | (35.1) | 13.5 | 20.3 | 17.1 |
| Private hospital/clinic/doctor | 6.4 | (17.7) | 5.0 | 0.4 | 5.5 |
| Pharmacy | 12.7 | (0.0) | 3.3 | 16.8 | 5.7 |
| NGO Health facility | 4.8 | (6.8) | 3.6 | 2.7 | 3.9 |
| CBD worker/CBRHA | 2.1 | (10.6) | 1.0 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| Other NGO | 1.0 | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Other private medical | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Other source | 2.5 | (0.0) | 1.0 | 51.7 | 2.8 |
| Drug vendor | 0.8 | (0.0) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Shop | 1.3 | (0.0) | 0.4 | 42.4 | 1.9 |
| Friends relatives | 0.3 | (0.0) | 0.0 | 9.3 | 0.4 |
| Other | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.3 | 10.7 | 0.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 292 | 20 | 954 | 40 | 1,324 |
| Note: Table excludes female sterilisation and lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM). Total includes 24 users of implants who are not shown separately. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. <br> $\mathrm{CBD}=$ Community-based distribution <br> CBRHA $=$ Community-based reproductive health agent |  |  |  |  |  |

### 5.7 INFORMED CHOICE

Current users of modern methods who are well informed about the side effects and problems associated with methods and know of a range of method options are in a better position to make an informed choice about the method they would like to use. Current users of various modern contraceptive methods were asked whether, at the time they were adopting a particular method, they were informed about the possible side effects or problems they might have with the method and what to do if they experienced side effects. Table 5.11 shows the percentage of current users of modern methods who were informed about the side effects or problems with the method used, informed about what to do if they experienced side effects, and informed of other methods they could use, according to the type of method used and initial source of the method.

Four percent of users were informed about the side effects or problems associated with the method, 30 percent were informed about what to do if they experienced side effects, and 7 percent were informed of the availability of other methods.

| Table 5.11 Informed choice |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among current users of modern contraceptive methods who started the last episode of use within the five years preceding the survey, the percentage who were informed about possible side effects or problems of that method, about what to do if they experienced side effects, and about other methods they could use, by method and initial source, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Method/source/ background characteristic | Percentage who were informed about side effects or problems of method used | Percentage who were informed about what to do if experienced side effects | Percentage who were informed by a health or family planning worker of other methods that could be used | Number of women |
| Method |  |  |  |  |
| Female sterilisation | (2.8) | (84.7) | (42.8) | 6 |
| Pill | 1.9 | 31.5 | 2.8 | 265 |
| IUD | (0.0) | (90.1) | (4.0) | 10 |
| Injectables | 3.9 | 28.1 | 7.7 | 914 |
| Implants | * | * | * | 16 |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 3.5 | 30.1 | 6.7 | 1,249 |
| Initial source of method ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Public sector | 3.7 | 30.0 | 7.0 | 972 |
| Government hospital | 7.2 | 41.6 | 13.2 | 65 |
| Government health centre | 2.6 | 33.2 | 8.0 | 452 |
| Family planning clinic | 2.8 | 28.2 | 5.2 | 209 |
| Mobile clinic | 5.7 | 21.2 | 5.4 | 231 |
| Fieldworker | * | * | * | 14 |
| Private medical sector | 4.4 | 27.8 | 7.3 | 102 |
| Private doctor | 1.7 | 26.0 | 6.4 | 47 |
| Private hospital or clinic | (17.9) | (59.8) | (4.3) | 16 |
| Pharmacy | * | * | * | 3 |
| Shop | * | * | * | 7 |
| Church | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 24 |
| Friends relatives | * | * | * | 5 |
| Other | * | * | * | 9 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 24.1 | 12.4 | 24 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. <br> na $=$ Not applicable <br> ${ }^{1}$ Among users of female sterilisation, pill, IUD, injectables and implants <br> ${ }^{2}$ Source at start of current episode of use |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

### 5.8 CONTRACEPTIVE DISCONTINUATION

Couples can realize their reproductive goals only when they use contraceptive methods continuously. A major concern for family planning programme managers is discontinuation of methods. In the 2005 EDHS "calendar" section, all segments of contraceptive use between September 2000 and the date of the interview were recorded, along with the reasons for any discontinuation. One-year contraceptive discontinuation rates based on the data from the calendar are presented in Table 5.12. ${ }^{1}$

Table 5.12 First-year contraceptive discontinuation rates
Percentage of contraceptive users who discontinued use of a method within 12 months after beginning its use, by reason for discontinuation and specific method, Ethiopia 2005

|  | Reason for discontinuation |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Method <br> failure | Desire to <br> become <br> pregnant | Switched <br> to another <br> method | Other <br> reason | Total |
| Method | 2.4 | 11.6 | 21.8 | 25.1 | 60.9 |
| Pill | 0.3 | 8.6 | 7.1 | 15.9 | 32.0 |
| Injectables | 1.3 | 9.5 | 13.7 | 17.3 | 41.8 |
| Male condom | 5.4 | 18.8 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 39.2 |
| Periodic abstinence |  | 10.2 | 11.9 | 17.6 | 40.9 |
| All methods | 1.2 | 10.9 |  |  |  |

Note: Table is based on episodes of contraceptive use that began 3-59 months prior to the survey.
LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method
${ }^{1}$ Used a different method in the month following discontinuation or said they wanted a more effective method and started another method within two months of discontinuation

It can be seen from the table that four in ten contraceptive users discontinue using a method within 12 months of starting its use. About 10 percent of users discontinued to become pregnant and 12 percent switched to other methods. Just 1 percent of users stopped as a result of method failure, suggesting that this is not a major problem in Ethiopia. The discontinuation rate is highest among pill users (61 percent) and lowest among users of injectables ( 32 percent).

Table 5.13 also presents reasons for contraceptive discontinuation, but from a different perspective. All of the 1,686 contraceptive discontinuations occurring in the five years preceding the survey, regardless of duration of use, are distributed by the main reason for discontinuation, according to method. The desire to become pregnant is the most prominent reason for contraceptive discontinuation ( 30 percent), followed by health concerns ( 26 percent).

[^5]| Table 5.13 Reasons for discontinuation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of discontinuations of contraceptive methods in the five years preceding the survey by main reason for discontinuation, according to specific method, Ethiopia 2005 FINAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reason | Pill | IUD | Injection | Condom | Rhythm | Withdrawal | All methods |
| Became pregnant while using | 5.6 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 14.7 | 16.8 | 10.4 | 5.0 |
| Wanted to become pregnant | 23.8 | 14.2 | 33.1 | 25.4 | 47.6 | 46.6 | 30.2 |
| Husband/partner disapproved | 2.9 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2.6 |
| Side effects | 3.4 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 3.7 |
| Health concerns | 33.2 | 51.7 | 25.3 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 26.0 |
| Lack of access/too far | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Wanted more effective method | 6.9 | 11.9 | 2.3 | 6.7 | 14.7 | 32.3 | 5.6 |
| Inconvenient to use | 6.1 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 1.8 | 5.1 |
| Infrequent sex/husband away | 3.9 | 8.8 | 2.3 | 14.7 | 5.1 | 0.2 | 3.6 |
| Cost too much | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Fatalistic | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Method not available | 2.5 | 0.0 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.9 |
| Difficult to get pregnant/menopausal | 0.5 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Marital dissolution/separation | 2.7 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.2 |
| Other | 8.2 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 18.1 | 3.6 | 8.6 | 9.8 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of discontinuations | 680 | 17 | 786 | 60 | 89 | 23 | 1,686 |

### 5.9 Future Use of Contraception

Intention to use a method of contraception is an important indicator of the potential demand for family planning services. Currently married women who were not using contraception at the time of the survey were asked about their intention to use family planning methods in the future. The results are presented in Table 5.14.

## Table 5.14 Future use of contraception

Percent distribution of currently married women who are not using a contraceptive method by intention to use in the future, according to number of living children, Ethiopia 2005

| Intention to use | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | $4+$ | Total |
| Intends to use | 44.0 | 60.0 | 56.4 | 51.8 | 49.5 | 52.0 |
| Unsure | 5.6 | 1.9 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Does not intend to use | 50.4 | 37.8 | 38.9 | 43.0 | 46.4 | 43.9 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 530 | 1,091 | 1,133 | 1,098 | 3,880 | 7,732 |

[^6]More than half (52 percent) of currently married women who were not using any contraception at the time of the survey say that they intend to use a family planning method some time in the future. Forty-four percent do not intend to use any method, while 4 percent are unsure of their intention. The proportion of women who intend to use in the future varies by the number of living children, increasing from 44 percent for those with no living children to a peak at 60 percent among those with one child. These women are likely interested in spacing subsequent births. Over the past five years, there has been an increase in the proportion of married women not using at the time of the survey but who intend to use in the future (from 46 percent in 2000 to 52 percent in 2005).

### 5.10 Reasons for Not Intending to Use A Contraceptive Method in the Future

An understanding of the reasons why people do not use family planning methods is critical in designing programmes that are effective in reaching women with unmet need and to improve the quality of family planning services. Table 5.15 shows currently married nonusers who do not intend to use a contraceptive method in the future by the main reasons for not intending to use family planning. Around 40 percent cited fertility-related reasons for not intending to use contraception. In particular, 18 percent cited the desire for as many children as possible as the main reason for not intending to use. The proportion of women who cited a desire for more children has dropped markedly from 42 percent in 2000 to 18 percent in 2005, suggesting that women are realizing the disadvantages of large family sizes.

| Table 5.15 Reason for not intending to use contraception in the future |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Percent of currently married women who are not using contraception and who do not intend to use in the future by main reason for not intending to use, Ethiopia 2005 |  |
| Reason | Nonusers who do not intend to use contraception |
| Fertility-related reasons | 37.5 |
| Infrequent sex/no sex | 2.9 |
| Menopausal/had hysterectomy | 6.3 |
| Subfecund/infecund | 10.4 |
| Wants as many children as possible | 17.8 |
| Opposition to use | 23.6 |
| Respondent opposed | 5.5 |
| Husband/partner opposed | 4.1 |
| Others opposed | 0.1 |
| Religious prohibition | 13.8 |
| Lack of knowledge | 11.2 |
| Knows no method | 8.6 |
| Knows no source | 2.6 |
| Method-related reasons | 13.6 |
| Health concerns | 10.2 |
| Fear of side effects | 2.6 |
| Lack of access/too far | 0.1 |
| Costs too much | 0.2 |
| Inconvenient to use | 0.1 |
| Interferes with body's normal processes | 0.2 |
| Method not available | 0.3 |
| Other | 11.1 |
| Don't know/missing | 3.0 |
| Total | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 3,394 |

Nearly a quarter of women reported disapproval or opposition to use as the reason for not intending to use in the future. The majority of these women specifically cited religious prohibition as the main reason for not using in the future. Method-related reasons, largely health concerns, was cited by about 14 percent of nonusers not intending to use in the future, and lack of knowledge of method or source was cited by 11 percent.

### 5.11 Preferred Method of Contraception for Future Use

Demand for specific methods can be assessed by asking nonusers which methods they intend to use in the future. Table 5.16 presents information on method preference among currently married women who are not using a contraceptive method but say they intend to use in the future. The majority ( 72 percent) of prospective users prefer to use injectables, while a sizable proportion (19 percent) cite the pill as their preferred method. In the 2000 EDHS, the corresponding figures for injectables and pills are 46 percent and 38 percent, respectively. The data indicates a convergence in preference of methods to injectables, largely because of the convenience of use and duration of effectiveness.

### 5.12 Exposure to Family Planning Messages

Exposure to family planning messages widens the horizon of understanding on issues related to contraceptive use and helps in the realization of its importance in achieving desired family size. Additionally, it contributes to the enhancement of the health of both children and mothers. Measuring the extent of exposure to such information helps programme managers and planners to effectively target population subgroups for information, education, and communication (IEC) activities. In the 2005 EDHS, both women and men were asked if they have heard or seen family planning messages on the radio or television or read about family planning in a newspaper or magazine in the few months prior to the survey.

| Table 5.16 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, Ethiopia 2005 |  |
| Preferred method | Nonusers who intend to use contraception in future |
| Modern method |  |
| Female sterilisation | 0.2 |
| Pill | 18.7 |
| IUD | 0.3 |
| Injectables | 71.9 |
| Implants | 1.7 |
| Condom | 0.1 |
| Lactation amenorrhoea method (LAM) | 0.1 |
| Traditional method |  |
| Rhythm | 0.5 |
| Withdrawal | 0.1 |
| Folk method | 3.3 |
| Unsure of method | 3.0 |
| Total | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 4,017 |

Family planning information is largely disseminated through radio with limited dissemination through television or the print media. For example, 29 percent of women heard about family planning on the radio compared with only 11 percent of women who got family planning information from the television and 8 percent who got such information from newspapers or magazines (Table 5.17).

Consistent with the level of exposure to mass media, exposure to family planning messages varies by the gender of respondents. As can be seen from Table 5.17 , men are more likely to be exposed to family planning messages than women for all media types. Nearly 4 out of 10 men compared with 3 out of 10 women heard family planning messages on the radio or seen them on television or read about family planning in newspapers or magazines.

Significant variation is also observed in exposure to family planning messages by other characteristics. Younger women are more likely to be exposed to family planning messages than older women. Because of the limited infrastructural development in most rural communities, women and men in these parts of the country have little opportunity to be exposed to essential information on health and family planning. For example, women in urban areas are three times more likely to have heard family planning messages on the radio than their rural counterparts. The regional differential also suggests that women and men in relatively urbanized areas, namely, Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa and Harari, are more likely than other women and men to have been exposed to family planning
messages from all three media sources. Interestingly, women in these three urbanized areas are more likely than men to be exposed to family planning messages on the radio and television. Women in Somali and Gambela regions have the lowest level of exposure to family planning messages.

There is a marked difference in exposure to family planning messages by level of education. Three-quarters of men and 84 percent of women with some secondary education were exposed to family planning messages in at least one of the three media compared with only one-fourth of men and 18 percent of women with no education. The results also show that exposure to family planning messages varies by wealth quintile and is greatest among respondents in the wealthiest quintile.

| Table 5.17 Exposure to family planning messages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women who heard or saw a family planning message on the radio or television, or in a newspaper or magazine in the past few months, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Radio | Television | Newspaper/ magazine | None of the three media sources | Number of women | Radio | Television | Newspaper/ magazine | None of the three media sources | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 34.5 | 15.0 | 13.6 | 61.4 | 3,266 | 32.3 | 14.4 | 16.0 | 64.1 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 33.0 | 15.1 | 11.5 | 65.1 | 2,547 | 42.9 | 21.1 | 19.4 | 54.4 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 28.9 | 10.8 | 7.5 | 70.0 | 2,517 | 40.0 | 14.8 | 15.3 | 58.4 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 25.2 | 8.8 | 5.4 | 73.8 | 1,808 | 46.5 | 15.3 | 14.2 | 51.8 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 25.5 | 8.3 | 4.8 | 73.2 | 1,602 | 39.6 | 12.5 | 14.1 | 59.1 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 25.4 | 7.5 | 3.9 | 73.7 | 1,187 | 36.8 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 61.5 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 24.2 | 6.2 | 2.3 | 75.3 | 1,143 | 36.8 | 11.2 | 8.0 | 61.3 | 422 |
| 50-54 | na | na | na | na | na | 31.8 | 8.1 | 11.5 | 66.8 | 335 |
| 55-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 32.0 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 67.8 | 235 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 66.7 | 54.6 | 32.6 | 26.2 | 2,499 | 67.8 | 57.8 | 42.1 | 25.9 | 916 |
| Rural | 21.3 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 77.9 | 11,571 | 33.0 | 6.8 | 9.9 | 65.5 | 5,117 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 34.8 | 13.9 | 11.5 | 63.1 | 919 | 36.9 | 17.6 | 18.9 | 60.1 | 366 |
| Affar | 20.2 | 11.3 | 4.7 | 78.9 | 146 | 35.4 | 18.0 | 10.3 | 63.1 | 65 |
| Amhara | 24.9 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 73.7 | 3,482 | 34.6 | 8.1 | 15.8 | 63.8 | 1,521 |
| Oromiya | 34.5 | 11.1 | 8.0 | 63.9 | 5,010 | 42.7 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 55.0 | 2,222 |
| Somali | 10.2 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 89.1 | 486 | 29.6 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 70.4 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 15.8 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 83.8 | 124 | 33.0 | 10.3 | 11.2 | 64.5 | 54 |
| SNNP | 18.2 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 80.6 | 2,995 | 30.0 | 13.0 | 12.1 | 68.8 | 1,244 |
| Gambela | 11.7 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 87.1 | 44 | 42.4 | 17.1 | 13.3 | 55.3 | 21 |
| Harari | 70.6 | 53.3 | 36.2 | 27.9 | 39 | 65.0 | 48.1 | 37.8 | 30.7 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 67.4 | 63.4 | 32.2 | 23.8 | 756 | 65.2 | 60.2 | 44.4 | 26.2 | 292 |
| Dire Dawa | 58.2 | 53.6 | 26.0 | 38.0 | 69 | 56.1 | 43.4 | 29.9 | 36.9 | 30 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.9 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 81.6 | 9,271 | 23.3 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 76.3 | 2,589 |
| Primary | 38.1 | 12.3 | 11.5 | 58.5 | 3,123 | 39.0 | 10.9 | 14.5 | 58.4 | 2,252 |
| Secondary and higher | 76.6 | 59.3 | 46.4 | 16.3 | 1,675 | 69.6 | 48.8 | 42.5 | 25.1 | 1,192 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 10.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 89.7 | 2,428 | 17.0 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 81.5 | 1,100 |
| Second | 15.4 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 84.0 | 2,643 | 28.7 | 4.2 | 8.0 | 70.2 | 1,184 |
| Middle | 20.5 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 78.8 | 2,732 | 34.3 | 6.9 | 10.9 | 63.9 | 1,081 |
| Fourth | 27.9 | 1.8 | 4.2 | 70.9 | 2,647 | 41.3 | 8.4 | 12.6 | 57.0 | 1,200 |
| Highest | 60.4 | 40.7 | 25.6 | 34.2 | 3,621 | 62.6 | 42.9 | 33.0 | 33.3 | 1,469 |
| Total | 29.4 | 11.4 | 8.3 | 68.7 | 14,070 | 38.3 | 14.5 | 14.8 | 59.5 | 6,033 |

### 5.13 COntact of NONuSERS with Family Planning Providers

Given the importance of family planning services to the improvement of mother's and children's health, it is critical that every opportunity be fully exploited to inform potential users. In reality, however, even though there is ample opportunity to inform nonusers there are also many "missed opportunities." Information on missed opportunities was gathered by asking female nonusers
if they had visited a health facility in the 12 months preceding the survey. Those who visited a health facility were asked whether anyone at the facility had discussed family planning with them during any of their visits. Women who were not using a family planning method were also asked whether they had been visited by a fieldworker who talked with them about family planning in the 12 months preceding the survey.

The results are presented in Table 5.18. The majority of nonusers ( 90 percent) did not have any contact with health providers or fieldworkers with whom family planning was discussed. Only 6 percent of nonusers reported being visited by fieldworkers who discussed family planning issues. Though this seems low, it is still an improvement over the 2000 level which was practically nil. Only 5 percent of nonusers who visited a facility discussed family planning with a health worker, compared with 16 percent who visited a facility but did not discuss family planning. Variations across subgroups in the proportions of nonusers who had some contact with family planning providers are minor.

| Table 5.18 Contact of nonusers with family planning providers |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage who were visited by a fieldworker who discussed family planning, the percentage who visited a health facility and discussed family planning, the percentage who visited a health facility but did not discuss family planning, and the percentage who did not discuss family planning with a fieldworker or with someone at a health facility in the 12 months preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women | Women who visited a health facility and: |  | Women who did not discuss family planning with a fieldworker or at a health facility |  |
| Background characteristic | were visited by a fieldworker who discussed family planning | Discussed family planning | Did not discuss family planning |  | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 11.9 | 95.2 | 3,182 |
| 20-24 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 19.1 | 89.9 | 2,256 |
| 25-29 | 7.8 | 5.9 | 19.6 | 87.7 | 2,135 |
| 30-34 | 9.2 | 8.2 | 17.6 | 85.3 | 1,569 |
| 35-39 | 7.4 | 6.6 | 17.1 | 87.3 | 1,357 |
| 40-44 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 17.4 | 88.3 | 1,046 |
| 45-49 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 13.8 | 91.1 | 1,071 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.9 | 8.1 | 24.1 | 88.7 | 1,968 |
| Rural | 6.5 | 4.6 | 14.9 | 90.2 | 10,648 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 6.7 | 9.5 | 13.8 | 86.5 | 816 |
| Affar | 3.9 | 1.7 | 22.3 | 95.0 | 137 |
| Amhara | 6.6 | 5.4 | 17.5 | 90.1 | 3,080 |
| Oromiya | 6.0 | 4.6 | 16.0 | 90.5 | 4,520 |
| Somali | 1.0 | 0.3 | 5.6 | 98.7 | 475 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 3.3 | 3.7 | 17.2 | 93.6 | 113 |
| SNNP | 7.9 | 5.3 | 14.2 | 88.2 | 2,750 |
| Gambela | 1.8 | 2.7 | 10.1 | 96.0 | 39 |
| Harari | 8.8 | 4.5 | 17.4 | 88.7 | 31 |
| Addis Ababa | 4.1 | 7.2 | 34.2 | 89.2 | 601 |
| Dire Dawa | 2.5 | 4.3 | 12.4 | 94.5 | 55 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 6.1 | 4.4 | 15.5 | 90.7 | 8,526 |
| Primary | 7.0 | 6.1 | 14.8 | 88.2 | 2,769 |
| Secondary and higher | 5.4 | 7.8 | 25.1 | 88.8 | 1,321 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.2 | 3.8 | 11.9 | 91.2 | 2,352 |
| Second | 5.1 | 3.7 | 15.1 | 91.8 | 2,514 |
| Middle | 6.8 | 4.9 | 15.9 | 90.0 | 2,492 |
| Fourth | 7.4 | 5.0 | 15.6 | 89.3 | 2,351 |
| Highest | 5.9 | 7.9 | 22.1 | 88.0 | 2,907 |
| Total | 6.2 | 5.2 | 16.4 | 90.0 | 12,616 |

### 5.14 Husband's Knowledge of Wife's Use of Contraception

Concealment of use of contraception is an indication of absence of communication or disagreement on use of family planning. To shed light on the extent of communication on the use of contraception among married couples, married women who were using contraception at the time of the survey were asked whether their husband knew of their use. An overwhelming majority ( 87 percent) of users reported that their husbands know about their use of contraception (Table 5.19). On the other hand, 8 percent of women mentioned that their husband did not know of their use of family planning.

Husbands' lack of knowledge of wives' family planning use is relatively higher in Tigray, SNNP and Benishangul-Gumuz regions. Uneducated women are three times as likely to conceal the use of a method of family planning as women with secondary or higher levels of education. Concealment of use is also higher among women in the two lowest wealth quintiles and among those residing in rural areas.

Table 5.19 Husbands/partners knowledge of women's use of contraception
Percent distribution of currently married women who are using a contraceptive method by whether their husband/partner knows about their use of contraception, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Husband/ partner knows about use | Husband/ partner does not know about use | Unsure whether husband/ partner knows | Missing | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 88.0 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 63 |
| 20-24 | 85.9 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 262 |
| 25-29 | 89.0 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 348 |
| 30-34 | 87.3 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 223 |
| 35-39 | 89.2 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 231 |
| 40-44 | 79.5 | 12.9 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 100.0 | 136 |
| 45-49 | 81.6 | 13.8 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 70 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 83.2 | 9.9 | 0.2 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 706 |
| Primary | 86.5 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 328 |
| Secondary and higher | 95.2 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 300 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 84.0 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 73 |
| Second | 81.2 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 126 |
| Middle | 84.8 | 8.0 | 0.3 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 228 |
| Fourth | 86.8 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 283 |
| Highest | 88.9 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 625 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 91.8 | 4.7 | 0.2 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 448 |
| Rural | 84.2 | 9.5 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 887 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 81.8 | 13.8 | 0.7 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 94 |
| Affar | (88.7) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (11.3) | (100.0) | 7 |
| Amhara | 86.7 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 374 |
| Oromiya | 87.6 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 450 |
| Somali | * | * | * | * | * | 11 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 80.2 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 10 |
| SNNP | 82.8 | 12.3 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 236 |
| Gambela | 92.3 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 5 |
| Harari | 83.0 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 7 |
| Addis Ababa | 94.2 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 127 |
| Dire Dawa | 90.6 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 12 |
| Total | 86.7 | 7.9 | 0.1 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 1,334 |

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### 5.15 Men's Attitude about Contraception

Men's attitude towards contraceptive use exerts an important influence on their partner's attitude and eventual adoption of a method. In the 2005 EDHS men were asked if they agreed or disagreed with three stereotypical statements about contraceptive use in general.

As shown in Table 5.20 nearly 15 percent of men who know about contraception think that contraception is women's business and that it does not concern them. A similar proportion of men also believe that women should be the ones to get sterilized, as they are the ones who get pregnant. Thirteen percent of men believe that women who use contraception may become promiscuous.

| Table 5.20 Men's attitude about contraception |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among men who know a family planning method, percentage who agree with three stereotypical statements about contraceptive use, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Contraception is women's business | Women who use contraception may become promiscuous | The woman is the one who becomes pregnant, so she should be the one to get sterilised | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 12.6 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 1,149 |
| 20-24 | 14.7 | 14.0 | 16.0 | 988 |
| 25-29 | 15.9 | 13.1 | 12.5 | 687 |
| 30-34 | 18.0 | 12.5 | 18.1 | 720 |
| 35-39 | 17.3 | 10.2 | 14.2 | 609 |
| 40-44 | 14.1 | 11.5 | 14.3 | 454 |
| 45-49 | 15.4 | 14.6 | 16.1 | 378 |
| 50-54 | 19.4 | 10.7 | 17.6 | 296 |
| 55-59 | 14.9 | 13.3 | 14.9 | 209 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 12.0 | 13.4 | 13.5 | 2,133 |
| Married or living together | 17.8 | 12.1 | 16.3 | 3,185 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 13.0 | 15.7 | 14.4 | 172 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.6 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 910 |
| Rural | 16.9 | 13.4 | 16.7 | 4,580 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 7.3 | 6.9 | 8.6 | 359 |
| Affar | 8.5 | 7.9 | 6.8 | 58 |
| Amhara | 14.4 | 13.4 | 24.4 | 1,408 |
| Oromiya | 19.4 | 16.9 | 16.1 | 2,072 |
| Somali | 9.5 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 109 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 19.1 | 12.0 | 23.5 | 44 |
| SNNP | 14.9 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 1,089 |
| Gambela | 10.2 | 12.4 | 14.4 | 18 |
| Harari | 16.9 | 10.4 | 25.2 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 6.2 | 10.5 | 5.1 | 288 |
| Dire Dawa | 19.6 | 8.8 | 11.1 | 29 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.2 | 13.2 | 18.3 | 2,195 |
| Primary | 16.9 | 13.3 | 15.7 | 2,104 |
| Secondary and higher | 9.3 | 10.5 | 8.3 | 1,191 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 15.9 | 11.0 | 13.2 | 895 |
| Second | 16.9 | 13.3 | 17.9 | 1,063 |
| Middle | 17.1 | 15.1 | 17.4 | 987 |
| Fourth | 17.8 | 14.0 | 18.3 | 1,118 |
| Highest | 10.8 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 1,427 |
| Total | 15.4 | 12.7 | 15.1 | 5,490 |

Misconceptions about contraceptive use are relatively more widespread among men with little or no education and men residing in rural areas. Men in Dire Dawa, Oromiya and BenishangulGumuz are most likely to think that contraception is women's business, men in Oromiya are also most likely to believe that using contraception might make a woman promiscuous, and men in Harari, Amhara and Benishangul-Gumuz are more likely than those in other regions to believe that women should be the ones to get sterilized, since they are the ones who get pregnant.

## OTHER PROXIMATE DETERMINANTS OF FERTILITY

This chapter addresses the principal factors other than contraception, that influence fertility. Marriage is the principal indicator of women's exposure to the risk of pregnancy in Ethiopia. Early age at marriage in a population is usually associated with a longer period of exposure to the risk of pregnancy and higher fertility levels. The early initiation of childbearing associated with early marriage may also adversely affect the health of both women and children. The duration of postpartum amenorrhoea and postpartum abstinence affect the length of time a woman is insusceptible to pregnancy and thus, determine the interval between births. The onset of menopause marks the end of a woman's reproductive life cycle. These factors taken together determine the duration of a woman's reproductive life and the pace of childbearing, making them important in understanding fertility levels and differentials.

### 6.1 Current Marital Status

Table 6.1 shows the percent distribution of women and men by current marital status. The term "married" refers to both legal or formal marriage, while "living together" refers to informal unions in which a man and a woman live together, even if a formal civil or religious ceremony has not taken place. In later tables in this report, the term "currently married" includes those living together, if it is not listed as a separate category. Respondents who are widowed, divorced or separated are referred to as "formerly married." The term "ever married" refers to respondents who are currently married or formerly married.

The data indicate that 25 percent of Ethiopian women age $15-49$ have never been married. Sixty-three percent are married, 1 percent live together, and 11 percent are separated, divorced or widowed. The low proportion (less than half a percent) of women age 45-49 that have never been married indicates that marriage is universal in Ethiopia.

Compared with women, the proportion of men who have never been married is considerably higher (40 percent). Fifty-six percent of men are formally married, less than 1 percent are living together with a woman, and 3 percent are either divorced, separated or widowed. A significant proportion of men marry when they are age 25 or older, unlike women who tend to marry at younger ages.

There has been little change over the past five years in the proportions of Ethiopian women and men who have never married, who are married, who are living together, or who are widowed. However, the proportion divorced among both women and men has nearly doubled, and there has been a substantial decline in the proportion separated. The increase in the proportion divorced may be attributed somewhat to greater urbanization and its effects on support from the extended family. The anomaly in the proportion divorced and the proportion separated may be due to larger proportions of women and men formalizing their separation and obtaining a divorce.

| Table 6.1 Current marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women and men by current marital status, according to age, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | Never married | Married | $\begin{gathered} \text { Living } \\ \text { together } \end{gathered}$ | Divorced | Separated | Widowed | Total | Number |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 73.3 | 21.1 | 0.7 | 4.0 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 30.3 | 60.1 | 1.7 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 9.7 | 81.0 | 1.0 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 3.5 | 84.6 | 1.2 | 4.7 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 1.9 | 82.8 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 2.3 | 7.0 | 100.0 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 0.8 | 79.4 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 11.4 | 100.0 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 0.4 | 74.9 | 0.6 | 7.3 | 2.4 | 14.5 | 100.0 | 1,143 |
| Total | 25.0 | 63.4 | 1.1 | 4.8 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 14,070 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 97.6 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 73.1 | 23.4 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 31.2 | 64.2 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 10.2 | 85.0 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 2.2 | 93.4 | 0.4 | 3.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 2.1 | 93.1 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 0.8 | 94.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 0.6 | 91.4 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 0.0 | 95.8 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 235 |
| Total | 40.1 | 56.2 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 6,033 |

### 6.2 PolyGyny

Polygyny (the practice of having more than one wife) has implications for the frequency of exposure to sexual activity and therefore fertility. The extent of polygyny is ascertained from responses of currently married women to questions on whether their husband or partner has other wives and if so how many. Similarly, currently married men are asked for the number of wives or partners they have.

Table 6.2 shows the proportion of currently married women and men who are in polygynous unions by background characteristics. The data show that 12 percent of married women in Ethiopia are in polygynous unions. Seven percent say they have only one co-wife, while 5 percent say they have 2 or more co-wives. The percentage of women in polygynous unions tends to increase with age, from 4 percent among women age $15-19$ to 17 percent among women age 45-49. Rural women are more likely to be in polygynous unions ( 13 percent) than urban women ( 7 percent).

The regional distribution shows substantial variation. The prevalence of polygyny is highest in Gambela ( 27 percent) and lowest in Amhara and Addis Ababa (3 percent each). Polygyny is also high in Affar, Somali and Benishangul-Gumuz (21 percent each). The extent of polygyny has declined slightly over the past five years, from 14 percent to 12 percent.

| Percent distribution of currently married women by number of co-wives and percent distribution of currently married men by number of wives, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Number of co-wives |  |  |  | Total | Number of women | Number of wives |  | Total | Number of men |
|  | 0 | 1 | $2+$ | Missing |  |  | 1 | $2+$ |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 96.0 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 711 | (100.0) | (0.0) | (100.0) | 28 |
| 20-24 | 93.7 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,574 | 99.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 255 |
| 25-29 | 90.6 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,066 | 98.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 482 |
| 30-34 | 83.9 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,551 | 95.2 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 646 |
| 35-39 | 82.4 | 9.9 | 7.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,343 | 94.0 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 610 |
| 40-44 | 83.0 | 9.5 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 960 | 87.2 | 12.8 | 100.0 | 468 |
| 45-49 | 83.0 | 9.9 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 862 | 90.8 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 399 |
| 50-54 | na | na | na | na | na | na | 91.7 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 310 |
| 55-59 | na | na | na | na | na | na | 89.8 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 225 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 92.4 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 959 | 97.4 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 344 |
| Rural | 87.1 | 7.5 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 8,107 | 93.1 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 3,080 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 95.9 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 570 | 98.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 206 |
| Affar | 78.3 | 8.8 | 12.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 109 | 84.2 | 15.8 | 100.0 | 42 |
| Amhara | 97.2 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,330 | 99.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 913 |
| Oromiya | 84.1 | 9.8 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,300 | 90.8 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 1,228 |
| Somali | 78.4 | 10.3 | 10.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 363 | 89.9 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 137 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 78.7 | 12.2 | 8.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 92 | 86.2 | 13.8 | 100.0 | 37 |
| SNNP | 81.8 | 9.9 | 7.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,988 | 90.5 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 730 |
| Gambela | 72.0 | 12.0 | 15.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 31 | 90.9 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 12 |
| Harari | 94.6 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 22 | 97.9 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 9 |
| Addis Ababa | 96.4 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 224 | 98.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 97 |
| Dire Dawa | 91.1 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 37 | 94.8 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 14 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 86.6 | 7.5 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 7,094 | 93.8 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 1,912 |
| Primary | 89.8 | 7.0 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,402 | 91.4 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 1,099 |
| Secondary and higher | 96.3 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 570 | 97.8 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 413 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 83.7 | 8.4 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,759 | 94.1 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 659 |
| Second | 86.5 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,892 | 93.1 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 745 |
| Middle | 87.7 | 7.5 | 4.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,903 | 91.9 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 715 |
| Fourth | 88.7 | 7.6 | 3.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,823 | 93.2 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 669 |
| Highest | 91.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,689 | 95.5 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 637 |
| Total | 87.7 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 9,066 | 93.5 | 6.5 | 100.0 | 3,424 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

There is an inverse relationship between education and polygyny. The proportion of currently married women in a polygynous union decreases from 13 percent among women with no education to 3 percent among women with some secondary or higher education. Substantial differences are observed in the prevalence of polygyny among women in different wealth quintiles. Women in the lowest wealth quintile are twice as likely to be in a polygynous union as women in the highest wealth quintile. Data on polygynous unions among currently married men is also shown in Table 6.2. The data indicate that 7 percent of men report having two or more wives; however, this figure varies widely by region and urban-rural residence. The level of polygyny as reported by men has declined slightly over the past five years, from 9 percent in the 2000 EDHS to 7 percent in the 2005 EDHS.

### 6.3 Age at First Marriage

In Ethiopia, marriage marks the point in a woman's life when childbearing becomes socially acceptable. Age at first marriage has a major effect on childbearing because women who marry early have on average a longer period of exposure to pregnancy and a greater number of lifetime births. Information on age at first marriage was obtained by asking respondents the month and year, or age, at which they started living with their first partner.

Table 6.3 shows the percentage of women and men who have married by specific exact ages, according to current age. Marriage occurs relatively early in Ethiopia. Among women age 25-49, 66 percent married by age 18 and 79 percent married by age 20. The median age at first marriage among women age 25-49 is 16.1 years. The proportion of women married by age 15 has declined from 38 percent among women age 45-49 to 13 percent among women age $15-19$, but there has been little change in the median age at marriage among women age 25-49 in the past five years.

| Table 6.3 Age at first marriage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women and men who were first married by specific exact ages and median age at first marriage, according to current age, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current age | Percentage first married by exact age: |  |  |  |  | Percentage never married | Number | Median age at first marriage |
|  | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 |  |  |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 12.7 | na | na | na | na | 73.3 | 3,266 | a |
| 20-24 | 23.9 | 49.2 | 62.4 | na | na | 30.3 | 2,547 | 18.1 |
| 25-29 | 31.9 | 61.7 | 74.3 | 82.6 | 89.1 | 9.7 | 2,517 | 16.6 |
| 30-34 | 31.9 | 64.3 | 77.7 | 85.9 | 92.6 | 3.5 | 1,808 | 16.2 |
| 35-39 | 33.3 | 67.4 | 81.4 | 88.3 | 93.3 | 1.9 | 1,602 | 16.0 |
| 40-44 | 36.7 | 68.6 | 81.1 | 89.8 | 94.5 | 0.8 | 1,187 | 15.8 |
| 45-49 | 38.0 | 70.8 | 83.0 | 90.4 | 94.8 | 0.4 | 1,143 | 15.8 |
| Women age 20-49 | 31.4 | 61.8 | 74.8 | na | na | 10.4 | 10,804 | 16.5 |
| Women age 25-49 | 33.7 | 65.6 | 78.6 | 86.6 | 92.2 | 4.2 | 8,257 | 16.1 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | na | na | na | na | na | 97.6 | 1,335 | a |
| 20-24 | na | 5.7 | 13.6 | na | na | 73.1 | 1,064 | a |
| 25-29 | na | 7.8 | 18.8 | 32.0 | 54.2 | 31.2 | 741 | 24.2 |
| 30-34 | na | 10.3 | 24.1 | 38.4 | 61.0 | 10.2 | 754 | 23.5 |
| 35-39 | na | 10.5 | 21.5 | 42.2 | 62.1 | 2.2 | 651 | 23.0 |
| 40-44 | na | 12.5 | 25.1 | 38.1 | 57.8 | 2.1 | 497 | 23.8 |
| 45-49 | na | 10.4 | 25.6 | 42.7 | 61.0 | 0.8 | 422 | 23.2 |
| 50-54 | na | 6.8 | 17.6 | 28.8 | 46.2 | 0.6 | 335 | 25.7 |
| 55-59 | na | 7.8 | 17.1 | 25.0 | 44.9 | 0.0 | 235 | 25.5 |
| Men age 25-59 | na | 9.7 | 21.8 | 36.5 | 57.0 | 9.3 | 3,634 | 23.8 |
| Note: The age at first marriage is defined as the age at which the respondent began living with her/his first spouse/partner. <br> na $=$ Not applicable due to censoring <br> $\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women or men began living with their spouse/partner for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Men tend to marry at much older ages than women. Among men age $25-59$, only 10 percent were married by age 18 and 22 percent by age 20 . The median age at marriage for men age $25-29$ is 24.2 years, nearly eight years older than for women in the same age group.

Table 6.4 shows the median age at first marriage for women age 20-49 by current age and background characteristics; summary data are also given for men age 25-59. Data for women age 1519 and men age 15-24 have been omitted because fewer than 50 percent of respondents in these age groups were married.

Urban women age 25-49 marry more than two years later than rural women. Women with at least some secondary education marry 5 years later than women with no education and women in the highest wealth quintile marry a year later than women in the lowest wealth quintile. The median age at marriage is highest in Addis Ababa (21.9 years) and lowest in Amhara (14.2 years). Similar differences by background characteristics are also observed among men.

| Table 6.4 Median age at first marriage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median age at first marriage among women age 20 (25)-49 and among men 25-49, by current age and background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current age |  |  |  |  |  | Women age 20-49 | Women age 25-49 | Men age 25-59 |
| characteristic | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.3 | 21.6 | 18.7 | 17.2 | 15.8 | 16.1 | 19.4 | 18.2 | a |
| Rural | 17.3 | 16.1 | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 16.1 | 15.9 | 23.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 16.9 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 15.5 | 15.7 | 15.6 | 24.7 |
| Affar | 17.4 | 16.9 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 17.8 | 16.7 | 16.4 | 23.9 |
| Amhara | 15.2 | 14.5 | 14.3 | 14.2 | 14.1 | 13.6 | 14.4 | 14.2 | 22.3 |
| Oromiya | 18.7 | 16.8 | 17.0 | 16.7 | 16.5 | 16.7 | 17.1 | 16.7 | 24.4 |
| Somali | 17.3 | 17.6 | 17.2 | 19.1 | 18.3 | 19.6 | 17.9 | 18.0 | 24.3 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 16.6 | 15.5 | 15.3 | 15.4 | 15.2 | 15.1 | 15.6 | 15.3 | 22.7 |
| SNNP | 19.5 | 17.5 | 17.2 | 16.9 | 16.8 | 16.6 | 17.6 | 17.2 | 23.2 |
| Gambela | 15.8 | 15.7 | 15.8 | 15.9 | 15.8 | 15.4 | 15.8 | 15.7 | 23.0 |
| Harari | 19.6 | 20.0 | 18.3 | 17.9 | 17.4 | 18.6 | 18.9 | 18.6 | a |
| Addis Ababa | 8.5 | 2.5 | 23.8 | 21.2 | 16.9 | 16.8 | a | 21.9 | a |
| Dire Dawa | a | 19.3 | 17.3 | 16.8 | 17.0 | 17.1 | 18.3 | 17.8 | a |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 16.5 | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 15.6 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 15.8 | 23.5 |
| Primary | 20.0 | 16.6 | 15.9 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 16.0 | 17.4 | 16.5 | 23.3 |
| Secondary and higher | 6.4 | 24.1 | 20.7 | 19.8 | 18.3 | 19.1 | a | 21.2 | a |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 16.6 | 16.2 | 16.0 | 15.9 | 16.1 | 16.7 | 16.2 | 16.1 | 24.0 |
| Second | 16.7 | 15.6 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 16.0 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 23.4 |
| Middle | 17.2 | 16.4 | 16.3 | 16.1 | 15.6 | 15.9 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 23.1 |
| Fourth | 17.7 | 16.4 | 16.3 | 15.9 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 16.2 | 15.9 | 23.2 |
| Highest | a | 19.4 | 17.0 | 16.3 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 18.2 | 17.0 | a |
| Total | 18.1 | 16.6 | 16.2 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 16.5 | 16.1 | 23.8 |

Note: The age at first marriage is defined as the age at which the respondent began living with her/his first spouse/partner.
$\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women/men began living with their spouse/partner for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group.

### 6.4 Age at First Sexual Intercourse

Age at first marriage is often used as a proxy for first exposure to intercourse and risk of pregnancy. But the two events may not occur at the same time because some women may engage in sexual activity before marriage. In the 2005 EDHS, women and men were asked how old they were when they first had sexual intercourse.

Table 6.5 shows the percentage of women and men who first had sexual intercourse by specific exact ages. Among women age $25-49,32$ percent had sexual intercourse before age 15 , 65 percent before age 18, and by age 25 most Ethiopian women have had sexual intercourse. The median age at first sexual intercourse for women age 25-49 years is 16.1 years, which is identical to the median age at first marriage. This suggests that Ethiopian women generally begin sexual intercourse at the time of their first marriage. The median age at first sexual intercourse has increased over the past two decades, from 15.7 years for women age 45-49 to 18.2 years for women age 20-24.

| Table 6.5 Age at first sexual intercourse |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women and men who had first sexual intercourse by specific exact ages and median age at first sexual intercourse, according to current age, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current | Percentage who had first sexual intercourse by exact age: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who never had |  | Median age at first |
| age | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 | intercourse | Number | intercourse |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 11.1 | na | na | na | na | 72.3 | 3,266 | a |
| 20-24 | 21.9 | 48.6 | 62.3 | na | na | 27.4 | 2,547 | 18.2 |
| 25-29 | 29.3 | 61.2 | 72.5 | 81.1 | 87.0 | 8.1 | 2,517 | 16.6 |
| 30-34 | 29.9 | 63.3 | 74.4 | 82.1 | 86.8 | 2.4 | 1,808 | 16.4 |
| 35-39 | 30.1 | 65.9 | 79.1 | 84.7 | 89.4 | 0.6 | 1,602 | 16.1 |
| 40-44 | 35.7 | 69.8 | 80.3 | 87.9 | 90.2 | 0.3 | 1,187 | 15.7 |
| 45-49 | 37.4 | 71.0 | 83.1 | 88.4 | 91.1 | 0.3 | 1,143 | 15.7 |
| Women age 20-49 | 29.3 | 61.3 | 73.4 | na | na | 8.9 | 10,804 | 16.5 |
| Women age 25-49 | 31.6 | 65.2 | 76.8 | 84.0 | 88.4 | 3.2 | 8,257 | 16.1 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.7 | na | na | na | na | 92.7 | 1,335 | a |
| 20-24 | 1.7 | 14.1 | 29.3 | na | na | 55.9 | 1,064 | a |
| 25-29 | 1.5 | 16.3 | 35.3 | 50.2 | 73.0 | 18.9 | 741 | 22.0 |
| 30-34 | 1.4 | 15.0 | 37.5 | 57.7 | 77.7 | 4.1 | 754 | 21.0 |
| 35-39 | 1.0 | 16.9 | 34.1 | 55.9 | 75.8 | 1.0 | 651 | 21.3 |
| 40-44 | 0.7 | 17.6 | 38.4 | 58.2 | 76.8 | 0.6 | 497 | 20.8 |
| 45-49 | 0.5 | 15.8 | 40.7 | 59.1 | 73.8 | 0.0 | 422 | 20.8 |
| 50-54 | 0.0 | 11.3 | 32.4 | 49.9 | 70.3 | 0.0 | 335 | 22.0 |
| 55-59 | 1.1 | 16.0 | 36.5 | 51.4 | 64.8 | 0.0 | 235 | 21.0 |
| Men age 25-59 | 1.0 | 15.8 | 36.4 | 55.0 | 74.3 | 5.0 | 3,634 | 21.2 |
| na $=$ Not applicable due to censoring <br> $\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women had intercourse for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The data show that men initiate sex at a later age than women. The median age at first intercourse for men age $25-59$ is 21.2 years. An assessment of the median age at first intercourse across the different age cohorts indicates that there has not been any significant change in age at first sexual intercourse for men over the past 20 years.

Table 6.6 presents differentials in the median age at first sexual intercourse by background characteristics for women and men. Urban women have their first sexual intercourse about two years later than rural women, while urban men have their first intercourse about a year earlier than rural men. Women with at least some secondary education have their first intercourse about five years later than women with no education. On the other hand, highly educated men initiate sex a year earlier than men with no education. Among women, age at first sexual intercourse is lowest in Amhara and highest in Addis Ababa; among men, it is lowest in Gambela and highest in Somali.

| Table 6.6 Median age at first intercourse |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median age at first sexual intercourse among women age 20-49 and men age 25-59, by current age and background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current age |  |  |  |  |  | Women age 20-49 | Women age 25-49 | Men age 25-59 |
| characteristic | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | a | 20.7 | 18.5 | 17.4 | 16.1 | 15.8 | 18.7 | 18.0 | 20.4 |
| Rural | 17.5 | 16.1 | 16.1 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 16.2 | 15.9 | 21.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 17.0 | 15.9 | 15.6 | 15.5 | 14.7 | 15.3 | 15.6 | 15.5 | 22.3 |
| Affar | 17.8 | 17.2 | 15.9 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 16.1 | 19.9 |
| Amhara | 15.5 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 14.1 | 14.7 | 14.6 | 20.3 |
| Oromiya | 18.7 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.3 | 16.4 | 16.3 | 17.3 | 16.9 | 21.6 |
| Somali | 17.9 | 18.2 | 17.1 | 19.3 | 18.4 | 19.0 | 18.3 | 18.4 | 23.9 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 16.6 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.6 | 15.3 | 15.2 | 15.8 | 15.6 | 20.8 |
| SNNP | 19.6 | 17.6 | 17.7 | 16.8 | 16.8 | 16.8 | 17.8 | 17.3 | 22.0 |
| Gambela | 15.9 | 15.8 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.6 | 15.8 | 15.7 | 18.3 |
| Harari | 19.4 | 19.6 | 18.4 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.5 | 18.8 | 18.6 | 21.0 |
| Addis Ababa | a | 22.7 | 21.0 | 18.9 | 16.7 | 16.6 | a | 20.0 | 20.5 |
| Dire Dawa | 19.3 | 18.8 | 17.1 | 16.6 | 17.0 | 17.0 | 18.0 | 17.5 | 21.0 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 16.7 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 15.6 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 15.8 | 21.3 |
| Primary | 19.6 | 16.7 | 16.5 | 17.4 | 16.7 | 16.1 | 17.5 | 16.8 | 21.6 |
| Secondary and higher | a | 21.9 | 19.9 | 18.8 | 18.4 | 18.4 | a | 20.4 | 20.4 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.2 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 16.1 | 16.1 | 15.9 | 21.9 |
| Second | 17.0 | 15.7 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 15.7 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 21.5 |
| Middle | 17.3 | 16.4 | 16.6 | 16.3 | 15.6 | 15.9 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 21.5 |
| Fourth | 17.8 | 16.2 | 16.6 | 15.9 | 15.6 | 15.5 | 16.2 | 15.9 | 20.9 |
| Highest | a | 19.6 | 17.0 | 17.1 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 18.1 | 17.2 | 20.6 |
| Total | 18.2 | 16.6 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 16.5 | 16.1 | 21.2 |
| $\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women had intercourse for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 6.5 Recent Sexual Activity

In the absence of contraception, the probability of pregnancy is related to the frequency of intercourse. Therefore, information on sexual activity can be used to refine measures of exposure to pregnancy. Women and men were asked how long ago their last sexual activity occurred to assess whether they had a sexual encounter in the past four weeks.

Tables 6.7.1 and 6.7.2 show the percent distribution of women and men by recent sexual activity. ${ }^{1}$ Half of women age $15-49$ were sexually activity in the four weeks before the survey, 15 percent had been sexually active in the 12 -month period before the survey but not in the month prior to the interview, and 11 percent had not been sexually active for one or more years. Twenty-four percent of the women had never had sexual intercourse.

[^8]| Table 6.7.1 Recent sexual activity: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women by timing of last sexual intercourse, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Timing of last sexual intercourse |  |  |  | Never had sexual intercourse | Total | Number of women |
| Background characteristic | Within the last 4 weeks | Within 1 year ${ }^{1}$ | One or more years | Missing |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 17.5 | 7.6 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 71.1 | 100.0 | 1,645 |
| 20-24 | 50.7 | 14.5 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 27.0 | 100.0 | 1,228 |
| 25-29 | 68.0 | 15.7 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 1,167 |
| 30-34 | 68.2 | 16.6 | 12.0 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 845 |
| 35-39 | 63.5 | 19.3 | 16.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 776 |
| 40-44 | 60.0 | 18.3 | 21.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 570 |
| 45-49 | 50.2 | 18.9 | 30.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 520 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 93.9 | 100.0 | 1,703 |
| Married or living together | 77.0 | 19.0 | 3.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 4,317 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 3.4 | 16.9 | 77.2 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 731 |
| Marital duration ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Married only once |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 years | 75.8 | 20.3 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 670 |
| 5-9 years | 78.6 | 19.4 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 705 |
| 10-14 years | 79.5 | 17.9 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 666 |
| 15-19 years | 78.8 | 18.8 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 495 |
| 20-24 years | 75.2 | 20.1 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 341 |
| $25+$ years | 67.8 | 20.4 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 413 |
| Married more than once | 78.5 | 17.7 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,026 |
| Current contraceptive method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female sterilisation | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 5 |
| Pill | 89.0 | 10.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 144 |
| IUD | * | * | * | 8 | * | 100.0 | 6 |
| Condom | (76.3) | (23.7) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 19 |
| Periodic abstinence | 85.0 | 14.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 30 |
| Other method | 86.3 | 10.3 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 505 |
| No method | 45.8 | 14.9 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 26.8 | 100.0 | 6,042 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.6 | 11.3 | 18.7 | 0.5 | 38.8 | 100.0 | 1,173 |
| Rural | 54.1 | 15.2 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 20.8 | 100.0 | 5,579 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 48.6 | 16.3 | 13.0 | 0.1 | 22.0 | 100.0 | 448 |
| Affar | 57.2 | 19.2 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 12.1 | 100.0 | 72 |
| Amhara | 53.3 | 16.2 | 14.4 | 0.0 | 16.1 | 100.0 | 1,640 |
| Oromiya | 51.0 | 14.8 | 9.2 | 0.1 | 24.9 | 100.0 | 2,368 |
| Somali | 52.0 | 14.2 | 14.5 | 1.4 | 18.0 | 100.0 | 243 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 59.0 | 16.2 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 16.0 | 100.0 | 62 |
| SNNP | 49.9 | 12.8 | 8.5 | 0.2 | 28.6 | 100.0 | 1,504 |
| Gambela | 38.7 | 20.7 | 24.9 | 1.0 | 14.7 | 100.0 | 23 |
| Harari | 39.4 | 18.7 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 28.6 | 100.0 | 20 |
| Addis Ababa | 26.6 | 8.0 | 19.4 | 0.3 | 45.7 | 100.0 | 339 |
| Dire Dawa | 42.0 | 11.2 | 20.7 | 0.0 | 26.1 | 100.0 | 33 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 57.6 | 17.5 | 12.9 | 0.1 | 11.9 | 100.0 | 4,419 |
| Primary | 39.1 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 0.1 | 44.5 | 100.0 | 1,552 |
| Secondary and higher | 28.7 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 0.3 | 51.6 | 100.0 | 781 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 55.5 | 15.4 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 15.9 | 100.0 | 1,251 |
| Second | 53.5 | 17.3 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 19.2 | 100.0 | 1,321 |
| Middle | 52.6 | 16.3 | 8.9 | 0.3 | 21.9 | 100.0 | 1,273 |
| Fourth | 54.1 | 12.9 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 23.6 | 100.0 | 1,234 |
| Highest | 38.1 | 11.4 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 35.6 | 100.0 | 1,672 |
| Total | 50.0 | 14.5 | 11.4 | 0.2 | 24.0 | 100.0 | 6,751 |
| Note: Only women in the subsample of households selected for the male survey were administered this question. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Excludes women who had sexual intercourse within the last 4 weeks <br> ${ }^{2}$ Excludes women who are not currently married |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Table 6.7.2 Recent sexual activity: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of men by timing of last sexual intercourse, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Timing of last sexual intercourse |  |  |  | Never had sexual intercourse | Total | Number ofmen |
| Background characteristic | Within the last 4 weeks | Within 1 year ${ }^{1}$ | One or more years | Missing |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 92.7 | 100.0 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 22.6 | 12.1 | 9.3 | 0.2 | 55.9 | 100.0 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 56.8 | 14.8 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 18.9 | 100.0 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 73.3 | 16.5 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 78.4 | 15.9 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 73.6 | 20.5 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 75.1 | 16.2 | 8.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 70.8 | 19.7 | 9.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 67.8 | 20.0 | 12.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 235 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 2.6 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 82.9 | 100.0 | 2,419 |
| Married or living together | 80.6 | 17.1 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,424 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 4.3 | 26.7 | 65.9 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 190 |
| Marital duration ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Married only once |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 years | 82.3 | 16.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 610 |
| 5-9 years | 82.0 | 16.8 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 650 |
| 10-14 years | 84.1 | 14.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 654 |
| 15-19 years | 79.5 | 17.9 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 528 |
| 20-24 years | 79.8 | 17.1 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 372 |
| $25+$ years | 74.8 | 19.5 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 611 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 32.5 | 15.9 | 12.9 | 0.7 | 37.9 | 100.0 | 916 |
| Rural | 49.5 | 12.8 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 32.6 | 100.0 | 5,117 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 47.6 | 16.4 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 32.1 | 100.0 | 366 |
| Affar | 50.3 | 26.0 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 16.0 | 100.0 | 65 |
| Amhara | 50.6 | 10.6 | 5.9 | 0.1 | 32.8 | 100.0 | 1,521 |
| Oromiya | 45.0 | 13.9 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 34.7 | 100.0 | 2,222 |
| Somali | 53.5 | 12.4 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 26.9 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 56.6 | 13.4 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 26.7 | 100.0 | 54 |
| SNNP | 47.9 | 12.3 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 35.1 | 100.0 | 1,244 |
| Gambela | 45.7 | 19.8 | 16.2 | 0.0 | 18.3 | 100.0 | 21 |
| Harari | 41.7 | 24.3 | 11.2 | 0.0 | 22.8 | 100.0 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 31.2 | 18.0 | 18.6 | 0.3 | 31.9 | 100.0 | 292 |
| Dire Dawa | 42.2 | 16.0 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 32.6 | 100.0 | 30 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 59.4 | 14.4 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 19.8 | 100.0 | 2,589 |
| Primary | 40.8 | 11.6 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 43.4 | 100.0 | 2,252 |
| Secondary and higher | 31.4 | 14.0 | 10.0 | 0.5 | 44.1 | 100.0 | 1,192 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 48.6 | 12.8 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 33.0 | 100.0 | 1,100 |
| Second | 48.7 | 15.2 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 30.7 | 100.0 | 1,184 |
| Middle | 56.0 | 12.4 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 27.5 | 100.0 | 1,081 |
| Fourth | 47.2 | 12.0 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 36.4 | 100.0 | 1,200 |
| Highest | 37.3 | 13.7 | 10.9 | 0.4 | 37.8 | 100.0 | 1,469 |
| Total | 46.9 | 13.3 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 33.4 | 100.0 | 6,033 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Excludes men who had sexual intercourse within the last 4 weeks <br> ${ }^{2}$ Excludes men who are not currently married |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The proportion of women who were sexually active during the four weeks before the survey increases with age, from 18 percent at age 15-19 to 68 percent by age 25-34 and decreases thereafter until it reaches 50 percent at age 45-49. Women who are currently in union are much more likely to be sexually active in the four weeks preceding the survey than women who were formerly married or had never been married. Those married 25 years or more are less likely to be sexually active in the recent past than women married for shorter durations. In general, women using contraception are more likely to be sexually active than those not using contraception. Rural women are more likely to be sexually active ( 54 percent) than urban women ( 31 percent). Among the regions, women residing in Benishangul-Gumuz ( 59 percent) and Affar ( 57 percent) are proportionately more likely to be sexually active than women residing in Addis Ababa ( 27 percent). Women with no education (58 percent) are twice as likely to be sexually active in the recent past as women with some secondary education (29 percent). Women in the highest wealth quintile are much less likely to report being sexually active in the past four weeks than their counterparts.

Among men, 47 percent were sexually active in the four weeks preceding the survey, 13 percent had had sexual intercourse in the year before the survey but not in the month prior to the survey, while 6 percent had not been sexually active for one year or more. Thirty-three percent of men said they had never had sex. As with women, sexual activity among men increases with age and peaks in the late thirties. Men in union are much more likely to be sexually active than those not in union. Men in urban areas are less likely ( 33 percent) to be sexually active in the recent past than those in rural areas ( 50 percent).

Regional variation shows similar patterns with women. Recent sexual activity is highest among men living in Benishangul-Gumuz ( 57 percent) and lowest in Addis Ababa ( 31 percent). Comparison of data between the 2005 EDHS and the 2000 EDHS shows that there has been virtually no change in the level of recent sexual activity among women or men over the past five years.

As with women, recent sexual activity is inversely related with men's level of education. Recent sexual activity decreases from 59 percent among men with no education to 41 percent among men with some primary education, and decreases further to 31 percent among those with some secondary education. Recent sexual activity is lowest among the wealthiest men.

### 6.6 Postpartum Amenorrhoea, Abstinence and Insusceptibility

Postpartum amenorrhoea is the interval between the birth of a child and the resumption of menstruation. It is the period following childbirth during which a woman becomes temporarily and involuntarily infecund. Postpartum protection from conception can be prolonged by the intensity and length of breastfeeding. Postpartum abstinence refers to the period of voluntary sexual inactivity after childbirth. A woman is considered insusceptible if she is not exposed to the risk of pregnancy, either because she is amenorrhoeic or because she is abstaining from sexual intercourse following a birth. Information was obtained about the duration of amenorrhoea and the duration of sexual abstinence following childbirth for births in the three years preceding the survey.

Table 6.8 shows the percentage of births in the three years preceding the survey for which mothers were postpartum amenorrhoeic, abstaining, and insusceptible, by number of months since birth. The results show that Ethiopian women are amenorrhoeic for a median of 15.8 months, abstain for a median of 2.4 months, and are insusceptible to pregnancy for a median of 16.7 months. In general, the proportion of women who are amenorrhoeic or abstaining decreases with increasing months after delivery. The proportion amenorrhoeic drops from 96 percent in the first two months following a birth to 63 percent at 12-13 months and 17 percent at $24-25$ months after birth. The majority of Ethiopian women ( 85 percent) abstain from sex during the first two months following birth. A comparison of data from the 2000 and 2005 EDHS surveys indicates that there has been a decline in the median duration of postpartum amenorrhoea from 19 months to around 16 months while there has been no change in the median duration of postpartum abstinence. The reduction in the duration of postpartum amenorrhoea is probably due to the shorter duration of breastfeeding (see chapter 11).

| Percentage of births in the three years preceding the survey for which mothers are postpartum amenorrhoeic, abstaining, and insusceptible, by number of months since birth, and median and mean durations, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Months | Percentage of births for which the mother is: |  |  | Number of |
| since birth | Amenorrhoeic | Abstaining | Insusceptible | births |
| < 2 | 95.5 | 85.2 | 96.2 | 344 |
| 2-3 | 85.6 | 43.7 | 88.8 | 493 |
| 4-5 | 81.2 | 22.5 | 86.0 | 380 |
| 6-7 | 77.2 | 13.3 | 78.3 | 435 |
| 8-9 | 78.0 | 12.1 | 78.7 | 404 |
| 10-11 | 70.1 | 8.8 | 72.4 | 291 |
| 12-13 | 63.2 | 7.2 | 65.1 | 482 |
| 14-15 | 54.2 | 9.9 | 57.7 | 382 |
| 16-17 | 45.7 | 6.0 | 47.6 | 357 |
| 18-19 | 41.6 | 5.2 | 45.2 | 336 |
| 20-21 | 43.0 | 8.7 | 45.8 | 288 |
| 22-23 | 28.9 | 11.2 | 34.6 | 234 |
| 24-25 | 17.2 | 4.9 | 20.2 | 388 |
| 26-27 | 15.0 | 2.7 | 17.1 | 427 |
| 28-29 | 9.5 | 3.5 | 12.0 | 330 |
| 30-31 | 12.8 | 2.8 | 14.5 | 345 |
| 32-33 | 12.3 | 3.2 | 13.1 | 329 |
| 34-35 | 5.2 | 2.3 | 7.5 | 255 |
| Total | 48.9 | 14.7 | 51.3 | 6,497 |
| Median | 15.8 | 2.4 | 16.7 | na |
| Mean | 17.0 | 5.4 | 17.9 | na |

Note: Estimates are based on status at the time of the survey.
na $=$ Not applicable

Table 6.9 shows the median duration of postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence, and insusceptibility by background characteristics. The duration of amenorrhoea is much shorter among urban women than among rural women, and is lower among women age $15-29$, women with secondary and higher education, women in the highest wealth quintile and women residing in Addis Ababa.

| Table 6.9 Median duration of postpartum insusceptibility by background characteristics |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median number of months of postpartum amenorrhoea, postpartum abstinence, and postpartum insusceptibility following births in the three years preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Postpartum amenorrhoea | Postpartum abstinence | Postpartum insusceptibility | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of } \\ \text { births } \end{gathered}$ |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-29 | 15.1 | 2.4 | 15.8 | 3,761 |
| 30-49 | 18.0 | 2.5 | 19.9 | 2,736 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.1 | 2.4 | 10.0 | 489 |
| Rural | 16.4 | 2.4 | 17.7 | 6,008 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 20.0 | 2.0 | 21.2 | 395 |
| Affar | 13.4 | 2.4 | 14.2 | 64 |
| Amhara | 20.8 | 2.4 | 21.4 | 1,519 |
| Oromiya | 14.5 | 2.5 | 15.0 | 2,612 |
| Somali | 15.5 | 3.2 | 16.3 | 276 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 14.4 | 2.5 | 14.5 | 60 |
| SNNP | 17.0 | 2.5 | 17.8 | 1,432 |
| Gambela | 17.1 | 11.1 | 22.9 | 17 |
| Harari | 10.1 | 2.4 | 10.2 | 14 |
| Addis Ababa | 9.3 | 2.1 | 10.7 | 85 |
| Dire Dawa | 10.8 | 2.5 | 11.4 | 22 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 16.2 | 2.7 | 18.1 | 5,070 |
| Primary | 14.2 | 1.8 | 15.3 | 1,138 |
| Secondary and higher | 10.3 | 2.1 | 10.4 | 289 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.0 | 2.7 | 18.2 | 1,384 |
| Second | 20.9 | 3.0 | 21.2 | 1,382 |
| Middle | 16.4 | 2.8 | 18.5 | 1,456 |
| Fourth | 14.3 | 2.1 | 14.4 | 1,306 |
| Highest | 11.4 | 2.1 | 12.5 | 970 |
| Total | 15.8 | 2.4 | 16.7 | 6,497 |
| Note: Medians are based on current status. |  |  |  |  |

### 6.7 Menopause

The risk of childbearing declines as age increases. The term infecundity denotes a process rather than a well-defined event. Although the onset of infecundity is difficult to determine for an individual woman, there are ways of estimating it for a group of women. Table 6.10 presents data on menopause, an indicator of decreasing exposure to the risk of pregnancy (infecundity) for women age 30 and over.

In the context of the available survey data, women are considered menopausal if they are neither pregnant nor postpartum amenorrhoeic and have not had a menstrual period for at least six months preceding the survey. The proportion of women who are menopausal increases with age from 2 percent for women age $30-34$ to 60 percent for women age 48-49. Overall, 16 percent of women age 30-49 are menopausal.

Table 6.10 Menopause
Percentage of women age 30-49 who are menopausal, by age, Ethiopia 2005

| Age | Percentage <br> menopausal $^{1}$ | Number of <br> women |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $30-34$ | 2.4 | 1,808 |
| $35-39$ | 5.4 | 1,602 |
| $40-41$ | 14.4 | 697 |
| $42-43$ | 22.5 | 356 |
| $44-45$ | 31.9 | 557 |
| $46-47$ | 51.0 | 329 |
| $48-49$ | 60.3 | 393 |
| Total | 15.5 | 5,740 |

${ }^{1}$ Percentage of all women who are not pregnant and not postpartum amenorrhoeic whose last menstrual period occurred six or more months preceding the survey

## FERTILITY PREFERENCES

Information on fertility preference provides insight into a couple's attitude towards future childbearing, desired completed family size, the extent of unwanted and mistimed pregnancies, and the prevailing demand for contraception.

In the 2005 EDHS, women and men were asked a series of questions to ascertain their fertility preferences, including their desire to have another child, the length of time they would like to wait before having another child, and what they consider to be the ideal number of children. These data make it possible to quantify fertility preferences and, coupled with the data on contraceptive use allow estimation of the unmet need for family planning, for both spacing and limiting births. Nevertheless, interpretation of the results of fertility preferences is controversial since respondents' reported preferences are, in most cases, hypothetical and thus subject to change and rationalization.

### 7.1 Desire for More Children

In the 2005 EDHS currently married women and men were asked whether they want to have another child, and if so how soon. The wording of the question varied slightly if the female respondent or the wife or partner of a male respondent was pregnant to ensure that pregnant women (and men with pregnant partners) were not asked about the wantedness of the current pregnancy but the desire for subsequent children.

Table 7.1 shows future reproductive intentions of currently married women and men by the number of living children. Sixteen percent of women want to have another child soon while 35 percent want another child two or more years later (Figure 7.1). Forty-two percent want no more children or have been sterilized. In general 78 percent of currently married women want to either stop or postpone childbearing. This implies that around four out of five currently married women are in need of family planning services. A similar pattern is observed for men, except that a relatively higher percentage of men want to have another child, either sooner or later.

The desire to stop childbearing increases with the number of living children from 9 percent among women with no children to 72 percent among women with 6 or more children. Comparison between the two EDHS surveys show that the proportion of currently married women who want to stop childbearing has increased in the past five years for all categories of living children, with an overall increase from 32 percent in 2000 to 42 percent in 2005 (Figure 7.2).

Tables 7.2.1 and 7.2.2 show that the desire to limit childbearing is higher among women and men in urban than rural areas, with the urban-rural difference higher overall among men than women. Regional differences are notable. Currently married women living in Addis Ababa, Oromia and Amhara are more likely to want to stop childbearing than women living in the other regions. A similar pattern is seen for currently married men as well. The percentage of currently married men who want to stop childbearing is lower than the percentage among women in all regions except Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa. The male-female difference in the desire to limit childbearing is especially pronounced in Gambela where only 24 percent of currently married men want to stop childbearing compared with 44 percent of women. Women and men living in the Somali Region are least likely to want to limit childbearing ( 10 percent and 4 percent, respectively).


Figure 7.1 Fertility Preferences of Currently Married Women Age 15-49


Among women, the desire to limit childbearing decreases as the respondent's education increases. The percentage of currently married women who want no more children decreases from 43 percent among women with no education to 37 percent among women with secondary and higher education. In contrast, the percentage of currently married men who want no more children increases from 33 percent among men with no education to 46 percent among men with secondary and higher education. The desire to limit childbearing rises with increasing access to resources. Both women and men in the highest wealth quintiles are more likely to want to limit childbearing than those living in poorer households.

| Table 7.2.1 Desire to limit childbearing: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of currently married women who want no more children, by number of living children by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.8 | 18.1 | 45.8 | 51.3 | 72.9 | 74.9 | 83.4 | 47.8 |
| Rural | 8.6 | 13.7 | 23.5 | 29.2 | 47.5 | 56.5 | 71.8 | 41.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 2.2 | 3.1 | 9.7 | 11.6 | 30.0 | 41.1 | 70.1 | 28.5 |
| Affar | 13.3 | 16.9 | 16.6 | 29.0 | 33.6 | 17.0 | 16.1 | 19.8 |
| Amhara | 15.2 | 18.1 | 32.0 | 39.2 | 60.5 | 65.9 | 80.4 | 47.5 |
| Oromiya | 5.3 | 13.7 | 31.7 | 33.5 | 54.0 | 65.1 | 78.7 | 47.1 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 1.1 | 10.0 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 15.3 | 14.9 | 10.3 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 10.6 | 14.6 | 28.8 | 41.5 | 56.0 | 61.0 | 71.1 | 40.8 |
| SNNP | 5.2 | 15.1 | 17.2 | 25.8 | 38.4 | 54.5 | 67.6 | 37.8 |
| Gambela | 14.2 | 32.8 | 36.9 | 47.5 | 62.7 | 68.5 | 59.3 | 43.5 |
| Harari | 4.9 | 15.6 | 35.7 | 52.7 | 58.5 | 73.8 | 75.4 | 40.8 |
| Addis Ababa | 0.0 | 14.2 | 48.4 | 54.8 | 70.6 | 92.3 | 95.6 | 47.7 |
| Dire Dawa | 2.1 | 10.2 | 28.1 | 42.6 | 62.5 | 57.6 | 65.2 | 36.0 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 9.5 | 14.2 | 25.7 | 27.6 | 48.0 | 57.5 | 73.0 | 43.0 |
| Primary | 9.6 | 16.2 | 24.3 | 41.2 | 52.9 | 56.3 | 67.4 | 39.5 |
| Secondary and higher | 1.6 | 11.9 | 36.9 | 51.6 | 68.0 | 86.0 | 75.4 | 36.9 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 11.2 | 9.3 | 19.2 | 26.6 | 37.4 | 40.1 | 56.4 | 33.3 |
| Second | 6.0 | 15.4 | 24.9 | 22.1 | 47.7 | 56.3 | 70.4 | 39.0 |
| Middle | 10.2 | 15.0 | 23.4 | 34.3 | 46.1 | 66.5 | 78.5 | 43.7 |
| Fourth | 6.8 | 15.6 | 26.0 | 33.6 | 55.1 | 59.5 | 77.0 | 46.9 |
| Highest | 8.5 | 15.4 | 38.4 | 42.1 | 66.1 | 70.4 | 81.4 | 47.6 |
| Total | 8.5 | 14.3 | 26.7 | 31.4 | 49.8 | 58.1 | 72.4 | 42.1 |

Note: Women who have been sterilised are considered to want no more children.
${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy

| Table 7.2.2 Desire to limit childbearing: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of currently married men who want no more children, by number of living children by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $6+$ | Total |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.0 | 20.8 | 29.2 | 59.9 | 64.1 | 69.1 | 73.1 | 45.5 |
| Rural | 5.6 | 5.7 | 15.9 | 25.6 | 32.3 | 47.9 | 58.8 | 32.8 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 20.4 | 27.5 | 49.2 | 57.1 | 28.0 |
| Affar | 2.5 | 21.0 | 24.8 | 13.3 | 26.6 | 3.9 | 13.5 | 15.1 |
| Amhara | 4.1 | 12.9 | 18.4 | 29.3 | 40.1 | 63.1 | 67.3 | 35.6 |
| Oromiya | 7.6 | 5.3 | 19.6 | 30.3 | 40.7 | 52.8 | 66.8 | 39.5 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 4.0 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.0 | 6.1 | 10.2 | 17.1 | 35.3 | 54.7 | 55.7 | 24.5 |
| SNNP | 9.9 | 7.0 | 14.9 | 28.3 | 21.1 | 34.6 | 54.2 | 29.5 |
| Gambela | 12.1 | 13.3 | 24.5 | 18.3 | 28.2 | 30.7 | 41.7 | 23.9 |
| Harari | 0.0 | 2.4 | 22.9 | 51.7 | 40.0 | 49.8 | 69.7 | 30.4 |
| Addis Ababa | 12.1 | 21.1 | 41.0 | 69.0 | 82.9 | 88.2 | 84.6 | 53.3 |
| Dire Dawa | 0.0 | 11.5 | 36.6 | 30.2 | 62.7 | 38.8 | 58.8 | 36.4 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.5 | 5.1 | 18.0 | 22.0 | 33.3 | 48.5 | 56.5 | 33.3 |
| Primary | 8.5 | 9.7 | 15.7 | 27.3 | 29.1 | 42.8 | 61.4 | 31.0 |
| Secondary and higher | 9.4 | 15.0 | 22.3 | 55.2 | 59.4 | 70.8 | 82.4 | 45.8 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.0 | 3.6 | 15.1 | 19.5 | 23.7 | 32.4 | 43.7 | 25.1 |
| Second | 10.3 | 4.7 | 17.5 | 24.4 | 27.6 | 47.2 | 59.0 | 32.2 |
| Middle | 2.0 | 10.3 | 15.0 | 27.3 | 32.2 | 48.1 | 68.7 | 33.0 |
| Fourth | 0.0 | 3.9 | 12.9 | 26.8 | 42.3 | 56.5 | 58.5 | 37.0 |
| Highest | 6.2 | 15.6 | 27.1 | 46.9 | 54.7 | 66.6 | 72.0 | 43.7 |
| Total | 5.8 | 8.2 | 18.0 | 28.6 | 35.4 | 49.9 | 59.6 | 34.1 |
| Note: Men who have been sterilised are considered to want no more children. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 7.2 Desire to Limit Childbearing Among Currently Married Women, by Number of Living Children, 2000 and 2005


[^9] EDHS 2005

### 7.2 Need for Family Planning Services

This section discusses the extent of need and the potential demand for family planning services. Currently married women who want to postpone their next birth for two or more years or who want to stop childbearing all together but are not using a contraceptive method are said to have an unmet need for family planning. Pregnant women are considered to have an unmet need for spacing or limiting if their pregnancy was mistimed or unwanted. Similarly, amenorrhoeic women are categorized as having unmet need if their last birth was mistimed or unwanted. Women who are currently using a family planning method are said to have a met need for family planning. The total demand for family planning services comprises those who fall in the met need and unmet need categories.

Table 7.3 shows the need for family planning among currently married women by select background characteristics. Thirty-four percent of currently married women have an unmet need for family planning, with 20 percent having an unmet need for spacing and 14 percent having an unmet need for limiting. Only 15 percent of women have a met need for family planning. If all currently married women who say that they want to space or limit their children were to use a family planning method, the contraceptive prevalence rate would increase three-fold to 49 percent. Currently, only 31 percent of the family planning needs of currently married women are being met.

There has been little change in unmet need for family planning over the past five years, with unmet need in 2005 only slightly lower than it was in 2000 when it was 36 percent. On the other hand, met need has nearly doubled over the same period from 8 percent in 2000 to 15 percent in 2005, resulting in a concomitant rise in demand satisfied from 18 percent to 31 percent.

Unmet need for spacing decreases with age while the opposite is true for unmet need for limiting, with the exception of women age 45-49. Overall, unmet need remains relatively high at all ages but falls sharply at age 45-49. Rural women have twice the unmet need of urban women and less than one in four rural women have the demand for family planning satisfied, compared with three in four urban women. Unmet need is lowest in Addis Ababa (10 percent) and highest in Oromiya (41 percent). Women with no education are twice as likely to have an unmet need for family planning as women with secondary or higher levels of education. Unmet need ranges from a low of 24 percent among women in the highest wealth quintile to a high of 38 percent among women in the second wealth quintile.

| Percentage of currently married women with unmet need for family planning, and with met need for family planning, and the total demand for family planning, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unmet need for family planning ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Met need for family planning (currently using) ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Total demand for family planning ${ }^{3}$ |  |  | Percentage of demand satisfied | Number of women |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { For } \\ \text { spacing } \end{gathered}$ | $\qquad$ | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { For } \\ & \text { spacing } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { For } \\ \text { limiting } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Total | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { For } \\ \text { spacing } \end{gathered}$ | $\qquad$ | Total |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 30.1 | 8.0 | 38.0 | 7.1 | 1.8 | 8.9 | 37.3 | 10.0 | 47.2 | 19.4 | 711 |
| 20-24 | 28.8 | 5.6 | 34.4 | 12.6 | 4.0 | 16.7 | 41.6 | 9.7 | 51.3 | 32.9 | 1,574 |
| 25-29 | 25.3 | 10.5 | 35.8 | 9.9 | 7.0 | 16.9 | 35.4 | 17.6 | 53.0 | 32.4 | 2,066 |
| 30-34 | 20.9 | 15.0 | 35.9 | 5.9 | 8.4 | 14.4 | 27.0 | 23.5 | 50.6 | 29.0 | 1,551 |
| 35-39 | 16.8 | 20.6 | 37.4 | 4.1 | 13.1 | 17.2 | 21.1 | 33.7 | 54.8 | 31.7 | 1,343 |
| 40-44 | 6.9 | 25.6 | 32.4 | 0.9 | 13.3 | 14.2 | 7.9 | 39.1 | 47.1 | 31.0 | 960 |
| 45-49 | 1.5 | 14.9 | 16.3 | 0.1 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 1.6 | 22.9 | 24.5 | 33.2 | 862 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.8 | 9.1 | 17.0 | 23.4 | 23.3 | 46.7 | 31.4 | 32.7 | 64.1 | 73.5 | 959 |
| Rural | 21.5 | 14.3 | 35.8 | 4.8 | 6.2 | 10.9 | 26.4 | 20.5 | 46.9 | 23.7 | 8,107 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 16.4 | 7.6 | 24.1 | 9.3 | 7.2 | 16.5 | 25.9 | 14.8 | 40.7 | 40.9 | 570 |
| Affar | 8.8 | 4.6 | 13.4 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 6.6 | 11.1 | 8.9 | 20.0 | 33.0 | 109 |
| Amhara | 14.8 | 14.9 | 29.7 | 7.0 | 9.1 | 16.1 | 21.9 | 24.1 | 46.0 | 35.4 | 2,330 |
| Oromiya | 24.9 | 16.5 | 41.4 | 5.6 | 8.0 | 13.6 | 30.6 | 24.6 | 55.2 | 25.0 | 3,300 |
| Somali | 8.8 | 2.8 | 11.6 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 10.5 | 4.3 | 14.8 | 21.3 | 363 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 16.8 | 13.0 | 29.7 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 11.1 | 21.1 | 20.0 | 41.1 | 27.7 | 92 |
| SNNP | 24.0 | 13.4 | 37.4 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 11.9 | 30.0 | 19.6 | 49.6 | 24.6 | 1,988 |
| Gambela | 10.5 | 13.0 | 23.5 | 6.2 | 9.7 | 15.9 | 17.0 | 22.7 | 39.6 | 40.7 | 31 |
| Harari | 16.0 | 6.4 | 22.4 | 18.4 | 15.1 | 33.5 | 34.6 | 21.7 | 56.2 | 60.2 | 22 |
| Addis Ababa | 5.8 | 4.5 | 10.3 | 30.4 | 26.4 | 56.9 | 37.1 | 31.1 | 68.2 | 84.8 | 224 |
| Dire Dawa | 9.5 | 5.3 | 14.8 | 21.3 | 12.7 | 34.0 | 30.9 | 18.0 | 48.9 | 69.8 | 37 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 19.7 | 14.8 | 34.5 | 3.8 | 6.1 | 10.0 | 23.7 | 21.0 | 44.7 | 22.8 | 7,094 |
| Primary | 25.7 | 11.3 | 37.0 | 11.0 | 12.4 | 23.4 | 36.8 | 23.7 | 60.5 | 38.8 | 1,402 |
| Secondary and higher | 10.3 | 6.7 | 16.9 | 32.4 | 20.2 | 52.6 | 43.2 | 27.1 | 70.2 | 75.9 | 570 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 20.1 | 13.0 | 33.1 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 21.7 | 15.7 | 37.3 | 11.3 | 1,759 |
| Second | 24.3 | 13.5 | 37.9 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 27.7 | 16.9 | 44.6 | 15.1 | 1,892 |
| Middle | 21.5 | 15.3 | 36.8 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 12.0 | 26.9 | 22.2 | 49.1 | 25.1 | 1,903 |
| Fourth | 21.2 | 15.0 | 36.2 | 5.7 | 9.8 | 15.5 | 27.2 | 24.8 | 52.0 | 30.4 | 1,823 |
| Highest | 12.5 | 11.5 | 24.0 | 18.7 | 18.3 | 37.0 | 31.4 | 30.0 | 61.3 | 60.9 | 1,689 |
| Total | 20.1 | 13.7 | 33.8 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 14.7 | 26.9 | 21.8 | 48.7 | 30.7 | 9,066 |

${ }^{1}$ Unmet need for spacing includes pregnant women whose pregnancy was mistimed, amenorrhoeic women who are not using family planning and whose last birth was mistimed or whose last birth was unwanted but now say they want more children, and fecund women who are neither pregnant nor amenorrhoeic, who are not using any method of family planning and say they want to wait 2 or more years for their next birth. Also included in unmet need for spacing are fecund women who are not using any method of family planning and say they are unsure whether they want another child or who want another child.
Unmet need for limiting refers to pregnant women whose pregnancy was unwanted, amenorrhoeic women who are not using family planning, whose last child was unwanted and who do not want any more children, and fecund women who are neither pregnant nor amenorrhoeic, who are not using any method of family planning, and who want no more children. Excluded from the unmet need category are pregnant and amenorrhoeic women who became pregnant while using a method (these women are in need of a better method of contraception).
${ }^{2}$ Using for spacing is defined as women who are using some method of family planning and say they want to have another child or are undecided whether to have another.
Using for limiting is defined as women who are using and who want no more children. Note that the specific methods used are not taken into account here.
${ }^{3}$ Nonusers who are pregnant or amenorrhoeic and women whose pregnancy was the result of a contraceptive failure are not included in the category of unmet need, but are included in total demand for contraception (since they would have been using had their method not failed).

### 7.3 Ideal Family Size

Information on ideal family size was collected in two ways: respondents who did not have any children were asked how many children they would like to have if they could choose the number of children to have. Respondents with children were asked how many children they would like to have if they could go back to the time when they did not have any children and choose exactly the number of children to have. Even though these questions are based on hypothetical situations they provide an idea of the total number of children women who have not started childbearing will have in the future. For older and high parity women, this information provides a measure of unwanted fertility.

Responses to these questions are summarized in Table 7.4 for both women and men. The majority of women and men were able to provide a numeric response to these questions. However, 10 percent of women and 7 percent of men gave non-numeric responses such as "it is up to God," "any number" or "do not know." The proportion unable to specify an ideal number of children has declined since the 2000 EDHS in which 18 percent of women and 11 percent of men failed to provide a numeric response.

| Percent distribution of all women and all men by ideal number of children, and mean ideal numbers of children for all women, for currently married women, for all men and for currently married men, according to number of living children, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Desire for children | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $6+$ |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 11.2 | 7.7 | 10.1 | 8.1 | 11.4 | 12.8 | 14.6 | 11.0 |
| 1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 2 | 23.2 | 11.2 | 6.9 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 10.3 |
| 3 | 12.6 | 10.4 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 6.7 |
| 4 | 29.0 | 31.6 | 31.8 | 26.9 | 24.3 | 16.7 | 14.4 | 25.5 |
| 5 | 7.4 | 9.8 | 11.6 | 12.7 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 8.4 |
| 6+ | 10.3 | 17.8 | 23.0 | 35.2 | 39.7 | 45.4 | 44.4 | 26.9 |
| Non-numeric responses | 5.3 | 9.6 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 12.1 | 14.1 | 17.8 | 10.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of respondents | 4,336 | 1,633 | 1,645 | 1,475 | 1,521 | 1,186 | 2,274 | 14,070 |
| Mean ideal number child |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All women | 3.3 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 4.5 |
| Number | 4,107 | 1,475 | 1,474 | 1,323 | 1,336 | 1,019 | 1,869 | 12,602 |
| Currently married women | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| Number | 556 | 1,160 | 1,234 | 1,174 | 1,166 | 908 | 1,728 | 7,928 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 2.8 |
| 1 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| 2 | 23.6 | 9.0 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 12.7 |
| 3 | 19.8 | 18.8 | 8.4 | 6.4 | 2.4 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 12.6 |
| 4 | 29.4 | 31.5 | 34.1 | 22.8 | 17.9 | 10.8 | 12.3 | 24.7 |
| 5 | 8.1 | 12.4 | 15.5 | 17.9 | 13.6 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 10.3 |
| 6+ | 11.4 | 20.4 | 29.6 | 37.9 | 48.7 | 60.9 | 60.6 | 29.5 |
| Non-numeric responses | 4.1 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 9.5 | 11.5 | 8.1 | 13.1 | 6.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of men | 2,766 | 477 | 516 | 478 | 489 | 401 | 906 | 6,033 |
| Mean ideal number children for: ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All men | 3.8 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 8.5 | 5.2 |
| Number | 2,654 | 454 | 485 | 433 | 433 | 368 | 787 | 5,615 |
| Currently married men | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 6.4 |
| Number | 291 | 399 | 460 | 414 | 424 | 359 | 776 | 3,123 |

[^10]Three out of five women preferred an ideal family size of four or more children with only three in ten favouring less than four children. More than one in ten women did not want any children at all. The mean ideal number of children is 4.5 among all women who gave a numeric response, and it is half a child more among currently married women (5.1). The mean ideal number of children is 5.2 among all men and 6.4 among currently married men. As can be observed, the mean ideal number of children among currently married men is more than one child higher than that among currently married women. The survey shows that ideal family size has declined over the past five years by nearly a child among women (all women and currently married) and by more than a child among all men and currently married men.

The mean ideal family size increases with the number of living children among both women and men, rising from 3.3 among childless women to 5.9 among women with six or more children and from 3.8 among childless men to 8.5 among men with six or more children. This positive association between actual and ideal number of children could be due to two principal reasons. First, to the extent that women are able to implement their fertility desires, women who want smaller families will tend to achieve smaller families. Second, some women may have difficulty admitting their desire for fewer children if they could begin childbearing again and may in fact report their actual number as their preferred number. Despite this tendency to rationalize, the 2005 EDHS data provide evidence of unwanted fertility with more than a third of women ( 38 percent) with six or more children wanting an ideal family size of fewer than six children.

Table 7.5 shows the mean ideal number of children for all women and men by select background variables. The mean ideal number of children increases with age, for both men and women. It ranges from a low of 3.3 children among women age $15-19$ to a high of 5.7 among women age $45-49$, and from 3.8 to 6.8 among men in the same age groups. An interesting finding is that women and men age 20-34 have nearly identical ideals for the number of children they desire, indicating a narrowing of the male-female gap in ideal family size for this group. Fertility is highest among women in this age group and the similar fertility intentions of women and men in this age group may have the desired effect of lowering fertility in the long run.

| Mean ideal number of children for all women and men, by age and background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Mean | Number of women | Mean | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 3.3 | 3,069 | 3.8 | 1,287 |
| 20-24 | 4.1 | 2,343 | 4.0 | 1,014 |
| 25-29 | 4.7 | 2,292 | 4.8 | 700 |
| 30-34 | 5.2 | 1,619 | 5.1 | 695 |
| 35-39 | 5.2 | 1,355 | 6.6 | 588 |
| 40-44 | 5.5 | 998 | 6.7 | 456 |
| 45-49 | 5.7 | 927 | 6.8 | 380 |
| 50-54 | na | na | 7.4 | 277 |
| 55-59 | na | na | 9.0 | 218 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.4 | 2,387 | 3.6 | 895 |
| Rural | 4.7 | 10,215 | 5.6 | 4,720 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.7 | 886 | 4.8 | 346 |
| Affar | 7.8 | 137 | 11.3 | 62 |
| Amhara | 4.1 | 3,206 | 4.9 | 1,470 |
| Oromiya | 4.2 | 4,338 | 4.8 | 2,057 |
| Somali | 9.8 | 400 | 12.9 | 166 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 5.0 | 119 | 6.7 | 51 |
| SNNP | 4.7 | 2,655 | 5.7 | 1,116 |
| Gambela | 4.7 | 40 | 6.0 | 20 |
| Harari | 4.2 | 31 | 4.2 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 3.3 | 727 | 3.3 | 283 |
| Dire Dawa | 5.3 | 63 | 4.0 | 28 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 5.1 | 7,998 | 6.6 | 2,347 |
| Primary | 3.6 | 2,966 | 4.7 | 2,112 |
| Secondary and higher | 3.3 | 1,638 | 3.5 | 1,156 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.0 | 2,055 | 6.9 | 999 |
| Second | 4.7 | 2,305 | 5.5 | 1,094 |
| Middle | 4.4 | 2,467 | 5.3 | 1,002 |
| Fourth | 4.5 | 2,368 | 5.1 | 1,114 |
| Highest | 3.6 | 3,407 | 4.0 | 1,406 |
| Total | 4.5 | 12,602 | 5.2 | 5,615 |

The mean ideal number of children is higher in rural than in urban areas for both women and men. There is a wide variation among regions. As was the case in the 2000 EDHS, women and men living in the nomadic regions of Somali and Affar have a relatively higher mean ideal number of children than those living in the other regions. For example, women in the Somali Region have nearly three times the mean ideal number of children as women in Addis Ababa.

The mean ideal number of children varies inversely with education. Women with no education have a mean ideal of 5.1 children whereas those who have at least a secondary level education reported a mean ideal of 3.3 children. A similar pattern is seen by wealth quintile, with women in the lowest quintile desiring a mean ideal of one and a half more children than women in the highest wealth quintile.

### 7.4 Fertility Planning

Data from the EDHS can be used to estimate the level of unwanted fertility. Women age 1549 were asked a series of questions about each of their children born to them in the preceding five years, as well as any current pregnancy, to determine whether the birth or pregnancy was wanted then (planned), wanted later (mistimed), or not wanted at all (unplanned) at the time of conception. In assessing these results, it is important to recognize that women may declare a birth or current pregnancy as wanted once the child is born, and this rationalization of a current birth or pregnancy as wanted may in fact result in an underestimate the true extent of unwanted births.

Table 7.6 shows the percent distribution of births (including current pregnancy) in the five years preceding the survey by birth order and age of mothers at birth. According to the data, twothirds of births in the five years preceding the survey were planned, 19 percent were mistimed, and 16 percent were unplanned. One in five births of order four or higher is unplanned, twice the level among births of order three or below. The percentage of unplanned births also increases with mother's age at birth. More than two in five births to mothers who were age 45-49 at the time of the birth were not planned compared with one in ten births to mothers age 25 or younger.

| Table 7.6 Fertility planning status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of births in the five years preceding the survey (including current pregnancies), by planning status of the birth, according to birth order and mother's age at birth, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Birth order and | Planning status of birth |  |  |  | Total | Number of births |
| mother's age at birth | Wanted then | Wanted later | Wanted no more | Missing |  |  |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 72.8 | 15.7 | 11.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,120 |
| 2 | 71.4 | 18.8 | 9.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,917 |
| 3 | 68.0 | 21.1 | 10.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,754 |
| 4+ | 59.4 | 19.0 | 21.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 6,556 |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 68.5 | 20.4 | 10.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,842 |
| 20-24 | 68.9 | 20.2 | 10.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3,252 |
| 25-29 | 66.5 | 20.1 | 13.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3,058 |
| 30-34 | 62.7 | 17.7 | 19.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,205 |
| 35-39 | 56.0 | 14.2 | 29.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,310 |
| 40-44 | 51.2 | 13.7 | 34.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 581 |
| 45-49 | 51.1 | 3.6 | 45.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99 |
| Total | 64.8 | 18.7 | 16.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 12,347 |

The extent of unplanned births can also be estimated utilizing information on ideal family size to estimate what the total fertility rate would be if all unwanted births were avoided. This measure may also be an underestimate to the extent that women may not report an ideal family size lower than their actual family size. Table 7.7 shows wanted fertility rates calculated in the same way as the total fertility rate but excluding unwanted births from the numerator. In this case, unwanted births are those that exceed the number mentioned as ideal by the respondent. This rate represents the level of fertility that would have prevailed in the five years preceding the survey if all unwanted births had been avoided.

The data show that women on average have 1.4 children more than their ideal number. The gap between wanted and observed fertility rates is greater among women living in rural than in urban areas. The difference in the two rates is largest in Oromiya (a two-child difference) and smallest in Addis Ababa. Women with little or no education tend to want 1.5 children less than their actual number compared with women with at least secondary education who want just 0.5 children less than they actually have. There is also an inverse relationship between wealth and wanted fertility. The gap between wanted and actual fertility is from 1.5 children in the first four wealth quintiles to less than one child in the highest wealth quintile.

| Table 7.7 Wanted fertility rates <br> Total wanted fertility rates and total fertility rates for <br> the three years preceding the survey, by background <br> characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total wanted <br> Background <br> characteristic |  | Total <br> fertility rate |
| fertility rate |  |  |$|$

Note: Rates are calculated based on births to women age 15-49 in the period 1-36 months preceding the survey. The total fertility rates are the same as those presented in Table 4.2.

## INFANT AND CHILD MORTALITY

This chapter describes levels, trends, and differentials in early childhood mortality and highrisk fertility behaviour of women in Ethiopia. Information on infant and child mortality rates contributes to a better understanding of a country's socioeconomic situation and sheds light on the quality of life of the population. This information is disaggregated by socioeconomic and demographic characteristics since studies have shown the existence of differentials in mortality by these characteristics and the disaggregation helps to identify subgroups that are at high risk. Preparation, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of population, health, and other socioeconomic programmes and policies depend to a large extent on target population identification.

Childhood mortality in general and infant mortality in particular are often used as broad indicators of social development or as specific indicators of health status. Childhood mortality analyses are thus useful in identifying promising directions for health programmes and advancing child survival efforts. Measures of childhood mortality are also useful for population projections.

One of the targets of the millennium development goal is a two-third reduction in infant and child mortality by 2015 , to be achieved through upgrading the proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel, increasing immunization against the six vaccine preventable diseases, and upgrading the status of women through education and enhancing their participation in the labour force. Results from the 2005 EDHS are timely in evaluating the impact of some of the major national policies, such as the National Population Policy, the National Policy on Ethiopian Women, and the National Health Policy, on the achievement of the MDG goal.

The mortality rates presented in this chapter are computed from information gathered from the birth history section of the Women's Questionnaire. Women in the age group 15-49 were asked whether they had ever given birth, and if they had, they were asked to report the number of sons and daughters who live with them, the number who live elsewhere, and the number who have died. In addition, they were asked to provide a detailed birth history of their children in chronological order starting with the first child. Women were asked whether a birth was single or multiple; the sex of the child; the date of birth (month and year); survival status; age of the child on the date of the interview if alive; and if not alive, the age at death of each live birth. Since the primary causes of childhood mortality change as children age, mostly biological factors to environmental factors, childhood mortality rates are expressed by age categories and are customarily defined as follows:

- Neonatal mortality (NN): the probability of dying within the first month of life
- Postneonatal mortality (PNN): the difference between infant and neonatal mortality
- Infant mortality $\left({ }_{1} q_{0}\right)$ : the probability of dying between birth and the first birthday
- Child mortality $\left({ }_{4} q_{1}\right)$ : the probability of dying between exact ages one and five
- Under-five mortality $\left(5 \mathrm{q}_{0}\right)$ : the probability of dying between birth and the fifth birthday.

The rates of childhood mortality are expressed as deaths per 1,000 live births, except in the case of child mortality, which is expressed as deaths per 1,000 children surviving to age one.

In addition to questions on live births, women were asked about pregnancies that ended in miscarriage, abortion, or stillbirth. This information was collected for the five years preceding the survey to minimize recall errors. Information on stillbirths and deaths that occurred within seven days
of birth is used to estimate perinatal mortality, which is the number of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths per 1,000 stillbirths and live births.

### 8.1 Assessment of Data Quality

The accuracy of mortality estimates depends on the sampling variability of the estimates and on nonsampling errors. Sampling variability and sampling errors are discussed in detail in Appendix A. Nonsampling errors depend on the extent to which the date of birth and age at death are accurately reported and recorded and the completeness with which child deaths are reported. Omission of births and deaths affects mortality estimates, displacement of birth and death dates impacts mortality trends, and misreporting of age at death may distort the age pattern of mortality. Typically, the most serious source of nonsampling errors in a survey that collects retrospective information on births and deaths is the underreporting of births and deaths of children who were dead at the time of the survey. It may be that mothers are reluctant to talk about their dead children because of the sorrow associated with their death, or they may live in a culture that discourages discussion of the dead. The possible occurrence of these data problems in the 2005 EDHS is discussed with reference to the data quality tables in Appendix C. Underreporting of births and deaths is generally more severe the further back in time an event occurred.

An unusual pattern in the distribution of births by calendar years is an indication of omission of children or age displacement. Table C. 4 shows that the overall percentage of births for which a month and year of birth was reported is relatively complete, with incomplete information being only slightly higher for children who have died than those who are alive ( 97 percent versus 99 percent), and slightly lower as one moves further back in time. Nevertheless, there is clear indication of omission of deaths in the most recent period. For example, the proportion of births for which the child was no longer alive at the time of the survey declines from 15 percent in the period 1996-2000 to 9 percent during the period 2001-2005. Some of this decline is likely due to a real decrease in mortality in the most recent period, although some is due to the fact that younger children have been exposed to the risk of dying for a shorter period. Nevertheless, such a sharp decline in the proportion of deaths since 1996 may suggest some amount of underreporting in the most recent period. However, when compared with the 2000 EDHS, underreporting in the 2005 EDHS is less of a problem.

Age displacement is common in surveys that include both demographic and health information for children under a specified age. In the Ethiopia DHS survey, the cutoff date for asking health questions was Meskerem 1992 in the Ethiopian calendar (which roughly corresponds to September 1999 in the Gregorian calendar). Table C. 4 shows that there is some age displacement across this boundary for both living and dead children. The distribution of living children and the total number of children shows a deficit in 2000 and an excess in 1999, as denoted by the calendar year ratios. A similar excess is seen in 2001. The deficit in 2000 can be attributed to the transference of births by interviewers out of the period for which health data were collected. Transference is proportionally higher for dead children than living children, and this displacement may affect mortality rates. The excess in 2001 is, however, puzzling. The transference of children and especially deceased children out of the five-year period preceding the survey is likely to underestimate the true level of childhood mortality for that period. The overall sex ratio of 108 is also higher than expected, indicating that there may be some underreporting of female births, especially female children who are no longer alive. The sex ratio for dead children is 125 compared with 104 for living children. The data also show heaping in 2001, although this is not as severe as in 1999.

Underreporting of deaths is usually assumed to be higher for deaths that occur very early in infancy. Omission of deaths or misclassification of deaths as stillbirths may also be more common among women who have had several children or in cases where death took place a long time ago. In order to assess the impact of omission on measures of child mortality, two indicators are used: the percentage of deaths that occurred under seven days to the number that occurred under one month and the percentage of neonatal to infant deaths. It is hypothesized that omission will be more prevalent among those who died immediately after birth than those who lived longer and that it will be more
serious for events that took place in the distant past rather than those in the more recent past. Table C. 5 shows data on age at death for early infant deaths. Selective underreporting of early neonatal deaths would result in an abnormally low ratio of deaths within the first seven days of life to all neonatal deaths. Early infant deaths have not been severely underreported in the Ethiopia DHS survey as suggested by the high ratio of deaths in the first seven days of life to all neonatal deaths. Table C. 6 shows the percentage of neonatal to infant deaths. Neonatal deaths are slightly lower than would be expected, suggesting that there may be some underreporting of deaths under one month but not in the first week of life.

Heaping of the age at death on certain digits is another problem that is inherent in most retrospective surveys. Misreporting of age at death biases age pattern estimates of mortality if the net result is the transference of deaths between age segments for which the rates are calculated; for example, child mortality may be overestimated relative to infant mortality if children who died in the first year of life are reported as having died at age one or older. In an effort to minimize misreporting of age at death, interviewers were instructed to record deaths under one month in days and under two years in months. In addition, they were trained to probe deaths reported at exactly 1 year or 12 months to ensure that they had actually occurred at 12 months. The distribution of deaths under 2 years during the 20 years prior to the survey by month of death shows that there is definite heaping at 6,12 , and 18 months of age with corresponding deficits in adjacent months (Table C.6). However, heaping is less pronounced for deaths in the five years preceding the survey, for which the most recent mortality rates are calculated.

In addition to recall errors for the more distant retrospective periods, there are structural reasons for limiting mortality estimation to recent periods, preferably to the $0-4,5-9$, and 10-14 years before the survey. In fact, except for the first period, the others are slightly biased estimates because they are based on the child mortality experience of women age 15-44 and 15-39, respectively, instead of women age 15-49 as in the period 0-4 years prior to the survey. Therefore, estimating mortality for the periods further than 10-15 years before the survey is not advisable.

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

Table 8.1 presents neonatal, postneonatal, infant, child, and under-five mortality rates for the three recent five-year periods before the survey. Neonatal mortality in the most recent period is 39 per 1,000 live births. This rate is similar to postneonatal deaths ( 38 per 1,000 live births) during the same period; that is, the risk of dying for any Ethiopian child who survived the first month of life is the same as in the remaining 11 months of the first year of life. Thus 50 percent of infant deaths in Ethiopia occur during the first month of life. A similar pattern was observed in the 2000 EDHS. The infant mortality rate in the five years preceding the survey is 77 and under-five mortality is 123 deaths per 1,000 live births for the same period. This means that one in every thirteen Ethiopian children dies before reaching age one, while one in every eight does not survive to the fifth birthday.

Table 8.1 Early childhood mortality rates
Neonatal, postneonatal, infant, child, and under-five mortality rates for five-year periods preceding the survey, Ethiopia 2005

| Years <br> preceding <br> the survey | Neonatal <br> mortality <br> $(N N)$ | Postneonatal <br> mortality <br> $(P N N)^{1}$ | Infant <br> mortality <br> $\left({ }_{1} q_{0}\right)$ | Child <br> mortality <br> $\left({ }_{4} q_{0}\right)$ | Under-five <br> mortality <br> $\left({ }_{5} q_{0}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-4$ | 39 | 38 | 77 | 50 | 123 |
| $5-9$ | 42 | 42 | 83 | 63 | 141 |
| $10-14$ | 46 | 49 | 95 | 77 | 165 |

${ }^{1}$ Computed as the difference between infant and neonatal mortality rates

Mortality trends can be examined in two ways: by comparing mortality rates for three fiveyear periods preceding a single survey and by comparing mortality estimates obtained from various surveys. However, these comparisons should be interpreted with caution because quality of data, time references and sample coverage varies. In particular, sampling errors associated with mortality estimates are large and should be taken into account when examining trends between surveys.

Data from the 2005 EDHS show that infant mortality has declined by 19 percent over the 15 year period preceding the survey from 95 deaths per 1,000 live births to 77 . Under-five mortality has gone down by 25 percent from 165 deaths per 1,000 live births to 123 . The corresponding decline in neonatal and postneonatal mortality over the 15 -year period are 15 percent and 22 percent, respectively.

Mortality trends can also be examined by comparing data from the 2005 EDHS with data from the 2000 EDHS. Infant and under-five mortality rates obtained for the five years preceding the two surveys confirm a declining trend in mortality. Under-five mortality declined from 166 deaths per 1,000 live births in the 2000 survey to 123 , while infant mortality declined from 97 deaths per 1,000 live births in the 2000 survey to 77 for the 2005 survey (Figure 8.1). However, data from the 2005 survey for the same period (1996-2000) show lower mortality, indicating a potential underestimate of mortality in the 2001-2005 period. The data also show a ten-point decline in neonatal and postneonatal mortality between the two surveys over the same period.

Figure 8.1 Early Childhood Mortality Rates for the Period 0-4 Years Preceding the Survey, 2000 and 2005


### 8.3 Socioeconomic Differentials in Childhood Mortality

To minimize sampling errors associated with mortality estimates and to ensure a sufficient number of cases for statistical reliability, the mortality rates shown in Tables 8.2 and 8.3 are calculated for a ten-year period. Table 8.2 shows differentials in childhood mortality by four socioeconomic variables: place of residence, region, mother's education, and wealth quintile.

From the table it is apparent that infant and child survival is influenced by the socioeconomic characteristics of mothers. Mortality in urban areas is consistently lower than in rural areas. For example, infant mortality in urban areas is 66 deaths per 1,000 live births compared with 81 deaths
per 1,000 live births in rural areas. The urban-rural difference is even more pronounced in the case of child mortality. Wide regional differentials in infant and under-five mortality are observed. For example, under-five mortality ranges from a low of 72 per 1,000 live births in Addis Ababa to a high of 157 per 1,000 live births in Benishangul-Gumuz. Under-five mortality is also relatively higher in Amhara and Gambela.

As expected, mother's education is inversely related to a child's risk of dying. Under-five mortality among children born to mothers with no education ( 139 per 1,000 live births) is more than twice that of children born to mothers with secondary and higher level of education ( 54 per 1,000 live births). The beneficial effect of educating mothers is obvious for all childhood mortality rates. With respect to wealth and mortality, the relationship is not consistent, although children born to mothers in the highest wealth quintile clearly are at much lower risk of dying than children born to mothers in the other quintiles.

| Table 8.2 Early childhood mortality rates by socioeconomic characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Neonatal, postneonatal, infant, child, and under-five mortality rates for the 10-year period preceding the survey, by background characteristic, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Neonatal mortality (NN) | Postneonatal mortality $(\mathrm{PNN})^{1}$ | Infant mortality $\left({ }_{1} q_{0}\right)$ | Child mortality $\left(4 q_{0}\right)$ | Under-five mortality $\left({ }_{5} q_{0}\right)$ |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 35 | 32 | 66 | 34 | 98 |
| Rural | 41 | 40 | 81 | 58 | 135 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 40 | 26 | 67 | 42 | 106 |
| Affar | 33 | 28 | 61 | 66 | 123 |
| Amhara | 50 | 44 | 94 | 66 | 154 |
| Oromiya | 40 | 36 | 76 | 51 | 122 |
| Somali | 27 | 30 | 57 | 39 | 93 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 44 | 40 | 84 | 80 | 157 |
| SNNP | 36 | 49 | 85 | 63 | 142 |
| Gambela | 42 | 51 | 92 | 70 | 156 |
| Harari | 35 | 30 | 66 | 40 | 103 |
| Addis Ababa | 23 | 22 | 45 | 28 | 72 |
| Dire Dawa | 29 | 42 | 71 | 70 | 136 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 41 | 42 | 83 | 62 | 139 |
| Primary | 45 | 34 | 78 | 35 | 111 |
| Secondary and higher | 21 | 16 | 37 | 18 | 54 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 39 | 41 | 80 | 54 | 130 |
| Second | 38 | 47 | 86 | 64 | 144 |
| Middle | 47 | 38 | 86 | 63 | 144 |
| Fourth | 45 | 39 | 84 | 60 | 139 |
| Highest | 30 | 30 | 60 | 34 | 92 |
| Total | 41 | 40 | 80 | 56 | 132 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Computed as the difference between infant and neonatal mortality rates |  |  |  |  |  |

### 8.4 Demographic Differentials in Mortality

Infant and child mortality is influenced to a considerable extent by the demographic characteristics of mothers and children including the sex of the child, mother's age at birth, birth order, length of the previous birth interval, and the size of the child at birth. The relationship between these demographic characteristics and mortality is shown in Table 8.3 and Figure 8.2. Male children in general experience higher mortality than female children. The gender difference is especially pronounced for infant mortality, where 1 in 11 boys dies before his first birthday, compared with 1 in 14 girls.

Table 8.3 Early childhood mortality rates by demographic characteristics
Neonatal, postneonatal, infant, child, and under-five mortality rates for the 10-year period preceding the survey, by demographic characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Demographic characteristic | Neonatal mortality ( NN ) | Postneonatal mortality $(\mathrm{PNN})^{1}$ | Infant mortality $\left({ }_{1} q_{0}\right)$ | Child mortality $\left(4 \mathrm{~g}_{0}\right)$ | Under-five mortality $\left({ }_{5} \mathrm{q}_{0}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Child's sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 48 | 43 | 91 | 56 | 142 |
| Female | 33 | 37 | 70 | 56 | 122 |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 57 | 48 | 106 | 62 | 161 |
| 20-29 | 38 | 37 | 75 | 54 | 124 |
| 30-39 | 34 | 38 | 72 | 56 | 124 |
| 40-49 | 50 | 46 | 96 | 63 | 153 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 52 | 45 | 97 | 50 | 142 |
| 2-3 | 32 | 39 | 71 | 53 | 120 |
| 4-6 | 39 | 37 | 76 | 57 | 128 |
| 7+ | 47 | 42 | 89 | 67 | 149 |
| Previous birth interval ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<2$ years | 68 | 66 | 134 | 85 | 208 |
| 2 years | 32 | 30 | 62 | 53 | 112 |
| 3 years | 24 | 27 | 51 | 43 | 92 |
| $4+$ years | 17 | 20 | 38 | 30 | 66 |
| Birth size ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Small/very small | 37 | 36 | 73 | na | na |
| Average or larger | 39 | 38 | 78 | na | na |

${ }^{1}$ Computed as the difference between infant and neonatal mortality rates
${ }^{2}$ Excludes first-order births
${ }^{3}$ Rates for the five-year period before the survey
na $=$ Not applicable

Figure 8.2 Under-Five Mortality by Selected Demographic Characteristics


Note: Rates are for the 10-year period preceding the survey.

As expected, the relationship between maternal age at birth and childhood mortality is generally U-shaped, being relatively higher among children born to mothers under age 20 and over age 40 than among mothers in the middle age groups. This pattern is especially obvious in the case of infant and under-five mortality. In general, first births and births of order 7 and higher also suffer significantly higher rates of mortality than births of orders 2 through 6 . For example, 1 in 10 first births did not survive to the first year, compared with 1 in 14 second and third order births. Short birth intervals also significantly reduce a child's chance of survival. For example, children born within two years of a preceding birth are more than three times as likely to die within the first year of life as children born three or more years after an older sibling.

Studies have shown that a child's birth weight is an important determinant of its survival chances. Since most births in Ethiopia occur at home where children are often not weighed at birth, data on birth weight is available for only a few children. However, mothers in the Ethiopia DHS survey were asked whether their child was very large, larger than average, average, smaller than average, or small at birth since this has been found to be a good proxy for the child's weight. The data show little variation in mortality by size of child at birth.

### 8.5 Perinatal Mortality

The 2005 Ethiopia DHS survey asked women to report on any pregnancy loss that occurred in the five years preceding the survey. For each pregnancy that did not end in a live birth, the duration of pregnancy was recorded. In this report, perinatal deaths include pregnancy losses of at least seven months' gestation (stillbirths) and deaths to live births within the first seven days of life (early neonatal deaths). The perinatal mortality rate is the sum of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths divided by the sum of all stillbirths and live births. Information on stillbirths and deaths to infants within the first week of life are highly susceptible to omission and misreporting. Nevertheless, retrospective surveys in developing countries provide more representative and accurate perinatal death rates than the vital registration systems and hospital-based studies in developing countries.

Table 8.4 shows that out of the 11,280 reported pregnancies of at least seven months' gestation reported during the five years preceding the survey, 117 were stillbirths and 303 were early neonatal deaths, yielding an overall perinatal mortality rate of 37 per 1,000 stillbirths and live births. Comparable data from the 2000 EDHS show that perinatal mortality has declined from 52 per 1,000 stillbirths and live births to its current level.

Perinatal mortality is significantly higher among women whose age at birth was under 20 years or 40-49 years. First pregnancies and pregnancies that occur after an interval of less than 15 months are much more likely than pregnancies that occur after longer intervals to end in a stillbirth or early neonatal death. Rural women are more likely to experience perinatal losses than urban women, as are women who reside in Amhara and (surprisingly) Addis Ababa. Educated mothers are less likely to experience pregnancy losses than uneducated mothers. Perinatal mortality is highest among women in the middle wealth quintile.

| Table 8.4 Perinatal mortality |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths, and the perinatal mortality rate for the five-year period preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Number of stillbirths ${ }^{1}$ | Number of early neonatal deaths ${ }^{2}$ | Perinatal mortality rate ${ }^{3}$ | Number of pregnancies of 7+ months duration |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 22 | 88 | 64 | 1,736 |
| 20-29 | 47 | 142 | 33 | 5,775 |
| 30-39 | 29 | 53 | 26 | 3,150 |
| 40-49 | 18 | 21 | 63 | 618 |
| Previous pregnancy interval in months |  |  |  |  |
| First pregnancy | 29 | 89 | 62 | 1,896 |
| <15 | 6 | 34 | 62 | 630 |
| 15-26 | 34 | 69 | 40 | 2,570 |
| 27-38 | 9 | 70 | 26 | 3,000 |
| $39+$ | 40 | 40 | 25 | 3,183 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7 | 30 | 45 | 822 |
| Rural | 110 | 273 | 37 | 10,458 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4 | 10 | 20 | 702 |
| Affar | 1 | 1 | 16 | 108 |
| Amhara | 64 | 85 | 56 | 2,685 |
| Oromiya | 22 | 130 | 34 | 4,433 |
| Somali | 2 | 12 | 30 | 480 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 2 | 3 | 42 | 107 |
| SNNP | 17 | 58 | 30 | 2,517 |
| Gambela | 0 | 1 | 24 | 31 |
| Harari | 0 | 0 | 25 | 22 |
| Addis Ababa | 5 | 3 | 48 | 158 |
| Dire Dawa | 0 | 1 | 24 | 38 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 110 | 233 | 38 | 8,947 |
| Primary | 5 | 59 | 34 | 1,860 |
| Secondary and higher | 3 | 11 | 29 | 473 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 11 | 43 | 22 | 2,451 |
| Second | 30 | 47 | 32 | 2,386 |
| Middle | 28 | 100 | 51 | 2,514 |
| Fourth | 29 | 64 | 42 | 2,251 |
| Highest | 18 | 48 | 40 | 1,678 |
| Total | 117 | 303 | 37 | 11,280 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Foetal deaths occurring in pregnancies of seven or more months duration <br> ${ }^{2}$ Deaths at age 0-6 days among live-born children. <br> ${ }^{3}$ The number of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths divided by the number of pregnancies of seven or more months duration. |  |  |  |  |

### 8.6 High-Risk Fertility Behaviour

The survival of infants and children depends in part on the demographic and biological characteristics of their mothers. Typically, the probability of dying in infancy is much greater among children born to mothers who are too young (under age 18) or too old (over age 34), children born after a short birth interval (less than 24 months after the preceding birth), and children born to mothers of high parity (more than three children). The risk is elevated when a child is born to a mother who has a combination of these risk characteristics.

The first column in Table 8.5 shows the percentage of births occurring in the five years before the survey that fall into the various risk categories. Two-thirds of births in Ethiopia are at an elevated risk of dying that is avoidable while 22 percent are in a "risk-free" category. First births, which make up 12 percent of births, are in the unavoidable risk category. Forty-one percent of births are in a single high-risk category and 25 percent in a multiple high-risk category. The most common single high-risk category is births of order 3 and higher ( 29 percent), while the most common multiple high-risk category is births to mothers older than 34 years and of birth order 3 and above ( 13 percent).

The risk ratios displayed in the second column of Table 8.5 denote the relationship between risk factors and mortality. In general, risk ratios are higher for children in a multiple highrisk category than in a single high-risk category. The most vulnerable births are those to two groups of women: births to women age 34 or older, with a birth interval less than 24 months and birth order of three or higher; and births at an interval less than 24 months and of birth order 3 and higher. These children are more than three times as likely to die as children not in any high-risk category. Two percent and 9 percent of births, respectively, fall into these two categories.

The last column of Table 8.5 shows the distribution of currently married women who have the potential for having a high-risk birth by category. This column is purely hypothetical and does not take into consideration the protection provided by family planning, postpartum insusceptibility, and prolonged abstinence. However, it provides an insight into the magnitude of highrisk births. More than one in four births (27 percent) is to women who are or would be too old, and have or would have too many children. A substantially higher proportion of women (49 percent) have the potential of having a birth in a multiple high-risk category than in a single high-risk category ( 32 percent).

Table 8.5 High-risk fertility behaviour
Percent distribution of children born in the five years preceding the survey by category of elevated risk of mortality and the risk ratio, and percent distribution of currently married women by category of risk if they were to conceive a child at the time of the survey, Ethiopia 2005

| Risk category | Births in the 5 years preceding the survey |  | Percentage of currently married women ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of births | Risk <br> ratio |  |
| Not in any high-risk category | 21.9 | 1.00 | $13.5^{\text {a }}$ |
| Unavoidable risk category |  |  |  |
| First-order births between ages 18 and 34 years | 11.9 | 1.85 | 5.5 |
| Single high-risk category |  |  |  |
| Mother's age <18 | 6.3 | 2.63 | 1.4 |
| Mother's age > 34 | 0.5 | 0.34 | 2.5 |
| Birth interval $<24$ months | 5.9 | 2.41 | 9.5 |
| Birth order $>3$ | 28.6 | 1.13 | 18.7 |
| Subtotal | 41.4 | 1.53 | 32.0 |
| Multiple high-risk category |  |  |  |
| Age $<18$ and birth interval |  |  |  |
| Age $>34$ and birth interval |  |  |  |
| Age $>34$ and birth order $>3$ | 13.1 | 1.43 | 26.7 |
| Age $>34$ and birth interval $<24$ months and birth order >3 | 2.0 | 3.21 | 7.1 |
| Birth interval $<24$ months and birth order $>3$ | 8.9 | 3.19 | 14.5 |
| Subtotal | 24.9 | 2.22 | 49.0 |
| In any avoidable high-risk category | 66.3 | 1.79 | 81.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | na | 100.0 |
| Number | 11,163 | na | 9,066 |

Note: Risk ratio is the ratio of the proportion dead among births in a specific high-risk category to the proportion dead among births not in any high-risk category. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Women are assigned to risk categories according to the status they would have at the birth of a child if they were to conceive at the time of the survey: current age less than 17 years and 3 months or older than 34 years and 2 months, latest birth less than 15 months ago, or latest birth being of order 3 or higher.
${ }^{2}$ Includes the category age $<18$ and birth order $>3$
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Includes sterilised women
na $=$ Not applicable

The health care that a mother receives during pregnancy, at the time of delivery and soon after delivery is important for the survival and well-being of both the mother and the child. This chapter presents findings on several areas of importance to maternal health: antenatal, delivery, and postnatal care; problems in accessing health care and awareness and attitudes concerning tuberculosis. These findings are important to policymakers and programme implementers in formulating programmes and policies and in designing appropriate strategies and interventions to improve maternal and child health care services.

### 9.1 ANTENATAL CARE

Antenatal care (ANC) coverage can be described according to the type of provider, number of ANC visits, and stage of pregnancy at the time of the first visit, as well as content of services and information provided during ANC. In the 2005 EDHS information on ANC coverage was obtained from women who had a birth in the five years preceding the survey. For women with two or more live births during the five-year period, data refer to the most recent birth only.

Table 9.1 shows the percent distribution of mothers in the five years preceding the survey by source of antenatal care received during pregnancy, according to selected characteristics. Women were asked to report on all persons seen for antenatal care for the last birth. However, for the purpose of presenting the results, if a woman was seen by more than one provider, only the provider with the highest qualification is considered.

Twenty-eight percent of mothers received antenatal care from health professionals (doctor, nurse, midwife) for their most recent birth in the five years preceding the survey, and less than 1 percent of mothers received antenatal care from a traditional birth attendant (trained or untrained). More than seven in ten mothers ( 72 percent) received no antenatal care for births in the preceding five years.

Differences in antenatal care by women's age at birth are not large. Differences by birth order however are more pronounced. Mothers are more likely to receive care from a health professional for first births ( 34 percent) than for births of order six and higher (22 percent).

There are large differences in the use of antenatal care services between urban and rural women. In urban areas, health professionals provide antenatal care for 69 percent of mothers, whereas they provide care for only 24 percent of mothers in rural areas. It is important to note that three in four mothers in rural areas, receive no antenatal care at all.

Regional differences in the source of antenatal care are quite significant; 88 percent of mothers in Addis Ababa received antenatal care from a health professional, compared with less than one in ten mothers in the Somali Region.

The use of antenatal care services is strongly related to the mother's level of education. Women with at least secondary education are more likely to receive antenatal care from a health professional (81 percent) than women with primary education (39 percent) and those with no education ( 22 percent). There is also a positive relationship between increasing wealth and receiving antenatal care from a health professional, with women in the highest wealth quintile nearly five times more likely to receive antenatal care from a health professional than women in the lowest wealth quintile.

| Table 9.1 Antenatal care |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women who had a live birth in the five years preceding the survey by antenatal care (ANC) provider during pregnancy for the most recent birth, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Health professional | Trained traditional birth attendant | Traditional birth attendant/ other | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \text { one } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Missing | Total | Number of women |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 27.3 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 71.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 994 |
| 20-34 | 29.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 70.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4,923 |
| 35-49 | 22.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 76.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,391 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 34.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 64.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,190 |
| 2-3 | 31.1 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 67.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,089 |
| 4-5 | 25.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 73.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,692 |
| 6+ | 22.4 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 76.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,336 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 68.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 30.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 634 |
| Rural | 23.7 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 75.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 6,674 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 35.3 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 62.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 480 |
| Affar | 15.0 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 83.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 68 |
| Amhara | 26.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 73.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,856 |
| Oromiya | 24.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 74.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,723 |
| Somali | 7.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 92.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 288 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 24.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 74.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 69 |
| SNNP | 30.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 68.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,632 |
| Gambela | 36.6 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 61.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 23 |
| Harari | 40.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 58.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 88.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 129 |
| Dire Dawa | 52.9 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 45.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 25 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 21.7 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 77.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,734 |
| Primary | 39.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 60.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,205 |
| Secondary and higher | 80.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 18.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 368 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.7 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 86.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,520 |
| Second | 18.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 80.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,553 |
| Middle | 25.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 74.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,586 |
| Fourth | 30.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 68.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,451 |
| Highest | 58.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 41.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,196 |
| Total | 27.6 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 71.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 7,307 |

Note: If more than one source of ANC was mentioned, only the provider with the highest qualifications is considered in this tabulation.

There has been little improvement over the past five years in the proportion of mothers who receive antenatal care from a health professional, increasing from 27 percent in 2000 to 28 percent in 2005. However, there seems to have been a shift in the regional pattern of antenatal care coverage. The proportions of women receiving professional antenatal care increased over the past five years in Amhara and Addis Ababa. On the other hand, use of professional antenatal care declined over the past five years in Affar, Somali, Gambela, Harari and Dire Dawa, with the greatest decline seen in the Somali Region. There was little change in the other regions.

## Number and Timing of Antenatal Visits

Antenatal care is more beneficial in preventing adverse pregnancy outcomes when it is sought early in the pregnancy and is continued through to delivery. Health professionals recommend that the first antenatal visit should occur within the first three months of pregnancy and continue on a monthly basis through the 28 th week of pregnancy and fortnightly up to the 36 th week (or until birth). If the
first antenatal visit is made at the third month of pregnancy and as regularly as recommended, there would be a total of at least 12 to 13 antenatal visits. Under normal circumstances, WHO recommends that a woman without complications have at least four ANC visits to provide sufficient care. It is possible during these visits to detect health problems associated with a pregnancy. In the event of any complications, more frequent visits are advisable and admission to a health facility may be necessary.

Table 9.2 shows that slightly more than one in ten ( 12 percent) women make four or more antenatal care visits during their entire pregnancy. There is marked variation between women residing in urban areas ( 55 percent) and those in rural areas ( 8 percent).

Only 6 percent of women make their first antenatal care visit before the fourth month of pregnancy. The median duration of pregnancy for the first antenatal care visit is 5.6 months. This indicates that in Ethiopia women start antenatal care at a relatively late stage of their pregnancy. The median duration of pregnancy for the first antenatal care visit is 4.2 months for urban women compared with 6.0 for rural women. There was little change in the timing of the first visit over the past five years.

## Components of Antenatal Care

The content of antenatal care is important in assessing the quality of antenatal care services. Pregnancy complications are an important source of maternal and child morbidity and mortality, and thus teaching pregnant women about the danger signs associated with pregnancy and the appropriate

| Percent distribution of women who had a live birth in the five years preceding the survey by number of antenatal care (ANC) visits for the most recent birth, and by the timing of the first visit according to residence, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Residence |  | Total |
| Number and timing of ANC visits | Urban | Rural |  |
| Number of ANC visits |  |  |  |
| None | 30.1 | 75.4 | 71.5 |
| 1 | 2.9 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| 2-3 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 11.3 |
| 4+ | 54.5 | 8.1 | 12.2 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of months pregnant at time of first ANC visit |  |  |  |
| No antenatal care | 30.1 | 75.4 | 71.5 |
| <4 | 32.4 | 3.9 | 6.4 |
| 4-5 | 25.0 | 8.2 | 9.7 |
| 6-7 | 10.7 | 8.9 | 9.1 |
| 8+ | 1.4 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Median months pregnant at first visit (for those with ANC) | 4.2 | 6.0 | 5.6 |
| Number of women | 634 | 6,674 | 7,307 | action to take are essential components of antenatal care. Table 9.3 presents information on the percentage of women who took iron tablets and intestinal parasite drugs during their last pregnancy in the five years preceding the survey. The table also shows the percentage of women who were informed about the signs of pregnancy complications and the percentage who received routine antenatal care services among women receiving ANC.

Among women with a live birth in the past five years, 10 percent took iron tablets while pregnant with the last birth. There are few variations by age at birth and birth order. However, there are substantial variations by place of residence, region, education and wealth quintile, with urban women, women in Harari and Addis Ababa, and better educated and wealthier women much more likely to have taken iron supplements.

Only 4 percent of women took intestinal parasite drugs during their pregnancy. Variations by background characteristics are small.

Thirty-one percent of mothers who received antenatal care reported that they were informed about pregnancy complications during their visits. Weight and blood pressure measurements were taken on 72 percent and 62 percent of mothers, respectively. About one-quarter of mothers gave urine and blood samples.

## Table 9.3 Components of antenatal care

Among women with a live birth in the five years preceding the survey, the percentage who took iron tablets or syrup and drugs for intestinal parasites during the pregnancy for the most recent birth, and among women receiving antenatal care for the most recent live birth in the five years preceding the survey, the percentage receiving specific antenatal services, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Among women with a live birth in the past five years, the percentage who during the pregnancy for their last birth |  |  | Among women who received antenatal care for their most recent birth in the past five years, the percentage receiving specific services: |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Took iron tablets | Took intestinal parasite drugs | Number of women | Informed of signs of pregnancy complications | Weighed | Blood pressure measured | Urine sample taken | Blood sample taken | Number of women |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<20$ | 9.7 | 3.9 | 994 | 28.2 | 71.1 | 56.2 | 22.8 | 27.0 | 282 |
| 20-34 | 10.6 | 4.0 | 4,923 | 32.0 | 72.3 | 63.8 | 27.2 | 26.2 | 1,472 |
| 35-49 | 10.4 | 4.0 | 1,391 | 31.7 | 69.8 | 58.1 | 26.5 | 25.1 | 323 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 9.8 | 3.1 | 1,190 | 34.9 | 73.4 | 61.0 | 32.4 | 30.1 | 422 |
| 2-3 | 10.6 | 3.4 | 2,089 | 32.8 | 74.2 | 65.8 | 31.8 | 30.3 | 671 |
| 4-5 | 9.6 | 5.0 | 1,692 | 28.0 | 69.4 | 60.3 | 19.9 | 21.9 | 448 |
| $6+$ | 11.3 | 4.3 | 2,336 | 29.8 | 69.1 | 59.0 | 20.7 | 21.5 | 536 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.1 | 5.3 | 634 | 51.8 | 91.4 | 84.8 | 64.6 | 59.0 | 442 |
| Rural | 9.5 | 3.9 | 6,674 | 25.9 | 66.4 | 55.7 | 16.2 | 17.3 | 1,634 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 12.2 | 1.8 | 480 | 40.8 | 84.1 | 79.9 | 21.4 | 30.8 | 180 |
| Affar | 9.4 | 5.2 | 68 | 29.7 | 66.7 | 65.3 | 44.5 | 39.9 | 12 |
| Amhara | 8.4 | 1.5 | 1,856 | 31.9 | 56.3 | 40.8 | 20.0 | 16.3 | 500 |
| Oromiya | 10.3 | 5.3 | 2,723 | 26.1 | 71.5 | 62.0 | 26.0 | 26.3 | 690 |
| Somali | 8.3 | 3.3 | 288 | (52.8) | (87.3) | (86.6) | (80.7) | (67.4) | 22 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 7.5 | 3.9 | 69 | 23.5 | 60.7 | 43.4 | 16.8 | 15.3 | 17 |
| SNNP | 12.0 | 5.0 | 1,632 | 26.8 | 76.0 | 67.6 | 16.0 | 16.1 | 513 |
| Gambela | 17.0 | 7.2 | 23 | 28.7 | 70.0 | 58.4 | 23.2 | 21.1 | 9 |
| Harari | 20.1 | 5.4 | 15 | 58.5 | 93.4 | 81.0 | 77.6 | 68.0 | 6 |
| Addis Ababa | 20.3 | 8.8 | 129 | 62.8 | 97.6 | 93.8 | 95.1 | 92.0 | 114 |
| Dire Dawa | 12.5 | 3.6 | 25 | 35.9 | 90.2 | 83.1 | 68.6 | 64.8 | 13 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 9.4 | 3.6 | 5,734 | 25.1 | 65.2 | 53.6 | 17.6 | 18.0 | 1,296 |
| Primary | 11.6 | 5.0 | 1,205 | 33.5 | 77.0 | 68.3 | 26.6 | 30.5 | 481 |
| Secondary and higher | 22.8 | 6.2 | 368 | 55.6 | 91.4 | 87.4 | 64.7 | 54.7 | 299 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.1 | 2.7 | 1,520 | 23.5 | 57.3 | 51.9 | 14.4 | 18.0 | 207 |
| Second | 8.5 | 3.8 | 1,553 | 23.5 | 70.3 | 55.8 | 13.5 | 14.5 | 302 |
| Middle | 10.5 | 3.3 | 1,586 | 23.7 | 65.4 | 52.3 | 14.1 | 17.0 | 411 |
| Fourth | 11.1 | 5.0 | 1,451 | 27.9 | 65.6 | 54.9 | 16.4 | 14.1 | 451 |
| Highest | 17.4 | 5.7 | 1,196 | 43.9 | 84.1 | 77.5 | 49.3 | 46.7 | 705 |
| Total | 10.4 | 4.0 | 7,307 | 31.4 | 71.7 | 61.9 | 26.5 | 26.2 | 2,076 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

The quality of antenatal care is particularly affected by mother's education, mother's wealth, residence and region. For example, women with secondary or higher education, women in the highest wealth quintile and urban women are twice as likely as women with no education, women in the lowest wealth quintile and rural women to be informed about pregnancy complications. Regional variations in the proportion of women who were informed about pregnancy complications during ANC visits are marked, ranging from a high of 63 percent among women in Addis Ababa to a low of 24 percent in Benishangul-Gumuz. Similar patterns are observed for the other routine tests and procedures.

There has been a small increase in the percentage of women who have received the various components of antenatal care over the past five years. For example, 31 percent of women with a birth in the five years preceding the survey in 2005 were informed of the signs of pregnancy complications compared with 27 percent in 2000.

## Tetanus Toxoid Vaccination

Tetanus toxoid injections are given during pregnancy for the prevention of neonatal tetanus, a major cause of death among infants. For full protection, a pregnant woman should receive at least two doses during each pregnancy. If a woman has been vaccinated during a previous pregnancy, however, she may only require one dose for the current pregnancy. Five doses are considered to provide lifetime protection. Table 9.4 presents the percent distribution of women who had a live birth in the five years preceding the survey by whether the last birth was protected against neonatal tetanus.

| Table 9.4 Tetanus toxoid injections |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women who had a live birth in the five years preceding the survey by whether the last birth was protected against neonatal tetanus and by number of injections, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Protected |  |  |  | Not protected |  |  | Don't know/ missing | Total | Number of women |
|  | Two or more injections | One plus one additional injection in the 10 years prior to the pregnancy | None, but at least 5 lifetime TT injections | Total protected | One and no TT injection in the 10 years prior to the pregnancy | None, less than 5 lifetime TT injections | Total not protected |  |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 28.1 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 30.6 | 7.3 | 61.3 | 68.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 994 |
| 20-34 | 29.6 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 33.9 | 6.1 | 58.5 | 64.7 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 4,923 |
| 35-49 | 22.5 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 27.3 | 4.4 | 65.0 | 69.4 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 1,391 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 32.0 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 34.6 | 8.2 | 56.0 | 64.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,190 |
| 2-3 | 31.2 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 35.6 | 6.6 | 56.1 | 62.7 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 2,089 |
| 4-5 | 27.5 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 31.8 | 5.0 | 61.8 | 66.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,692 |
| 6+ | 23.6 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 28.2 | 4.9 | 64.6 | 69.5 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 2,336 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 51.9 | 5.1 | 3.5 | 60.5 | 7.8 | 28.7 | 36.5 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 634 |
| Rural | 25.8 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 29.5 | 5.8 | 63.1 | 68.9 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 6,674 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 28.9 | 4.3 | 6.6 | 39.8 | 5.7 | 52.2 | 57.9 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 480 |
| Affar | 10.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.9 | 4.5 | 78.5 | 83.0 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 68 |
| Amhara | 24.6 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 29.8 | 6.6 | 61.1 | 67.7 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,856 |
| Oromiya | 28.4 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 31.1 | 5.1 | 62.8 | 67.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 2,723 |
| Somali | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 9.4 | 1.3 | 87.4 | 88.8 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 288 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 18.2 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 20.5 | 4.7 | 70.8 | 75.5 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 69 |
| SNNP | 33.0 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 36.9 | 7.4 | 54.6 | 62.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,632 |
| Gambela | 22.7 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 24.2 | 5.8 | 66.4 | 72.1 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 23 |
| Harari | 33.0 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 37.8 | 3.7 | 55.9 | 59.5 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 57.7 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 67.7 | 10.0 | 15.9 | 25.9 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 129 |
| Dire Dawa | 49.8 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 51.7 | 3.4 | 42.3 | 45.7 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 25 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 23.5 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 27.2 | 5.6 | 65.5 | 71.2 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 5,734 |
| Primary | 40.3 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 44.6 | 6.8 | 47.1 | 53.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 1,205 |
| Secondary and higher | 58.8 | 7.0 | 4.1 | 70.0 | 8.7 | 18.5 | 27.3 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 368 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.5 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 20.2 | 3.9 | 73.9 | 77.7 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 1,520 |
| Second | 22.2 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 25.8 | 6.6 | 66.2 | 72.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,553 |
| Middle | 26.3 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 29.4 | 7.0 | 62.5 | 69.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,586 |
| Fourth | 31.0 | 3.9 | 1.3 | 36.2 | 5.1 | 56.7 | 61.8 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1,451 |
| Highest | 47.7 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 54.7 | 7.5 | 35.9 | 43.4 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 1,196 |
| Total | 28.0 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 32.2 | 6.0 | 60.1 | 66.1 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 7,307 |

Last births were protected against neonatal tetanus for only 32 percent of women. Most of these women ( 28 percent) had received two or more tetanus toxoid injections while pregnant with the last birth. This indicates that births to women in Ethiopia are not routinely protected against neonatal tetanus.

Births to relatively younger mothers age 20-34 years and lower order births ( 3 and below) are slightly more likely to be protected against tetanus than births to older mothers and higher order births. Twice as many births in urban areas ( 61 percent) as in rural areas ( 30 percent) are protected against tetanus. The proportion of births protected against tetanus varies substantially by region. Tetanus toxoid coverage is highest among mothers in Addis Ababa (68 percent) and lowest among mothers in the Somali and Affar regions ( 9 percent and 11 percent, respectively). There are marked differences by education and wealth index in the proportion of births protected against tetanus.

Despite the low overall coverage, there is evidence of improvement over time. The percentage of women who received two or more tetanus injections during the pregnancy leading to their most recent birth increased from 17 percent in 2000 to 28 percent in 2005.

### 9.2 Delivery Care

Proper medical attention and hygienic conditions during delivery can reduce the risk of complications and infections that may cause the death or serious illness of the mother and the baby or both. Hence, an important component in the effort to reduce the health risks of mothers and children is to increase the proportion of babies delivered in a safe and clean environment and under the supervision of health professionals. Data on delivery care were obtained for all births that occurred in the five years preceding the survey. Table 9.5 presents the percent distribution of live births in the five years preceding the survey by place of delivery, according to background characteristics.

An overwhelming majority of births ( 94 percent) in the five years before the survey were delivered at home. Five percent of births were delivered in a public facility and less than 1 percent of births were delivered in a private facility. Delivery in a health facility is more common among younger mothers (age less than 35), mothers with first order births, and mothers who have had at least 4 antenatal visits. Children born in urban areas are 20 times more likely to be delivered in a health facility than children born in rural areas. The proportion of births delivered in a health facility is generally low in most of the regions ( 6 percent or less) with the exception of the Gambela and Harari regions and in Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa. In these four areas, the proportion of births delivered in a health facility ranges from 15 percent in the Gambela Region to 79 percent in Addis Ababa. There is also a strong association between mother's education and place of delivery. The proportion of births delivered in a health facility is only 2 percent among uneducated mothers, compared with 52 percent among mothers with secondary and higher education. Not surprisingly, deliveries in a private health facility are most common among educated women residing in Addis Ababa.

There has been no change in the proportion of births taking place in health facilities over the past five years. Data from the 2000 EDHS show that 5 percent of births took place in a health facility.

| Percent distribution of live births in the five years preceding the survey by place of delivery, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Healt | acility |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Public sector | Private sector | Home | Other | Missing | Total | Number of births |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 93.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,715 |
| 20-34 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 93.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 7,702 |
| 35-49 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 95.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,746 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 12.2 | 0.9 | 86.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,933 |
| 2-3 | 5.3 | 0.5 | 93.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,351 |
| 4-5 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 96.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,620 |
| 6+ | 1.8 | 0.4 | 97.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,259 |
| Antenatal care visits ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 1.6 | 0.2 | 97.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5,225 |
| 1-3 | 7.1 | 1.2 | 91.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,164 |
| 4+ | 28.4 | 2.2 | 69.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 888 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 39.5 | 2.9 | 56.9 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 815 |
| Rural | 2.0 | 0.3 | 97.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 10,348 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 6.1 | 0.0 | 93.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 698 |
| Affar | 3.9 | 0.0 | 95.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 107 |
| Amhara | 3.5 | 0.0 | 96.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,621 |
| Oromiya | 3.7 | 0.6 | 95.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4,411 |
| Somali | 4.6 | 0.4 | 93.9 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 477 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 4.7 | 0.0 | 80.7 | 13.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 105 |
| SNNP | 3.3 | 0.4 | 95.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,500 |
| Gambela | 13.2 | 2.0 | 81.1 | 3.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 31 |
| Harari | 31.1 | 0.4 | 66.5 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 22 |
| Addis Ababa | 67.5 | 11.0 | 21.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 153 |
| Dire Dawa | 24.5 | 1.4 | 74.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 37 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 2.1 | 0.1 | 97.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 8,838 |
| Primary | 6.9 | 1.1 | 91.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,855 |
| Secondary and higher | 47.0 | 4.6 | 47.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 470 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.5 | 0.1 | 98.3 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,440 |
| Second | 1.2 | 0.0 | 98.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,356 |
| Middle | 1.8 | 0.1 | 97.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,486 |
| Fourth | 3.2 | 0.9 | 95.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,222 |
| Highest | 22.8 | 1.8 | 74.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,660 |
| Total | 4.8 | 0.5 | 94.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 11,163 |
| Note: Total includes 47 births missing information on antenatal care visits not shown separately. ${ }^{1}$ Includes only the most recent birth in the five years preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Assistance during Delivery

Obstetric care from a trained provider during delivery is recognized as critical for the reduction of maternal and neonatal mortality. Births delivered at home are usually more likely to be delivered without assistance from a health professional, whereas births delivered at a health facility are more likely to be delivered by a trained health professional. Table 9.6 shows the type of assistance during delivery by selected background characteristics. Only 6 percent of births are delivered with the assistance of a trained health professional, that is, a doctor, nurse, or midwife, and 28 percent are delivered by a traditional birth attendant. The majority of births are attended by a relative or some other person ( 61 percent). Five percent of all births are delivered without any type of assistance at all.

| Table 9.6 Assistance during delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of live births in the five years preceding the survey by person providing assistance during delivery and percent delivered by caesarean-section, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Person providing assistance during delivery |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage delivered by C-section | Number of births |
| Background characteristic | Health professional | $\qquad$ | Relative/ other | No one | Don't know/ missing | Total |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 6.9 | 31.8 | 58.5 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 1,715 |
| 20-34 | 5.8 | 28.3 | 60.5 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 7,702 |
| 35-49 | 3.8 | 23.9 | 62.8 | 9.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 1,746 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 13.7 | 27.8 | 55.9 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 1,933 |
| 2-3 | 6.6 | 26.7 | 62.9 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 3,351 |
| 4-5 | 2.7 | 29.5 | 61.0 | 6.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 2,620 |
| 6+ | 2.4 | 28.6 | 60.4 | 8.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 3,259 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 97.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 18.8 | 589 |
| Elsewhere | 0.6 | 29.6 | 63.8 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 10,574 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 44.6 | 22.9 | 30.6 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 815 |
| Rural | 2.6 | 28.5 | 62.9 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 10,348 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 6.0 | 13.8 | 79.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 698 |
| Affar | 4.5 | 42.5 | 50.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 107 |
| Amhara | 3.7 | 29.6 | 64.6 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 2,621 |
| Oromiya | 4.8 | 32.5 | 57.7 | 4.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 4,411 |
| Somali | 5.2 | 71.6 | 20.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 477 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 5.1 | 20.4 | 49.8 | 23.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 105 |
| SNNP | 4.2 | 14.8 | 68.6 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 2,500 |
| Gambela | 15.3 | 19.3 | 54.5 | 10.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 31 |
| Harari | 31.4 | 61.5 | 5.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 22 |
| Addis Ababa | 78.8 | 4.2 | 16.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 16.0 | 153 |
| Dire Dawa | 26.7 | 72.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 37 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 2.3 | 29.4 | 62.0 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 8,838 |
| Primary | 8.5 | 25.5 | 62.1 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 1,855 |
| Secondary and higher | 57.7 | 14.2 | 26.3 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 470 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.7 | 36.8 | 55.2 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 2,440 |
| Second | 1.3 | 27.5 | 64.9 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 2,356 |
| Middle | 1.9 | 26.8 | 66.7 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 2,486 |
| Fourth | 4.5 | 25.4 | 65.2 | 4.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 2,222 |
| Highest | 26.6 | 21.9 | 46.6 | 4.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 1,660 |
| Total | 5.7 | 28.1 | 60.5 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 11,163 |

Note: If the respondent mentioned more than one person attending during delivery, only the most qualified person is considered in this tabulation.

Births to young mothers (less than 35 years) and first births are more likely to be assisted by trained health professionals.

Nearly one in two births ( 45 percent) in urban areas was assisted by a trained health professional, compared with only 3 percent of births in rural areas. Additionally, 63 percent of births to women in rural areas were delivered with the help of a relative or some other person, compared with 31 percent of births to women residing in urban areas. In most regions, the proportion of births assisted by a trained health professional is quite low (less than 10 percent). However, about one in seven births in Gambela, one in four births in Dire Dawa, one in three births in Harari, and nearly four in five births in Addis Ababa are delivered by a trained health professional.

As expected, mother's education has a positive relationship with delivery care. Births to women with primary education are almost four times ( 9 percent) more likely and births to women with secondary or higher education are 25 times ( 58 percent) more likely to receive delivery assistance from a health professional than births to women with no education (2 percent). Similarly, assistance by a trained health professional varies by economic status of women. Births to women in the highest wealth quintile are much more likely to be assisted by a trained health professional (27 percent) than births to women in the lowest wealth quintile (1 percent).

Table 9.6 shows that deliveries by caesarean section are not common in Ethiopia. If they do occur, they are mostly among highly educated women (13 percent), urban women ( 9 percent), and women in Addis Ababa (16 percent).

### 9.3 Postnatal Care

A large proportion of maternal and neonatal deaths occur during the 48 hours after delivery. Thus, postnatal care is important for both the mother and the child to treat complications arising from the delivery, as well as to provide the mother with important information on how to care for herself and her child. Safe motherhood programmes have recently increased emphasis on the importance of postnatal care, recommending that all women receive a check on their health within two days of delivery. To assess the extent of postnatal care utilization, respondents were asked for the last birth in the five years preceding the survey whether they had received a health check after the delivery, the timing of the first check, and the type of health provider. This information is presented according to background characteristics in Table 9.7.

According to data collected in the 2005 EDHS, postnatal care coverage is extremely low in Ethiopia. More than nine in ten mothers received no postnatal care at all and only 5 percent received postnatal care within the critical first two days after the delivery.

There are no marked variations by mother's age in the utilization of postnatal care services within the first two days of birth. A higher percentage of mothers who delivered for the first time than mothers with two or more children received postnatal care within the first two days.

Thirty-one percent of mothers in urban areas received postnatal care within two days of the birth compared with 2 percent of mothers in rural areas. The utilization of timely postnatal care ranges from a low of 3 percent of mothers in the Somali Region to a high of 49 percent in Addis Ababa.

Similarly, mother's education seems to influence the utilization of postnatal care. Two percent of mothers with no education received timely postnatal care, compared with 41 percent of mothers with at least some secondary education. There are significant differences between women in the receipt of postnatal care within two days by wealth quintile, with only 1 percent of women in the lowest wealth quintile receiving timely postnatal care compared with 20 percent of women in the highest wealth quintile.

Table 9.7 presents information on the type of postnatal care providers by mother's background characteristics. Health professionals provided postnatal care for 6 percent of mothers. About 1 percent of mothers received postnatal care from traditional birth attendants. Health professionals are more likely to provide postnatal care to mothers of first order births, mothers with at least some secondary education, and mothers to the wealthiest households. Likewise, mothers in urban areas and those in Addis Ababa are more likely to have received postnatal care from a health professional.

| Table 9.7 Timing and type of provider of first postnatal checkup |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among women giving birth in the five years preceding the survey, the percent distribution by time after delivery and type of provider of the mother's first postnatal health checkup for the last live birth, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Time after delivery of mother's first postnatal checkup |  |  |  |  | Type of health provider of mother's first postnatal checkup |  |  |  | No checkup | Total | Number of women |
| Background characteristic | Less than 4 hours | $\begin{gathered} 4-23 \\ \text { hours } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 2 days | $\begin{aligned} & 3-41 \\ & \text { days } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Don't } \\ & \text { know/ } \\ & \text { missing } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Health professional | Traditional birth attendant | Other | Don't know/ missing |  |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 5.9 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 93.4 | 100.0 | 994 |
| 20-34 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 93.2 | 100.0 | 4,923 |
| 35-49 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 95.7 | 100.0 | 1,391 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 11.4 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 87.6 | 100.0 | 1,190 |
| 2-3 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 92.4 | 100.0 | 2,089 |
| 4-5 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 95.8 | 100.0 | 1,692 |
| 6+ | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 96.6 | 100.0 | 2,336 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 18.3 | 9.9 | 2.7 | 5.3 | 0.9 | 36.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 62.9 | 100.0 | 634 |
| Rural | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 96.7 | 100.0 | 6,674 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.1 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 91.3 | 100.0 | 480 |
| Affar | 2.1 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 93.9 | 100.0 | 68 |
| Amhara | 2.2 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 95.5 | 100.0 | 1,856 |
| Oromiya | 2.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 94.7 | 100.0 | 2,723 |
| Somali | 0.4 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 95.1 | 100.0 | 288 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 2.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 95.9 | 100.0 | 69 |
| SNNP | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 4.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 95.1 | 100.0 | 1,632 |
| Gambela | 7.9 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 12.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 87.0 | 100.0 | 23 |
| Harari | 8.5 | 15.0 | 0.2 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 25.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 72.7 | 100.0 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 23.6 | 22.8 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 0.5 | 55.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 43.4 | 100.0 | 129 |
| Dire Dawa | 9.9 | 11.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 23.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 76.1 | 100.0 | 25 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 97.0 | 100.0 | 5,734 |
| Primary | 4.1 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 7.7 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 91.0 | 100.0 | 1,205 |
| Secondary and higher | 24.2 | 13.4 | 3.2 | 6.4 | 0.9 | 46.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 52.0 | 100.0 | 368 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 98.1 | 100.0 | 1,520 |
| Second | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 97.9 | 100.0 | 1,553 |
| Middle | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 97.0 | 100.0 | 1,586 |
| Fourth | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 96.2 | 100.0 | 1,451 |
| Highest | 12.2 | 5.9 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 0.7 | 23.1 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 75.5 | 100.0 | 1,196 |
| Total | 2.8 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 5.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 93.7 | 100.0 | 7,307 |

### 9.4 Problems in Accessing Health Care

Many factors can prevent women from getting medical advice or treatment for themselves when they are sick. Information on such factors is particularly important in understanding and addressing the barriers women may face in seeking care during pregnancy and at the time of delivery.

In the 2005 Ethiopia DHS survey, women were asked whether each of the following factors would be a big problem or not a big problem in seeking medical care: getting permission to go for treatment, getting money for treatment, distance to a health facility, having to take transport, not wanting to go alone, concern that there may not be a female health provider, concern that there may not be a health provider, and concern that there may be no one to complete the household chores. The results are shown in Table 9.8.

| Table 9.8 Problems in accessing health care |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women who reported they have serious problems in accessing health care for themselves when they are sick, by type of problem, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Problems in accessing health care |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Getting permission to go for treatment | Getting money for treatment | Distance to health facility | Having to take transport | Not wanting to go alone | Concern there may not be a female provider | Concern there may not be a health provider | Concern there may be no one to complete household chores | Any of the specified problems | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 35.0 | 68.9 | 63.4 | 65.7 | 57.5 | 71.0 | 78.9 | 59.2 | 93.8 | 3,266 |
| 20-29 | 34.5 | 74.6 | 67.9 | 71.0 | 62.4 | 72.6 | 81.3 | 72.5 | 95.7 | 5,064 |
| 30-39 | 34.9 | 78.9 | 69.4 | 74.6 | 62.1 | 71.9 | 79.2 | 72.2 | 96.1 | 3,410 |
| 40-49 | 33.4 | 82.4 | 70.9 | 76.6 | 63.6 | 75.1 | 83.0 | 72.2 | 97.4 | 2,330 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 32.9 | 67.3 | 60.5 | 62.4 | 57.5 | 70.0 | 79.3 | 60.7 | 93.8 | 4,554 |
| 1-2 | 34.1 | 76.8 | 67.5 | 71.3 | 62.9 | 72.7 | 80.2 | 71.6 | 95.5 | 3,226 |
| 3-4 | 34.3 | 80.0 | 71.4 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 72.6 | 80.2 | 76.0 | 96.9 | 2,981 |
| $5+$ | 37.5 | 82.0 | 74.5 | 80.0 | 64.1 | 75.5 | 82.7 | 72.7 | 97.2 | 3,309 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 33.5 | 66.8 | 59.4 | 60.5 | 56.7 | 69.6 | 79.3 | 59.5 | 93.4 | 3,516 |
| Married or living together Divorced/separated/ | 36.1 | 77.8 | 71.8 | 76.5 | 63.0 | 74.2 | 81.5 | 73.5 | 96.3 | 9,066 |
| widowed | 27.7 | 83.1 | 62.2 | 68.0 | 62.2 | 68.9 | 77.2 | 66.8 | 96.8 | 1,488 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 35.3 | 75.6 | 69.4 | 73.1 | 60.6 | 71.7 | 79.6 | 68.9 | 95.4 | 9,251 |
| Working for cash | 21.9 | 66.9 | 46.9 | 51.2 | 50.4 | 62.6 | 73.0 | 60.2 | 92.5 | 1,904 |
| Not working for cash | 40.5 | 81.4 | 75.9 | 80.2 | 70.9 | 81.4 | 88.3 | 76.3 | 98.6 | 2,896 |
| Missing | 35.6 | 76.9 | 77.1 | 77.1 | 62.5 | 71.9 | 76.1 | 82.6 | 94.5 | 19 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 16.0 | 53.4 | 31.1 | 33.5 | 40.7 | 53.7 | 71.2 | 57.2 | 88.6 | 2,499 |
| Rural | 38.5 | 80.4 | 75.6 | 79.8 | 65.8 | 76.5 | 82.5 | 71.9 | 97.2 | 11,571 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 11.5 | 69.3 | 49.8 | 52.9 | 37.6 | 37.8 | 46.9 | 25.1 | 87.1 | 919 |
| Affar | 24.5 | 72.6 | 81.7 | 83.5 | 56.6 | 66.5 | 70.6 | 44.5 | 97.9 | 146 |
| Amhara | 22.0 | 67.0 | 61.3 | 65.6 | 48.9 | 66.1 | 75.8 | 63.7 | 94.3 | 3,482 |
| Oromiya | 48.6 | 83.0 | 76.0 | 80.9 | 74.8 | 78.9 | 83.5 | 78.9 | 96.4 | 5,010 |
| Somali | 36.0 | 89.3 | 82.7 | 82.6 | 68.4 | 70.9 | 76.2 | 63.1 | 96.2 | 486 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 37.1 | 78.4 | 63.8 | 69.1 | 51.7 | 72.6 | 83.3 | 64.2 | 96.6 | 124 |
| SNNP | 40.1 | 80.6 | 73.7 | 78.7 | 65.4 | 85.0 | 90.2 | 77.7 | 98.3 | 2,995 |
| Gambela | 32.4 | 73.3 | 64.6 | 64.2 | 58.1 | 56.9 | 82.4 | 61.6 | 97.3 | 44 |
| Harari | 22.7 | 55.3 | 36.7 | 39.9 | 43.7 | 66.5 | 94.5 | 62.0 | 97.2 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 7.5 | 47.2 | 33.4 | 28.5 | 44.5 | 59.9 | 91.0 | 64.3 | 96.8 | 756 |
| Dire Dawa | 25.2 | 67.6 | 32.3 | 33.7 | 26.7 | 26.4 | 44.7 | 36.5 | 81.7 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 38.1 | 82.1 | 74.3 | 78.7 | 64.9 | 75.2 | 81.2 | 71.7 | 97.3 | 9,271 |
| Primary | 34.9 | 72.8 | 65.2 | 69.1 | 62.7 | 74.1 | 82.1 | 69.7 | 95.4 | 3,123 |
| Secondary and higher | 14.2 | 45.2 | 35.7 | 36.9 | 39.4 | 54.4 | 73.7 | 55.1 | 86.8 | 1,675 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 38.0 | 86.0 | 81.9 | 84.2 | 67.9 | 74.2 | 78.5 | 65.0 | 98.0 | 2,428 |
| Second | 37.8 | 82.6 | 76.4 | 80.4 | 64.6 | 74.8 | 80.4 | 69.7 | 97.5 | 2,643 |
| Middle | 40.4 | 81.3 | 76.3 | 81.3 | 66.4 | 78.1 | 85.8 | 74.9 | 97.7 | 2,732 |
| Fourth | 37.8 | 77.8 | 71.8 | 76.7 | 65.6 | 79.2 | 85.4 | 75.8 | 97.3 | 2,647 |
| Highest | 23.1 | 57.7 | 42.3 | 45.6 | 47.7 | 60.5 | 74.3 | 62.8 | 90.0 | 3,621 |
| Total | 34.5 | 75.6 | 67.7 | 71.6 | 61.4 | 72.5 | 80.5 | 69.3 | 95.7 | 14,070 |

The most important reason for not seeking health care was concern that there may not be a health provider (81 percent). Concern about getting money for treatment, concern that there may not be a female health provider, concern about having to take transport, and concern that there may be no one to complete the household chores were cited by about seven in ten women. Distance to a health facility and not wanting to go alone are perceived as big problems by more than three in five women. Only one in three ( 35 percent) women perceived getting permission to go for treatment to be a big problem.

Older women, women with more than two living children, women who were married or living together and women working but not for cash are more likely to cite concern that there may not be a health provider as a big problem than their counterparts. Women in rural areas and those residing in Harari, Addis Ababa and SNNP are also more likely than urban women and women residing in the other regions to mention this as a big problem.

Women with no education, women who are married or living with a man, and women working but not for cash are more likely to perceive the problem of not having a female health care provider as a big problem than their counterparts. More than eight in ten ( 85 percent) women residing in the SNNP Region also mentioned this as a big problem.

As expected, 80 percent of women in rural areas perceived having to take transport as a big problem, compared with only 34 percent of women in urban areas.

## Knowledge and Attitudes Concerning Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis (TB) is a leading cause of death in the world and a major health problem in the developing world. TB is caused by the bacteria mycobacterium tuberculosis whose transmission is mainly airborne through droplets coughed or sneezed out by infected persons. The infection is primarily concentrated in the lungs but in some cases it can be transmitted to other areas of the body. The very young and very old and persons with a suppressed immune system (brought on from HIV infection or other causes) are especially prone to contracting the disease when exposed to it. The 2005 EDHS collected information from women and men on the level of their awareness of TB. Specifically, respondents were asked whether they had ever heard of the illness, how it spreads from one person to another, whether it can be cured, and whether they would want to keep the information secret if a member of their family got TB. This information is useful in policy formulation and implementation of programmes designed to combat and limit the spread of the disease.

Tables 9.9.1 and 9.9.2 show the percentage of women and men who have heard of TB, and among those who have heard of it, their knowledge and attitudes concerning TB , according to background characteristics. Three in four women and four in five men have heard of TB. Awareness is slightly higher among women and men in the older age groups, respondents with some secondary or higher education as well as among those in the highest wealth quintile. Ninety-four percent of women in urban areas, compared with 71 percent of women in rural areas have heard of TB. There are marked differences between regions in the knowledge of TB. Most women (about 95 percent) in Harari, Addis Ababa, and Dire Dawa have heard of tuberculosis. Awareness of TB is relatively low in BenishangulGumuz, Somali and Gambela, where only about one in two women are aware of TB. A similar pattern is observed for men.

Sixty-five percent of women and 79 percent of men reported that TB is spread through the air when coughing or sneezing. Education is strongly associated with knowledge of how TB can be spread. Nearly all women and men with secondary and higher education know that TB is spread through the air when coughing or sneezing. Wealthier women and women in urban areas are also more likely to know how the disease is spread.

Table 9.9.1 Knowledge and attitude concerning tuberculosis among women
Percentage of women who have heard of tuberculosis, and among women who have heard of TB, the percentage who know that TB is spread through the air by coughing or sneezing, who believe that TB can be cured, and who would want to keep secret that a family member has TB, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | All women |  | Among women who have heard of TB, the percentages who: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Report that TB is spread through the air by coughing or sneezing | Believe that TB can be cured | Would want a family member's TB kept secret | Number of women |
|  | Percentage who have heard of TB | Number of women |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 71.7 | 3,266 | 70.4 | 75.0 | 23.2 | 2,342 |
| 20-34 | 73.8 | 6,872 | 63.7 | 76.1 | 22.8 | 5,073 |
| 35-49 | 78.7 | 3,933 | 61.4 | 76.3 | 20.4 | 3,095 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 93.7 | 2,499 | 83.9 | 87.9 | 16.2 | 2,342 |
| Rural | 70.6 | 11,571 | 59.0 | 72.5 | 23.9 | 8,168 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 85.9 | 919 | 55.7 | 84.2 | 20.6 | 790 |
| Affar | 72.4 | 146 | 55.6 | 78.4 | 26.3 | 106 |
| Amhara | 73.1 | 3,482 | 56.1 | 74.6 | 19.5 | 2,545 |
| Oromiya | 78.3 | 5,010 | 68.4 | 75.7 | 21.1 | 3,920 |
| Somali | 52.1 | 486 | 38.2 | 75.2 | 22.0 | 253 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 48.3 | 124 | 66.2 | 75.5 | 23.2 | 60 |
| SNNP | 66.0 | 2,995 | 65.6 | 69.9 | 32.6 | 1,977 |
| Gambela | 55.7 | 44 | 63.6 | 82.1 | 28.8 | 25 |
| Harari | 95.8 | 39 | 84.7 | 90.5 | 8.6 | 37 |
| Addis Ababa | 96.6 | 756 | 87.8 | 86.5 | 11.1 | 731 |
| Dire Dawa | 95.1 | 69 | 81.6 | 92.5 | 10.2 | 66 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 68.2 | 9,271 | 52.8 | 71.2 | 23.0 | 6,323 |
| Primary | 81.5 | 3,123 | 76.6 | 76.9 | 23.4 | 2,545 |
| Secondary and higher | 98.0 | 1,675 | 91.0 | 92.3 | 16.8 | 1,642 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 65.2 | 2,428 | 49.4 | 72.1 | 23.9 | 1,582 |
| Second | 69.1 | 2,643 | 55.1 | 69.8 | 24.6 | 1,827 |
| Middle | 69.0 | 2,732 | 59.1 | 70.4 | 25.7 | 1,886 |
| Fourth | 75.1 | 2,647 | 64.5 | 75.2 | 20.8 | 1,987 |
| Highest | 89.1 | 3,621 | 80.5 | 84.9 | 18.6 | 3,228 |
| Total | 74.7 | 14,070 | 64.5 | 75.9 | 22.2 | 10,510 |

Seventy-six percent of women and 85 percent of men believe that TB can be cured. Women's belief that TB can be cured varies by education, wealth quintile, and place of residence. Eighty-eight percent of women in urban areas, compared with 73 percent of women in rural areas believe that TB can be cured. About nine in ten women in Dire Dawa and Harari believe that TB can be cured, compared with seven in ten women in SNNP. Ninety-two percent of women with some secondary education and 85 percent of women in the highest wealth quintile believe that TB can be cured compared with 71 percent of women with no education and 72 percent of those in the lowest wealth quintile. A similar pattern is observed for men.

Table 9.9.2 Knowledge and attitude concerning tuberculosis among men
Percentage of men who have heard of tuberculosis, and among men who have heard of TB , the percentage who know that TB is spread through the air by coughing or sneezing, who believe that TB can be cured, and who would want to keep secret that a family member has TB, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic |  |  | Among men who have heard of TB, the percentages who: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All men |  | Report that TB is spread through the air by coughing or sneezing | Believe that TB can be cured | $\begin{gathered} \text { Would want } \\ \text { a family } \\ \text { member's TB } \\ \text { kept secret } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Number of men |
|  | Percentage who have heard of TB | Number of men |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 74.2 | 1,335 | 82.7 | 82.6 | 31.8 | 990 |
| 20-34 | 83.4 | 2,558 | 80.2 | 86.3 | 30.2 | 2,133 |
| 35-49 | 87.2 | 2,139 | 76.2 | 84.4 | 28.9 | 1,865 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 94.0 | 916 | 93.7 | 91.7 | 24.1 | 861 |
| Rural | 80.6 | 5,117 | 76.2 | 83.4 | 31.3 | 4,126 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 94.2 | 366 | 69.8 | 89.1 | 8.0 | 345 |
| Affar | 78.6 | 65 | 67.0 | 90.5 | 19.8 | 51 |
| Amhara | 78.5 | 1,521 | 74.3 | 84.6 | 16.5 | 1,194 |
| Oromiya | 83.0 | 2,222 | 83.2 | 84.7 | 37.7 | 1,844 |
| Somali | 78.9 | 202 | 58.2 | 79.6 | 30.2 | 160 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 70.3 | 54 | 74.7 | 82.4 | 22.0 | 38 |
| SNNP | 82.4 | 1,244 | 80.1 | 82.1 | 41.2 | 1,025 |
| Gambela | 75.7 | 21 | 72.0 | 87.2 | 22.9 | 16 |
| Harari | 96.5 | 16 | 92.1 | 93.2 | 40.4 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 93.6 | 292 | 96.1 | 92.2 | 25.9 | 273 |
| Dire Dawa | 89.8 | 30 | 89.6 | 95.6 | 31.4 | 27 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 77.1 | 2,589 | 65.9 | 79.7 | 31.4 | 1,996 |
| Primary | 81.7 | 2,252 | 83.8 | 84.3 | 30.4 | 1,840 |
| Secondary and higher | 96.7 | 1,192 | 94.9 | 94.6 | 27.1 | 1,152 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 76.1 | 1,100 | 66.4 | 82.6 | 30.0 | 837 |
| Second | 79.6 | 1,184 | 76.0 | 80.6 | 30.5 | 942 |
| Middle | 78.2 | 1,081 | 75.5 | 81.5 | 28.1 | 846 |
| Fourth | 85.4 | 1,200 | 79.9 | 86.3 | 33.4 | 1,024 |
| Highest | 91.1 | 1,469 | 91.2 | 90.1 | 28.4 | 1,338 |
| Total | 82.7 | 6,033 | 79.2 | 84.8 | 30.0 | 4,988 |

More than a fifth of women and three-tenths of men believe that if a family member got TB they would want to keep it a secret. Less educated respondents, women in the lower (lowest to middle) wealth quintiles, respondents who reside in rural areas, and those who reside in SNNP are more likely than their counterparts to want to keep secret the fact that a member of their family has the disease.

## Use of Tobacco

Smoking has a negative effect on the health of a person. Women and men interviewed in the 2005 EDHS were asked about their smoking habits. The data show that very few women in Ethiopia (less than 2 percent) smoke (data not shown).

Table 9.10 shows the percentage of men who smoke cigarettes or tobacco and the percent distribution of cigarette smokers by number of cigarettes smoked in the preceding 24 hours, according to background characteristics.

Smoking is not common in Ethiopia. Only 9 percent of men smoke cigarettes and 5 percent consume other forms of tobacco. Use of tobacco is more common among older men age 35 and above, men living in rural areas, men with no education and men in the lowest wealth quintile. Regional variations are significant, with use of tobacco being highest in Affar, where nearly one in two men use tobacco, and lowest in Tigray, where less than 2 percent of men reported using tobacco. The majority of men who smoked consumed as much as $3-5$ or 10 or more cigarettes a day (about 30 percent each).

| Table 9.10 Use of tobacco: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of men who smoke cigarettes or a pipe or use other tobacco products and the percent distribution of cigarette smokers by number of cigarettes smoked in preceding 24 hours, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of cigarettes |  |  |  |  |  | Numberofcigarettesmokers |  |
| Background characteristic | Cigarettes | Pipe | Other tobacco | Does not use tobacco | Number of men | 0 | 1-2 | 3-5 | 6-9 | 10+ | Don't know/ missing |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 98.3 | 1,335 | 4.3 | 17.3 | 52.9 | 10.5 | 14.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 14 |
| 20-34 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 90.6 | 2,558 | 4.1 | 14.0 | 29.6 | 16.5 | 33.7 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 185 |
| 35-49 | 14.7 | 0.1 | 9.4 | 79.3 | 2,139 | 6.6 | 15.2 | 27.3 | 17.7 | 30.1 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 314 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 91.2 | 916 | 6.0 | 8.7 | 35.2 | 12.0 | 38.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 74 |
| Rural | 8.6 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 87.8 | 5,117 | 5.6 | 15.9 | 27.8 | 17.9 | 29.8 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 439 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 98.6 | 366 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 31.0 | 14.9 | 37.3 | 16.9 | 100.0 | 5 |
| Affar | 25.4 | 0.0 | 27.8 | 52.0 | 65 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 41.1 | 23.4 | 28.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 17 |
| Amhara | 2.3 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 96.0 | 1,521 | 6.4 | 27.3 | 11.6 | 10.7 | 39.3 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 34 |
| Oromiya | 11.7 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 84.6 | 2,222 | 3.3 | 17.6 | 28.6 | 20.1 | 28.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 259 |
| Somali | 24.8 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 73.5 | 202 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 8.8 | 16.0 | 71.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 50 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 13.4 | 0.0 | 15.1 | 74.8 | 54 | 2.1 | 8.6 | 24.9 | 28.8 | 33.5 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 7 |
| SNNP | 7.9 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 87.7 | 1,244 | 15.2 | 14.0 | 43.7 | 11.2 | 10.4 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 98 |
| Gambela | 15.5 | 0.8 | 13.0 | 76.0 | 21 | 3.1 | 13.7 | 39.7 | 6.7 | 33.7 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 3 |
| Harari | 25.2 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 72.5 | 16 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 11.8 | 19.4 | 65.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 4 |
| Addis Ababa | 9.9 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 89.8 | 292 | 7.7 | 13.2 | 31.5 | 14.1 | 33.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 29 |
| Dire Dawa | 20.7 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 75.4 | 30 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 27.9 | 15.5 | 53.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 6 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 10.8 | 0.0 | 8.1 | 83.5 | 2,589 | 5.2 | 17.7 | 23.6 | 19.3 | 31.2 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 281 |
| Primary | 6.8 | 0.1 | 3.2 | 91.5 | 2,252 | 6.7 | 9.4 | 35.2 | 15.7 | 30.0 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 153 |
| Secondary and higher | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 92.7 | 1,192 | 5.1 | 15.4 | 35.2 | 12.0 | 32.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 79 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.5 | 0.0 | 10.4 | 80.2 | 1,100 | 1.7 | 13.4 | 28.6 | 20.4 | 33.2 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 138 |
| Second | 9.5 | 0.2 | 6.2 | 87.4 | 1,184 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 23.5 | 22.9 | 23.9 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 112 |
| Middle | 8.5 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 89.0 | 1,081 | 4.1 | 16.3 | 29.2 | 15.8 | 31.0 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 92 |
| Fourth | 6.4 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 91.0 | 1,200 | 4.2 | 26.1 | 23.2 | 13.3 | 33.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 77 |
| Highest | 6.4 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 92.3 | 1,469 | 6.3 | 9.8 | 39.8 | 9.6 | 34.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 94 |
| Total | 8.5 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 88.3 | 6,033 | 5.6 | 14.9 | 28.8 | 17.1 | 31.0 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 513 |

## CHILD HEALTH

This chapter presents findings on several areas of importance to child health; characteristics of the neonate (birth weight and size at birth), vaccination status of children and important childhood illnesses and their treatment. The information on birth weight and birth size is important for the design and implementation of programmes aimed at reducing neonatal and infant mortality.

Vaccination coverage information focuses on the age group 12-23 months. Overall coverage levels at the time of the survey and by 12 months of age are shown for this age group. Additionally, the source of the vaccination information (whether based on a written vaccination card or on the mother's recall) is shown. Differences in vaccination coverage between subgroups of the population aid in programme planning.

Treatment practices and contact with health services among children with the three most important childhood illnesses (acute respiratory infection, fever, and diarrhoea) help in the assessment of national programmes aimed at reducing the mortality impact of these illnesses. Information is provided on the prevalence and treatment of ARI and its treatment with antibiotics and the prevalence of fever and its treatment with antimalarial drugs and antibiotics. The treatment of diarrhoeal disease with oral rehydration therapy (including increased fluids) aids in the assessment of programmes that recommend such treatment. Because appropriate sanitary practices can help prevent and reduce the severity of diarrhoeal disease, information is also provided on the manner of disposing of children's faecal matter.

### 10.1 Child's Size at Birth

A child's birth weight or size at birth is an important indicator of the child's vulnerability to the risk of childhood illnesses and the chances of survival. Children whose birth weight is less than 2.5 kilogrammes, or children reported to be 'very small' or 'smaller than average' are considered to have a higher than average risk of early childhood death. For births in the five years preceding the survey, birth weight was recorded in the questionnaire if available from either a written record or the mother's recall. Since birth weight may not be known for many babies, the mother's estimate of the baby's size at birth was also obtained. Even though it is subjective, it can be a useful proxy for the weight of the child. Table 10.1 presents information on child's size at birth according to background characteristics.

Only 3 percent of children in Ethiopia are weighed at birth. This is not surprising because the majority of births do not take place in a health facility, and children are less likely to be weighed at birth. Among children born in the five years before the survey with a reported birth weight, 14 percent weighed less than 2.5 kg at birth. Birth weight is lower among children born to older women (age at birth 35-49), children at higher birth orders ( 6 and above), and children of women with no education. The birth weight of a child also varies by mother's place of residence. Twenty-three percent of births in rural areas compared with 10 percent in urban areas have a reported birth weight less than 2.5 kg .

In the absence of birth weight a mother's subjective assessment of the size of the baby at birth may be useful. Twenty-one percent of births were reported to be very small and 7 percent were reported as smaller than average. Births to mothers with no education and rural births are more likely to be reported as very small or smaller than average than births to educated mothers and births in urban areas. Nearly two-fifths of births ( 37 percent) in Affar are reported to be very small or smaller than average.

| Table 10.1 Child's size at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among live births in the five years preceding the survey with a reported birth weight, the percent distribution by birth weight and among all live births in the five years preceding the survey, the percent distribution by mother's estimate of baby's size at birth, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristics | Percent distribution of births with a reported birth weight ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Number of births | Percent distribution of all live births by size of child at birth |  |  |  | Total | Number of births |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Smaller |  | Don't |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Less than } \\ 2.5 \mathrm{~kg} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.5 \mathrm{~kg} \text { or } \\ \text { more } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Total |  | Very small | than average | Average or larger | know/ missing |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 14.4 | 85.6 | 100.0 | 50 | 21.3 | 7.9 | 70.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,715 |
| 20-34 | 12.6 | 87.4 | 100.0 | 263 | 20.1 | 7.2 | 72.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 7,702 |
| 35-49 | 19.0 | 81.0 | 100.0 | 30 | 21.2 | 7.2 | 71.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,746 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 10.1 | 89.9 | 100.0 | 135 | 21.9 | 7.8 | 69.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,933 |
| 2-3 | 12.9 | 87.1 | 100.0 | 141 | 20.5 | 7.7 | 71.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,351 |
| 4-5 | 14.7 | 85.3 | 100.0 | 37 | 18.9 | 7.4 | 73.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,620 |
| 6+ | 28.6 | 71.4 | 100.0 | 31 | 20.9 | 6.5 | 72.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,259 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.2 | 89.8 | 100.0 | 255 | 16.7 | 5.0 | 77.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 815 |
| Rural | 23.0 | 77.0 | 100.0 | 88 | 20.8 | 7.5 | 71.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 10,348 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | (0.0) | (100.0) | 100.0 | 27 | 20.1 | 13.5 | 65.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 698 |
| Affar | * | * | 100.0 | 3 | 27.2 | 9.9 | 62.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 107 |
| Amhara | * | * | 100.0 | 37 | 23.9 | 9.0 | 66.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,621 |
| Oromiya | (20.5) | (79.5) | 100.0 | 100 | 20.0 | 5.7 | 74.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4,411 |
| Somali | * | * | 100.0 | 13 | 15.9 | 8.6 | 73.6 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 477 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | * | * | 100.0 | 2 | 18.2 | 11.7 | 68.6 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 105 |
| SNNP | (19.7) | (80.3) | 100.0 | 39 | 18.9 | 5.9 | 75.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,500 |
| Gambela | 14.0 | 86.0 | 100.0 | 4 | 12.9 | 6.5 | 80.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 31 |
| Harari | 5.6 | 94.4 | 100.0 | 6 | 20.3 | 4.9 | 73.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 22 |
| Addis Ababa | 12.8 | 87.2 | 100.0 | 106 | 16.0 | 7.2 | 76.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 153 |
| Dire Dawa | 5.9 | 94.1 | 100.0 | 8 | 13.0 | 5.0 | 81.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 37 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 24.3 | 75.7 | 100.0 | 76 | 21.1 | 7.7 | 70.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 8,838 |
| Primary | 18.4 | 81.6 | 100.0 | 74 | 19.7 | 5.3 | 74.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,855 |
| Secondary and higher | 7.3 | 92.7 | 100.0 | 193 | 12.0 | 7.5 | 79.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 470 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | * | * | 100.0 | 3 | 22.4 | 8.3 | 68.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,440 |
| Second | * | * | 100.0 | 7 | 21.6 | 7.7 | 70.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,356 |
| Middle | * | * | 100.0 | 21 | 22.3 | 7.1 | 70.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,486 |
| Fourth | (38.3) | (61.7) | 100.0 | 28 | 18.0 | 6.6 | 75.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,222 |
| Highest | 10.2 | 89.8 | 100.0 | 285 | 16.4 | 6.4 | 76.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,660 |
| Total | 13.5 | 86.5 | 100.0 | 343 | 20.5 | 7.3 | 71.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 11,163 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Based on either a written record or the mother's recall. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The percentage of low birth weight babies has increased in the past five years from 8 percent in 2000 to 14 percent in 2005. The percentage of babies assessed by mothers as being very small at birth has increased over the same period from 6 percent to 21 percent.

### 10.2 Vaccination Coverage

Universal immunisation of children against the six vaccine-preventable diseases (namely, tuberculosis, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, and measles) is crucial to reducing infant and child mortality. Differences in vaccination coverage among subgroups of the population are useful for programme planning and targeting resources to areas most in need. Additionally, information on immunization coverage is important for the monitoring and evaluation of the Expanded Programmes on Immunization (EPI).

The EDHS 2005 collected information on vaccination coverage for all living children born in the five years preceding the survey. According to the guidelines developed by the World Health Organization, children are considered fully vaccinated when they have received a vaccination against tuberculosis (BCG), three doses each of the DPT and polio vaccines, and a measles vaccination by the age of 12 months. BCG should be given at birth or at first clinical contact, DPT and polio require three vaccinations at approximately 4,8 , and 12 weeks of age, and measles should be given at or soon after reaching 9 months of age.

Information on vaccination coverage was collected in two ways in the EDHS: from vaccination cards shown to the interviewer and from mothers' verbal reports. If the cards were available, the interviewer copied the vaccination dates directly onto the questionnaire. When there was no vaccination card for the child or if a vaccine had not been recorded on the card as being given the respondent was asked to recall the vaccines given to her child. Table 10.2 and Figure 10.1 show the percentage of children age 12-23 months who have received the various vaccinations by source of information, that is, from vaccination card or mother's report. This is the youngest cohort of children who have reached the age by which they should be fully vaccinated.

## Table 10.2 Vaccinations by source of information

Percentage of children age 12-23 months who received specific vaccines at any time before the survey, by source of information (vaccination card or mother's report), and percentage vaccinated by 12 months of age, Ethiopia 2005

| Source of information | BCG | DPT |  |  | Polio |  |  |  | Measles | $\mathrm{All}^{2}$ | No vaccinations | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated at any time before survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccination card | 33.4 | 36.5 | 31.3 | 25.1 | 13.2 | 35.8 | 31.0 | 24.9 | 22.2 | 17.3 | 0.0 | 692 |
| Mother's report | 27.0 | 21.7 | 15.7 | 6.7 | 4.2 | 38.5 | 33.7 | 19.8 | 12.6 | 3.0 | 24.0 | 1,185 |
| Either source | 60.4 | 58.2 | 47.0 | 31.9 | 17.4 | 74.3 | 64.6 | 44.7 | 34.9 | 20.4 | 24.0 | 1,877 |
| Vaccinated by 12 months of age ${ }^{3}$ | 57.4 | 54.9 | 43.9 | 29.0 | 16.9 | 70.0 | 60.2 | 41.0 | 28.5 | 16.7 | 28.0 | 1,877 |

${ }^{1}$ Polio 0 is the polio vaccination given at birth.
${ }^{2}$ BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio vaccine (excluding polio vaccine given at birth)
${ }^{3}$ 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 for children with a written record of vaccination.

Figure 10.1 Percentage of Children Age 12-23 Months with Specific Vaccinations


[^11]Twenty percent of children age 12-23 months were fully vaccinated at the time of the survey, 60 percent had received the BCG vaccination, and 35 percent had been vaccinated against measles. The coverage for the first dose of DPT is relatively high ( 58 percent). However, only 32 percent went on to receive the third dose of DPT. Even though DPT and polio vaccines are often administered at the same time, polio coverage is much higher than DPT coverage. Three in four children received the first dose of polio, two in three received the second dose, and more than four in ten received the third dose. This is primarily due to the success of the national immunization day campaigns during which polio vaccines are administered. Nevertheless, the dropout between the first and third doses of polio is marked-a 40 percent decline.

Table 10.3 shows the vaccination coverage among children age $12-23$ months, according to information from the vaccination card or mother's report, by background characteristics. This information may give some indication of the success of the immunization programme in reaching out to all population subgroups. Boys are slightly more likely than girls to be fully immunized ( 23 percent versus 18 percent). Birth order has a close relationship with vaccination coverage; as birth order increases, vaccination coverage generally decreases. Twenty-seven percent of first-born children have been fully immunized, compared with 18 percent of children of birth order six and above.

There are marked urban-rural differences in vaccination coverage. For example, children residing in urban areas are almost three times ( 49 percent) as likely to be fully immunized as children in rural areas (18 percent). Similarly, there are substantial differences in coverage among regions. The percentage of children fully immunized ranges from a low of less than 1 percent in the Affar Region to 70 percent in Addis Ababa.

The percentage of children fully immunized increases with mother's education. Seventeen percent of children whose mothers have no education are fully immunized, compared with 42 percent of children born to mothers who have at least some secondary education. Children in households in the lowest wealth quintile are less likely to have been fully immunized than children in households in the highest wealth quintile.

Table 10.3 shows that a vaccination card was seen for 37 percent of children age 12-23 months. The actual percentage of children who have a vaccination card may be higher because in some areas the cards are kept at the health centre and not by mothers. Cards were more likely to have been shown for male children, first-order births, children living in urban areas, children in Addis Ababa, children of mothers with at least some secondary education, and children of mothers in the highest wealth quintile.

Data from the EDHS generally show vaccination coverage to be lower than data collected from the 2004 Welfare Monitoring Survey and data reported in the service statistics from the Ministry of Health. However, when comparing data from various sources, consideration should be given to differences in the sampling frame, design, sample size, representativeness of the sample, and selection methodology, as well as differences in the source of information, phrasing of questions, and reporting of data that could explain these differences.

| Table 10.3 Vaccinations by background characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children age 12-23 months who received specific vaccines at any time before the survey (according to a vaccination card or the mother's report), and percentage with a vaccination card, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | BCG | DPT |  |  | Polio ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Measles | $\mathrm{All}^{2}$ | No vaccinations | Percentage with a vaccination card seen | Number of children |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 63.8 | 60.7 | 49.0 | 34.5 | 18.3 | 75.1 | 66.0 | 46.1 | 36.4 | 22.5 | 23.1 | 38.7 | 959 |
| Female | 56.9 | 55.6 | 45.0 | 29.1 | 16.5 | 73.5 | 63.2 | 43.3 | 33.2 | 18.2 | 25.1 | 35.0 | 917 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 65.9 | 66.7 | 52.2 | 40.5 | 21.1 | 78.1 | 66.1 | 46.6 | 39.5 | 26.8 | 21.7 | 45.3 | 359 |
| 2-3 | 63.9 | 61.4 | 51.8 | 34.4 | 21.4 | 75.9 | 66.6 | 48.2 | 35.2 | 21.1 | 20.9 | 41.7 | 543 |
| 4-5 | 55.4 | 54.0 | 44.0 | 28.1 | 15.9 | 67.8 | 59.3 | 39.7 | 32.8 | 17.4 | 30.0 | 32.1 | 448 |
| 6+ | 57.3 | 52.7 | 41.2 | 26.5 | 12.1 | 75.7 | 66.0 | 44.0 | 33.1 | 17.7 | 23.7 | 30.3 | 527 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 84.0 | 84.9 | 78.6 | 65.7 | 43.1 | 86.9 | 80.8 | 69.3 | 65.4 | 49.3 | 11.3 | 62.0 | 147 |
| Rural | 58.4 | 55.9 | 44.3 | 29.0 | 15.2 | 73.3 | 63.3 | 42.6 | 32.2 | 17.9 | 25.1 | 34.7 | 1,729 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 77.4 | 85.9 | 70.9 | 51.6 | 19.6 | 89.8 | 77.3 | 56.6 | 63.3 | 32.9 | 7.2 | 58.4 | 135 |
| Affar | 27.6 | 13.5 | 8.7 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 58.2 | 36.9 | 19.9 | 8.1 | 0.6 | 38.8 | 4.0 | 18 |
| Amhara | 62.3 | 57.2 | 46.7 | 31.5 | 11.0 | 78.1 | 70.7 | 45.6 | 34.8 | 17.1 | 20.6 | 33.3 | 482 |
| Oromiya | 57.8 | 54.2 | 43.7 | 28.5 | 18.5 | 73.7 | 61.5 | 41.1 | 29.4 | 20.2 | 25.5 | 38.8 | 691 |
| Somali | 17.1 | 14.9 | 11.1 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 19.8 | 17.7 | 10.2 | 6.4 | 2.8 | 78.0 | 8.1 | 78 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 53.5 | 49.6 | 41.4 | 30.7 | 9.4 | 70.0 | 59.4 | 36.7 | 33.4 | 18.5 | 28.5 | 28.7 | 16 |
| SNNP | 64.2 | 64.8 | 50.4 | 33.2 | 21.0 | 75.3 | 66.6 | 50.2 | 37.7 | 20.3 | 21.7 | 35.5 | 408 |
| Gambela | 49.3 | 39.8 | 29.8 | 20.3 | 26.2 | 68.1 | 59.5 | 41.4 | 30.7 | 15.9 | 31.9 | 22.5 | 5 |
| Harari | 67.4 | 64.6 | 56.5 | 45.8 | 33.0 | 74.7 | 61.9 | 52.0 | 39.9 | 34.9 | 23.7 | 41.0 | 4 |
| Addis Ababa | 93.5 | 93.8 | 90.5 | 83.8 | 71.3 | 97.7 | 92.7 | 85.5 | 78.8 | 69.9 | 2.3 | 68.3 | 32 |
| Dire Dawa | 75.4 | 69.6 | 68.3 | 61.4 | 33.6 | 81.8 | 79.2 | 65.1 | 55.7 | 43.4 | 18.2 | 54.8 | 7 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 56.5 | 54.5 | 42.5 | 27.9 | 14.6 | 71.2 | 61.0 | 39.8 | 30.0 | 17.2 | 27.3 | 34.4 | 1,456 |
| Primary | 70.7 | 68.3 | 59.5 | 40.7 | 19.6 | 83.3 | 74.5 | 58.7 | 48.4 | 28.6 | 14.2 | 42.3 | 328 |
| Secondary and higher | 85.8 | 80.9 | 73.6 | 62.2 | 54.5 | 92.5 | 86.0 | 71.5 | 63.4 | 41.5 | 7.5 | 56.8 | 93 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 50.0 | 47.4 | 37.2 | 25.6 | 16.0 | 68.6 | 57.9 | 38.2 | 24.9 | 14.1 | 30.0 | 31.3 | 450 |
| Second | 60.9 | 57.0 | 44.9 | 26.8 | 11.7 | 71.7 | 60.6 | 38.3 | 29.0 | 16.7 | 28.1 | 31.2 | 399 |
| Middle | 59.6 | 59.3 | 45.0 | 33.0 | 15.3 | 75.4 | 64.2 | 45.2 | 37.6 | 21.8 | 22.4 | 39.2 | 381 |
| Fourth | 65.4 | 60.3 | 50.6 | 30.6 | 17.4 | 78.5 | 72.3 | 48.8 | 36.1 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 35.2 | 345 |
| Highest | 70.6 | 72.2 | 62.9 | 47.9 | 29.8 | 80.2 | 71.8 | 57.5 | 52.5 | 35.6 | 18.9 | 51.7 | 302 |
| Total | 60.4 | 58.2 | 47.0 | 31.9 | 17.4 | 74.3 | 64.6 | 44.7 | 34.9 | 20.4 | 24.0 | 36.9 | 1,877 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Polio 0 is the polio vaccination given at birth. <br> ${ }^{2}$ BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio vaccine (excluding polio vaccine given at birth) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Trends in Vaccination Coverage

One way of measuring trends in vaccination coverage is to compare coverage among children of different ages in the 2005 EDHS. Table 10.4 shows the percentage of children who have received vaccinations during the first year of life by current age. This type of data can provide information on trends in vaccination coverage over the past four years.

| Table 10.4 Vaccinations in the first year of life |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children under five years of age at the time of the survey who received specific vaccines by 12 months of age, and percentage with a vaccination card, by current age of child, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current age |  | DPT |  |  | Polio ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Measles | $\mathrm{All}^{2}$ | No vaccinations | Percentage with a vaccination card seen | Numberofchildren |
| in months | BCG | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12-23 | 57.4 | 54.9 | 43.9 | 29.0 | 16.9 | 70.0 | 60.2 | 41.0 | 28.5 | 16.7 | 28.0 | 36.9 | 1,877 |
| 24-35 | 45.3 | 39.1 | 30.0 | 19.7 | 10.7 | 60.0 | 50.7 | 35.8 | 18.8 | 10.4 | 39.2 | 22.2 | 1,892 |
| 36-47 | 42.4 | 34.5 | 27.5 | 17.5 | 9.6 | 53.9 | 47.1 | 35.4 | 17.8 | 8.0 | 43.7 | 13.9 | 2,105 |
| 48-59 | 36.2 | 30.1 | 24.9 | 15.8 | 7.4 | 47.7 | 42.1 | 30.5 | 15.3 | 7.2 | 51.3 | 11.6 | 2,013 |
| Total | 46.9 | 40.6 | 32.3 | 20.9 | 11.2 | 60.0 | 52.0 | 37.4 | 20.8 | 10.7 | 38.4 | 20.8 | 7,887 |

Note: Information was obtained from the vaccination card or if there was no written record, from the mother. 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 for children with a written record of vaccinations.
${ }^{1}$ Polio 0 is the polio vaccination given at birth.
${ }^{2}$ BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio vaccine (excluding polio vaccine given at birth)

There are notable changes in vaccination coverage over the past five years. The percentage of children who have received no vaccinations at all by 12 months of age has declined significantly over the past four years from 51 percent among children age 48-59 months at the time of the survey to 28 percent among children age 12-23 months. The percentage fully immunized by age 12 months has increased from 7 percent to 17 percent. Not surprisingly, vaccination cards were shown for 37 percent of children age 12-23 months but for only 12 percent of children age $48-59$ months. This may be because vaccination cards for older children have been discarded.

Trends in vaccination coverage can be seen by comparing similarly collected data in the 2000 EDHS with the data from the 2005 EDHS. The data show that vaccination coverage in Ethiopia has improved over the past five years. The percentage of children age 12-23 months fully vaccinated at the time of the survey increased by 43 percent from 14 percent in 2000 to 20 percent in 2005 . However, the percentage who had received none of the six basic vaccinations increased from 17 percent in 2000 to 24 percent in 2005 . With the exception of Polio 1, the percentage of children who received all the other vaccinations has increased in the past five years, with the largest increase seen in the percentage of children under five who received DPT 3 by 12 months of age.

### 10.3 ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION

Acute respiratory infection (ARI) is among the leading causes of childhood morbidity and mortality throughout the world. Early diagnosis and treatment with antibiotics can prevent a large proportion of deaths caused by ARI. In the 2005 Ethiopia DHS survey, the prevalence of ARI was estimated by asking mothers whether their children under age five had been ill with a cough accompanied by short, rapid breathing in the two weeks preceding the survey. These symptoms are compatible with ARI. It should be noted that the morbidity data collected are subjective in the sense that they are based on the mother's perception of illness without validation by medical personnel.

Table 10.5 shows that 13 percent of children under five years of age showed symptoms of ARI at some time in the two weeks preceding the survey. Prevalence of ARI varies by age of child. Children age 6-11 months are most likely to show symptoms of ARI ( 18 percent), compared with children in the other age groups. There are small differences in the prevalence of ARI by gender of the child and wealth quintile. Children living in households that use wood/straw or animal dung for cooking are proportionately more likely to exhibit symptoms of ARI than children living in households using other sources of cooking fuel.

## Table 10.5 Prevalence and treatment of symptoms of ARI

Among children under age five, the percentage who had symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI), in the two weeks preceding the survey and the percentage with symptoms of ARI who took specific treatments according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Children under age five |  | Children under age five with symptoms of ARI |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Percentage for whom treatment |  |  |
|  | Percentage with symptoms of ARI ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children | was sought from a health facility or provider ${ }^{2}$ | Percentage who took antibiotics | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 13.8 | 1,152 | 21.6 | 5.2 | 159 |
| 6-11 | 17.7 | 1,071 | 19.2 | 4.3 | 190 |
| 12-23 | 14.6 | 1,877 | 22.4 | 3.9 | 274 |
| 24-35 | 13.1 | 1,892 | 20.2 | 6.5 | 247 |
| 36-47 | 10.8 | 2,105 | 17.2 | 6.1 | 226 |
| 48-59 | 8.5 | 2,013 | 9.7 | 2.8 | 172 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 12.6 | 5,129 | 18.9 | 4.3 | 646 |
| Female | 12.5 | 4,980 | 18.5 | 5.5 | 623 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.5 | 752 | 45.6 | 11.0 | 64 |
| Rural | 12.9 | 9,357 | 17.3 | 4.6 | 1,205 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 14.4 | 653 | 13.9 | 7.0 | 94 |
| Affar | 5.3 | 96 | * | * | 5 |
| Amhara | 9.3 | 2,312 | 14.7 | 1.6 | 215 |
| Oromiya | 14.2 | 4,017 | 20.3 | 5.1 | 572 |
| Somali | 7.0 | 432 | (7.6) | (3.7) | 30 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 9.6 | 95 | 23.0 | 12.6 | 9 |
| SNNP | 14.4 | 2,273 | 19.6 | 5.6 | 328 |
| Gambela | 10.4 | 29 | (35.4) | (7.0) | 3 |
| Harari | 9.3 | 21 | (34.9) | (4.4) | 2 |
| Addis Ababa | 6.1 | 146 | * | * | 9 |
| Dire Dawa | 2.4 | 34 | * | * | 1 |
| Cooking fuel |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity or gas | (0.2) | 12 | * | * | 0 |
| Kerosene | 4.7 | 128 | * | * | 6 |
| Charcoal | 10.2 | 167 | (51.8) | (9.8) | 17 |
| Wood/straw ${ }^{3}$ | 12.8 | 9,025 | 18.1 | 5.0 | 1,156 |
| Animal dung | 11.6 | 768 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 89 |
| Other/missing | (2.5) | 9 | * | * | 0 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 12.5 | 7,951 | 15.4 | 4.1 | 997 |
| Primary | 13.5 | 1,709 | 27.6 | 7.2 | 231 |
| Secondary and higher | 9.2 | 450 | (50.1) | (11.8) | 41 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.3 | 2,218 | 18.6 | 4.2 | 272 |
| Second | 11.4 | 2,122 | 12.3 | 3.9 | 241 |
| Middle | 14.6 | 2,210 | 20.7 | 5.5 | 323 |
| Fourth | 13.1 | 2,015 | 13.2 | 5.2 | 265 |
| Highest | 10.8 | 1,544 | 33.1 | 5.9 | 167 |
| Total | 12.6 | 10,109 | 18.7 | 4.9 | 1,269 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Symptoms of ARI (cough accompanied by short rapid breathing which was chest-related) is considered a proxy for pneumonia.
${ }^{2}$ Excludes pharmacy, shop, and traditional practitioner
${ }^{3}$ Includes grass, shrubs, crop residues.

Cough and rapid breathing were higher among children in rural areas ( 13 percent) than children in urban areas ( 9 percent). Prevalence of ARI ranges from a high of 14 percent among children under five living in Tigray, Oromiya and SNNP to a low of 2 percent among children in Dire Dawa. ARI prevalence is lower for children whose mothers have at least some secondary education.

Only 19 percent of all children under five with symptoms of ARI were taken to a health facility or provider. There are differences in the proportion of children with ARI symptoms taken to a health facility by child's age; children under age six months and children age 12-23 months are more likely to be taken to a health facility than other children. There is no gender difference in children taken to a health facility or provider. Children of women with primary or secondary education are more likely to be taken to a health facility or provider when they have ARI than other children.

The proportion of children with cough and rapid breathing who were taken to a health facility is much higher in urban areas ( 46 percent) than in rural areas ( 17 percent).

Five percent of children with symptoms of ARI received antibiotics.
Compared with 2000, far fewer children in 2005 were reported to have ARI in the two weeks preceding the survey, and a slightly higher proportion were taken for treatment.

### 10.4 Fever

Fever is a major manifestation of malaria and other acute infections in children. Malaria and fever contribute to high levels of malnutrition and mortality. While fever can occur year-round, malaria is more prevalent after the end of the rainy season. For this reason, temporal factors must be taken into account when interpreting fever as an indicator of malaria prevalence. Since malaria is a major contributory cause of death in infancy and childhood in many developing countries, the socalled presumptive treatment of fever with anti-malarial medication is advocated in many countries where malaria is endemic. Malaria is discussed in greater detail in Chapter 12.

Table 10.6 shows the percentage of children under five with fever during the two weeks preceding the survey and the percentage receiving various treatments, by selected background characteristics. Nineteen percent of children under five were reported to have had fever in the two weeks preceding the survey. The prevalence of fever varies by age of child. Children age 6-11 months and 12-23 months are more commonly sick with fever ( 28 percent and 23 percent, respectively) than other children.

There are no significant variations in the prevalence of fever by sex of the child, place of residence, or wealth quintile of the household. The prevalence of fever among children under five varies from a low of 12 percent in Dire Dawa to a high of 24 percent in SNNP. The prevalence of fever is also relatively high among children living in Tigray ( 20 percent) and Oromiya ( 19 percent).

Less than one in five (18 percent) children with fever were taken to a health facility or provider for treatment. Younger children, male children, and children of mothers with some secondary or higher education were more likely to be taken to a health facility or provider for treatment of fever than other children. Likewise, children of mothers in the highest wealth quintile, children living in urban areas, and children living in Addis Ababa were more likely to be treated in a health facility or by a provider. A very small percentage of children with fever received anti-malarial drugs ( 3 percent) or antibiotic drugs ( 6 percent).

| Table 10.6 Prevalence and treatment of fever |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among children under age five, the percentage who had a fever in the two weeks preceding the survey and the percentage with fever for whom treatment was sought from a health facility or provider, who took antimalarial drugs and who took antibiotic drugs, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Children under age five |  | Children under age five with fever |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Percentage for whom treatment was | Percentage | Percentage | Number of children |
| Background characteristic | Percentage with fever | Number of children | health facility or provider ${ }^{1}$ | antimalarial drugs | antibiotic drugs |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 16.8 | 1,152 | 19.0 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 194 |
| 6-11 | 27.6 | 1,071 | 20.3 | 4.4 | 6.8 | 295 |
| 12-23 | 23.3 | 1,877 | 18.3 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 438 |
| 24-35 | 21.6 | 1,892 | 16.5 | 1.9 | 6.4 | 408 |
| 36-47 | 15.1 | 2,105 | 17.0 | 3.5 | 6.2 | 317 |
| 48-59 | 11.6 | 2,013 | 14.0 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 233 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 18.2 | 5,129 | 19.2 | 2.7 | 6.6 | 935 |
| Female | 19.1 | 4,980 | 15.9 | 3.2 | 6.3 | 951 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 16.0 | 752 | 45.3 | 4.2 | 13.3 | 121 |
| Rural | 18.9 | 9,357 | 15.6 | 2.9 | 6.0 | 1,765 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 20.3 | 653 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 132 |
| Affar | 17.0 | 96 | 12.1 | 9.0 | 7.6 | 16 |
| Amhara | 14.2 | 2,312 | 12.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 329 |
| Oromiya | 19.0 | 4,017 | 20.2 | 1.5 | 7.2 | 764 |
| Somali | 14.0 | 432 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 60 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 15.3 | 95 | 21.0 | 4.0 | 7.9 | 15 |
| SNNP | 23.5 | 2,273 | 18.5 | 6.3 | 7.8 | 534 |
| Gambela | 17.8 | 29 | 28.0 | 11.2 | 4.1 | 5 |
| Harari | 13.7 | 21 | 23.1 | 1.2 | 6.1 | 3 |
| Addis Ababa | 16.1 | 146 | 50.9 | 3.3 | 20.4 | 23 |
| Dire Dawa | 12.3 | 34 | (28.6) | (0.0) | (6.8) | 4 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.3 | 7,951 | 13.0 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 1,457 |
| Primary | 21.3 | 1,709 | 29.4 | 4.9 | 11.2 | 364 |
| Secondary and higher | 14.4 | 450 | 53.9 | 4.1 | 14.1 | 65 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.1 | 2,218 | 10.8 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 422 |
| Second | 19.5 | 2,122 | 14.2 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 413 |
| Middle | 19.7 | 2,210 | 16.6 | 3.6 | 9.0 | 436 |
| Fourth | 17.7 | 2,015 | 16.4 | 3.5 | 6.8 | 357 |
| Highest | 16.7 | 1,544 | 37.0 | 5.7 | 10.0 | 258 |
| Total | 18.7 | 10,109 | 17.5 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 1,886 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. ${ }^{1}$ Excludes pharmacy, shop, and traditional practitioner |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 10.5 Prevalence of Diarrhoea

Dehydration caused by severe diarrhoea is a major cause of morbidity and mortality among young children although the condition can be easily treated with oral rehydration therapy (ORT). Exposure to diarrhoea-causing agents is frequently related to the use of contaminated water and to unhygienic practices in food preparation and disposal of excreta. In interpreting the findings of the 2005 Ethiopia DHS survey, it should be borne in mind that prevalence of diarrhoea varies seasonally.

Table 10.7 shows the percentage of children under five with diarrhoea in the two weeks preceding the survey according to selected background characteristics. Overall, 18 percent of all children under five had diarrhoea while 6 percent had diarrhoea with blood.

The occurrence of diarrhoea varies by age of the child. Young children age 6-23 months are more prone to diarrhoea than children in the other age groups. There are no variations in the prevalence of diarrhoea by child's sex. Diarrhoea is more common among rural children (19 percent) than urban children (12 percent). There are also variations in the prevalence of diarrhoea by regions. Children living in the SNNP Region are more susceptible to episodes of diarrhoea ( 25 percent) than children living in the other region. Children living in Dire Dawa and Somali have the lowest prevalence of diarrhoea when compared with children living in the other regions (12 percent). The prevalence of diarrhoea with blood follows a pattern similar to that observed for diarrhoea in general.

### 10.6 Diarrhoea Treatment

In the 2005 EDHS, mothers of children who had diarrhoea were asked about what was done to treat the illness. Table 10.8 shows the percentage of children with diarrhoea who received specific treatments according to background characteristics. Twenty-two percent of children with diarrhoea were taken to a health provider. Nearly one in two children ( 45 percent) of mothers with some secondary or higher education and more than one in three children (37 percent) of mothers in the highest wealth quintile were taken to a health provider. Notable differences also exist by place of residence. The proportion of children in urban areas taken to a health facility is 35 percent whereas only 22 percent of children in rural areas were taken to a health provider. There are slight variations between regions. More than two-fifths of children living in Gambela were taken to a health provider in contrast to less than one in ten children living in Affar and Somali.

| Among children under age five who had diarrhoea in the two weeks preceding the survey, the percentage who were taken for treatment to a health provider, the percentage who received oral rehydration therapy (ORT), and the percentage given other treatments, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Percentage of children with diarrhoea taken to a health provider ${ }^{1}$ | Oral rehydration therapy (ORT) |  |  |  |  | Other treatments |  |  |  |  | No treatment | Number of children with diarrhoea |
|  |  | ORS packets | Recommended |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | or prepackaged liquid | home fluids (RHF) | Either ORS or RHF | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Increased } \\ & \text { fluids } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Any ORT | Antibiotic drugs | Antimotility drugs | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Zinc } \\ \text { supple- } \end{gathered}$ ments | Home remedy/ other | Missing |  |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 15.9 | 5.1 | 13.5 | 16.8 | 2.4 | 19.2 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 15.2 | 0.4 | 63.9 | 160 |
| 6-11 | 17.9 | 17.3 | 21.4 | 32.7 | 8.3 | 37.7 | 7.4 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 56.7 | 314 |
| 12-23 | 26.5 | 27.5 | 18.9 | 37.7 | 5.8 | 40.1 | 10.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 16.9 | 0.0 | 47.4 | 531 |
| 24-35 | 20.3 | 18.6 | 16.4 | 28.8 | 8.8 | 34.9 | 10.4 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 19.1 | 0.2 | 47.8 | 350 |
| 36-47 | 22.1 | 20.4 | 21.9 | 32.7 | 12.6 | 39.1 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.6 | 0.6 | 41.1 | 261 |
| 48-59 | 26.5 | 17.4 | 19.7 | 32.4 | 17.7 | 43.5 | 7.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 18.6 | 0.0 | 41.7 | 202 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 24.8 | 21.4 | 20.2 | 33.9 | 7.7 | 38.5 | 12.0 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 15.5 | 0.3 | 47.5 | 920 |
| Female | 19.6 | 18.4 | 17.5 | 30.0 | 9.9 | 35.6 | 8.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 16.5 | 0.0 | 50.6 | 898 |
| Type of diarrhoea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non bloody | 20.1 | 17.6 | 17.9 | 29.9 | 8.8 | 34.4 | 10.2 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 14.8 | 0.3 | 51.9 | 1,192 |
| Bloody | 26.3 | 24.3 | 20.8 | 36.0 | 8.7 | 42.2 | 10.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 43.4 | 626 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 35.0 | 45.7 | 33.1 | 56.6 | 8.1 | 59.2 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17.5 | 0.0 | 34.8 | 91 |
| Rural | 21.6 | 18.6 | 18.1 | 30.7 | 8.8 | 35.9 | 10.4 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 15.9 | 0.2 | 49.7 | 1,727 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 18.8 | 21.1 | 25.6 | 41.5 | 23.3 | 53.5 | 12.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 42.5 | 84 |
| Affar | 9.2 | 8.8 | 11.8 | 16.3 | 23.9 | 40.2 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.8 | 1.5 | 51.6 | 13 |
| Amhara | 27.1 | 19.9 | 18.8 | 32.3 | 1.0 | 32.9 | 9.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 53.1 | 337 |
| Oromiya | 23.5 | 22.6 | 19.6 | 35.7 | 10.7 | 40.4 | 11.7 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 13.4 | 0.2 | 47.1 | 709 |
| Somali | 8.5 | 15.8 | 35.1 | 40.7 | 2.9 | 40.7 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 17.2 | 1.3 | 49.8 | 53 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 29.6 | 24.9 | 28.5 | 39.6 | 5.0 | 40.8 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 48.4 | 20 |
| SNNP | 18.6 | 15.9 | 14.3 | 23.8 | 9.2 | 31.0 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21.2 | 0.0 | 50.8 | 571 |
| Gambela | 40.2 | 27.6 | 23.6 | 41.7 | 3.4 | 41.7 | 11.2 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 14.4 | 0.0 | 45.6 | 4 |
| Harari | 31.3 | 22.6 | 28.7 | 40.3 | 30.9 | 57.3 | 7.6 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 16.2 | 1.3 | 30.5 | 4 |
| Addis Ababa | (44.6) | (45.3) | (47.7) | (66.0) | (9.4) | (70.9) | (7.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (18.7) | (0.0) | (23.4) | 19 |
| Dire Dawa | (25.7) | (31.3) | (10.6) | (40.4) | (9.6) | (45.5) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (8.9) | (0.0) | (51.8) | 4 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.9 | 17.0 | 17.0 | 28.9 | 8.5 | 33.7 | 9.4 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 15.9 | 0.2 | 51.8 | 1,443 |
| Primary | 33.6 | 28.4 | 23.9 | 41.0 | 9.2 | 46.9 | 13.2 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 16.6 | 0.0 | 40.4 | 332 |
| Secondary and higher | 44.6 | 51.6 | 41.8 | 64.9 | 16.0 | 73.0 | 21.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 21.6 | 44 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 14.3 | 13.5 | 15.0 | 25.4 | 6.1 | 28.9 | 10.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 16.1 | 0.2 | 56.3 | 395 |
| Second | 17.1 | 13.5 | 19.0 | 27.1 | 9.3 | 32.3 | 7.9 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 0.4 | 51.5 | 428 |
| Middle | 27.1 | 23.1 | 18.2 | 32.8 | 10.9 | 38.9 | 13.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 14.2 | 0.0 | 45.6 | 436 |
| Fourth | 21.8 | 19.8 | 16.7 | 31.4 | 7.7 | 36.8 | 9.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 16.4 | 0.2 | 50.5 | 339 |
| Highest | 37.2 | 37.8 | 30.2 | 52.5 | 10.3 | 57.6 | 10.6 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 19.2 | 0.0 | 35.5 | 221 |
| Total | 22.2 | 19.9 | 18.9 | 32.0 | 8.8 | 37.1 | 10.4 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 16.0 | 0.2 | 49.0 | 1,819 |

Note: ORT includes solution prepared from oral rehydration salt (ORS) packets or prepackaged liquids, recommended home fluids (RHF), and increased fluids. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Excludes pharmacy, shop and traditional practitioner

Thirty-seven percent of children with diarrhoea were treated with some kind of oral rehydration therapy (ORT): 20 percent were treated with ORS prepared from an ORS packet, 19 percent were given recommended home fluids, and 9 percent were given increased fluids.

Ten percent of children were given antibiotic drugs and 16 percent were given home remedies or other treatments. However, about half (49 percent) of children with diarrhoea did not receive any treatment at all.

Diarrhoea treatment does not vary significantly by age. Male children and children who had diarrhoea with blood are more likely to receive ORT than others. Large variations exist by mother's education and wealth quintile. There are also marked differences between urban and rural areas. Three-fifths of children in urban areas ( 59 percent) received ORT compared with just over one-third of children in rural areas ( 36 percent). Children living in SNNP are least likely to receive ORT.

Comparable data from the 2000 EDHS show that only 13 percent of children with diarrhoea were taken to a health provider in 2000 compared with 22 percent in 2005 . On the other hand, a higher percentage of children with diarrhoea in 2005 than in 2000 did not receive any treatment (49 percent versus 39 percent).

### 10.7 Feeding Practices

Mothers are encouraged to continue feeding children with diarrhoea normally and to increase the amount of fluids. These practices help to reduce dehydration and minimize the adverse consequences of diarrhoea on the child's nutritional status. Mothers were asked whether they gave the child less, the same amount, or more fluids and food than usual when their child had diarrhoea. Table 10.9 shows the percent distribution of children under five who had diarrhoea in the past two weeks by feeding practices, according to background characteristics.

Nineteen percent of children who had diarrhoea were given the same amount of liquid as usual, 9 percent were given more, 32 percent were given somewhat less than the usual amount, and 26 percent were given much less than the usual amount. Fourteen percent of children who had diarrhoea were given no liquids.

Regarding the amount of food offered to children who had diarrhoea, 14 percent were given the same as usual, only 1 percent were given more, 30 percent were given somewhat less than the usual amount of food, 26 percent were given much less than the usual amount of food, and 18 percent did not receive food during their illness, presumably because these children had not yet started eating solid food.

Older children age 36 months and above, children who did not have bloody diarrhoea, children of the most educated mothers, children in the highest wealth quintile and children residing in Tigray are more likely to receive more or the same amount of liquid during episodes of diarrhoea than other children. A similar pattern is seen regarding the amount of food offered during diarrhoea.

| Percent distribution of children under five years who had diarrhoea in the two weeks preceding the survey by amount of liquids and food offered compared with normal practice, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount of liquids offered |  |  |  |  |  |  | Amount of food offered |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children with diarrhoea |
| Background characteristic | More | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Same } \\ & \text { as } \\ & \text { usual } \end{aligned}$ | Somewhat less | Much less | None | Don't know | Total | More | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Same } \\ \text { as } \\ \text { usual } \end{gathered}$ | Somewhat less | Much less | None | Never gave food | Don't know | Total |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 2.4 | 24.5 | 17.2 | 27.1 | 28.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 4.9 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 84.7 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 160 |
| 6-11 | 8.3 | 16.6 | 30.2 | 26.9 | 17.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 12.3 | 15.8 | 17.5 | 14.4 | 38.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 314 |
| 12-23 | 5.8 | 19.9 | 32.8 | 26.2 | 14.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 11.4 | 31.4 | 28.6 | 15.2 | 11.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 531 |
| 24-35 | 8.8 | 19.6 | 32.3 | 28.5 | 10.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 15.7 | 34.6 | 36.3 | 11.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 350 |
| 36-47 | 12.6 | 18.4 | 37.1 | 23.4 | 6.8 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 16.7 | 42.6 | 25.3 | 11.4 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 261 |
| 48-59 | 17.7 | 11.4 | 39.2 | 22.5 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 18.6 | 39.1 | 35.1 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 7.7 | 20.2 | 32.1 | 25.3 | 14.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 13.6 | 30.1 | 25.3 | 11.3 | 18.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 920 |
| Female | 9.9 | 16.8 | 32.3 | 26.7 | 13.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 13.5 | 28.8 | 26.9 | 11.6 | 17.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 898 |
| Type of diarrhoea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non bloody | 8.8 | 21.8 | 33.2 | 22.5 | 12.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 15.6 | 29.6 | 22.4 | 9.9 | 20.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,192 |
| Bloody | 8.7 | 12.2 | 30.2 | 32.8 | 16.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 9.6 | 29.3 | 33.2 | 14.4 | 11.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 626 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.1 | 21.3 | 40.7 | 21.3 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 14.8 | 38.1 | 25.3 | 2.5 | 19.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 91 |
| Rural | 8.8 | 18.4 | 31.7 | 26.3 | 14.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 13.5 | 29.0 | 26.2 | 11.9 | 17.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,727 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 23.3 | 23.1 | 28.6 | 18.5 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 14.6 | 34.7 | 28.4 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 84 |
| Affar | 23.9 | 21.5 | 29.1 | 12.3 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 26.6 | 12.8 | 30.0 | 2.5 | 18.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 13 |
| Amhara | 1.0 | 21.0 | 31.5 | 26.0 | 20.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 17.1 | 27.0 | 25.2 | 15.6 | 14.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 337 |
| Oromiya | 10.7 | 17.1 | 29.8 | 25.2 | 15.7 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 13.1 | 26.2 | 26.4 | 13.8 | 19.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 709 |
| Somali | 2.9 | 3.1 | 37.1 | 52.4 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 32.6 | 50.2 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 53 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 5.0 | 23.0 | 41.5 | 19.6 | 10.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 16.9 | 35.7 | 21.8 | 10.9 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 20 |
| SNNP | 9.2 | 18.7 | 35.3 | 26.6 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 12.1 | 33.8 | 23.8 | 7.9 | 20.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 571 |
| Gambela | 3.4 | 34.1 | 41.0 | 5.8 | 15.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 20.9 | 46.5 | 8.0 | 10.2 | 12.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 4 |
| Harari | 30.9 | 10.1 | 33.3 | 18.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 10.1 | 34.0 | 27.4 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 4 |
| Addis Ababa | (9.4) | (36.3) | (27.3) | (23.1) | (3.9) | (0.0) | (100.0) | (0.0) | (26.4) | (26.4) | (31.7) | (7.2) | (8.3) | (0.0) | (100.0) | 19 |
| Dire Dawa | (9.6) | (22.0) | (45.3) | (23.1) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (100.0) | (1.8) | (7.4) | (52.7) | (8.0) | (8.7) | (21.3) | (0.0) | (100.0) | 4 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 8.5 | 18.1 | 31.9 | 27.2 | 13.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 13.3 | 29.8 | 26.7 | 10.9 | 17.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,443 |
| Primary | 9.2 | 19.6 | 33.9 | 21.4 | 15.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 14.4 | 27.1 | 23.8 | 15.3 | 18.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 332 |
| Secondary and higher | 16.0 | 25.1 | 30.9 | 21.0 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 17.1 | 35.7 | 24.3 | 0.7 | 21.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 44 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.1 | 17.2 | 33.8 | 25.5 | 17.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 11.0 | 28.4 | 27.0 | 14.2 | 17.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 395 |
| Second | 9.3 | 19.0 | 34.8 | 25.2 | 11.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 14.9 | 25.5 | 29.3 | 12.2 | 15.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 428 |
| Middle | 10.9 | 15.1 | 33.8 | 24.9 | 14.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 12.0 | 35.1 | 22.1 | 10.9 | 19.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 436 |
| Fourth | 7.7 | 18.6 | 25.7 | 31.9 | 15.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 15.1 | 24.5 | 27.1 | 9.8 | 21.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 339 |
| Highest | 10.3 | 26.8 | 31.3 | 21.9 | 8.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 2.0 | 16.3 | 35.4 | 24.8 | 8.5 | 13.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 221 |
| Total | 8.8 | 18.5 | 32.2 | 26.0 | 13.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 13.6 | 29.5 | 26.1 | 11.4 | 17.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,819 |

### 10.8 Knowledge of ORS Packets

A simple and effective response to dehydration caused by diarrhoea is a prompt increase in the child's fluid intake through some form of oral rehydration therapy, which may include the use of a solution prepared from packets of oral rehydration salts (ORS). To ascertain how widespread knowledge of ORS is in Ethiopia, respondents were asked whether they know about ORS packets.

Table 10.10 shows that slightly less than half of women ( 46 percent) who gave birth in the five years preceding the survey know about ORS packets. There are significant differences in knowledge of ORS packets between women residing in urban and rural areas. Knowledge is twice as high among urban women (85 percent) than among rural women ( 43 percent). Knowledge of ORS also varies by region. More than nine in ten mothers in Addis Ababa (94 percent) and about four in five mothers in Tigray, Harari, and Dire Dawa know about ORS packets, compared with slightly more than three in ten mothers in the Amhara and BenishangulGumuz regions.

There are marked differences in knowledge of ORS packets by mother's level of education; 89 percent of mothers with some secondary or higher education know about ORS packets compared with 41 percent of mothers with no education. Similarly, knowledge of ORS packets is widespread among mothers in the highest wealth quintile (73 percent), compared with mothers in the lowest wealth index (41 percent).

There has been a steep decline in the proportion of mothers who have heard about ORS, from 66 percent in 2000 to 46 percent in 2005.

### 10.9 StOOL DISPOSAL

If human faeces are left uncontained, disease may spread by direct contact or by animal contact with the faeces. Hence, the proper disposal of children's stools is extremely important in preventing the spread of disease. Table 10.11 presents information on the disposal of the stools of children under five, by background characteristics.

Sixty-seven percent of children's stools are left uncontained: 7 percent are put or rinsed into a drain or ditch, 11 percent are thrown into the garbage, and 49 percent are left in the open. Slightly more than one in five children's stools are disposed of hygienically. Two percent of children under five use a toilet or latrine. Additionally, 17 percent of children's stool are disposed of in the toilet or latrine, and 2 percent are buried in the yard.

There are pronounced differences by mother's level of education and type of toilet facilities in the way stools are disposed of. For more than half the children ( 51 percent) of mothers with secondary and higher education, stools are disposed of hygienically (child uses toilet, child's stool thrown in toilet, or buried in yard), compared with 17 percent of children of mothers with no education. Similarly, 51 percent of children in households with improved toilets that are not shared with other households, have their stools contained compared with 19 percent of children in the households using nonimproved or shared toilet facilities.

Children's stools are more likely to be contained in urban areas ( 52 percent) than in rural areas (19 percent). This marked difference could be attributed to the fact that toilet facilities are more available in urban areas. The table also shows that 69 percent of children's stools in rural areas are thrown in the garbage, rinsed in a drain, or left in the open compared with 44 percent in urban areas. There are large variations in the way the child's faeces are disposed of. For example, the percentage of children whose stools are contained ranges from a low of 11 percent in Somali to a high of 68 percent in Addis Ababa. Furthermore, 61 percent of children's stools are left in the open in the Tigray and Somali regions, compared with 5 percent in Addis Ababa.

Table 10.11 Disposal of children's stools
Among mothers whose youngest child under age five is living with her, percent distribution by the manner of disposing of the child's last faecal matter, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Children's stools contained |  |  | Children's stools uncontained |  |  | Other | Don't know | Total | Number of mothers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Child used toilet or latrine | Put/rinsed into toilet or latrine | Buried | Put/rinsed into drain or ditch | Thrown into garbage | Left in the open |  |  |  |  |
| Age of child in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 6 | 0.3 | 11.2 | 1.3 | 10.1 | 7.6 | 49.9 | 18.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,142 |
| 6-11 | 1.0 | 16.5 | 1.8 | 7.0 | 11.8 | 48.9 | 12.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,057 |
| 12-17 | 0.6 | 17.7 | 2.5 | 7.6 | 12.2 | 48.0 | 10.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,091 |
| 18-23 | 0.8 | 21.2 | 1.6 | 6.1 | 12.7 | 49.5 | 7.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 718 |
| 24-35 | 1.4 | 17.5 | 1.6 | 6.0 | 12.9 | 51.5 | 8.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,442 |
| 36-59 | 6.6 | 20.6 | 1.9 | 5.4 | 9.3 | 46.5 | 8.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,529 |
| Toilet facilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improved, not shared ${ }^{1}$ | 7.9 | 40.8 | 2.1 | 8.1 | 3.2 | 28.7 | 8.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 420 |
| Not improved or shared | 1.7 | 15.9 | 1.8 | 6.9 | 11.4 | 50.3 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 6,559 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5.4 | 44.8 | 1.6 | 12.6 | 13.6 | 17.7 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 586 |
| Rural | 1.8 | 14.9 | 1.8 | 6.4 | 10.7 | 51.9 | 11.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 6,393 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 0.9 | 10.2 | 5.3 | 3.5 | 16.0 | 60.9 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 466 |
| Affar | 2.5 | 14.8 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 19.1 | 53.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 63 |
| Amhara | 1.7 | 11.7 | 1.8 | 6.6 | 9.8 | 55.9 | 11.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,737 |
| Oromiya | 1.5 | 9.4 | 1.4 | 9.3 | 12.5 | 52.6 | 12.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 2,630 |
| Somali | 1.3 | 6.8 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 23.3 | 60.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 273 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 3.1 | 20.8 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 7.1 | 54.0 | 10.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 65 |
| SNNP | 3.9 | 37.3 | 1.2 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 32.8 | 12.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,567 |
| Gambela | 1.8 | 14.5 | 0.6 | 5.7 | 17.8 | 54.2 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 22 |
| Harari | 2.8 | 22.5 | 4.7 | 3.8 | 21.2 | 32.9 | 10.3 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 14 |
| Addis Ababa | 3.7 | 63.2 | 0.6 | 15.3 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 118 |
| Dire Dawa | 2.3 | 39.8 | 3.2 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 40.5 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 24 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.6 | 13.3 | 1.9 | 6.7 | 11.5 | 52.9 | 11.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5,485 |
| Primary | 3.1 | 29.1 | 1.2 | 6.2 | 9.4 | 38.3 | 11.4 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,147 |
| Secondary and higher | 6.4 | 43.1 | 1.3 | 13.4 | 7.7 | 23.0 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 348 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.5 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 7.0 | 13.0 | 59.3 | 11.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,476 |
| Second | 0.7 | 9.8 | 1.8 | 7.2 | 11.1 | 55.4 | 12.9 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,477 |
| Middle | 1.9 | 18.2 | 1.2 | 6.1 | 11.4 | 50.2 | 10.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,514 |
| Fourth | 3.2 | 21.4 | 2.0 | 6.2 | 9.5 | 45.8 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,389 |
| Highest | 5.0 | 38.4 | 1.0 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 29.5 | 7.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,123 |
| Total | 2.1 | 17.4 | 1.8 | 6.9 | 10.9 | 49.0 | 10.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 6,979 |

[^12] (VIP) latrine, pit latrine with a slab and composting toilet.

This chapter covers the nutritional status of children and women. The section on children covers the following related topics: infant and young child feeding practices, including breastfeeding and feeding with solid/semi-solid foods; diversity of foods fed; frequency of feeding; micronutrient intake among children and women; and prevalence of anaemia. The sections on nutritional status cover anthropometric assessment of the nutritional status of children under five years of age and the nutritional status of women 15 to 49 years of age.

Adequate nutrition is critical to child development. The period from birth to two years of age is important for optimal growth, health and development, especially since it is during this period that children are particularly vulnerable to growth retardation, micronutrient deficiencies, and common childhood illnesses such as diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections (ARI).

A woman's nutritional status has important implications for her health as well as the health of her children. Malnutrition in women results in reduced productivity, an increased susceptibility to infections, retarded recovery from illness, and heightened risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes. A woman who has poor nutritional status as indicated by a low body mass index (BMI), short stature, anaemia, or other micronutrient deficiency, has a greater risk of obstructed labour, having a baby with a low birth weight, producing lower quality breast milk, death due to postpartum haemorrhage, and illness for herself and her baby.

### 11.1 INITIATION OF BREASTFEEDING

Early initiation of breastfeeding is encouraged for a number of reasons. Mothers benefit from early suckling because it stimulates breast milk production and facilitates the release of oxytocin, which helps the contraction of the uterus and reduces postpartum blood loss. The first breast milk contains colostrum, which is highly nutritious and has antibodies that protect the newborn from diseases. Early initiation of breastfeeding also fosters bonding between mother and child.

Table 11.1 shows the percentage of all children born in the five years before the survey by breastfeeding status and the timing of initial breastfeeding, by background characteristics. Breastfeeding is nearly universal in Ethiopia, with 96 percent of children born in the five years preceding the survey having been breastfed at some time. The proportion of children ever breastfed ranges from a low of 93 percent in Addis Ababa to a high of 99 percent in Harari. However, the percentage of children ever breastfed does not vary much by other background characteristics.

More than two in three children are breastfed within one hour of birth ( 69 percent) and 86 percent within one day of birth. Twenty-nine percent of children were given a prelacteal feed, that is, something other than breast milk during the first three days of life. Forty-five percent of children were given the first milk. The percentage of children who are breastfed early has increased in the past five years, the increase being more pronounced for children breastfed within 1 hour.

There is no difference in the timing of initial breastfeeding by gender of the child. However, other characteristics of the infant and mother, such as type of assistance at delivery, place of delivery, have important influences on early breastfeeding practices. Rural children are more likely than urban children to start breastfeeding within one hour and within one day of birth, as are children born in Dire Dawa and Somali compared with children in the other regions. Highly educated mothers are less likely than those with little or no education to put their newborn to the breast within the first hour or day of birth. Differences in early breastfeeding by wealth are small. Early initiation of breastfeeding is more common among children whose mothers were assisted at delivery by a trained traditional birth attendant and among children delivered at home.

| Table 11.1 Initial breastfeeding |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children born in the five years preceding the survey who were ever breastfed and for last-born children ever breastfed in the five years preceding the survey, the percentage who started breastfeeding within one hour and within one day of birth and the percentage who received a prelacteal feed, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage ever breastfed | Number of children | Percentage who started breastfeeding: |  | Percentage who received a prelacteal feed ${ }^{2}$ | Percentage who received the first milk | Number of children ever breastfed |
|  |  |  | Percentage who started breastfeeding within 1 hour of birth | Percentage who started breastfeeding within 1 day of birth ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 96.0 | 5,723 | 68.4 | 85.2 | 29.5 | 44.9 | 3,668 |
| Female | 95.9 | 5,440 | 69.8 | 86.3 | 28.4 | 45.7 | 3,441 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 95.0 | 815 | 64.8 | 81.9 | 38.8 | 43.8 | 608 |
| Rural | 96.0 | 10,348 | 69.5 | 86.1 | 28.0 | 45.5 | 6,501 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 98.5 | 698 | 52.9 | 73.7 | 30.6 | 55.8 | 475 |
| Affar | 97.2 | 107 | 86.4 | 91.1 | 36.8 | 68.3 | 67 |
| Amhara | 97.1 | 2,621 | 62.6 | 77.4 | 44.6 | 44.8 | 1,823 |
| Oromiya | 94.8 | 4,411 | 72.1 | 88.5 | 26.0 | 45.8 | 2,624 |
| Somali | 95.1 | 477 | 91.4 | 94.0 | 19.2 | 53.7 | 275 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 96.7 | 105 | 72.1 | 80.3 | 19.0 | 45.4 | 67 |
| SNNP | 96.4 | 2,500 | 71.4 | 92.7 | 15.4 | 39.3 | 1,596 |
| Gambela | 95.9 | 31 | 72.7 | 80.8 | 28.3 | 43.0 | 22 |
| Harari | 99.0 | 22 | 73.7 | 88.2 | 48.6 | 75.9 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 92.9 | 153 | 66.2 | 86.7 | 49.4 | 42.1 | 120 |
| Dire Dawa | 98.1 | 37 | 91.4 | 94.4 | 34.2 | 66.5 | 24 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 96.2 | 8,838 | 70.4 | 86.2 | 28.8 | 46.4 | 5,594 |
| Primary | 95.1 | 1,855 | 64.8 | 84.6 | 28.2 | 38.5 | 1,157 |
| Secondary and higher | 95.4 | 470 | 63.0 | 81.5 | 34.8 | 51.0 | 357 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 96.4 | 2,440 | 72.1 | 85.4 | 30.7 | 49.3 | 1,486 |
| Second | 95.8 | 2,356 | 69.7 | 85.5 | 27.3 | 46.5 | 1,510 |
| Middle | 95.8 | 2,486 | 69.9 | 85.6 | 26.8 | 45.6 | 1,541 |
| Fourth | 95.3 | 2,222 | 67.0 | 86.4 | 28.5 | 43.5 | 1,415 |
| Highest | 96.6 | 1,660 | 65.8 | 85.8 | 32.3 | 40.7 | 1,157 |
| Assistance at delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health professional ${ }^{3}$ | 93.2 | 644 | 62.2 | 84.4 | 30.0 | 49.5 | 487 |
| Trained traditional birth attendant | 95.5 | 734 | 70.8 | 88.2 | 28.6 | 41.0 | 445 |
| Untrained traditional birth attendant | 96.3 | 2,399 | 68.7 | 84.1 | 35.2 | 50.4 | 1,480 |
| Other | 96.0 | 6,756 | 69.2 | 85.6 | 28.0 | 43.3 | 4,261 |
| No one | 97.1 | 607 | 75.6 | 92.8 | 17.1 | 47.7 | 430 |
| Missing | 100.0 | 23 | 46.2 | 46.2 | 0.0 | 29.9 | 7 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 93.4 | 589 | 61.4 | 84.9 | 29.6 | 49.2 | 444 |
| At home | 96.1 | 10,502 | 69.7 | 85.9 | 28.9 | 45.0 | 6,631 |
| Other | 94.9 | 45 | 52.2 | 82.0 | 32.0 | 53.7 | 28 |
| Missing | 100.0 | 26 | 34.1 | 34.8 | 0.6 | 34.8 | 6 |
| Total | 96.0 | 11,163 | 69.1 | 85.7 | 29.0 | 45.3 | 7,109 |

Note: Table is based on births in the five years preceding the survey whether the children are living or dead.
${ }^{1}$ Includes children who started breastfeeding within one hour of birth.
${ }^{2}$ Received something other than breast milk during the first three days of life, before the mother started breastfeeding regularly. ${ }^{3}$ Doctor, nurse/midwife, or auxiliary midwife

### 11.2 Breastfeeding Status by Age

UNICEF and WHO recommend that children be exclusively breastfed during the first 6 months of life and that children be given solid or semisolid complementary food in addition to continued breastfeeding from six months on. Exclusive breastfeeding is recommended because breast milk is uncontaminated and contains all the nutrients necessary for children in the first few months of
life. In addition, the mother's antibodies in breast milk provide immunity to disease. Early supplementation is discouraged for several reasons. First, it exposes infants to pathogens and increases their risk of infection, especially disease. Second, it decreases infants' intake of breast milk and therefore suckling, which reduces breast milk production. Third, in a harsh socioeconomic environment, supplementary food is often nutritionally inferior.

Information on supplementation was obtained by asking mothers about the current breastfeeding status of all children under five years of age and, for the youngest child born in the three-year period before the survey and living with the mother, food (liquids or solids) given to the child the day before the survey..

Table 11.2 shows the percent distribution of youngest children under three years living with the mother by breastfeeding status and percentage of children under three years using a bottle with a nipple, according to age in months. The data presented in Table 11.2 and Figure 11.1 shows that not all children under 6 months are exclusively breastfed. Contrary to WHO's recommendations only one in three Ethiopian children age 4-5 months is exclusively breastfed. The table also shows that just over two-thirds of children under 2 months of age are exclusively breastfed, 10 percent consume breast milk and plain water, 5 percent consume breast milk and other non-milk liquids, and 11 percent consumed breast milk and other milk. Six percent of children under 2 months are given complementary foods. The EDHS results also indicate that complementary foods are not introduced in a timely fashion for many children. At 6-8 months of age, 14 percent of children continue to be exclusively breastfed, 9 percent receive plain water in addition to breast milk, 6 percent consume other water-based liquids, 20 percent consume other milk, and 50 percent consume complementary foods. The proportion of exclusively breastfed children drops to 1 in 20 by age $9-11$ months, and continues to decline thereafter.

| Table 11.2 Breastfeeding status by age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of youngest children under three years living with the mother by breastfeeding status, and percentage of all children under three years using a bottle with a nipple, according to age in months, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Breastfe | gr and con | suming: |  |  |  | Percentage |  |
| Age in months | Not breastfeeding | Exclusively breastfed | Plain water only | Non-milk liquids/ juice | Other milk | Complementary foods | Total | Number of children | using a bottle with a nipple ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children |
| $<2$ | 1.6 | 67.3 | 9.9 | 5.0 | 10.6 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 328 | 7.6 | 331 |
| 2-3 | 1.2 | 49.4 | 14.4 | 7.0 | 15.1 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 458 | 13.2 | 461 |
| 4-5 | 1.3 | 31.6 | 18.7 | 3.2 | 23.8 | 21.5 | 100.0 | 355 | 17.9 | 360 |
| 6-8 | 1.6 | 14.1 | 9.0 | 5.5 | 19.8 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 598 | 18.7 | 608 |
| 9-11 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 1.5 | 8.4 | 74.0 | 100.0 | 459 | 17.0 | 463 |
| 12-17 | 6.5 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 83.9 | 100.0 | 1,091 | 10.7 | 1,115 |
| 18-23 | 11.9 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 83.5 | 100.0 | 718 | 8.4 | 762 |
| 24-35 | 38.8 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 59.4 | 100.0 | 1,442 | 7.6 | 1,892 |
| $<4$ | 1.4 | 56.8 | 12.5 | 6.1 | 13.2 | 9.9 | 100.0 | 787 | 10.9 | 791 |
| <6 | 1.3 | 49.0 | 14.5 | 5.2 | 16.5 | 13.5 | 100.0 | 1,142 | 13.0 | 1,152 |
| 6-9 | 2.5 | 12.7 | 8.4 | 4.5 | 17.5 | 54.4 | 100.0 | 791 | 17.4 | 804 |
| 12-23 | 8.6 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 83.7 | 100.0 | 1,809 | 9.7 | 1,877 |
| Note: Breastfeeding status refers to a "24-hour" period (yesterday and last night). Children who are classified as breastfeeding and consuming plain water only consumed no liquid or solid supplements. The categories of not breastfeeding, exclusively breastfed, breastfeeding and consuming plain water, non-milk liquids/juice, other milk, and complementary foods (solids and semi-solids) are hierarchical and mutually exclusive, and their percentages add to 100 percent. Thus children who receive breast milk and non-milk liquids and who do not receive complementary foods are classified in the non-milk liquid category even though they may also get plain water. Any children who get complementary food are classified in that category as long as they are breastfeeding as well. Based on all children under 3 years. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 11.1 Breastfeeding Practices by Age


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Figure 11.2 shows the breastfeeding status of children $0-5$ months and 6-9 months for the years 2000 and 2005. Exclusive breastfeeding declined slightly among children under six months while complementary feeding increased between the two surveys.

Figure 11.2 Trends in Infant Feeding Practice for Children 0-5 Months and 6-9 Months, 2000 and 2005


Bottle-feeding is discouraged at any age. It is usually associated with increased risk of illness, and especially diarrhoeal disease, because of the difficulty in sterilizing the nipples properly. Bottlefeeding also shortens the period of postpartum amenorrhoea and increases the risk of pregnancy. The practice of bottle-feeding with a nipple is not widespread in Ethiopia. However, the proportion of children who are bottle-fed rises from 8 percent among children age less than two months to 19 percent among children age 6-8 months, after which it declines gradually to 8 percent among children 18-35 months of age.

### 11.3 Duration and Frequency of Breastfeeding

Table 11.3 shows the median duration of breastfeeding by selected background characteristics. The estimates of median and mean durations of breastfeeding are based on current status data, that is, the proportion of last-born children in the three years preceding the survey who were being breastfed at the time of the survey.

## Table 11.3 Median duration and frequency of breastfeeding

Median duration of any breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding, and predominant breastfeeding among children born in the three years preceding the survey, percentage of breastfeeding children under six months living with the mother who were breastfed six or more times in the 24 hours preceding the survey, and mean number of feeds (day/night), by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Median duration (months) of breastfeeding ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Breastfeeding children under six months ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Percentage |  |  |  |
|  | Any breastfeeding | Exclusive breastfeeding | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Predominant } \\ \text { breast- } \\ \text { feeding }{ }^{3} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Number of children | breastfed $6+$ times in last 24 hours | Mean number of day feeds | Mean number of night feeds | Number of children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 25.5 | 2.1 | 4.5 | 3,428 | 96.2 | 6.8 | 5.5 | 602 |
| Female | 26.2 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 3,120 | 94.3 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 507 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 24.8 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 491 | 93.4 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 71 |
| Rural | 25.9 | 2.1 | 4.5 | 6,057 | 95.4 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 1,038 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 25.9 | 1.6 | 6.3 | 397 | 99.0 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 62 |
| Affar | 24.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 65 | 98.0 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 10 |
| Amhara | $\geq 36.0$ | 4.3 | 7.1 | 1,527 | 96.3 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 280 |
| Oromiya | 24.6 | 1.6 | 3.4 | 2,633 | 93.4 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 399 |
| Somali | 21.8 | 0.5 | 2.9 | 279 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 5.8 | 43 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 23.1 | 1.6 | 4.0 | 61 | 91.5 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 12 |
| SNNP | 26.1 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 1,447 | 95.3 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 280 |
| Gambela | $\geq 36.0$ | 1.6 | 4.0 | 17 | (100.0) | (7.7) | (6.3) | 3 |
| Harari | 20.6 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 14 | 93.0 | 6.3 | 4.7 | 3 |
| Addis Ababa | 25.7 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 87 | (97.3) | (7.0) | (5.0) | 13 |
| Dire Dawa | 20.3 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 23 | (100.0) | (7.9) | (6.4) | 4 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 26.2 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 5,116 | 95.4 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 876 |
| Primary | 24.9 | 1.7 | 3.8 | 1,142 | 94.0 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 192 |
| Secondary and higher | 23.3 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 290 | 99.0 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 41 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 25.1 | 0.7 | 3.4 | 1,403 | 97.0 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 221 |
| Second | 27.1 | 2.6 | 5.2 | 1,386 | 96.5 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 220 |
| Middle | 25.4 | 3.0 | 4.6 | 1,470 | 96.3 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 251 |
| Fourth | 25.9 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 1,316 | 91.1 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 263 |
| Highest | 25.3 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 974 | 96.6 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 154 |
| All children | 25.8 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 6,548 | 95.3 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 1,109 |
| Mean for all children | 25.5 | 4.0 | 6.0 | na | na | na | na | na |

[^13]The median duration of breastfeeding is 25.8 months, while the mean duration is 25.5 months. There is little difference in the duration of breastfeeding by sex of the child. Rural children are breastfed for a slightly longer duration than urban children, as are children living in SNNP compared with children in other regions. Highly educated mothers breastfeed their children for a shorter duration than mothers with little or no education.

Both duration and frequency of breastfeeding can affect the length of postpartum amenorrhoea. Table 11.3 shows that the overwhelming majority ( 95 percent) of children under six months of age were breastfed 6 or more times in the 24 hours preceding the survey. In line with expectations, breastfeeding is slightly more frequent in the daytime than at night, with the mean number of feeds in the daytime being 6.6 compared with 5.6 at night. Breastfeeding in the day is more frequent among children residing in the Somali Region than in the other regions, while night feeds are most frequent among children in Affar.

### 11.4 Types OF Supplemental FoOd

Table 11.4 shows information on the types of food given to the youngest child under three years of age living with the mother on the day and night preceding the survey, according to their breastfeeding status. The introduction of other liquids such as water, juice, and formula takes place earlier than the recommended age of about 6 months. Even among the youngest breastfeeding children ( $<2$ months), 10 percent consume other liquids, and 12 percent drink milk other than breast milk. Consumption of liquids other than milk increases gradually with age, and by age 24-35 months more than one in two children receives liquid supplements other than milk. Consumption of milk, other than breast milk and infant formula, peaks at $6-8$ months ( 48 percent) and then declines thereafter. Supplementing with infant formula at any age is uncommon in Ethiopia.

WHO recommends the introduction of solid food to infants around the age of 6 months because by that age breast milk by itself is no longer sufficient to maintain a child's optimal growth. The percentage receiving solid or semisolid food increases gradually; by age two most children are fed solid or semisolid foods. Nevertheless, it is disconcerting to note that even at 6-8 months of age, only one in two children are consuming solid or semisolid food.

At age 6-23 months, the proportion of children consuming foods made from grains (70 percent) is the highest, compared with the consumption of other types of solid or semisolid foods. Only 14 percent of children less than three years of age consumed vitamin A-rich foods in the day and night preceding the survey. Meat, fish, poultry and eggs have bodybuilding substances essential to good health; they are important for balanced physical and mental development. The introduction of these foods in the diet is late and few children consume them. For instance, at age 6-23 months, only one in ten children consume meat, fish, shellfish, poultry or eggs.

As expected, the percentage of non-breastfeeding children who consume supplements at an earlier age is higher than the percentage of breastfeeding children.

Table 11.4 Foods and liquids consumed by children in the day or night preceding the interview
Percentage of youngest children under three years of age living with the mother who consumed specific foods in the day or night preceding the interview, by breastfeeding status and age, Ethiopia 2005

| Age in months | Liquids |  |  | Solid or semi-solid foods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Foods made with oil/ fat/ butter | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fortified } \\ & \text { baby } \\ & \text { foods } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Foods <br> made <br> from <br> grains | Fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin A | Other fruits and vegetables | Food made from roots/ tubers | Food made from legumes and nuts | Meat/ fish/ shellfish/ poultry/ eggs | Cheese, yogurt, other milk product | Any solid or semisolid food |  |  |
|  | Infant formula | Other milk | Other liquids |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BREASTFEEDING CHILDREN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <2 | 0.2 | 12.2 | 10.0 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 0.6 | 323 |
| 2-3 | 1.2 | 20.4 | 12.4 | 0.7 | 6.6 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 13.1 | 0.9 | 453 |
| 4-5 | 0.6 | 31.0 | 13.3 | 1.7 | 16.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 21.7 | 2.7 | 351 |
| 6-8 | 1.3 | 47.5 | 30.1 | 2.5 | 40.2 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 5.5 | 8.6 | 50.6 | 13.1 | 588 |
| 9-11 | 0.2 | 43.2 | 33.6 | 5.3 | 67.1 | 11.2 | 6.0 | 17.8 | 18.1 | 5.4 | 11.6 | 77.7 | 27.6 | 435 |
| 12-17 | 0.8 | 35.2 | 46.1 | 4.4 | 78.7 | 17.5 | 5.5 | 24.3 | 30.6 | 12.2 | 15.7 | 89.5 | 39.2 | 1,021 |
| 18-23 | 1.1 | 31.0 | 49.8 | 3.4 | 87.5 | 18.0 | 5.8 | 23.9 | 42.0 | 14.2 | 15.5 | 94.4 | 49.7 | 632 |
| 24-35 | 1.6 | 30.2 | 53.1 | 2.7 | 88.1 | 21.6 | 5.0 | 24.2 | 46.1 | 9.8 | 16.4 | 97.1 | 47.6 | 882 |
| 6-23 | 0.9 | 38.2 | 41.4 | 3.9 | 70.4 | 13.6 | 5.0 | 19.6 | 26.3 | 10.1 | 13.4 | 80.2 | 34.0 | 2,676 |
| Total | 1.0 | 32.7 | 36.5 | 2.9 | 58.9 | 12.2 | 3.9 | 16.0 | 23.9 | 7.8 | 11.0 | 67.4 | 28.7 | 4,685 |
| NONBREASTFEEDING CHILDREN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-11 | 11.1 | 63.3 | 57.1 | 5.9 | 54.0 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 26.2 | 17.3 | 22.2 | 31.2 | 60.0 | 37.2 | 49 |
| 12-17 | 1.5 | 61.2 | 81.6 | 4.3 | 82.9 | 36.0 | 8.3 | 40.1 | 22.5 | 20.3 | 12.6 | 95.2 | 34.0 | 71 |
| 18-23 | 2.1 | 62.4 | 63.6 | 5.2 | 82.8 | 18.8 | 10.4 | 30.9 | 27.7 | 22.4 | 27.8 | 99.1 | 48.6 | 85 |
| 24-35 | 1.1 | 40.3 | 60.5 | 2.4 | 91.4 | 25.9 | 9.0 | 26.9 | 41.8 | 15.2 | 22.7 | 98.9 | 48.9 | 560 |
| 6-23 | 4.0 | 63.1 | 70.4 | 5.5 | 80.3 | 24.0 | 10.0 | 34.8 | 25.3 | 23.4 | 24.9 | 93.8 | 42.7 | 189 |
| Total | 1.9 | 46.2 | 62.6 | 3.1 | 87.3 | 24.9 | 9.1 | 28.5 | 36.9 | 17.0 | 22.9 | 96.1 | 46.7 | 765 |

Note: Breastfeeding status and food consumed refer to a "24-hour" period (yesterday and last night).
${ }^{1}$ Other milk includes fresh, tinned and powdered cow or other animal milk
${ }^{2}$ Does not include plain water
${ }^{3}$ Includes fortified baby food
${ }^{4}$ Includes pumpkin, carrots, squash, sweet potatoes, dark green leafy vegetables, mangoes, papayas, and other locally grown fruits and vegetables
that are rich in vitamin $A$

### 11.5 Foods Consumed by Mothers

The quality and quantity of food that mothers consume influences their health and that of their children, especially the health of breastfeeding children. The 2005 EDHS included questions on the type of foods consumed by mothers of children under age three during the day and night preceding the interview.

Table 11.5 shows that most mothers of young children consume foods made from grains (88 percent), one in two mothers consume foods made from legumes and nuts, one-third consume foods made from roots or tubers and vitamin A-rich fruits and vegetables. Smaller proportions of mothers consume cheese, yogurt, milk or other milk products ( 23 percent) and meat, fish, shellfish, poultry and eggs (14 percent). Eighty-six percent of mothers drink tea or coffee and 56 percent consume foods made with oil, fat or butter.

Table 11.5 Foods consumed by mothers in the day and night preceding the interview
Percentage of mothers of children under three years of age who consumed specific types of foods in the day and night preceding the interview, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Foods <br> made <br> from <br> grains | Foods made from roots/ tubers | Foods made from legumes/ nuts | Meat/ <br> fish/ shellfish/ poultry/ eggs | Cheese/ yogurt/ milk/ milk products | Fruits/ vegetables rich in vitamin A | Other <br> fruits/ vegetables | Foods <br> made with oil/ fat/ butter | Sugary foods | Tea/ coffee | Number of mothers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 89.2 | 29.5 | 52.0 | 12.2 | 20.2 | 28.6 | 5.3 | 56.8 | 2.6 | 84.1 | 760 |
| 20-24 | 90.4 | 29.3 | 49.5 | 15.5 | 21.4 | 29.4 | 6.3 | 57.7 | 3.1 | 82.4 | 1,402 |
| 25-29 | 87.8 | 35.5 | 48.6 | 14.9 | 25.4 | 32.5 | 6.5 | 56.3 | 3.2 | 87.0 | 1,415 |
| 30-34 | 83.9 | 32.8 | 44.4 | 14.9 | 22.8 | 36.5 | 7.5 | 53.6 | 2.7 | 87.5 | 968 |
| 35-49 | 86.8 | 32.4 | 50.6 | 12.1 | 25.4 | 28.1 | 3.3 | 55.7 | 2.8 | 89.4 | 905 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 97.1 | 38.9 | 63.5 | 31.5 | 23.5 | 39.2 | 19.8 | 81.2 | 8.8 | 92.3 | 411 |
| Rural | 87.1 | 31.5 | 47.7 | 12.8 | 23.1 | 30.5 | 4.8 | 54.1 | 2.5 | 85.4 | 5,038 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 96.6 | 4.0 | 68.8 | 24.6 | 6.9 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 76.9 | 3.4 | 78.3 | 348 |
| Affar | 92.2 | 5.1 | 25.1 | 18.6 | 73.4 | 11.4 | 3.9 | 69.3 | 3.3 | 92.5 | 51 |
| Amhara | 94.4 | 23.1 | 76.2 | 19.3 | 13.8 | 13.2 | 3.3 | 67.5 | 2.2 | 86.6 | 1,296 |
| Oromiya | 92.6 | 23.9 | 49.1 | 12.9 | 29.1 | 33.2 | 5.6 | 57.7 | 3.1 | 85.4 | 2,137 |
| Somali | 94.0 | 11.8 | 9.2 | 7.6 | 41.1 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 48.8 | 8.5 | 70.6 | 214 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 90.0 | 12.1 | 48.0 | 22.6 | 14.7 | 27.8 | 7.4 | 53.7 | 3.8 | 83.2 | 50 |
| SNNP | 67.8 | 68.4 | 21.0 | 7.9 | 22.3 | 57.4 | 7.0 | 34.2 | 1.8 | 90.9 | 1,231 |
| Gambela | 95.3 | 26.7 | 33.6 | 24.9 | 25.3 | 56.5 | 12.8 | 55.3 | 4.1 | 68.7 | 15 |
| Harari | 100.0 | 30.6 | 49.7 | 16.3 | 25.3 | 42.7 | 17.9 | 60.6 | 3.1 | 79.7 | 12 |
| Addis Ababa | 99.4 | 41.5 | 74.5 | 27.3 | 21.7 | 35.9 | 34.6 | 90.2 | 11.5 | 94.2 | 77 |
| Dire Dawa | 94.8 | 39.1 | 31.4 | 15.1 | 41.6 | 28.8 | 20.5 | 57.1 | 6.3 | 60.0 | 19 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 87.4 | 30.3 | 47.4 | 12.5 | 22.2 | 29.2 | 4.2 | 53.8 | 2.7 | 84.6 | 4,262 |
| Primary | 87.5 | 37.8 | 52.1 | 15.8 | 25.9 | 38.0 | 9.5 | 60.0 | 1.4 | 89.3 | 932 |
| Secondary and higher | 96.6 | 40.8 | 62.1 | 37.0 | 29.1 | 38.7 | 21.9 | 81.5 | 13.3 | 95.6 | 255 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 89.0 | 18.6 | 44.1 | 12.6 | 26.3 | 19.7 | 3.8 | 48.5 | 2.6 | 78.2 | 1,154 |
| Second | 86.2 | 30.9 | 48.3 | 9.7 | 21.6 | 31.6 | 4.5 | 48.9 | 2.7 | 84.1 | 1,192 |
| Middle | 86.9 | 32.0 | 46.3 | 12.9 | 23.1 | 31.3 | 4.9 | 55.5 | 2.4 | 87.5 | 1,196 |
| Fourth | 85.6 | 41.2 | 49.8 | 13.9 | 19.7 | 36.0 | 5.9 | 59.8 | 2.0 | 90.2 | 1,086 |
| Highest | 92.9 | 40.9 | 59.0 | 25.2 | 25.8 | 39.8 | 12.6 | 73.4 | 5.9 | 91.4 | 822 |
| Total | 87.8 | 32.1 | 48.9 | 14.2 | 23.2 | 31.1 | 5.9 | 56.1 | 2.9 | 85.9 | 5,450 |

Note: Table refers to foods consumed in the preceding "24-hour" period (yesterday and last night)
${ }^{1}$ Includes pumpkin, carrots, squash, sweet potatoes, dark green leafy vegetables, mangoes, papayas, and other locally grown fruits and vegetables that are rich in vitamin A

### 11.6 Micronutrient Intake

Micronutrient deficiencies are a result of inadequate intake of micronutrient-rich foods and the inadequate utilization of available micronutrients in the diet as a result of infections, parasitic infestations, and other factors. Measures of micronutrient fortification through the use of iodized household salt, micronutrient supplementation with iron and vitamin A, consumption of vitamin Arich and iron-rich foods, and micronutrient status in terms of anaemia and night blindness are discussed in the following section for both women and children.

### 11.6.1 Iodine Intake

Insufficient iodine in the diet can lead to serious health problems. Disorders arising from iodine deficiency range from goiter to mental and neurological disorders. Deficiency of iodine also causes abortion, stillbirth, low birth weight in infants, and premature birth. The principal cause of iodine deficiency is inadequate iodine in foods. Since iodine cannot be stored for long periods by the body, tiny amounts are needed regularly (100-150 micrograms per day per person).

In the 2005 EDHS cooking salt in households was tested for the presence of iodine using salt testing kits supplied by UNICEF. Salt that contains at least 15 parts per million (ppm) of iodine is considered to be adequately iodized. Of the 99 percent of households in which an iodine test was carried out, only 20 percent had salt that was adequately iodized. Wealth and place of residence make little difference in iodine fortification (Table 11.6). Households in Dire Dawa are most likely to consume salt that is adequately iodized ( 62 percent) while households in Benishangul-Gumuz least likely (14 percent).

| Table 11.6 Presence of iodized salt in household |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of households with salt tested for iodine content by level of iodine in salt (parts per million), percentage of households tested, and percentage of households with no salt, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | lodine content of salt in households tested: |  |  |  | Number of households | Among all households, the percentage: |  | Number of households |
|  | None $(0 \mathrm{ppm})$ | Inadequate ( $<15 \mathrm{ppm}$ ) | Adequate (15+ ppm) | Total |  | With salt tested | With no salt |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 46.1 | 32.9 | 21.0 | 100.0 | 1,939 | 98.2 | 0.1 | 1,974 |
| Rural | 45.6 | 34.7 | 19.7 | 100.0 | 11,606 | 98.8 | 0.1 | 11,747 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 43.7 | 28.3 | 28.0 | 100.0 | 932 | 99.2 | 0.4 | 940 |
| Affar | 39.0 | 38.0 | 23.0 | 100.0 | 136 | 98.8 | 0.0 | 138 |
| Amhara | 53.4 | 31.7 | 14.9 | 100.0 | 3,658 | 98.6 | 0.1 | 3,709 |
| Oromiya | 40.3 | 37.7 | 22.0 | 100.0 | 4,749 | 99.1 | 0.0 | 4,790 |
| Somali | 41.8 | 33.6 | 24.7 | 100.0 | 535 | 99.0 | 0.0 | 540 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 58.7 | 27.7 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 127 | 99.4 | 0.0 | 128 |
| SNNP | 45.9 | 35.6 | 18.5 | 100.0 | 2,746 | 98.0 | 0.2 | 2,802 |
| Gambela | 34.9 | 27.4 | 37.6 | 100.0 | 45 | 96.7 | 0.4 | 47 |
| Harari | 41.5 | 29.7 | 28.8 | 100.0 | 38 | 98.0 | 0.0 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 50.4 | 31.7 | 17.9 | 100.0 | 516 | 98.4 | 0.0 | 525 |
| Dire Dawa | 8.3 | 29.4 | 62.3 | 100.0 | 63 | 98.5 | 0.0 | 64 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 43.4 | 34.5 | 22.1 | 100.0 | 2,733 | 99.1 | 0.1 | 2,757 |
| Second | 48.0 | 33.4 | 18.7 | 100.0 | 2,813 | 99.1 | 0.0 | 2,838 |
| Middle | 44.0 | 36.2 | 19.8 | 100.0 | 2,636 | 98.7 | 0.0 | 2,670 |
| Fourth | 45.9 | 35.0 | 19.1 | 100.0 | 2,492 | 98.5 | 0.1 | 2,531 |
| Highest | 46.9 | 33.3 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 2,872 | 98.2 | 0.1 | 2,925 |
| Total | 45.7 | 34.4 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 13,546 | 98.7 | 0.1 | 13,721 |

### 11.6.2 Micronutrient Intake Among Children

A serious contributor to childhood morbidity and mortality is micronutrient deficiency. Children can receive micronutrients from foods, food fortification, and direct supplementation. Table 11.7 looks at measures relating to intake of several key micronutrients among children.

Vitamin A is an essential micronutrient for the immune system and plays an important role in maintaining the epithelial tissue in the body. Severe vitamin A deficieny (VAD) can cause eye damage. VAD can also increase severity of infections such as measles and diarrheal diseases in children and slows recovery from illness. Vitamin A is found in breast milk, other milks, liver, eggs,
fish, butter, red palm oil, mangoes, papayas, carrots, pumpkins, and dark green leafy vegetables. The liver can store an adequate amount of the vitamin for four to six months. Periodic dosing (usually every six months) of vitamin A supplements is one method of ensuring that children at risk do not develop VAD.

The EDHS collected information on the consumption of vitamin A-rich foods and on the coverage of supplements. Table 11.7 shows that 26 percent of last-born children living with the mother consumed vitamin A-rich foods in the 24 -hour period before the survey. Consumption of vitamin A-rich foods increases from 8 percent among children age $6-8$ months to 33 percent among children age 24-35 months. There is no gender difference in the consumption of vitamin A-rich foods and no discernible difference by birth order. Not surprisingly, breastfeeding children are much less likely to consume vitamin A-rich foods than nonbreastfeeding children. Urban children are nearly twice as likely to consume vitamin A-rich foods as rural children. Children living in Gambela and Addis Ababa are more likely than children living in other regions to consume vitamin A-rich foods. Children born to mothers with at least some secondary education are more likely to have received foods rich in vitamin A than children born to mothers with little or no education. Children living in the wealthiest households are much more likely to consume vitamin A-rich foods than children living in other households.

Eleven percent of young children consume foods rich in iron. Noticeable differences by background characteristics are also seen in the consumption of iron-rich foods by young children. Consumption of iron-rich foods rises to peak of 15 percent among children age 18-23 months, is slightly higher among female than male children, and among lower than higher order births. Differences by other background variables are similar to those seen for the consumption of vitamin Arich foods.

Nearly one in two children age 6-59 months received a vitamin A supplement in the six months before the survey. Differences in the consumption of vitamin A supplements by gender, birth order, breastfeeding status and mother's age at birth are small. The urban-rural difference in vitamin A intake is marked, with rural children much less likely to receive vitamin A supplements than children in urban areas. Children residing in Benishangul-Gumuz are least likely to receive vitamin A supplements compared with children in the other regions. Vitamin A supplementation children rises as mother's education and household wealth increases.

As discussed earlier, inadequate amounts of iodine in the diet are related to serious health risks for young children. The EDHS results show that 19 percent of children $6-59$ months live in households using adequately iodized salt. Children under age one, rural children, and children living in Dire Dawa are more likely than their counterparts to live in households using adequately iodized salt. There is no clear pattern by mother's age at birth or wealth quintile in the percentage of children living in households using adequately iodized salt.

| Table 11.7 Micronutrient intake among children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of last-born children age 6-35 months living with the mother who consumed foods rich in vitamin A and iron in the 24 hours preceding the survey, and percentage of children age $6-59$ months who received vitamin A supplements in the six months preceding the survey, and percentage of children under five living in households with adequately iodized salt, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Last-born children age 6-35 months |  |  |  | Children age 6-59 months |  | Children age 6-59 months in households with salt tested |  |
| Background characteristic | Consumed foods rich in vitamin A in past 24 hours $^{1}$ | Consumed foods rich in iron in past 24 hours $^{2}$ | Number of children | Given <br> vitamin A <br> supplements <br> in past <br> 6 months | Number of children | Household salt adequately iodized ${ }^{3}$ | Number of children |
| Child's age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-8 | 8.4 | 5.4 | 598 | 41.8 | 608 | 21.2 | 603 |
| 9-11 | 18.3 | 7.5 | 459 | 38.9 | 463 | 21.9 | 455 |
| 12-17 | 28.0 | 12.8 | 1,091 | 45.2 | 1,115 | 16.3 | 1,101 |
| 18-23 | 29.4 | 15.2 | 718 | 49.6 | 762 | 18.4 | 753 |
| 24-35 | 32.5 | 11.9 | 1,442 | 46.2 | 1,892 | 19.1 | 1,876 |
| 36-47 | na | na | na | 47.9 | 2,105 | 19.6 | 2,081 |
| 48-59 | na | na | na | 44.9 | 2,013 | 18.7 | 1,986 |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 26.4 | 12.1 | 599 | 44.3 | 1,314 | 15.6 | 1,294 |
| 20-24 | 27.4 | 13.5 | 1,103 | 45.5 | 2,427 | 18.9 | 2,400 |
| 25-29 | 25.1 | 11.7 | 1,106 | 44.9 | 2,206 | 20.1 | 2,170 |
| 30-34 | 30.3 | 10.5 | 773 | 48.1 | 1,607 | 20.2 | 1,597 |
| 35-49 | 20.3 | 7.6 | 727 | 46.4 | 1,404 | 19.3 | 1,394 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 26.0 | 10.6 | 2,206 | 45.7 | 4,508 | 18.5 | 4,467 |
| Female | 26.0 | 12.0 | 2,102 | 45.9 | 4,450 | 19.5 | 4,388 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-3 | 27.7 | 13.4 | 703 | 45.8 | 1,474 | 17.5 | 1,459 |
| 4-5 | 27.5 | 13.8 | 1,239 | 46.3 | 2,726 | 19.3 | 2,692 |
| 6+ | 26.8 | 9.8 | 1,048 | 48.0 | 2,122 | 19.4 | 2,091 |
| Breastfeeding status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breastfeeding | 23.2 | 10.1 | 3,558 | 44.5 | 3,976 | 18.4 | 3,931 |
| Not breastfeeding | 39.2 | 17.1 | 739 | 47.3 | 4,881 | 19.4 | 4,825 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 44.2 | 28.7 | 335 | 62.0 | 673 | 14.4 | 668 |
| Rural | 24.5 | 9.9 | 3,973 | 44.5 | 8,285 | 19.4 | 8,186 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 25.1 | 20.7 | 286 | 65.3 | 591 | 25.0 | 588 |
| Affar | 9.3 | 6.8 | 41 | 33.3 | 85 | 23.5 | 84 |
| Amhara | 19.2 | 12.1 | 1,010 | 43.2 | 2,026 | 14.2 | 1,995 |
| Oromiya | 26.4 | 10.9 | 1,721 | 43.0 | 3,599 | 21.1 | 3,576 |
| Somali | 7.9 | 6.6 | 166 | 38.8 | 383 | 22.6 | 378 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 31.1 | 16.2 | 38 | 27.4 | 83 | 13.7 | 83 |
| SNNP | 35.4 | 8.4 | 948 | 49.9 | 1,986 | 17.4 | 1,948 |
| Gambela | 38.2 | 16.3 | 12 | 39.1 | 26 | 32.2 | 25 |
| Harari | 33.9 | 21.4 | 9 | 36.1 | 18 | 27.1 | 18 |
| Addis Ababa | 37.9 | 20.5 | 64 | 53.2 | 130 | 11.8 | 130 |
| Dire Dawa | 23.9 | 18.6 | 15 | 46.7 | 31 | 53.0 | 31 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 22.9 | 9.0 | 3,371 | 43.8 | 7,052 | 19.1 | 6,967 |
| Primary | 33.1 | 14.9 | 727 | 50.3 | 1,502 | 19.6 | 1,488 |
| Secondary and higher | 51.1 | 35.4 | 210 | 63.6 | 404 | 14.4 | 400 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 16.9 | 6.9 | 926 | 39.5 | 1,990 | 20.4 | 1,969 |
| Second | 26.1 | 8.7 | 964 | 42.1 | 1,893 | 17.4 | 1,872 |
| Middle | 24.0 | 10.6 | 940 | 45.6 | 1,953 | 18.7 | 1,934 |
| Fourth | 28.9 | 11.6 | 818 | 49.6 | 1,744 | 20.7 | 1,719 |
| Highest | 37.9 | 22.1 | 659 | 55.4 | 1,378 | 17.5 | 1,360 |
| Total | 26.0 | 11.3 | 4,308 | 45.8 | 8,958 | 19.0 | 8,855 |
| Note: Information on vitamin A supplements is based on mother's recall. Total includes 98 children with missing information on breastfeeding status who are not shown separately. <br> na $=$ Not applicable <br> ${ }^{1}$ Includes meat (and organ meat), fish, poultry, eggs, pumpkin, red or yellow yams or squash, carrots, red sweet potatoes, dark green leafy vegetables, mango, papaya, and other locally grown fruits and vegetables that are rich in vitamin A <br> ${ }^{2}$ Includes meat (including organ meat) fish, poultry and eggs. <br> ${ }^{3}$ Salt containing 15 ppm of iodine or more. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 11.6.3 Micronutrient Intake among Mothers

A mother's nutritional status during pregnancy is important both for the child's intrauterine development and for protection against maternal morbidity and mortality. Night blindness is an indicator of severe vitamin A deficiency, and pregnant women are especially prone to suffer from it.

Table 11.8 shows the micronutrient intake among mothers of young children by background characteristics. Two-fifths of mothers consumed vitamin A-rich foods and 14 percent consumed ironrich foods. Twenty-one percent of mothers received vitamin A supplements postpartum. One in five mothers reported having difficulty seeing at night but when adjusted for those mothers who had no difficulty seeing in the daytime, only 6 percent of mothers are considered to have suffered from night blindness during their pregnancy. The majority of mothers did not take iron supplements during their pregnancy ( 89 percent). Nineteen percent of mothers live in households using adequately iodized salt.

Consumption of vitamin A-rich foods is higher among mothers whose age at birth was 30-34, mothers residing in urban areas, mothers living in Gambela, mothers with at least secondary education, and mothers in the highest wealth quintile. Urban residence, education, and wealth also exert a positive influence on the consumption of iron-rich foods. Consumption of iron-rich foods is highest in Addis Ababa, Gambela, and Tigray and lowest in SNNP and Somali.

Night blindness during pregnancy is more prevalent among older mothers (age 30 and above), mothers of higher order births, rural mothers, mothers residing in Amhara, mothers with no education, and mothers in the poorest households.

| Table 11.8 Micronutrient intake among mothers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women with a child under age three years living with her who consumed foods rich in vitamin A and iron in the 24 hours preceding the survey, and among women with a birth in the five years preceding the survey, percentage who received a vitamin A dose in the first two months after delivery, percentage who suffered from night blindness during pregnancy, percentage who took iron tablets or syrup for specific number of days, and percentage who live in households with adequately iodized salt, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mothers with a living child under age 3 years who consumed: |  |  |  | Night blindness during pregnancy |  | Number of days iron tablets taken during pregnancy |  |  |  |  | Number of women with a birth in the 5 years preceding the survey | Women in households with salt tested |  |
|  |  |  | Number | vitamin A |  |  |  |  |  |  | Don't |  | with salt | Number |
| characteristics | $\mathrm{A}^{1}$ | foods ${ }^{2}$ | women | partum ${ }^{3}$ | Reported | Adjusted ${ }^{4}$ | None | <60 | 60-89 | $90+$ | missing |  | iodized $^{5}$ | women |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<20$ | 36.3 | 12.2 | 760 | 19.9 | 14.1 | 4.3 | 90.2 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 994 | 15.2 | 974 |
| 20-24 | 40.2 | 15.5 | 1,402 | 19.9 | 18.6 | 5.7 | 90.7 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 1,822 | 17.3 | 1,808 |
| 25-29 | 42.7 | 14.9 | 1,415 | 21.7 | 22.3 | 6.1 | 88.3 | 10.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1,781 | 20.0 | 1,754 |
| 30-34 | 46.8 | 14.9 | 968 | 20.6 | 24.8 | 7.3 | 88.2 | 10.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1,320 | 19.8 | 1,300 |
| 35-49 | 38.0 | 12.1 | 905 | 20.7 | 29.5 | 6.9 | 89.4 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1,391 | 19.6 | 1,380 |
| Number of children ever born |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 40.2 | 14.8 | 909 | 19.7 | 12.9 | 4.8 | 90.2 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1,190 | 16.1 | 1,177 |
| 2-3 | 41.1 | 15.5 | 1,606 | 20.7 | 19.5 | 6.1 | 89.1 | 9.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 2,089 | 18.4 | 2,065 |
| 4-5 | 41.7 | 13.4 | 1,318 | 22.2 | 23.3 | 6.1 | 90.2 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1,692 | 19.5 | 1,668 |
| $6+$ | 41.2 | 13.2 | 1,616 | 19.8 | 28.2 | 6.8 | 88.6 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 2,336 | 19.3 | 2,306 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 54.4 | 31.5 | 411 | 36.0 | 11.5 | 3.1 | 79.7 | 15.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 634 | 14.8 | 629 |
| Rural | 40.0 | 12.8 | 5,038 | 19.1 | 23.1 | 6.4 | 90.3 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 6,674 | 18.9 | 6,587 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 32.5 | 24.6 | 348 | 17.5 | 24.9 | 8.3 | 87.8 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 480 | 25.6 | 478 |
| Affar | 22.8 | 18.6 | 51 | 18.4 | 14.4 | 4.1 | 89.7 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 68 | 20.9 | 67 |
| Amhara | 30.1 | 19.3 | 1,296 | 16.2 | 21.2 | 11.7 | 91.5 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1,856 | 14.1 | 1,827 |
| Oromiya | 40.7 | 12.9 | 2,137 | 23.9 | 24.4 | 4.6 | 89.5 | 9.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 2,723 | 20.1 | 2,702 |
| Somali | 10.2 | 7.6 | 214 | 14.5 | 17.4 | 4.5 | 91.0 | 6.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 288 | 19.8 | 285 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 41.5 | 22.6 | 50 | 13.2 | 12.7 | 5.8 | 90.6 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 69 | 12.2 | 68 |
| SNNP | 61.2 | 7.9 | 1,231 | 22.1 | 22.1 | 2.6 | 87.8 | 11.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1,632 | 18.5 | 1,598 |
| Gambela | 64.1 | 24.9 | 15 | 25.4 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 81.4 | 15.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 23 | 31.1 | 22 |
| Harari | 48.9 | 16.3 | 12 | 26.0 | 10.5 | 1.2 | 79.9 | 18.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 15 | 27.3 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 49.0 | 27.3 | 77 | 21.8 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 79.6 | 15.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 3.7 | 129 | 13.8 | 129 |
| Dire Dawa | 35.0 | 15.1 | 19 | 28.9 | 6.8 | 1.9 | 87.5 | 10.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 25 | 55.4 | 25 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 38.8 | 12.5 | 4,262 | 18.2 | 23.7 | 6.8 | 90.4 | 8.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 5,734 | 18.9 | 5,663 |
| Primary | 46.8 | 15.8 | 932 | 25.8 | 19.0 | 4.1 | 88.3 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1,205 | 18.1 | 1,189 |
| Secondary and higher | 58.4 | 37.0 | 255 | 41.2 | 7.9 | 2.8 | 77.1 | 17.6 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 368 | 15.4 | 364 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 30.3 | 12.6 | 1,154 | 15.8 | 27.1 | 8.6 | 93.8 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1,520 | 20.4 | 1,504 |
| Second | 39.0 | 9.7 | 1,192 | 16.7 | 22.7 | 6.5 | 91.1 | 7.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1,553 | 17.6 | 1,534 |
| Middle | 42.0 | 12.9 | 1,196 | 19.9 | 23.9 | 7.1 | 89.4 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1,586 | 18.2 | 1,568 |
| Fourth | 45.2 | 13.9 | 1,086 | 22.3 | 20.0 | 3.6 | 88.5 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1,451 | 19.0 | 1,432 |
| Highest | 52.8 | 25.2 | 822 | 30.7 | 15.0 | 4.1 | 82.5 | 14.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 1,196 | 17.4 | 1,177 |
| Total | 41.1 | 14.2 | 5,450 | 20.6 | 22.1 | 6.1 | 89.4 | 9.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 7,307 | 18.6 | 7,216 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes meat (and organ meat), fish, poultry, eggs, pumpkin, red or yellow yams or squash, carrots, red sweet potatoes, mango, papaya, and other locally grown fruits and vegetables that are rich in vitamin A .
${ }^{2}$ Includes meat (and organ meat), fish, poultry, eggs.
${ }^{3}$ In the first two months after delivery.
${ }^{4}$ Women who reported night blindness but did not report difficulty with vision during the day.
${ }^{5}$ Salt containing 15 ppm of iodine or more.

### 11.7 Prevalence of Anaemia

The most common causes of anaemia in developing countries are inadequate intake of iron, folate, vitamin $\mathrm{B}_{12}$ or other nutrients. Anaemia can also result from sickle cell disease, malaria, and intestinal worm infestation. Anaemia may be the underlying cause of maternal mortality, spontaneous abortion, premature birth, and low birth weight. Iron and folic acid supplementation and anti-malarial prophylaxis for pregnant women, promotion of the use of insecticide-treated bednets by pregnant women and children under five, and six-month de-worming for children are some of the important measures to reduce anaemia prevalence among vulnerable groups. Anaemia is characterized by a low level of haemoglobin in the blood. The 2005 EDHS measured haemoglobin levels to identify anaemia in children and women. The resulting data are the first of its kind in Ethiopia.

### 11.7.1 Prevalence of Anaemia in Children

Table 11.9 shows the percentage of children age 6-59 months classified as having anaemia, by background characteristics. More than half ( 54 percent) of Ethiopian children 6-59 months old are anaemic, with 21 percent mildly anaemic, 28 percent moderately anaemic, and 4 percent severely anaemic. Severe anaemia is highest among children age $9-11$ months, male children, children of mothers who were not interviewed and not in the household at the time of the interview, children living in the Somali Region, children of mothers with little or no education, and children in the poorest households. Surprisingly, severe anaemia does not vary much by urban-rural residence. This indicates the widespread nature of the problem and the need to intensify the various components of the anaemia control strategy.

| Percentage of children age 6-59 months classified as having anaemia, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Anaemia status |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Any anaemia | Mild $(10.0-$ $10.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | Moderate (7.0- <br> $9.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Severe } \\ (>7.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}) \end{gathered}$ | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-8 | 77.2 | 20.8 | 53.1 | 3.4 | 226 |
| 9-11 | 73.3 | 23.1 | 41.9 | 8.3 | 199 |
| 12-17 | 73.7 | 26.2 | 41.4 | 6.1 | 521 |
| 18-23 | 62.2 | 24.1 | 33.6 | 4.5 | 344 |
| 24-35 | 50.7 | 20.7 | 26.5 | 3.5 | 882 |
| 36-47 | 48.1 | 23.4 | 22.2 | 2.5 | 1,002 |
| 48-59 | 38.2 | 16.1 | 18.5 | 3.6 | 965 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 55.0 | 21.6 | 28.9 | 4.6 | 2,055 |
| Female | 52.1 | 21.1 | 27.7 | 3.3 | 2,083 |
| Mother's status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interviewed | 53.9 | 21.4 | 28.6 | 3.9 | 3,846 |
| Not interviewed but in household | 47.6 | 20.9 | 26.1 | 0.5 | 111 |
| Not interviewed and not in household ${ }^{2}$ | 49.5 | 20.9 | 23.2 | 5.4 | 182 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 46.8 | 18.4 | 24.8 | 3.5 | 270 |
| Rural | 54.0 | 21.6 | 28.5 | 3.9 | 3,868 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 56.5 | 23.9 | 28.8 | 3.8 | 288 |
| Affar | 58.5 | 25.3 | 28.8 | 4.4 | 32 |
| Amhara | 52.0 | 20.0 | 26.6 | 5.4 | 858 |
| Oromiya | 56.0 | 22.3 | 30.2 | 3.5 | 1,717 |
| Somali | 85.6 | 19.7 | 51.7 | 14.1 | 124 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 54.3 | 24.6 | 25.2 | 4.4 | 39 |
| SNNP | 46.2 | 20.7 | 23.5 | 2.0 | 1,004 |
| Gambela | 61.8 | 25.3 | 32.5 | 4.0 | 10 |
| Harari | 56.1 | 23.6 | 29.3 | 3.1 | 7 |
| Addis Ababa | 37.5 | 9.6 | 23.9 | 4.0 | 45 |
| Dire Dawa | 60.7 | 20.0 | 29.1 | 11.5 | 14 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 54.5 | 21.8 | 28.7 | 4.0 | 3,122 |
| Primary | 51.4 | 20.9 | 26.8 | 3.7 | 685 |
| Secondary and higher | 47.9 | 15.0 | 31.5 | 1.4 | 149 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 59.9 | 22.2 | 32.3 | 5.4 | 923 |
| Second | 55.7 | 22.3 | 28.8 | 4.6 | 888 |
| Middle | 52.8 | 19.8 | 29.4 | 3.6 | 899 |
| Fourth | 49.1 | 20.8 | 25.1 | 3.2 | 853 |
| Highest | 47.8 | 21.7 | 24.0 | 2.0 | 576 |
| Total | 53.5 | 21.4 | 28.3 | 3.9 | 4,138 |

Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Prevalence is adjusted for altitude using formulas recommended by CDC (CDC, 1998). Haemoglobin is measured as grams per decilitre (g/dl).
${ }^{1}$ For women who were not interviewed, information is taken from the Household
Questionnaire. Excludes children whose mothers were not listed in the household schedule.
${ }^{2}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased

### 11.7.2 Prevalence of Anaemia in Women

Table 11.10 shows the prevalence of anaemia among women age $15-49$, which is less pronounced than among children. Twenty-seven percent of women are anaemic, with 17 percent mildly anaemic, 8 percent moderately anaemic, and just over 1 percent severely anaemic. Lack of education, being pregnant, and living in poor households are associated with higher prevalence. Anaemia is also higher among rural than urban women. Women residing in Affar, Somali and Dire Dawa are much more likely to be severely anaemic than women living in the other regions.

| Percentage of women with anaemia, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | naemia stat |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Any anaemia | Mild anaemia | Moderate anaemia | Severe anaemia | Number of women |
| Age ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.8 | 16.6 | 7.4 | 0.9 | 1,489 |
| 20-29 | 24.5 | 15.9 | 7.4 | 1.2 | 2,163 |
| 30-39 | 30.6 | 19.9 | 8.8 | 1.9 | 1,489 |
| 40-49 | 27.7 | 18.2 | 8.3 | 1.3 | 1,000 |
| Children ever born ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 21.5 | 14.9 | 5.6 | 1.0 | 1,909 |
| 1 | 29.0 | 18.3 | 9.8 | 0.9 | 593 |
| 2-3 | 28.2 | 17.8 | 8.6 | 1.8 | 1,101 |
| 4-5 | 28.6 | 16.4 | 11.2 | 1.0 | 1,012 |
| 6+ | 29.4 | 20.5 | 7.2 | 1.6 | 1,526 |
| Maternity status ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant | 30.6 | 14.7 | 13.0 | 3.0 | 520 |
| Breastfeeding | 29.8 | 20.2 | 8.3 | 1.3 | 2,222 |
| Neither | 23.9 | 16.0 | 6.8 | 1.0 | 3,398 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 17.8 | 13.4 | 3.7 | 0.7 | 948 |
| Rural | 28.2 | 18.1 | 8.6 | 1.4 | 5,193 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 29.3 | 22.4 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 411 |
| Affar | 40.4 | 26.2 | 10.9 | 3.4 | 55 |
| Amhara | 31.0 | 21.4 | 8.1 | 1.5 | 1,486 |
| Oromiya | 24.9 | 15.7 | 8.0 | 1.2 | 2,177 |
| Somali | 39.8 | 20.1 | 14.9 | 4.8 | 181 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 31.3 | 20.7 | 9.9 | 0.8 | 59 |
| SNNP | 23.5 | 14.8 | 7.7 | 1.0 | 1,437 |
| Gambela | 42.0 | 29.4 | 10.8 | 1.7 | 21 |
| Harari | 22.4 | 15.2 | 6.7 | 0.5 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 14.6 | 10.7 | 3.1 | 0.8 | 271 |
| Dire Dawa | 25.8 | 17.9 | 5.4 | 2.5 | 26 |
| Education ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 29.4 | 18.4 | 9.5 | 1.4 | 4,045 |
| Primary | 23.0 | 16.2 | 5.3 | 1.5 | 1,447 |
| Secondary and higher | 17.0 | 13.6 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 649 |
| Smoking status ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 35.2 | 16.4 | 18.8 | 0.0 | 91 |
| No | 26.4 | 17.4 | 7.7 | 1.3 | 6,046 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 31.8 | 18.6 | 11.7 | 1.5 | 1,138 |
| Second | 30.3 | 19.2 | 9.6 | 1.4 | 1,218 |
| Middle | 26.7 | 17.6 | 7.9 | 1.3 | 1,206 |
| Fourth | 28.5 | 18.5 | 8.4 | 1.7 | 1,165 |
| Highest | 17.4 | 13.9 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 1,414 |
| Total | 26.6 | 17.4 | 7.9 | 1.3 | 6,141 |
| Note: Table is based on women who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Prevalence is adjusted for altitude using formulas recommended by CDC (CDC, 1998). Women with $<7.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ of haemoglobin have severe anaemia, women with $7.0-9.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ have moderate anaemia, and pregnant women with 10.0-10.9 g/dl and nonpregnant women with $10.0-11.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ have mild anaemia. Total includes 5 women missing information on smoking status who are not shown separately. <br> ${ }^{1}$ For women who were not interviewed, information is taken from the Household Questionnaire. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Excludes women who were not interviewed |  |  |  |  |  |

### 11.8 Nutritional Status

The nutritional status of young children and women of reproductive age reflects household, community, and national development. Children and women are most vulnerable to malnutrition in developing countries because of low dietary intakes, infectious diseases, lack of appropriate care, and inequitable distribution of food within the household.

### 11.8.1 Nutritional Status of Children

The 2005 EDHS included information on the nutritional status of children under five years of age for three indices, namely, weight-for-age, height-for-age and weight-for-height, taking age and sex into consideration. Weight measurements were taken using a lightweight electronic SECA scale designed and manufactured under the guidance of UNICEF, and height measurements were carried out using a measuring board produced by Shorr Productions. Children younger than 24 months were measured lying down (recumbent length) on the board, while standing height was measured for older children. The scale allowed for the weighing of very young children through an automatic motherchild adjustment that eliminated the mother's weight while she was standing on the scale with her baby.

As recommended by WHO, the anthropometric measurements of children in the survey were compared with an international reference population defined by the U.S. National Centre for Health Statistics (NCHS) and accepted by the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Each of the three nutritional status indicators described below are expressed in standard deviation units (Zscores) from the median of the reference population. The use of this reference population is based on the finding that well nourished young children in all population groups (for which data exist) follow very similar growth patterns. The reference populations are useful for comparison, facilitating the examination of differences in the anthropometric status of subgroups in a population and changes in nutritional status over time. In any large population, there is variation in height and weight; this variation approximates a normal distribution.

Each of these indices-height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age-provides different information about growth and body composition, which is used to assess nutritional status. The height-for-age index is an indicator of linear growth retardation and cumulative growth deficits. Children whose height-for-age Z-score 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 malnourished. Children who are below minus three standard deviations (-3 SD) from the median of the reference population are considered severely stunted. Stunting reflects failure to receive adequate nutrition over a long period of time and is also affected by recurrent and chronic illness. Height-forage, therefore, represents the long-term effects of malnutrition in a population and does not vary according to recent dietary intake.

The weight-for-height index measures body mass in relation to body length and describes current nutritional status. Children whose Z-scores are below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) from the median of the reference population are considered thin (wasted) for their height and are acutely malnourished. Wasting represents the failure to receive adequate nutrition in the period immediately preceding the survey and may be the result of inadequate food intake or a recent episode of illness causing loss of weight and the onset of malnutrition. Children whose weight-for-height is below minus three standard deviations $(-3 \mathrm{SD})$ from the median of the reference population are considered 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 malnutrition. Children whose weight-for-age is below minus two standard deviations from the median of the reference population are classified as underweight. Children whose weight-for-age is below minus three standard deviations ( -3 SD ) from the median of the reference population are considered severely underweight.

Height and weight data were collected in all the households that were included in the male subsample of households. A total of 5,280 children under five were identified in the households. Five percent of children had missing information on height or weight, 8 percent had height or weight measures considered to be out of the range for their ages, and less than 1 percent had incomplete age information. The final analysis on nutritional status is based on the remaining 4,586 (87 percent) children. The results are shown in Table 11.11.

| Table 11.11 Nutritional status of children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children under five years classified as malnourished according to three anthropometric indices of nutritional status: height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Height-for-age |  |  | Weight-for-height |  |  | Weight-for-age |  |  | Number of children |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { below } \\ & -3 \text { SD } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percentage } \\ \text { below } \\ -2 \mathrm{SD}^{1} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean Z- } \\ \text { score (SD) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Percentage } \\ \text { below } \\ -3 \text { SD } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { below } \\ & -2 \mathrm{SD}^{1} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean Z- } \\ \text { score (SD) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Percentage } \\ \text { below } \\ -3 \text { SD } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { below } \\ & -2 \text { SD }^{1} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean Z- } \\ \text { score (SD) } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 1.3 | 8.1 | (0.1) | 1.0 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 389 |
| 6-8 | 3.8 | 26.6 | (1.0) | 1.8 | 10.3 | (0.2) | 4.8 | 19.1 | (1.0) | 243 |
| 9-11 | 12.3 | 32.7 | (1.4) | 0.5 | 14.2 | (0.6) | 13.8 | 38.2 | (1.6) | 211 |
| 12-17 | 18.6 | 46.3 | (1.7) | 4.3 | 18.8 | (0.9) | 15.0 | 47.5 | (1.8) | 510 |
| 18-23 | 31.2 | 61.7 | (2.2) | 2.6 | 16.6 | (0.8) | 14.9 | 48.2 | (1.9) | 326 |
| 24-35 | 27.7 | 51.3 | (1.9) | 1.7 | 9.0 | (0.6) | 12.7 | 42.2 | (1.7) | 901 |
| 36-47 | 30.5 | 52.5 | (2.1) | 2.4 | 8.5 | (0.7) | 13.2 | 40.9 | (1.7) | 1,016 |
| 48-59 | 31.3 | 54.1 | (2.1) | 2.4 | 8.5 | (0.6) | 9.5 | 42.6 | (1.7) | 989 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 24.1 | 47.2 | (1.8) | 2.8 | 11.4 | (0.6) | 11.5 | 38.9 | (1.6) | 2,317 |
| Female | 24.2 | 45.8 | (1.8) | 1.7 | 9.6 | (0.5) | 10.7 | 37.9 | (1.5) | 2,269 |
| Birth order ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 18.5 | 38.2 | (1.5) | 1.9 | 9.6 | (0.5) | 8.4 | 33.9 | (1.3) | 661 |
| 2-3 | 21.7 | 44.7 | (1.7) | 2.4 | 9.9 | (0.6) | 10.5 | 35.7 | (1.5) | 1,286 |
| 4-5 | 25.9 | 48.5 | (1.9) | 2.2 | 12.9 | (0.7) | 13.4 | 41.6 | (1.6) | 1,019 |
| 6+ | 26.8 | 50.5 | (1.9) | 1.9 | 9.8 | (0.6) | 10.8 | 41.2 | (1.6) | 1,330 |
| Birth interval in months ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First birth ${ }^{3}$ | 18.5 | 38.2 | (1.5) | 1.9 | 9.6 | (0.5) | 8.4 | 33.9 | (1.3) | 661 |
| <24 | 28.6 | 52.8 | (2.0) | 0.9 | 11.4 | (0.5) | 13.2 | 42.4 | (1.6) | 711 |
| 24-47 | 25.4 | 48.2 | (1.9) | 1.8 | 9.5 | (0.6) | 11.1 | 39.7 | (1.6) | 2,262 |
| 48+ | 18.2 | 41.6 | (1.5) | 4.9 | 13.9 | (0.7) | 10.7 | 35.1 | (1.5) | 661 |
| Size at birth ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Very small | 27.8 | 52.7 | (2.0) | 2.6 | 15.5 | (0.8) | 15.6 | 49.5 | (1.8) | 841 |
| Small | 25.9 | 48.3 | (1.8) | 4.4 | 16.3 | (0.9) | 16.0 | 45.6 | (1.8) | 341 |
| Average or larger | 22.5 | 44.5 | (1.7) | 1.8 | 8.6 | (0.5) | 9.1 | 34.8 | (1.4) | 3,106 |
| Mother's age ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 18.6 | 38.4 | (1.2) | 0.2 | 6.7 | (0.3) | 7.6 | 30.0 | (1.0) | 204 |
| 20-24 | 19.9 | 41.3 | (1.6) | 2.6 | 12.2 | (0.6) | 11.2 | 37.8 | (1.4) | 835 |
| 25-29 | 22.6 | 45.9 | (1.8) | 1.5 | 9.7 | (0.5) | 9.2 | 36.2 | (1.5) | 1,233 |
| 30-34 | 26.0 | 48.5 | (1.9) | 1.9 | 10.9 | (0.7) | 13.5 | 40.2 | (1.6) | 919 |
| 35-49 | 27.1 | 49.9 | (1.9) | 2.9 | 10.6 | (0.6) | 11.5 | 41.5 | (1.6) | 1,217 |
| Mother's nutritional status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight (BMI <18.5) | 25.5 | 50.4 | (2.0) | 2.0 | 15.0 | (0.9) | 13.5 | 49.6 | (1.8) | 805 |
| Normal (BMI 18.5-24.9) | 22.3 | 45.2 | (1.7) | 2.5 | 9.9 | (0.5) | 10.8 | 36.5 | (1.5) | 2,664 |
| Overweight (BMI > $=25$ ) | 18.7 | 40.5 | (1.5) | 2.4 | 6.0 | (0.0) | 4.1 | 19.9 | (0.9) | 120 |
| Missing | 3.0 | 26.9 | (1.4) | 0.0 | 12.1 | (0.8) | 0.0 | 37.0 | (1.5) | 20 |
| Mother's status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interviewed | 23.8 | 46.4 | (1.8) | 2.1 | 10.5 | (0.6) | 11.0 | 38.5 | (1.5) | 4,296 |
| Not interviewed but in household | 26.3 | 43.8 | (1.8) | 1.8 | 11.1 | (0.5) | 13.9 | 38.5 | (1.5) | 112 |
| Not interviewed and not in household ${ }^{5}$ | 30.6 | 51.3 | (1.8) | 5.3 | 9.7 | (0.7) | 12.3 | 35.7 | (1.6) | 178 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Continued... |


| Table 11.11-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children under five years classified as malnourished according to three anthropometric indices of nutritional status: height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Height-for-age |  |  | Weight-for-height |  |  | Weight-for-age |  |  | Number of children |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Percentage } \\ \text { below } \\ -3 \text { SD } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Percentage } \\ \text { below } \\ -2 \text { SD }^{1} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean Z- } \\ \text { score (SD) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Percentage } \\ \text { below } \\ -3 \text { SD } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Percentage below -2 SD $^{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean Z- } \\ \text { score (SD) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Percentage } \\ \text { below } \\ -3 \text { SD } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Percentage below -2 SD $^{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean Z- } \\ \text { score (SD) } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.2 | 29.8 | (1.1) | 2.5 | 6.3 | (0.3) | 4.8 | 22.9 | (0.9) | 362 |
| Rural | 25.3 | 47.9 | (1.8) | 2.2 | 10.9 | (0.6) | 11.6 | 39.7 | (1.6) | 4,224 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 16.7 | 41.0 | (1.7) | 1.9 | 11.6 | (1.0) | 11.3 | 41.9 | (1.7) | 316 |
| Affar | 21.6 | 40.8 | (1.5) | 2.9 | 9.9 | (0.4) | 12.9 | 34.1 | (1.2) | 46 |
| Amhara | 26.5 | 56.6 | (2.1) | 3.0 | 14.2 | (0.8) | 15.0 | 48.9 | (1.9) | 973 |
| Oromiya | 21.8 | 41.0 | (1.6) | 2.4 | 9.6 | (0.5) | 8.2 | 34.4 | (1.4) | 1,867 |
| Somali | 30.3 | 45.2 | (1.8) | 5.1 | 23.7 | (1.0) | 17.8 | 50.9 | (1.8) | 177 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 19.7 | 39.7 | (1.6) | 3.9 | 16.0 | (1.0) | 15.4 | 44.6 | (1.8) | 46 |
| SNNP | 29.1 | 51.6 | (2.0) | 0.9 | 6.5 | (0.4) | 11.9 | 34.7 | (1.5) | 1,057 |
| Gambela | 12.6 | 29.3 | (1.1) | 3.8 | 6.8 | (0.5) | 4.1 | 26.7 | (1.1) | 11 |
| Harari | 17.0 | 38.7 | (1.3) | 0.0 | 9.1 | (0.4) | 5.8 | 26.7 | (1.1) | 10 |
| Addis Ababa | 5.4 | 18.4 | (0.7) | 0.0 | 1.7 | (0.2) | 1.5 | 11.0 | (0.6) | 67 |
| Dire Dawa | 13.8 | 30.8 | (1.0) | 4.4 | 11.4 | (0.9) | 8.4 | 29.6 | (1.3) | 16 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 26.3 | 49.1 | (1.9) | 2.3 | 11.2 | (0.6) | 12.3 | 41.4 | (1.6) | 3,450 |
| Primary | 17.9 | 39.8 | (1.6) | 1.7 | 10.1 | (0.4) | 7.6 | 32.0 | (1.3) | 754 |
| Secondary and higher | 4.7 | 24.0 | (1.0) | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 13.6 | (0.6) | 204 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 26.5 | 47.9 | (1.8) | 3.3 | 13.0 | (0.8) | 12.6 | 42.9 | (1.7) | 1,014 |
| Second | 27.5 | 54.0 | (2.0) | 3.4 | 13.4 | (0.7) | 15.2 | 43.6 | (1.7) | 994 |
| Middle | 27.3 | 45.8 | (1.8) | 1.8 | 10.7 | (0.5) | 10.7 | 38.3 | (1.5) | 942 |
| Fourth | 20.1 | 46.4 | (1.8) | 0.8 | 7.6 | (0.5) | 8.9 | 34.8 | (1.5) | 944 |
| Highest | 16.8 | 34.9 | (1.4) | 1.6 | 6.2 | (0.4) | 6.4 | 29.4 | (1.2) | 692 |
| Total | 24.1 | 46.5 | (1.8) | 2.2 | 10.5 | (0.6) | 11.1 | 38.4 | (1.5) | 4,586 |

Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Each of the indices is expressed in standard deviation units (SD) from the median of the NCHS/CDC/WHO International Reference Population. The percentage of children who are more than three or more than two standard deviations below the median of the International Reference Population ( -3 SD and -2 SD) are shown according to background characteristics. Table is based on children with valid dates of birth (month and year) and valid measurement of both height and weight. Total includes 6 children missing information on birth size who are not shown separately. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Includes children who are below -3 standard deviations (SD) from the International Reference Population median.
${ }^{2}$ Excludes children whose mothers were not interviewed
${ }^{3}$ First born twins (triplets, etc.) are counted as first births because they do not have a previous birth interval.
${ }^{4}$ For women who were not interviewed, information is taken from the Household Questionnaire. Excludes children whose mothers were not listed in the household schedule.
${ }^{5}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased

Forty-seven percent of children under five are stunted and 24 percent are severely stunted. Eleven percent of children under five are wasted and 2 percent are severely wasted. The weight forage indicator shows that 38 percent of children under five are underweight and 11 percent are severely underweight.

Table 11.11 and Figure 11.3 indicate that stunting is apparent even among children less than 6 months of age ( 8 percent). Stunting increases with the age of the child; this is evidenced by the increase in stunting from 27 percent among children age 6-8 months to 62 percent among children age 18-23 months. The level then declines slowly to between 51 and 54 percent among children age two years and older. There is very little difference in the level of stunting by gender. Stunting increases with increasing birth order of the child but decreases with increasing birth interval. Size at birth is an important indicator of the nutritional status of children. Stunting is higher among children who were reported to have been very small at birth ( 53 percent) than among children who were small, average,
or larger in size at birth. The percentage of children stunted decreases with increasing level of mother's education and increases with increasing age of mother. Children whose biological mothers were not in the household are more likely to be stunted ( 51 percent) than children whose mothers were interviewed (46 percent). The relationship between stunting and wealth status is not uniform, though children in the highest wealth quintile are least likely to be stunted compared with those in the other wealth quintiles than those in the other groups. Rural children are more stunted (48 percent) than urban children ( 30 percent). Regional variation in nutritional status of children is substantial. Stunting levels are above the national average in the Amhara ( 57 percent) and SNNP ( 52 percent) regions.

The prevalence of wasting is higher than the national average among children age 9-23 months. The percentage of children classified as wasted is highest among children of birth order 4 and 5 (13 percent). The proportion of children wasted is higher in rural areas ( 11 percent) than in urban areas ( 6 percent). Wasting is higher than the national average in Somali (24 percent), BenishangulGumuz (16 percent), Amhara (14 percent), Tigray (12 percent) and Dire Dawa (11 percent). The level of wasting decreases with increasing wealth.

Table 11.11 and Figure 11.3 show that the percentage of children underweight increases sharply from 4 percent among children under age 6 months to 19 percent among children age 6-8 months, doubles among children age 9-11 months, and peaks at 48 percent among children age 12-23 months with very small decreases thereafter. This may be due to inappropriate and/or inadequate feeding practices because increasing levels of children underweight by age coincides with the age at which normal complementary feeding starts. The percentages of underweight children in Somali (51 percent), Amhara (49 percent) and Benishangul-Gumuz (45 percent) are above the national average. Differentials for the other background characteristics are very similar to those discussed under stunting and wasting.

Figure 11.3 Nutritional Status of Children Under Age Five


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### 11.8.2 Trends in Children's Nutritional Status

Data from the 2005 EDHS can be compared with similarly collected data from the 2000 EDHS. A comparison of the data shows that there have been some improvements in the nutritional status of children in the past five years. The percentage of children stunted fell by 10 percent from 52 percent in 2000 to 47 percent in 2005. Similarly, the percentage of children underweight declined by 19 percent from 47 percent in 2000 to 38 percent in 2005 . There was, however, no change over the five-year period in the percentage of children wasted.

### 11.8.3 Nutritional Status of Women

The 2005 EDHS collected information on the height and weight of women in the reproductive age group. The data are used to derive a measure of adult nutritional status known as body mass index (BMI). In this report, two indicators of nutritional status are presented-height and body mass index (BMI).

The height of a woman is associated with past socioeconomic status and nutrition during childhood and adolescence. A woman's height is used to predict the risk of difficulty in delivery because small stature is often associated with small pelvis size and the potential for obstructed labour. The risk of giving birth to a low birth weight baby is influenced by the mother's nutritional status. The cutoff point for the height at which mothers can be considered at risk varies between populations but normally falls between 140 and 150 centimetres. As in other DHS surveys, a cutoff point of 145 cm is used for the 2005 EDHS.

The index used to measure thinness or obesity is known as the body mass index (BMI), or the Quetelet index. BMI is defined as weight in kilogrammes divided by height squared in metres $\left(\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$. A cut-off point of 18.5 is used to define thinness or acute undernutrition and a BMI of 25 or above usually indicates overweight or obesity.

Table 11.12 presents the mean values of the two indicators of nutritional status and the proportions of women falling into high-risk categories, according to background characteristics. Women for whom there was no information on height and/or weight and for whom a BMI could not be estimated are excluded from this analysis. The data analysis on BMI is based on 5,901 women, while the height analysis is based on 6,636 women age $15-49$ years. The mean height of women is 157 centimetres, which is above the critical height of 145 centimetres. Overall, 3 percent of women are shorter than 145 cm . There are very small differences in the mean height of women by background characteristics. Women in the Somali and Gambela regions, on the average are taller than women in the other regions. Women in Amhara have the shortest mean height and, along with Affar, the highest proportion below 145 cm . Women with at least some secondary education are at least 1 cm taller than women who have not attended school. There is no clear difference in the pattern of height by other characteristics.

Table 11.12 shows that there are large differentials across background characteristics in the percentage of women assessed as malnourished (BMI less than 18.5) or "thin" and overweight (BMI 25 or higher). Twenty-seven percent of women were found to be chronically malnourished (BMI less than 18.5), while only 4 percent were overweight or obese. Three in ten women age 15-19 and women age $45-49$ are thin or undernourished. Variation between urban and rural women is marked. More women have a BMI less than 18.5 in rural areas ( 28 percent) than in urban areas ( 19 percent). However, the percentage of overweight or obese women is higher in urban areas ( 14 percent) than in rural areas ( 2 percent). Gambela ( 39 percent) and Tigray ( 38 percent) have the highest percentage of undernourished women and Addis Ababa has the lowest percentage ( 15 percent). The percentage of overweight or obese women increases with increasing educational level. It is also elevated for the highest wealth quintile.

Table 11.12 Nutritional status of women by background characteristics
Among women age 15-49, mean height, percentage under 145 cm , mean body mass index ( BMI ), and percentage with specific BMI levels, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Height |  |  | BMI ( $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean height in cm | Percentage below 145 cm | Number <br> of <br> women | Mean BMI | $\begin{gathered} 18.5- \\ 24.9 \\ \text { (normal) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & <18.5 \\ & \text { (thin) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17.0- \\ 18.4 \\ \text { (mildly } \\ \text { thin) } \end{gathered}$ | $<17.0$ <br> (moderately and severely thin) | $\geq 25.0$ <br> (over- <br> weight <br> or obese) | $\begin{gathered} 25.0- \\ 29.9 \\ \text { (over- } \\ \text { weight) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \geq 30.0 \\ \text { (obese) } \end{gathered}$ | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 155.5 | 4.8 | 1,608 | 19.7 | 64.5 | 32.5 | 17.0 | 15.5 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 1,517 |
| 20-29 | 156.8 | 3.1 | 2,358 | 20.3 | 75.8 | 20.8 | 15.6 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 2,002 |
| 30-39 | 156.9 | 2.4 | 1,596 | 20.4 | 68.9 | 24.8 | 17.6 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 0.9 | 1,359 |
| 40-49 | 156.9 | 2.1 | 1,074 | 20.2 | 63.2 | 30.9 | 23.0 | 7.9 | 6.0 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 1,024 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 156.9 | 1.9 | 1,145 | 21.5 | 67.0 | 18.8 | 11.6 | 7.2 | 14.2 | 11.9 | 2.3 | 1,112 |
| Rural | 156.4 | 3.4 | 5,492 | 19.9 | 69.6 | 28.3 | 19.1 | 9.1 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 4,789 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 156.8 | 2.8 | 443 | 19.3 | 60.8 | 37.5 | 22.0 | 15.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 390 |
| Affar | 156.4 | 4.3 | 69 | 20.0 | 62.9 | 33.0 | 18.5 | 14.4 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 61 |
| Amhara | 155.1 | 4.3 | 1,609 | 19.9 | 70.5 | 27.0 | 17.6 | 9.4 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 1,471 |
| Oromiya | 156.9 | 2.2 | 2,331 | 20.4 | 71.1 | 24.3 | 17.6 | 6.7 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 2,036 |
| Somali | 162.0 | 1.9 | 230 | 20.1 | 55.4 | 34.9 | 17.5 | 17.4 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 1.1 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 156.5 | 1.6 | 61 | 19.6 | 65.3 | 32.9 | 22.6 | 10.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 53 |
| SNNP | 156.3 | 4.1 | 1,490 | 20.0 | 70.2 | 26.7 | 18.5 | 8.2 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 1,295 |
| Gambela | 160.5 | 1.2 | 23 | 19.4 | 59.5 | 38.5 | 23.2 | 15.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 20 |
| Harari | 158.6 | 1.7 | 19 | 21.0 | 69.4 | 20.6 | 13.3 | 7.3 | 10.0 | 6.7 | 3.4 | 17 |
| Addis Ababa | 156.8 | 2.1 | 329 | 22.0 | 67.2 | 15.4 | 9.8 | 5.5 | 17.5 | 13.0 | 4.5 | 325 |
| Dire Dawa | 158.7 | 1.3 | 32 | 21.3 | 61.4 | 24.2 | 14.7 | 9.5 | 14.3 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 31 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 156.5 | 3.3 | 4,336 | 20.0 | 69.7 | 27.4 | 19.3 | 8.1 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 3,761 |
| Primary | 156.1 | 3.8 | 1,535 | 20.0 | 68.4 | 28.1 | 16.3 | 11.8 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 1,393 |
| Secondary and higher | 157.7 | 1.5 | 766 | 21.4 | 67.1 | 18.8 | 12.3 | 6.5 | 14.1 | 11.4 | 2.7 | 747 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 157.1 | 3.3 | 1,225 | 19.8 | 68.5 | 29.9 | 19.9 | 10.0 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1,071 |
| Second | 155.3 | 3.9 | 1,295 | 19.8 | 66.6 | 30.2 | 20.8 | 9.4 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 1,104 |
| Middle | 156.3 | 3.7 | 1,251 | 19.8 | 69.0 | 29.3 | 18.8 | 10.5 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 1,068 |
| Fourth | 156.6 | 3.7 | 1,223 | 19.9 | 71.6 | 26.6 | 17.9 | 8.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 1,091 |
| Highest | 157.2 | 1.7 | 1,642 | 21.1 | 69.6 | 19.5 | 13.2 | 6.3 | 10.9 | 9.2 | 1.7 | 1,567 |
| Total | 156.5 | 3.2 | 6,636 | 20.2 | 69.1 | 26.5 | 17.7 | 8.8 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 0.7 | 5,901 |

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### 12.1 Introduction

Malaria is a leading public health problem in Ethiopia. In 2004-05, the disease was reported as the primary cause of health problems, accounting for 17 percent of outpatient visits, 15 percent of hospital admissions, and 29 percent of in-patient deaths (MOH, 2005a). Almost 75 percent of the land is malarious and an estimated 50 million people ( 68 percent) live in areas at risk of malaria. Areas at altitude below 2000 metres above sea level are generally considered malarious. However, local transmission has also been detected in areas at altitudes as high as 2,500 metres. The transmission pattern is unstable and often characterized by focal and cyclic large scale epidemics. The most recent malaria epidemic, which occurred in 2003, affected 211 districts where more than 2 million clinical cases were recorded (Negash et al., 2005).

The malaria transmission season runs from September to December, following the major rainy season from June to August, with a minor transmission season from April to May in areas that receive rains during the short rainy season from February to March. Localized or widespread malaria epidemics can occur during the transmission season. The widespread epidemics have a cyclical pattern of 5 to 8 years that follows major climatic changes. The 2005 EDHS was fielded from the end of April 2005 to the end of August 2005, before the main malaria transmission season began.

The type and application of malaria prevention and control interventions is determined by the transmission characteristics of the disease in different parts of the country. Insecticide treated nets (ITNs) are generally distributed in areas where malaria transmission occurs for more than 3 months of the year. The ITN distribution system through the public sector gives priority for free distribution to pregnant mothers and children under five years of age in targeted high priority areas. A private sector ITN distribution at subsidized or market prices also operates in Ethiopia (MOH, 2004a). Indoor residual spraying with DDT or Malathion, as per WHO recommendations, is generally limited to localities in the highland fringe areas that are prone to epidemics.

Implementation of the first five-year strategic plan for malaria prevention and control (20012005) was completed in December 2005. The period is in line with the DHS surveys conducted in 2000 and 2005. Findings from the EDHS 2005 provide population-based estimates on the current coverage of major malaria prevention and control interventions and can be used as a baseline for the next plans.

### 12.1.1 Malaria Vector Control

## Ownership of Mosquito Nets

The use of ITNs is one of the major components of the selective vector control strategy in Ethiopia. The effectiveness of this intervention depends on high coverage and effective utilization. The ITN distribution in Ethiopia primarily targets households with children less than five years of age and pregnant women in targeted areas (MOH, 2004a). In Ethiopia there are various types of ITNs distributed through the public and private sector. This includes the ordinary ITNs that require retreatment with insecticide every 6 months and the long-lasting insecticide treated nets (LLINs) that can retain effective concentration of insecticides for up to 20 washes. During the EDHS 2005 survey, information was collected on the ownership and use of mosquito nets, both treated and untreated.

In an effort to make mosquito nets more affordable and to ensure equitable distribution, the government of Ethiopia endorses a segmented market approach whereby the most vulnerable and at-
risk groups are given free ITNs. In addition, in selected areas the private sector subsidizes the sale of ITNs. To boost ITN distribution through both the public and private sectors, the government has since 2002 reduced the tax and tariff on ITNs.

Table 12.1 shows the percentage of households with at least one and with more than one mosquito net (treated or untreated) and the percentage of households with at least one and with more than one ITN by background characteristics. The data show that only about 6 percent of households in Ethiopia own a mosquito net whether treated or untreated. The percentage of households having more than one net is about 1 percent. Five percent of households own at least one ever-treated net. Urban households are more likely to own any kind of net (11 percent) compared with rural households (5 percent). Mosquito net ownership is highest in the Gambela Region (31 percent) and lowest in Addis Ababa ( 1 percent). Comparable data from the 2000 EDHS show that only 1 percent of households in Ethiopia had bednets at that time, with urban households slightly more likely than rural households to possess bednets ( 3 percent and 1 percent, respectively). In 2000, households in the Affar, Gambela, and Somali regions were more likely to have bednets ( 31 percent, 12 percent, and 6 percent, respectively) primarily because the prevalence of malaria is high in those regions.

Table 12.1 Household possession of mosquito nets
Percentage of households with at least one and more than one mosquito net (treated or untreated), ever-treated mosquito net, and insecticidetreated net (ITN), and the average number of nets per household, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristics | Any type mosquito net |  |  | Ever-treated mosquito net ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Insecticide-treated mosquito net ${ }^{2}$ (ITNs) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage with at least one | Percentage with more than one | Average number of nets per household | Percentage with at least one | Percentage with more than one | Average number of ever-treated nets per household | Percentage with at least one | Percentage with more than one | Average number of ITNs per household | Number of households |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.8 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 8.4 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 1,974 |
| Rural | 4.8 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 11,747 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 16.3 | 3.0 | 0.2 | 13.5 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 8.9 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 940 |
| Affar | 21.4 | 6.2 | 0.3 | 9.5 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 6.3 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 138 |
| Amhara | 3.8 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 3,709 |
| Oromiya | 2.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 4,790 |
| Somali | 6.6 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 540 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 15.4 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 8.3 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 4.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 128 |
| SNNP | 8.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 6.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2,802 |
| Gambela | 30.6 | 12.9 | 0.5 | 17.9 | 6.7 | 0.3 | 10.8 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 47 |
| Harari | 6.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 525 |
| Dire Dawa | 22.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 18.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 17.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 64 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2,757 |
| Second | 3.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2,838 |
| Middle | 4.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2,670 |
| Fourth | 5.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2,531 |
| Highest | 10.5 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 8.3 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 5.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 2,925 |
| Altitude |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-999 | 36.1 | 13.3 | 0.5 | 22.5 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 14.1 | 3.4 | 0.2 | 279 |
| 1000-1499 | 12.4 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 10.7 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 7.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 853 |
| 1500-1999 | 9.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 7.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 5,085 |
| 2000+ | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 7,376 |
| Total | 5.7 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 13,721 |

[^15]Consistent with the degree of risk of malaria, ownership of mosquito net varies inversely with altitude. For example, 36 percent of households in areas below 1,000 metres own some kind of net, while the corresponding figure for households at and above 2,000 metres is only 2 percent.

Three percent of households reported owning an ITN. Households in Addis Ababa reported almost no ownership of ITNs, while those in the Dire Dawa Administrative Council have the highest level of ITN ownership ( 17 percent), followed by the Gambela Region ( 11 percent). Subsequent to the fielding of the 2005 EDHS, the largest ever distribution campaign in Ethiopia was conducted from September to December 2005, in which more than 3 million ITNs were distributed. Sixty percent of these nets were LLINs.

## Use of Mosquito Nets by Children

Children under five years of age are especially vulnerable to malaria and are targeted as a high priority group for ITNs. Therefore, households in targeted areas with children under five years of age have a greater chance of getting free ITNs through the public distribution system.

Table 12.2 presents information on the percentage of children under age five who slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated) the night before the survey. Overall, just over 2 percent of children slept under a net the night prior to the survey, while less than 2 percent slept under evertreated nets and ITNs the night prior to the survey.

Little variation was observed in the use of nets by age or sex of children. Children in urban areas are almost five times as likely to sleep under a mosquito net ( 9 percent) as children in rural areas ( 2 percent). The proportion of children who sleep under any type of mosquito net is highest in Dire Dawa (20 percent), followed by Affar (14 percent) and Gambela (12 percent). It is lowest is in Addis Ababa (1 percent).

The proportion sleeping under a net is highest among children in the highest wealth quintile. This could be indicative of high income as a contributor to better awareness and ability to buy nets. This emphasizes the need for better communication to improve utilization of nets by the most vulnerable groups at high risk of malaria. Use of nets varies inversely with altitude, with large differences in mosquito net use between children living at altitudes less than 1,000 metres (19 percent) and those living at altitudes above 1,000 metres ( 4 percent and less).

| Table 12.2 Use of mosquito nets by children |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children under five years of age who slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated), an ever-treated mosquito net, or an insecticide-treated net (ITN) the night before the interview, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage of children who slept under any net the preceding night | Percentage of children who slept under an ever-treated net the preceding night ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage of children who slept under an ITN the preceding night | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |
| < 12 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2,284 |
| 12-23 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1,955 |
| 24-35 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1,969 |
| 36-47 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2,243 |
| 48-59 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2,239 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 5,426 |
| Female | 2.4 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 5,266 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.3 | 6.7 | 3.6 | 780 |
| Rural | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 9,911 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 686 |
| Affar | 13.8 | 5.4 | 3.1 | 101 |
| Amhara | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 2,440 |
| Oromiya | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 4,220 |
| Somali | 5.5 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 453 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 3.7 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 102 |
| SNNP | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 2,449 |
| Gambela | 12.2 | 4.7 | 2.2 | 30 |
| Harari | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 22 |
| Addis Ababa | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 151 |
| Dire Dawa | 20.4 | 19.6 | 19.0 | 38 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 2,352 |
| Second | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 2,256 |
| Middle | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2,337 |
| Fourth | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2,150 |
| Highest | 6.0 | 4.7 | 2.8 | 1,596 |
| Altitude |  |  |  |  |
| 0-999 | 19.3 | 11.5 | 8.4 | 213 |
| 1000-1499 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 777 |
| 1500-1999 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 4,080 |
| 2000+ | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 5,498 |
| Total | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 10,691 |

Note: Total includes 115 children missing information on altitude who are not shown separately.
${ }^{1}$ An ever-treated net is a pretreated net or a non-pretreated net that has been soaked with insecticide at any time.
${ }^{2}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is 1) a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment, or 2 ) a pretreated net obtained within the past 12 months, or 3 ) a net that has been soaked with insecticide in the past 12 months.

## Use of Mosquito Nets by Women

As in the case of children under five years of age, pregnant women are also one of the target groups of high priority for ITNs, with households in targeted areas where pregnant women reside having a greater chance of getting free ITNs through the public distribution system. The 2004-05 health and health-related indicators of the Federal Ministry of Health identify malaria as the primary cause of health problems among female patients attending health facilities, and accounts for 15
percent of out-patient consultations, 19 percent of admissions, and 29 percent of in-patients deaths ( $\mathrm{MOH}, 2005 \mathrm{a}$ ). Given that the level of fertility in the population is high, the burden of malaria on women, especially pregnant women, is high. Despite this, the level of utilization of ITNs by all women and by pregnant women is not sufficient for what the problem calls for.

Table 12.3 shows the percentage of all women and pregnant women who slept under any mosquito net and the proportion who slept under an ITN the night prior to the interview, by background characteristics. Generally, a very small proportion of women slept under a mosquito net ( 2 percent), and only 1 percent of pregnant women slept under an ITN. Thus, the data show little difference in the use of nets between pregnant and non-pregnant women (both 2 percent). Women in urban areas are more than twice as likely as women in rural areas to sleep under a mosquito net. Urban pregnant women are more than ten times as likely to sleep under a net as rural pregnant women.

## Table 12.3 Use of mosquito nets by women

Percentage of all women age 15-49 and pregnant women age 15-49 who slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated), an evertreated mosquito net, or an insecticide-treated net (ITN) the night before the interview, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Percentage of all women age 15-49 who: |  |  |  | Percentage of pregnant women age 15-49 who: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Slept under any net the preceding night | Slept under an evertreated net the preceding night ${ }^{1}$ | Slept under an $\mathrm{ITN}^{2}$ the preceding night | Number of women | Slept under any net the preceding night | Slept under an evertreated net the preceding night ${ }^{1}$ | Slept under an ITN ${ }^{2}$ the preceding night | Number of pregnant women |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.4 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 2,569 | 11.0 | 9.5 | 6.4 | 60 |
| Rural | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 11,915 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1,121 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 946 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 80 |
| Affar | 12.3 | 6.6 | 3.8 | 150 | 13.3 | 8.0 | 5.9 | 12 |
| Amhara | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 3,582 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 253 |
| Oromiya | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 5,154 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 450 |
| Somali | 4.8 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 504 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 46 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 5.5 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 129 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13 |
| SNNP | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3,085 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 308 |
| Gambela | 12.0 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 45 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 2.7 | 3 |
| Harari | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 40 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2 |
| Addis Ababa | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 776 | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 11 |
| Dire Dawa | 8.9 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 71 | * | * | * | 3 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 9,416 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 868 |
| Primary | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 3,469 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 257 |
| Secondary and higher | 3.4 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1,599 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 55 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2,526 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 246 |
| Second | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 2,732 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 292 |
| Middle | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2,789 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 287 |
| Fourth | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2,721 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 221 |
| Highest | 4.3 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 3,716 | 7.0 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 135 |
| Altitude |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-999 | 17.5 | 10.8 | 7.7 | 280 | 13.2 | 9.5 | 7.8 | 19 |
| 1000-1499 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 861 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 73 |
| 1500-1999 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 5,391 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 473 |
| 2000+ | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 7,821 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 599 |
| Total | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 14,484 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1,181 |

[^16]The use of mosquito nets among all women is highest in the Affar and Gambela regions (12 percent each) and lowest in Addis Ababa (negligible use). The highest percentage of women sleeping under an ever-treated net or ITN the night before the survey was reported in Dire Dawa (8 percent). Among pregnant women, use of mosquito nets is highest in Affar ( 13 percent slept under any net, 8 percent slept under an ever-treated net, and 6 percent slept under an ITN). In general, the use of mosquito nets (treated and untreated) increases among women and pregnant women as the level of wealth increases. A higher proportion of women in low altitude areas use mosquito nets than those in higher altitudes, and the highest coverage ( 18 percent) is reported in areas of less than 1,000 metres. Eight percent of pregnant women living in areas less than 1,000 metres slept under an ITN the night before the interview.

## Use of Mosquito Nets by Population age Five and Older

The malaria transmission pattern in Ethiopia is highly seasonal and unstable. Because of this unstable transmission and infrequent exposure to infection, immunity is generally underdeveloped and all age groups are at risk of malarial disease. Although pregnant mothers and children under five years of age are the most vulnerable, the population age five and older is also at high risk, and adult deaths from malaria during epidemics are relatively high.

Table 12.4 shows the percentage of the population age five and older who slept under a mosquito net whether treated or untreated, and the proportion who slept under an ITN the night prior to the interview, by background characteristics. Generally, a very low percentage of this population slept under any net (2 percent), an ever-treated-net (1 percent), or an ITN (1 percent).

The pattern of use of mosquito nets in this population is similar to that for pregnant women and children under age five. Persons age five and older in urban areas are more likely to sleep under a mosquito net than those in the rural areas. Use of mosquito nets among this group is highest in Gambela ( 9 percent use any net, 5 percent use an ever-treated net, and 3 percent use an ITN), followed by Affar ( 8 percent use any net, 4 percent use an ever-treated net, and 2 percent use an ITN). The population age five and older sleeping under an ITN the night before the interview was highest in Dire Dawa ( 6 percent), followed by Gambela ( 3 percent) and SNNP ( 3 percent).

In general, the use of mosquito nets (treated and untreated) among this group increases slightly as the level of wealth increases. Use of mosquito nets is higher in areas at altitudes below 1,000 metres, with 12 percent using any net, 7 using an ever-treated net, and 5 percent using an ITN.

| Table 12.4 Use of mosquito nets by population age five and older |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of population age five and older who slept under a mosquito net (treated and untreated), under an ever-treated mosquito net, or an insecticide-treated net (ITN) the night before the interview, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who slept under any net the preceding night | Percentage who slept under an evertreated net the preceding night ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{2}$ the preceding night | Number of persons age 5 and older |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 28,219 |
| Female | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 28,626 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.4 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 7,395 |
| Rural | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 49,450 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 3,587 |
| Affar | 7.8 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 606 |
| Amhara | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 14,356 |
| Oromiya | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 20,546 |
| Somali | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2,292 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 3.1 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 485 |
| SNNP | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 12,299 |
| Gambela | 9.1 | 5.1 | 3.4 | 169 |
| Harari | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 135 |
| Addis Ababa | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2,127 |
| Dire Dawa | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 241 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 11,064 |
| Second | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 11,175 |
| Middle | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 11,243 |
| Fourth | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 11,347 |
| Highest | 3.1 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 12,016 |
| Altitude |  |  |  |  |
| 0-999 | 11.6 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 1,124 |
| 1000-1499 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 3,443 |
| 1500-1999 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 21,122 |
| 2000+ | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 30,554 |
| Total | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 56,845 |
| Note: Total includes 611 persons missing information on altitude who are not shown separately. <br> ${ }^{1}$ An ever-treated net is 1 ) a pretreated net or a non-pretreated net that has been soaked with insecticide at any time. <br> ${ }^{2}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is 1 ) a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment, or 2) a pretreated net obtained within the past 12 months, or 3) a net that has been soaked with insecticide in the past 12 months. |  |  |  |  |

## Indoor Residual Spraying of Insecticide

The malaria vector control programme in Ethiopia employs an integrated application of vector control interventions that augment each other for maximum reduction in vector longevity and hence transmission. The selection and application of vector control interventions is based on the principles of integrated vector management whereby the judicious use of insecticides is ensured in an economically and environmentally agreeable manner. The service is fully funded by the government and the public receives services at no cost.

Indoor residual spraying with DDT or Malathion, as per WHO recommendations, is one of the major malaria vector control interventions applied to preempt malaria epidemics in selected epidemic-prone localities. The intervention annually is estimated to cover 20-30 percent of the malaria
epidemic-prone localities ( MOH , unpublished sources). The operation demands substantial financial input and coordinated logistics. The amount of insecticide utilized each year costs an estimated US $\$ 2.5$ million and the operational cost is much higher.

This intervention has been applied in the country since the 1950s. The level of coverage is usually reported in activity reports. However, efforts to collect data on the percentage of unit structures that received spraying and where the sprayed walls remained intact without being replastered (mud, white wash, reconstructed) have not been implemented. For the first time, populationbased data on the coverage and status of sprayed unit structures have been collected through the household questionnaire of the 2005 EDHS. Table 12.5 shows the percentage of houses sprayed within the past six months and the percentage of houses with white insecticide powder visible on the sprayed walls.

## Table 12.5 Coverage of spraying programs

Percentage of households occupying a dwelling in which the inner walls were ever sprayed with insecticide to prevent malaria, percentage of households occupying a dwelling whose inner walls were sprayed with insecticide 0-6 months preceding the survey, and percentage of households occupying a dwelling with white insecticide powder visible on the inner walls, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Percentage of households occupying a dwelling ever sprayed with insecticide to prevent malaria | Percentage of households occupying a dwelling sprayed with insecticide to prevent malaria 0-6 months preceding the survey | Percentage of households occupying a dwelling with white insecticide powder visible on the inner walls | Number of households |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.0 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 1,974 |
| Rural | 11.1 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 11,747 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 22.4 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 940 |
| Affar | 11.0 | 3.5 | 1.4 | 138 |
| Amhara | 13.1 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 3,709 |
| Oromiya | 8.5 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 4,790 |
| Somali | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 540 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 25.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 128 |
| SNNP | 9.1 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2,802 |
| Gambela | 25.7 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 47 |
| Harari | 5.5 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 525 |
| Dire Dawa | 23.3 | 17.0 | 12.7 | 64 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 10.4 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 2,757 |
| Second | 10.4 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2,838 |
| Middle | 11.9 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 2,670 |
| Fourth | 11.2 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2,531 |
| Highest | 8.8 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2,925 |
| Altitude |  |  |  |  |
| 0-999 | 18.6 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 279 |
| 1000-1499 | 18.4 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 853 |
| 1500-1999 | 17.0 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 5,085 |
| 2000+ | 4.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 7,376 |
| Total | 10.5 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 13,721 |

Note: Total includes 138 households missing information on altitude that are not shown separately.

Eleven percent of households were reported as ever having been sprayed with insecticide to prevent malaria, with 2 percent having been sprayed in the past six months. Only 3 percent were reported to have white powder visible on the inner walls.

The coverage of houses ever sprayed is highest in Gambela and Benshangul-Gumuz regions ( 26 percent each) followed by Dire Dawa ( 23 percent) and Tigray ( 22 percent). The percentage of houses sprayed in the six months preceding the survey is highest in Dire Dawa ( 17 percent), while it is below 4 percent in all other regions. The highest percentage of houses with visible insecticide powder on sprayed walls is in Dire Dawa (13 percent) followed by Tigray and Amhara (4 percent each) and SNNP (3 percent).

Houses located at altitudes less than 2,000 metres are more likely to have ever been sprayed and more likely to have been sprayed within the past 6 months than houses located at or above 2,000 metres. For example, more than 17 percent of households located below 2,000 meters were sprayed at some time, compared with less than 5 percent of households at or above 2,000 metres.

## Malaria Prophylaxis in Pregnancy

The malaria prevention and control guidelines in the country recommend the use of chemoprophylaxis as a preventive measure. The drug recommended for chemoprophylaxis starting July 2004 is mefloquine (MOH, 2004b). Chemoprophylaxis is recommended for visitors to malarious areas and pregnant mothers residing in malaria endemic areas. Intermittent preventive treatment (IPT) using sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine for the prevention of malaria during pregnancy has never been officially adopted and introduced by the Ministry of Health. This intervention is recommended for areas with stable transmission. Therefore, its application in Ethiopia where transmission is generally seasonal and unstable is not recommended. Even in some parts of the country like Gambela, where the malaria transmission season is relatively long (more than 6 months), the intervention has not been implemented because of the co-existence of P. vivax infections (approximately 40 percent), for which sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine is not effective. The high level of resistance to sulfadoxinepyrimethamine ( 36 percent, range 20-54) that led to the change of the first-line, anti-malarial drug for the treatment of falciparum malaria to the ACT drug Artemether-Lumefantrine was the other reason for not applying the intervention (Jima et al., 2005) .

Table 12.6 indicates summary findings on the preventive use of anti-malarial drugs and use of IPT. Four percent of pregnant women took an anti-malarial drug, 2 percent took SP/Fansidar, 1 percent received two or more doses of $\mathrm{SP} /$ Fansidar, less than 1 percent received any $\mathrm{SP} /$ Fansidar during an antenatal visit, and a negligible percent received two or more doses of SP/Fansidar at least once during an ANC visit (IPT). Since SP/Fansidar is not recommended as a prophylactic drug and has never been introduced for IPT, it is not surprising that the percentage who received it during an ANC visit is low and probably reflects individual practice by service providers and users.

Table 12.6 Prophylactic use of antimalarial drugs and use of intermittent preventive treatment (IPT) by women during pregnancy
Percentage of women who took any antimalarial drugs for prevention, who took SP/Fansidar, and who received intermittent preventive treatment (IPT), during the pregnancy for their last live birth in the two years preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Percentage who took any antimalarial drug | SP/Fansidar |  | Intermittent preventive treatment (IPT) ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Percentage who received any SP/Fansidar during an ANC visit | Percentage who received $2+$ doses, at least once during an ANC visit | Number of women |
|  |  | Percentage who took any SP/Fansidar | Percentage who took $2+$ doses |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5.4 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 322 |
| Rural | 4.3 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 3,999 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.5 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 256 |
| Affar | 11.6 | 5.1 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 41 |
| Amhara | 7.0 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1,046 |
| Oromiya | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1,668 |
| Somali | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 168 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 13.3 | 5.8 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 40 |
| SNNP | 6.6 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1,005 |
| Gambela | 9.8 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 11 |
| Harari | 2.9 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10 |
| Addis Ababa | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 61 |
| Dire Dawa | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 15 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 4.1 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 3,363 |
| Primary | 5.5 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 768 |
| Secondary and higher | 3.6 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 190 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.4 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 918 |
| Second | 2.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 926 |
| Middle | 6.3 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 957 |
| Fourth | 4.7 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 859 |
| Highest | 6.2 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 660 |
| Altitude |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-999 | 14.3 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 80 |
| 1000-1499 | 11.4 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 285 |
| 1500-1999 | 5.5 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1,659 |
| 2000+ | 2.2 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2,262 |
| Total | 4.4 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 4,321 |

Note: Total includes 30 women missing information on altitude who are not shown separately.
${ }^{1}$ IPT $=$ Intermittent preventive treatment (received SP/Fansidar during an antenatal (ANC) visit).

### 12.1.2 Malaria Diagnosis and Treatment

## Treatment of Malaria in Children

Child illness and death in Ethiopia are due primarily to five common childhood illnesses, namely, pneumonia (ARI), diarrhoea, malaria, measles and malnutrition, and often to a combination of these conditions (MOH 2005b).

The level of childhood mortality in Ethiopia is one of the highest in the world. The 2004-05 health and health-related indicators of the Ministry of Health identified malaria as the primary cause of health problems in infants, accounting for 19 percent of out-patient visits, 18 percent of admissions, and 28 percent of in-patients deaths ( $\mathrm{MOH}, 2005 \mathrm{a}$ ). Thus, children under five are recognized as the most vulnerable group for whom diagnosis and treatment should be given priority.

Table 12.7 presents data on the percentage of children under age five with fever who received treatment for malaria. Overall, of the 19 percent of children with fever in the two weeks preceding the survey, 3 percent took anti-malarial drugs but less than 1 percent took the anti-malarial drug the same day or the next day following the onset of fever.

Table 12.7 Prevalence and prompt treatment of children with fever
Percentage of children under age five with fever in the two weeks preceding the survey, and among children with fever, the percentage who received antimalarial drugs and the percentage who received the drugs the same or next day following the onset of fever, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Children under age five |  | Children under age five with fever |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage with fever in the two weeks preceding the survey | Number of children | Percentage who received antimalarial drugs | Percentage who received antimalarial drugs same or next day | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 6 | 16.8 | 1,152 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 194 |
| 6-11 | 27.6 | 1,071 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 295 |
| 12-23 | 23.3 | 1,877 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 438 |
| 24-35 | 21.6 | 1,892 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 408 |
| 36-47 | 15.1 | 2,105 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 317 |
| 48-59 | 11.6 | 2,013 | 4.9 | 1.9 | 233 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 18.2 | 5,129 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 935 |
| Female | 19.1 | 4,980 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 951 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 16.0 | 752 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 121 |
| Rural | 18.9 | 9,357 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 1,765 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 20.3 | 653 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 132 |
| Affar | 17.0 | 96 | 9.0 | 6.6 | 16 |
| Amhara | 14.2 | 2,312 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 329 |
| Oromiya | 19.0 | 4,017 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 764 |
| Somali | 14.0 | 432 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 60 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 15.3 | 95 | 4.0 | 1.6 | 15 |
| SNNP | 23.5 | 2,273 | 6.3 | 0.8 | 534 |
| Gambela | 17.8 | 29 | 11.2 | 6.6 | 5 |
| Harari | 13.7 | 21 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 3 |
| Addis Ababa | 16.1 | 146 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 23 |
| Dire Dawa | 12.3 | 34 | (0.0) | (0.0) | 4 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.3 | 7,951 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 1,457 |
| Primary | 21.3 | 1,709 | 4.9 | 0.4 | 364 |
| Secondary and higher | 14.4 | 450 | 4.1 | 1.5 | 65 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.1 | 2,218 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 422 |
| Second | 19.5 | 2,122 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 413 |
| Middle | 19.7 | 2,210 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 436 |
| Fourth | 17.7 | 2,015 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 357 |
| Highest | 16.7 | 1,544 | 5.7 | 1.8 | 258 |
| Altitude |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-999 | 14.8 | 205 | 12.8 | 4.0 | 30 |
| 1000-1499 | 23.6 | 732 | 3.4 | 0.9 | 173 |
| 1500-1999 | 19.8 | 3,857 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 763 |
| 2000+ | 17.0 | 5,205 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 886 |
| Total | 18.7 | 10,109 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 1,886 |

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## Types of Anti-Malarial Drugs Used

In Ethiopia, the first-line, anti-malarial drug for the treatment of malaria has been changing over the past decade. The main reason for change was the level of efficacy of the drugs. Chloroquine was the first-line, anti-malarial drug for the treatment of uncomplicated malaria until 1998. However, because of the high level of failure ( 65 percent) of chloroquine for the treatment of uncomplicated falciparum malaria that was detected through a nationwide study conducted at 18 sentinel sites in 1997-1998, the drug was replaced by SP/Fansidar (WHO 2001).

At the time of the introduction of SP/Fansidar as the first-line drug, the level of treatment failure observed was about 7 percent (WHO, 2001). In subsequent years, however, unpublished reports from isolated studies indicated higher treatment failure rates. As a result, a nationwide study on the therapeutic efficacy of SP/Fansidar for the treatment of uncomplicated falciparum malaria was conducted at 10 sentinel sites from October to December 2003. A mean treatment failure rate of 36 percent (ranging from 20-54 percent) was reported.

Cognizant of the high treatment failure rates of SP/Fansidar and the need to shift to more effective anti-malarial drugs, the Ministry of Health-after a series of consultative meetings with experts in the field and based on WHO recommendations-decided to introduce the Artemisininbased combination therapy (ACT) drug Artemether-Lumefantrine in July 2004 (MOH, 2004b). The introduction of the new ACT drug and the phasing out of the old drug was estimated to take up to two years given the limited supply of the new drug and the size of the country. Since the introduction of the new ACT drug over 5.5 million treatment courses have been distributed with much of the ACT drug distributed from September to December 2005 (MOH, 2006). The new ACT drug is used in all health facilities. However, its distribution for home and community use has not yet been implemented, pending local evidence regarding the ease and economic feasibility of using the ACT drug at home and at the community level.

Table 12.8 presents data on the percentage of children treated with specific anti-malarial drugs. The most common anti-malarial drugs used are SP/Fansidar and chloroquine (about 1 percent each) and quinine (less than 1 percent). Artemether-Lumefantrine use was reported in only one region, Harari, and the number of febrile cases treated with the drug in the region was about 1 percent.

Table 12.8 Type and timing of antimalarial drugs received by children with fever
Among children under five years of age with fever in the two weeks preceding the survey, the percentage who received specific antimalarial drugs and the percentage who received the drugs the same or next day following the onset of fever, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Percentage of children with fever who received drug |  |  |  |  | Percentage of children with fever who received drug the same or next day |  |  | Number of children with fever |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SP/ <br> Fansidar | Chloroquine | Artemether/ lumefantrine | Quinine | Other antimalarial | SP/ <br> Fansidar | Chloroquine | Quinine |  |

Age in months

| < 6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 194 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6-11 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 295 |
| 12-23 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 438 |
| 24-35 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 408 |
| 36-47 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 317 |
| 48-59 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 233 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 1.1 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 935 |
| Female | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 951 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.8 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 121 |
| Rural | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1,765 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 132 |
| Affar | 4.9 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 16 |
| Amhara | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 329 |
| Oromiya | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 764 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 60 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 2.4 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 15 |
| SNNP | 3.1 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 534 |
| Gambela | 6.8 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 5.0 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 5 |
| Harari | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3 |
| Addis Ababa | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23 |
| Dire Dawa | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 4 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1,457 |
| Primary | 1.7 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 364 |
| Secondary and higher | 1.9 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 65 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 422 |
| Second | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 413 |
| Middle | 2.3 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 436 |
| Fourth | 1.4 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 357 |
| Highest | 2.0 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 258 |
| Altitude |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-999 | 7.1 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 30 |
| 1000-1499 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 173 |
| 1500-1999 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 763 |
| 2000+ | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 886 |
| Total | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1,886 |

Note: Total includes 27 children for whom information on altitude is not known. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

# HIV/AIDS-RELATED KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIOUR 

The chapter presents current levels of HIV/AIDS knowledge, attitudes, and related behaviours for the general adult population. The chapter then focuses on HIV/AIDS knowledge and patterns of sexual activity among young people, as youth are the main target of many HIV prevention efforts. The findings in this chapter will assist the AIDS control program in Ethiopia to identify particular groups of people most in need of information and services and most vulnerable to the risk of HIV infection.

### 13.1 KNOWLeDGE OF HIV/AIDS aND of Transmission and Prevention Methods

### 13.1.1 Awareness of AIDS

In Ethiopia, knowledge of AIDS is widespread but not universal; 90 percent of women 15-49 and 97 percent of men 15-49 have heard of AIDS (Table 13.1). ${ }^{1}$ The level of awareness of AIDS is lowest in the Somali and Gambela regions. In the Somali Region, only half of women and 64 percent of men know about AIDS while, in Gambela, 63 percent of women and 88 percent of men have heard about AIDS. Knowledge of AIDS exceeds 90 percent among men in all other groups while among women, knowledge levels are more variable but exceed 80 percent among all other groups.

### 13.1.2 Knowledge of Ways to Reduce HIV/AIDS Transmission

HIV/AIDS prevention programmes focus their messages and efforts on three important aspects of behaviour: delaying sexual debut in young persons (abstinence), limiting the number of sexual partners/ staying faithful to one partner, and use of

| Table 13.1 Knowledge of AIDS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who have heard of AIDS, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  | Men |  |
| Background characteristic | Has heard of AIDS | Number of women | Has heard of AIDS | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 90.2 | 5,813 | 95.3 | 2,399 |
| 15-19 | 89.2 | 3,266 | 94.0 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 91.5 | 2,547 | 97.1 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 89.1 | 2,517 | 96.9 | 741 |
| 30-39 | 89.4 | 3,410 | 98.2 | 1,405 |
| 40-49 | 90.4 | 2,330 | 96.6 | 919 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 91.1 | 3,516 | 95.0 | 2,417 |
| Ever had sex | 96.3 | 223 | 99.8 | 412 |
| Never had sex | 90.8 | 3,293 | 94.0 | 2,005 |
| Married/living together | 89.1 | 9,066 | 97.6 | 2,890 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 91.4 | 1,488 | 99.4 | 157 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 98.6 | 2,499 | 99.7 | 854 |
| Rural | 88.0 | 11,571 | 95.9 | 4,610 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 97.0 | 919 | 99.7 | 315 |
| Affar | 85.4 | 146 | 96.4 | 59 |
| Amhara | 87.9 | 3,482 | 96.2 | 1,347 |
| Oromiya | 94.7 | 5,010 | 98.4 | 2,041 |
| Somali | 50.0 | 486 | 64.3 | 180 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 67.7 | 124 | 94.6 | 50 |
| SNNP | 87.3 | 2,995 | 97.2 | 1,143 |
| Gambela | 62.9 | 44 | 87.7 | 19 |
| Harari | 98.2 | 39 | 99.8 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 99.2 | 756 | 99.4 | 266 |
| Dire Dawa | 96.9 | 69 | 97.8 | 27 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 86.1 | 9,271 | 92.5 | 2,164 |
| Primary | 95.6 | 3,123 | 98.8 | 2,140 |
| Secondary and higher | 99.8 | 1,675 | 99.9 | 1,160 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 80.4 | 2,428 | 91.2 | 980 |
| Second | 87.8 | 2,643 | 96.0 | 1,052 |
| Middle | 89.2 | 2,732 | 97.5 | 980 |
| Fourth | 91.5 | 2,647 | 97.6 | 1,088 |
| Highest | 97.0 | 3,621 | 99.1 | 1,364 |
| Total 15-49 | 89.9 | 14,070 | 96.5 | 5,464 |
| Total men 15-59 | na | na | 96.6 | 6,033 | condoms (the ABC message). To ascertain whether programmes have effectively communicated these messages, EDHS respondents were prompted with specific questions about whether it is possible to

[^18]reduce the chances of getting the AIDS virus by having just one faithful sexual partner, using a condom at every sexual encounter, and abstaining from sex.

Table 13.2 presents levels of knowledge for the various HIV/AIDS prevention methods by background characteristics. Women and men are most aware that the chances of getting the AIDS virus can be reduced by limiting sex to one uninfected partner who has no other partners ( 63 percent and 79 percent, respectively) or by abstaining from sexual intercourse ( 62 percent and 80 percent, respectively). Knowledge of condoms and the role that they can play in preventing transmission of the AIDS virus is much less common, particularly among women. Around four in ten women and six in ten men are aware that using a condom during sexual encounters can reduce HIV/AIDS transmission. Even fewer women and men are aware that using condoms and limiting sex to one uninfected partner can reduce the risk of getting the AIDS virus ( 35 percent and 57 percent, respectively).

As Table 13.2 shows, young women age 15-24 are generally somewhat more knowledgeable of the various modes of prevention than older women, while the opposite pattern is observed among men. Considering the relationship with marital status, among women, knowledge of HIV/AIDS prevention methods is highest among the never-married group and lowest among those who are currently in union. Never-married women who ever had sex are the most likely to report knowledge of the various modes of prevention. Among men, the differences in knowledge of various prevention modes by marital status are not as great as those among women. As is the case with women, however, never-married men who ever had sex are the most knowledgeable about ways to reduce the risk of getting the AIDS virus.

Among both women and men, levels of knowledge of preventive methods are higher in urban than in rural areas. There is considerable variability across regions in knowledge of prevention methods. Among women, knowledge levels for the various methods are highest in Addis Ababa and lowest in the Somali Region. Among men, knowledge levels tend to be higher in Tigray, Harari, Addis Ababa, and Dire Dawa than in other regions and lowest in the Somali Region.

Women and men with higher levels of schooling are more likely than those with less schooling to be aware of various preventive methods. Similarly, women and men in higher wealth quintiles are more likely than those in lower quintiles to be aware of ways to prevent the transmission of the HIV virus.

Table 13.2 Knowledge of methods of HIV prevention
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who, in response to a prompted question, say that people can reduce the risk of getting the AIDS virus by using condoms every time they have sexual intercourse, by having one sex partner who is not infected and has no other partners, and by abstaining from sexual intercourse, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Use condoms ${ }^{1}$ | Limit sex to one uninfected partner ${ }^{2}$ | Use condoms ${ }^{1}$ and limit sex to one uninfected partner ${ }^{2}$ | Abstain from sexual intercourse | Number <br> of <br> women | Use condoms ${ }^{1}$ | Limit sex to one uninfected partner ${ }^{2}$ | Use condoms ${ }^{1}$ and limit sex to one uninfected partner ${ }^{2}$ | Abstain from sexual intercourse | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 47.4 | 66.1 | 41.1 | 64.2 | 5,813 | 65.7 | 76.5 | 58.2 | 77.8 | 2,399 |
| 15-19 | 47.4 | 65.0 | 40.8 | 63.7 | 3,266 | 66.4 | 73.2 | 57.4 | 77.5 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 47.4 | 67.5 | 41.4 | 64.9 | 2,547 | 64.9 | 80.6 | 59.1 | 78.2 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 38.6 | 60.8 | 33.8 | 61.2 | 2,517 | 62.4 | 82.6 | 54.7 | 83.8 | 741 |
| 30-39 | 34.2 | 58.9 | 29.1 | 61.0 | 3,410 | 64.3 | 81.3 | 56.2 | 82.8 | 1,405 |
| 40-49 | 32.7 | 60.2 | 27.7 | 60.3 | 2,330 | 61.8 | 79.5 | 56.0 | 80.4 | 919 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 54.2 | 70.5 | 48.0 | 68.5 | 3,516 | 65.3 | 76.4 | 57.6 | 77.5 | 2,417 |
| Ever had sex | 70.2 | 78.8 | 64.7 | 71.9 | 223 | 74.2 | 85.1 | 65.9 | 83.1 | 412 |
| Never had sex | 53.1 | 69.9 | 46.9 | 68.3 | 3,293 | 63.5 | 74.6 | 55.9 | 76.3 | 2,005 |
| Married/living together | 34.5 | 59.5 | 29.2 | 59.8 | 9,066 | 63.2 | 81.1 | 55.9 | 82.6 | 2,890 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 42.1 | 61.4 | 36.0 | 62.4 | 1,488 | 68.1 | 80.9 | 63.5 | 81.6 | 157 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 72.2 | 81.8 | 65.5 | 75.9 | 2,499 | 82.5 | 89.0 | 75.5 | 89.5 | 854 |
| Rural | 33.3 | 58.3 | 28.0 | 59.3 | 11,571 | 60.9 | 77.2 | 53.4 | 78.6 | 4,610 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 52.3 | 72.1 | 47.4 | 76.8 | 919 | 77.9 | 92.3 | 73.8 | 96.0 | 315 |
| Affar | 27.2 | 36.9 | 22.2 | 41.5 | 146 | 60.6 | 73.5 | 52.3 | 73.5 | 59 |
| Amhara | 35.9 | 56.8 | 29.5 | 54.5 | 3,482 | 74.9 | 79.7 | 65.7 | 86.3 | 1,347 |
| Oromiya | 41.0 | 68.3 | 35.6 | 69.4 | 5,010 | 61.8 | 81.5 | 54.1 | 78.1 | 2,041 |
| Somali | 10.6 | 26.2 | 9.3 | 22.8 | 486 | 15.8 | 32.0 | 14.6 | 36.3 | 180 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 29.0 | 43.3 | 23.2 | 41.9 | 124 | 58.2 | 72.1 | 51.7 | 80.6 | 50 |
| SNNP | 35.9 | 57.9 | 30.4 | 58.1 | 2,995 | 57.2 | 77.1 | 50.9 | 78.1 | 1,143 |
| Gambela | 25.3 | 34.0 | 18.2 | 39.1 | 44 | 54.2 | 60.9 | 46.7 | 60.3 | 19 |
| Harari | 60.7 | 77.5 | 54.8 | 73.9 | 39 | 74.0 | 95.9 | 72.9 | 96.2 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 78.5 | 87.4 | 72.6 | 82.3 | 756 | 77.8 | 83.1 | 68.2 | 89.9 | 266 |
| Dire Dawa | 56.7 | 69.3 | 49.8 | 70.1 | 69 | 70.9 | 85.6 | 67.1 | 83.1 | 27 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 28.3 | 54.4 | 23.5 | 56.4 | 9,271 | 51.6 | 72.2 | 44.9 | 73.6 | 2,164 |
| Primary | 54.1 | 72.7 | 46.5 | 68.8 | 3,123 | 66.7 | 80.9 | 59.1 | 82.6 | 2,140 |
| Secondary and higher | 80.1 | 88.0 | 74.3 | 82.7 | 1,675 | 83.2 | 88.4 | 75.1 | 88.8 | 1,160 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 21.9 | 46.0 | 18.2 | 47.7 | 2,428 | 52.3 | 69.8 | 47.1 | 68.5 | 980 |
| Second | 29.7 | 55.5 | 25.1 | 57.2 | 2,643 | 59.8 | 75.9 | 51.2 | 79.1 | 1,052 |
| Middle | 33.6 | 61.1 | 28.8 | 61.4 | 2,732 | 62.3 | 77.6 | 54.1 | 79.0 | 980 |
| Fourth | 39.5 | 63.8 | 32.9 | 65.4 | 2,647 | 63.0 | 79.9 | 54.5 | 82.7 | 1,088 |
| Highest | 65.7 | 78.6 | 58.3 | 74.1 | 3,621 | 78.7 | 88.4 | 72.2 | 88.8 | 1,364 |
| Total 15-49 | 40.2 | 62.5 | 34.6 | 62.3 | 14,070 | 64.3 | 79.0 | 56.9 | 80.3 | 5,464 |
| Total men 15-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 62.9 | 78.6 | 55.7 | 80.0 | 6,033 |

na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Every time they have sexual intercourse
${ }^{2}$ Who has no other partners

### 13.1.3 Knowledge about Transmission

The 2005 EDHS included questions to assess the prevalence of common misconceptions about AIDS and HIV transmission. Respondents were asked whether they think it is possible for a healthy-looking person to have the AIDS virus. They were asked whether a person can get AIDS from mosquito bites, by supernatural means, or by eating from the same plate as a person who has AIDS.

The results in Tables 13.3.1 and 13.3.2 indicate that many Ethiopian adults lack accurate knowledge about the ways in which the AIDS virus can and cannot be transmitted. Particularly critical is the fact that only 51 percent of women and 69 percent of men know that a healthy-looking person can have (and thus transmit) the virus that causes AIDS. Many women and men also erroneously believe that AIDS can be transmitted by mosquito bites; only 47 percent of women and 57 percent of men reject this common misconception. Larger proportions of women and men are aware that the AIDS virus cannot be transmitted by supernatural means ( 70 percent and 84 percent, respectively) and by sharing food with a person who has AIDS ( 63 percent and 80 percent, respectively). Overall, only a minority of women (27 percent) and men (42 percent) both reject two of the more common misconceptions in Ethiopia-that AIDS can be transmitted by mosquito bites and that a person can become infected with the AIDS virus by sharing food or utensils with someone who is infected-and believe that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus.

Tables 13.3.1 and 13.3.2 provide an assessment of the level of comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS prevention and transmission. Comprehensive knowledge is defined as: 1) knowing that both condom use and limiting sex partners to one uninfected person are HIV/AIDS prevention methods, 2) being aware that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and 3) rejecting the two most common local misconceptions-that HIV/AIDS can be transmitted through mosquito bites and by sharing food. According to the EDHS results, 16 percent of women and 30 percent of men in Ethiopia have comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS prevention and transmission.

Finally, Tables 13.3.1 and 13.3.2 document considerable variation in HIV/AIDS knowledge. Although the patterns are not completely consistent, particularly among men, the proportions of women and men who reject the most common misconceptions, who know that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus, or who have comprehensive knowledge about AIDS generally decrease with age. Sexually active, never-married women and men tend to be more knowledgeable than men and women in other marital status categories.

For all indicators, the proportion of women and men with correct knowledge about HIV/AIDS prevention and transmission is higher in urban than rural areas. Variations in knowledge levels by region are marked among both women and men, with the highest levels observed among residents of Addis Ababa and the lowest levels found in the Somali Region (Figure 13.1).

Education and wealth are directly related to both correct knowledge concerning common misconceptions and comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS prevention and transmission. Among women, for example, 53 percent of women with a secondary or higher education have comprehensive knowledge about prevention and transmission modes compared with 7 percent of women with no education. Among men, the level of comprehensive knowledge varies from 18 percent among those with no education to 57 percent of those with a secondary or higher education.

## Table 13.3.1 Misconceptions and comprehensive knowledge about AIDS: women

Percentage of women age 15-49 who say that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus and who, in response to prompted questions, correctly reject local misconceptions about AIDS transmission, and the percentage with a comprehensive knowledge about AIDS, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women who say that: |  |  |  | Percentage who say that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus and who reject the two most common local misconceptions ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage with a comprehensive knowledge about AIDS ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A healthylooking person can have the AIDS virus | AIDS cannot be transmitted by mosquito bites | AIDS cannot be transmitted by supernatural means | A person cannot become infected by sharing food with a person who has AIDS |  |  | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 55.5 | 53.1 | 72.6 | 68.9 | 32.7 | 20.5 | 5,813 |
| 15-19 | 55.8 | 54.8 | 72.7 | 68.8 | 34.1 | 21.1 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 55.1 | 51.0 | 72.5 | 69.0 | 30.9 | 19.7 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 49.0 | 44.6 | 72.0 | 64.0 | 24.8 | 14.4 | 2,517 |
| 30-39 | 44.4 | 43.6 | 66.9 | 57.0 | 21.4 | 11.5 | 3,410 |
| 40-49 | 48.9 | 39.6 | 66.5 | 58.5 | 21.9 | 11.8 | 2,330 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 60.2 | 60.4 | 76.5 | 74.4 | 39.7 | 26.5 | 3,516 |
| Ever had sex | 72.1 | 66.8 | 87.5 | 85.3 | 51.0 | 40.8 | 223 |
| Never had sex | 59.4 | 60.0 | 75.7 | 73.7 | 39.0 | 25.6 | 3,293 |
| Married/living together | 46.4 | 42.1 | 67.6 | 58.8 | 21.5 | 11.5 | 9,066 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 53.4 | 46.0 | 70.8 | 65.9 | 28.1 | 16.2 | 1,488 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 78.8 | 71.2 | 91.0 | 90.4 | 56.8 | 42.4 | 2,499 |
| Rural | 44.5 | 41.9 | 65.6 | 57.6 | 20.3 | 10.0 | 11,571 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 36.7 | 35.6 | 65.6 | 60.4 | 16.6 | 13.1 | 919 |
| Affar | 40.9 | 41.2 | 48.3 | 46.5 | 21.6 | 12.8 | 146 |
| Amhara | 53.5 | 48.2 | 75.0 | 67.4 | 31.0 | 15.2 | 3,482 |
| Oromiya | 58.6 | 44.2 | 67.9 | 60.5 | 25.4 | 15.3 | 5,010 |
| Somali | 10.6 | 17.4 | 22.3 | 22.4 | 6.2 | 3.9 | 486 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 33.9 | 38.9 | 52.2 | 51.3 | 20.8 | 11.1 | 124 |
| SNNP | 36.2 | 52.8 | 72.5 | 64.2 | 21.4 | 11.5 | 2,995 |
| Gambela | 32.2 | 37.5 | 50.4 | 48.3 | 21.1 | 8.9 | 44 |
| Harari | 50.1 | 64.3 | 76.8 | 81.9 | 35.1 | 28.3 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 88.8 | 71.7 | 96.0 | 95.1 | 64.5 | 50.1 | 756 |
| Dire Dawa | 50.3 | 65.7 | 83.9 | 79.9 | 36.8 | 27.2 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 41.2 | 36.8 | 62.2 | 53.3 | 16.6 | 7.3 | 9,271 |
| Primary | 60.3 | 58.5 | 79.9 | 76.0 | 34.8 | 20.9 | 3,123 |
| Secondary and higher | 84.4 | 82.6 | 95.6 | 96.3 | 68.3 | 53.0 | 1,675 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 31.3 | 30.4 | 53.0 | 43.0 | 12.6 | 6.2 | 2,428 |
| Second | 42.7 | 39.4 | 61.7 | 52.4 | 18.0 | 8.1 | 2,643 |
| Middle | 46.5 | 43.9 | 67.9 | 58.5 | 20.6 | 9.7 | 2,732 |
| Fourth | 51.3 | 46.2 | 73.2 | 67.3 | 24.4 | 11.8 | 2,647 |
| Highest | 71.7 | 66.8 | 87.3 | 86.0 | 49.2 | 35.3 | 3,621 |
| Total 15-49 | 50.6 | 47.1 | 70.1 | 63.4 | 26.8 | 15.8 | 14,070 |

${ }^{1}$ AIDS can be transmitted through mosquito bites and by sharing food.
${ }^{2}$ Respondent knows that using a condom at every sexual intercourse and having just one uninfected and faithful partner can reduce the risk of getting the AIDS virus, knows that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus, and rejects the two most common local misconceptions about AIDS transmission.

## Table 13.3.2 Misconceptions and comprehensive knowledge about AIDS: men

Percentage of men age 15-49 who say that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus and who, in response to prompted questions, correctly reject local misconceptions about AIDS transmission or prevention, and the percentage with a comprehensive knowledge about AIDS, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Percentage of men who say that: |  |  |  | Percentage who <br> say that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus and who reject the two most common local misconceptions ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage with a comprehensive knowledge about AIDS ${ }^{2}$ | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A healthylooking person can have the AIDS virus | AIDS cannot be transmitted by mosquito bites | AIDS cannot be transmitted by super-natural means | A person cannot become infected by sharing food with a person who has AIDS |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 70.1 | 60.4 | 82.6 | 81.0 | 45.7 | 33.3 | 2,399 |
| 15-19 | 68.0 | 59.0 | 82.2 | 78.0 | 44.1 | 32.1 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 72.9 | 62.0 | 83.2 | 84.7 | 47.7 | 34.8 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 69.5 | 55.1 | 84.3 | 82.9 | 39.7 | 25.9 | 741 |
| 30-39 | 69.3 | 53.1 | 85.2 | 80.0 | 37.3 | 26.7 | 1,405 |
| 40-49 | 65.7 | 56.4 | 82.8 | 74.5 | 39.6 | 29.6 | 919 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 70.4 | 61.1 | 82.6 | 80.8 | 46.1 | 33.4 | 2,417 |
| Ever had sex | 80.9 | 67.4 | 88.4 | 91.5 | 54.7 | 42.4 | 412 |
| Never had sex | 68.2 | 59.8 | 81.5 | 78.6 | 44.3 | 31.5 | 2,005 |
| Married/living together | 67.9 | 54.1 | 84.1 | 79.2 | 38.3 | 27.0 | 2,890 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 72.1 | 51.9 | 86.9 | 78.0 | 37.5 | 31.1 | 157 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.2 | 79.6 | 93.3 | 93.6 | 71.5 | 56.7 | 854 |
| Rural | 65.2 | 53.0 | 81.7 | 77.4 | 36.2 | 25.0 | 4,610 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 77.3 | 55.1 | 87.0 | 81.3 | 44.6 | 36.5 | 315 |
| Affar | 66.3 | 45.9 | 63.9 | 71.3 | 30.9 | 20.2 | 59 |
| Amhara | 76.1 | 64.1 | 91.1 | 82.0 | 51.8 | 41.6 | 1,347 |
| Oromiya | 69.6 | 46.8 | 76.3 | 77.7 | 33.4 | 22.2 | 2,041 |
| Somali | 31.7 | 34.8 | 37.9 | 36.1 | 16.2 | 8.5 | 180 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 57.0 | 59.7 | 85.5 | 80.4 | 40.0 | 31.7 | 50 |
| SNNP | 58.8 | 66.2 | 91.4 | 84.1 | 40.4 | 26.1 | 1,143 |
| Gambela | 50.2 | 56.1 | 76.9 | 73.1 | 34.2 | 22.0 | 19 |
| Harari | 78.4 | 76.4 | 91.1 | 92.1 | 62.1 | 53.0 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 92.3 | 80.2 | 97.5 | 96.4 | 74.6 | 53.8 | 266 |
| Dire Dawa | 76.1 | 64.5 | 89.4 | 89.8 | 51.0 | 40.6 | 27 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 55.7 | 42.6 | 76.5 | 67.1 | 26.1 | 17.5 | 2,164 |
| Primary | 71.6 | 58.8 | 85.5 | 84.6 | 40.8 | 28.2 | 2,140 |
| Secondary and higher | 89.5 | 81.3 | 93.1 | 95.2 | 72.4 | 56.5 | 1,160 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 53.7 | 40.8 | 69.8 | 63.8 | 24.6 | 17.7 | 980 |
| Second | 63.6 | 52.4 | 81.1 | 76.7 | 34.0 | 23.7 | 1,052 |
| Middle | 70.1 | 53.0 | 82.7 | 79.8 | 37.9 | 24.3 | 980 |
| Fourth | 66.8 | 59.5 | 88.4 | 82.7 | 40.5 | 26.7 | 1,088 |
| Highest | 85.4 | 73.7 | 92.0 | 91.8 | 63.7 | 50.4 | 1,364 |
| Total 15-49 | 69.1 | 57.1 | 83.5 | 79.9 | 41.7 | 30.0 | 5,464 |
| Total men 15-59 | 68.4 | 55.9 | 83.5 | 78.7 | 40.2 | 28.7 | 6,033 |

${ }^{1}$ AIDS can be transmitted through mosquito bites and by sharing food.
${ }^{2}$ Respondent knows that using a condom at every sexual intercourse and having just one uninfected and faithful partner can reduce the risk of getting the AIDS virus, knows that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus, and rejects the two most common local misconceptions about AIDS transmission.

Figure 13.1 Percentage of Women and Men Age 15-49 with Comprehensive Knowledge about AIDS


### 13.1.4 Knowledge about Mother-to-Child Transmission

Increasing knowledge of ways in which HIV can be transmitted from mother to child and the fact that the risk of transmission can be reduced by using antiretroviral drugs is critical to reducing mother-to-child transmission (MTCT). To obtain information on these issues, respondents in the 2005 EDHS were asked if the virus that causes AIDS can be transmitted from a mother to a child during breastfeeding and whether a mother with HIV can reduce the risk of transmission to the baby by taking certain drugs (antiretrovirals) during pregnancy (see Table 13.4).

Although 69 percent of women and 75 percent of men know that HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding, only slightly more than around one-fifth of women and one-fourth of men know that the risk of MTCT can be reduced through the use of certain drugs during pregnancy. Twenty percent of women and 26 percent of men are aware of both aspects of MTCT transmission.

There are marked differences in MTCT knowledge among women and men by age, marital status, residence, education, and wealth. Knowledge about mother-to-child transmission is highest among men and women living in urban areas, especially among those in Addis Ababa. Knowledge levels are lowest among women and men who have no education, who are in the lowest wealth quintile, and who live in the Somali Region. Particularly notable is the comparatively low level of knowledge among pregnant women; just 10 percent of pregnant women are aware that HIV can be transmitted from mother to child during breastfeeding and that mother-to-child transmission can be reduced by taking certain drugs during pregnancy.

## Table 13.4 Knowledge of prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV

Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who know that HIV can be transmitted from mother to child by breastfeeding and that the risk of mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) of HIV can be reduced by the mother taking special drugs during pregnancy, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Women ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding | Risk of MTCT can be reduced by mother taking special drugs during pregnancy | HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding and risk of MTCT can be reduced by mother taking special drugs during pregnancy | Number of women | HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding | Risk of MTCT can be reduced by mother taking special drugs during pregnancy | HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding and risk of MTCT can be reduced by mother taking special drugs during pregnancy | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 70.8 | 26.0 | 23.7 | 2,872 | 73.4 | 31.4 | 27.9 | 2,399 |
| 15-19 | 70.2 | 27.2 | 25.3 | 1,645 | 71.8 | 28.7 | 25.6 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 71.6 | 24.3 | 21.6 | 1,228 | 75.4 | 34.8 | 30.9 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 70.4 | 20.0 | 18.5 | 1,167 | 74.4 | 30.8 | 26.6 | 741 |
| 30-39 | 69.1 | 17.3 | 16.5 | 1,622 | 76.1 | 28.2 | 25.0 | 1,405 |
| 40-49 | 64.6 | 15.5 | 14.3 | 1,090 | 75.2 | 21.7 | 20.3 | 919 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 74.0 | 33.9 | 31.2 | 1,703 | 72.6 | 33.7 | 29.9 | 2,417 |
| Ever had sex | 78.8 | 49.7 | 44.9 | 104 | 77.8 | 47.4 | 40.6 | 412 |
| Never had sex | 73.7 | 32.8 | 30.3 | 1,599 | 71.6 | 30.9 | 27.7 | 2,005 |
| Married/living together | 67.8 | 16.2 | 14.9 | 4,317 | 76.0 | 24.6 | 22.0 | 2,890 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 67.1 | 20.7 | 19.7 | 731 | 77.5 | 33.1 | 29.7 | 157 |
| Pregnancy status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant | 62.2 | 11.7 | 10.0 | 566 | na | na | na | na |
| Not pregnant | 70.0 | 22.0 | 20.4 | 6,185 | na | na | na | na |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 85.4 | 55.6 | 51.5 | 1,173 | 79.9 | 62.0 | 53.1 | 854 |
| Rural | 65.9 | 13.9 | 12.8 | 5,579 | 73.6 | 22.7 | 20.7 | 4,610 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 77.0 | 20.5 | 18.8 | 448 | 83.7 | 36.2 | 33.2 | 315 |
| Affar | 36.0 | 13.3 | 12.1 | 72 | 62.2 | 32.9 | 28.0 | 59 |
| Amhara | 62.5 | 20.7 | 18.7 | 1,640 | 75.2 | 29.4 | 26.2 | 1,347 |
| Oromiya | 78.4 | 18.4 | 17.5 | 2,368 | 76.8 | 28.8 | 26.1 | 2,041 |
| Somali | 12.9 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 243 | 36.2 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 180 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 43.2 | 15.5 | 15.1 | 62 | 72.9 | 27.7 | 25.4 | 50 |
| SNNP | 68.9 | 15.7 | 14.6 | 1,504 | 74.3 | 19.2 | 17.4 | 1,143 |
| Gambela | 44.8 | 12.0 | 11.4 | 23 | 65.7 | 34.7 | 30.9 | 19 |
| Harari | 78.5 | 52.4 | 47.7 | 20 | 75.2 | 60.7 | 49.9 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 83.9 | 77.6 | 69.4 | 339 | 73.0 | 69.6 | 56.9 | 266 |
| Dire Dawa | 72.4 | 41.8 | 40.5 | 33 | 78.5 | 54.1 | 46.3 | 27 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 61.4 | 12.4 | 11.5 | 4,419 | 65.4 | 14.8 | 13.9 | 2,164 |
| Primary | 81.5 | 25.0 | 22.9 | 1,552 | 78.5 | 27.5 | 24.5 | 2,140 |
| Secondary and higher | 90.0 | 62.8 | 58.0 | 781 | 84.3 | 57.7 | 50.2 | 1,160 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 52.1 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 1,251 | 65.5 | 16.3 | 15.3 | 980 |
| Second | 64.7 | 13.1 | 12.3 | 1,321 | 73.0 | 19.0 | 17.2 | 1,052 |
| Middle | 68.3 | 14.0 | 12.5 | 1,273 | 75.0 | 25.9 | 23.2 | 980 |
| Fourth | 71.7 | 15.0 | 13.9 | 1,234 | 77.5 | 24.5 | 21.4 | 1,088 |
| Highest | 84.9 | 46.9 | 43.4 | 1,672 | 79.5 | 51.2 | 45.0 | 1,364 |
| Total 15-49 | 69.3 | 21.2 | 19.5 | 6,751 | 74.5 | 28.9 | 25.7 | 5,464 |
| Total men 15-59 | na | na | na | na | 74.4 | 27.9 | 24.9 | 6,033 |

Note: Only women in households selected for the male subsample were administered questions on MTCT.
na $=$ Not applicable

### 13.2 Stigma Associated with AIDS and Attitudes Related to HIV/AIDS

Knowledge and beliefs about AIDS affect how people treat those they know to be living with HIV. In the 2005 EDHS, a number of questions were posed to respondents to measure their attitudes towards HIV-infected people including questions about their willingness to buy vegetables from an infected vegetable seller, to let others know the HIV status of family members, and to take care of relatives who have the AIDS virus in their own household. They were also asked whether an HIVpositive female who is not sick should be allowed to continue teaching. Tables 13.5.1 and 13.5.2 show the percentages who express positive attitudes towards people with HIV among women and men who have heard about HIV/AIDS by background characteristics.

Both women and men tend to express more positive attitudes in response to the questions concerning behaviour towards HIV-infected relatives than to the questions about shopkeepers or teachers. Sixty-five percent of women and 77 percent of men say that they would not want to keep secret that a family member was infected with the AIDS virus and 59 percent of women and 72 percent of men say they would be willing to care for a family member with the AIDS virus in their home. In contrast, only 42 percent of women and 52 percent of men say that an HIV-positive teacher should be allowed to continue teaching and only 20 percent of women and 26 percent of men would buy fresh food from a shopkeeper with AIDS. The percentage expressing accepting attitudes on all four measures is low, 11 percent among women and 17 percent among men.

Higher education, wealth, and urban residence are related to more accepting attitudes towards those who are HIV positive. Among men, for example, the percentage expressing accepting attitudes towards those living with AIDS on all four measures exceeds 40 percent among urban residents, those with a secondary or higher education, and those living in Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa or Harari. Among women, the percentage expressing accepting attitudes on all four measures exceeds 40 percent among those with a secondary or higher education and those living in Addis Ababa and Harari.

Table 13.5.1 Accepting attitudes toward those living with HIV: women
Among women who have heard of HIV/AIDS, percentage expressing specific accepting attitudes toward people with HIV, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

|  | Percentage of women who: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Are willing to | Would buy | Say that a female | Would not |  |  |  |
|  | care for family | fresh | teacher with the | want to keep | Percentage |  |  |
|  | member with | vegetables | AIDS virus and is | secret that a | expressing |  |  |
|  | the AIDS | from | not sick should | family | accepting | Number of |  |
| Background | virus in the | shopkeeper | be allowed to | member got | attitudes on | women who |  |
| respondent's | who has the | continue | infected with | all four | have heard of |  |  |
| characteristic | home | AIDS virus | teaching | the AIDS virus | indicators | HIV/AIDS |  |


| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15-24 | 64.0 | 25.7 | 48.6 | 64.8 | 14.5 | 5,244 |
| 15-19 | 64.7 | 27.1 | 51.4 | 65.9 | 15.2 | 2,913 |
| 20-24 | 63.2 | 23.9 | 45.1 | 63.4 | 13.5 | 2,331 |
| 25-29 | 55.5 | 18.1 | 39.3 | 66.1 | 10.1 | 2,243 |
| 30-39 | 55.5 | 14.8 | 34.8 | 64.3 | 7.2 | 3,049 |
| 40-49 | 55.4 | 15.0 | 35.9 | 66.3 | 7.1 | 2,107 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 69.2 | 35.3 | 58.5 | 64.9 | 20.4 | 3,204 |
| Ever had sex | 81.1 | 59.3 | 76.6 | 66.6 | 38.4 | 214 |
| Never had sex | 68.4 | 33.6 | 57.2 | 64.8 | 19.2 | 2,990 |
| Married/living together | 54.3 | 13.8 | 34.5 | 65.1 | 6.8 | 8,078 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 63.1 | 20.3 | 42.8 | 66.4 | 11.2 | 1,361 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 86.0 | 58.4 | 78.9 | 71.1 | 37.3 | 2,463 |
| Rural | 52.5 | 10.6 | 32.4 | 63.7 | 4.3 | 10,180 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 84.9 | 29.5 | 39.0 | 60.3 | 14.2 | 892 |
| Affar | 60.9 | 14.4 | 36.8 | 53.9 | 5.1 | 125 |
| Amhara | 71.0 | 16.5 | 43.9 | 68.5 | 8.6 | 3,061 |
| Oromiya | 44.9 | 15.3 | 34.8 | 68.6 | 8.0 | 4,742 |
| Somali | 68.5 | 22.4 | 24.4 | 47.0 | 8.6 | 243 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 73.8 | 17.2 | 45.8 | 55.0 | 10.7 | 84 |
| SNNP | 49.4 | 12.3 | 37.8 | 57.7 | 5.7 | 2,613 |
| Gambela | 69.5 | 27.9 | 55.2 | 52.2 | 15.1 | 28 |
| Harari | 69.4 | 50.6 | 66.8 | 85.5 | 42.4 | 38 |
| Addis Ababa | 94.3 | 73.9 | 91.9 | 68.5 | 46.9 | 750 |
| Dire Dawa | 76.9 | 49.8 | 64.8 | 78.7 | 37.1 | 67 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 51.6 | 9.0 | 29.3 | 63.2 | 3.4 | 7,986 |
| Primary | 62.0 | 22.9 | 49.0 | 67.6 | 11.7 | 2,985 |
| Secondary and higher | 88.8 | 66.7 | 86.4 | 70.2 | 44.1 | 1,672 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 51.8 | 7.6 | 22.6 | 59.6 | 2.5 | 1,952 |
| Second | 50.2 | 9.0 | 27.8 | 61.5 | 3.4 | 2,321 |
| Middle | 48.8 | 9.8 | 31.8 | 65.6 | 3.0 | 2,437 |
| Fourth | 55.4 | 11.7 | 38.4 | 65.6 | 5.3 | 2,421 |
| Highest | 78.3 | 46.7 | 70.0 | 70.0 | 29.2 | 3,513 |
| Total 15-49 | 59.0 | 19.9 | 41.5 | 65.2 | 10.7 | 12,643 |

Table 13.5.2 Accepting attitudes toward those living with HIV: men
Among men who have heard of HIV/AIDS, percentage expressing specific accepting attitudes toward people with HIV, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Percentage of men who: |  |  |  | Percentage expressing accepting attitudes on all four indicators | Number of men who have heard of HIV/AIDS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Are willing to care for family member with the AIDS virus in the respondent's home | Would buy fresh vegetables from shopkeeper who has the AIDS virus | Say that a female teacher with the AIDS virus and is not sick should be allowed to continue teaching | Would not want to keep secret that a family member got infected with the AIDS virus |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 72.4 | 30.7 | 54.6 | 76.2 | 18.9 | 2,287 |
| 15-19 | 70.0 | 30.5 | 53.4 | 75.6 | 19.1 | 1,255 |
| 20-24 | 75.3 | 30.9 | 56.2 | 76.9 | 18.8 | 1,033 |
| 25-29 | 70.5 | 27.0 | 54.2 | 76.0 | 17.6 | 718 |
| 30-39 | 71.8 | 21.1 | 49.0 | 79.2 | 13.9 | 1,380 |
| 40-49 | 70.4 | 21.7 | 47.1 | 77.1 | 14.4 | 888 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 73.2 | 33.1 | 56.0 | 76.7 | 20.9 | 2,297 |
| Ever had sex | 82.3 | 48.5 | 68.3 | 80.9 | 33.3 | 411 |
| Never had sex | 71.2 | 29.7 | 53.3 | 75.8 | 18.2 | 1,885 |
| Married/living together | 69.8 | 20.3 | 47.7 | 77.2 | 13.0 | 2,820 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 80.7 | 30.5 | 65.4 | 81.2 | 21.2 | 157 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.8 | 64.5 | 82.8 | 79.2 | 45.3 | 851 |
| Rural | 67.9 | 18.8 | 45.9 | 76.7 | 11.2 | 4,422 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 86.6 | 38.0 | 59.2 | 86.1 | 27.5 | 314 |
| Affar | 84.6 | 32.6 | 48.6 | 68.3 | 15.0 | 57 |
| Amhara | 82.7 | 25.9 | 62.9 | 75.3 | 19.7 | 1,295 |
| Oromiya | 58.8 | 22.5 | 42.6 | 82.0 | 13.6 | 2,009 |
| Somali | 79.9 | 24.2 | 68.5 | 51.7 | 13.0 | 116 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 72.4 | 23.4 | 59.8 | 71.0 | 14.6 | 47 |
| SNNP | 70.2 | 17.5 | 43.3 | 71.4 | 8.3 | 1,111 |
| Gambela | 77.3 | 51.0 | 67.6 | 80.8 | 32.5 | 17 |
| Harari | 85.1 | 54.7 | 76.4 | 83.5 | 43.0 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 94.2 | 71.4 | 82.8 | 74.9 | 44.0 | 265 |
| Dire Dawa | 78.1 | 52.0 | 66.6 | 84.8 | 43.3 | 27 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 63.3 | 12.2 | 39.4 | 75.8 | 7.2 | 2,002 |
| Primary | 69.0 | 22.9 | 48.4 | 76.0 | 12.5 | 2,114 |
| Secondary and higher | 90.7 | 56.2 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 40.6 | 1,158 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 59.7 | 13.3 | 35.9 | 76.5 | 6.7 | 893 |
| Second | 64.6 | 15.6 | 41.1 | 75.7 | 8.2 | 1,011 |
| Middle | 69.3 | 17.0 | 46.9 | 77.0 | 10.5 | 955 |
| Fourth | 71.8 | 22.1 | 50.8 | 76.3 | 13.4 | 1,062 |
| Highest | 86.2 | 52.1 | 74.6 | 79.3 | 36.5 | 1,353 |
| Total 15-49 | 71.6 | 26.1 | 51.8 | 77.1 | 16.7 | 5,273 |
| Total men 15-59 | 71.2 | 25.4 | 50.8 | 77.4 | 15.9 | 5,826 |

### 13.3 Attitudes Towards Negotiating Safer Sex

Knowledge about HIV transmission and ways to prevent it are of little use if people feel powerless to negotiate safer sex practices with their partner. In an effort to assess the ability of women to negotiate safer sex with a spouse who has an STI, EDHS respondents were asked two attitudinal questions: is a wife justified in refusing to have sex with her husband when she knows he has a disease that can be transmitted through sexual contact, and is a woman in the same circumstances justified in asking her husband to use a condom?

Table 13.6 shows that 85 percent of women and 89 percent of men believe that, if she knows her husband has an STI, a woman is justified in either refusing to have sex with him or asking him to wear a condom. Considering the two actions separately, the majority of both women (81 percent) and men ( 85 percent) say that a woman can refuse to have sex. Far fewer women ( 42 percent) and somewhat fewer men ( 65 percent) agree that a woman would be justified in asking the man to use a condom.

| Table 13.6 Attitudes toward negotiating safer sex with husband |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who believe that if a husband has a sexually transmitted disease his wife is justified in either refusing to have sexual relations with him or asking that he use a condom, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women who believe that wife is justified in: |  |  |  | Men who believe that wife is justified in: |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Refusing to have sexual relations | Asking that they use a condom | Either refusing sexual relations or asking to use a condom | Number of women | Refusing to have sexual relations | Asking that they use a condom | Either refusing sexual relations or asking to use a condom | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 82.1 | 48.3 | 85.4 | 5,813 | 83.5 | 63.8 | 87.5 | 2,399 |
| 15-19 | 80.3 | 48.3 | 83.5 | 3,266 | 81.3 | 60.7 | 85.3 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 84.4 | 48.2 | 87.8 | 2,547 | 86.4 | 67.8 | 90.2 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 82.3 | 40.8 | 85.9 | 2,517 | 87.1 | 68.2 | 91.0 | 741 |
| 30-39 | 79.5 | 36.2 | 82.6 | 3,410 | 86.3 | 67.6 | 91.1 | 1,405 |
| 40-49 | 80.9 | 34.0 | 83.7 | 2,330 | 86.1 | 59.2 | 88.4 | 919 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 82.0 | 54.7 | 85.5 | 3,516 | 82.5 | 63.6 | 86.9 | 2,417 |
| Ever had sex | 90.9 | 76.8 | 94.9 | 223 | 90.0 | 82.0 | 94.2 | 412 |
| Never had sex | 81.4 | 53.2 | 84.8 | 3,293 | 80.9 | 59.9 | 85.4 | 2,005 |
| Married/living together | 80.5 | 36.2 | 83.8 | 9,066 | 87.2 | 64.9 | 90.7 | 2,890 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 84.2 | 44.0 | 86.5 | 1,488 | 89.2 | 73.9 | 91.8 | 157 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.4 | 74.7 | 95.0 | 2,499 | 92.7 | 84.0 | 97.0 | 854 |
| Rural | 79.3 | 34.5 | 82.3 | 11,571 | 83.8 | 61.0 | 87.6 | 4,610 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 81.9 | 41.8 | 84.3 | 919 | 95.1 | 68.3 | 98.3 | 315 |
| Affar | 60.1 | 21.7 | 64.4 | 146 | 79.5 | 67.2 | 84.4 | 59 |
| Amhara | 86.7 | 42.6 | 89.3 | 3,482 | 93.4 | 74.8 | 95.4 | 1,347 |
| Oromiya | 82.6 | 43.1 | 85.9 | 5,010 | 79.1 | 67.8 | 84.8 | 2,041 |
| Somali | 59.4 | 7.9 | 59.9 | 486 | 85.7 | 22.9 | 86.5 | 180 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 67.1 | 33.1 | 70.6 | 124 | 78.4 | 53.2 | 81.8 | 50 |
| SNNP | 74.6 | 33.0 | 79.1 | 2,995 | 81.9 | 47.0 | 85.7 | 1,143 |
| Gambela | 54.7 | 21.8 | 58.7 | 44 | 65.0 | 63.0 | 78.2 | 19 |
| Harari | 85.1 | 62.0 | 90.2 | 39 | 94.3 | 81.5 | 98.2 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 94.3 | 87.4 | 98.0 | 756 | 94.5 | 88.3 | 97.3 | 266 |
| Dire Dawa | 85.5 | 56.4 | 87.7 | 69 | 94.1 | 70.2 | 95.4 | 27 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 77.9 | 29.7 | 80.5 | 9,271 | 83.4 | 54.4 | 86.1 | 2,164 |
| Primary | 84.6 | 54.7 | 89.2 | 3,123 | 83.6 | 64.2 | 88.2 | 2,140 |
| Secondary and higher | 94.0 | 83.2 | 98.2 | 1,675 | 91.3 | 84.4 | 96.0 | 1,160 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 74.2 | 24.8 | 76.2 | 2,428 | 79.1 | 49.0 | 82.0 | 980 |
| Second | 79.3 | 29.9 | 81.6 | 2,643 | 83.5 | 58.6 | 87.0 | 1,052 |
| Middle | 79.3 | 35.4 | 82.6 | 2,732 | 85.5 | 64.7 | 89.9 | 980 |
| Fourth | 82.4 | 40.1 | 85.7 | 2,647 | 85.1 | 64.8 | 89.1 | 1,088 |
| Highest | 88.1 | 67.3 | 92.9 | 3,621 | 90.6 | 80.3 | 95.0 | 1,364 |
| Total 15-49 | 81.3 | 41.6 | 84.5 | 14,070 | 85.2 | 64.6 | 89.1 | 5,464 |
| Total men 15-59 | na | na | na | na | 85.3 | 63.9 | 89.0 | 6,033 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The majority of respondents in all groups support a woman's right to negotiate safer sex. However, there are differences by background characteristics in the percentages of respondents holding this opinion. For example, the higher a respondent's educational attainment, the more likely he or she is to say that a woman can refuse sex or propose using a condom. Support for women's negotiating rights also increases across wealth quintiles among both women and men. The proportions supporting a woman's right to negotiate safer sex vary considerably across regions. Among women, the percentage saying that a woman is justified in refusing sex and asking that a condom be used ranges from a low of 59 percent in Gambela to 98 percent in Addis Ababa. Among men, support for women's negotiating rights is also lowest in Gambela (78 percent) and highest in Tigray, Harari (98 percent each) and Addis Ababa (97 percent).

### 13.4 Higher-Risk Sex

Given that most HIV infections in Ethiopia are contracted through heterosexual contact, information on sexual behaviour is important in designing and monitoring intervention programmes to control the spread of the epidemic. In the context of HIV/AIDS prevention, limiting the number of sexual partners and having protected sex are crucial to combating the epidemic.

The 2005 EDHS included questions on respondents' sexual partners during the 12 months preceding the survey. For male respondents, an additional question was asked on whether they paid for sex during the 12 months preceding the interview. Information on the use of condoms at the last sexual encounter with each type of partner was collected from both women and men. Finally, sexually active women and men were asked about the total number of partners they had during their lifetime. These questions are of course sensitive, and in interpreting the results in this section it is important to remember that respondents' answers are likely subject to at least some reporting bias.

### 13.4.1 Multiple Sexual Partners and Higher-Risk Sex

Tables 13.7 .1 and 13.7 .2 present several indicators based on information collected from women and men who had ever had intercourse about their sexual partners during the 12-month period before the survey and over their lifetime. The first two indicators in the tables assess the prevalence of multiple partners and of higher-risk sexual intercourse among women and men who reported having intercourse during the 12 months prior to the survey. Higher-risk sex involves sexual intercourse with a partner who is neither a spouse nor a cohabiting partner. The third indicator relates to condom use during the last higher-risk sexual encounter. The fourth indicator, the mean number of sexual partners that a woman or man has had during their lifetime, provides an assessment of lifetime exposure to one of the elements of higher-risk sex, multiple partners.

The tables show that, among those who had sex in the previous 12 months, less than 1 percent of women age $15-49$ and only 4 percent of men age $15-49$ report having had two or more sexual partners during the period. Somewhat larger proportions- 3 percent of women and 9 percent of men-report having had higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months (i.e., sexual intercourse with someone other than their spouse or cohabiting partner).

The differentials presented in the tables suggest that higher-risk sex, particularly among women, is concentrated in a limited number of population subgroups. First the prevalence of higherrisk sex is virtually universal among never-married women and men who reported having sexual intercourse during the 12 -month period prior to the EDHS. ${ }^{2}$ Looking at the other marital status categories, very few women and men who were currently in union (less than 1 percent) reported higher-risk sexual encounters during the 12 months prior to the survey,, while 25 percent of women and 33 percent of men who were widowed, divorced or separated said they had engaged in higher-risk sex during the period.

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## Table 13.7.1 Multiple sexual partners and higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months: women

Among women age 15-49 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage who had intercourse with more than one partner and the percentage who had higher-risk sexual intercourse, and among those having higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage reporting that a condom was used at last higher-risk intercourse, and among women who ever had sexual intercourse, the mean number of sexual partners during lifetime, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Women who had sexual intercourse in past 12 months |  |  | Women who had higherrisk intercourse ${ }^{1}$ in past 12 months |  | Women who ever had sexual intercourse |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had 2+ partners in past 12 months | Percentage who had higher-risk intercourse ${ }^{1}$ in past 12 months | Number of women | Percentage who reported using a condom at last higher-risk intercourse ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women | Mean number of sexual partners in lifetime | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 0.5 | 5.8 | 1,212 | 28.4 | 71 | 1.2 | 1,360 |
| 15-19 | 0.4 | 7.2 | 411 | 27.1 | 29 | 1.2 | 469 |
| 20-24 | 0.6 | 5.1 | 800 | 29.3 | 41 | 1.3 | 891 |
| 25-29 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 977 | (32.7) | 17 | 1.3 | 1,075 |
| 30-39 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 1,360 | * | 21 | 1.6 | 1,585 |
| 40-49 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 805 | * | 10 | 1.6 | 1,086 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married and ever had sex | 1.0 | 99.7 | 63 | 28.7 | 63 | 2.4 | 104 |
| Married/living together | 0.2 | 0.5 | 4,142 | (7.8) | 20 | 1.4 | 4,291 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 1.0 | 24.5 | 148 | (23.2) | 36 | 1.8 | 711 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.4 | 13.5 | 492 | 39.9 | 66 | 1.7 | 709 |
| Rural | 0.2 | 1.4 | 3,862 | 3.0 | 53 | 1.4 | 4,396 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 0.0 | 5.2 | 290 | * | 15 | 1.5 | 347 |
| Affar | 0.7 | 2.0 | 55 | * | 1 | 1.3 | 63 |
| Amhara | 0.1 | 2.9 | 1,140 | * | 33 | 1.8 | 1,374 |
| Oromiya | 0.2 | 2.8 | 1,558 | * | 43 | 1.2 | 1,764 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 0.0 | 161 | * | 0 | 1.1 | 196 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.7 | 2.0 | 47 | * | 1 | 1.6 | 52 |
| SNNP | 0.4 | 0.5 | 942 | * | 5 | 1.2 | 1,070 |
| Gambela | 0.6 | 5.0 | 14 | * | 1 | 1.5 | 19 |
| Harari | 0.4 | 3.7 | 12 | * | 0 | 1.3 | 14 |
| Addis Ababa | 0.3 | 15.7 | 117 | (34.9) | 18 | 2.3 | 182 |
| Dire Dawa | 1.5 | 9.2 | 18 | * | 2 | 1.5 | 24 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.3 | 1.4 | 3,318 | (9.0) | 47 | 1.5 | 3,876 |
| Primary | 0.0 | 4.0 | 740 | (30.2) | 30 | 1.3 | 853 |
| Secondary and higher | 0.1 | 14.4 | 296 | 34.9 | 43 | 1.5 | 376 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.2 | 1.3 | 888 | * | 12 | 1.4 | 1,047 |
| Second | 0.3 | 1.8 | 936 | * | 16 | 1.4 | 1,064 |
| Middle | 0.3 | 1.1 | 877 | * | 10 | 1.4 | 988 |
| Fourth | 0.2 | 1.5 | 827 | * | 13 | 1.4 | 939 |
| Highest | 0.3 | 8.3 | 826 | 40.8 | 68 | 1.6 | 1,067 |
| Total | 0.2 | 2.7 | 4,354 | 23.6 | 119 | 1.4 | 5,106 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Sexual intercourse with a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner

## Table 13.7.2 Multiple sexual partners and higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months: men

Among men age 15-49 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage who had intercourse with more than one partner and the percentage who had higher-risk sexual intercourse, and among those having higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage reporting that a condom was used at last higher-risk intercourse, and among men who ever had sexual intercourse, the mean number of sexual partners during lifetime, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Men who had sexual intercourse in past 12 months |  |  | Men who had higher-risk intercourse ${ }^{1}$ in past 12 months |  | Men who ever had sexual intercourse |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had 2+ partners in past 12 months | Percentage who had higher-risk intercourse ${ }^{1}$ in past 12 months | Number of men | Percentage who reported using a condom at last higher-risk intercourse ${ }^{1}$ | Number of men | Mean number of sexual partners in lifetime | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 4.8 | 37.4 | 446 | 50.2 | 167 | 2.0 | 561 |
| 15-19 | 3.9 | 68.0 | 78 | 44.0 | 53 | 2.0 | 96 |
| 20-24 | 5.0 | 31.0 | 368 | 53.1 | 114 | 2.0 | 465 |
| 25-29 | 3.2 | 9.1 | 531 | 47.1 | 48 | 2.2 | 600 |
| 30-39 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 1,291 | 57.2 | 39 | 2.6 | 1,355 |
| 40-49 | 4.6 | 1.1 | 853 | * | 9 | 4.0 | 902 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married and ever had sex | 9.7 | 98.0 | 227 | 53.0 | 222 | 3.0 | 407 |
| Married/living together | 3.7 | 0.8 | 2,840 | (28.3) | 24 | 2.7 | 2,861 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 3.3 | 33.2 | 53 | (70.0) | 18 | 3.7 | 150 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.2 | 29.9 | 393 | 79.9 | 118 | 4.4 | 490 |
| Rural | 4.3 | 5.4 | 2,728 | 29.4 | 146 | 2.5 | 2,928 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.5 | 15.9 | 187 | (53.7) | 30 | 2.7 | 194 |
| Affar | 7.1 | 15.9 | 45 | (38.7) | 7 | 3.5 | 47 |
| Amhara | 2.0 | 3.5 | 775 | * | 27 | 3.3 | 845 |
| Oromiya | 3.5 | 8.8 | 1,147 | (46.0) | 101 | 2.5 | 1,255 |
| Somali | 3.2 | 2.6 | 116 | * | 3 | 1.8 | 124 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 12.7 | 5.0 | 34 | * | 2 | 2.8 | 35 |
| SNNP | 6.5 | 4.6 | 657 | * | 31 | 2.2 | 705 |
| Gambela | 12.4 | 28.2 | 12 | 45.3 | 4 | 5.7 | 15 |
| Harari | 2.2 | 20.8 | 10 | (76.9) | 2 | 3.5 | 11 |
| Addis Ababa | 6.1 | 44.4 | 123 | 70.9 | 55 | 4.8 | 170 |
| Dire Dawa | 7.6 | 22.3 | 15 | (70.9) | 3 | 3.1 | 17 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 4.0 | 2.7 | 1,532 | 9.8 | 41 | 2.5 | 1,642 |
| Primary | 4.6 | 7.8 | 1,077 | 46.1 | 84 | 2.5 | 1,156 |
| Secondary and higher | 3.5 | 27.1 | 512 | 67.9 | 139 | 4.1 | 620 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.4 | 4.8 | 566 | 15.2 | 27 | 2.1 | 615 |
| Second | 4.6 | 5.3 | 645 | (32.7) | 34 | 2.6 | 686 |
| Middle | 4.9 | 4.8 | 648 | (34.8) | 31 | 2.2 | 676 |
| Fourth | 4.7 | 6.9 | 604 | (29.0) | 42 | 2.8 | 648 |
| Highest | 3.0 | 19.7 | 658 | 76.2 | 129 | 3.9 | 794 |
| Total 15-49 | 4.1 | 8.5 | 3,121 | 51.9 | 264 | 2.8 | 3,418 |
| Total men 15-59 | 4.1 | 7.3 | 3,630 | 51.7 | 266 | 3.0 | 3,974 |

[^20]Because many respondents in the $15-24$ age group are likely to be never-married, it is expected that higher-risk sex would be more prevalent in these cohorts than among older women and men. What is somewhat surprising is the size of the gender differential in the reporting of these sexual behaviours among respondents in this age range. For example, 37 percent of men age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse during the 12 -month period prior to the survey reported that they had engaged in higher-risk sex compared with 6 percent of women in the same cohort. The size of the differential suggests that there may be significant underreporting of recent sexual activity among never-married women in this age cohort. As noted in Chapter 6, only 6 percent of never-married women reported that they had ever had sex.

Considering the other variables in Tables 13.7.1 and 13.7.2, higher-risk sex among both women and men is most prevalent among those living in urban areas, in Addis Ababa, those with a secondary or higher education, and those in the highest wealth quintile. Among men, the prevalence of higher-risk sex is also notably high among men living in Gambela, Dire Dawa, Harari, Tigray and Affar (Figure 13.2).

Figure 13.2 Multiple Sexual Partners and Higher-Risk Sexual Intercourse in the Past 12 Months among Men Age 15-49


Note: Higher-risk sexual intercourse refers to intercourse with a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner.

As mentioned above, condom use is an important tool in the fight to curtail the spread of HIV/AIDS. Although truly effective protection would require condom use at every sexual encounter, the most important sexual encounters to cover are those considered to be "higher risk.", i.e., sex with a nonmarital, noncohabitating partner in the 12 months preceding the survey. Tables 13.7.1 and 13.7.2 show that, among women reporting they engaged in higher-risk sex during the 12 -month period prior to the survey, 24 percent reported a condom was used the last time they had higher-risk intercourse. Men who engaged in higher-risk sex during the year before the survey were much more likely to report condom use; around half said that a condom was used during their last higher-risk sexual encounter. The numbers of respondents, particularly women, reporting higher-risk sex are frequently quite small, making it difficult to assess differences in the prevalence of condom use across subgroups. However, the results sugge st that, among men who engaged in higher-risk sex, condom use is highest among urban residents, those with a secondary or higher education, and those in the highest wealth quintile.

Finally, Tables 13.7 .1 and 13.7 .2 show that men who have ever been sexually active report having an average (mean number) of 2.8 lifetime sexual partners, more than twice the average reported by women who have ever been sexually active ( 1.4 partners). The mean number of sexual partners for both women and men increases with age and is higher among urban than rural residents. Regions in which the mean number of lifetime partners among women is comparatively higher include Addis Ababa (2.3) and Amhara (1.8). Among men, the highest mean numbers of lifetime sexual partners were reported in Gambela (5.7 partners) and Addis Ababa (4.8 partners).

### 13.4.2 Paid Sex

Paid sex is considered a special category of higher-risk sex. Male respondents in the 2005 EDHS were asked whether they had paid money in exchange for sex in the past 12 months or if any of their last three partners in the past 12 months was a commercial sex worker.

Less than 1 percent of men had engaged in paid sex in the year before the survey (Table 13.8). The highest percentages of men reporting that they had engaged in paid sex are observed among men in Gambela (5 percent), Affar ( 2 percent), and Tigray ( 2 percent) and men who were divorced, separated or widowed (3 percent).

Finally, about one-third of the small number of men reporting they engaged in higher-risk sex used a condom at last sex with a prostitute (data not shown).

### 13.5 Testing for HIV

Knowledge of HIV status helps HIVnegative individuals make specific decisions to reduce risk and increase safer sex practices so they can remain disease free. For those who are HIV infected, knowledge of their status allows them to take action to protect their sexual partners, to access treatment, and to plan for the future. Testing of pregnant women is especially important so action can be taken to prevent mother-to-child transmission.

To obtain information on the prevalence of HIV testing, all respondents were asked whether they had ever been tested for HIV. If they said that they had, respondents were asked whether they had received the results of their last test. Women giving birth in the two-year period before the survey were asked additional questions regarding testing that may have occurred as part of any antenatal care they received prior to the birth.

Table 13.8 Payment by men for sexual intercourse
Percentage of men age 15-49 reporting payment for sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

|  | Percentage |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | reporting sex |  |
|  | with commercial |  |
|  | sex worker |  |
| Background <br> characteristic | in past | Number of |
|  | 12 months $^{1}$ | men |



Age

| $15-24$ | 0.8 | 2,399 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $15-19$ | 0.5 | 1,335 |
| $20-24$ | 1.2 | 1,064 |
| $25-29$ | 0.8 | 741 |
| $30-39$ | 1.2 | 1,405 |
| $40-49$ | 0.5 | 919 |

## Marital status

| Never married | 0.9 | 2,417 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Married or living together <br> Divorced/separated/ <br> widowed | 0.7 | 2,890 |
|  | 2.9 | 157 |

Residence

| Urban | 1.1 | 854 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Rural | 0.8 | 4,610 |
| Region |  |  |

Regio

| Tigray | 2.0 | 315 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Affar | 2.4 | 59 |

Affar
59
Amhara
Oromiya
Somali
Benishangul-Gumuz
SNNP
Gambela
Harari
Addis Ababa
Dire Dawa
Education

| No education | 0.9 | 2,164 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Primary | 0.8 | 2,140 |
| Secondary and higher | 0.9 | 1,160 |

Wealth quintile
Lowest 0.3

| Second | 1.3 | 1,05 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Middle
Fourth
Highest

| Total 15-49 | 0.9 | 5,464 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Total men 15-59 | 0.8 | 6,033 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes men who reported that at least one of their last three sexual partners in the past 12 months was a commercial sex worker.

Tables 13.9.1 and 13.9.2 show that, among the adult population age $15-49,4$ percent of women and 6 percent of men have been tested for HIV at some time. The majority of women and men who were tested indicated that that they had received the results of their test. Around half of the women who had ever been tested and received the test results said that they had received results from an HIV test taken during the 12 months prior to the survey. Among both women and men, the proportions ever tested are higher among those under age 30 than among those age 30 and older. Considering marital status, testing rates are highest among never-married women and men who have ever had sex and widowed, divorced and separated men. Considering the other characteristics for which results are presented in the tables, the highest testing rates are observed among urban residents, residents of Addis Ababa, Harari, and Dire Dawa, those with a secondary or higher education, and those in the highest wealth quintile.

| Table 13.9.1 Coverage of prior HIV testing: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women by whether tested for HIV and by whether received the results of the test, and the percentage of women who received their test results the last time they were tested for HIV in the past 12 months, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever tested |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Received results | Did not receive results | Don't <br> know/ missing whether received results | Never tested/ don't know/ missing | Total | Percentage who received results from HIV test taken in past 12 months | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 94.6 | 100.0 | 2.9 | 2,872 |
| 15-19 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 95.7 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 1,645 |
| 20-24 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 93.1 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 1,228 |
| 25-29 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 95.4 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 1,167 |
| 30-39 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 97.3 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 1,622 |
| 40-49 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 98.2 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 1,090 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 6.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 92.8 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 1,703 |
| Ever had sex | 29.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70.9 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 104 |
| Never had sex | 5.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 94.2 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 1,599 |
| Married/living together | 2.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 97.5 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 4,317 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 5.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 94.3 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 731 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 16.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 82.4 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 1,173 |
| Rural | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 98.8 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 5,579 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 3.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 96.8 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 448 |
| Affar | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 97.3 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 72 |
| Amhara | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 98.1 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 1,640 |
| Oromiya | 2.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 96.7 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 2,368 |
| Somali | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 98.0 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 243 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 3.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 96.9 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 62 |
| SNNP | 2.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 97.3 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 1,504 |
| Gambela | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 23 |
| Harari | 13.9 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 83.1 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 20 |
| Addis Ababa | 26.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 72.9 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 339 |
| Dire Dawa | 12.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 87.1 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 33 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.3 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 4,419 |
| Primary | 4.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 95.5 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 1,552 |
| Secondary and higher | 20.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 77.9 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 781 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 0.1 | 1,251 |
| Second | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.3 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 1,321 |
| Middle | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 98.9 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 1,273 |
| Fourth | 2.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 97.7 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 1,234 |
| Highest | 12.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 86.9 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 1,672 |
| Total | 3.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 96.0 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 6,751 |

Note: Only women in households selected for the male subsample were administered questions on prior testing.

Table 13.9.2 Coverage of prior HIV testing: men
Percent distribution of men by whether tested for HIV and by whether received the results of the test, and the percentage of women who received their test results the last time they were tested for HIV in the past 12 months, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Ever tested |  |  | Never tested/ don't know/ missing | Total | Percentage who received results from HIV test taken in past 12 months | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Received results | Did not receive results | Don't know/ missing whether received results |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 4.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 94.8 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 2,399 |
| 15-19 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 97.7 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 8.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 91.2 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 8.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 90.8 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 741 |
| 30-39 | 4.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 94.6 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 1,405 |
| 40-49 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 96.4 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 919 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 5.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 94.2 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 2,417 |
| Ever had sex | 17.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 82.3 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 412 |
| Never had sex | 2.9 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 96.6 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 2,005 |
| Married/living together | 4.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 95.0 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 2,890 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 10.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 89.0 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 157 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 17.4 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 80.4 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 854 |
| Rural | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 97.1 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 4,610 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.8 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 93.7 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 315 |
| Affar | 3.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 96.4 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 59 |
| Amhara | 4.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 95.4 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 1,347 |
| Oromiya | 3.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 95.5 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 2,041 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 180 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 97.1 | 100.0 | 1.5 | 50 |
| SNNP | 3.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 96.1 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 1,143 |
| Gambela | 2.4 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 96.8 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 19 |
| Harari | 17.1 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 80.8 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 15 |
| Addis Ababa | 26.4 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 72.4 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 266 |
| Dire Dawa | 13.9 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 27 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 98.3 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 2,164 |
| Primary | 3.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 95.8 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 2,140 |
| Secondary and higher | 13.6 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 85.0 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 1,160 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 98.6 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 980 |
| Second | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 98.8 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 1,052 |
| Middle | 2.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 97.1 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 980 |
| Fourth | 4.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 95.5 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 1,088 |
| Highest | 13.1 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 85.5 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 1,364 |
| Total 15-49 | 4.9 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 94.5 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 5,464 |
| Total men 15-59 | 4.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 94.9 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 6,033 |

Table 13.10 presents data on HIV/AIDS information and counselling during antenatal care. Among women who gave birth in the past two years, 3 percent received information and counselling about HIV/AIDS during antenatal care for their most recent birth. Less than 1 percent of the women reported that they were offered and accepted an HIV test during antenatal care. Taking both these elements into account, the EDHS results indicate that less than 1 percent of women giving birth during the two-year period prior to the survey were counselled about HIV, voluntarily accepted an offer of an HIV test, and received the test results. Women who gave birth during the two-year period before the survey were most likely to have received HIV/AIDS counselling and/or testing services during antenatal care if they lived in an urban area, especially in Addis Ababa, had a secondary or higher education, or were in the highest wealth quintile.

In interpreting the findings in Table 13.10, it is important to recognize that the very low coverage of HIV counselling and testing among women giving birth during the two-year period before the survey is in part due to the fact that only a minority of pregnant women obtain antenatal care.

Table 13.10 Pregnant women counselled and tested for HIV
Among women who gave birth in the two years preceding the survey, the percentage who received HIV counselling during antenatal care for their most recent birth, and among those who accepted an offer of HIV testing, percentage who received and did not receive their test results, by background characteristics, Ethiopia

| Background characteristic | Percentage who received HIV counselling during antenatal care ${ }^{1}$ | Among those who accepted an offer of an HIV test during antenatal care, percentage who: ${ }^{2}$ |  | Percentage who were counselled, were offered and accepted an HIV test, and received results ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women who gave birth in the past 2 years ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Received results | Did not receive results |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 672 |
| 15-19 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 176 |
| 20-24 | 3.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 496 |
| 25-29 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 592 |
| 30-39 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 679 |
| 40-49 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 176 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married and ever had sex | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | * | 9 |
| Married/living together | 3.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 2,015 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 4.0 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 95 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.0 | 6.7 | 1.8 | 5.5 | 156 |
| Rural | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1,963 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 134 |
| Affar | 2.6 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 25 |
| Amhara | 2.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 491 |
| Oromiya | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 799 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 90 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 21 |
| SNNP | 4.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 512 |
| Gambela | 6.9 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 6 |
| Harari | 8.6 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 5 |
| Addis Ababa | 50.0 | 33.1 | 4.2 | 26.8 | 29 |
| Dire Dawa | 9.8 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 6.2 | 7 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1,630 |
| Primary | 4.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 395 |
| Secondary and higher | 24.1 | 8.0 | 0.7 | 7.4 | 93 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 460 |
| Second | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 466 |
| Middle | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 470 |
| Fourth | 3.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 426 |
| Highest | 12.3 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 2.9 | 297 |
| Total | 3.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 2,119 |

Note: Only women in households selected for the male subsample were administered questions on MTCT. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ In this context, "counselled" means that someone talked with the respondent about all three of the following topics: 1) babies getting the AIDS virus from their mother, 2) preventing the virus, and 3) getting tested for the virus.
${ }^{2}$ Only women who were offered the test are included here; women who were either required or asked for the test are excluded from the numerator of this measure.
${ }^{3}$ Denominator for percentages includes women who did not receive antenatal care for their last birth in the past two years.

### 13.6 Reports of Recent Sexually Transmitted Infections

Information about the incidence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) is not only useful as a marker of unprotected sexual intercourse but also as a cofactor for HIV transmission. The 2005 EDHS asked respondents who had ever had sex whether they had had an STI in the past 12 months. They were also asked whether, in the past year, they had experienced a genital sore or ulcer, and whether they had any genital discharge. These symptoms have been shown useful in identifying STIs in men. They are less easily interpreted in women because women are likely to experience more nonSTI conditions of the reproductive tract that produce a discharge.

Table 13.11 shows that about 2 percent each of women and men who have ever been sexually active had an STI and/or STI symptoms in the 12 months prior to the survey. Those reporting STI symptoms were somewhat more likely to say they had had an abnormal genital discharge than to report a genital ulcer. It is likely that these figures, which are quite low, underestimate the actual prevalence of STIs among the sexually active population in Ethiopia.

Table 13.11 Self-reported prevalence of sexually-transmitted infections (STI) and STI symptoms
Among women and men age 15-49 who ever had sexual intercourse, the percentage reporting having had an STI and/or symptoms of an STI in the past 12 months, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | STI | Abnormal genital discharge | Genital sore or ulcer | STI, <br> genital <br> discharge, <br> sore or <br> ulcer | Number of women who ever had sexual intercourse | STI | Abnormal genital discharge | Genital sore or ulcer | STI, genital discharge, sore or ulcer | Number of men who ever had sexual intercourse |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 904 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 97 |
| 20-24 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1,850 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 469 |
| 25-29 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 2,314 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 601 |
| 30-39 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 3,357 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 1,367 |
| 40-49 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 2,323 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 916 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 0.5 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 3.1 | 223 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 412 |
| Married or living together | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 9,058 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 2,886 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 0.2 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 1,467 | 5.1 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 6.1 | 152 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 1,518 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 506 |
| Rural | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 9,230 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 2,943 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 721 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 198 |
| Affar | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 126 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 49 |
| Amhara | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 2,917 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 848 |
| Oromiya | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 3,770 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1,270 |
| Somali | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 399 | 2.5 | 8.3 | 0.6 | 8.8 | 126 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 105 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35 |
| SNNP | 0.3 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 2,179 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 706 |
| Gambela | 0.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 38 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 15 |
| Harari | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 27 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 12 |
| Addis Ababa | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 415 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 173 |
| Dire Dawa | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 50 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 18 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 8,242 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 1,653 |
| Primary | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1,695 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1,163 |
| Secondary and higher | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 810 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 635 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 2,055 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 617 |
| Second | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 2,189 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 689 |
| Middle | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 2,137 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 683 |
| Fourth | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 2,052 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 651 |
| Highest | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 2,315 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 810 |
| Total 15-49 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 10,748 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 3,450 |
| Total men 15-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 4,019 |

### 13.7 Male Circumcision

Circumcision of men is widely practiced in Ethiopia and often serves as a rite of passage to adulthood. Some studies have shown that absence of circumcision may be a contributory factor to the risk of contracting STIs, including HIV. To investigate this relationship the EDHS asked all men if they had been circumcised. Table 13.12 shows that 93 percent of Ethiopian men age 15-59 are circumcised. Circumcision is highest among men age 40-44 and lowest among those age 15-19.

Currently married men are slightly more likely to be circumcised than formerly married men. Men who have never married are least likely to be circumcised. Circumcision is highest among Orthodox Christians and lowest among men of other unspecified religions.

With the exception of men in Gambela and SNNP, circumcision is nearly universal among men in the other regions. Less than one in two men living in Gambela is circumcised, while three in four men living in SNNP are circumcised.

There is no clear relationship between education and male circumcision. However, men with at least secondary education are most likely to be circumcised.

### 13.8 Injections

Injection overuse in a health care setting can contribute to the transmission of blood-borne pathogens because it amplifies the effect of unsafe practices such as reuse of injection equipment. As a consequence, the proportion of injections given with reused injection equipment is an important prevention indicator in an initiative to control the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Table 13.13 presents data on the prevalence of injections among respondents. Respondents were asked if they had had any injections given by a health worker in the 12 months preceding the survey, and if so, the number of injections they had

| Table 13.12 Prevalence of male circumcision |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of men circumcised, according to selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage of men who are circumcised | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |
| 15-19 | 86.7 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 93.3 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 93.2 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 94.5 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 92.5 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 97.8 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 93.8 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 96.7 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 94.4 | 235 |
| Marital status |  |  |
| Never married | 90.3 | 2,419 |
| Married or living together | 94.1 | 3,424 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 92.7 | 190 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 97.9 | 916 |
| Rural | 91.6 | 5,117 |
| Region |  |  |
| Tigray | 98.0 | 366 |
| Affar | 98.5 | 65 |
| Amhara | 97.3 | 1,521 |
| Oromiya | 94.2 | 2,222 |
| Somali | 99.2 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 97.6 | 54 |
| SNNP | 79.6 | 1,244 |
| Gambela | 46.8 | 21 |
| Harari | 99.5 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 98.5 | 292 |
| Dire Dawa | 99.7 | 30 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 93.0 | 2,589 |
| Primary | 90.1 | 2,252 |
| Secondary and higher | 96.1 | 1,192 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 88.9 | 1,100 |
| Second | 90.8 | 1,184 |
| Middle | 91.8 | 1,081 |
| Fourth | 93.2 | 1,200 |
| Highest | 96.6 | 1,469 |
| Religion |  |  |
| Orthodox | 97.3 | 2,974 |
| Catholic | 78.4 | 61 |
| Protestant | 80.1 | 1,038 |
| Moslem | 94.3 | 1,788 |
| Other | 74.5 | 55 |
| Total | 92.5 | 6,033 | received and whether their last injection was given with a syringe from a new, unopened package. It should be noted that medical injections can be self-administered (e.g., insulin for diabetes). These injections were not included in the calculation.

Women are more likely than men to report receiving at least one injection ( 26 percent and 19 percent, respectively). These may in part reflect the fact that a substantial proportion of women are currently using injectable contraceptives. The average number of injections received from a health provider was 1.1 among women and 1.0 among men.

Table 13.13 shows that the largest variations in the injection prevalence indicator are across regions. Among women, for example, the percentage reporting they had received at least one injection from a health worker during the 12 months prior to the survey varies from 6 percent in the Somali Region to 32 percent among women in SNNP and Addis Ababa. Among men, the likelihood of having received an injection is lowest in the Somali Region (4 percent) and highest in BenishangulGumuz ( 29 percent). Urban residents are more likely than rural residents to have received at least one injection from a health provider, although the differential is greater for women than for men. The percentage receiving at least one injection from a health provider varies directly with education among both women and men. Among women, there is also a direct association between wealth quintile and the likelihood of receiving at least one injection. Among men, however, the association between wealth and receipt of an injection is not consistent.

| Percent of women and men age 15-49 who received at least one injection from a health worker ${ }^{1}$ in the past 12 months, the average number of medical injections ${ }^{1}$ per person, and among those who received an injection, the percentage for whom the health worker took the syringe and needle from a new and unopened package for the last injection, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who received an injection from a health worker in the past 12 months | Average number of medical injections per year | Number of women | Last <br> injection, syringe and needle taken from newly opened package | Number receiving injections from a health worker in the past 12 months | Percentage who received an injection from a health worker in the past 12 months | Average number of medical injections per year | Number of men | Last <br> injection, syringe and needle taken from newly opened package | Number receiving injections from a health worker in the past 12 months |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 22.7 | 0.8 | 3,266 | 92.8 | 741 | 18.1 | 0.7 | 1,335 | 96.6 | 242 |
| 20-24 | 26.1 | 1.1 | 2,547 | 93.1 | 665 | 21.2 | 1.1 | 1,064 | 94.6 | 226 |
| 25-29 | 28.7 | 1.2 | 2,517 | 89.9 | 722 | 18.2 | 1.1 | 741 | 97.3 | 135 |
| 30-39 | 25.9 | 1.3 | 3,410 | 89.1 | 882 | 19.5 | 1.0 | 1,405 | 93.1 | 274 |
| 40-49 | 25.6 | 1.2 | 2,330 | 88.9 | 596 | 17.1 | 1.1 | 919 | 94.5 | 157 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.4 | 1.8 | 2,499 | 98.6 | 759 | 20.3 | 1.1 | 854 | 98.4 | 173 |
| Rural | 24.6 | 1.0 | 11,571 | 88.6 | 2,847 | 18.7 | 0.9 | 4,610 | 94.4 | 860 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 16.5 | 0.7 | 919 | 93.4 | 152 | 16.2 | 0.8 | 315 | 95.9 | 51 |
| Affar | 15.3 | 1.2 | 146 | 88.9 | 22 | 14.7 | 0.9 | 59 | (99.2) | 9 |
| Amhara | 23.4 | 1.0 | 3,482 | 82.0 | 815 | 15.5 | 0.6 | 1,347 | 91.2 | 208 |
| Oromiya | 26.6 | 1.1 | 5,010 | 91.9 | 1,333 | 22.4 | 1.4 | 2,041 | 96.2 | 458 |
| Somali | 5.7 | 0.4 | 486 | 80.9 | 28 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 180 | * | 7 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 25.3 | 1.2 | 124 | 94.4 | 31 | 28.5 | 1.5 | 50 | 97.6 | 14 |
| SNNP | 31.6 | 1.2 | 2,995 | 94.6 | 945 | 17.7 | 0.7 | 1,143 | 94.7 | 203 |
| Gambela | 25.2 | 1.9 | 44 | 96.8 | 11 | 25.0 | 1.5 | 19 | 96.4 | 5 |
| Harari | 26.2 | 1.2 | 39 | 98.8 | 10 | 19.5 | 0.8 | 15 | 100.0 | 3 |
| Addis Ababa | 31.9 | 2.2 | 756 | 96.5 | 241 | 26.5 | 1.4 | 266 | 97.6 | 71 |
| Dire Dawa | 24.9 | 1.9 | 69 | 96.7 | 17 | 17.6 | 1.4 | 27 | 94.5 | 5 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 23.1 | 1.0 | 9,271 | 86.7 | 2,139 | 13.9 | 0.7 | 2,164 | 93.4 | 300 |
| Primary | 29.6 | 1.2 | 3,123 | 95.5 | 924 | 21.8 | 1.1 | 2,140 | 95.0 | 466 |
| Secondary and higher | 32.4 | 1.7 | 1,675 | 98.4 | 542 | 23.0 | 1.2 | 1,160 | 97.0 | 267 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.0 | 0.7 | 2,428 | 81.8 | 412 | 16.6 | 1.1 | 980 | 97.1 | 162 |
| Second | 21.3 | 0.8 | 2,643 | 90.6 | 563 | 20.6 | 1.1 | 1,052 | 90.3 | 217 |
| Middle | 25.1 | 1.0 | 2,732 | 85.1 | 687 | 16.6 | 0.8 | 980 | 96.5 | 163 |
| Fourth | 29.3 | 1.1 | 2,647 | 91.0 | 776 | 20.3 | 0.9 | 1,088 | 94.3 | 221 |
| Highest | 32.2 | 1.7 | 3,621 | 97.1 | 1,167 | 19.8 | 1.0 | 1,364 | 97.3 | 270 |
| Total 15-49 | 25.6 | 1.1 | 14,070 | 90.7 | 3,606 | 18.9 | 1.0 | 5,464 | 95.0 | 1,033 |
| Total men 15-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 19.1 | 1.0 | 6,033 | 94.3 | 1,155 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. <br> na $=$ Not applicable <br> ${ }^{1}$ Includes injections given by a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, dentist or other health worker |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The majority of recent injections ( 91 percent among women and 95 percent among men) were given with a needle and syringe taken from a newly opened package. Women living in Somali (81 percent) and Amhara ( 82 percent) and women in the lowest wealth quintile ( 82 percent) are the least likely to report that the injection was given using a needle and syringe from a previously unopened package.

### 13.9 HIV/AIDS-Related Knowledge and Behaviour among Youth

Knowledge of HIV/AIDS issues and related sexual behaviour among youth age $15-24$ is of particular interest because the period between sexual initiation and marriage is for many young people a time of sexual experimentation that may involve high-risk behaviours. This section considers a number of issues that relate to both transmission and prevention of HIV/AIDS among youth, including the extent to which youth have comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention modes and knowledge of a source where they can obtain condoms. Issues such as abstinence, age at sexual debut, age differences between partners, and condom use are also covered in this section.

### 13.9.1 Knowledge about HIV/AIDS and Source for Condoms

Knowledge of how HIV is transmitted is crucial to enabling young people to avoid AIDS. Young people are often at greater risk because they may have shorter relationships with more partners or engage in other risky behaviours. As discussed earlier, comprehensive knowledge is defined as knowing that: 1) people can reduce their chances of getting the AIDS virus by having sex with only one uninfected, faithful partner and by using condoms consistently; 2) a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus; and 3) HIV cannot be transmitted by mosquito bites or by sharing food with a person who has AIDS.

Table 13.14 shows that only around one-fifth of women and one-third of men age 15-24 know all of these facts about HIV/AIDS. The level of comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS does not vary greatly by age within the youth population. Among young women, comprehensive knowledge is highest among the never-married, especially those who have ever had sex. Among young men, comprehensive knowledge is most common among the small numbers who were divorced, separated or widowed.

As expected, comprehensive HIV/AIDS knowledge is much more common among urban than rural youth. Among young women, the level of comprehensive knowledge ranges from a low of 1 percent in the Somali Region to a high of 50 percent in Addis Ababa. Among young men, comprehensive knowledge is lowest in the Somali Region (7 percent) and highest in Harari (54 percent) and Addis Ababa (53 percent). Young women with a secondary education or higher are more than six times as likely as those with no schooling to have comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS while highly educated young men are more than three times as likely as those with no education to have comprehensive knowledge. Youth in the highest wealth quintile are much more likely to have comprehensive knowledge than other youth.

Because of the important role that condoms play in combating the transmission of HIV, respondents were asked whether they knew where condoms could be obtained. Only responses about "formal" sources were counted, so that friends and family and other similar sources were not included.

As shown in Table 13.14, young men are more likely than young women to know where to obtain a condom ( 56 and 34 percent, respectively). Among either sex, knowledge of a condom source does not vary consistently with age. Never-married young women, particularly those who have had sex, are much more likely to know about a source for condoms than those who have ever married. Among young men, the variations in knowledge by marital status are comparatively minor. Among both young women and men, those in urban areas are more likely than those in rural areas to know of
a condom source. Knowledge of a condom source is lowest in the Somali Region (7 percent of women and 20 percent of men) and highest in Addis Ababa ( 87 percent of women and 82 percent of men). Consistent with the patterns observed for other indicators, youth who are better educated and live in wealthier households are more likely than other youth to know a source of condoms.

Finally, to gauge the extent of support for programmes to increase condom knowledge among youth, all EDHS respondents (youth and adults) were asked whether they thought that children age 12-14 should be taught about using condoms to avoid AIDS.

| Table 13.14 Comprehensive knowledge about AIDS and a source for condoms among youth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of young women and men age 15-24 with comprehensive knowledge about AIDS and percentage with knowledge of a source of condoms, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge of AIDS $^{1}$ | Percentage who know a condom source ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge of AIDS $^{1}$ | Percentage who know a condom source ${ }^{2}$ | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.1 | 34.4 | 3,266 | 32.1 | 51.8 | 1,335 |
| 15-17 | 21.3 | 34.2 | 1,952 | 31.5 | 50.6 | 822 |
| 18-19 | 20.7 | 34.7 | 1,313 | 33.0 | 53.7 | 513 |
| 20-24 | 19.7 | 34.4 | 2,547 | 34.8 | 60.3 | 1,064 |
| 20-22 | 19.6 | 32.5 | 1,797 | 34.4 | 61.3 | 740 |
| 23-24 | 19.9 | 38.9 | 751 | 35.8 | 58.1 | 324 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 26.1 | 42.2 | 3,165 | 32.9 | 55.5 | 2,081 |
| Ever had sex | 40.3 | 66.6 | 136 | 38.0 | 53.2 | 257 |
| Never had sex | 25.5 | 41.1 | 3,030 | 32.2 | 55.8 | 1,824 |
| Married/living together | 13.4 | 23.8 | 2,284 | 34.2 | 56.8 | 284 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 15.7 | 32.9 | 363 | (47.3) | (51.3) | 35 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 44.4 | 81.4 | 1,242 | 54.4 | 81.5 | 431 |
| Rural | 14.0 | 21.6 | 4,571 | 28.6 | 49.9 | 1,968 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 17.5 | 45.8 | 387 | 46.8 | 60.4 | 145 |
| Affar | 17.4 | 34.7 | 54 | 20.3 | 39.9 | 18 |
| Amhara | 19.9 | 35.6 | 1,392 | 44.8 | 58.7 | 614 |
| Oromiya | 20.2 | 27.3 | 2,131 | 25.2 | 53.5 | 907 |
| Somali | 1.4 | 6.7 | 155 | 7.4 | 19.6 | 60 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 15.1 | 28.9 | 51 | 42.8 | 52.0 | 18 |
| SNNP | 15.9 | 27.6 | 1,197 | 28.2 | 52.2 | 491 |
| Gambela | 10.6 | 29.7 | 17 | 21.4 | 53.4 | 8 |
| Harari | 30.1 | 66.7 | 17 | 53.7 | 63.5 | 6 |
| Addis Ababa | 49.8 | 87.3 | 382 | 52.6 | 82.2 | 120 |
| Dire Dawa | 29.7 | 63.2 | 29 | 43.8 | 68.4 | 12 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 8.0 | 12.8 | 2,841 | 14.1 | 30.7 | 630 |
| Primary | 22.9 | 39.0 | 1,996 | 31.3 | 53.8 | 1,135 |
| Secondary and higher | 51.7 | 87.8 | 975 | 55.8 | 83.4 | 634 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 8.2 | 10.6 | 836 | 20.4 | 37.0 | 425 |
| Second | 11.5 | 17.0 | 1,045 | 29.0 | 46.2 | 421 |
| Middle | 13.5 | 20.0 | 1,135 | 29.4 | 49.8 | 391 |
| Fourth | 16.5 | 26.5 | 1,043 | 28.3 | 58.3 | 493 |
| Highest | 38.5 | 70.0 | 1,753 | 50.1 | 74.6 | 669 |
| Total 15-24 | 20.5 | 34.4 | 5,813 | 33.3 | 55.6 | 2,399 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Respondent knows that using a condom at every sexual intercourse and having just one uninfected and faithful partner can reduce the risk of getting the AIDS virus, knows that a healthy-looking person can have the AIDS virus, and rejects the two most common local misconceptions about AIDS transmission. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 13.15 shows that 54 percent of women and 77 percent of men age 18-49 agree that children age 12-14 should be taught about using a condom to avoid AIDS. Women and men age 1829 appear to be slightly more supportive of condom education for children age 12-14 than older adults. Among adult women, support for condom education is higher among urban than rural residents and increases as expected with education and wealth. There is also considerable regional variability in the level of support for condom education among women, from a low of 4 percent in the Somali Region to a high of 73 percent in Addis Ababa. Among adult men, support for condom education does not vary consistently with education and wealth, and rural residents are almost as likely as urban residents to express support. The Somali Region again stands out as having the lowest level of support from men ( 19 percent). In the other regions, support for condom education varies from 71 percent in Harari to 90 percent in Tigray.

| Percentage of women and men 18-49 who agree that children 12-14 years should be taught about using a condom to avoid AIDS, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background | Women |  | Men |  |
| characteristic | Percentage | Number | Percentage | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 18-19 | 57.4 | 689 | 73.9 | 513 |
| 20-24 | 59.6 | 1,228 | 79.9 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 56.4 | 1,167 | 78.6 | 741 |
| 30-39 | 51.8 | 1,622 | 77.6 | 1,405 |
| 40-49 | 47.2 | 1,090 | 71.9 | 919 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 63.8 | 914 | 76.1 | 1,600 |
| Ever had sex | 73.7 | 95 | 81.9 | 390 |
| Never had sex | 62.6 | 819 | 74.2 | 1,210 |
| Married/living together | 52.2 | 4,186 | 76.7 | 2,886 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 53.3 | 696 | 83.9 | 156 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 71.0 | 984 | 78.5 | 721 |
| Rural | 50.7 | 4,811 | 76.4 | 3,920 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 67.9 | 371 | 90.3 | 270 |
| Affar | 30.2 | 64 | 77.1 | 54 |
| Amhara | 54.1 | 1,409 | 82.6 | 1,127 |
| Oromiya | 56.0 | 2,060 | 75.0 | 1,733 |
| Somali | 4.4 | 215 | 18.9 | 156 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 36.8 | 55 | 71.8 | 43 |
| SNNP | 53.8 | 1,272 | 78.8 | 972 |
| Gambela | 39.2 | 21 | 75.5 | 17 |
| Harari | 49.4 | 17 | 70.5 | 13 |
| Addis Ababa | 72.7 | 283 | 76.9 | 235 |
| Dire Dawa | 55.2 | 29 | 77.3 | 23 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 46.9 | 4,090 | 70.4 | 2,008 |
| Primary | 70.3 | 1,074 | 83.1 | 1,655 |
| Secondary and higher | 73.7 | 631 | 78.9 | 979 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 38.8 | 1,098 | 66.7 | 825 |
| Second | 49.2 | 1,156 | 79.3 | 918 |
| Middle | 52.6 | 1,099 | 77.2 | 845 |
| Fourth | 57.3 | 1,045 | 80.2 | 906 |
| Highest | 69.2 | 1,398 | 78.9 | 1,148 |
| Total 18-49 | 54.2 | 5,795 | 76.7 | 4,641 |
| Total 18-59 | na | na | 76.1 | 5,211 |

Note: Only women in households selected for the male subsample were administered questions on MTCT.
na $=$ Not applicable

### 13.9.2 Age at First Sex and Condom Use at First Sexual Intercourse

Information from the EDHS can be used to look at several important issues relating to the initiation of sexual activity among youth including age at first sex and condom use at first sexual intercourse.

Table 13.16 shows the proportions of women and men in the $15-24$ age cohort who had sex before age 15 and before age 18. Sixteen percent of young women and 2 percent of young men had sex by age 15 while 35 percent of young women and 9 percent of young men had sex by age 18 .

| Table 13.16 Age at first sex among youth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of young women and men age 15-24 who have had sexual intercourse before exact ages 15 and 18, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who have had sexual intercourse before exact age 15 | Percentage who have had sexual intercourse before exact age 18 | Number of women 15-24 | Percentage who have had sexual intercourse before exact age 15 | Percentage who have had sexual intercourse before exact age 18 | Number of men 15-24 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 11.1 | na | 3,266 | 1.7 | na | 1,335 |
| 15-17 | 9.0 | na | 1,952 | 1.4 | na | 822 |
| 18-19 | 14.2 | 36.6 | 1,313 | 2.1 | 10.0 | 513 |
| 20-24 | 21.9 | 48.6 | 2,547 | 1.7 | 14.1 | 1,064 |
| 20-22 | 22.0 | 48.9 | 1,797 | 1.5 | 14.8 | 740 |
| 23-24 | 21.5 | 47.9 | 751 | 2.2 | 12.4 | 324 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 0.2 | 1.8 | 3,165 | 1.6 | 6.5 | 2,081 |
| Married or living together | 33.2 | 74.6 | 2,284 | 2.0 | 30.2 | 284 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 42.5 | 78.1 | 363 | 4.4 | (11.9) | 35 |
| Knows a condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 9.8 | 25.3 | 1,998 | 2.2 | 11.6 | 1,411 |
| No | 19.0 | 40.3 | 3,815 | 0.9 | 6.3 | 988 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.4 | 20.1 | 1,242 | 1.5 | 9.6 | 431 |
| Rural | 18.1 | 39.3 | 4,571 | 1.7 | 9.3 | 1,968 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 20.0 | 39.7 | 387 | 0.0 | 8.5 | 145 |
| Affar | 13.5 | 47.4 | 54 | 5.5 | 26.6 | 18 |
| Amhara | 32.0 | 54.5 | 1,392 | 1.4 | 6.3 | 614 |
| Oromiya | 11.5 | 31.6 | 2,131 | 1.4 | 9.8 | 907 |
| Somali | 10.6 | 34.7 | 155 | 3.8 | 10.9 | 60 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 22.0 | 51.2 | 51 | 0.9 | 14.8 | 18 |
| SNNP | 7.1 | 22.4 | 1,197 | 2.2 | 9.8 | 491 |
| Gambela | 23.5 | 55.5 | 17 | 19.0 | 51.7 | 8 |
| Harari | 6.2 | 29.9 | 17 | 1.5 | 15.4 | 6 |
| Addis Ababa | 6.1 | 16.3 | 382 | 2.3 | 14.0 | 120 |
| Dire Dawa | 7.4 | 28.2 | 29 | 1.6 | 16.1 | 12 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 25.4 | 52.6 | 2,841 | 1.0 | 9.2 | 630 |
| Primary | 8.3 | 22.0 | 1,996 | 1.9 | 8.8 | 1,135 |
| Secondary and higher | 3.5 | 11.5 | 975 | 2.0 | 10.6 | 634 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 20.0 | 45.2 | 836 | 1.3 | 8.9 | 425 |
| Second | 20.4 | 44.3 | 1,045 | 1.3 | 8.6 | 421 |
| Middle | 21.2 | 40.5 | 1,135 | 1.8 | 9.9 | 391 |
| Fourth | 16.3 | 35.4 | 1,043 | 2.9 | 10.3 | 493 |
| Highest | 7.4 | 21.4 | 1,753 | 1.2 | 9.2 | 669 |
| Total 15-24 | 15.8 | 35.2 | 5,813 | 1.7 | 9.4 | 2,399 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms. na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Looking at the age patterns for young women, the proportions of young women reporting that they had sex before age 15 are markedly lower among those under age 18 than among older girls. Young women age 18-19 were less likely than those age 20-24 to say they had initiated sex before age 18. This likely reflects the effect of rising age at marriage because only very small proportions of never-married young women report that they had sex by age 15 ( 0.2 percent) or by age 18 ( 2 percent). Other differentials in the indicators for young women reflect the influence of factors that predict delayed marriage, e.g., young women in urban areas are much less likely to have had sex by age 15 or by age 18 than young women in rural areas.

Differentials in these indicators for young men tend to be minor. This is at least in part because the proportions initiating sexual activity at an early age are not large in most subgroups with the exception of Gambela and to a lesser extent Affar. More than half of young men in Gambela and more than one-quarter of young men in Affar report that they had sex for the first time before age 18 .

To assess the extent of condom use from the beginning of sexual exposure, respondents age 15-24 were asked whether they had used condoms the first time they had sex. Table 13.17 shows that only 1 percent of young women and 17 percent of young men used condoms during their first sexual encounter. Never-married women and men were much more likely than ever-married youth to have used a condom. Higher educational attainment, greater wealth, and urban residence are related to a greater likelihood that condoms were used the first time a young woman and, particularly, a young man had sex.

| Percentage of young women and young men age 15-24 who used a condom the first time they had sexual intercourse, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Women |  | Men |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who used a condom at first sexual intercourse | Number who have ever had sexual intercourse | Percentage who used a condom at first sexual intercourse | Number who have ever had sexual intercourse |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.8 | 904 | 23.3 | 97 |
| 15-17 | 0.0 | 332 | (26.0) | 25 |
| 18-19 | 1.2 | 572 | 22.4 | 72 |
| 20-24 | 1.1 | 1,850 | 15.6 | 469 |
| 20-22 | 0.5 | 1,285 | 17.8 | 269 |
| 23-24 | 2.4 | 565 | 12.8 | 201 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 10.0 | 136 | 31.9 | 257 |
| Married or living together | 0.6 | 2,276 | 4.9 | 280 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 0.1 | 342 | (0.5) | 29 |
| Knows a condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 3.2 | 744 | 22.0 | 385 |
| No | 0.2 | 2,009 | 6.2 | 182 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5.7 | 393 | 48.0 | 117 |
| Rural | 0.2 | 2,361 | 8.8 | 449 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 0.6 | 196 | (30.0) | 34 |
| Affar | 3.7 | 34 | (10.3) | 9 |
| Amhara | 0.2 | 864 | 12.0 | 142 |
| Oromiya | 1.2 | 967 | 17.5 | 215 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 77 | * | 11 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.6 | 34 | (14.0) | 5 |
| SNNP | 1.0 | 441 | 9.8 | 98 |
| Gambela | 0.5 | 12 | 13.8 | 5 |
| Harari | 8.5 | 8 | 20.2 | 2 |
| Addis Ababa | 6.0 | 108 | 41.3 | 41 |
| Dire Dawa | 4.0 | 12 | (49.5) | 3 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.2 | 1,916 | 4.6 | 193 |
| Primary | 1.4 | 602 | 16.1 | 218 |
| Secondary and higher | 7.0 | 235 | 33.4 | 156 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.2 | 484 | 8.8 | 93 |
| Second | 0.3 | 604 | 5.1 | 87 |
| Middle | 0.0 | 587 | 8.9 | 117 |
| Fourth | 0.3 | 483 | 6.8 | 98 |
| Highest | 4.0 | 595 | 38.7 | 171 |
| Total 15-24 | 1.0 | 2,754 | 16.9 | 566 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms.

### 13.9.3 Recent Sexual Activity

The period between age at first sex and age at marriage is often a time of sexual experimentation. Unfortunately, in the era of HIV/AIDS, it can also be a risky time. Table 13.18 presents data on the percentage of never-married young women and men age 15-24 who have not yet engaged in sex, the percentage who had sex in the 12 months preceding the survey, and the percentage who used condoms during most recent sex.

| Table 13.18 Premarital sexual intercourse and condom use among youth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among never-married women and men age 15-24, the percentage who have never had sexual intercourse, the percentage who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, and, among those who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage who used a condom at last sexual intercourse, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage who never had sexual intercourse | Percentage who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months | Number of nevermarried women 15-24 | Percentage who never had sexual intercourse | Percentage who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months | Number of nevermarried men 15-24 | Percentage who used a condom at last sexual intercourse | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 97.5 | 1.0 | 2,394 | 94.6 | 3.9 | 1,304 | 44.8 | 51 |
| 15-17 | 98.7 | 0.5 | 1,622 | 97.2 | 2.0 | 817 | (28.7) | 16 |
| 18-19 | 94.8 | 2.2 | 773 | 90.2 | 7.2 | 487 | 52.2 | 35 |
| 20-24 | 90.3 | 3.1 | 771 | 75.9 | 13.4 | 777 | 51.8 | 104 |
| 20-22 | 91.9 | 2.6 | 555 | 80.3 | 11.5 | 584 | 54.2 | 67 |
| 23-24 | 86.1 | 4.3 | 216 | 62.9 | 19.0 | 194 | 47.5 | 37 |
| Knows a condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 93.2 | 2.6 | 1,335 | 82.6 | 10.8 | 1,231 | 57.8 | 133 |
| No | 97.5 | 0.8 | 1,831 | 94.9 | 2.6 | 850 | (0.0) | 22 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.5 | 3.3 | 938 | 76.5 | 15.2 | 410 | 84.5 | 62 |
| Rural | 97.9 | 0.8 | 2,228 | 90.4 | 5.6 | 1,672 | 26.1 | 93 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 95.5 | 1.3 | 200 | 84.3 | 11.8 | 132 | * | 16 |
| Affar | 94.4 | 2.6 | 21 | 65.3 | 30.1 | 15 | * | 5 |
| Amhara | 95.9 | 0.9 | 523 | 93.2 | 3.4 | 497 | * | 17 |
| Oromiya | 96.0 | 2.1 | 1,210 | 85.7 | 9.0 | 807 | (38.9) | 73 |
| Somali | 100.0 | 0.0 | 77 | 92.8 | 5.4 | 52 | * | 3 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 95.6 | 1.1 | 19 | 91.3 | 7.3 | 14 | * | 1 |
| SNNP | 98.7 | 0.5 | 765 | 92.4 | 3.6 | 425 | 36.1 | 15 |
| Gambela | 84.5 | 7.3 | 7 | 49.9 | 37.1 | 6 | (43.8) | 2 |
| Harari | 91.8 | 3.2 | 10 | 76.2 | 17.1 | 4 | * | 1 |
| Addis Ababa | 87.0 | 3.0 | 314 | 67.3 | 18.3 | 116 | 75.9 | 21 |
| Dire Dawa | 89.1 | 2.9 | 19 | 75.8 | 16.6 | 11 | * | 2 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 96.9 | 1.0 | 939 | 91.8 | 4.2 | 472 | (17.1) | 20 |
| Primary | 96.3 | 1.2 | 1,434 | 90.7 | 5.4 | 1,007 | 42.1 | 54 |
| Secondary and higher | 93.2 | 2.8 | 792 | 79.3 | 13.5 | 602 | 62.4 | 81 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 98.3 | 1.3 | 354 | 93.3 | 3.5 | 354 | (22.6) | 12 |
| Second | 98.5 | 1.2 | 443 | 91.4 | 5.3 | 363 | * | 19 |
| Middle | 98.2 | 0.6 | 552 | 88.5 | 7.2 | 310 | * | 22 |
| Fourth | 97.6 | 0.4 | 562 | 89.9 | 6.3 | 437 | * | 28 |
| Highest | 92.1 | 2.6 | 1,254 | 80.1 | 11.9 | 617 | 77.2 | 74 |
| Total 15-24 | 95.7 | 1.5 | 3,165 | 87.6 | 7.5 | 2,081 | 49.5 | 155 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms.

The great majority of never-married young women ( 96 percent) and men ( 88 percent) reported that they had never had sex, and, as a result, the proportions reporting recent sexual activity (i.e., within the 12 -month period before the survey) are low ( 2 percent among young women and 8 percent among young men). Half of never-married young men reporting recent sexual activity used a condom the last time they had sex compared with around one-third of young women (data not shown).

Given the comparatively small proportion of never-married young women reporting premarital sexual intercourse, differentials in this indicator are generally minimal. Among nevermarried young men, the proportion reporting premarital sexual activity tends to increase with age, education, and wealth, and is higher among urban than rural residents. Looking at regional variations, Gambela and Affar have the highest proportions of never-married young men reporting premarital sex.

### 13.9.4 Higher-Risk Sex

The most common mode of transmission of HIV in Ethiopia is through unprotected sex with an infected person. To prevent HIV/AIDS transmission, it is important that young people practice safe sex through the much-advocated ABC method (abstinence, being faithful to one uninfected partner, and condom use). Table 13.19 presents data on the percentage of young people engaging in higherrisk sex (sex with a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner) in the 12-month period preceding the survey, and the rate of condom use in these higher-risk sexual encounters. Among sexually active youth age 15-24, 6 percent of women and 37 percent of men engaged in higher-risk sexual activity in the past 12 months. One-quarter of these women and just under half of these men reported condom use in their last higher-risk encounter (data not shown).

| Table 13.19 Higher-risk sexual intercourse among youth |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among young women and men age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage who had higher-risk sexual intercourse, and among those who had higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage who used a condom at last higherrisk sexual intercourse, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  | Men |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who had higher-risk sex in past 12 months | Number of women sexually active in past 12 months | Percentage who had higher-risk sex in past 12 months | Number of women sexually active in past 12 months |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 7.2 | 411 | 68.0 | 78 |
| 15-17 | 5.6 | 145 | 96.6 | 18 |
| 18-19 | 8.0 | 267 | 59.2 | 59 |
| 20-24 | 5.1 | 800 | 31.0 | 368 |
| 20-22 | 5.1 | 518 | 33.4 | 214 |
| 23-24 | 5.2 | 282 | 27.7 | 155 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 99.6 | 48 | 98.7 | 155 |
| Married or living together | 1.1 | 1,099 | 3.8 | 278 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 16.5 | 65 | 24.8 | 13 |
| Knows a condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 12.8 | 378 | 47.7 | 295 |
| No | 2.7 | 834 | 17.3 | 151 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 26.4 | 154 | 76.8 | 83 |
| Rural | 2.9 | 1,058 | 28.5 | 363 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 7.7 | 94 | 61.3 | 28 |
| Affar | 4.5 | 14 | 60.3 | 8 |
| Amhara | 4.0 | 375 | 15.3 | 113 |
| Oromiya | 6.9 | 430 | 42.6 | 170 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 32 | 29.1 | 10 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 3.4 | 16 | 21.5 | 5 |
| SNNP | 2.4 | 209 | 29.3 | 80 |
| Gambela | 8.0 | 4 | 68.0 | 4 |
| Harari | 7.5 | 4 | 39.1 | 2 |
| Addis Ababa | 39.8 | 28 | 92.0 | 24 |
| Dire Dawa | 15.1 | 4 | 76.2 | 2 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 2.7 | 823 | 14.9 | 160 |
| Primary | 7.2 | 280 | 34.6 | 175 |
| Secondary and higher | 25.7 | 109 | 73.9 | 112 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.2 | 234 | 22.3 | 77 |
| Second | 4.1 | 269 | 28.1 | 73 |
| Middle | 2.3 | 265 | 24.1 | 102 |
| Fourth | 3.9 | 200 | 38.3 | 78 |
| Highest | 16.7 | 243 | 64.5 | 116 |
| Total 15-24 | 5.8 | 1,212 | 37.4 | 446 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms. |  |  |  |  |

Among young women and men, there are significant differences in the prevalence of higherrisk sex by background characteristics. Youth with a secondary or higher education are much more likely than those with less schooling to have engaged in higher-risk sex, and higher-risk sexual activity, particularly among young women, is concentrated among those in the highest wealth quintile. Urban youth are considerably more likely than rural youth to have engaged in risky sexual behaviour. Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa stand out as regions with the highest proportions of youth reporting that they have engaged in higher-risk sex.

### 13.9.5 Age-Mixing in Sexual Relationships

In many societies, young women have sexual relationships with men who are considerably older than they are. This practice can contribute to the wider spread of HIV and other STIs because if a younger, uninfected partner has sex with an older, infected partner, the younger, uninfected partner can contract the virus. To investigate this practice, in the 2005 EDHS women age 15-24 who had sex with a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner in the 12 months preceding the survey were asked whether the man was younger, about the same age, or older than they were. If older, they were asked if they thought he was less than ten years older or ten or more years older. Less than 1 percent of the small number of young women who had engaged in higher-risk sex in the 12 -month period prior to the survey reported that they had had intercourse with a man who was ten or more years older (not shown in table).

### 13.9.6 Drunkenness during Sexual Intercourse

Sexual intercourse when one or both partners are under the influence of alcohol is more likely to be unplanned than otherwise, and the partners are less likely to use condoms. Respondents who had had sex during the preceding 12 months were asked if they or their partner drank alcohol the last time they had sex, and if so, whether they or their partner were drunk. Table 13.20 shows the prevalence of sexual intercourse while drunk. The overall prevalence of sex when the respondent or partner is drunk is low, especially for young women ( 3 percent for women and 2 percent for men). Given the rarity of the phenomenon, differences across groups are minimal.

| Table 13.20 Drunkenness during sexual intercourse among youth |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of young women and men age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months while being drunk, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  | Men |  |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Respondent } \\ & \text { and/or } \\ & \text { partner drunk } \end{aligned}$ | Number who had sexual intercourse in past 12 months | $\begin{gathered} \text { Respondent } \\ \text { and/or } \\ \text { partner drunk } \end{gathered}$ | Number who had sexual intercourse in past 12 months |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.9 | 411 | 1.9 | 78 |
| 15-17 | 0.1 | 145 | 0.6 | 18 |
| 18-19 | 4.5 | 267 | 2.3 | 59 |
| 20-24 | 3.3 | 800 | 2.3 | 368 |
| 20-22 | 4.5 | 518 | 3.1 | 214 |
| 23-24 | 1.1 | 282 | 1.3 | 155 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 7.6 | 48 | 4.8 | 155 |
| Married or living together | 2.9 | 1,099 | 0.9 | 278 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 5.6 | 65 | 0.0 | 13 |
| Knows a condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 4.3 | 378 | 2.6 | 295 |
| No | 2.7 | 834 | 1.6 | 151 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.3 | 154 | 2.5 | 83 |
| Rural | 2.7 | 1,058 | 2.2 | 363 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 0.0 | 94 | 2.8 | 28 |
| Affar | 2.3 | 14 | 4.6 | 8 |
| Amhara | 1.6 | 375 | 1.1 | 113 |
| Oromiya | 5.1 | 430 | 2.0 | 170 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 32 | 0.0 | 10 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.9 | 16 | 0.0 | 5 |
| SNNP | 3.9 | 209 | 3.0 | 80 |
| Gambela | 6.4 | 4 | 1.5 | 4 |
| Harari | 0.0 | 4 | 0.0 | 2 |
| Addis Ababa | 6.2 | 28 | 6.6 | 24 |
| Dire Dawa | 4.1 | 4 | 7.1 | 2 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 2.7 | 823 | 1.6 | 160 |
| Primary | 4.5 | 280 | 2.2 | 175 |
| Secondary and higher | 3.4 | 109 | 3.3 | 112 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.6 | 234 | 1.8 | 77 |
| Second | 4.5 | 269 | 0.0 | 73 |
| Middle | 1.3 | 265 | 3.5 | 102 |
| Fourth | 3.0 | 200 | 2.4 | 78 |
| Highest | 5.5 | 243 | 2.8 | 116 |
| Total 15-24 | 3.2 | 1,212 | 2.3 | 446 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms. |  |  |  |  |

### 13.9.7 HIV Testing

Young people may believe there are barriers to accessing and using many health services and facilities, particularly for sensitive concerns relating to sexual health, such as sexually transmitted infections like HIV/AIDS. Table 13.21 presents data on the percentage of sexually active youth being tested and receiving the results within the past year. Young men are about three times as likely as young women to have been tested for HIV ( 6 percent and 2 percent, respectively). Given the generally low level of testing, differences across groups should be interpreted cautiously. However, there is a clear tendency for testing rates to be higher among urban youth, youth with a secondary or higher education, youth in the highest wealth quintile, and youth living in Addis Ababa.

| Table 13.21 Recent HIV tests among youth |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among young women and men age 15-24 who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage who have had an HIV test in the past 12 months and received the results of the test, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  | Men |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who have been tested for HIV and received results in past 12 months | Number of women | Percentage who have been tested for HIV and received results in past <br> 12 months | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.8 | 411 | 8.3 | 78 |
| 15-17 | 1.1 | 145 | (0.3) | 18 |
| 18-19 | 2.2 | 267 | 10.8 | 59 |
| 20-24 | 1.9 | 800 | 5.6 | 368 |
| 20-22 | 2.3 | 518 | 5.7 | 214 |
| 23-24 | 1.1 | 282 | 5.5 | 155 |
| Knows a condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 4.2 | 378 | 6.6 | 295 |
| No | 0.8 | 834 | 5.2 | 151 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.1 | 154 | 15.2 | 83 |
| Rural | 1.0 | 1,058 | 4.0 | 363 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 1.2 | 94 | (6.6) | 28 |
| Affar | 0.0 | 14 | (3.7) | 8 |
| Amhara | 1.6 | 375 | 7.6 | 113 |
| Oromiya | 0.6 | 430 | 3.2 | 170 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 32 | * | 10 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 1.0 | 16 | (2.9) | 5 |
| SNNP | 3.2 | 209 | (5.1) | 80 |
| Gambela | 1.4 | 4 | 3.2 | 4 |
| Harari | 7.0 | 4 | 5.3 | 2 |
| Addis Ababa | 18.9 | 28 | 25.4 | 24 |
| Dire Dawa | 7.4 | 4 | (13.9) | 2 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.4 | 823 | 6.6 | 160 |
| Primary | 3.0 | 280 | 1.2 | 175 |
| Secondary and higher | 9.8 | 109 | 13.0 | 112 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.0 | 234 | 0.1 | 77 |
| Second | 0.6 | 269 | 2.0 | 73 |
| Middle | 0.9 | 265 | 3.6 | 102 |
| Fourth | 1.7 | 200 | 4.7 | 78 |
| Highest | 6.3 | 243 | 15.8 | 116 |
| Total | 1.9 | 1,212 | 6.1 | 446 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms.

## HIV PREVALENCE AND ASSOCIATED FACTORS

The 2005 EDHS is the first national survey in Ethiopia to include HIV testing. In Ethiopia, as in most of sub-Saharan Africa, national HIV prevalence estimates have been derived primarily from sentinel surveillance regarding pregnant women attending antenatal care facilities. Although the information from the ANC surveillance system has been very useful for assessing HIV levels, and especially for monitoring trends in HIV prevalence, the inclusion of HIV testing in the 2005 EDHS offers the opportunity to obtain information on the magnitude and patterns of HIV infection in the general reproductive age population in Ethiopia. Thus, the HIV prevalence data from the EDHS are expected to provide important information to plan the national response to the AIDS epidemic in Ethiopia.

This chapter first presents information on the coverage of HIV testing among eligible survey respondents and then discusses levels and differentials in HIV prevalence among those tested. The chapter also considers the similarities and differences between the 2005 EDHS HIV findings and HIV estimates from other data sources, specifically the HIV results from the 2005 round of antenatal sentinel surveillance. Lastly, it discusses the effect of nonresponse on HIV rates.

### 14.1 Coverage of HIV Testing in the EDHS

All women age 15-49 and all men age 15-59 living in the households that were chosen for the male survey (i.e., half of all households sampled for the 2005 EDHS) were eligible for the HIV testing component of the EDHS. ${ }^{1}$ Table 14.1 shows the coverage rates for HIV testing among eligible respondents by reason for not being tested, according to gender and residence. HIV tests were conducted for 83 percent of the 7,142 eligible women and 76 percent of the 6,778 eligible men. For both sexes combined, coverage was 80 percent. Refusals were the most important reason for nonresponse on the HIV testing component of the survey for both women (13 percent) and men (17 percent).

Rural residents were more likely to be tested than their urban counterparts ( 85 percent and 67 percent, respectively). Differences in HIV testing coverage rates are also evident by region. Among both sexes, SNNP had the highest rate of testing ( 90 percent), followed by Tigray and Oromiya ( 87 percent), while the rates were lowest in Dire Dawa ( 60 percent) and the Somali Region ( 65 percent).

Table 14.2 shows coverage rates for HIV testing by age group, education, and wealth. If HIV status influenced participation in the testing, coverage would be expected to decline with age since HIV levels typically increase sharply with age before levelling off or declining at the older ages. In fact, coverage rates for testing in the EDHS tend to rise with age, although not consistently, among women and men. Considering the relationship with education, those with little or no education are more likely to have been tested, while men and women with at least some secondary education were least likely to be tested. Similarly, those in the highest quintile of the wealth index were the least likely to be tested.

In order to further explore whether nonresponse might have an impact on the HIV seroprevalence results, tables describing the relationship between participation in the HIV testing and a number of other characteristics related to HIV risk were also examined (see Tables A.3-A. 6 in Appendix A). These tables show that nonresponse levels tend to increase, although often not

[^21]markedly, with a number of characteristics associated with a higher risk for HIV. For example, coverage rates among women and, especially, men are lower among those who have ever been sexually active than among those who have never had sex, and lower among those reporting that they had higher-risk sexual intercourse in the 12 -month period before the survey than those who did not engage in higher-risk sex.

| Percent distribution of women age 15-49 and men age 15-59 eligible for HIV testing by testing status, according to residence and region (nnweighted) Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Refu | sed | Absent/o | er/missing |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Interviewed | Not interviewed | Interviewed | $\qquad$ | Interviewed | Not interviewed | Total | Unweighted number |
| WOMEN 15-49 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 72.7 | 0.1 | 18.8 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 2,239 |
| Rural | 88.0 | 0.2 | 7.8 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 4,903 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 90.2 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 625 |
| Affar | 72.8 | 0.7 | 20.5 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 405 |
| Amhara | 87.7 | 0.1 | 9.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 937 |
| Oromiya | 87.6 | 0.3 | 7.4 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 1,101 |
| Somali | 71.3 | 0.3 | 20.2 | 5.2 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 362 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 89.2 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 436 |
| SNNP | 93.2 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,070 |
| Gambela | 82.8 | 0.2 | 8.0 | 4.6 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 413 |
| Harari | 73.6 | 0.0 | 17.9 | 4.5 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 469 |
| Addis Ababa | 73.8 | 0.1 | 17.4 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 912 |
| Dire Dawa | 70.9 | 0.0 | 22.6 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 412 |
| Total | 83.2 | 0.2 | 11.2 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 7,142 |
| MEN 15-59 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 59.5 | 0.1 | 22.6 | 6.7 | 1.4 | 9.7 | 100.0 | 1,948 |
| Rural | 81.8 | 0.2 | 8.6 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 4,830 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 84.2 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 563 |
| Affar | 60.2 | 0.3 | 20.2 | 8.0 | 0.8 | 10.6 | 100.0 | 387 |
| Amhara | 84.9 | 0.2 | 7.8 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 959 |
| Oromiya | 85.2 | 0.1 | 6.7 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 1,126 |
| Somali | 57.4 | 0.6 | 26.2 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 7.4 | 100.0 | 336 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 82.4 | 0.0 | 11.7 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 403 |
| SNNP | 86.0 | 0.2 | 5.1 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 956 |
| Gambela | 74.4 | 0.3 | 9.5 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 398 |
| Harari | 66.2 | 0.2 | 17.0 | 5.9 | 1.7 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 423 |
| Addis Ababa | 62.2 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 6.2 | 1.4 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 834 |
| Dire Dawa | 47.3 | 0.3 | 34.6 | 6.1 | 2.0 | 9.7 | 100.0 | 393 |
| Total | 75.4 | 0.2 | 12.6 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 6,778 |
| TOTAL 15-49 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 66.9 | 0.1 | 20.4 | 5.0 | 1.4 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 4,054 |
| Rural | 84.9 | 0.2 | 8.2 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 9,263 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 87.4 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 1,107 |
| Affar | 66.9 | 0.5 | 19.8 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 758 |
| Amhara | 86.1 | 0.2 | 8.7 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,791 |
| Oromiya | 86.3 | 0.2 | 7.0 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 2,134 |
| Somali | 64.4 | 0.5 | 23.3 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 665 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 86.3 | 0.0 | 88 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 804 |
| SNNP | 89.8 | 0.2 | 4.5 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 1,952 |
| Gambela | 79.2 | 0.3 | 8.7 | 5.4 | 1.4 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 783 |
| Harari | 70.3 | 0.1 | 17.8 | 5.1 | 1.3 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 864 |
| Addis Ababa | 68.3 | 0.1 | 18.4 | 4.9 | 1.2 | 7.1 | 100.0 | 1,681 |
| Dire Dawa | 59.8 | 0.1 | 28.1 | 4.1 | 1.3 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 778 |
| Total | 79.4 | 0.2 | 11.9 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 13,317 |

Table 14.2 HIV testing coverage by background characteristics
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 and men age 15-59 eligible for HIV testing by testing status, according to background characteristics (nnweighted) Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Tested |  | Refused |  | Absent/other/missing |  | Total | Unweighted number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Interviewed | Not interviewed | Interviewed | Not interviewed | Interviewed | Not interviewed |  |  |
| WOMEN 15-49 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 81.8 | 0.5 | 10.4 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 1,718 |
| 20-24 | 81.5 | 0.1 | 12.6 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 1,329 |
| 25-29 | 84.1 | 0.1 | 10.8 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,311 |
| 30-34 | 85.2 | 0.0 | 10.8 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 853 |
| 35-39 | 82.7 | 0.0 | 12.2 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 821 |
| 40-44 | 85.7 | 0.0 | 10.3 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 602 |
| 45-49 | 84.4 | 0.2 | 12.0 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 508 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 85.4 | 0.2 | 9.6 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 4,251 |
| Primary | 84.6 | 0.2 | 9.7 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 1,563 |
| Secondary and higher | 74.5 | 0.0 | 18.1 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 1,328 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 83.1 | 0.2 | 10.7 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1,473 |
| Second | 88.0 | 0.2 | 8.2 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1,070 |
| Middle | 92.1 | 0.1 | 4.6 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,006 |
| Fourth | 90.8 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 968 |
| Highest | 75.0 | 0.1 | 17.4 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 2,625 |
| Total | 83.2 | 0.2 | 11.2 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 7,142 |
| MEN 15-59 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 74.1 | 0.1 | 12.5 | 4.9 | 1.1 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 1,457 |
| 20-24 | 75.1 | 0.0 | 11.6 | 5.2 | 0.9 | 7.1 | 100.0 | 1,185 |
| 25-29 | 73.7 | 0.4 | 12.4 | 4.7 | 1.0 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 953 |
| 30-34 | 75.6 | 0.1 | 13.7 | 3.7 | 1.0 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 841 |
| 35-39 | 74.9 | 0.3 | 14.1 | 4.4 | 0.7 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 725 |
| 40-44 | 75.3 | 0.0 | 13.8 | 4.9 | 0.9 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 551 |
| 45-49 | 78.8 | 0.4 | 11.0 | 3.9 | 0.9 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 463 |
| 50-54 | 78.6 | 0.0 | 12.3 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 365 |
| 55-59 | 79.8 | 0.0 | 12.2 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 238 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 77.0 | 0.3 | 10.6 | 5.2 | 1.1 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 2,745 |
| Primary | 81.6 | 0.1 | 9.9 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 2,111 |
| Secondary and higher | 66.3 | 0.1 | 18.6 | 5.4 | 1.3 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 1,919 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 75.1 | 0.2 | 12.1 | 4.9 | 0.9 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 1,377 |
| Second | 84.5 | 0.1 | 6.8 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 1,016 |
| Middle | 85.5 | 0.3 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 957 |
| Fourth | 82.7 | 0.2 | 8.7 | 3.1 | 0.7 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 994 |
| Highest | 64.7 | 0.1 | 19.8 | 5.7 | 1.2 | 8.5 | 100.0 | 2,434 |
| Total | 75.4 | 0.2 | 12.6 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 6,778 |

Note:Total for men includes 3 cases with missing information on education, who are not shown separately

### 14.2 HIV Prevalence

Results from the 2005 EDHS indicate that 1.4 percent of Ethiopian adults age $15-49$ are infected with HIV (Figure 14.1). HIV prevalence in women is nearly 2 percent, while for men 15-49, it is just under 1 percent. The female-to-male infection ratio of 2.1 is higher than what has been previously assumed in the Ethiopian situation. However, it is consistent with female-to-male HIV infection ratios observed in a number of other countries in sub-Saharan Africa: Senegal - ratio of 2.3 (Ministry of Health, 2005), Guinea - ratio of 2.1 (National Directorate of Statistics, 2005), and Kenya - ratio of 1.9 (Central Bureau of Statistics, 2004).

Gender differences in infection levels reflect the fact that biological factors make women more susceptible to the risk of infection. They also relate to the fact that women both initiate sexual activity and marry at a much younger age than men (see Chapter 6). Also, their husbands (partners) tend to be older than them.

## Figure 14.1 HIV Prevalence among Women and Men Age 15-49



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### 14.2.1 HIV Prevalence by Age

Table 14.3 shows for both men and women that HIV prevalence levels rise with age, peaking among women in their late 30 s and among men in their early 40s. The age patterns suggest that young women are particularly vulnerable to HIV infection compared with young men. Among women age 15-19, for example, 0.7 percent are HIV infected, compared with 0.1 percent of men age $15-19$. HIV prevalence among women $20-24$ is over three times that of men in the same age group (1.7 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively).

| Table 14.3 HIV prevalence by age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage HIV positive among women age 15-49 and men age 15-59 who were tested, by age Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women 15-49 |  | Men 15-59 |  | Total 15-49 |  |
| Age | Percentage <br> HIV positive | Number | Percentage <br> HIV positive | Number | Percentage <br> HIV positive | Number |
| 15-19 | 0.7 | 1,397 | 0.1 | 1,175 | 0.4 | 2,572 |
| 20-24 | 1.7 | 1,025 | 0.4 | 929 | 1.1 | 1,954 |
| 25-29 | 2.1 | 1,004 | 0.7 | 640 | 1.6 | 1,645 |
| 30-34 | 1.5 | 734 | 1.9 | 664 | 1.7 | 1,398 |
| 35-39 | 4.4 | 650 | 1.8 | 581 | 3.2 | 1,231 |
| 40-44 | 3.1 | 487 | 2.8 | 438 | 3.0 | 925 |
| 45-49 | 0.8 | 439 | 0.0 | 376 | 0.5 | 815 |
| 50-54 | na | na | 0.9 | 293 | na | na |
| 55-59 | na | na | 0.3 | 208 | na | na |
| Total age 15-49 | 1.9 | 5,736 | 0.9 | 4,804 | 1.4 | 10,540 |
| Total age 15-59 | na | na | 0.9 | 5,306 | na | na |
| na Not applicabl |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 14.2.2 HIV Prevalence by Socioeconomic Characteristics

As Table 14.4 shows, urban residents have a significantly higher risk of HIV infection (6 percent) than rural residents ( 0.7 percent). The risk of HIV infection among rural women and men is almost identical, while urban women are more than three times as likely as urban men to be infected.

Regional variations in HIV prevalence are also presented in Table 14.4. Prevalence levels are highest in Gambela ( 6 percent) and Addis Ababa ( 5 percent). Other regions in which HIV prevalence exceeds the national average include Harari, Dire Dawa, Afar, Tigray, and Amhara. Somewhat surprisingly, SNNP Region has the lowest overall prevalence ( 0.2 percent). The regional variations are discussed further below when the 2005 EDHS results are compared with the results of the ANC surveillance system. In addition, the regional patterns, particularly the unexpectedly low prevalence rate in the SNNP Region, merit further investigation, including additional future surveys taking into account both information on regional differences in patterns of risk behaviour available in the 2005 EDHS and data from other sources.

HIV infection levels increase directly with education among both women and men and are markedly higher among those who have a secondary or higher education compared with those with less education. Employment (in the past 12 months) is also related to HIV levels among both women and men, with those who are employed being more likely than the unemployed to be infected. Particularly among men, those who were unemployed during the 12 -month period prior to the survey are heavily concentrated in the younger age groups where HIV levels are quite low. This helps to explain why none of the men in this category were HIV positive.

Both women and men in the highest quintile of the wealth index have substantially higher rates of HIV infection than those in other wealth quintiles.

| Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-49 who were tested, by socioeconomic characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Wom |  | Me |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Total | Number |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.7 | 980 | 2.4 | 684 | 5.5 | 1,664 |
| Rural | 0.6 | 4,756 | 0.7 | 4,120 | 0.7 | 8,875 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 2.6 | 387 | 1.6 | 274 | 2.1 | 661 |
| Affar | 3.3 | 61 | 2.4 | 46 | 2.9 | 107 |
| Amhara | 1.8 | 1,411 | 1.6 | 1,212 | 1.7 | 2,623 |
| Oromiya | 2.2 | 2,000 | 0.4 | 1,812 | 1.4 | 3,812 |
| Somali | 1.3 | 189 | 0.0 | 140 | 0.7 | 328 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.9 | 55 | 0.0 | 45 | 0.5 | 100 |
| SNNP | 0.1 | 1,290 | 0.4 | 1,010 | 0.2 | 2,300 |
| Gambela | 5.5 | 19 | 6.7 | 16 | 6.0 | 35 |
| Harari | 4.6 | 16 | 2.2 | 13 | 3.5 | 29 |
| Addis Ababa | 6.1 | 280 | 3.0 | 214 | 4.7 | 495 |
| Dire Dawa | 4.4 | 28 | 1.9 | 22 | 3.2 | 50 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.0 | 3,745 | 0.8 | 1,920 | 0.9 | 5,665 |
| Primary | 2.5 | 1,349 | 0.5 | 1,912 | 1.3 | 3,260 |
| Secondary and higher | 5.5 | 642 | 2.0 | 972 | 3.4 | 1,614 |
| Employment ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not currently working | 1.5 | 3,423 | 0.0 | 609 | 1.3 | 4,032 |
| Currently working | 2.3 | 1,981 | 1.1 | 4,187 | 1.5 | 6,168 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 1,053 | 0.7 | 863 | 0.5 | 1,916 |
| Second | 1.0 | 1,108 | 0.3 | 949 | 0.7 | 2,057 |
| Middle | 0.4 | 1,107 | 0.9 | 898 | 0.6 | 2,006 |
| Fourth | 0.2 | 1,073 | 0.4 | 951 | 0.3 | 2,023 |
| Highest | 6.1 | 1,395 | 2.2 | 1,143 | 4.3 | 2,538 |
| Total | 1.9 | 5,736 | 0.9 | 4,804 | 1.4 | 10,540 |
| Note:Total excludes numbers missing information on employment status and not shown separately. ${ }^{1}$ Employed at any time in the 12 months preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 14.2.3 HIV Prevalence by Other Sociodemographic Characteristics

Table 14.5 presents the relationships between HIV prevalence and a number of other sociodemographic variables. As expected, marital status is closely related to HIV prevalence. Women and men who are widowed, divorced, or separated have significantly higher rates than those who are married or living together. HIV rates are lowest for respondents who have never been in union. However, within the latter group, the small number of women who are sexually active but have never been in a marital union, have an HIV prevalence rate of 9 percent, higher than the levels found among widowed or divorced and separated women. Among never-married men who have ever had sex, the HIV rate approaches but is lower than the level among men who are currently married or living with a partner. Finally, a small proportion of individuals who say they have never had sex are HIV positive. This suggests either reporting errors in sexual behaviour or non-sexual transmission of HIV.

Considering the type of current union, HIV rates do not differ between those in a polygynous union and those who are not.

Table 14.5 looks at how HIV rates relate to two measures of male mobility. The results indicate that the number of times a man slept away from home is more closely associated with HIV prevalence than is the total amount of time that a man spent away. The HIV rate is 3 percent among men who slept away six or more times in the 12 -month period prior to the survey compared with less than 1 percent among men who never slept away and men who slept away fewer than six times.

## Table 14.5 HIV prevalence by demographic characteristics

Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-49 who were tested, by demographic characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Demographic characteristic | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage <br> HIV positive | Number | Percentage <br> HIV positive | Number | Percentage <br> HIV positive | Number |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 0.7 | 1,449 | 0.3 | 2,084 | 0.5 | 3,532 |
| Ever had sexual intercourse | 9.3 | 92 | 1.0 | 330 | 2.8 | 422 |
| Never had sexual intercourse | 0.1 | 1,356 | 0.2 | 1,754 | 0.1 | 3,110 |
| Married/living together | 1.6 | 3,685 | 1.3 | 2,583 | 1.5 | 6,268 |
| Divorced or separated | 8.1 | 206 | * | 16 | 8.4 | 222 |
| Widowed | 5.6 | 396 | 1.9 | 121 | 4.7 | 517 |
| Type of union |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In polygynous union | (1.5) | 455 | 1.3 | 152 | 1.4 | 607 |
| Not in polygynous union | 1.5 | 3,194 | 1.3 | 2,431 | 1.4 | 5,624 |
| Missing polygyny, don't know | २.6) | 36 | na | 0 | २.6) | 36 |
| Not currently in union | 2.4 | 2,051 | 0.5 | 2,221 | 1.4 | 4,272 |

Times slept away from home

## in past 12 months

| 0 | na | na | 0.8 | 3,389 | na | na |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-2$ | na | na | 0.9 | 821 | na | na |
| $3-5$ | na | na | 0.4 | 332 | na | na |
| $6+$ | na | na | 3.1 | 259 | na | na |


| Time away in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| More than 1 month | na | na | 0.8 | 289 | na | na |
| Less than 1 month | na | na | 1.3 | 1,110 | na | na |
| Never away | na | na | 0.8 | 3,389 | na | na |
| Missing | na | na | * | 16 | na | na |
| Currently pregnant |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 1.1 | 480 | na | na | na | na |
| Not pregnant/not sure | 1.9 | 5,256 | na | na | na | na |
| Antenatal care for births in past 3 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No birth | 2.0 | 3,308 | na | na | na | na |
| Birth and ANC by health professional | 3.5 | 702 | na | na | na | na |
| Birth and no ANC by health professional | 1.0 | 1,726 | na | na | na | na |
| Delivery care for births in past 3 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No birth | 2.0 | 3,308 | na | na | na | na |
| Birth and delivery care by health professional | 9.9 | 143 | na | na | na | na |
| Birth and no delivery care by health professional | 1.2 | 2,285 | na | na | na | na |
| Total | 1.9 | 5,736 | 0.9 | 4,804 | 1.4 | 10,540 |

[^22]HIV prevalence among women who are currently pregnant is 1 percent, roughly half the level found among nonpregnant women. This is a somewhat unexpected pattern since, as discussed in the introduction to this chapter, pregnant women are generally assumed to have a higher risk of HIV infection than nonpregnant women. It may be related to the fact that fertility is much lower among urban women than rural women and, thus, the currently pregnant population is likely to be disproportionately rural and, thus, less exposed to the risk of infection.

Finally, HIV rates are markedly higher among women who received antenatal care at a health facility and especially among the comparatively few women who received delivery care from a health professional for births that occurred in the three-year period prior to the survey (4 percent and 10 percent, respectively). Again these relationships are likely related to the fact that women who receive antenatal and delivery care are much more likely than other women to live in urban areas, be highly educated, and fall into the highest wealth quintile. All of these latter factors are associated with much higher than average risk of HIV infection.

### 14.2.4 HIV Prevalence by Sexual Risk Behaviour

Table 14.6 presents HIV prevalence rates by sexual behaviour indicators among respondents who have ever had sexual intercourse. In reviewing these results, it is important to remember that responses about sexual risk behaviours may be subject to reporting bias. Also, sexual behaviour in the 12 months preceding the survey may not adequately reflect lifetime sexual risk.

For women, there is a clear pattern of higher HIV prevalence with sexual debut at ages 16-19 while the age at which men initiated sex appears to be unrelated to their HIV status. The pattern among women is somewhat unexpected in view of the assumption that early sexual debut would be associated with a longer average period of sexual activity and thus, greater exposure to the transmission of the HIV virus. It may reflect the fact that individuals initiating sex at very young ages are concentrated in groups with lower HIV prevalence (e.g., they live in rural areas or are less educated).

EDHS respondents are considered to have had a higher-risk sexual encounter if they had intercourse with a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner. Table 14.6 shows that both women and men who had a higher-risk sexual partner in the 12 -month period before the survey are more likely to be HIV-infected than those who were sexually active but did not have sex with a higher-risk partner. The differential is especially large for women, with the small number of women who report having a higher-risk sexual encounter being seven times as likely to be HIV positive as women who had sex but not with a higher-risk partner, and more than two times as likely to be HIV positive as women who did not have sex during the 12 -month period. In turn, the comparatively high prevalence among the latter group of women is probably because many are widowed or divorced or separated women who, as was shown earlier, have much higher than average risk of HIV infection.

HIV risk is also assumed to increase with the number of lifetime sexual partners that an individual has. The results in Table 14.6 suggest that HIV risk does not rise directly with the number of sexual partners but that having a large number of partners (five or more for women and ten or more for men) is associated with significantly higher rates of HIV infection.

Table 14.6 HIV prevalence by sexual behaviour
Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-49 who ever had sexual intercourse and were tested, by sexual behaviour characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Sexual behaviour characteristic | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number |
| Age at first sexual intercourse |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 or less | 2.2 | 2,146 | 0.5 | 234 | 2.0 | 2,379 |
| 16-17 | 3.5 | 840 | 2.2 | 399 | 3.1 | 1,238 |
| 18-19 | 2.7 | 609 | 1.3 | 704 | 2.0 | 1,313 |
| 20+ | 2.2 | 542 | 1.3 | 1,661 | 1.5 | 2,202 |
| Non-numeric | 0.0 | 228 | 4.3 | 46 | 0.7 | 274 |
| Higher-risk intercourse in past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had higher risk sexual intercourse | 12.3 | 106 | 1.8 | 218 | 5.2 | 324 |
| Had sexual intercourse, not higher risk | 1.6 | 3,618 | 1.3 | 2,557 | 1.5 | 6,175 |
| No sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 5.4 | 640 | 2.0 | 268 | 4.4 | 908 |
| Number of sexual partners in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 5.4 | 636 | 2.1 | 259 | 4.5 | 895 |
| 1 | 1.9 | 3,719 | 1.2 | 2,665 | 1.6 | 6,385 |
| 2 | * | 5 | 4.2 | 106 | 4.6 | 111 |
| 3+ | * | 1 | * | 7 | * | 8 |


| Number of higher-risk partners ${ }^{2}$ in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 2.2 | 4,228 | 1.4 | 2,811 | 1.8 | 7,039 |
| 1 | 9.4 | 132 | 1.9 | 206 | 4.8 | 338 |
| $2+$ | * | 2 | 0.3) | 19 | 5.7 | 21 |
| Don't know/missing | * | 2 | * | 6 | * | 9 |
| Condom use |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever used condom | 20.0 | 88 | 2.1 | 322 | 5.9 | 410 |
| Never used condom | 2.0 | 4,276 | 1.3 | 2,721 | 1.8 | 6,998 |
| Condom use at last sexual intercourse in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | 22.4 | 40 | 1.6 | 117 | 7.0 | 157 |
| Did not use condom | 1.7 | 3,681 | 1.3 | 2,659 | 1.5 | 6,340 |
| Condom use at last higher-risk intercourse ${ }^{1}$ in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | B0.8) | 28 | 1.8 | 97 | 8.2 | 125 |
| Did not use condom | 5.8 | 79 | 1.7 | 121 | 3.3 | 199 |
| Number of lifetime partners |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 1.4 | 3,148 | 0.6 | 1,419 | 1.2 | 4,567 |
| 2 | 4.7 | 863 | 1.8 | 679 | 3.4 | 1,542 |
| 3-4 | 4.1 | 280 | 1.3 | 576 | 2.3 | 857 |
| 5-9 | (10.5) | 54 | 1.4 | 210 | 3.3 | 265 |
| 10+ | * | 4 | 6.1 | 134 | 7.1 | 137 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | na | na | (1.6) | 15 | na | 0 |
| Did not use condom | na | na | 8.7) | 28 | na | 0 |
| No paid sexual intercourse | na | na | 1.3 | 2,722 | na | 0 |
| Total | 2.4 | 4,364 | 1.4 | 3,043 | 2.0 | 7,407 |

Note:Total includes men women and men missin $g$ information on whether paid for sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, not shown separately. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Sexual intercourse with a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner
${ }^{2}$ Nonmarital, noncohabiting partners among the last two partners for women and the last three partners for men in the past 12 months
${ }^{3}$ Includes men who report having a prostitute as at least one of their last three partners in the past 12 months na Not applicable

Table 14.6 examines the relationship between condom use (ever use and recent use). When used properly, condoms are an effective way of preventing the transmission of HIV and other STIs. Although this would suggest that HIV rates should be lower among condom users, there are a number of factors that may influence the direction of the relationship. For example, condom use rates may be higher among individuals who are infected because they are seeking to protect an uninfected partner. Also, reported condom use cannot be assumed to be "correct condom use." Thus, it is not surprising that the association between condom use and infection levels is not uniform in Table14.6. Among women, condom use is associated with markedly higher levels of HIV infection, while among men, it is associated with only slightly elevated risk of infection.

Finally, among men, the small number who said that they paid for sex in the 12 months preceding the survey have higher HIV prevalence than those who reported no paid sex.

In summary, the results presented in Table 14.6 do not demonstrate a consistent relationship between sexual risk behaviour and HIV prevalence. More detailed analysis is clearly necessary to understand these relationships because they are often confounded by factors such as age, residence, and educational status that are associated with both the behavioural measures and HIV prevalence.

### 14.2.5 HIV Prevalence by Other Characteristics Related to HIV Risk

Table 14.7 presents HIV prevalence by other characteristics related to HIV risk among women and men who have ever had sex. The table shows that women and men with a history of a sexually transmitted infection (STI) or STI symptoms have slightly higher rates of HIV infection than those with no history or symptoms.

| Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-49 who have ever had sexual intercourse and were tested for HIV, by whether they had an STI in the past 12 months and by prior HIV testing status, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
| STI in past 12 months/ Prior HIV testing | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number |
| STI in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had STI or STI symptoms | 3.4 | 96 | 2.2 | 41 | 3.0 | 137 |
| No STI, no symptoms | 2.4 | 4,196 | 1.4 | 2,984 | 2.0 | 7,181 |
| Prior HIV testing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Previously tested | 7.1 | 196 | 2.2 | 97 | 5.5 | 293 |
| Previously tested, received results of last test | 7.5 | 179 | 2.2 | 95 | 5.7 | 273 |
| Previously tested, did not receive results of last test | * | 17 | * | 2 | 8.4) | 19 |
| Not tested previously | 2.2 | 3,870 | 1.5 | 2,668 | 1.9 | 6,538 |
| Total | 2.4 | 4,364 | 1.4 | 3,043 | 2.0 | 7,407 |
| Note:Total includes numbers missing information on sexually transmitted infections in past 12 months and HIV testing status not shown separately. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The table also shows that the small number of women and men who have been tested for HIV have higher rates of HIV infection than those who have never been tested. The differential is especially large among women; 7 percent of women who had been tested for HIV prior to the survey were HIV positive compared with 2 percent who had not been tested previously.

### 14.3 HIV Prevalence and Male Circumcision

Although studies have not always found a uniform relationship, lack of circumcision is considered a risk factor for HIV infection, in part because of physiological differences that increase the susceptibility to HIV infection among uncircumcised men. The 2005 EDHS obtained information on male circumcision status, and these results can be used to examine the relationship between HIV prevalence and male circumcision status. Table 14.8 shows that the relationship between male circumcision and HIV levels in Ethiopia conforms to the expected pattern of higher rates among uncircumcised men than circumcised men ( 0.9 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively). However, the difference in HIV prevalence is very small and not significant.

### 14.4 HIV Prevalence among COUPLES

Over 2,674 cohabiting couples were tested for HIV in the 2005 EDHS. Results shown in Table 14.9 indicate that, for 98 percent of cohabiting couples, both partners tested negative for HIV. The majority of the remaining couples ( 1.8 percent out of a total of 2.1 percent) are discordant, that is, one partner is infected and the other is not. There is clearly an unmet need for VCT services oriented towards couples, because most of these couples do not mutually know their HIV status.

Table 14.8 HIV prevalence by male circumcision
Among men age 15-59 who were tested for HIV, percentage HIV positive by whether circumcised and background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Circumcised |  | Uncircumcised |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage <br> HIV positive | Number | Percentage <br> HIV positive | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.0 | 1,015 | 0.9 | 159 |
| 20-24 | 0.4 | 862 | 0.1 | 67 |
| 25-29 | 0.7 | 599 | 1.3 | 41 |
| 30-34 | 2.0 | 625 | 0.5) | 39 |
| 35-39 | 1.6 | 537 | (4.6) | 45 |
| 40-44 | 2.9 | 429 | * | 9 |
| 45-49 | 0.0 | 353 | 0.0) | 23 |
| 50-54 | 0.9 | 284 | * | 9 |
| 55-59 | 0.4 | 196 | * | 12 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.4 | 713 | (10.7) | 20 |
| Rural | 0.6 | 4,187 | 0.6 | 386 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 2.0 | 312 | * | 6 |
| Affar | 2.2 | 50 | * | 0 |
| Amhara | 1.5 | 1,332 | * | 38 |
| Oromiya | 0.3 | 1,845 | 1.7 | 125 |
| Somali | 0.0 | 158 | * | 2 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.0 | 47 | * | 1 |
| SNNP | 0.3 | 879 | 0.7 | 219 |
| Gambela | 2.3 | 8 | 9.8 | 9 |
| Harari | 2.1 | 13 | * | 0 |
| Addis Ababa | 3.4 | 231 | * | 4 |
| Dire Dawa | 1.7 | 24 | * | 0 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.8 | 2,129 | 0.9 | 165 |
| Primary | 0.6 | 1,816 | 0.2 | 197 |
| Secondary and higher | 1.9 | 955 | 6.0 | 43 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.7 | 858 | 0.2 | 110 |
| Second | 0.3 | 965 | 0.2 | 97 |
| Middle | 0.7 | 911 | 2.2 | 80 |
| Fourth | 0.4 | 981 | 0.2 | 72 |
| Highest | 2.1 | 1,184 | (4.5) | 47 |
| Total | 0.9 | 4,900 | 1.1 | 406 |

Note:Figures in parentheses are ba sed on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.


### 14.5 EDHS and ANC Surveillance Results

As noted above, prior to the 2005 EDHS, national prevalence estimates for the general adult population in Ethiopia were derived from information obtained through the national ANC surveillance system. The most recent round of ANC surveillance conducted in 2005 included 79 sites in government health facilities from all 11 regions of the country.

While the rate of HIV infection in pregnant women has been shown to be a reasonable proxy for the level in the combined male and female adult population in a number of settings (WHO and UNAIDS, 2000), there are several limitations in estimating the HIV rate in the general adult population from data derived exclusively from pregnant women attending antenatal clinics. First, it is recognized that ANC data may overstate the risk of HIV infection in the general population for several reasons. Most obviously is the fact that the rates among pregnant women are not a good proxy for male HIV rates, which are typically lower than the rates for women. In addition, ANC data do not reflect HIV prevalence levels in non-pregnant women, many of whom are at lower risk of HIV infection either because they are not sexually active or because they use condoms to prevent pregnancy or to avoid sexually transmitted infections including HIV. The ANC results also do not represent women who either do not attend a clinic for pregnancy care or receive antenatal care at facilities not represented in the surveillance system. These women tend to be concentrated in more rural localities and, thus, are likely to be at lower risk of HIV infection. Although most of the potential biases in ANC surveillance are related to lower risks of infection, ANC data also potentially exclude some women who have contracted HIV because HIV infection reduces fertility and because knowledge of HIV status may influence fertility choices among infected women.

Table 14.10 compares HIV prevalence results from the 2005 EDHS with estimates derived from the 2005 round of ANC surveillance. The national estimate based on the ANC surveillance results is 3.5 percent. This compares to the level of 1.4 percent found in the EDHS. Additional analysis will be needed to understand both the differences and similarities between the ANC and DHS results. However, initial comparisons of the EDHS and ANC findings suggest that the differences are owed principally to: (1) the relatively limited coverage of antenatal care services in Ethiopia and (2) differences in geographic coverage of the EDHS and the ANC surveillance systems.

With respect to the first point, the EDHS results suggest that only around one in four pregnant women in Ethiopia goes for antenatal care, with coverage levels much higher among urban than rural women (see Chapter 9). Thus, at least part of the difference between the ANC-based HIV rate and the EDHS figure may rest in the selective nature of the population attending antenatal care. Some confirmation for this hypothesis is seen in Figure 14.2. The first two bars in the figure show the HIV rates for two groups of EDHS respondents: (1) respondents who gave birth during the three-year period before the survey and received antenatal care and (2) EDHS respondents who either gave birth but did not receive antenatal care during pregnancy or did not give birth (see also Table 14.5). The HIV rate for the EDHS respondents is identical to that found in the 2005 ANC surveillance round (3.5 percent) and higher than the rate observed among EDHS respondents who were not ANC clients or did not give birth ( 1.6 percent).

| Table 14.10 HIV prevalence results from the EDHS and the National Antenatal Care |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Surveillance System |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage HIV positive among the adult population age 15-49 reported in the 2005 EDHS and estimated in the 2005 round of the national antenatal care |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2005 EDHS |  | 2005 | 5 ANC Ro | und |
| Region | HIV <br> prevalence | Number of sample points | Unweighted number of adults tested | HIV <br> prevalence | Number of sites | Number of pregnant women tested |
| Tigray | 2.1 | 50 | 1,038 | 4.2 | 9 | 3,111 |
| Affar | 2.9 | 35 | 528 | 3.1 | 2 | 763 |
| Amhara | 1.7 | 80 | 1,636 | 4.5 | 17 | 6,961 |
| Oromiya | 1.4 | 83 | 1,924 | 2.4 | 20 | 7,185 |
| Somali | 0.7 | 34 | 451 | 1.2 | 2 | 607 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.5 | 30 | 721 | 2.8 | 5 | 1,615 |
| SNNP | 0.2 | 84 | 1,819 | 2.3 | 12 | 4,119 |
| Gambela | 6.0 | 29 | 638 | 4.0 | 2 | 506 |
| Harari | 3.5 | 30 | 625 | 5.2 | 2 | 569 |
| Addis Ababa | 4.7 | 50 | 1,192 | 11.7 | 3 | 1,939 |
| Dire Dawa | 3.2 | 30 | 478 | 6.8 | 5 | 872 |
| Total | 1.4 | 534 | 11,050 | 3.5 | 79 | 28.247 |

Note:ANC estimates are from the national HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office HAPCO) HIV/AIDS/STIs Monitoring and Evaluation Unit.

Figure 14.2 HIV Prevalence among EDHS Respondents by Antenatal Care Status and HIV Rate from ANC Surveillance Data


HIV rates among women age 15-49
from 2005 EDHS survey

[^23]Differences in geographic coverage between the 2005 EDHS survey and the ANC surveillance system are another important factor in explaining the differences in HIV estimates derived from the two data sources. Figure 14.3 shows the location of both the health facilities included in the ANC surveillance system and the census enumeration areas from which the 2005 EDHS sample was drawn. ${ }^{2}$ The map shows that the facilities included in the ANC surveillance system are mainly clustered in or near urban areas and along the main transport corridors in Ethiopia (well-known routes along which the HIV virus is transmitted) while the EDHS clusters are more geographically dispersed. Confirmation that the geographic concentration of ANC surveillance sites in high transmission areas is responsible for a large part of the difference between the EDHS HIV rate and the HIV rate derived from ANC surveillance results is seen in Figure 14.4. EDHS respondents living within 15 kilometres of the ANC surveillance sites have markedly higher HIV levels than populations living 15 kilometres or more from the sites. The HIV rate for the adult population living within 15 kilometres is also similar to that observed in the ANC results. This confirms that the ANC results are a reasonable proxy for adult prevalence, once they are adjusted for geographic coverage issues, and lends confidence to the use of the ANC results in assessing trends in the course of the AIDS epidemic. Population-based surveys like the EDHS are not conducted at frequent enough intervals to effectively monitor trends.

This initial review indicates that the EDHS seroprevalence results are comparable at the national level with the ANC-based HIV data once differences in the geographic and population coverage between the two surveys are addressed. However, there are a number of questions that the comparisons of the EDHS and ANC data raise that will require additional analysis. In particular, there are questions regarding differences in regional patterns. For example, in Gambela the EDHS found higher prevalence than would be expected in view of the ANC findings. The very low prevalence rate in SNNP also deserves additional consideration.

[^24]Figure 14.4 HIV Prevalence by Distance from 2005 ANC Sentinel Sites, EDHS Respondents Age 15-49


EDHS 2005

### 14.6 Effect of Nonresponse on the EDHS HIV Prevalence Results

As was seen earlier in this chapter, not all eligible EDHS respondents participated in the HIV testing component. The potential for bias associated with this nonparticipation is a concern since respondents who refused to be tested or were absent at the time of testing may bias the results in ways that are different in their characteristics or behaviour from those who consented to provide a blood sample To address these concerns, it has become standard procedure in DHS surveys with an HIV testing component to conduct an analysis of those who are not tested in order to look for potential biases.

Table 14.11 summarizes the results of the nonresponse analysis that was conducted for the 2005 EDHS. The table shows the observed HIV rates for women, men, and the total sample and the rates for these groups following an adjustment for nonresponse. Overall, the adjustment for nonresponse raises the HIV prevalence by about 0.2 percentage points above the observed level (from 1.4 percent to 1.6 percent). For women, the adjusted prevalence is 2.1 percent compared with the observed level of 1.9 percent. For men, the effect of the adjustment is slightly smaller, adding about 0.1 percentage points to the observed rate of 0.9 percent. The differences between the observed and adjusted rates were not found to be statistically significant. Additional details regarding the nonresponse analysis are found in Appendix A.

Table 14.11 Observed and adjusted HIV prevalence among women and men
Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-49 who were tested for HIV, by observed and adjusted prevalence and 95\%o nfidence intervals, Ethiopia 2005

| Sex | Observed HIV prevalence |  |  | Adjusted HIV prevalence |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Prevalence <br> R) | 95\%onfidence interval |  | Prevalence <br> R) | 95\%onfidence interval |  |
|  |  | R-2SE | RZSE |  | R-2SE | RZSE |
| Women | 1.86 | 1.52 | 2.21 | 2.06 | 1.77 | 2.37 |
| Men | 0.94 | 0.66 | 1.22 | 1.01 | 0.79 | 1.24 |
| Total | 1.44 | 1.214 | 1.67 | 1.57 | 1.38 | 1.76 |

Table 14.12 compares observed and adjusted HIV prevalence for women and men according to various respondent and household characteristics. For the most part, the differences between the observed and adjusted figures are relatively small.

| Percentage HIV positive among women and mean age 15-49 who were tested for HIV, by observed and adjusted prevalence and background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
|  | Observed | Adjusted | Observed | Adjusted | Observed | Adjusted |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 20-24 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| 25-29 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| 30-34 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| 35-39 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 3.7 |
| 40-44 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 45-49 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.7 | 7.9 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 5.5 | 5.6 |
| Rural | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 2.6 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Afar/Somali | 1.8 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Amhara | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Oromiya | 2.2 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| SNNP | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Gambela/ Benishangul-Gumuz | 2.1 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| Harari | 4.6 | 4.5 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| Addis Ababa | 6.1 | 6.2 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Dire Dawa | 4.4 | 4.5 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Primary | 2.5 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Secondary and higher | 5.5 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Second | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Middle | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Fourth | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Highest | 6.1 | 6.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| Total | 1.9 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.6 |

Minimizing nonresponse is a major challenge to all population-based surveys. The main reasons are refusal and absence. The analysis of nonresponse in Ethiopia is consistent with results from other DHS countries with linked HIV data (Kenya, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Cameroon, Malawi, and Lesotho) and indicates that nonresponse does not bias the national HIV estimates from population-based surveys significantly (Mishra et al., 2006a, draft manuscript). The overall effect of nonresponse on the observed national HIV prevalence estimates tends to be small.

It is important to recognize that the adjustments only partially address the nonresponse bias. The estimates can only be adjusted to the extent that the sociodemographic and behavioural characteristics included in the analysis are correlated with the risk of HIV infection in each country. Another limitation is that the adjustments for the "not-interviewed, not-tested" respondents (mostly absentees) are based on somewhat limited information although variables strongly associated with HIV infection such as age, residence, education, and wealth are included.

## ADULT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY

Since the launch of the Safe Motherhood Initiative in 1987, attention to reproductive health has increased worldwide, as has the need for reliable countrywide estimates of maternal deaths. In response to this increased interest, DHS surveys began collecting maternal mortality data through a series of questions designed to obtain a direct measure of maternal mortality. These questions were included in the 2005 EDHS, the second time such information was collected in Ethiopia, the first time was in the 2000 EDHS. In addition to information on maternal mortality, data gathered from the maternal mortality module also allow for the estimation of adult mortality.

Maternal mortality estimates need a comprehensive and accurate reporting of maternal deaths. Such estimates can be obtained through vital registration, longitudinal studies of pregnant women, and household surveys. However, there is no vital registration system in Ethiopia, nor has there been any national household survey carried out for the sole purpose of estimating maternal mortality. For these reasons questions on maternal mortality were added to the 2000 EDHS and later to the 2005 EDHS. The estimates presented in this chapter will play a vital role in filling the need for a reliable national estimate of maternal mortality. Nevertheless, it is important for users of this information to understand the inherent problems associated with measuring maternal mortality to avoid misinterpretation of the survey results.

Direct estimates of maternal mortality use data on the age of surviving sisters of survey respondents, the age at death of sisters who have died, and the number of years since the death of sisters. Interviewers in the 2005 EDHS were asked to list all the brothers and sisters born to the natural mother of female respondents in chronological order starting with the first. Information was then obtained on the survivorship of each of the siblings, the ages of surviving siblings, the year of death or years since death of deceased siblings, and the age at death of deceased siblings. For each sister who died at age 12 or over, the respondent was asked additional questions to determine whether the death was maternity related; that is, whether the sister was pregnant when she died, and if not, whether the sister died during childbirth, and if not, whether the sister died within two months of the termination of a pregnancy or childbirth. Listing all siblings in chronological order of their birth is believed to result in better reporting of events than would be the case if only information on sisters were sought. Moreover, the information collected also allows direct estimates of adult male and female mortality.

### 15.1 Data Quality Issues

A brief discussion of data quality is warranted here. This discussion refers to tables in Appendix C. One measure of the quality of the data collected is the completeness of information on siblings. Overall, the data on siblings are nearly complete, with only 2 percent of siblings missing information on age at death and years since death, with little difference between brothers and sisters (Table C.7). Rather than exclude siblings with missing information from the analysis, the information on the birth order of siblings in conjunction with other information is used to impute the missing data. ${ }^{1}$

The distribution of year of birth of respondents in relation to their siblings is another crude measure of the quality of data. If there is no bias in reporting, the year of birth of siblings should be

[^25]roughly equivalent to the year of birth of respondents overall. The distribution of respondents and their siblings by year of birth is close, with the median year of birth of respondents identical to that of siblings ( 1971 for both), indicating that there is no serious underreporting of siblings (Table C.8).

Yet another crude measure of data quality is the mean number of siblings, or the mean sibship size (Table C.9). Sibship size is expected to decline as fertility declines over time. The absence of a monotonic decline in sibship size, even though fertility has declined in Ethiopia, is an indication that there may be some omission in the reporting of older siblings. However, since adult mortality rates are reported here for the seven years preceding the survey, this omission is unlikely to affect the calculation of mortality rates. Moreover, if the omission occurred mostly among sisters who did not survive to adulthood (which is most likely the case), it may not even bias the estimation of maternal mortality. This is also confirmed by the sex ratios that are larger than the internationally accepted sex ratio of 103-105, indicating that either sisters are underreported or brothers are overreported. Nevertheless, it should be borne in mind that any information that relies on recall of events will suffer from some degree of misreporting, especially if it pertains to deceased persons and occurred a long time before the survey.

### 15.2 Adult Mortality

It is advisable to begin by estimating overall adult mortality. If the overall mortality estimates display a general, stable, and plausible pattern, it lends credence to the maternal mortality estimates derived thereafter. This is simply because maternal mortality is a subset of adult mortality.

Direct estimates of male and female adult mortality are obtained from information collected in the sibling history. Age-specific death rates are computed by dividing the number of deaths in each age group by the total person-months of exposure in that age group during a specified reference period. In total, female respondents to the Ethiopia DHS survey reported 80,530 siblings, of whom 38,392 were sisters and 42,138 were brothers (Table C.7). Direct estimates of age-specific mortality rates for females and males are shown in Table 15.1. To minimize the impact of possible heaping on years since death ending in zero and five, direct estimates are presented for the period $0-6$ years before the survey, which roughly corresponds to 1998-2004. Although the number of sibling deaths is relatively high, because of the large sampling variability, it is preferable to aggregate the data over the age range $15-49$. There are more female than male deaths in the seven years preceding the survey ( 925 compared with 903 ). The female mortality rate is 6.4 deaths per 1,000 population and is 8 percent higher than the male mortality rate of 5.9 deaths per 1,000 population. The trend in adult mortality can be gauged by comparing

| Table 15.1 Adult mortality rates |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Direct estimates of female and male mortality for the period 0-6 years prior to the survey, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |
| Age | Deaths | Exposure years | Mortality rates ${ }^{1}$ |
| FEMALE |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 125 | 32,168 | 3.89 |
| 20-24 | 172 | 32,171 | 5.33 |
| 25-29 | 183 | 28,305 | 6.46 |
| 30-34 | 184 | 22,881 | 8.03 |
| 35-39 | 132 | 16,170 | 8.15 |
| 40-44 | 73 | 9,742 | 7.54 |
| 45-49 | 57 | 5,997 | 9.52 |
| 15-49 | 925 | 147,433 | $6.39^{\text {a }}$ |
| MALE |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 135 | 33,999 | 3.96 |
| 20-24 | 164 | 35,574 | 4.61 |
| 25-29 | 170 | 30,503 | 5.58 |
| 30-34 | 167 | 23,459 | 7.10 |
| 35-39 | 116 | 16,852 | 6.90 |
| 40-44 | 84 | 10,527 | 8.01 |
| 45-49 | 67 | 6,699 | 10.07 |
| 15-49 | 903 | 157,613 | $5.94{ }^{\text {a }}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Expressed per 1,000 population
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Age-adjusted rate similarly collected data from the 2000 EDHS with data from the 2005 EDHS. The data show that adult mortality has declined over the past five years with the decline in male mortality much more significant than the decline in female mortality. Male mortality declined by 26 percent while female mortality declined by just 4 percent over the past five years.

### 15.3 Maternal Mortality

Information on maternal mortality for the period 0-6 years before the survey is shown in Table 15.2. As previously mentioned, this period was chosen to reduce any possible heaping of reported
years since death on five-year intervals. Age-specific mortality rates are calculated by dividing the number of maternal deaths by years of exposure. To remove the effect of truncation bias (the upper boundary for eligibility in the Ethiopia DHS survey is 49 years), the overall rate for women age 15-49 is standardized by the age distribution of the survey respondents. Maternal deaths are defined as any death that occurred during pregnancy, childbirth, or within two months after the birth or termination of a pregnancy. ${ }^{2}$ Maternal mortality in Ethiopia is high relative to developed countries. However, for each age group, maternal deaths are a relatively rare occurrence. As such, the age-specific pattern should be interpreted with caution. There were 197 maternal deaths in the seven years preceding the survey. The maternal mortality rate, which is the annual number of maternal deaths per 1,000 women age $15-49$, for the period 1994-2000 is 1.34 . Maternal deaths accounted for 21 percent of all deaths to women age $15-49$; in other words, more than one in five Ethiopian women who died in the seven years preceding the survey died from pregnancy or pregnancy-related causes.

The maternal mortality ratio, which is obtained by dividing the age-standardized maternal mortality rate by the age-standardized general fertility rate, is often considered a more useful measure of maternal mortality since it measures the obstetric risk associated with each live birth. Table 15.2 shows that the maternal mortality ratio for Ethiopia for the period 1998-2004 is 673 deaths per 100,000 live births (or alternatively 7 deaths per 1,000 live births). Similarly collected data from the 2000 EDHS show the maternal mortality ratio for Ethiopia for the period 1994-2000 to be 871 deaths per 100,000 live births or 9 deaths per 1,000 live births. Although it appears that maternal mortality may be declining in Ethiopia, the rates are both subject to a high degree of sampling error. Because 95 percent confidence intervals around the two estimates overlap, it is not possible to conclude that there has been a decline. ${ }^{3}$

| Table 15.2 Direct estimates of maternal mortality |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Direct estimates of maternal mortality for the period 0-6 years prior to the survey, Ethiopia 2000 |  |  |  |  |
| Age | Maternal deaths | Exposure years | Mortality rates ${ }^{1}$ | Proportion of maternal deaths to female deaths |
| 15-19 | 15 | 32,168 | 0.470 | 12.1 |
| 20-24 | 44 | 32,171 | 1.353 | 25.4 |
| 25-29 | 53 | 28,305 | 1.870 | 29.0 |
| 30-34 | 45 | 22,881 | 1.960 | 24.4 |
| 35-39 | 35 | 16,170 | 2.170 | 26.6 |
| 40-44 | 4 | 9,742 | 0.433 | 5.7 |
| 45-49 | 1 | 5,997 | 0.202 | 2.1 |
| Total | 197 | 147,433 | $1.336^{\text {a }}$ | 21.3 |
| General fertility rate (GFR) Maternal mortality ratio (MMR) ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | $0.193{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
|  |  |  | 673 |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Expressed per 1,000 woman-years of exposure <br> ${ }^{2}$ Expressed per 100,000 live births; calculated as the maternal mortality rate divided by the general fertility rate <br> ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Age-adjusted rate |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

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## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH OUTCOME

Earlier discussions in this report have shown that Ethiopian women are less educated than men and have a lower level of literacy and exposure to mass media than their male counterparts. In addition, the EDHS data have shown that women are predominantly engaged in agricultural occupations, have little manual skills, and are less likely than men to be engaged in the professional, technical and managerial fields. Educational attainment, literacy, exposure to mass media, and employment are critical contributors to women's empowerment and exert considerable influence on the development of their personality and on solidifying their position in the household and in society in general.

In this chapter we explore women's empowerment in terms of type of earnings, women's control over cash earnings, and the magnitude of their earnings relative to their partner's. In addition, specific questions were posed to determine women's role in household decisionmaking, on acceptance of wife beating, and on opinions about when a wife should be able to refuse sex with her husband. These questions are used to define three different indicators of women's empowerment, namely women's participation in decisionmaking, the degree of acceptance of wife beating, and the degree of acceptance of a wife's right to refuse sex with her husband. The extent to which women's empowerment influences maternal and child health and contraceptive decisionmaking is also examined. Finally, this chapter discusses the proportion of women who have ever been widowed and dispossessed of property belonging to their late husband.

Additional insight into women's empowerment in Ethiopia comes from information collected with a series of questions on harmful traditional practices, namely female genital cutting, the practice of uvulectomy or tonsillectomy, and marriage by abduction. The survey also collected information on the prevalence of obstetric fistula, a condition that may develop following childbirth, and which causes women to be socially ostracized.

### 16.1 Employment and Form of Earnings

Table 16.1 shows the percent distribution of currently married women who were employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by type of earnings they received (cash, in-kind, or both). Employment is assumed to go hand in hand with payment for work. Not all women receive earnings for the work they do, and among women those who do receive earnings not all receive earnings in cash.

Table 16.1 Employment and cash earnings of currently married women
Percentage of currently married women who were employed at any time in the last 12 months and the percent distribution of currently married women employed in the past 12 months by type of earnings, according to age, Ethiopia 2005

| Age | Currently married women |  | Percent distribution of currently married women employed in past 12 months by type of earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage employed | Number of women | Cash only | Cash and inkind | In-kind only | Not paid | Missing/ don't know | Total | Number of women |
| 15-19 | 24.0 | 711 | 12.9 | 5.0 | 16.6 | 65.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 171 |
| 20-24 | 29.8 | 1,574 | 24.6 | 4.0 | 9.6 | 61.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 468 |
| 25-29 | 31.9 | 2,066 | 30.5 | 2.6 | 7.4 | 59.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 659 |
| 30-34 | 31.8 | 1,551 | 32.2 | 2.4 | 8.9 | 56.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 493 |
| 35-39 | 31.9 | 1,343 | 25.2 | 3.0 | 11.9 | 59.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 428 |
| 40-44 | 36.3 | 960 | 25.3 | 3.6 | 12.6 | 57.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 348 |
| 45-49 | 33.2 | 862 | 22.4 | 4.7 | 11.6 | 61.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 286 |
| Total | 31.5 | 9,066 | 26.5 | 3.4 | 10.3 | 59.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,854 |

Thirty-two percent of currently married women reported being employed. Slightly more than one-fourth ( 27 percent) of employed women receive payment in cash only and 3 percent receive both cash and payment in-kind. Ten percent receive payment in-kind alone. Three in five employed women do not receive any form of payment for their work. The percentage of currently married women who were employed increases with age up to age 44 and then declines slightly for the oldest age group.

### 16.2 Control Over and Relative Magnitude of Women's Earnings

As a means of assessing women's autonomy, currently married women who earned cash for their work in the 12 months preceding the survey were asked who the main decisionmaker is with regard to the use of their earnings. This information allows the assessment of women's control over their own earnings. It is expected that employment and earnings are more likely to empower women if women themselves control their own earnings and perceive them as significant relative to those of their husband or partner. Women who earned cash for their work were asked the relative magnitude of their earnings compared with those of their husband or partner.

Table 16.2 shows the degree of control women have over the use of their earnings, and their perception of the magnitude of their earnings relative to those of their husband or partner by background characteristics. Almost two-fifths of currently married women who receive cash earnings report that they alone decide how their earnings are used, while more than half of currently married women say that they decide jointly with their husband or partner. Only 5 percent of women report that their husband or partner alone decides how their earnings will be used. The proportion of currently married women who say that they decide by themselves how their earnings are used declined from 62 percent in 2000 to 39 percent in 2005 . On the other hand, the percentage of currently married women who say that they jointly decide with their husband or partner, increased from 32 percent to 51 percent over the same period.

Younger women age 15-19 and older women age 45-49 are somewhat more likely to make independent decisions on their earnings than women in the middle age groups. Women with five or more children are more likely to decide on their own how to use their earnings than women with fewer children or no children at all. Sixty percent of currently married women with one or two children make joint decisions with their husbands or partners.

Rural women are more independent in making their own decisions than urban women (41 and 35 percent, respectively). On the other hand, urban women are more likely than rural women to report that they make decisions about how the money they earn will be used jointly with their husband or partner.

There are regional variations in the way decisions are made on how women's earnings are used. The percentage of women who make independent decisions on their earnings ranges from 64 percent in the Somali Region to about 19 percent in Affar and Benishangul-Gumuz. Among the regions, women in Amhara ( 69 percent) are most likely to decide jointly with their husband or partner on how to spend the money they earn.

More than two-thirds of women with a secondary or higher education say that they decide jointly with their husband or partner. Surprisingly, women with no education are more likely than those who have at least secondary education to decide on their own how to use the money they earn.

| Percent distribution of currently married women who received cash earnings for employment in the 12 months preceding the survey by person who decides how earnings are to be used and by whether she earned more or less than her husband/partner, according to background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Person who decides how woman's earnings are used |  |  |  |  |  | Woman's earnings compared with husband/partner's earnings |  |  |  |  | Total | Number <br> of women |
|  | Respondent only | Respondent and husband/ partner jointly | Husband partner only | Other | Missing | Total | More | Less | Same | Husband/ partner has no earnings | Don't know/ missing |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 46.9 | 32.5 | 11.9 | 0.2 | 8.5 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 58.4 | 19.5 | 1.4 | 11.2 | 100.0 | 31 |
| 20-24 | 40.3 | 51.3 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 69.5 | 14.7 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 134 |
| 25-29 | 27.7 | 60.3 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 14.5 | 68.0 | 9.8 | 0.9 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 218 |
| 30-34 | 37.7 | 52.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 11.4 | 69.3 | 10.7 | 2.4 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 171 |
| 35-39 | 37.2 | 53.0 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 15.2 | 51.4 | 20.2 | 7.3 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 121 |
| 40-44 | 50.8 | 41.4 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 57.4 | 13.1 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 101 |
| 45-49 | 55.7 | 39.4 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 63.5 | 16.0 | 7.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 78 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 43.1 | 46.1 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 66.3 | 20.7 | 0.4 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 88 |
| 1-2 | 30.7 | 60.2 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 62.6 | 15.3 | 3.3 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 282 |
| 3-4 | 35.7 | 50.7 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 68.2 | 8.0 | 4.3 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 265 |
| 5+ | 52.0 | 41.9 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 16.3 | 60.4 | 15.0 | 5.3 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 217 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 35.1 | 57.8 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 64.4 | 8.8 | 4.8 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 326 |
| Rural | 41.3 | 47.0 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 64.0 | 16.5 | 3.2 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 528 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 26.5 | 47.6 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 20.9 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 38.8 | 33.9 | 1.8 | 23.0 | 100.0 | 94 |
| Affar | (19.2) | (31.8) | (42.0) | (0.0) | (7.0) | 100.0 | (8.6) | (50.9) | (33.5) | (0.0) | (7.0) | 100.0 | 5 |
| Amhara | 23.6 | 68.5 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 11.4 | 61.3 | 19.0 | 1.9 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 141 |
| Oromiya | 43.6 | 50.8 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 69.0 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 237 |
| Somali | 63.5 | 30.7 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 19.4 | 62.7 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 24 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 19.5 | 47.0 | 27.1 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 75.5 | 19.1 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9 |
| SNNP | 47.9 | 42.2 | 6.8 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 70.0 | 9.0 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 229 |
| Gambela | 31.2 | 47.3 | 19.1 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 61.7 | 22.3 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 5 |
| Harari | 54.1 | 39.3 | 5.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 62.2 | 5.4 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 8 |
| Addis Ababa | 35.7 | 60.6 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 68.4 | 10.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 90 |
| Dire Dawa | 47.9 | 40.4 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 23.4 | 59.0 | 15.0 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 10 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 45.9 | 44.3 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 63.3 | 15.3 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 461 |
| Primary | 37.0 | 46.5 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 18.0 | 64.9 | 8.6 | 2.5 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 165 |
| Secondary and higher | 26.5 | 68.3 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 65.4 | 13.5 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 228 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 46.5 | 37.9 | 8.4 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 62.0 | 14.0 | 3.7 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 96 |
| Second | 35.3 | 51.7 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 10.6 | 68.1 | 15.8 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 124 |
| Middle | 52.0 | 38.7 | 6.6 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 60.7 | 14.2 | 7.5 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 118 |
| Fourth | 39.4 | 47.5 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 67.9 | 16.9 | 1.8 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 122 |
| Highest | 34.3 | 59.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 16.4 | 63.3 | 11.4 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 393 |
| Total | 39.0 | 51.1 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 64.1 | 13.5 | 3.8 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 853 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

Regarding relative magnitude of their earnings compared with those of their husband or partner, 64 percent of women believe that they earn less than their husband or partner, 14 percent believe that they earn as much as their husband or partner and 13 percent believe that they earn more. Women age 40-44, women with primary education, women with five or more children, women in the highest wealth quintile, urban women, and women who live in Harari are more likely than their counterparts to believe that they earn more than their husband or partner. Three-fourths of women in Benishangul-Gumuz believe that they earn less than their husband or partner. Table 16.2 shows that 4 percent of women reported that their husband or partner did not bring in any money, and almost 6 percent of women did not know if their husband or partner earned more or less than they did.

A cross tabulation by the person in the household who decides how women's cash earnings are used and how their husband or partner's cash earnings are used, by the women's earnings relative to her husband or partner, may provide some insight into women's empowerment in the family and the extent of their control over decisionmaking in the household.

Table 16.3 shows that currently married women who believe they earn more than their husband are much more likely to decide how their husband or partner's earnings are used (21 percent). Women who believe that they earn the same amount as their husband are most likely to make joint decisions with their husband or partner on how their earnings and their partner's earnings are used (about 84 percent). Husbands or partners are much more likely to make sole decisions on the use of their earnings in the case of women who believe that they earn less than their partner (26 percent), women who have no cash earnings of their own (27 percent), and women who did not work in the past 12 months (41 percent).

| Table 16.3 Women's control over her own earnings and over those of her husband/partner |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of currently married women by person who decides how a woman's cash earnings are used and the percent distribution by who decides how a woman's husband/partner's earnings are used, according to the relation between women's and husband's earnings in last 12 months, if any Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Person who decides how women's earnings are used |  |  |  |  | Person who decides how husband/partner's earnings are used |  |  |  |  |  |  Number <br> of <br> women <br> Total  |  |
| Women's earnings relative to husband/ partner's earnings | Respond-   <br> ent and   <br> Respond husband/ Husband/ <br> -dent partner partner <br> only jointly only |  |  | Other | Missing | To | Respondent and husband/ partner jointly |  | Husband/ partner only | Other | Missing |  |  |
| More than husband/partner | 48.1 | 46.0 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 61.1 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 110 |
| Less than husband/partner | 43.3 | 50.8 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 64.4 | 25.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 547 |
| Same as husband/partner | 11.1 | 84.6 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 84.0 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 115 |
| Husband/partner has no cash earnings/did not work | (76.4) | (23.5) | (0.0) | (0.1) | (0.0) | 100.0 | na | na | na | na | na | na | 33 |
| Woman has no cash earnings | na | na | na | na | na | na | 5.7 | 66.7 | 26.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,993 |
| Woman did not work in past 12 months | na | na | na | na | na | na | 6.9 | 51.1 | 41.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 6,212 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. Excludes cases where women or her husband/partner have no earnings and includes cases where women do not know whether they earned more or less than their husband/partner. <br> na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 16.3 Woman's Participation in Decisionmaking

Decisionmaking can be a complex process and the ability of women to make decisions that affect the circumstances of their own lives is essential for their empowerment.

In order to assess women's decisionmaking autonomy, the 2005 EDHS sought information on women's participation in four types of household decisions: respondent's own health care, making large household purchases; making household purchases for daily needs; and visits to family or relatives. Table 16.4 shows the percent distribution of currently married women according to the person in the household who usually makes decisions concerning these matters. Women are considered to participate in decisionmaking if they make decisions alone or jointly with their husband or someone else.

The strength of the role of women in decisionmaking varies with the type of decision. Almost 53 percent of currently married women reported that they alone made the final decision about daily household purchases. Although 15 percent of currently married woman make sole decisions on their own health care, one-third say that their husband makes such decisions without consulting them. Decisions on large household purchases are most likely to be made by the husband or partner alone (42 percent) or jointly with the wife or partner (45 percent). More than two-thirds of women say that decisions to visit family or relatives are made jointly with their husband or partner.

Table 16.4 Women's participation in decisionmaking
Percent distribution of currently married women by person who usually makes decisions on four specific issues in the household, Ethiopia 2005

| Decision | Respondent only | Respondent and husband/ partner jointly | Husband/ partner only | $\begin{gathered} \text { Someone } \\ \text { else } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Other | Missing | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Own health care | 14.6 | 51.2 | 33.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 |
| Large household purchases | 12.4 | 44.7 | 41.9 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 |
| Daily household purchases | 52.8 | 30.1 | 16.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 |
| Visits to family or relatives | 10.4 | 68.0 | 20.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 |

Table 16.5 shows the percentage of women who report that they alone or jointly have the final say in specific household decisions, according to background characteristics. The results indicate that 44 percent of currently married women participate in all of the four specified decisions. Only 8 percent of women report that they do not participate in any of the decisions. The majority of currently married women participate in making decisions on daily purchases ( 83 percent) and visits to family or relatives ( 78 percent), but less so in making decisions about large purchases ( 57 percent) and on their own health ( 66 percent).

Older women are more likely than younger women to have a say in all the specified decisions as are women who have at least a secondary education compared with women with lower levels of education. Participation in decisionmaking is also higher among women who are in the highest wealth quintile, urban women, and women who reside in Addis Ababa, compared with their counterparts. Participation in decisionmaking is lower among women who reside in the Somali and Gambela regions. Employed women, especially those employed for cash, are much more likely to have a say in all the specified decisions than women who are not employed.

Women may have a say in some but not other decisions. To assess a woman's overall decisionmaking autonomy, the decisions in which she participates-that is, in which she alone has the final say or does so jointly with her husband or partner-are added together. The total number of decisions in which a woman participates is one simple measure of her empowerment. The number of decisions in which a woman jointly with her husband or partner has the final say is positively related to women's empowerment and reflects the degree of decisionmaking control women are able to exercise in areas that affect their lives and environments. Figure 16.1 shows the distribution of currently married women according to the number of decisions in which they participate. Forty-four percent of currently married women participate in all four household decisions, 22 percent participate in three decisions and 18 percent participate in two decisions. Less than 10 percent of women participate in one decision or no decision at all.

| Percentage of currently married women who usually make decisions on four specific issues in the household either by themselves or jointly with their husband/partner, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Own health care | Making large purchases | Making daily purchases | Visits to family or relatives | All specified decisions | None of the specified decisions | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 63.6 | 52.7 | 78.1 | 72.8 | 40.3 | 12.5 | 711 |
| 20-24 | 62.5 | 54.1 | 80.7 | 75.8 | 40.0 | 9.4 | 1,574 |
| 25-29 | 65.0 | 57.0 | 83.5 | 77.8 | 42.7 | 8.0 | 2,066 |
| 30-34 | 64.1 | 55.6 | 83.0 | 78.7 | 42.4 | 8.4 | 1,551 |
| 35-39 | 67.9 | 57.0 | 82.3 | 79.0 | 43.9 | 8.6 | 1,343 |
| 40-44 | 67.0 | 62.8 | 85.3 | 80.5 | 47.6 | 6.3 | 960 |
| 45-49 | 74.1 | 63.2 | 88.0 | 85.3 | 51.6 | 4.8 | 862 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 66.0 | 56.4 | 76.2 | 70.0 | 40.5 | 12.9 | 801 |
| 1-2 | 66.3 | 57.0 | 83.0 | 79.0 | 44.2 | 7.9 | 2,628 |
| 3-4 | 65.7 | 57.0 | 83.5 | 79.0 | 44.4 | 8.7 | 2,631 |
| 5+ | 65.4 | 57.5 | 84.1 | 79.6 | 43.0 | 7.0 | 3,007 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 83.5 | 74.0 | 91.6 | 91.6 | 64.8 | 3.5 | 959 |
| Rural | 63.7 | 55.1 | 81.9 | 76.8 | 41.0 | 8.8 | 8,107 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 65.4 | 65.1 | 80.7 | 89.4 | 53.8 | 7.6 | 570 |
| Affar | 67.2 | 57.0 | 67.3 | 74.9 | 41.0 | 13.7 | 109 |
| Amhara | 77.4 | 65.9 | 84.9 | 85.4 | 55.8 | 7.7 | 2,330 |
| Oromiya | 62.3 | 56.5 | 82.8 | 77.5 | 41.7 | 8.4 | 3,300 |
| Somali | 54.0 | 41.7 | 72.6 | 52.5 | 25.1 | 20.2 | 363 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 57.1 | 49.9 | 67.6 | 68.2 | 37.8 | 19.1 | 92 |
| SNNP | 57.9 | 45.0 | 83.4 | 72.1 | 28.6 | 6.7 | 1,988 |
| Gambela | 56.1 | 42.1 | 71.2 | 71.8 | 27.5 | 11.6 | 31 |
| Harari | 75.0 | 71.1 | 95.3 | 82.9 | 56.8 | 1.9 | 22 |
| Addis Ababa | 90.5 | 86.8 | 95.4 | 94.9 | 81.3 | 2.2 | 224 |
| Dire Dawa | 72.1 | 79.0 | 93.3 | 79.5 | 59.1 | 5.0 | 37 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 63.9 | 54.9 | 82.0 | 77.5 | 41.1 | 8.7 | 7,094 |
| Primary | 65.8 | 58.4 | 83.5 | 77.0 | 43.7 | 8.3 | 1,402 |
| Secondary and higher | 89.3 | 82.1 | 92.8 | 93.0 | 73.7 | 2.8 | 570 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 62.6 | 54.0 | 80.4 | 75.9 | 39.4 | 9.7 | 6,821 |
| Employed for cash | 83.9 | 71.3 | 92.0 | 88.6 | 60.9 | 2.7 | 680 |
| Employed not for cash | 71.8 | 64.3 | 89.9 | 84.9 | 53.8 | 4.5 | 1,562 |
| Missing | 96.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 96.3 | 96.3 | 0.0 | 3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 59.6 | 47.5 | 76.9 | 72.8 | 35.2 | 13.1 | 1,759 |
| Second | 61.3 | 53.9 | 82.2 | 76.1 | 38.9 | 8.6 | 1,892 |
| Middle | 62.5 | 56.9 | 82.5 | 77.8 | 41.1 | 8.4 | 1,903 |
| Fourth | 68.5 | 60.5 | 85.6 | 79.7 | 45.6 | 6.0 | 1,823 |
| Highest | 78.2 | 67.3 | 87.6 | 86.1 | 58.0 | 5.2 | 1,689 |
| Total | 65.8 | 57.1 | 82.9 | 78.4 | 43.5 | 8.3 | 9,066 |

Figure 16.1 Number of Household Decisions in Which Currently Married Women Participate


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### 16.4 Attitude Towards Refusing Sex with Husband

The extent of control women have over when and with whom they have sex has important implications for demographic and health outcomes such as transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. It is also an indicator of women's empowerment because it measures women's level of acceptance of norms in certain societies that socialize them to believe that women do not have the right to refuse sexual intercourse with their husband for any reason. The number of reasons a wife can refuse to have sexual intercourse with her husband reflects perceptions of sexual roles and women's rights over their bodies, and relates positively to women's sense of self-empowerment.

To measure beliefs about sexual empowerment of women, the 2005 EDHS included questions on whether the respondent thinks that a wife is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband under three circumstances: she knows her husband has a sexually transmitted disease (STD); she knows her husband has sexual intercourse with other women; and when she is tired or not in the mood. These three circumstances for which women's opinions are sought have been chosen because they are effective in combining issues of women's rights and consequences for women's health. Tables 16.6 .1 and 16.6 .2 show the responses of all women and all men, respectively.

Overall, the majority of women agree with each specified reason for refusing to have sex. Slightly more than three-fifths ( 62 percent) of women and 72 percent of men agree that all of the above reasons are justification for a woman to refuse to have sexual relations with her husband. Only one in ten women and men agree with none of the reasons. The most accepted reasons for refusing to have sex, among women and men, are if the wife knows her husband has a sexually transmitted disease and if the wife knows her husband has sex with other women. For both women and men, the least acceptable reason for a wife to refuse sex is being tired or not in the mood.

Women in the middle age groups, those with no education, unemployed women, women who have married, those who have five children or more, and poorer women are the least likely to agree with all of the reasons for refusing sex. Among men, those age $15-19$, those who have primary education, those who are employed but not for cash, those who have never married, and those who have no children are the least likely to agree with all of the reasons for refusing sex.

Table 16.6.1 Attitude toward refusing sexual intercourse with husband: women
Percentage of women 15-49 who believe that a wife is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband in specific circumstances, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Wife is justified in refusing sexual intercourse with husband if she: |  |  | Agrees with all of the specified reasons | Agrees with none of the specified reasons | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Knows husband has a sexually transmitted disease | Knows husband has sex with other women | Is tired or not in the mood |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 80.3 | 82.8 | 71.1 | 64.5 | 11.8 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 84.4 | 84.9 | 72.6 | 66.0 | 8.5 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 82.3 | 82.3 | 68.6 | 61.1 | 10.0 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 78.6 | 80.3 | 67.1 | 59.0 | 11.6 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 80.4 | 81.0 | 68.5 | 60.1 | 10.7 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 80.1 | 81.0 | 67.1 | 59.8 | 10.9 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 81.7 | 79.4 | 67.8 | 59.2 | 9.6 | 1,143 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 82.0 | 83.6 | 72.5 | 66.9 | 11.3 | 3,516 |
| Married or living together | 80.5 | 81.3 | 68.3 | 60.2 | 10.4 | 9,066 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 84.2 | 83.9 | 69.8 | 62.8 | 8.5 | 1,488 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 82.4 | 84.0 | 72.8 | 66.8 | 10.6 | 4,554 |
| 1-2 | 81.6 | 82.5 | 68.6 | 60.6 | 9.7 | 3,226 |
| 3-4 | 80.8 | 80.7 | 67.4 | 60.2 | 11.5 | 2,981 |
| 5+ | 79.8 | 80.5 | 67.7 | 58.9 | 10.1 | 3,309 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.4 | 92.4 | 80.4 | 75.9 | 4.3 | 2,499 |
| Rural | 79.3 | 79.9 | 67.2 | 59.2 | 11.8 | 11,571 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 81.9 | 81.3 | 71.0 | 63.4 | 9.7 | 919 |
| Affar | 60.1 | 58.0 | 48.3 | 37.2 | 29.1 | 146 |
| Amhara | 86.7 | 87.9 | 68.2 | 62.2 | 6.9 | 3,482 |
| Oromiya | 82.6 | 84.1 | 74.8 | 67.0 | 8.9 | 5,010 |
| Somali | 59.4 | 48.3 | 48.8 | 33.9 | 27.5 | 486 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 67.1 | 65.9 | 51.1 | 43.4 | 22.9 | 124 |
| SNNP | 74.6 | 76.4 | 63.6 | 55.8 | 15.1 | 2,995 |
| Gambela | 54.7 | 48.6 | 35.3 | 27.5 | 34.3 | 44 |
| Harari | 85.1 | 89.9 | 81.5 | 76.0 | 6.8 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 94.3 | 96.4 | 83.1 | 79.8 | 1.9 | 756 |
| Dire Dawa | 85.5 | 86.9 | 76.9 | 73.1 | 10.0 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 77.9 | 78.2 | 65.2 | 56.9 | 12.8 | 9,271 |
| Primary | 84.6 | 86.6 | 75.9 | 69.3 | 8.2 | 3,123 |
| Secondary and higher | 94.0 | 95.4 | 81.6 | 77.9 | 1.9 | 1,675 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 79.8 | 80.7 | 67.8 | 60.2 | 11.6 | 10,085 |
| Employed for cash | 87.0 | 87.9 | 74.5 | 68.6 | 6.4 | 1,632 |
| Employed not for cash | 83.5 | 84.3 | 73.6 | 66.1 | 8.5 | 2,339 |
| Missing | 88.9 | 75.7 | 50.7 | 50.7 | 10.7 | 14 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 74.2 | 72.6 | 60.5 | 51.8 | 15.5 | 2,428 |
| Second | 79.3 | 79.0 | 65.0 | 57.9 | 12.4 | 2,643 |
| Middle | 79.3 | 81.1 | 68.9 | 60.1 | 11.1 | 2,732 |
| Fourth | 82.4 | 83.3 | 69.6 | 62.0 | 9.7 | 2,647 |
| Highest | 88.1 | 90.7 | 79.3 | 73.8 | 5.7 | 3,621 |
| Total | 81.3 | 82.1 | 69.5 | 62.1 | 10.5 | 14,070 |

Table 16.6.2 Attitude toward refusing sexual intercourse with husband: men
Percentage of men age 15-59 believe that a wife is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband in specific circumstances by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Background characteristic | Wife is justified in refusing sexual intercourse with husband if she: |  |  | Agrees with all of the specified reasons | Agrees with none of the specified reasons | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Knows husband has a sexually transmitted disease | Knows husband has sex with other women | Is tired or not in the mood |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 81.3 | 79.5 | 72.3 | 67.3 | 14.6 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 86.4 | 83.7 | 77.8 | 73.3 | 10.1 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 87.1 | 81.7 | 78.3 | 72.3 | 10.4 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 86.7 | 85.0 | 80.0 | 72.9 | 8.3 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 85.9 | 81.9 | 77.9 | 71.4 | 10.5 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 87.1 | 87.0 | 78.1 | 74.2 | 7.2 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 84.8 | 85.1 | 83.1 | 77.2 | 10.4 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 85.3 | 83.3 | 79.4 | 73.3 | 9.7 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 89.7 | 85.8 | 81.3 | 75.8 | 7.1 | 235 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 82.5 | 80.3 | 74.0 | 68.7 | 13.2 | 2,419 |
| Married or living together | 87.2 | 84.8 | 79.5 | 74.1 | 9.0 | 3,424 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 87.5 | 83.3 | 86.8 | 76.5 | 6.3 | 190 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 83.4 | 81.3 | 74.6 | 69.5 | 12.5 | 2,766 |
| 1-2 | 88.5 | 84.5 | 81.2 | 75.0 | 8.6 | 993 |
| 3-4 | 86.8 | 82.7 | 77.4 | 72.7 | 10.4 | 967 |
| 5+ | 86.0 | 85.3 | 81.1 | 74.7 | 8.2 | 1,307 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 92.4 | 91.2 | 90.8 | 85.2 | 4.0 | 918 |
| Rural | 84.1 | 81.5 | 75.2 | 69.7 | 11.8 | 5,115 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 94.5 | 90.3 | 85.5 | 81.7 | 4.1 | 366 |
| Affar | 78.9 | 77.4 | 76.0 | 69.1 | 15.2 | 65 |
| Amhara | 93.7 | 92.6 | 83.8 | 81.3 | 4.3 | 1,521 |
| Oromiya | 79.3 | 75.5 | 70.7 | 63.5 | 15.8 | 2,222 |
| Somali | 85.3 | 82.5 | 88.9 | 77.3 | 6.9 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 78.8 | 79.0 | 76.7 | 63.8 | 10.6 | 54 |
| SNNP | 81.8 | 80.0 | 74.4 | 68.7 | 13.0 | 1,244 |
| Gambela | 64.0 | 63.2 | 64.6 | 52.3 | 26.4 | 21 |
| Harari | 94.4 | 96.1 | 94.2 | 91.4 | 2.7 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 94.4 | 93.5 | 92.9 | 88.7 | 2.9 | 292 |
| Dire Dawa | 94.5 | 92.4 | 81.7 | 77.1 | 2.0 | 30 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 83.8 | 81.2 | 75.1 | 70.1 | 11.7 | 2,589 |
| Primary | 83.8 | 81.9 | 74.9 | 69.2 | 12.0 | 2,252 |
| Secondary and higher | 91.4 | 88.6 | 87.9 | 81.7 | 5.4 | 1,192 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 89.2 | 85.1 | 81.9 | 75.5 | 7.8 | 867 |
| Employed for cash | 82.1 | 81.5 | 78.9 | 73.4 | 13.0 | 1,440 |
| Employed not for cash | 85.7 | 83.0 | 76.0 | 70.7 | 10.3 | 3,723 |
| Missing | 98.3 | 98.3 | 98.3 | 98.3 | 1.7 | 3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 79.3 | 76.8 | 71.8 | 66.0 | 16.1 | 1,100 |
| Second | 83.6 | 81.1 | 73.9 | 68.4 | 12.1 | 1,184 |
| Middle | 85.7 | 82.2 | 76.0 | 69.4 | 9.8 | 1,081 |
| Fourth | 85.5 | 83.7 | 77.0 | 72.2 | 10.4 | 1,200 |
| Highest | 90.9 | 88.9 | 86.5 | 81.3 | 6.0 | 1,469 |
| Total | 85.3 | 82.9 | 77.5 | 72.0 | 10.6 | 6,033 |

Differences are also notable by urban-rural residence. More than three-fourths of women and men in urban areas agree with all of the specified reasons for refusing sex and 4 percent agree with none of the specified reasons. There are substantial variations by region. Women and men residing in Gambela are the least likely to agree with all of the reasons for refusing sex ( 28 percent and 52 percent, respectively). Men in Harari and woman in Addis Ababa are the most likely to believe that a wife is justified in refusing to have sex with her husband for any of the specified reasons.

### 16.5 Attitudes Towards Wife Beating

The critical problems that women face are many and diverse. One of these, and essentially the most serious, is the issue of violence against women. It can be described as the most serious because it concerns the personal security of women, and right of personal security is fundamental to all other rights. Domestic violence is a common phenomenon in Ethiopia, in both urban and rural families. If violence against women is tolerated and accepted in a society, its eradication is made more difficult.

Women who believe that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for any of the five specified reasons may believe themselves to be low in status both absolutely and relative to men. Such a perception could act as a barrier to accessing health care for themselves and their children, affect their attitude towards contraceptive use, and impact their general well being.

To assess women's and men attitudes towards wife beating, women and men were asked whether a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife in each of the following five situations: if she burns the food; if she argues with him; if she goes out without telling him; if she neglects the children; and if she refuses to have sexual relations with him. A lower score on the "number of reasons wife beating is justified" indicates a woman's greater sense of entitlement, self-esteem and status, and therefore, has a negative association with women's empowerment. The results are summarized on Tables 16.7.1 and 16.7.2.

A sizeable majority of women ( 81 percent) believe that a husband is justified in beating his wife for at least one of the specified reasons. This is not unexpected because many traditional customs in Ethiopia as in many other countries teach and expect women to accept, tolerate and even rationalize wife beating. This impedes women's empowerment and has serious health consequences.

A high proportion of respondents agree that wife beating is acceptable, which indicates that respondents generally accept violence as part of the male-family relationship. The most widely accepted reasons for wife-beating are going out without telling the partner and neglecting the children (about 64 percent). Three-fifths of women believe that a husband is justified in beating his wife if she burns the food or argues with him. Forty-four percent of women feel that denying sex is a justifiable reason for a man to beat his wife. Compared with women, men are less likely to report that they find violence against women justifiable (Table 16.7.2) Overall, slightly more than half of Ethiopian men agree with at least one of the reasons for why a man is justified in beating his wife. Men are most likely to justify beating a wife if she goes out without telling him ( 36 percent) or neglects the children (31 percent). Like women, men are least likely to say that burning food ( 24 percent) or arguing with him ( 31 percent) are grounds for wife beating. Only about one-quarter of men feel that denying sex is a justifiable reason for wife beating.

The tables also show attitudes towards wife beating by background characteristics. The percentage of women who agree with at least one of the reasons justifying wife beating is higher among older women, married women, and those with five or more children. Women who are employed for cash are less likely to agree with at least one of the reasons for wife beating than those who are either not employed or are employed but not for cash. Differences are also notable by level of education; slightly more than half of women with secondary or higher education agree with at least one specified reason for wife beating, compared with 87 percent of women with no education.

| Table 16.7.1 Attitude toward wife beating: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women 15-49 who agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for specific reasons, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she: |  |  |  |  | Agrees with at least one specified reason | Number of women |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Burns the } \\ & \text { food } \end{aligned}$ | Argues with him | Goes out without telling him | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Neglects } \\ & \text { the } \\ & \text { children } \end{aligned}$ | Refuses to have sex with him |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 57.4 | 55.6 | 59.9 | 59.9 | 36.3 | 77.3 | 3,266 |
| 20-24 | 59.3 | 56.4 | 61.9 | 63.5 | 42.0 | 78.4 | 2,547 |
| 25-29 | 61.2 | 58.8 | 66.3 | 66.5 | 45.4 | 81.8 | 2,517 |
| 30-34 | 64.4 | 61.7 | 66.0 | 66.8 | 49.2 | 83.9 | 1,808 |
| 35-39 | 62.7 | 62.3 | 68.1 | 67.3 | 49.1 | 83.5 | 1,602 |
| 40-44 | 62.9 | 59.8 | 66.4 | 66.9 | 47.0 | 83.5 | 1,187 |
| 45-49 | 65.3 | 61.5 | 66.0 | 66.2 | 52.7 | 84.9 | 1,143 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 49.7 | 48.2 | 52.0 | 54.0 | 31.4 | 70.0 | 3,516 |
| Married or living together | 65.6 | 63.0 | 68.6 | 68.2 | 49.4 | 84.9 | 9,066 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 59.7 | 57.3 | 65.7 | 67.5 | 43.3 | 83.4 | 1,488 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 53.5 | 51.9 | 56.6 | 58.1 | 34.2 | 74.0 | 4,554 |
| 1-2 | 61.9 | 58.9 | 65.3 | 65.8 | 46.1 | 82.3 | 3,226 |
| 3-4 | 65.3 | 62.6 | 67.9 | 68.7 | 49.2 | 84.0 | 2,981 |
| 5+ | 66.6 | 64.3 | 70.2 | 68.5 | 51.9 | 86.6 | 3,309 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.8 | 34.6 | 41.5 | 44.2 | 19.8 | 59.0 | 2,499 |
| Rural | 67.5 | 63.9 | 69.1 | 69.0 | 49.6 | 85.8 | 11,571 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 52.0 | 52.6 | 61.0 | 60.0 | 28.2 | 73.7 | 919 |
| Affar | 37.0 | 53.5 | 62.2 | 61.7 | 42.2 | 80.4 | 146 |
| Amhara | 68.1 | 66.5 | 74.9 | 75.8 | 45.1 | 91.3 | 3,482 |
| Oromiya | 65.1 | 60.6 | 65.0 | 63.0 | 48.2 | 80.9 | 5,010 |
| Somali | 53.0 | 55.9 | 70.5 | 70.0 | 54.8 | 87.7 | 486 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 57.3 | 56.1 | 61.4 | 60.8 | 47.9 | 83.9 | 124 |
| SNNP | 64.8 | 60.2 | 61.5 | 64.5 | 49.8 | 81.1 | 2,995 |
| Gambela | 53.8 | 51.6 | 52.3 | 55.8 | 45.3 | 78.4 | 44 |
| Harari | 31.5 | 37.9 | 48.2 | 57.0 | 24.0 | 67.0 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 13.4 | 19.2 | 24.3 | 30.4 | 8.4 | 41.7 | 756 |
| Dire Dawa | 23.5 | 32.1 | 36.1 | 37.1 | 22.4 | 47.5 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 67.9 | 64.3 | 70.4 | 69.5 | 51.0 | 86.7 | 9,271 |
| Primary | 60.5 | 59.0 | 62.2 | 64.0 | 40.4 | 80.1 | 3,123 |
| Secondary and higher | 24.0 | 27.1 | 33.5 | 38.2 | 14.5 | 51.0 | 1,675 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 62.3 | 59.8 | 66.0 | 65.9 | 46.2 | 82.7 | 10,085 |
| Employed for cash | 45.1 | 45.9 | 52.2 | 53.4 | 32.7 | 68.3 | 1,632 |
| Employed not for cash | 66.7 | 63.1 | 64.6 | 66.4 | 44.2 | 82.8 | 2,339 |
| Missing | 52.0 | 46.0 | 43.6 | 57.9 | 41.4 | 58.4 | 14 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 64.4 | 60.3 | 71.0 | 68.9 | 51.3 | 87.0 | 2,428 |
| Second | 70.1 | 66.2 | 71.5 | 69.6 | 53.0 | 87.1 | 2,643 |
| Middle | 69.5 | 67.1 | 69.0 | 70.0 | 50.5 | 86.1 | 2,732 |
| Fourth | 69.6 | 64.5 | 69.5 | 69.1 | 46.9 | 85.2 | 2,647 |
| Highest | 39.5 | 41.6 | 46.7 | 50.5 | 26.7 | 65.6 | 3,621 |
| Total | 61.0 | 58.7 | 64.2 | 64.6 | 44.3 | 81.0 | 14,070 |

Eighty-six percent of rural women agree with at least one of the reasons justifying wife beating, compared with 59 percent among urban woman. There is large variation by region. Nine in ten women in Amhara agree with at least one specified reason for wife beating compared with slightly more than two-fifths of women in Addis Ababa (42 percent).

Men who are married, those who have no education, and those who are employed but do not earn cash are more likely to agree with at least one specified reason for wife beating. Acceptance of wife beating declines as the level of education increases. For all reasons, poorer women and men are more likely than their wealthier counterparts to believe that wife beating is justified.

Acceptance of wife beating for at least one of the specified reasons is generally lower among urban men than rural men ( 28 percent and 56 percent, respectively). Similar to women, men's beliefs vary greatly by region. Men in Benishangul-Gumuz and Affar are the most likely to agree that wife beating is justified for at least one specified reason.

| Table 16.7.2 Attitude toward wife beating: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of men age 15-59 who agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for specific reasons, by background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she: |  |  |  |  | Agrees with at least one specified reason | Number of men |
| Background characteristic | Burns the food | Argues with him | Goes out without telling him | Neglects the children | Refuses to have sex with him |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 27.5 | 32.4 | 36.6 | 32.6 | 26.6 | 53.3 | 1,335 |
| 20-24 | 24.3 | 29.9 | 36.5 | 29.9 | 23.2 | 50.6 | 1,064 |
| 25-29 | 23.0 | 29.3 | 36.3 | 29.4 | 21.6 | 50.0 | 741 |
| 30-34 | 22.6 | 31.2 | 35.2 | 30.8 | 20.9 | 50.9 | 754 |
| 35-39 | 21.2 | 26.4 | 32.7 | 26.6 | 21.5 | 48.9 | 651 |
| 40-44 | 24.6 | 32.0 | 37.9 | 35.6 | 26.3 | 53.2 | 497 |
| 45-49 | 22.6 | 27.8 | 36.2 | 27.4 | 20.7 | 50.2 | 422 |
| 50-54 | 21.7 | 32.0 | 37.1 | 36.0 | 19.7 | 53.0 | 335 |
| 55-59 | 24.7 | 34.9 | 39.7 | 34.4 | 27.5 | 55.6 | 235 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 24.0 | 28.9 | 34.4 | 28.2 | 23.7 | 49.5 | 2,419 |
| Married or living together | 24.1 | 31.4 | 37.4 | 32.5 | 23.2 | 53.1 | 3,424 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 25.2 | 33.2 | 37.6 | 39.6 | 20.9 | 48.7 | 190 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 24.1 | 30.0 | 35.5 | 29.5 | 24.3 | 50.7 | 2,766 |
| 1-2 | 23.3 | 29.5 | 32.5 | 30.4 | 20.2 | 47.5 | 993 |
| 3-4 | 24.6 | 30.7 | 37.6 | 33.1 | 23.3 | 52.2 | 967 |
| 5+ | 24.2 | 32.2 | 39.5 | 33.1 | 23.9 | 55.5 | 1,307 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.8 | 11.8 | 17.5 | 13.0 | 8.8 | 27.8 | 918 |
| Rural | 27.0 | 33.8 | 39.5 | 34.2 | 26.0 | 55.7 | 5,115 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 15.1 | 23.9 | 20.9 | 23.0 | 14.2 | 35.4 | 366 |
| Affar | 36.1 | 45.4 | 51.5 | 47.0 | 44.9 | 61.4 | 65 |
| Amhara | 22.9 | 27.8 | 36.4 | 32.4 | 19.0 | 52.9 | 1,521 |
| Oromiya | 27.9 | 36.3 | 42.0 | 29.0 | 27.1 | 56.0 | 2,222 |
| Somali | 7.9 | 18.0 | 22.0 | 36.1 | 18.0 | 38.0 | 202 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 32.1 | 37.9 | 40.5 | 43.3 | 22.6 | 62.0 | 54 |
| SNNP | 28.5 | 32.7 | 38.1 | 38.6 | 29.1 | 56.5 | 1,244 |
| Gambela | 22.0 | 27.1 | 37.1 | 26.0 | 23.2 | 54.4 | 21 |
| Harari | 11.3 | 24.5 | 25.3 | 16.0 | 24.0 | 38.8 | 16 |
| Addis Ababa | 2.5 | 4.7 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 3.7 | 15.2 | 292 |
| Dire Dawa | 9.8 | 19.1 | 28.3 | 28.1 | 14.9 | 41.0 | 30 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 28.3 | 36.2 | 41.3 | 37.4 | 27.5 | 58.3 | 2,589 |
| Primary | 26.8 | 32.9 | 39.9 | 32.5 | 25.9 | 55.0 | 2,252 |
| Secondary and higher | 9.6 | 13.5 | 18.1 | 14.3 | 9.6 | 29.9 | 1,192 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 19.1 | 23.0 | 29.4 | 22.5 | 19.0 | 41.4 | 867 |
| Employed for cash | 19.4 | 24.0 | 30.3 | 27.6 | 17.4 | 43.6 | 1,440 |
| Employed not for cash | 26.9 | 34.7 | 40.1 | 34.3 | 26.7 | 56.8 | 3,723 |
| Missing | 93.8 | 89.9 | 55.0 | 91.9 | 4.8 | 95.8 | 3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 27.1 | 37.4 | 39.9 | 38.6 | 27.7 | 56.0 | 1,100 |
| Second | 31.9 | 37.6 | 44.3 | 39.6 | 31.8 | 61.4 | 1,184 |
| Middle | 27.6 | 33.3 | 38.7 | 33.5 | 25.2 | 56.0 | 1,081 |
| Fourth | 23.7 | 31.1 | 39.7 | 29.6 | 22.9 | 53.4 | 1,200 |
| Highest | 13.2 | 16.9 | 22.2 | 17.8 | 12.2 | 35.3 | 1,469 |
| Total | 24.1 | 30.5 | 36.2 | 31.0 | 23.3 | 51.5 | 6,033 |

### 16.6 Current Use of Contraception by Women's Status

A woman's desire and ability to control her fertility and her choice of contraceptive method are in part affected by her status in the household and her own sense of empowerment. A woman who feels that she is unable to control her life may be less likely to feel she can make and carry out decisions about her fertility. She may also feel the need to choose methods that are less obvious or which do not depend on her husband's cooperation. Table16.8 shows the distribution of currently married women by contraceptive method use, according to the three empowerment indicators.

The data indicate that there is a positive relationship between women's status and use of contraception. Contraceptive use is highest among women who participate in most (3-4) household decisions, who agree that a woman can refuse sexual intercourse with her partner for all three specified reasons, and who believe that wife beating is not justified for all of the five specified reasons. This pattern is consistent for both any method and modern methods. For example, current use of modern contraceptive methods rises from 7 percent among women who believe there is no justifiable reason for a woman to refuse sexual intercourse with a husband to 16 percent among women with three reasons for refusing to have sexual intercourse with a husband.

| Percent distribution of currently married women by contraceptive method currently used, according to women's status indicators, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Any modern method | Modern method |  |  |  |  |  |
| Women's status indicators | Any method |  | Injectables | Temporary methods, ${ }^{1}$ female sterilization and male condom | Any traditional method | Not currently using | Total | Number of women |
| Number of decisions in which woman participates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 92.0 | 100.0 | 736 |
| 1-2 | 10.0 | 9.5 | 6.8 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 90.0 | 100.0 | 2,376 |
| 3-4 | 17.4 | 16.5 | 11.8 | 4.7 | 0.9 | 82.6 | 100.0 | 5,954 |
| Number of reasons given for refusing to have sexual intercourse with husband/partner |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 92.6 | 100.0 | 946 |
| 1-2 | 13.4 | 12.6 | 9.2 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 86.6 | 100.0 | 2,663 |
| 3 | 16.6 | 15.7 | 11.1 | 4.7 | 0.9 | 83.4 | 100.0 | 5,457 |
| Number of reasons given that justify wife beating |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 24.1 | 22.0 | 14.9 | 7.1 | 2.2 | 75.9 | 100.0 | 1,371 |
| 1-2 | 16.3 | 15.2 | 10.2 | 5.0 | 1.2 | 83.7 | 100.0 | 1,585 |
| 3-4 | 13.2 | 12.7 | 9.3 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 86.8 | 100.0 | 3,130 |
| 5 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 8.1 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 88.9 | 100.0 | 2,980 |
| Total | 14.7 | 13.9 | 9.9 | 4.0 | 0.8 | 85.3 | 100.0 | 9,066 |

Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation.
${ }^{1}$ Pill, IUD, injectables, implants, female condom, diaphragm, foam/jelly and lactational amenorrhoea method.

### 16.7 IDEAL Family Size and UnMet Need by Women's status

The ability of women to effectively make decisions has important implications for their fertility preferences and the practice of family planning. An increase in women's status and empowerment is recognized as important for efforts to reduce fertility through at least two main pathways: its negative association with desired family size and its positive association with women's ability to meet their own family-size goals through the effective use of contraception.

Table 16.9 shows how women's ideal family size and their unmet need for family planning vary by women's status indicators. The data indicate that mean ideal family size decreases with increasing number of decisions in which a woman has a final say and number of reasons to refuse sex with her husband or partner, and increases with the number of reasons women believe wife beating is justified. Thus, the data suggests that the more empowered the woman, the fewer children she desires.

Although there is no clear relationship between women's decisionmaking power and belief that refusing sexual intercourse is acceptable for any reason, unmet need increases with the number of reasons women belief that wife beating is justified, indicating that less empowered women as measured by this indicator are also less able to meet their contraceptive needs.

Table 16.9 Ideal number of children and unmet need for family planning by women's status
Mean ideal number of children and the percentage of women with an unmet need for family planning, by women's status indicators, Ethiopia 2005

| Women's status indicator | Mean idea number of children ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women | Unmet need for family planning ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | For spacing | For limiting | Total |  |


| Number of decisions in which <br> woman participates $^{\mathbf{3}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | 5.3 | 632 | 23.3 | 10.9 | 34.2 | 736 |
| $1-2$ | 5.2 | 2,045 | 23.7 | 13.9 | 37.6 | 2,376 |
| $3-4$ | 5.0 | 5,251 | 18.2 | 14.1 | 32.3 | 5,954 |


| Number of reasons given for <br> refusing to have sexual intercourse <br> with husband/partner |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 5.0 | 1,263 | 12.1 | 7.2 | 19.2 | 1,471 |
| $1-2$ | 5.0 | 3,496 | 14.9 | 9.0 | 24.0 | 3,856 |
| 3 | 4.2 | 7,843 | 12.3 | 9.1 | 21.4 | 8,743 |
| Number of reasons given that |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| justify wife beating |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 3.9 | 2,449 | 9.3 | 6.0 | 15.3 | 2,673 |
| $1-2$ | 4.4 | 2,368 | 11.4 | 8.3 | 19.7 | 2,638 |
| $3-4$ | 4.7 | 4,188 | 13.6 | 9.4 | 23.0 | 4,667 |
| 5 | 4.8 | 3,597 | 15.7 | 10.6 | 26.3 | 4,092 |
| Total | 4.5 | 12,602 | 13.0 | 8.9 | 21.9 | 14,070 |

${ }^{1}$ Excludes respondents who gave non-numeric responses.
${ }^{2}$ See Table 7.3 for definition of unmet need for family planning
${ }^{3}$ Currently married women

### 16.8 Reproductive Health Care by Women's Status

Table 16.10 shows women's use of antenatal, delivery and postnatal care services by the three indicators of women's empowerment. In societies where health care is widespread, women's empowerment may not affect their access to reproductive health services; in other societies, however, increased empowerment of women is likely to increase their ability to seek out and use health services to better meet their own reproductive health goals, including the goal of safe motherhood.

The data indicate that there is a correlation between women's status and utilization of health services. The more empowered a woman, the more likely she is to receive antenatal care, postnatal care, and delivery assistance from a health professional. For example, nearly one-third of women who participate in making three or four decisions received antenatal care from health professionals, compared with 18 percent of women who are not involved in any decisionmaking. Almost one in ten women who participate in three or four decisions utilized postnatal and delivery care, compared with 2 percent of women who had no say in any decisionmaking.

| Table 16.10 Reproductive health care by women's status |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women with a live birth in the five years preceding the survey who received antenatal care, delivery assistance, and postnatal care from a health worker for the most recent birth, by women's status indicators, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Women's status indicator | Received antenatal care from a health professional | Received delivery assistance from a health professional | Received postnatal care from a health professional within two days of delivery ${ }^{1}$ | Number of births |
| Number of decisions in which woman participates ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 18.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 552 |
| 1-2 | 22.4 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 1,878 |
| 3-4 | 30.7 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 4,342 |
| Number of reasons given for refusing to have sexual intercourse with husband/partner |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 17.2 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 752 |
| 1-2 | 25.2 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 2,156 |
| 3 | 30.6 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 4,399 |
| Number of reasons given that justify wife beating |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 38.1 | 17.2 | 17.9 | 1,069 |
| 1-2 | 28.8 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 1,263 |
| 3-4 | 25.4 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 2,498 |
| 5 | 24.9 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 2,477 |
| Total | 27.6 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 7,307 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Includes mothers who delivered in a health facility <br> ${ }^{2}$ Currently married women |  |  |  |  |

The number of reasons for which women feel that a wife is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband has a stronger positive relationship with all three variables. For example, the proportion of women who receive antenatal care increases from 17 percent among women who think a wife is not justified in refusing to have sex with her husband for any of the specified reasons to 31 percent among those who said that all three reasons cited were justifiable. A similar relationship is observed between the number of reasons given for refusing sexual intercourse with husband/partner and receiving postnatal and delivery care.

The data also show a steady increase in utilization of health services as the number of reasons wife beating is believed to be justified decreases. For example, 17 percent of women who say wife beating is not justified in any of the situations described were attended by medical professionals compared with only 4 percent of women who say that wife beating is justified in all five of the specified circumstances.

### 16.9 Eariy Childhood Mortality Rates by Women’s Status

An outcome of empowerment is women's ability to access information, make decisions, and act effectively in their own interest or in the interest of those who depend on them. It follows that if women, who are the primary caretakers of children, are empowered, the health and survival of their children will be enhanced.

Table 16.11 shows information on the impact of women's empowerment on infant and child mortality. Surprisingly, the data show that women who have no final say in any decision in the household have lower childhood mortality rates than those who have a say in three or four decisions.

For example, the infant mortality rate for children whose mothers have no final say in any decision is 69 deaths per 1,000 live births, compared with about 79 deaths per 1,000 live births for children of mothers who participate in three or four decisions in the household.

With the exception of infant mortality, there is no clear association between a woman's belief that it is acceptable to refuse sexual intercourse with her husband and childhood mortality. The infant mortality rate of children whose mothers think a wife is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband for any of the specified reasons is 75 deaths per 1,000 live births, compared with 84 deaths per 1,000 live births for children of those who say that a woman is justified for all three reasons cited.

| Table 16.11 Early childhood mortality rates by women's status |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Infant, child, and under-five mortality rates for the 10-year period preceding the survey, by women's status indicators, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Women's status indicators | Neonatal mortality (NN) | Postneonata mortality (PNN) | Infant mortality $\left({ }_{1} q_{0}\right)$ | Child mortality $\left(4 q_{1}\right)$ | Under-five mortality $\left(5 \mathrm{q}_{0}\right)$ |
| Number of decisions in which woman participates ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 34 | 35 | 69 | 61 | 126 |
| 1-2 | 39 | 43 | 82 | 53 | 131 |
| 3-4 | 41 | 38 | 79 | 54 | 128 |
| Number of reasons given for refusing to have sexual intercourse with husband/partner |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 36 | 40 | 75 | 61 | 132 |
| 1-2 | 35 | 39 | 74 | 59 | 129 |
| 3 | 44 | 40 | 84 | 54 | 133 |
| Number of reasons given that justify wife beating |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 38 | 37 | 75 | 45 | 116 |
| 1-2 | 41 | 43 | 85 | 58 | 137 |
| 3-4 | 37 | 43 | 80 | 63 | 138 |
| 5 | 45 | 36 | 81 | 53 | 130 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Currently married women |  |  |  |  |  |

Attitudes towards wife beating are reflections of women's status. Women who do not approve of any form of wife beating are assumed to enjoy a higher status in the household and in society. In turn, this translates into a more favourable mortality profile for their children. The rates of childhood mortality are generally lower among children whose mothers believe that wife beating is not justified for any reason. For example, the infant mortality rate for children of mothers who consider wife beating unjustified for any reason is 75 deaths per 1,000 live births compared with 81 deaths per 1,000 live births for children whose mothers agree with all of the specified reasons for wife beating. A similar relationship is observed between women's status and levels of child mortality and under-five mortality.

### 16.10 PROPERTY DISPOSSESSION

Property dispossession can make widowed women and their children especially vulnerable. In many countries, widows are often denied an inheritance either because of common law or religious laws. Also, in many cases, even where such laws provide for the transfer of property to widows and their children, enforcement of inheritance laws may be weak, leaving them at the mercy of relatives.

Table 16.12 shows that 6 percent of women age $15-49$ interviewed in the EDHS have been widowed at some time and of these, one in five has been dispossessed of property belonging to their late husband.

Dispossession of property is most common among younger women (less than 30 years) who have been widowed than older women. Previously widowed women who are currently married are somewhat more likely to be dispossessed of property as are the small numbers of women who have no children. Women with children under 18 years of age are also somewhat more likely to have property taken away from them than women with children 18 years and older.

| Table 16.12 Widows dispossessed of property |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of de facto women age 15-49 who have been widowed, and the percentage of widowed women who have been dispossessed of property, by selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ever-widowed women |  |  |
| Background characteristics | Percentage of everwidowed women | Number of women | Percentage who were dispossessed of property | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.3 | 3,266 | * | 10 |
| 20-29 | 2.6 | 5,064 | 34.6 | 132 |
| 30-39 | 8.8 | 3,410 | 20.4 | 301 |
| 40-49 | 19.5 | 2,330 | 14.3 | 454 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Married | 3.4 | 8,914 | 34.4 | 302 |
| Living together | 12.0 | 152 | * | 18 |
| Divorced/separated | 2.2 | 932 | (28.5) | 21 |
| Widowed | 100.0 | 556 | 12.0 | 556 |
| Age of youngest child |  |  |  |  |
| No children | 0.6 | 4,357 | (42.7) | 24 |
| <18 years | 8.6 | 9,535 | 19.5 | 820 |
| $18+$ years | 30.0 | 178 | 14.2 | 53 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.8 | 2,499 | 22.6 | 171 |
| Rural | 6.3 | 11,571 | 19.1 | 726 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 7.5 | 919 | 24.9 | 69 |
| Affar | 6.2 | 146 | (16.2) | 9 |
| Amhara | 6.6 | 3,482 | 13.8 | 231 |
| Oromiya | 6.7 | 5,010 | 21.0 | 336 |
| Somali | 5.2 | 486 | (9.0) | 25 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 6.7 | 124 | 7.1 | 8 |
| SNNP | 5.5 | 2,995 | 25.9 | 164 |
| Gambela | 12.6 | 44 | 44.3 | 6 |
| Harari | 4.7 | 39 | (22.4) | 2 |
| Addis Ababa | 5.3 | 756 | 17.3 | 40 |
| Dire Dawa | 8.6 | 69 | 15.3 | 6 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 8.0 | 9,271 | 19.0 | 741 |
| Primary | 3.0 | 3,123 | 27.7 | 92 |
| Secondary and higher | 3.7 | 1,481 | 18.6 | 54 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 8.7 | 2,428 | 15.7 | 210 |
| Second | 7.5 | 2,643 | 19.8 | 199 |
| Middle | 5.0 | 2,732 | 17.3 | 137 |
| Fourth | 5.8 | 2,647 | 27.2 | 155 |
| Highest | 5.4 | 3,621 | 20.1 | 196 |
| Total | 6.4 | 14,070 | 19.8 | 897 |

[^27]Urban women are slightly more likely to be dispossessed of property than rural women. Women living in Gambela are most likely to be dispossessed compared with women living in the other regions. Surprisingly, women with primary education are more vulnerable to having property dispossessed than women with no education or women with at least some secondary education. Also, women in the lowest wealth quintile are least likely to be denied their late husband's property compared with women in the other wealth quintiles.

### 16.11 Harmful Traditional Practices

The 2005 EDHS included a series of questions in the Women's Questionnaire to gather information on women's knowledge and attitude about three specific harmful traditional practices and their experience with each of them. All women were first asked if they had ever heard of female circumcision or uvulectomy/tonsillectomy. In addition, ever-married women were asked about the practice of marriage by abduction. If women had heard of any of these practices, they were further asked if they themselves had been subject to any of them. Circumcised women were also asked for the type of circumcision they had had. Women who had children were asked if any of their daughters had been circumcised or married by abduction, and if any of their children had had a uvulectomy. Finally, women were also asked for their opinion about whether the specific harmful traditional practice that they had knowledge of should be continued.

### 16.11.1 Female Circumcision

Female circumcision, also known as female genital cutting (FGC) or female genital mutilation, is a common practice in many societies in sub-Saharan Africa. In Ethiopia, the age at which FGC is performed varies among the different ethnic groups. In Northern Amhara and Tigray, for example, FGC is performed at infancy and usually on the eighth day after birth (NCTPE, 1998).

Data collected in the 2005 EDHS show that most women age $15-49$ have heard of female circumcision (Table 16.13). With the exception of differences by region, differences by other background characteristics in the percentage of women who have heard of female circumcision are small. Less than one in two women in Gambela have heard of female circumcision ( 45 percent), compared with nearly all women in Harari, Dire Dawa, Addis Ababa, Affar, Somali and Oromiya and at least 80 percent of women in Amhara, SNNP, Tigray and Benishangul-Gumuz.

Table 16.13 shows that three in four Ethiopian women have been circumcised. Six percent of circumcised women reported that their vagina was sewn closed (infibulation) during circumcision, which is the most severe form of FGC. Infibulation is most common among women age 25-39, women with no education, and women in the lowest wealth quintile. Rural women are also more likely than urban women to have experienced infibulation. More than four in five circumcised women residing in the Somali Region and three in five in Affar have experienced the most severe form of FGC.

Less than one in three women who have heard of FGC believes that the practice should continue (Table 16.13). Support for female circumcision varies with background characteristics and is similar to that discussed under knowledge of female circumcision.

| Table 16.13 Knowledge, prevalence, and support of female circumcision |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women who have heard of female circumcision and who are circumcised, and among circumcised women the percentage who have their vagina sewn closed and among women who have heard of female circumcision the percentage who support the practice, by selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of women who have heard of female circumcision | Percentage of women Number of circumcised women |  | Among circumcised women |  | Among women who have heard of female circumcision |  |
| Background characteristic |  |  |  | Percentage with vagina sewn closed | Number of women | who believe practice should be continued | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 90.0 | 62.1 | 3,266 | 4.7 | 2,029 | 22.9 | 2,939 |
| 20-24 | 92.5 | 73.0 | 2,547 | 5.8 | 1,860 | 27.2 | 2,356 |
| 25-29 | 91.9 | 77.6 | 2,517 | 6.8 | 1,954 | 34.5 | 2,314 |
| 30-34 | 91.1 | 78.0 | 1,808 | 7.7 | 1,410 | 36.5 | 1,647 |
| 35-39 | 93.1 | 81.2 | 1,602 | 7.1 | 1,302 | 37.7 | 1,491 |
| 40-44 | 94.3 | 81.6 | 1,187 | 6.1 | 969 | 33.7 | 1,120 |
| 45-49 | 92.1 | 80.8 | 1,143 | 4.7 | 924 | 38.0 | 1,052 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 97.8 | 68.5 | 2,499 | 5.1 | 1,713 | 10.4 | 2,445 |
| Rural | 90.5 | 75.5 | 11,571 | 6.3 | 8,735 | 36.3 | 10,475 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 82.9 | 29.3 | 919 | 1.1 | 269 | 21.5 | 762 |
| Affar | 98.4 | 91.6 | 146 | 63.2 | 134 | 65.6 | 144 |
| Amhara | 88.9 | 68.5 | 3,482 | 0.6 | 2,386 | 39.0 | 3,095 |
| Oromiya | 97.1 | 87.2 | 5,010 | 2.5 | 4,369 | 29.8 | 4,866 |
| Somali | 98.1 | 97.3 | 486 | 83.8 | 473 | 74.3 | 477 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 79.5 | 67.6 | 124 | 3.2 | 84 | 40.1 | 99 |
| SNNP | 86.7 | 71.0 | 2,995 | 0.6 | 2,127 | 26.0 | 2,597 |
| Gambela | 44.6 | 27.1 | 44 | 1.0 | 12 | 21.0 | 20 |
| Harari | 99.8 | 85.1 | 39 | 12.5 | 33 | 21.6 | 39 |
| Addis Ababa | 99.5 | 65.7 | 756 | 0.8 | 497 | 5.6 | 753 |
| Dire Dawa | 99.8 | 92.3 | 69 | 13.2 | 64 | 13.8 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 89.8 | 77.3 | 9,271 | 7.9 | 7,165 | 40.6 | 8,328 |
| Primary | 93.8 | 70.8 | 3,123 | 1.9 | 2,211 | 20.2 | 2,928 |
| Secondary and higher | 99.3 | 64.0 | 1,675 | 3.0 | 1,072 | 4.7 | 1,663 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 87.9 | 73.0 | 2,428 | 21.1 | 1,773 | 48.3 | 2,135 |
| Second | 89.7 | 75.9 | 2,643 | 4.1 | 2,006 | 39.2 | 2,370 |
| Middle | 90.4 | 75.4 | 2,732 | 3.1 | 2,059 | 34.3 | 2,469 |
| Fourth | 92.2 | 77.6 | 2,647 | 1.8 | 2,055 | 30.7 | 2,441 |
| Highest | 96.8 | 70.6 | 3,621 | 3.2 | 2,556 | 14.1 | 3,505 |
| Total | 91.8 | 74.3 | 14,070 | 6.1 | 10,448 | 31.4 | 12,920 |

Women who had at least one daughter were asked if any of their daughters had been circumcised. Thirty-eight percent of women with a daughter reported having at least one of their daughters circumcised (Table 16.14). The probability that a respondent's daughter is circumcised varies directly with her age, rising from 15 percent among women age 15-19 to 67 percent among women age 45-49, indicating that there may have been a decline in the practice of circumcision in recent years. Rural women are more likely than urban women to have a daughter circumcised. Circumcision of daughters is highest in Affar, where 85 percent of women have a circumcised daughter, and lowest in Gambela where 11 percent of women have a daughter circumcised. Women with no education are more than twice as likely as women with secondary education or higher to have a daughter circumcised. There is no uniform relationship between wealth and having a daughter circumcised. Nevertheless, women in the highest wealth quintile are least likely to have a daughter circumcised.

Table 16.14 shows that 4 percent of circumcised daughters have experienced the most severe form of FGC. Infibulation is most prevalent among daughters of women age 30-34, rural women, women residing in Affar and Somali, women with no education, and women in the poorest wealth quintile.

| Table 16.14 Daughter's circumcision experience and type of circumcision |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among women with at least one living daughter, percentage with at least one circumcised daughter, and percent distribution by type of circumcision among most recently circumcised daughters, according to selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |
| Mother's background characteristic | Percentage of women with at least one daughter circumcised | Number of women with at least one daughter | Daughters with vagina sewn closed | Number of most recently circumcised daughters |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 14.6 | 222 | (3.5) | 32 |
| 20-24 | 14.3 | 918 | 4.0 | 131 |
| 25-29 | 21.2 | 1,735 | 3.3 | 367 |
| 30-34 | 32.0 | 1,516 | 6.1 | 484 |
| 35-39 | 45.4 | 1,422 | 4.6 | 645 |
| 40-44 | 58.9 | 1,069 | 4.7 | 630 |
| 45-49 | 66.6 | 1,039 | 2.2 | 692 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.0 | 914 | 2.9 | 274 |
| Rural | 38.7 | 7,007 | 4.2 | 2,708 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 30.2 | 524 | 0.5 | 158 |
| Affar | 85.1 | 82 | 74.1 | 69 |
| Amhara | 56.8 | 2,014 | 0.0 | 1,144 |
| Oromiya | 34.9 | 2,873 | 0.9 | 1,003 |
| Somali | 28.1 | 323 | 62.3 | 91 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 49.3 | 74 | 1.1 | 37 |
| SNNP | 23.5 | 1,733 | 0.7 | 406 |
| Gambela | 11.0 | 25 | 0.0 | 3 |
| Harari | 27.1 | 17 | 7.8 | 5 |
| Addis Ababa | 25.1 | 223 | 0.0 | 56 |
| Dire Dawa | 34.3 | 32 | 6.2 | 11 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 41.3 | 6,343 | 4.5 | 2,620 |
| Primary | 24.7 | 1,131 | 0.5 | 279 |
| Secondary and higher | 18.7 | 446 | 3.2 | 83 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 38.2 | 1,613 | 14.7 | 617 |
| Second | 37.2 | 1,607 | 2.6 | 598 |
| Middle | 37.7 | 1,578 | 0.8 | 594 |
| Fourth | 41.2 | 1,603 | 0.7 | 661 |
| Highest | 33.7 | 1,518 | 1.4 | 512 |
| Total | 37.7 | 7,920 | 4.1 | 2,982 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. |  |  |  |  |

Female circumcision has declined over the past five years from 80 percent in 2000 to 74 percent in 2005. Support for the practice has also declined from 60 percent to 31 percent over the same period. In addition, circumcising daughters has declined. Fifty-two percent of mothers with at least one daughter had a daughter circumcised in 2000 compared with 38 percent in 2005.

### 16.11.2 Uvulectomy or Tonsillectomy

Uvulectomy is commonly practiced in Ethiopia and involves the removal of the uvula with horse tail hair or thread looped through a bamboo stick. Often, a special knife-like, sharpened iron is used to cut the uvula before it is taken out. Tonsillectomy refers to the removal of the tonsils, often using just the index finger, to treat sore throats and swallowing difficulties (Jeppsson et al., 2003). These harmful traditional practices may pose a health hazard particularly if carried out with
unsterilised instruments or in an unhygienic setting. Questions in the EDHS did not distinguish between the two practices and hence the data discussed in this section refers to knowledge of uvulectomy and/or tonsillectomy, the prevalence of both, and attitude towards the continuation of both practices.

Table 16.15 shows that a large majority of women ( 84 percent) have heard of uvulectomy or tonsillectomy. Knowledge of the practice is much higher among women in urban than in rural areas and ranges from a low of 52 percent among women in Gambela to universal knowledge among women in Tigray. Highly educated women and women from the highest wealth quintile are much more likely to have heard of the practice than less educated women and women in the other wealth quintiles. Differences by age are small.

| Percentage of women who have heard of uvulectomy/tonsillectomy, percentage of women who have ever had an uvulectomy/tonsillectomy, and among those who have heard of uvulectomy/tonsillectomy, the percentage who support the practice, by selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Among women who have heard of uvulectomy/ tonsillectomy |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage of women who heard of uvulectomy/ tonsillectomy | Percentage of women who ever had an uvulectomy/ tonsillectomy | Number of women | Percentage who believe practice should be continued | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 83.5 | 37.3 | 3,266 | 23.0 | 2,727 |
| 20-24 | 84.5 | 37.9 | 2,547 | 27.1 | 2,153 |
| 25-29 | 82.4 | 42.2 | 2,517 | 30.6 | 2,074 |
| 30-34 | 84.2 | 46.0 | 1,808 | 33.6 | 1,523 |
| 35-39 | 85.4 | 44.1 | 1,602 | 32.2 | 1,369 |
| 40-44 | 83.6 | 45.5 | 1,187 | 30.9 | 993 |
| 45-49 | 85.9 | 48.5 | 1,143 | 33.6 | 981 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 95.4 | 46.2 | 2,499 | 13.0 | 2,385 |
| Rural | 81.5 | 40.8 | 11,571 | 33.1 | 9,434 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 99.5 | 89.2 | 919 | 68.3 | 915 |
| Afar | 93.3 | 76.9 | 146 | 69.5 | 136 |
| Amhara | 77.4 | 42.5 | 3,482 | 44.1 | 2,694 |
| Oromiya | 81.6 | 28.9 | 5,010 | 19.8 | 4,089 |
| Somali | 60.9 | 36.4 | 486 | 47.8 | 296 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 68.1 | 29.1 | 124 | 34.5 | 85 |
| SNNP | 91.2 | 46.8 | 2,995 | 17.3 | 2,732 |
| Gambela | 51.9 | 25.2 | 44 | 32.7 | 23 |
| Harari | 97.7 | 58.4 | 39 | 19.9 | 38 |
| Addis Ababa | 98.1 | 42.7 | 756 | 7.0 | 742 |
| Dire Dawa | 98.9 | 69.0 | 69 | 13.1 | 68 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 81.4 | 43.5 | 9,271 | 37.6 | 7,548 |
| Primary | 84.7 | 36.8 | 3,123 | 18.0 | 2,647 |
| Secondary and higher | 96.9 | 41.4 | 1,675 | 7.4 | 1,624 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 80.6 | 47.3 | 2,428 | 45.9 | 1,958 |
| Second | 82.2 | 40.3 | 2,643 | 37.2 | 2,174 |
| Middle | 82.1 | 41.7 | 2,732 | 30.4 | 2,243 |
| Fourth | 80.5 | 37.4 | 2,647 | 26.6 | 2,130 |
| Highest | 91.5 | 42.5 | 3,621 | 14.4 | 3,314 |
| Total | 84.0 | 41.8 | 14,070 | 29.1 | 11,819 |

More than two in five Ethiopian women have had an uvulectomy or tonsillectomy. The prevalence of uvulectomy or tonsillectomy increases with woman's age rising from 37 percent among women age 15-19 to 49 percent among women age 45-49, indicating a declining trend in the practice. The practice is most prevalent among urban women, women residing in Tigray, women with no education, and women in the lowest wealth quintile.

Table 16.15 shows that 29 percent of women support the continuation of this harmful traditional practice. There is no uniform pattern of support for the practice by age. One in three rural women supports the practice compared with just over one in ten urban women. More than two-thirds of women residing in Affar and Tigray support the continuation of this practice compared with less than one in ten women residing in Addis Ababa. Support for uvulectomy or tonsillectomy is highest among women with no education and women in the lowest wealth quintile.

Forty-two percent of women with at least one daughter have a daughter who has had an uvulectomy or tonsillectomy (Table 16.16). The percentage of daughters who have had a uvulectomy or tonsillectomy increases monotonically with age. The percentage of daughters exposed to this harmful traditional practice varies widely by region, ranging from a low of 23 percent in Somali to a high of 93 percent in Tigray. Women with no education are much more likely to have a daughter exposed to this practice than women with some education. Differences by urban-rural residence and wealth quintile are relatively small.

### 16.11.3 Marriage by Abduction

Marriage by abduction is another harmful tradi-

Table 16.16 Daughter's uvulectomy/tonsillectomy
Among women with at least one living daughter, percentage with at least one daughter who ever had an uvulectomy/tonsillectomy, according to selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005

| Mother's background characteristic | Percentage of women with at least one daughter who had an uvulectomy/ tonsillectomy | Number of women with at least one daughter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |
| 15-19 | 30.6 | 222 |
| 20-24 | 32.1 | 918 |
| 25-29 | 38.5 | 1,735 |
| 30-34 | 45.0 | 1,516 |
| 35-39 | 45.0 | 1,422 |
| 40-44 | 43.4 | 1,069 |
| 45-49 | 49.6 | 1,039 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 44.5 | 914 |
| Rural | 41.8 | 7,007 |

Region
Tigray
Affar
Amhara
Oromiya
Somali
Benishangul-Gumuz
SNNP
Gambela
Harari
Addis Ababa
Dire Dawa

| 93.2 | 524 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 79.7 | 82 |
| 43.3 | 2,014 |
| 29.3 | 2,873 |
| 22.7 | 323 |
| 32.2 | 74 |
| 49.1 | 1,733 |
| 26.2 | 25 |
| 53.6 | 17 |
| 38.9 | 223 |
| 46.8 | 32 |

## Education

| No education | 43.4 | 6,343 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Primary | 37.9 | 1,131 |
| Secondary and higher | 34.4 | 446 |
|  |  |  |
| Wealth quintile | 45.3 | 1,613 |
| $\quad$ Lowest | 41.2 | 1,607 |
| Second | 42.6 | 1,578 |
| Middle | 38.9 | 1,603 |
| Fourth | 42.4 | 1,518 |
| $\quad$ Highest | 42.1 | 7,920 |
| Total |  |  | tional practice that is known to exist in Ethiopia. In general, the would-be abductor forms a group of intimate friends and relatives to carry out the abduction (NCTPE, 1998). An unmarried young girl is forcefully dragged or carried over the shoulder of the abductor who may beat her to subdue her. The girl is then taken to a hideaway. This tactic is often used as a short cut to marriage. Abduction may be followed by rape.

Eighty-three percent of women have heard of marriage by abduction (Table 16.17). Urban women are much more likely than rural women to have heard of the practice. Regional variations in knowledge of the practice is marked, with all or nearly all women in Dire Dawa, Addis Ababa, Harari, Oromiya and SNNP having heard of the practice, compared with about half of women residing in Somali, Gambela and Amhara. Educated women are much more likely to be aware of this practice than women with no education, as are women in the highest wealth quintile compared with women in the lowest.

| Percentage of women who have heard of marriage by abduction percentage of women who ever had a marriage by abduction and among those who have heard of marriage by abduction, the percentage who support the practice, by selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of women who have heard of marriage by abduction | Percentage of women married by abduction | Number of women | Among women who have heard of marriage by abduction |  |
| Background characteristic |  |  |  | Percentage who believe practice should be continued | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 83.2 | 2.5 | 3,266 | 2.0 | 2,717 |
| 20-24 | 84.7 | 7.3 | 2,547 | 2.8 | 2,158 |
| 25-29 | 83.1 | 9.5 | 2,517 | 3.7 | 2,092 |
| 30-34 | 82.6 | 11.4 | 1,808 | 3.5 | 1,493 |
| 35-39 | 81.8 | 9.6 | 1,602 | 3.0 | 1,310 |
| 40-44 | 83.9 | 9.9 | 1,187 | 2.2 | 997 |
| 45-49 | 82.1 | 10.4 | 1,143 | 3.3 | 938 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 93.7 | 4.7 | 2,499 | 1.1 | 2,342 |
| Rural | 80.9 | 8.5 | 11,571 | 3.3 | 9,363 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 80.6 | 1.4 | 919 | 1.1 | 741 |
| Affar | 79.1 | 6.1 | 146 | 17.9 | 116 |
| Amhara | 53.8 | 2.4 | 3,482 | 3.2 | 1,872 |
| Oromiya | 98.0 | 10.8 | 5,010 | 2.8 | 4,909 |
| Somali | 48.0 | 4.6 | 486 | 17.4 | 233 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 58.9 | 3.5 | 124 | 5.1 | 73 |
| SNNP | 96.2 | 12.9 | 2,995 | 2.0 | 2,882 |
| Gambela | 53.6 | 9.2 | 44 | 4.2 | 24 |
| Harari | 99.0 | 6.9 | 39 | 1.8 | 38 |
| Addis Ababa | 99.0 | 4.3 | 756 | 0.6 | 749 |
| Dire Dawa | 99.8 | 6.6 | 69 | 0.7 | 69 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 78.0 | 9.0 | 9,271 | 3.7 | 7,227 |
| Primary | 91.2 | 7.1 | 3,123 | 2.1 | 2,847 |
| Secondary and higher | 97.4 | 2.5 | 1,675 | 0.5 | 1,631 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 75.3 | 7.7 | 2,428 | 6.0 | 1,827 |
| Second | 80.1 | 10.1 | 2,643 | 3.2 | 2,118 |
| Middle | 81.6 | 8.6 | 2,732 | 3.1 | 2,229 |
| Fourth | 82.1 | 7.7 | 2,647 | 2.5 | 2,172 |
| Highest | 92.8 | 5.7 | 3,621 | 1.1 | 3,359 |
| Total | 83.2 | 7.8 | 14,070 | 2.9 | 11,705 |

Eight percent of women reported that they had been married by abduction. This is most commonly reported by women age $30-34$, rural women, women residing in SNNP and Oromiya and women with no education. This practice is least common among the wealthiest group of women.

As seen in Table 16.17, there is very little support among Ethiopian women for the continuation of this harmful traditional practice. Women age $25-29$, women residing in rural areas, women from Affar and Somali, women with no education and women in the lowest wealth quintile are more likely than their counterparts to support the continuation of this practice.

About 1 percent of daughters of women with at least one daughter was reported to have been married by abduction, with the practice more common among daughters of older women age 45-49 and daughters of women with no education (Table 16.18). Differences by other background characteristics are small.

| Table 16.18 Daughter's marriage by abduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among women with at least one living daughter, percentage with at least one daughter who ever had a marriage by abduction, according to selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |
| Mother's background characteristic | Percentage of women with at least one daughter who was married by abduction | Number of women with at least one daughter |
| Age |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.0 | 222 |
| 20-24 | 0.0 | 918 |
| 25-29 | 0.0 | 1,735 |
| 30-34 | 0.6 | 1,516 |
| 35-39 | 0.8 | 1,422 |
| 40-44 | 4.0 | 1,069 |
| 45-49 | 4.9 | 1,039 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 1.5 | 914 |
| Rural | 1.4 | 7,007 |
| Region |  |  |
| Tigray | 0.2 | 524 |
| Affar | 1.8 | 82 |
| Amhara | 0.3 | 2,014 |
| Oromiya | 2.0 | 2,873 |
| Somali | 0.5 | 323 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 0.7 | 74 |
| SNNP | 2.3 | 1,733 |
| Gambela | 1.5 | 25 |
| Harari | 2.2 | 17 |
| Addis Ababa | 1.9 | 223 |
| Dire Dawa | 1.2 | 32 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.2 | 1,613 |
| Second | 2.3 | 1,607 |
| Middle | 0.9 | 1,578 |
| Fourth | 1.1 | 1,603 |
| Highest | 1.7 | 1,518 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 1.7 | 6,343 |
| Primary | 0.2 | 1,131 |
| Secondary and higher | 0.5 | 446 |
| Total | 1.4 | 7,920 |

### 16.11.4 Obstetric Fistula

The 2005 EDHS included a series of questions on obstetric fistula, a condition that develops when the blood supply to the tissues of the vagina, bladder, and/or rectum is cut off during prolonged obstructed labour, resulting in the formation of an opening through which urine and/or faeces pass uncontrollably. Women who develop fistulas are often socially rejected.

All women were asked if they had heard of obstetric fistula, and if they had, whether they themselves had experienced the condition. Those who reported suffering from obstetric fistula were asked if they had ever been treated for it. These women were also asked if there were any other women in the household who suffered from it and if so how many.

One in four women interviewed in the survey had heard of obstetric fistula. Knowledge of obstetric fistula is higher among urban women, women residing in Addis Ababa, highly educated women, and women in the highest wealth quintile (Table 16.19). There is no uniform pattern of knowledge by age.

Table 16.19 shows that 1 percent of women who have ever had a birth reported experiencing obstetric fistula. Older women (age 40 and above) and very young women (age 15-19) are slightly more likely to report the condition, as are women residing in urban areas. Women in the Tigray and SNNP regions are relatively more likely to have experienced obstetric fistula.

A very small number of women (less than 1 percent) reported ever being treated for obstetric fistula.

According to information gathered from women who had heard of the condition, 4 percent of other women resident in the households also suffered from obstetric fistula.

| Table 16.19 Prevalence of obstetric fistula |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women who have heard of obstetric fistula, among women who have ever given birth the percentage who experienced obstetric fistula and percentage who have been treated for obstetric fistula, and among women who have heard of obstetric fistula the percentage who live in a household where someone else experienced obstetric fistula, according to selected background characteristics, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of women who have heard of obstetric fistula |  | Among women who have ever given birth |  |  | Among women who have heard of obstetric fistula |  |
| Background characteristic |  | Number | Percentage who have experienced obstetric fistula | Percentage ever treated for obstetric fistula | Number | Percentage of other women in household with obstetric fistula | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 19.7 | 3,266 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 443 | 4.1 | 642 |
| 20-24 | 24.5 | 2,547 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 1,535 | 3.2 | 625 |
| 25-29 | 24.0 | 2,517 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 2,194 | 3.5 | 604 |
| 30-34 | 21.8 | 1,808 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1,701 | 4.2 | 395 |
| 35-39 | 24.8 | 1,602 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1,559 | 4.2 | 398 |
| 40-44 | 26.1 | 1,187 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1,155 | 4.0 | 310 |
| 45-49 | 25.8 | 1,143 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1,125 | 4.0 | 295 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 16.3 | 9,271 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 7,644 | 4.5 | 1,508 |
| Primary | 24.3 | 3,123 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 1,454 | 4.4 | 758 |
| Secondary and higher | 59.8 | 1,675 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 615 | 2.3 | 1,003 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 50.1 | 2,499 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 1,232 | 2.2 | 1,251 |
| Rural | 17.4 | 11,571 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 8,480 | 4.8 | 2,018 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tigray | 37.8 | 919 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 635 | 13.4 | 347 |
| Afar | 11.7 | 146 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 106 | 3.8 | 17 |
| Amhara | 16.0 | 3,482 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2,566 | 1.6 | 557 |
| Oromiya | 23.0 | 5,010 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 3,467 | 2.1 | 1,153 |
| Somali | 7.2 | 486 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 382 | 5.9 | 35 |
| Benishangul-Gumuz | 14.3 | 124 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 94 | 2.3 | 18 |
| SNNP | 19.9 | 2,995 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 2,056 | 5.0 | 597 |
| Gambela | 10.9 | 44 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 34 | 3.9 | 5 |
| Harari | 46.4 | 39 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 23 | 2.1 | 18 |
| Addis Ababa | 66.1 | 756 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 308 | 2.3 | 500 |
| Dire Dawa | 31.8 | 69 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 42 | 1.5 | 22 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 15.1 | 2,428 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 1,920 | 5.0 | 367 |
| Second | 16.9 | 2,643 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 1,997 | 3.1 | 446 |
| Middle | 16.2 | 2,732 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1,946 | 6.8 | 442 |
| Fourth | 19.5 | 2,647 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 1,902 | 5.6 | 515 |
| Highest | 41.4 | 3,621 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1,948 | 2.3 | 1,498 |
| Total | 23.2 | 14,070 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 9,713 | 3.8 | 3,269 |

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| Percent distribution of households and eligible women by results of the household and individual interviews, and household, eligible women and overall response rates, according to urban-rural residence and region, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Resid | ence |  |  |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Result | Urban | Rural | Tigray | Affar | Amhara | Oromiya | Somali | Beni-shangulGumuz | SNNP | Gambela | Harari | Addis Ababa | Dire Dawa | Total |
| Selected households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (C) | 91.9 | 94.4 | 95.0 | 86.2 | 95.7 | 96.2 | 88.3 | 91.1 | 96.1 | 88.6 | 94.2 | 95.2 | 93.5 | 93.7 |
| Household present but no competent respondent at home (HP) | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.9 |
| Postponed (P) | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Refused (R) | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Dwelling not found (DNF) | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| Household absent (HA) | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 4.1 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| Dwelling vacant/address not a dwelling (DV) | 3.2 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 5.0 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| Dwelling destroy (DD) | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 4.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| Other (O) | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of sampled households | 3,989 | 10,656 | 1,349 | 935 | 2,158 | 2,241 | 901 | 954 | 2,012 | 925 | 960 | 1,400 | 810 | 14,645 |
| Household response rate (HRR) | 97.4 | 98.9 | 98.7 | 97.3 | 98.9 | 99.6 | 97.0 | 98.2 | 99.1 | 98.4 | 97.3 | 98.7 | 97.1 | 98.5 |
| Eligible women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (EWC) | 94.4 | 96.2 | 97.6 | 91.9 | 97.3 | 96.5 | 91.4 | 97.5 | 97.8 | 92.4 | 92.5 | 94.5 | 95.2 | 95.6 |
| Not at home (EWNH) | 3.2 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 4.7 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.3 |
| Postponed (EWP) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Refused (EWR) | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| Partly completed (EWPC) | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Incapacitated (EWI) | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Other (EWO) | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 4,686 | 10,031 | 1,288 | 859 | 1,996 | 2,312 | 732 | 868 | 2,135 | 789 | 912 | 1,978 | 848 | 14,717 |
| Eligible women response rate (EWRR) | 94.4 | 96.2 | 97.6 | 91.9 | 97.3 | 96.5 | 91.4 | 97.5 | 97.8 | 92.4 | 92.5 | 94.5 | 95.2 | 95.6 |
| Overall response rate (ORR) | 92.0 | 95.1 | 96.3 | 89.4 | 96.3 | 96.1 | 88.6 | 95.7 | 96.8 | 91.0 | 90.1 | 93.3 | 92.4 | 94.2 |

${ }^{1}$ Using the number of households falling into specific response categories, the household response rate (HRR) is calculated as:

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\frac{100^{*} \mathrm{C}}{\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{HP}+\mathrm{P}+\mathrm{R}+\mathrm{DNF}}
$$

${ }^{2}$ Using the number of eligible women falling into specific response categories, the eligible woman response rate (EWRR) is calculated as:
100 * EWC
$\mathrm{EWC}+\mathrm{EWNH}+\mathrm{EWP}+\mathrm{EWR}+\mathrm{EWPC}+\mathrm{EWI}+\mathrm{EWO}$
${ }^{3}$ The overall response rate (ORR) is calculated as:
$O R R=H R R * E W R R / 100$

| Percent distribution of households and eligible men by results of the household and individual interviews, and household, eligible men and overall response rates, according to urban-rural residence and region, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Resid | dence |  |  |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Result | Urban | Rural | Tigray | Affar | Amhara | Oromiya | Somali | Beni-shangulGumuz | SNNP | Gambela | Harari | Addis Ababa | Dire <br> Dawa | Total |
| Selected households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (C) | 91.7 | 94.1 | 94.9 | 87.6 | 95.0 | 95.4 | 89.0 | 90.3 | 95.4 | 89.2 | 93.5 | 94.8 | 94.1 | 93.4 |
| Household present but no competent respondent at home (HP) | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.8 |
| Postponed (P) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Refused (R) | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Dwelling not found (DNF) | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| Household absent (HA) | 2.1 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 4.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| Dwelling vacant/address not a dwelling (DV) | 3.1 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.9 |
| Dwelling destroy (DD) | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 3.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Other (O) | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of sampled households | 1,947 | 5,213 | 651 | 458 | 1,040 | 1,081 | 436 | 476 | 1,010 | 462 | 480 | 675 | 391 | 7,160 |
| Household response rate (HRR) | 97.6 | 98.9 | 98.3 | 97.1 | 98.9 | 99.5 | 97.5 | 98.2 | 99.3 | 98.1 | 98.0 | 98.6 | 97.9 | 98.6 |
| Eligible men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (EMC) | 83.6 | 91.2 | 90.9 | 81.1 | 93.5 | 92.5 | 83.6 | 94.8 | 92.1 | 85.2 | 84.9 | 83.7 | 84.0 | 89.0 |
| Not at home (EMNH) | 11.2 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 16.3 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 10.7 | 2.7 | 6.0 | 9.8 | 10.9 | 9.7 | 13.2 | 7.8 |
| Postponed (EMP) | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Refused (EMR) | 2.6 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Partly completed (EMPC) | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Incapacitated (EMI) | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Other (EMO) | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of men | 1,948 | 4,830 | 563 | 387 | 959 | 1,126 | 336 | 403 | 956 | 398 | 423 | 834 | 393 | 6,778 |
| Eligible men response rate (EMRR) | 83.6 | 91.2 | 90.9 | 81.1 | 93.5 | 92.5 | 83.6 | 94.8 | 92.1 | 85.2 | 84.9 | 83.7 | 84.0 | 89.0 |
| Overall response rate (ORR) | 81.6 | 90.2 | 89.4 | 78.8 | 92.5 | 92.0 | 81.5 | 93.1 | 91.4 | 83.6 | 83.2 | 82.5 | 82.2 | 87.7 |

${ }^{1}$ Using the number of households falling into specific response categories, the household response rate (HRR) is calculated as:

$$
\frac{100 * \mathrm{C}}{\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{HP}+\mathrm{P}+\mathrm{R}+\mathrm{DNF}}
$$

${ }^{2}$ Using the number of eligible men falling into specific response categories, the eligible man response rate (EWRR) is calculated as:

$$
100 \text { * EMC }
$$

$\mathrm{EMC}+\mathrm{EMNH}+\mathrm{EMP}+\mathrm{EMR}+\mathrm{EMPC}+\mathrm{EMI}+\mathrm{EMO}$
${ }^{3}$ The overall response rate (ORR) is calculated as:

$$
O R R=H R R * E M R R / 100
$$

Table A. 3 Coverage of HIV testing among eligible respondents by social and demographic characteristics: women

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by HIV testing status, according to social and demographic characteristics (unweighted), Ethiopia 2005

| Characteristic | Tested | Refused | Absent/ other/ missing | Total | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 84.9 | 13.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,834 |
| Ever had sexual intercourse | 85.3 | 13.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,651 |
| Never had sexual intercourse | 81.4 | 18.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 183 |
| Married / living together | 88.7 | 10.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 4,189 |
| Divorced or separated | 85.1 | 13.5 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 289 |
| Widowed | 84.6 | 14.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 500 |
| Type of union |  |  |  |  |  |
| In polygynous union | 91.5 | 7.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 531 |
| Not in polygynous union | 88.4 | 10.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| Not currently in union | 84.9 | 14.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2,623 |
| Ever had sexual intercourse |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 87.8 | 11.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5,150 |
| No | 85.3 | 13.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,662 |
| Currently pregnant |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 90.5 | 9.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 524 |
| Not pregnant/not sure | 87.0 | 12.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 6.288 |
| Total | 87.2 | 11.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 6,812 |

Note: Totals include a small number of cases missing data on a particular characteristic. Table is based only on respondents who were interviewed, since these characteristics are obtained from the individual interview.

Table A. 4 Coverage of HIV testing among eligible respondents by social and demographic characteristics: men

Percent distribution of men age 15-59 by testing status, according to social and demographic characteristics (unweighted), Ethiopia 2005

| Characteristic | Tested | Refused | Absent/ other/ missing | Total | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 82.7 | 16.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 2,460 |
| Ever had sexual intercourse | 84.6 | 14.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,838 |
| Never had sexual intercourse | 77.0 | 21.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 622 |
| Married/living together | 86.4 | 12.6 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 3,332 |
| Divorced or separated | 74.6 | 25.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 59 |
| Widowed | 83.5 | 15.4 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 182 |
| Type of union |  |  |  |  |  |
| In polygynous union | 86.9 | 12.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 222 |
| Not in polygynous union | 86.3 | 12.6 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 3,110 |
| Not currently in union | 82.6 | 16.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 2,701 |
| Ever had sexual intercourse |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 84.7 | 14.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 4,189 |
| No | 84.6 | 14.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,844 |
| Circumcision status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Circumcised | 84.2 | 14.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 5,575 |
| Not circumcised | 90.8 | 8.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 445 |


| Times slept away from home in <br> past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 0 | 84.8 | 14.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 4,107 |
| $1-2$ | 86.2 | 12.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,029 |
| $3-5$ | 81.2 | 18.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 490 |
| $6+$ | 84.1 | 14.4 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 396 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Time away in past 12 months | 81.4 | 17.2 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 431 |
| $\quad$ More than 1 month | 85.7 | 13.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,459 |
| Less than 1 month | 84.8 | 14.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 4,107 |
| Never away |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 75.5 | 17.1 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 6,778 |

[^28]| Percent distribution of women who ever had sexual intercourse by HIV test status, according to sexual behaviour characteristics (unweighted), Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sexual behaviour characteristic | Tested | Refused | Absent/ other/ missing | Total | Number |
| Age at first sexual intercourse |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 or less | 88.5 | 10.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 2,480 |
| 16-17 | 89.7 | 9.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,057 |
| 18-19 | 86.9 | 12.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 800 |
| 20+ | 84.3 | 14.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 804 |
| Non numeric | 88.9 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9 |
| Higher-risk intercourse in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had higher risk sex | 84.8 | 14.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 165 |
| Had sex, not higher risk | 89.2 | 10.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 4,034 |
| No sex in past 12 months | 82.5 | 16.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 951 |
| Number of actual partners in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 83.3 | 15.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 933 |
| 1 | 89.1 | 10.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 4,184 |
| $2+$ | 80.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 15 |
| Number of higher-risk partners in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 88.1 | 11.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 4,926 |
| 1 | 86.4 | 13.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 199 |
| $2+$ | 85.7 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 7 |
| Condom use |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever used condom | 78.9 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 152 |
| Never used condom | 88.1 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 4,998 |
| Condom used at first sexual intercourse ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used at first sex | 84.2 | 15.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 57 |
| Did not use at first sex | 87.7 | 11.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,239 |
| Missing | 81.6 | 15.8 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 76 |
| Condom use at last sexual intercourse in past 12 months ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom last sex | 80.8 | 19.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 73 |
| No condom at last sex | 89.2 | 10.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 4,124 |
| No sex past 12 months | 82.6 | 15.9 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 953 |
| Condom use at last higher-risk intercourse in past 12 months ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | 80.4 | 19.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 46 |
| Did not use condom | 86.6 | 12.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 119 |
| Number of lifetime partners |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 87.6 | 11.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 3,752 |
| 2 | 88.9 | 10.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,011 |
| 3-4 | 90.1 | 8.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 294 |
| 5-9 | 91.5 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 47 |
| 10+ | 77.8 | 22.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9 |
| HIV testing status ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Previously tested | 81.4 | 17.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 258 |
| Previously tested, received result of last test | 81.8 | 17.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 253 |
| Previously tested, did not receive result of last test | 60.0 | 40.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5 |
| Not tested previously | 89.3 | 10.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 4,084 |
| Total | 87.8 | 11.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5,150 |
| Note: Totals include a small number of cases missing data on a particular characteristic. Table is based only on respondents who were interviewed, since these characteristics are obtained from the individual interview. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Based on those age 15-24 only <br> ${ }^{2}$ Based on respondents who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months <br> ${ }^{3}$ Excludes women who have not heard of AIDS |  |  |  |  |  |
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Table A. 6 Coverage of HIV testing by sexual behaviour characteristics: men
Percent distribution of men who ever had sexual intercourse by HIV test status, according to sexual behaviour characteristics (unweighted), Ethiopia 2005

| Sexual behaviour characteristic | Tested | Refused | Absent/ other/ missing | Total | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age at first sexual intercourse |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 or less | 88.2 | 11.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 382 |
| 16-17 | 81.4 | 17.6 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 598 |
| 18-19 | 82.2 | 16.6 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 963 |
| 20+ | 86.1 | 12.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2,173 |
| Non numeric | 83.6 | 15.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 73 |
| Higher-risk intercourse in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had higher risk sex | 76.0 | 22.6 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 446 |
| Had sex, not higher risk | 86.7 | 12.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 3,237 |
| No sex in past 12 months | 79.6 | 19.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 506 |
| Number of partners in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 78.6 | 20.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,236 |
| 1 | 87.3 | 11.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 2,941 |
| $2+$ | 90.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 10 |
| Number of higher-risk partners in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 85.8 | 13.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 3,723 |
| 1 | 76.3 | 22.2 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 401 |
| $2+$ | 75.9 | 24.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 58 |
| Condom used at first sexual intercourse ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used at first sex | 76.7 | 21.8 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 133 |
| Did not use at first sex | 86.9 | 12.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 489 |
| Condom use at last sexual intercourse in past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom last sex | 70.2 | 28.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 282 |
| No condom at last sex | 86.7 | 12.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 3,402 |
| No sex past 12 months | 79.6 | 19.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 505 |
| Condom use at last higher-risk intercourse in past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | 69.8 | 28.9 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 242 |
| Did not use condom | 83.3 | 15.2 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 204 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | 82.6 | 17.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 46 |
| Did not use condom | 90.3 | 6.5 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 31 |
| No paid sex | 84.7 | 14.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 4,111 |
| Number of lifetime partners |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 85.0 | 13.9 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,728 |
| 2 | 85.6 | 13.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 890 |
| 3-4 | 84.6 | 14.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 830 |
| 5-9 | 84.0 | 14.0 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 406 |
| 10+ | 82.9 | 16.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 263 |
| HIV testing status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Previously tested | 79.2 | 19.5 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 370 |
| Previously tested, received result of last test | 77.9 | 20.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 349 |
| Previously tested, did not receive result of last test | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 21 |
| Not tested previously | 85.5 | 13.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 3,677 |
| Total | 84.7 | 14.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 4,189 |

Note: Totals include a small number of cases missing data on a particular characteristic. Table is based only on respondents who were interviewed, since these characteristics are obtained from the individual interview.
${ }^{1}$ Based on respondents who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months
${ }^{2}$ Based on those age 15-24 only

## ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates from a sample survey are affected by two types of errors: (1) nonsampling errors, and (2) sampling errors. Nonsampling errors are the results of 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 during the implementation of the 2005 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey (EDHS) to minimize this type of error, nonsampling errors are impossible to avoid and difficult to evaluate statistically.

Sampling errors, on the other hand, can be evaluated statistically. The sample of respondents selected in the 2005 EDHS 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 differ somewhat from the results of the actual sample selected. Sampling errors are 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.

A sampling error is usually measured in terms of the standard error for a particular statistic (mean, percentage, etc.), which is the square root of the variance. 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 respondents had been selected as a simple random sample, it would have been possible to use straightforward formulas for calculating sampling errors. However, the 2005 EDHS sample is the result of a multi-stage stratified design, and, consequently, it was necessary to use more complex formulae. The computer software used to calculate sampling errors for the 2005 EDHS is the ISSA Sampling Error Module. This module used the Taylor linearization method of variance estimation for survey estimates that are means or proportions. The Jackknife repeated replication method is used for variance estimation of more complex statistics such as fertility and mortality rates.

The Taylor linearization method 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:

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

in which

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

where $h$
represents the stratum which varies from 1 to $H$,
$m_{h} \quad$ is the total number of clusters selected in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum,
is the sum of the weighted values of variable $y$ in the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum, is the sum of the weighted number of cases in the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum, and
$f$ is the overall sampling fraction, which is so small that it is ignored.

The Jackknife repeated replication method derives estimates of complex rates from each of several replications of the parent sample, and calculates standard errors for these estimates using simple formulae. Each replication considers all but one clusters in the calculation of the estimates. Pseudo-independent replications are thus created. In the 2005 EDHS, there were 535 non-empty clusters. Hence, 535 replications were created. The variance of a rate $r$ is calculated as follows:

$$
S E^{2}(r)=\operatorname{var}(r)=\frac{1}{k(k-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{k}\left(r_{i}-r\right)^{2}
$$

in which

$$
r_{i}=k r-(k-1) r_{(i)}
$$

where $r$ is the estimate computed from the full sample of 535 clusters,
$r_{(i)} \quad$ is the estimate computed from the reduced sample of 534 clusters ( $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster excluded), and
$k \quad$ is the total number of clusters.

In addition to the standard error, ISSA computes the design effect (DEFT) for each estimate, which is defined as the ratio between the standard error using the given sample design and 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, while a value greater than 1.0 indicates the increase in the sampling error due to the use of a more complex and less statistically efficient design. ISSA also computes the relative error and confidence limits for the estimates.

Sampling errors for the 2005 EDHS are calculated for selected variables considered to be of primary interest for the woman's survey and the man's surveys, respectively. The results are presented in this appendix for the country as a whole, for urban and rural areas, and for each of the 9 regions (Tigray, Affar, Amhara, Oromiya, Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz, SNNP, Gambela and Harari) and the two city administration areas (Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa). For each variable, the type of statistic (mean, proportion, or rate) and the base population are given in Table B.1. Tables B. 2 to B. 14 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 (SE/R), and the 95 percent confidence limits ( $\mathrm{R} \pm 2 \mathrm{SE}$ ), for each variable. The DEFT is considered undefined when the standard error considering simple random sample is zero (when the estimate is close to 0 or 1 ). In the case of the total fertility rate, the number of unweighted cases is not relevant, as there is no known unweighted value for woman-years of exposure to childbearing.

The confidence interval (e.g., as calculated for children ever born to women aged 40-49) can be interpreted as follows: the overall average from the national sample is 6.931 and its standard error is 0.071 . Therefore, to obtain the 95 percent confidence limits, one adds and subtracts twice the standard error to the sample estimate, i.e., $6.931 \pm 2 \times 0.071$. There is a high probability ( 95 percent) that the true average number of children ever born to all women aged 40 to 49 is between 6.788 and 7.074.

Sampling errors are analyzed for the national woman sample and for two separate groups of estimates: (1) means and proportions, and (2) complex demographic rates. The relative standard errors (SE/R) for the means and proportions range between 0.6 percent and 36.9 percent with an average of 6.3 percent; the highest relative standard errors are for estimates of very low values (e.g., currently using
female sterilization). If estimates of very low values (less than 10 percent) were removed, then the average drops to 3.6 percent. So in general, the relative standard error for most estimates for the country as a whole is small, except for estimates of very small proportions. The relative standard error for the total fertility rate is small, 2.6 percent. However, for the mortality rates, the average relative standard error is much higher, 6.0 percent.

There are differentials in the relative standard error for the estimates of sub-populations. For example, for the variable want no more children, the relative standard errors as a percent of the estimated mean for the whole country, and for the urban areas are 1.9 percent and 5.3 percent, respectively.

For the total sample, the value of the design effect (DEFT), averaged over all variables, is 1.67 which means that, due to multi-stage clustering of the sample, the average standard error is increased by a factor of 1.67 over that in an equivalent simple random sample.

Table B. 1 List of selected variables for sampling errors, Ethiopia 2005

| Variable | Estimate | Base population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WOMEN |  |  |
| Urban residence | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Literate | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| No education | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Secondary education or higher | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | Ratio | Children 7-12 years |
| Never married | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Currently married/in union | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Married before age 20 | Proportion | Women age 20-49 |
| Currently pregnant | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Children ever born | Mean | All women 15-49 |
| Children surviving | Mean | All women 15-49 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | Mean | Women age 40-49 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using pill | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using IUD | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using female sterilization | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using rythm method | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Want no more children | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Ideal family size | Mean | All women 15-49 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | Rate | Births in last 5 years |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | Proportion | Women with at least 1 live birth in past 5 years |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | Proportion | Births in last 5 years |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | Proportion | Children under 5 years |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | Proportion | Children under 5 years with diarrhoea in past two weeks |
| Taken to a health provider | Proportion | Children with diarrhoea in past two weeks |
| Vaccination card seen | Proportion | Children age 12-23 months |
| Received BCG | Proportion | Children age 12-23 months |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | Proportion | Children age 12-23 months |
| Received polio (3 doses) | Proportion | Children age 12-23 months |
| Received measles | Proportion | Children age 12-23 months |
| Fully immunized | Proportion | Children age 12-23 months |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | Proportion | Children under 5 years who were measured |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | Proportion | Children under 5 years who were measured |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | Proportion | Children under 5 years who were measured |
| Anaemic (children) | Proportion | Children under 5 years |
| Anaemic (women) | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| $\mathrm{BMI}<18.5$ | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Knows about condoms | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Knows about limiting partners | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Had 2+ sex partners in past 12 months | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| High-risk sex | Proportion | All women 15-49 with sexual intercourse in past 12 months |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | Proportion | All women 15-49 with high-risk intercourse in past 12 months |
| Abstinence among youth | Proportion | Women 15-24 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | Proportion | Women 15-24 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | Proportion | Women 15-24 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | Proportion | All women 15-49 who have heard of HIV/AIDS |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | Proportion | All women 15-49 with blood sample tested at lab |
| Total Fetility Rate (3 years) | Rate | All women 15-49 |
| Neonatal NN rate (0-4 years) | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Postneonatal PNN rate (0-4 years) | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Infant ${ }_{1} \mathrm{q}_{0}$ rate (0-4 years) | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Infant ${ }_{1} 9_{0}$ rate ( $5-9$ years | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Infant ${ }_{1} q_{0}$ rate (10-14 years) | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Child ${ }_{4} \mathrm{q}_{1}$ rate ( $0-4$ years) | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Under five ${ }_{5} \mathrm{q}_{0}$ (0-4 years) | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Maternal mortality rate (0-6 years) | Rate | All women 15-49 |
| MEN |  |  |
| Urban residence | Proportion | All men 15-59 |
| Literate | Proportion | All men 15-59 |
| No education | Proportion | All men 15-59 |
| Secondary education or higher | Proportion | All men 15-59 |
| Never married | Proportion | All men 15-59 |
| Currently married (in union) | Proportion | All men 15-59 |
| Married before age 20 | Proportion | All men 20-54 |
| Want no more children | Proportion | Currently married men 15-59 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | Proportion | Currently married men 15-59 |
| Ideal family size | Mean | All men 15-59 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Had two+ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | Proportion | All men 15-49 with sexual intercourse in past 12 months |
| High-risk sex (15-59) | Proportion | All men 15-59 with sexual intercourse in past 12 months |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | Proportion | All men 15-49 with sexual intercourse in past 12 months |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-59) | Proportion | All men 15-59 with sexual intercourse in past 12 months |
| Abstinence among youth | Proportion | All men 15-24 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | Proportion | All men 15-24 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age15-49) | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-59) | Proportion | All men 15-59 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | Proportion | All men 15-49 who have heard of HIV/AIDS |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | Proportion | All men 15-49 with blood sample tested at lab |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-59 | Proportion | All men 15-59 with blood sample tested at lab |




| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Stand- <br> ard <br> error <br> (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $R+2 S E$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 9647 | 11571 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Literate | 0.196 | 0.009 | 9647 | 11571 | 2.199 | 0.045 | 0.178 | 0.213 |
| No education | 0.748 | 0.011 | 9647 | 11571 | 2.406 | 0.014 | 0.727 | 0.769 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.035 | 0.004 | 9647 | 11571 | 1.881 | 0.101 | 0.028 | 0.042 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.388 | 0.011 | 10419 | 12299 | 2.010 | 0.027 | 0.367 | 0.409 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.097 | 0.004 | 9647 | 11571 | 1.294 | 0.040 | 0.089 | 0.105 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 7.253 | 0.078 | 1649 | 1980 | 1.155 | 0.011 | 7.097 | 7.409 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.109 | 0.007 | 6936 | 8107 | 1.843 | 0.063 | 0.096 | 0.123 |
| Currently using pill | 0.022 | 0.003 | 6936 | 8107 | 1.747 | 0.140 | 0.016 | 0.028 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 6936 | 8107 | 1.281 | 0.999 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.000 | 0.000 | 6936 | 8107 | 1.201 | 0.873 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.002 | 0.001 | 6936 | 8107 | 1.292 | 0.362 | 0.001 | 0.003 |
| Want no more children | 0.414 | 0.009 | 6936 | 8107 | 1.452 | 0.021 | 0.397 | 0.431 |
| Ideal family size | 4.745 | 0.063 | 8540 | 10215 | 1.775 | 0.013 | 4.619 | 4.870 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 36.639 | 2.752 | 8587 | 10458 | 1.260 | 0.075 | 31.136 | 42.143 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.295 | 0.011 | 5535 | 6674 | 1.856 | 0.038 | 0.272 | 0.318 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.026 | 0.003 | 8503 | 10348 | 1.603 | 0.116 | 0.020 | 0.032 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.185 | 0.007 | 7727 | 9357 | 1.455 | 0.037 | 0.171 | 0.198 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.186 | 0.016 | 1390 | 1727 | 1.482 | 0.086 | 0.154 | 0.217 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.216 | 0.016 | 1390 | 1727 | 1.399 | 0.075 | 0.183 | 0.248 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.347 | 0.018 | 1448 | 1729 | 1.385 | 0.050 | 0.312 | 0.382 |
| Received BCG | 0.584 | 0.021 | 1448 | 1729 | 1.626 | 0.036 | 0.542 | 0.626 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.290 | 0.020 | 1448 | 1729 | 1.620 | 0.067 | 0.251 | 0.329 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.426 | 0.021 | 1448 | 1729 | 1.622 | 0.050 | 0.383 | 0.468 |
| Received measles | 0.322 | 0.018 | 1448 | 1729 | 1.432 | 0.055 | 0.287 | 0.358 |
| Fully immunized | 0.179 | 0.015 | 1448 | 1729 | 1.507 | 0.085 | 0.148 | 0.209 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.479 | 0.012 | 3525 | 4224 | 1.329 | 0.024 | 0.456 | 0.503 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.109 | 0.007 | 3525 | 4224 | 1.234 | 0.060 | 0.095 | 0.122 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.397 | 0.012 | 3525 | 4224 | 1.370 | 0.029 | 0.374 | 0.420 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.540 | 0.011 | 3154 | 3868 | 1.276 | 0.021 | 0.518 | 0.563 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.282 | 0.010 | 4327 | 5193 | 1.463 | 0.036 | 0.262 | 0.302 |
| BMI <18.5 | 0.283 | 0.010 | 4033 | 4789 | 1.384 | 0.035 | 0.263 | 0.302 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.880 | 0.007 | 9647 | 11571 | 2.065 | 0.008 | 0.866 | 0.893 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.333 | 0.011 | 9647 | 11571 | 2.193 | 0.032 | 0.312 | 0.354 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.583 | 0.011 | 9647 | 11571 | 2.160 | 0.019 | 0.561 | 0.605 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.002 | 0.001 | 3328 | 3862 | 1.204 | 0.447 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| High-risk sex | 0.014 | 0.003 | 3328 | 3862 | 1.313 | 0.194 | 0.008 | 0.019 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.030 | 0.026 | 56 | 53 | 1.132 | 0.872 | 0.000 | 0.082 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.979 | 0.004 | 1681 | 2228 | 1.183 | 0.004 | 0.971 | 0.987 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.008 | 0.002 | 1681 | 2228 | 1.153 | 0.318 | 0.003 | 0.013 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.246 | 0.009 | 9647 | 11571 | 2.044 | 0.036 | 0.228 | 0.264 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.006 | 0.001 | 4733 | 5579 | 1.203 | 0.222 | 0.003 | 0.009 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.043 | 0.004 | 8073 | 10180 | 1.682 | 0.088 | 0.035 | 0.050 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.006 | 0.002 | 4314 | 4756 | 1.278 | 0.241 | 0.003 | 0.010 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 6.024 | 0.140 | na | 32106 | 1.901 | 0.023 | 5.743 | 6.304 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 41.038 | 2.194 | 17417 | 21045 | 1.264 | 0.053 | 36.651 | 45.425 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 40.383 | 2.362 | 17434 | 21067 | 1.495 | 0.058 | 35.659 | 45.108 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 81.421 | 3.060 | 17439 | 21072 | 1.309 | 0.038 | 75.302 | 87.540 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 58.084 | 3.018 | 17618 | 21294 | 1.445 | 0.052 | 52.049 | 64.120 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 134.776 | 4.300 | 17645 | 21327 | 1.435 | 0.032 | 126.177 | 143.376 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 4405 | 5117 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Literate | 0.527 | 0.011 | 4405 | 5117 | 1.521 | 0.022 | 0.504 | 0.550 |
| No education | 0.492 | 0.011 | 4405 | 5117 | 1.495 | 0.023 | 0.469 | 0.514 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.104 | 0.006 | 4405 | 5117 | 1.292 | 0.057 | 0.092 | 0.116 |
| Want no more children | 0.329 | 0.013 | 2718 | 3080 | 1.474 | 0.040 | 0.302 | 0.355 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.429 | 0.013 | 2718 | 3080 | 1.371 | 0.030 | 0.403 | 0.455 |
| Ideal family size | 5.558 | 0.090 | 4059 | 4720 | 1.330 | 0.016 | 5.379 | 5.738 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.959 | 0.005 | 3961 | 4610 | 1.609 | 0.005 | 0.949 | 0.969 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.609 | 0.012 | 3961 | 4610 | 1.608 | 0.020 | 0.584 | 0.634 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.772 | 0.011 | 3961 | 4610 | 1.715 | 0.015 | 0.749 | 0.795 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.043 | 0.005 | 2448 | 2728 | 1.313 | 0.126 | 0.032 | 0.053 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.054 | 0.006 | 2448 | 2728 | 1.416 | 0.120 | 0.041 | 0.067 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.294 | 0.055 | 173 | 146 | 1.581 | 0.187 | 0.185 | 0.404 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.904 | 0.010 | 1360 | 1672 | 1.309 | 0.012 | 0.883 | 0.925 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.056 | 0.007 | 1360 | 1672 | 1.199 | 0.134 | 0.041 | 0.071 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.007 | 0.002 | 4405 | 5117 | 1.284 | 0.223 | 0.004 | 0.011 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.187 | 0.009 | 3961 | 4610 | 1.384 | 0.046 | 0.169 | 0.204 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | 0.012 | 0.002 | 3961 | 4610 | 1.388 | 0.197 | 0.008 | 0.017 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | ) 0.112 | 0.008 | 3743 | 4422 | 1.504 | 0.069 | 0.096 | 0.127 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.007 | 0.002 | 3551 | 4120 | 1.232 | 0.247 | 0.004 | 0.010 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.207 | 0.023 | 1257 | 919 | 1.973 | 0.109 | 0.162 | 0.253 |
| Literate | 0.337 | 0.023 | 1257 | 919 | 1.696 | 0.067 | 0.292 | 0.382 |
| No education | 0.635 | 0.023 | 1257 | 919 | 1.712 | 0.037 | 0.588 | 0.681 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.165 | 0.021 | 1257 | 919 | 2.030 | 0.129 | 0.122 | 0.207 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.506 | 0.029 | 1167 | 833 | 1.760 | 0.057 | 0.448 | 0.564 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.086 | 0.007 | 1257 | 919 | 0.915 | 0.084 | 0.072 | 0.101 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 6.768 | 0.191 | 225 | 156 | 1.142 | 0.028 | 6.385 | 7.150 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.165 | 0.015 | 798 | 570 | 1.176 | 0.094 | 0.134 | 0.196 |
| Currently using pill | 0.029 | 0.005 | 798 | 570 | 0.801 | 0.165 | 0.019 | 0.038 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 798 | 570 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.000 | 0.000 | 798 | 570 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.003 | 0.000 | 798 | 570 | 0.072 | 0.050 | 0.002 | 0.003 |
| Want no more children | 0.285 | 0.014 | 798 | 570 | 0.906 | 0.051 | 0.256 | 0.314 |
| Ideal family size | 4.700 | 0.107 | 1208 | 886 | 1.411 | 0.023 | 4.486 | 4.913 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 19.981 | 4.507 | 985 | 702 | 1.009 | 0.226 | 10.967 | 28.994 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.398 | 0.027 | 671 | 480 | 1.438 | 0.069 | 0.343 | 0.453 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.060 | 0.012 | 980 | 698 | 1.491 | 0.200 | 0.036 | 0.084 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.128 | 0.012 | 915 | 653 | 1.089 | 0.096 | 0.104 | 0.153 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.211 | 0.046 | 122 | 84 | 1.175 | 0.216 | 0.120 | 0.303 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.188 | 0.043 | 122 | 84 | 1.156 | 0.230 | 0.101 | 0.274 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.584 | 0.040 | 193 | 135 | 1.098 | 0.068 | 0.505 | 0.664 |
| Received BCG | 0.774 | 0.033 | 193 | 135 | 1.069 | 0.043 | 0.709 | 0.840 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.516 | 0.039 | 193 | 135 | 1.061 | 0.076 | 0.438 | 0.594 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.566 | 0.039 | 193 | 135 | 1.071 | 0.069 | 0.488 | 0.644 |
| Received measles | 0.633 | 0.032 | 193 | 135 | 0.896 | 0.050 | 0.570 | 0.697 |
| Fully immunized | 0.329 | 0.041 | 193 | 135 | 1.181 | 0.124 | 0.248 | 0.411 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.410 | 0.030 | 442 | 316 | 1.220 | 0.072 | 0.351 | 0.469 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.116 | 0.017 | 442 | 316 | 1.045 | 0.149 | 0.081 | 0.151 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.419 | 0.034 | 442 | 316 | 1.351 | 0.081 | 0.351 | 0.486 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.565 | 0.027 | 407 | 288 | 1.088 | 0.048 | 0.510 | 0.620 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.293 | 0.021 | 566 | 411 | 1.073 | 0.070 | 0.252 | 0.334 |
| BMI <18.5 | 0.375 | 0.021 | 524 | 390 | 0.987 | 0.055 | 0.334 | 0.417 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.970 | 0.008 | 1257 | 919 | 1.611 | 0.008 | 0.955 | 0.986 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.523 | 0.020 | 1257 | 919 | 1.442 | 0.039 | 0.482 | 0.564 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.721 | 0.028 | 1257 | 919 | 2.221 | 0.039 | 0.665 | 0.777 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.000 | 0.000 | 405 | 290 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High-risk sex | 0.052 | 0.013 | 405 | 290 | 1.163 | 0.248 | 0.026 | 0.077 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.000 | 0.000 | 21 | 15 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.955 | 0.015 | 261 | 200 | 1.186 | 0.016 | 0.925 | 0.986 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.013 | 0.008 | 261 | 200 | 1.134 | 0.606 | 0.000 | 0.029 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.165 | 0.012 | 1257 | 919 | 1.155 | 0.073 | 0.141 | 0.190 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.019 | 0.004 | 610 | 448 | 0.655 | 0.192 | 0.011 | 0.026 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.142 | 0.022 | 1219 | 892 | 2.182 | 0.153 | 0.099 | 0.186 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.026 | 0.013 | 564 | 387 | 2.005 | 0.522 | 0.000 | 0.052 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 5.125 | 0.303 | na | 2514 | 1.353 | 0.059 | 4.519 | 5.731 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 40.362 | 4.716 | 1953 | 1384 | 0.959 | 0.117 | 30.930 | 49.794 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 26.211 | 3.981 | 1955 | 1386 | 0.982 | 0.152 | 18.250 | 34.172 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 66.573 | 6.219 | 1955 | 1386 | 1.007 | 0.093 | 54.136 | 79.010 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 42.492 | 5.661 | 1970 | 1396 | 1.121 | 0.133 | 31.169 | 53.815 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 106.236 | 7.890 | 1972 | 1397 | 1.071 | 0.074 | 90.456 | 122.017 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.189 | 0.024 | 512 | 366 | 1.387 | 0.127 | 0.141 | 0.237 |
| Literate | 0.675 | 0.029 | 512 | 366 | 1.404 | 0.043 | 0.617 | 0.733 |
| No education | 0.469 | 0.036 | 512 | 366 | 1.611 | 0.076 | 0.398 | 0.540 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.231 | 0.024 | 512 | 366 | 1.282 | 0.104 | 0.183 | 0.279 |
| Want no more children | 0.280 | 0.029 | 297 | 206 | 1.115 | 0.104 | 0.222 | 0.338 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.490 | 0.023 | 297 | 206 | 0.787 | 0.047 | 0.445 | 0.536 |
| Ideal family size | 4.771 | 0.135 | 482 | 346 | 1.181 | 0.028 | 4.501 | 5.040 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.997 | 0.002 | 439 | 315 | 0.932 | 0.002 | 0.992 | 1.002 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.779 | 0.027 | 439 | 315 | 1.356 | 0.035 | 0.725 | 0.833 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.923 | 0.015 | 439 | 315 | 1.194 | 0.017 | 0.892 | 0.953 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.045 | 0.014 | 262 | 187 | 1.084 | 0.310 | 0.017 | 0.072 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.159 | 0.028 | 262 | 187 | 1.224 | 0.174 | 0.104 | 0.215 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.537 | 0.077 | 36 | 30 | 0.915 | 0.144 | 0.382 | 0.691 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.843 | 0.035 | 178 | 132 | 1.283 | 0.042 | 0.773 | 0.913 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.118 | 0.027 | 178 | 132 | 1.103 | 0.227 | 0.064 | 0.171 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.017 | 0.008 | 512 | 366 | 1.312 | 0.440 | 0.002 | 0.032 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.162 | 0.015 | 439 | 315 | 0.872 | 0.095 | 0.132 | 0.193 |
| HIV test and received results i past 12 months (15-49 | ) 0.025 | 0.007 | 439 | 315 | 0.911 | 0.270 | 0.012 | 0.039 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | 0.275 | 0.025 | 437 | 314 | 1.153 | 0.090 | 0.225 | 0.324 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.016 | 0.007 | 407 | 274 | 1.156 | 0.455 | 0.001 | 0.030 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table B. 6 Sampling errors for Affar Region, Ethiopia 2005

| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Stand- <br> ard <br> error <br> (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $R+2 S E$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.200 | 0.030 | 789 | 146 | 2.119 | 0.151 | 0.140 | 0.260 |
| Literate | 0.156 | 0.036 | 789 | 146 | 2.795 | 0.232 | 0.084 | 0.228 |
| No education | 0.848 | 0.037 | 789 | 146 | 2.898 | 0.044 | 0.774 | 0.922 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.068 | 0.027 | 789 | 146 | 2.958 | 0.389 | 0.015 | 0.122 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.153 | 0.023 | 958 | 159 | 1.619 | 0.149 | 0.108 | 0.199 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.089 | 0.016 | 789 | 146 | 1.545 | 0.176 | 0.058 | 0.120 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.783 | 0.232 | 149 | 27 | 0.970 | 0.040 | 5.319 | 6.247 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.066 | 0.017 | 616 | 109 | 1.694 | 0.257 | 0.032 | 0.100 |
| Currently using pill | 0.013 | 0.006 | 616 | 109 | 1.188 | 0.411 | 0.002 | 0.024 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 616 | 109 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.000 | 0.000 | 616 | 109 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.006 | 0.004 | 616 | 109 | 1.368 | 0.725 | 0.000 | 0.014 |
| Want no more children | 0.198 | 0.030 | 616 | 109 | 1.867 | 0.152 | 0.138 | 0.258 |
| Ideal family size | 7.828 | 0.416 | 729 | 137 | 2.339 | 0.053 | 6.996 | 8.660 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 16.007 | 5.968 | 577 | 108 | 1.155 | 0.373 | 4.072 | 27.943 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.109 | 0.027 | 377 | 68 | 1.637 | 0.244 | 0.056 | 0.162 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.045 | 0.017 | 574 | 107 | 1.687 | 0.369 | 0.012 | 0.078 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.137 | 0.023 | 521 | 96 | 1.357 | 0.168 | 0.091 | 0.183 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.088 | 0.061 | 65 | 13 | 1.805 | 0.697 | 0.000 | 0.211 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.092 | 0.043 | 65 | 13 | 1.222 | 0.460 | 0.007 | 0.177 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.040 | 0.020 | 107 | 18 | 1.024 | 0.508 | 0.000 | 0.081 |
| Received BCG | 0.276 | 0.048 | 107 | 18 | 1.056 | 0.174 | 0.180 | 0.372 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.028 | 0.013 | 107 | 18 | 0.767 | 0.456 | 0.002 | 0.054 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.199 | 0.043 | 107 | 18 | 1.053 | 0.214 | 0.114 | 0.284 |
| Received measles | 0.081 | 0.031 | 107 | 18 | 1.130 | 0.386 | 0.018 | 0.144 |
| Fully immunized | 0.006 | 0.006 | 107 | 18 | 0.788 | 1.015 | 0.000 | 0.019 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.408 | 0.046 | 251 | 46 | 1.518 | 0.112 | 0.317 | 0.499 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.099 | 0.025 | 251 | 46 | 1.282 | 0.254 | 0.049 | 0.149 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.341 | 0.061 | 251 | 46 | 1.994 | 0.180 | 0.218 | 0.463 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.585 | 0.035 | 176 | 32 | 1.045 | 0.061 | 0.514 | 0.656 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.404 | 0.038 | 283 | 55 | 1.324 | 0.093 | 0.329 | 0.480 |
| BMI <18.5 | 0.330 | 0.036 | 329 | 61 | 1.407 | 0.110 | 0.257 | 0.402 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.854 | 0.022 | 789 | 146 | 1.730 | 0.025 | 0.810 | 0.898 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.272 | 0.032 | 789 | 146 | 2.031 | 0.118 | 0.208 | 0.337 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.369 | 0.037 | 789 | 146 | 2.160 | 0.101 | 0.295 | 0.444 |
| Had 2+ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.007 | 0.007 | 304 | 55 | 1.407 | 0.981 | 0.000 | 0.020 |
| High-risk sex | 0.020 | 0.009 | 304 | 55 | 1.138 | 0.458 | 0.002 | 0.038 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.584 | 0.214 | 6 | 1 | 0.971 | 0.366 | 0.156 | 1.012 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.944 | 0.020 | 97 | 21 | 0.841 | 0.021 | 0.904 | 0.983 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.026 | 0.012 | 97 | 21 | 0.721 | 0.451 | 0.003 | 0.049 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.153 | 0.021 | 789 | 146 | 1.644 | 0.138 | 0.111 | 0.195 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.018 | 0.011 | 384 | 72 | 1.598 | 0.609 | 0.000 | 0.039 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.051 | 0.015 | 661 | 125 | 1.768 | 0.298 | 0.021 | 0.081 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.033 | 0.012 | 295 | 61 | 1.144 | 0.364 | 0.009 | 0.056 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 4.934 | 0.383 | na | 407 | 1.495 | 0.078 | 4.167 | 5.700 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 33.117 | 5.913 | 1343 | 243 | 1.017 | 0.179 | 21.291 | 44.943 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 28.016 | 6.016 | 1343 | 243 | 1.376 | 0.215 | 15.984 | 40.048 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 61.134 | 8.521 | 1343 | 243 | 1.151 | 0.139 | 44.091 | 78.176 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 65.843 | 13.403 | 1348 | 243 | 1.446 | 0.204 | 39.037 | 92.649 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 122.951 | 17.443 | 1348 | 243 | 1.485 | 0.142 | 88.066 | 157.837 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.197 | 0.042 | 314 | 65 | 1.855 | 0.212 | 0.113 | 0.280 |
| Literate | 0.270 | 0.054 | 314 | 65 | 2.160 | 0.200 | 0.162 | 0.379 |
| No education | 0.714 | 0.054 | 314 | 65 | 2.104 | 0.075 | 0.607 | 0.822 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.115 | 0.036 | 314 | 65 | 1.971 | 0.309 | 0.044 | 0.186 |
| Want no more children | 0.151 | 0.029 | 205 | 42 | 1.145 | 0.190 | 0.094 | 0.209 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.257 | 0.021 | 205 | 42 | 0.701 | 0.084 | 0.214 | 0.300 |
| Ideal family size | 11.282 | 0.894 | 296 | 62 | 1.973 | 0.079 | 9.494 | 13.070 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.964 | 0.014 | 281 | 59 | 1.286 | 0.015 | 0.935 | 0.992 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.606 | 0.036 | 281 | 59 | 1.243 | 0.060 | 0.534 | 0.679 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.735 | 0.060 | 281 | 59 | 2.259 | 0.081 | 0.616 | 0.854 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.071 | 0.018 | 216 | 45 | 1.008 | 0.248 | 0.036 | 0.107 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.159 | 0.027 | 216 | 45 | 1.074 | 0.168 | 0.106 | 0.213 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.387 | 0.097 | 31 | 7 | 1.095 | 0.251 | 0.193 | 0.582 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.653 | 0.083 | 67 | 15 | 1.409 | 0.127 | 0.487 | 0.818 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.301 | 0.083 | 67 | 15 | 1.461 | 0.274 | 0.136 | 0.466 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.021 | 0.011 | 314 | 65 | 1.376 | 0.528 | 0.000 | 0.044 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.147 | 0.032 | 281 | 59 | 1.491 | 0.215 | 0.084 | 0.210 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | ) 0.012 | 0.008 | 281 | 59 | 1.151 | 0.623 | 0.000 | 0.027 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | ) 0.150 | 0.032 | 268 | 57 | 1.452 | 0.211 | 0.087 | 0.214 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.024 | 0.005 | 212 | 46 | 0.503 | 0.221 | 0.013 | 0.035 |


| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Stand- <br> ard <br> error <br> (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | ( | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.112 | 0.009 | 1943 | 3482 | 1.260 | 0.080 | 0.094 | 0.130 |
| Literate | 0.251 | 0.015 | 1943 | 3482 | 1.570 | 0.062 | 0.220 | 0.282 |
| No education | 0.756 | 0.016 | 1943 | 3482 | 1.643 | 0.021 | 0.724 | 0.788 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.085 | 0.013 | 1943 | 3482 | 2.032 | 0.151 | 0.059 | 0.111 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.504 | 0.018 | 1817 | 3283 | 1.535 | 0.037 | 0.467 | 0.541 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.072 | 0.006 | 1943 | 3482 | 1.051 | 0.085 | 0.060 | 0.085 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 6.971 | 0.141 | 363 | 657 | 1.033 | 0.020 | 6.688 | 7.253 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.161 | 0.013 | 1295 | 2330 | 1.268 | 0.081 | 0.135 | 0.186 |
| Currently using pill | 0.036 | 0.007 | 1295 | 2330 | 1.361 | 0.196 | 0.022 | 0.050 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.002 | 0.001 | 1295 | 2330 | 1.085 | 0.705 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1295 | 2330 | 1.134 | 0.996 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.003 | 0.001 | 1295 | 2330 | 1.059 | 0.583 | 0.000 | 0.005 |
| Want no more children | 0.475 | 0.014 | 1295 | 2330 | 1.014 | 0.030 | 0.447 | 0.503 |
| Ideal family size | 4.123 | 0.088 | 1790 | 3206 | 1.389 | 0.021 | 3.946 | 4.299 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 55.744 | 6.458 | 1493 | 2685 | 1.005 | 0.116 | 42.829 | 68.660 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.298 | 0.023 | 1032 | 1856 | 1.625 | 0.078 | 0.252 | 0.344 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.037 | 0.007 | 1458 | 2621 | 1.285 | 0.188 | 0.023 | 0.052 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.146 | 0.008 | 1289 | 2312 | 0.787 | 0.053 | 0.130 | 0.161 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.199 | 0.031 | 191 | 337 | 1.070 | 0.156 | 0.137 | 0.261 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.271 | 0.044 | 191 | 337 | 1.352 | 0.162 | 0.184 | 0.359 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.333 | 0.030 | 267 | 482 | 1.045 | 0.091 | 0.272 | 0.393 |
| Received BCG | 0.623 | 0.041 | 267 | 482 | 1.369 | 0.065 | 0.541 | 0.704 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.315 | 0.036 | 267 | 482 | 1.269 | 0.115 | 0.243 | 0.388 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.456 | 0.038 | 267 | 482 | 1.257 | 0.084 | 0.379 | 0.533 |
| Received measles | 0.348 | 0.032 | 267 | 482 | 1.096 | 0.092 | 0.283 | 0.412 |
| Fully immunized | 0.171 | 0.025 | 267 | 482 | 1.094 | 0.147 | 0.120 | 0.221 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.566 | 0.024 | 538 | 973 | 1.103 | 0.042 | 0.519 | 0.614 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.142 | 0.017 | 538 | 973 | 1.124 | 0.123 | 0.107 | 0.177 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.489 | 0.023 | 538 | 973 | 1.032 | 0.047 | 0.442 | 0.535 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.520 | 0.025 | 472 | 858 | 1.076 | 0.048 | 0.471 | 0.570 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.310 | 0.023 | 827 | 1486 | 1.412 | 0.073 | 0.265 | 0.355 |
| BMI $<18.5$ | 0.270 | 0.018 | 821 | 1471 | 1.164 | 0.067 | 0.234 | 0.307 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.879 | 0.013 | 1943 | 3482 | 1.774 | 0.015 | 0.853 | 0.905 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.359 | 0.017 | 1943 | 3482 | 1.552 | 0.047 | 0.326 | 0.393 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.568 | 0.017 | 1943 | 3482 | 1.550 | 0.031 | 0.534 | 0.603 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.001 | 0.001 | 635 | 1140 | 0.944 | 0.999 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| High-risk sex | 0.029 | 0.008 | 635 | 1140 | 1.239 | 0.286 | 0.012 | 0.045 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.128 | 0.089 | 19 | 33 | 1.136 | 0.699 | 0.000 | 0.307 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.959 | 0.010 | 295 | 523 | 0.881 | 0.011 | 0.938 | 0.979 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.009 | 0.006 | 295 | 523 | 1.045 | 0.623 | 0.000 | 0.021 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.234 | 0.015 | 1943 | 3482 | 1.570 | 0.064 | 0.204 | 0.264 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.010 | 0.002 | 917 | 1640 | 0.716 | 0.232 | 0.005 | 0.015 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.086 | 0.011 | 1711 | 3061 | 1.609 | 0.126 | 0.065 | 0.108 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.018 | 0.005 | 822 | 1411 | 0.978 | 0.250 | 0.009 | 0.027 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 5.085 | 0.202 | na | 9828 | 1.242 | 0.040 | 4.680 | 5.490 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 50.103 | 4.308 | 2979 | 5376 | 0.948 | 0.086 | 41.487 | 58.720 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 44.311 | 4.648 | 2981 | 5379 | 1.203 | 0.105 | 35.014 | 53.607 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 94.414 | 6.195 | 2982 | 5381 | 1.035 | 0.066 | 82.024 | 106.805 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 66.162 | 5.726 | 3021 | 5454 | 1.052 | 0.087 | 54.711 | 77.613 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 154.330 | 8.877 | 3025 | 5461 | 1.173 | 0.058 | 136.576 | 172.084 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.085 | 0.007 | 897 | 1521 | 0.757 | 0.083 | 0.071 | 0.099 |
| Literate | 0.540 | 0.019 | 897 | 1521 | 1.154 | 0.036 | 0.502 | 0.579 |
| No education | 0.605 | 0.022 | 897 | 1521 | 1.359 | 0.037 | 0.560 | 0.649 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.126 | 0.016 | 897 | 1521 | 1.425 | 0.125 | 0.095 | 0.158 |
| Want no more children | 0.356 | 0.028 | 534 | 913 | 1.346 | 0.078 | 0.301 | 0.412 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.397 | 0.025 | 534 | 913 | 1.176 | 0.063 | 0.347 | 0.447 |
| Ideal family size | 4.898 | 0.121 | 868 | 1470 | 0.970 | 0.025 | 4.657 | 5.139 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.962 | 0.007 | 795 | 1347 | 1.100 | 0.008 | 0.947 | 0.977 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.749 | 0.025 | 795 | 1347 | 1.625 | 0.033 | 0.699 | 0.799 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.797 | 0.020 | 795 | 1347 | 1.368 | 0.024 | 0.758 | 0.836 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.020 | 0.007 | 456 | 775 | 1.105 | 0.363 | 0.005 | 0.034 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.035 | 0.007 | 456 | 775 | 0.870 | 0.214 | 0.020 | 0.050 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.563 | 0.123 | 17 | 27 | 0.992 | 0.218 | 0.317 | 0.809 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.932 | 0.012 | 296 | 497 | 0.821 | 0.013 | 0.908 | 0.956 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.034 | 0.009 | 296 | 497 | 0.822 | 0.254 | 0.017 | 0.052 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.006 | 0.003 | 897 | 1521 | 1.038 | 0.456 | 0.001 | 0.011 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.155 | 0.015 | 795 | 1347 | 1.177 | 0.098 | 0.125 | 0.185 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | 0.025 | 0.008 | 795 | 1347 | 1.395 | 0.312 | 0.009 | 0.040 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | 0.197 | 0.023 | 765 | 1295 | 1.601 | 0.117 | 0.151 | 0.243 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.016 | 0.005 | 720 | 1212 | 1.113 | 0.324 | 0.006 | 0.027 |


| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
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|  |  |  | Un- | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $R+2 S E$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.151 | 0.017 | 2230 | 5010 | 2.183 | 0.110 | 0.118 | 0.184 |
| Literate | 0.295 | 0.019 | 2230 | 5010 | 1.952 | 0.064 | 0.257 | 0.332 |
| No education | 0.644 | 0.022 | 2230 | 5010 | 2.130 | 0.034 | 0.601 | 0.687 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.100 | 0.012 | 2230 | 5010 | 1.853 | 0.118 | 0.076 | 0.124 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.427 | 0.020 | 2196 | 4940 | 1.691 | 0.046 | 0.388 | 0.466 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.090 | 0.007 | 2230 | 5010 | 1.087 | 0.073 | 0.077 | 0.103 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 7.053 | 0.123 | 367 | 816 | 0.762 | 0.017 | 6.808 | 7.299 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.136 | 0.012 | 1468 | 3300 | 1.311 | 0.086 | 0.113 | 0.160 |
| Currently using pill | 0.034 | 0.006 | 1468 | 3300 | 1.289 | 0.179 | 0.022 | 0.046 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.002 | 0.001 | 1468 | 3300 | 0.527 | 0.318 | 0.001 | 0.003 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.002 | 0.001 | 1468 | 3300 | 0.650 | 0.343 | 0.001 | 0.004 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.004 | 0.002 | 1468 | 3300 | 1.062 | 0.462 | 0.000 | 0.007 |
| Want no more children | 0.471 | 0.016 | 1468 | 3300 | 1.227 | 0.034 | 0.439 | 0.503 |
| Ideal family size | 4.210 | 0.100 | 1932 | 4338 | 1.460 | 0.024 | 4.010 | 4.410 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 34.162 | 5.092 | 1948 | 4433 | 1.118 | 0.149 | 23.978 | 44.346 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.311 | 0.019 | 1211 | 2723 | 1.441 | 0.062 | 0.273 | 0.350 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.048 | 0.007 | 1938 | 4411 | 1.226 | 0.140 | 0.035 | 0.062 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.177 | 0.012 | 1769 | 4017 | 1.317 | 0.070 | 0.152 | 0.201 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.226 | 0.032 | 317 | 709 | 1.308 | 0.139 | 0.163 | 0.289 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.235 | 0.030 | 317 | 709 | 1.184 | 0.128 | 0.175 | 0.295 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.388 | 0.032 | 304 | 691 | 1.161 | 0.084 | 0.323 | 0.453 |
| Received BCG | 0.578 | 0.041 | 304 | 691 | 1.448 | 0.071 | 0.497 | 0.660 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.285 | 0.037 | 304 | 691 | 1.443 | 0.131 | 0.211 | 0.360 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.411 | 0.041 | 304 | 691 | 1.458 | 0.100 | 0.329 | 0.493 |
| Received measles | 0.294 | 0.038 | 304 | 691 | 1.445 | 0.129 | 0.218 | 0.370 |
| Fully immunized | 0.202 | 0.033 | 304 | 691 | 1.433 | 0.163 | 0.136 | 0.268 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.410 | 0.021 | 831 | 1867 | 1.158 | 0.050 | 0.369 | 0.452 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.096 | 0.010 | 831 | 1867 | 1.040 | 0.110 | 0.075 | 0.117 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.344 | 0.021 | 831 | 1867 | 1.279 | 0.062 | 0.301 | 0.387 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.560 | 0.019 | 768 | 1717 | 1.059 | 0.035 | 0.521 | 0.599 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.249 | 0.015 | 971 | 2177 | 1.053 | 0.059 | 0.220 | 0.278 |
| $\mathrm{BMI}<18.5$ | 0.243 | 0.016 | 902 | 2036 | 1.114 | 0.065 | 0.211 | 0.275 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.947 | 0.007 | 2230 | 5010 | 1.435 | 0.007 | 0.933 | 0.960 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.410 | 0.018 | 2230 | 5010 | 1.746 | 0.044 | 0.374 | 0.446 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.683 | 0.015 | 2230 | 5010 | 1.559 | 0.022 | 0.653 | 0.714 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.002 | 0.002 | 694 | 1558 | 0.912 | 0.723 | 0.000 | 0.006 |
| High-risk sex | 0.028 | 0.007 | 694 | 1558 | 1.132 | 0.255 | 0.014 | 0.042 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.307 | 0.118 | 19 | 43 | 1.087 | 0.385 | 0.071 | 0.544 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.960 | 0.016 | 536 | 1210 | 1.923 | 0.017 | 0.927 | 0.993 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.021 | 0.007 | 536 | 1210 | 1.173 | 0.346 | 0.007 | 0.036 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.266 | 0.018 | 2230 | 5010 | 1.896 | 0.067 | 0.230 | 0.301 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.014 | 0.003 | 1052 | 2368 | 0.871 | 0.224 | 0.008 | 0.021 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.080 | 0.011 | 2114 | 4742 | 1.914 | 0.141 | 0.058 | 0.103 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.022 | 0.004 | 965 | 2000 | 0.881 | 0.188 | 0.014 | 0.031 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 6.175 | 0.316 | na | 13861 | 1.959 | 0.051 | 5.544 | 6.806 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 39.681 | 3.940 | 3865 | 8769 | 1.101 | 0.099 | 31.800 | 47.562 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 35.853 | 4.028 | 3871 | 8783 | 1.277 | 0.112 | 27.798 | 43.909 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 75.534 | 4.863 | 3872 | 8785 | 1.024 | 0.064 | 65.808 | 85.261 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 50.596 | 5.179 | 3908 | 8860 | 1.260 | 0.102 | 40.238 | 60.954 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 122.309 | 6.645 | 3916 | 8879 | 1.095 | 0.054 | 109.019 | 135.598 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.124 | 0.012 | 1041 | 2222 | 1.178 | 0.097 | 0.100 | 0.148 |
| Literate | 0.615 | 0.018 | 1041 | 2222 | 1.188 | 0.029 | 0.579 | 0.651 |
| No education | 0.367 | 0.016 | 1041 | 2222 | 1.054 | 0.043 | 0.336 | 0.399 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.203 | 0.012 | 1041 | 2222 | 0.989 | 0.061 | 0.178 | 0.227 |
| Want no more children | 0.397 | 0.025 | 572 | 1228 | 1.204 | 0.062 | 0.348 | 0.446 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.409 | 0.025 | 572 | 1228 | 1.228 | 0.062 | 0.358 | 0.459 |
| Ideal family size | 4.755 | 0.135 | 971 | 2057 | 1.365 | 0.028 | 4.485 | 5.025 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.984 | 0.005 | 953 | 2041 | 1.325 | 0.005 | 0.973 | 0.995 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.618 | 0.017 | 953 | 2041 | 1.082 | 0.028 | 0.584 | 0.652 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.815 | 0.017 | 953 | 2041 | 1.322 | 0.020 | 0.782 | 0.848 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.035 | 0.009 | 530 | 1147 | 1.159 | 0.263 | 0.017 | 0.054 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.088 | 0.013 | 530 | 1147 | 1.059 | 0.148 | 0.062 | 0.114 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.460 | 0.073 | 46 | 101 | 0.982 | 0.158 | 0.315 | 0.606 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.857 | 0.019 | 382 | 807 | 1.069 | 0.022 | 0.819 | 0.895 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.090 | 0.014 | 382 | 807 | 0.985 | 0.160 | 0.061 | 0.119 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.010 | 0.003 | 1041 | 2222 | 1.052 | 0.329 | 0.003 | 0.016 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.224 | 0.014 | 953 | 2041 | 1.068 | 0.064 | 0.195 | 0.253 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | 0.017 | 0.005 | 953 | 2041 | 1.167 | 0.290 | 0.007 | 0.026 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | 0.136 | 0.017 | 938 | 2009 | 1.483 | 0.122 | 0.103 | 0.170 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.004 | 0.002 | 878 | 1812 | 1.000 | 0.506 | 0.000 | 0.009 |


| Table B. 9 Sampling errors for Somali Region, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Stand- <br> ard <br> error <br> (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $R+2 S E$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.177 | 0.070 | 669 | 486 | 4.770 | 0.398 | 0.036 | 0.317 |
| Literate | 0.098 | 0.044 | 669 | 486 | 3.855 | 0.452 | 0.009 | 0.187 |
| No education | 0.906 | 0.044 | 669 | 486 | 3.900 | 0.049 | 0.817 | 0.994 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.052 | 0.031 | 669 | 486 | 3.601 | 0.598 | 0.000 | 0.113 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.138 | 0.034 | 988 | 647 | 2.322 | 0.245 | 0.070 | 0.206 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.100 | 0.015 | 669 | 486 | 1.333 | 0.155 | 0.069 | 0.130 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 6.690 | 0.196 | 113 | 73 | 0.769 | 0.029 | 6.299 | 7.082 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.031 | 0.028 | 508 | 363 | 3.634 | 0.897 | 0.000 | 0.088 |
| Currently using pill | 0.000 | 0.000 | 508 | 363 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 508 | 363 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.000 | 0.000 | 508 | 363 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.004 | 0.004 | 508 | 363 | 1.397 | 0.954 | 0.000 | 0.012 |
| Want no more children | 0.103 | 0.020 | 508 | 363 | 1.458 | 0.191 | 0.064 | 0.143 |
| Ideal family size | 9.743 | 0.633 | 547 | 400 | 2.806 | 0.065 | 8.478 | 11.009 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 29.815 | 7.857 | 666 | 480 | 0.996 | 0.264 | 14.101 | 45.530 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.094 | 0.032 | 398 | 288 | 2.195 | 0.342 | 0.030 | 0.159 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.052 | 0.031 | 663 | 477 | 2.977 | 0.601 | 0.000 | 0.115 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.122 | 0.015 | 604 | 432 | 1.097 | 0.124 | 0.092 | 0.152 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.158 | 0.053 | 68 | 53 | 1.153 | 0.338 | 0.051 | 0.264 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.085 | 0.041 | 68 | 53 | 1.099 | 0.481 | 0.003 | 0.166 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.081 | 0.049 | 101 | 78 | 1.705 | 0.605 | 0.000 | 0.178 |
| Received BCG | 0.171 | 0.055 | 101 | 78 | 1.453 | 0.321 | 0.061 | 0.280 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.056 | 0.039 | 101 | 78 | 1.759 | 0.699 | 0.000 | 0.134 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.102 | 0.040 | 101 | 78 | 1.377 | 0.393 | 0.022 | 0.183 |
| Received measles | 0.064 | 0.036 | 101 | 78 | 1.354 | 0.559 | 0.000 | 0.135 |
| Fully immunized | 0.028 | 0.019 | 101 | 78 | 1.226 | 0.699 | 0.000 | 0.067 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.452 | 0.036 | 255 | 177 | 1.144 | 0.081 | 0.379 | 0.525 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.237 | 0.020 | 255 | 177 | 0.721 | 0.084 | 0.197 | 0.277 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.509 | 0.038 | 255 | 177 | 1.177 | 0.074 | 0.434 | 0.585 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.856 | 0.032 | 176 | 124 | 1.242 | 0.037 | 0.792 | 0.920 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.398 | 0.042 | 257 | 181 | 1.362 | 0.106 | 0.314 | 0.483 |
| BMI <18.5 | 0.349 | 0.039 | 272 | 202 | 1.375 | 0.113 | 0.271 | 0.428 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.500 | 0.051 | 669 | 486 | 2.635 | 0.102 | 0.398 | 0.602 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.106 | 0.055 | 669 | 486 | 4.642 | 0.521 | 0.000 | 0.217 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.262 | 0.051 | 669 | 486 | 2.995 | 0.194 | 0.160 | 0.364 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.000 | 0.000 | 226 | 161 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| High-risk sex | 0.000 | 0.000 | 226 | 161 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Abstinence among youth | 1.000 | 0.000 | 102 | 77 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.000 | 0.000 | 102 | 77 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.057 | 0.010 | 669 | 486 | 1.140 | 0.179 | 0.037 | 0.078 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.013 | 0.012 | 333 | 243 | 1.903 | 0.924 | 0.000 | 0.036 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.086 | 0.047 | 340 | 243 | 3.091 | 0.546 | 0.000 | 0.181 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.013 | 0.009 | 258 | 189 | 1.281 | 0.697 | 0.000 | 0.031 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 5.959 | 0.517 | na | 1370 | 1.569 | 0.087 | 4.925 | 6.993 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 27.037 | 4.956 | 1438 | 1030 | 0.983 | 0.183 | 17.125 | 36.950 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 29.586 | 6.382 | 1439 | 1030 | 1.218 | 0.216 | 16.821 | 42.350 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 56.623 | 7.241 | 1440 | 1031 | 1.004 | 0.128 | 42.141 | 71.105 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 39.043 | 8.745 | 1452 | 1039 | 1.594 | 0.224 | 21.553 | 56.534 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 93.455 | 9.669 | 1455 | 1041 | 1.029 | 0.103 | 74.118 | 112.793 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.128 | 0.039 | 281 | 202 | 1.951 | 0.304 | 0.050 | 0.206 |
| Literate | 0.220 | 0.047 | 281 | 202 | 1.887 | 0.212 | 0.127 | 0.313 |
| No education | 0.819 | 0.028 | 281 | 202 | 1.223 | 0.034 | 0.762 | 0.875 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.079 | 0.026 | 281 | 202 | 1.588 | 0.324 | 0.028 | 0.130 |
| Want no more children | 0.040 | 0.012 | 184 | 137 | 0.833 | 0.300 | 0.016 | 0.065 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.216 | 0.030 | 184 | 137 | 0.985 | 0.139 | 0.156 | 0.276 |
| Ideal family size | 12.912 | 0.587 | 221 | 166 | 1.070 | 0.045 | 11.737 | 14.087 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.643 | 0.058 | 250 | 180 | 1.914 | 0.090 | 0.527 | 0.760 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.158 | 0.034 | 250 | 180 | 1.480 | 0.216 | 0.090 | 0.226 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.320 | 0.046 | 250 | 180 | 1.547 | 0.143 | 0.229 | 0.412 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.032 | 0.020 | 158 | 116 | 1.399 | 0.617 | 0.000 | 0.071 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.026 | 0.013 | 158 | 116 | 1.000 | 0.493 | 0.000 | 0.051 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.000 | 0.000 | 7 | 3 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.928 | 0.032 | 80 | 52 | 1.099 | 0.034 | 0.864 | 0.992 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.054 | 0.027 | 80 | 52 | 1.044 | 0.490 | 0.001 | 0.108 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.002 | 0.002 | 281 | 202 | 0.715 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.005 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.038 | 0.012 | 250 | 180 | 1.008 | 0.323 | 0.013 | 0.062 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | 0.000 | 0.000 | 250 | 180 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | 0.130 | 0.028 | 170 | 116 | 1.103 | 0.220 | 0.073 | 0.187 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 168 | 140 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | R+2SE |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.104 | 0.023 | 846 | 124 | 2.148 | 0.217 | 0.059 | 0.149 |
| Literate | 0.232 | 0.021 | 846 | 124 | 1.437 | 0.090 | 0.191 | 0.274 |
| No education | 0.732 | 0.024 | 846 | 124 | 1.562 | 0.033 | 0.684 | 0.780 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.064 | 0.011 | 846 | 124 | 1.327 | 0.174 | 0.042 | 0.087 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.484 | 0.049 | 818 | 125 | 2.546 | 0.101 | 0.386 | 0.582 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.102 | 0.009 | 846 | 124 | 0.904 | 0.092 | 0.083 | 0.121 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 6.736 | 0.247 | 132 | 21 | 1.104 | 0.037 | 6.242 | 7.230 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.111 | 0.017 | 632 | 92 | 1.352 | 0.152 | 0.077 | 0.145 |
| Currently using pill | 0.013 | 0.003 | 632 | 92 | 0.646 | 0.225 | 0.007 | 0.019 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 632 | 92 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.003 | 0.002 | 632 | 92 | 0.997 | 0.701 | 0.000 | 0.008 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.006 | 0.003 | 632 | 92 | 0.997 | 0.503 | 0.000 | 0.012 |
| Want no more children | 0.408 | 0.026 | 632 | 92 | 1.336 | 0.064 | 0.356 | 0.460 |
| Ideal family size | 4.990 | 0.293 | 803 | 119 | 2.463 | 0.059 | 4.403 | 5.576 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 41.647 | 7.187 | 710 | 107 | 0.905 | 0.173 | 27.273 | 56.020 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.205 | 0.025 | 460 | 69 | 1.364 | 0.124 | 0.154 | 0.256 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.051 | 0.007 | 698 | 105 | 0.842 | 0.146 | 0.036 | 0.065 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.213 | 0.024 | 634 | 95 | 1.423 | 0.111 | 0.166 | 0.261 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.249 | 0.042 | 130 | 20 | 1.112 | 0.168 | 0.165 | 0.333 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.296 | 0.052 | 130 | 20 | 1.227 | 0.177 | 0.191 | 0.401 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.287 | 0.070 | 114 | 16 | 1.613 | 0.243 | 0.147 | 0.427 |
| Received BCG | 0.535 | 0.073 | 114 | 16 | 1.512 | 0.136 | 0.390 | 0.680 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.307 | 0.067 | 114 | 16 | 1.491 | 0.218 | 0.173 | 0.440 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.367 | 0.060 | 114 | 16 | 1.293 | 0.164 | 0.247 | 0.488 |
| Received measles | 0.334 | 0.063 | 114 | 16 | 1.387 | 0.190 | 0.207 | 0.460 |
| Fully immunized | 0.185 | 0.044 | 114 | 16 | 1.150 | 0.237 | 0.097 | 0.273 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.397 | 0.036 | 312 | 46 | 1.249 | 0.091 | 0.325 | 0.469 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.160 | 0.029 | 312 | 46 | 1.419 | 0.184 | 0.101 | 0.219 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.446 | 0.039 | 312 | 46 | 1.288 | 0.087 | 0.369 | 0.523 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.543 | 0.048 | 268 | 39 | 1.549 | 0.088 | 0.447 | 0.639 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.313 | 0.037 | 398 | 59 | 1.588 | 0.117 | 0.240 | 0.387 |
| $\mathrm{BMI}<18.5$ | 0.329 | 0.027 | 361 | 53 | 1.100 | 0.083 | 0.274 | 0.383 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.677 | 0.040 | 846 | 124 | 2.514 | 0.060 | 0.596 | 0.758 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.290 | 0.031 | 846 | 124 | 1.991 | 0.107 | 0.228 | 0.352 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.433 | 0.040 | 846 | 124 | 2.340 | 0.092 | 0.353 | 0.513 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.007 | 0.004 | 324 | 47 | 0.782 | 0.503 | 0.000 | 0.015 |
| High-risk sex | 0.020 | 0.008 | 324 | 47 | 0.988 | 0.383 | 0.005 | 0.036 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.551 | 0.183 | 9 | 1 | 1.039 | 0.332 | 0.185 | 0.917 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.956 | 0.014 | 127 | 19 | 0.790 | 0.015 | 0.928 | 0.985 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.011 | 0.008 | 127 | 19 | 0.897 | 0.755 | 0.000 | 0.028 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.253 | 0.034 | 846 | 124 | 2.271 | 0.134 | 0.185 | 0.321 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.008 | 0.004 | 423 | 62 | 0.862 | 0.477 | 0.000 | 0.015 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.107 | 0.016 | 598 | 84 | 1.252 | 0.148 | 0.075 | 0.138 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.009 | 0.004 | 389 | 55 | 0.867 | 0.462 | 0.001 | 0.017 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 5.189 | 0.381 | na | 352 | 1.511 | 0.073 | 4.427 | 5.951 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 43.804 | 5.530 | 1403 | 210 | 0.931 | 0.126 | 32.744 | 54.863 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 40.387 | 9.721 | 1405 | 210 | 1.636 | 0.241 | 20.946 | 59.828 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 84.191 | 10.399 | 1405 | 210 | 1.253 | 0.124 | 63.393 | 104.988 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 79.603 | 11.381 | 1425 | 214 | 1.337 | 0.143 | 56.841 | 102.365 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 157.092 | 16.281 | 1427 | 214 | 1.439 | 0.104 | 124.529 | 189.655 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.073 | 0.019 | 382 | 54 | 1.392 | 0.255 | 0.036 | 0.110 |
| Literate | 0.474 | 0.041 | 382 | 54 | 1.608 | 0.087 | 0.392 | 0.556 |
| No education | 0.499 | 0.031 | 382 | 54 | 1.205 | 0.062 | 0.437 | 0.561 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.126 | 0.017 | 382 | 54 | 1.025 | 0.138 | 0.091 | 0.161 |
| Want no more children | 0.254 | 0.044 | 265 | 37 | 1.648 | 0.174 | 0.165 | 0.342 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.420 | 0.038 | 265 | 37 | 1.247 | 0.090 | 0.344 | 0.495 |
| Ideal family size | 6.671 | 0.459 | 369 | 51 | 1.687 | 0.069 | 5.753 | 7.589 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.946 | 0.023 | 348 | 50 | 1.894 | 0.024 | 0.900 | 0.992 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.582 | 0.040 | 348 | 50 | 1.502 | 0.068 | 0.503 | 0.662 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.721 | 0.051 | 348 | 50 | 2.121 | 0.071 | 0.619 | 0.824 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.127 | 0.042 | 240 | 34 | 1.935 | 0.328 | 0.044 | 0.211 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.050 | 0.014 | 240 | 34 | 1.029 | 0.290 | 0.021 | 0.079 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.600 | 0.207 | 11 | 2 | 1.339 | 0.345 | 0.186 | 1.015 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-59) | 0.600 | 0.207 | 11 | 2 | 1.339 | 0.345 | 0.186 | 1.015 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.913 | 0.028 | 94 | 14 | 0.960 | 0.031 | 0.857 | 0.969 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.073 | 0.027 | 94 | 14 | 0.989 | 0.366 | 0.020 | 0.126 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.018 | 0.010 | 382 | 54 | 1.418 | 0.537 | 0.000 | 0.037 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.285 | 0.054 | 348 | 50 | 2.223 | 0.189 | 0.178 | 0.393 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | 0.015 | 0.005 | 348 | 50 | 0.755 | 0.327 | 0.005 | 0.025 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | 0.146 | 0.025 | 329 | 47 | 1.287 | 0.172 | 0.095 | 0.196 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 304 | 45 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |

Table B. 11 Sampling errors for SNNP Region, Ethiopia 2005

| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.068 | 0.010 | 2087 | 2995 | 1.791 | 0.145 | 0.048 | 0.088 |
| Literate | 0.224 | 0.016 | 2087 | 2995 | 1.766 | 0.072 | 0.192 | 0.256 |
| No education | 0.657 | 0.019 | 2087 | 2995 | 1.865 | 0.030 | 0.618 | 0.695 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.067 | 0.007 | 2087 | 2995 | 1.344 | 0.110 | 0.052 | 0.082 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.345 | 0.020 | 2109 | 3129 | 1.770 | 0.059 | 0.304 | 0.386 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.102 | 0.008 | 2087 | 2995 | 1.170 | 0.076 | 0.087 | 0.118 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 7.511 | 0.180 | 309 | 450 | 1.198 | 0.024 | 7.150 | 7.872 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.119 | 0.015 | 1366 | 1988 | 1.682 | 0.124 | 0.089 | 0.148 |
| Currently using pill | 0.019 | 0.005 | 1366 | 1988 | 1.268 | 0.247 | 0.010 | 0.028 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1366 | 1988 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1366 | 1988 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.003 | 0.002 | 1366 | 1988 | 1.160 | 0.585 | 0.000 | 0.006 |
| Want no more children | 0.378 | 0.019 | 1366 | 1988 | 1.456 | 0.051 | 0.340 | 0.416 |
| Ideal family size | 4.687 | 0.138 | 1860 | 2655 | 2.051 | 0.030 | 4.410 | 4.964 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 29.644 | 4.083 | 1741 | 2517 | 1.005 | 0.138 | 21.477 | 37.810 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.369 | 0.021 | 1129 | 1632 | 1.446 | 0.056 | 0.327 | 0.410 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.042 | 0.006 | 1730 | 2500 | 1.197 | 0.153 | 0.029 | 0.054 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.251 | 0.015 | 1568 | 2273 | 1.217 | 0.058 | 0.222 | 0.280 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.159 | 0.021 | 396 | 571 | 1.039 | 0.134 | 0.116 | 0.201 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.186 | 0.019 | 396 | 571 | 0.898 | 0.105 | 0.147 | 0.225 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.355 | 0.033 | 277 | 408 | 1.161 | 0.094 | 0.288 | 0.421 |
| Received BCG | 0.642 | 0.034 | 277 | 408 | 1.175 | 0.053 | 0.575 | 0.710 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.332 | 0.034 | 277 | 408 | 1.214 | 0.104 | 0.263 | 0.401 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.502 | 0.034 | 277 | 408 | 1.136 | 0.068 | 0.434 | 0.570 |
| Received measles | 0.377 | 0.030 | 277 | 408 | 1.026 | 0.079 | 0.318 | 0.436 |
| Fully immunized | 0.203 | 0.024 | 277 | 408 | 0.993 | 0.118 | 0.155 | 0.250 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.516 | 0.021 | 729 | 1057 | 1.077 | 0.040 | 0.475 | 0.558 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.065 | 0.010 | 729 | 1057 | 1.084 | 0.156 | 0.045 | 0.086 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.347 | 0.017 | 729 | 1057 | 0.929 | 0.050 | 0.313 | 0.382 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.462 | 0.019 | 687 | 1004 | 0.955 | 0.040 | 0.424 | 0.499 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.235 | 0.018 | 1003 | 1437 | 1.371 | 0.078 | 0.198 | 0.271 |
| BMI <18.5 | 0.267 | 0.020 | 910 | 1295 | 1.375 | 0.076 | 0.227 | 0.308 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.873 | 0.016 | 2087 | 2995 | 2.161 | 0.018 | 0.841 | 0.904 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.359 | 0.021 | 2087 | 2995 | 2.046 | 0.060 | 0.316 | 0.402 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.579 | 0.027 | 2087 | 2995 | 2.515 | 0.047 | 0.525 | 0.633 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.004 | 0.003 | 647 | 942 | 0.999 | 0.611 | 0.000 | 0.009 |
| High-risk sex | 0.005 | 0.003 | 647 | 942 | 0.898 | 0.485 | 0.000 | 0.010 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.444 | 0.240 | 5 | 5 | 0.964 | 0.539 | 0.000 | 0.923 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.987 | 0.005 | 543 | 765 | 0.967 | 0.005 | 0.978 | 0.997 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.005 | 0.003 | 543 | 765 | 0.990 | 0.627 | 0.000 | 0.010 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.316 | 0.016 | 2087 | 2995 | 1.593 | 0.051 | 0.283 | 0.348 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.014 | 0.004 | 1049 | 1504 | 1.146 | 0.293 | 0.006 | 0.023 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.057 | 0.007 | 1842 | 2613 | 1.335 | 0.126 | 0.043 | 0.072 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 997 | 1290 | 0.721 | 0.716 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Total fertility rate ( 3 years) | 5.638 | 0.218 | na | 8308 | 1.428 | 0.039 | 5.202 | 6.074 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 36.448 | 4.033 | 3586 | 5219 | 1.064 | 0.111 | 28.382 | 44.514 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 48.702 | 4.583 | 3587 | 5221 | 1.157 | 0.094 | 39.536 | 57.868 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 85.150 | 6.517 | 3588 | 5222 | 1.220 | 0.077 | 72.115 | 98.185 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 62.515 | 5.812 | 3629 | 5279 | 1.165 | 0.093 | 50.892 | 74.139 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 142.343 | 8.821 | 3632 | 5284 | 1.256 | 0.062 | 124.700 | 159.985 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.064 | 0.010 | 880 | 1244 | 1.248 | 0.161 | 0.043 | 0.084 |
| Literate | 0.570 | 0.024 | 880 | 1244 | 1.460 | 0.043 | 0.521 | 0.619 |
| No education | 0.326 | 0.024 | 880 | 1244 | 1.536 | 0.074 | 0.278 | 0.375 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.153 | 0.013 | 880 | 1244 | 1.062 | 0.084 | 0.127 | 0.178 |
| Want no more children | 0.295 | 0.021 | 514 | 730 | 1.052 | 0.072 | 0.252 | 0.337 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.495 | 0.023 | 514 | 730 | 1.027 | 0.046 | 0.449 | 0.540 |
| Ideal family size | 5.737 | 0.175 | 787 | 1116 | 1.067 | 0.031 | 5.386 | 6.087 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.972 | 0.010 | 811 | 1143 | 1.766 | 0.011 | 0.952 | 0.992 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.572 | 0.027 | 811 | 1143 | 1.581 | 0.048 | 0.517 | 0.627 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.771 | 0.027 | 811 | 1143 | 1.796 | 0.034 | 0.718 | 0.824 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.065 | 0.011 | 464 | 657 | 1.002 | 0.176 | 0.042 | 0.088 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.046 | 0.012 | 464 | 657 | 1.226 | 0.258 | 0.022 | 0.070 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.365 | 0.137 | 21 | 31 | 1.269 | 0.375 | 0.091 | 0.638 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.924 | 0.014 | 300 | 425 | 0.889 | 0.015 | 0.897 | 0.951 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.036 | 0.009 | 300 | 425 | 0.850 | 0.254 | 0.018 | 0.054 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.002 | 0.001 | 880 | 1244 | 0.951 | 0.720 | 0.000 | 0.005 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.177 | 0.018 | 811 | 1143 | 1.336 | 0.101 | 0.141 | 0.213 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | 0.013 | 0.004 | 811 | 1143 | 0.990 | 0.305 | 0.005 | 0.021 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | ) 0.083 | 0.013 | 789 | 1111 | 1.273 | 0.150 | 0.058 | 0.108 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.004 | 0.002 | 758 | 1010 | 1.023 | 0.582 | 0.000 | 0.009 |

na $=$ Not applicable

| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | ( | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.149 | 0.024 | 729 | 44 | 1.797 | 0.159 | 0.102 | 0.197 |
| Literate | 0.228 | 0.027 | 729 | 44 | 1.748 | 0.119 | 0.174 | 0.283 |
| No education | 0.595 | 0.036 | 729 | 44 | 1.960 | 0.060 | 0.524 | 0.667 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.084 | 0.017 | 729 | 44 | 1.623 | 0.199 | 0.051 | 0.117 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.422 | 0.037 | 646 | 37 | 1.653 | 0.088 | 0.348 | 0.497 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.083 | 0.014 | 729 | 44 | 1.328 | 0.164 | 0.056 | 0.110 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.304 | 0.188 | 97 | 6 | 0.648 | 0.036 | 4.927 | 5.681 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.159 | 0.026 | 511 | 31 | 1.577 | 0.160 | 0.108 | 0.211 |
| Currently using pill | 0.025 | 0.011 | 511 | 31 | 1.569 | 0.436 | 0.003 | 0.046 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 511 | 31 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.000 | 0.000 | 511 | 31 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.001 | 0.001 | 511 | 31 | 0.735 | 1.019 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Want no more children | 0.435 | 0.036 | 511 | 31 | 1.641 | 0.083 | 0.363 | 0.507 |
| Ideal family size | 4.667 | 0.176 | 662 | 40 | 1.592 | 0.038 | 4.314 | 5.020 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 23.939 | 7.986 | 517 | 31 | 1.183 | 0.334 | 7.967 | 39.911 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.242 | 0.033 | 385 | 23 | 1.497 | 0.136 | 0.176 | 0.307 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.153 | 0.025 | 515 | 31 | 1.426 | 0.166 | 0.102 | 0.203 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.151 | 0.012 | 480 | 29 | 0.670 | 0.077 | 0.127 | 0.174 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.276 | 0.071 | 74 | 4 | 1.312 | 0.259 | 0.133 | 0.418 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.402 | 0.059 | 74 | 4 | 0.932 | 0.147 | 0.284 | 0.521 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.225 | 0.052 | 85 | 5 | 1.099 | 0.233 | 0.120 | 0.330 |
| Received BCG | 0.493 | 0.071 | 85 | 5 | 1.288 | 0.145 | 0.350 | 0.636 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.203 | 0.051 | 85 | 5 | 1.113 | 0.254 | 0.100 | 0.306 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.414 | 0.055 | 85 | 5 | 1.012 | 0.134 | 0.303 | 0.525 |
| Received measles | 0.307 | 0.083 | 85 | 5 | 1.598 | 0.270 | 0.142 | 0.473 |
| Fully immunized | 0.159 | 0.039 | 85 | 5 | 0.911 | 0.246 | 0.081 | 0.237 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.293 | 0.054 | 189 | 11 | 1.487 | 0.183 | 0.186 | 0.400 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.068 | 0.015 | 189 | 11 | 0.808 | 0.218 | 0.038 | 0.098 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.267 | 0.033 | 189 | 11 | 0.988 | 0.123 | 0.202 | 0.333 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.618 | 0.048 | 176 | 10 | 1.282 | 0.078 | 0.522 | 0.715 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.420 | 0.042 | 339 | 21 | 1.608 | 0.101 | 0.335 | 0.505 |
| BMI $<18.5$ | 0.385 | 0.035 | 327 | 20 | 1.303 | 0.091 | 0.315 | 0.455 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.629 | 0.060 | 729 | 44 | 3.337 | 0.095 | 0.509 | 0.748 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.253 | 0.029 | 729 | 44 | 1.827 | 0.116 | 0.194 | 0.312 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.340 | 0.036 | 729 | 44 | 2.076 | 0.107 | 0.267 | 0.413 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.006 | 0.006 | 222 | 14 | 1.145 | 0.988 | 0.000 | 0.018 |
| High-risk sex | 0.050 | 0.019 | 222 | 14 | 1.322 | 0.388 | 0.011 | 0.089 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.000 | 0.000 | 11 | 1 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.845 | 0.040 | 109 | 7 | 1.147 | 0.047 | 0.765 | 0.925 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.073 | 0.040 | 109 | 7 | 1.581 | 0.541 | 0.000 | 0.153 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.252 | 0.026 | 729 | 44 | 1.600 | 0.102 | 0.201 | 0.304 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.006 | 0.004 | 381 | 23 | 0.903 | 0.577 | 0.000 | 0.014 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.151 | 0.021 | 472 | 28 | 1.272 | 0.139 | 0.109 | 0.192 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.055 | 0.022 | 342 | 19 | 1.750 | 0.392 | 0.012 | 0.098 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 3.999 | 0.468 | na | 126 | 1.130 | 0.117 | 3.064 | 4.934 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 41.603 | 13.631 | 1072 | 65 | 2.090 | 0.328 | 14.341 | 68.866 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 50.616 | 8.138 | 1074 | 65 | 1.007 | 0.161 | 34.341 | 66.891 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 92.219 | 16.259 | 1074 | 65 | 1.612 | 0.176 | 59.700 | 124.738 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 69.784 | 17.930 | 1086 | 66 | 1.817 | 0.257 | 33.924 | 105.644 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 155.567 | 29.589 | 1088 | 66 | 2.308 | 0.190 | 96.389 | 214.746 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.135 | 0.027 | 339 | 21 | 1.429 | 0.197 | 0.082 | 0.188 |
| Literate | 0.575 | 0.045 | 339 | 21 | 1.674 | 0.078 | 0.485 | 0.665 |
| No education | 0.275 | 0.045 | 339 | 21 | 1.843 | 0.163 | 0.186 | 0.365 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.317 | 0.051 | 339 | 21 | 2.025 | 0.162 | 0.215 | 0.420 |
| Want no more children | 0.242 | 0.044 | 186 | 12 | 1.409 | 0.183 | 0.153 | 0.331 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.471 | 0.059 | 186 | 12 | 1.618 | 0.126 | 0.353 | 0.590 |
| Ideal family size | 5.999 | 0.620 | 330 | 20 | 2.140 | 0.103 | 4.759 | 7.239 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.877 | 0.032 | 317 | 19 | 1.728 | 0.036 | 0.813 | 0.941 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.542 | 0.049 | 317 | 19 | 1.760 | 0.091 | 0.443 | 0.640 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.609 | 0.052 | 317 | 19 | 1.900 | 0.086 | 0.504 | 0.713 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.124 | 0.021 | 201 | 12 | 0.890 | 0.167 | 0.082 | 0.165 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.282 | 0.033 | 201 | 12 | 1.029 | 0.116 | 0.216 | 0.347 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.453 | 0.063 | 60 | 4 | 0.966 | 0.138 | 0.327 | 0.578 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.499 | 0.060 | 113 | 6 | 1.260 | 0.119 | 0.380 | 0.618 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.371 | 0.060 | 113 | 6 | 1.313 | 0.161 | 0.251 | 0.491 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.044 | 0.012 | 339 | 21 | 1.046 | 0.265 | 0.021 | 0.067 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.250 | 0.034 | 317 | 19 | 1.375 | 0.134 | 0.183 | 0.318 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | ) 0.006 | 0.005 | 317 | 19 | 1.096 | 0.783 | 0.000 | 0.016 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | ) 0.325 | 0.050 | 284 | 17 | 1.790 | 0.153 | 0.226 | 0.425 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.067 | 0.016 | 277 | 16 | 1.070 | 0.241 | 0.035 | 0.099 |



| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
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|  |  |  | Un- | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.990 | 0.002 | 1869 | 756 | 1.016 | 0.002 | 0.985 | 0.994 |
| Literate | 0.799 | 0.012 | 1869 | 756 | 1.335 | 0.016 | 0.774 | 0.824 |
| No education | 0.176 | 0.012 | 1869 | 756 | 1.382 | 0.069 | 0.152 | 0.200 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.581 | 0.015 | 1869 | 756 | 1.296 | 0.025 | 0.552 | 0.611 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.806 | 0.020 | 663 | 264 | 1.263 | 0.025 | 0.766 | 0.847 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.015 | 0.003 | 1869 | 756 | 1.013 | 0.191 | 0.009 | 0.020 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 4.365 | 0.284 | 265 | 107 | 1.689 | 0.065 | 3.797 | 4.933 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.569 | 0.022 | 544 | 224 | 1.021 | 0.038 | 0.525 | 0.612 |
| Currently using pill | 0.106 | 0.016 | 544 | 224 | 1.194 | 0.149 | 0.074 | 0.138 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.039 | 0.010 | 544 | 224 | 1.183 | 0.253 | 0.019 | 0.058 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.018 | 0.007 | 544 | 224 | 1.262 | 0.402 | 0.004 | 0.032 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.092 | 0.011 | 544 | 224 | 0.892 | 0.120 | 0.070 | 0.115 |
| Want no more children | 0.477 | 0.021 | 544 | 224 | 0.980 | 0.044 | 0.435 | 0.519 |
| Ideal family size | 3.275 | 0.064 | 1795 | 727 | 1.372 | 0.020 | 3.147 | 3.402 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 48.451 | 12.107 | 389 | 158 | 1.139 | 0.250 | 24.238 | 72.665 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.677 | 0.031 | 315 | 129 | 1.166 | 0.045 | 0.616 | 0.738 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.788 | 0.045 | 380 | 153 | 1.923 | 0.058 | 0.697 | 0.878 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.129 | 0.021 | 360 | 146 | 1.202 | 0.166 | 0.086 | 0.172 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.453 | 0.077 | 46 | 19 | 1.034 | 0.169 | 0.300 | 0.607 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.446 | 0.063 | 46 | 19 | 0.855 | 0.142 | 0.320 | 0.573 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.683 | 0.051 | 78 | 32 | 0.980 | 0.075 | 0.580 | 0.785 |
| Received BCG | 0.935 | 0.041 | 78 | 32 | 1.476 | 0.044 | 0.853 | 1.017 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.838 | 0.052 | 78 | 32 | 1.241 | 0.062 | 0.735 | 0.941 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.855 | 0.048 | 78 | 32 | 1.213 | 0.056 | 0.758 | 0.951 |
| Received measles | 0.788 | 0.056 | 78 | 32 | 1.208 | 0.071 | 0.676 | 0.899 |
| Fully immunized | 0.699 | 0.058 | 78 | 32 | 1.130 | 0.084 | 0.582 | 0.816 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.184 | 0.040 | 170 | 67 | 1.239 | 0.215 | 0.105 | 0.263 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.017 | 0.010 | 170 | 67 | 1.033 | 0.599 | 0.000 | 0.038 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.110 | 0.032 | 170 | 67 | 1.274 | 0.287 | 0.047 | 0.173 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.375 | 0.056 | 119 | 45 | 1.170 | 0.148 | 0.264 | 0.487 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.146 | 0.016 | 676 | 271 | 1.191 | 0.111 | 0.114 | 0.179 |
| $\mathrm{BMI}<18.5$ | 0.154 | 0.012 | 803 | 325 | 0.937 | 0.078 | 0.130 | 0.178 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.992 | 0.004 | 1869 | 756 | 1.765 | 0.004 | 0.985 | 0.999 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.785 | 0.012 | 1869 | 756 | 1.280 | 0.016 | 0.760 | 0.809 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.874 | 0.011 | 1869 | 756 | 1.392 | 0.012 | 0.853 | 0.895 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.003 | 0.003 | 289 | 117 | 0.991 | 1.005 | 0.000 | 0.010 |
| High-risk sex | 0.157 | 0.031 | 289 | 117 | 1.444 | 0.197 | 0.095 | 0.219 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.349 | 0.061 | 46 | 18 | 0.861 | 0.175 | 0.227 | 0.472 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.870 | 0.017 | 780 | 314 | 1.397 | 0.019 | 0.836 | 0.903 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.030 | 0.008 | 780 | 314 | 1.301 | 0.266 | 0.014 | 0.046 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.319 | 0.013 | 1869 | 756 | 1.212 | 0.041 | 0.293 | 0.345 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.109 | 0.010 | 840 | 339 | 0.967 | 0.095 | 0.088 | 0.130 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.469 | 0.017 | 1846 | 750 | 1.468 | 0.036 | 0.435 | 0.503 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.061 | 0.011 | 673 | 280 | 1.193 | 0.181 | 0.039 | 0.083 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 1.377 | 0.130 | na | 2110 | 1.283 | 0.094 | 1.117 | 1.636 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 22.923 | 6.091 | 813 | 336 | 1.135 | 0.266 | 10.742 | 35.105 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 21.927 | 6.648 | 813 | 336 | 1.144 | 0.303 | 8.630 | 35.223 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 44.850 | 10.162 | 813 | 336 | 1.290 | 0.227 | 24.525 | 65.175 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 27.939 | 9.366 | 823 | 341 | 1.418 | 0.335 | 9.208 | 46.670 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 71.536 | 16.039 | 823 | 341 | 1.531 | 0.224 | 39.459 | 103.613 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.987 | 0.007 | 698 | 292 | 1.576 | 0.007 | 0.973 | 1.000 |
| Literate | 0.936 | 0.012 | 698 | 292 | 1.288 | 0.013 | 0.912 | 0.960 |
| No education | 0.072 | 0.011 | 698 | 292 | 1.084 | 0.148 | 0.051 | 0.093 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.732 | 0.024 | 698 | 292 | 1.440 | 0.033 | 0.684 | 0.780 |
| Want no more children | 0.533 | 0.046 | 228 | 97 | 1.396 | 0.087 | 0.440 | 0.625 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.216 | 0.028 | 228 | 97 | 1.015 | 0.128 | 0.161 | 0.272 |
| Ideal family size | 3.263 | 0.120 | 677 | 283 | 0.982 | 0.037 | 3.024 | 3.502 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.994 | 0.004 | 635 | 266 | 1.279 | 0.004 | 0.986 | 1.002 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.778 | 0.025 | 635 | 266 | 1.501 | 0.032 | 0.728 | 0.827 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.831 | 0.019 | 635 | 266 | 1.298 | 0.023 | 0.793 | 0.870 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.061 | 0.014 | 289 | 123 | 1.002 | 0.231 | 0.033 | 0.090 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.444 | 0.030 | 289 | 123 | 1.024 | 0.068 | 0.384 | 0.504 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.709 | 0.042 | 131 | 55 | 1.048 | 0.059 | 0.625 | 0.792 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.673 | 0.024 | 276 | 116 | 0.845 | 0.036 | 0.625 | 0.721 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.183 | 0.021 | 276 | 116 | 0.900 | 0.115 | 0.141 | 0.225 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.015 | 0.004 | 698 | 292 | 0.954 | 0.297 | 0.006 | 0.023 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.265 | 0.018 | 635 | 266 | 1.029 | 0.068 | 0.229 | 0.301 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | 0.110 | 0.016 | 635 | 266 | 1.295 | 0.146 | 0.078 | 0.142 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | 0.440 | 0.029 | 629 | 265 | 1.478 | 0.067 | 0.381 | 0.498 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.030 | 0.008 | 472 | 214 | 1.014 | 0.265 | 0.014 | 0.046 |


| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.713 | 0.018 | 807 | 69 | 1.133 | 0.025 | 0.677 | 0.750 |
| Literate | 0.530 | 0.045 | 807 | 69 | 2.548 | 0.084 | 0.441 | 0.620 |
| No education | 0.467 | 0.043 | 807 | 69 | 2.471 | 0.093 | 0.381 | 0.554 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.337 | 0.040 | 807 | 69 | 2.394 | 0.118 | 0.258 | 0.417 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.548 | 0.043 | 535 | 46 | 1.771 | 0.079 | 0.461 | 0.634 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.039 | 0.007 | 807 | 69 | 1.045 | 0.184 | 0.024 | 0.053 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.627 | 0.227 | 132 | 12 | 0.816 | 0.040 | 5.173 | 6.081 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.340 | 0.039 | 420 | 37 | 1.671 | 0.114 | 0.262 | 0.417 |
| Currently using pill | 0.067 | 0.013 | 420 | 37 | 1.093 | 0.199 | 0.041 | 0.094 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.006 | 0.004 | 420 | 37 | 0.967 | 0.591 | 0.000 | 0.014 |
| Currently using female sterilization | 0.003 | 0.003 | 420 | 37 | 1.034 | 0.994 | 0.000 | 0.008 |
| Currently using rhythm method | 0.022 | 0.007 | 420 | 37 | 0.920 | 0.297 | 0.009 | 0.036 |
| Want no more children | 0.360 | 0.037 | 420 | 37 | 1.557 | 0.101 | 0.287 | 0.433 |
| Ideal family size | 5.272 | 0.276 | 744 | 63 | 2.080 | 0.052 | 4.720 | 5.824 |
| Perinatal mortality (0-6 years) | 24.023 | 11.010 | 413 | 38 | 1.394 | 0.458 | 2.003 | 46.042 |
| Mothers received tetanus injection for last birth | 0.517 | 0.035 | 274 | 25 | 1.197 | 0.068 | 0.446 | 0.587 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.267 | 0.036 | 411 | 37 | 1.366 | 0.134 | 0.195 | 0.338 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.116 | 0.015 | 380 | 34 | 0.960 | 0.130 | 0.086 | 0.146 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.313 | 0.069 | 45 | 4 | 0.986 | 0.222 | 0.174 | 0.452 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.257 | 0.042 | 45 | 4 | 0.653 | 0.163 | 0.173 | 0.341 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.548 | 0.069 | 78 | 7 | 1.246 | 0.125 | 0.411 | 0.685 |
| Received BCG | 0.754 | 0.051 | 78 | 7 | 1.049 | 0.067 | 0.653 | 0.856 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.614 | 0.065 | 78 | 7 | 1.205 | 0.106 | 0.484 | 0.745 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.651 | 0.053 | 78 | 7 | 0.990 | 0.081 | 0.546 | 0.756 |
| Received measles | 0.557 | 0.049 | 78 | 7 | 0.889 | 0.088 | 0.459 | 0.655 |
| Fully immunized | 0.434 | 0.057 | 78 | 7 | 1.043 | 0.131 | 0.320 | 0.548 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.308 | 0.027 | 182 | 16 | 0.775 | 0.089 | 0.254 | 0.363 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.114 | 0.021 | 182 | 16 | 0.939 | 0.188 | 0.071 | 0.157 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.296 | 0.039 | 182 | 16 | 1.148 | 0.131 | 0.218 | 0.373 |
| Anaemic (children) | 0.607 | 0.051 | 156 | 14 | 1.286 | 0.083 | 0.506 | 0.708 |
| Anaemic (women) | 0.258 | 0.031 | 298 | 26 | 1.236 | 0.121 | 0.195 | 0.321 |
| $\mathrm{BMI}<18.5$ | 0.242 | 0.018 | 363 | 31 | 0.790 | 0.074 | 0.207 | 0.278 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.969 | 0.009 | 807 | 69 | 1.504 | 0.010 | 0.950 | 0.987 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.567 | 0.028 | 807 | 69 | 1.625 | 0.050 | 0.510 | 0.624 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.693 | 0.034 | 807 | 69 | 2.112 | 0.050 | 0.624 | 0.761 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months | 0.015 | 0.011 | 202 | 18 | 1.311 | 0.742 | 0.000 | 0.038 |
| High-risk sex | 0.092 | 0.023 | 202 | 18 | 1.106 | 0.245 | 0.047 | 0.137 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex | 0.437 | 0.134 | 20 | 2 | 1.174 | 0.306 | 0.170 | 0.704 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.891 | 0.020 | 221 | 19 | 0.961 | 0.023 | 0.851 | 0.931 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.029 | 0.010 | 221 | 19 | 0.902 | 0.352 | 0.009 | 0.049 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months | 0.249 | 0.017 | 807 | 69 | 1.130 | 0.069 | 0.215 | 0.284 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.052 | 0.011 | 388 | 33 | 0.948 | 0.207 | 0.030 | 0.073 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.371 | 0.028 | 784 | 67 | 1.624 | 0.076 | 0.315 | 0.427 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.044 | 0.015 | 292 | 28 | 1.250 | 0.343 | 0.014 | 0.073 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | 3.623 | 0.534 | na | 192 | 2.073 | 0.147 | 2.556 | 4.691 |
| Neonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 29.139 | 6.908 | 827 | 74 | 1.166 | 0.237 | 15.322 | 42.956 |
| Postneonatal mortality (0-9 years) | 42.050 | 10.827 | 827 | 74 | 1.506 | 0.257 | 20.397 | 63.704 |
| Infant mortality (0-9 years) | 71.189 | 15.811 | 828 | 75 | 1.627 | 0.222 | 39.567 | 102.811 |
| Child mortality (0-9 years) | 70.188 | 14.943 | 839 | 76 | 1.464 | 0.213 | 40.301 | 100.074 |
| Under-five mortality (0-9 years) | 136.380 | 19.671 | 841 | 76 | 1.528 | 0.144 | 97.038 | 175.722 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.672 | 0.025 | 330 | 30 | 0.964 | 0.037 | 0.622 | 0.721 |
| Literate | 0.766 | 0.034 | 330 | 30 | 1.476 | 0.045 | 0.697 | 0.835 |
| No education | 0.228 | 0.033 | 330 | 30 | 1.424 | 0.145 | 0.162 | 0.294 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.525 | 0.033 | 330 | 30 | 1.215 | 0.064 | 0.458 | 0.592 |
| Want no more children | 0.370 | 0.053 | 154 | 14 | 1.348 | 0.142 | 0.265 | 0.475 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.452 | 0.038 | 154 | 14 | 0.944 | 0.084 | 0.376 | 0.528 |
| Ideal family size | 3.986 | 0.278 | 315 | 28 | 1.657 | 0.070 | 3.429 | 4.542 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS (15-49) | 0.978 | 0.010 | 306 | 27 | 1.232 | 0.011 | 0.957 | 0.999 |
| Knows about condoms (15-49) | 0.709 | 0.031 | 306 | 27 | 1.198 | 0.044 | 0.647 | 0.772 |
| Knows about limiting partners (15-49) | 0.856 | 0.032 | 306 | 27 | 1.587 | 0.037 | 0.792 | 0.920 |
| Had $2+$ sex partners in past 12 months (15-49) | 0.076 | 0.020 | 167 | 15 | 0.959 | 0.260 | 0.036 | 0.115 |
| High-risk sex (15-49) | 0.223 | 0.042 | 167 | 15 | 1.305 | 0.189 | 0.138 | 0.307 |
| Condom use at high-risk sex (age 15-49) | 0.709 | 0.091 | 37 | 3 | 1.208 | 0.129 | 0.526 | 0.892 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.758 | 0.047 | 128 | 11 | 1.243 | 0.062 | 0.663 | 0.852 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months among youth | 0.166 | 0.049 | 128 | 11 | 1.495 | 0.297 | 0.067 | 0.265 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 0.014 | 0.006 | 330 | 30 | 0.973 | 0.455 | 0.001 | 0.026 |
| Had an injection in past 12 months (age 15-49) | 0.176 | 0.019 | 306 | 27 | 0.858 | 0.106 | 0.139 | 0.214 |
| HIV test and received results past 12 months (15-49) | 0.073 | 0.015 | 306 | 27 | 1.042 | 0.213 | 0.042 | 0.104 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people with HIV (15-49) | 0.433 | 0.028 | 300 | 27 | 0.976 | 0.065 | 0.377 | 0.489 |
| HIV prevalence among tested for HIV 15-49 | 0.019 | 0.010 | 173 | 22 | 1.012 | 0.559 | 0.000 | 0.040 |


| Table C. 1 Household age distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Single-year age distribution of the de facto household population by sex (weighted), Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | Female |  | Male |  | Age | Female |  | Male |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 0 | 1,090 | 3.2 | 1,194 | 3.5 | 36 | 226 | 0.7 | 220 | 0.7 |
| 1 | 956 | 2.8 | 999 | 3.0 | 37 | 229 | 0.7 | 198 | 0.6 |
| 2 | 942 | 2.8 | 1,027 | 3.1 | 38 | 354 | 1.0 | 301 | 0.9 |
| 3 | 1,124 | 3.3 | 1,119 | 3.3 | 39 | 145 | 0.4 | 118 | 0.4 |
| 4 | 1,153 | 3.4 | 1,086 | 3.2 | 40 | 569 | 1.7 | 624 | 1.9 |
| 5 | 933 | 2.8 | 922 | 2.7 | 41 | 141 | 0.4 | 99 | 0.3 |
| 6 | 1,230 | 3.6 | 1,288 | 3.8 | 42 | 208 | 0.6 | 208 | 0.6 |
| 7 | 1,271 | 3.7 | 1,336 | 4.0 | 43 | 140 | 0.4 | 119 | 0.4 |
| 8 | 1,232 | 3.6 | 1,261 | 3.7 | 44 | 132 | 0.4 | 128 | 0.4 |
| 9 | 972 | 2.9 | 980 | 2.9 | 45 | 448 | 1.3 | 500 | 1.5 |
| 10 | 1,193 | 3.5 | 1,343 | 4.0 | 46 | 186 | 0.5 | 137 | 0.4 |
| 11 | 789 | 2.3 | 816 | 2.4 | 47 | 139 | 0.4 | 142 | 0.4 |
| 12 | 1,163 | 3.4 | 1,131 | 3.4 | 48 | 243 | 0.7 | 180 | 0.5 |
| 13 | 1,009 | 3.0 | 982 | 2.9 | 49 | 140 | 0.4 | 82 | 0.2 |
| 14 | 708 | 2.1 | 975 | 2.9 | 50 | 252 | 0.7 | 425 | 1.3 |
| 15 | 781 | 2.3 | 827 | 2.5 | 51 | 157 | 0.5 | 99 | 0.3 |
| 16 | 690 | 2.0 | 752 | 2.2 | 52 | 238 | 0.7 | 144 | 0.4 |
| 17 | 585 | 1.7 | 602 | 1.8 | 53 | 170 | 0.5 | 98 | 0.3 |
| 18 | 892 | 2.6 | 890 | 2.6 | 54 | 157 | 0.5 | 72 | 0.2 |
| 19 | 461 | 1.4 | 441 | 1.3 | 55 | 409 | 1.2 | 258 | 0.8 |
| 20 | 1,070 | 3.2 | 911 | 2.7 | 56 | 167 | 0.5 | 105 | 0.3 |
| 21 | 309 | 0.9 | 397 | 1.2 | 57 | 96 | 0.3 | 67 | 0.2 |
| 22 | 500 | 1.5 | 543 | 1.6 | 58 | 143 | 0.4 | 93 | 0.3 |
| 23 | 416 | 1.2 | 358 | 1.1 | 59 | 44 | 0.1 | 44 | 0.1 |
| 24 | 357 | 1.1 | 318 | 0.9 | 60 | 432 | 1.3 | 373 | 1.1 |
| 25 | 947 | 2.8 | 722 | 2.1 | 61 | 52 | 0.2 | 64 | 0.2 |
| 26 | 393 | 1.2 | 320 | 1.0 | 62 | 94 | 0.3 | 117 | 0.3 |
| 27 | 422 | 1.2 | 329 | 1.0 | 63 | 82 | 0.2 | 119 | 0.4 |
| 28 | 605 | 1.8 | 476 | 1.4 | 64 | 75 | 0.2 | 108 | 0.3 |
| 29 | 242 | 0.7 | 171 | 0.5 | 65 | 154 | 0.5 | 236 | 0.7 |
| 30 | 847 | 2.5 | 871 | 2.6 | 66 | 49 | 0.1 | 47 | 0.1 |
| 31 | 223 | 0.7 | 193 | 0.6 | 67 | 61 | 0.2 | 93 | 0.3 |
| 32 | 304 | 0.9 | 321 | 1.0 | 68 | 62 | 0.2 | 105 | 0.3 |
| 33 | 222 | 0.7 | 215 | 0.6 | 69 | 40 | 0.1 | 51 | 0.2 |
| 34 | 229 | 0.7 | 189 | 0.6 | 70+ | 710 | 2.1 | 874 | 2.6 |
| 35 | 688 | 2.0 | 690 | 2.1 | Don't know/ missing | 8 | 0.0 | 11 | 0.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | 33,900 | 100.0 | 33,656 | 100.0 |

Table C.2.1 Age distribution of eligible and interviewed women
De facto household population of women age 10-54, interviewed women age 15-49, and percentage of eligible women interviewed (weighted), by five-year age groups, Ethiopia 2005

|  | Household <br> popoulation <br> of women <br> age 10-54 | Interviewed women <br> age 15-49 | Percentage <br> of eligible <br> women |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group | Number | Percent | interviewed |  |
| $10-14$ | 4,861 | na | na | na |
| $15-19$ | 3,409 | 3,247 | 23.2 | 95.2 |
| $20-24$ | 2,652 | 2,535 | 18.1 | 95.6 |
| $25-29$ | 2,609 | 2,530 | 18.1 | 97.0 |
| $30-34$ | 1,825 | 1,787 | 12.8 | 97.9 |
| $25-39$ | 1,642 | 1,602 | 11.4 | 97.6 |
| $40-44$ | 1,190 | 1,160 | 8.3 | 97.5 |
| $45-49$ | 1,156 | 1,134 | 8.1 | 98.1 |
| $50-54$ | 975 | na | na | na |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $15-49$ | 14,484 | 13,996 | 100.0 | 96.6 |

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Weights for both household population of women and interviewed women are household weights. Age is based on the household schedule.
na $=$ Not applicable

## Table C.2.2 Age distribution of eligible and interviewed men

De facto household population of men age 10-64, interviewed men age 15-59, and percentage of eligible men interviewed (weighted), Ethiopia 2005

|  | Household <br> popoulation <br> of men <br> age 10-64 | Interviewed men <br> age 15-59 |  | Percentage <br> of eligible |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |
| $10-14$ | 2,614 | namber | Percent | nervewed <br> interview |
| $15-19$ | 1,551 | 1,384 | 22.2 | 89.3 |
| $20-24$ | 1,184 | 1,081 | 17.3 | 91.3 |
| $25-29$ | 885 | 779 | 12.5 | 88.0 |
| $30-34$ | 836 | 783 | 12.5 | 93.7 |
| $25-39$ | 717 | 675 | 10.8 | 94.1 |
| $40-44$ | 532 | 504 | 8.1 | 94.6 |
| $45-49$ | 480 | 438 | 7.0 | 91.3 |
| $50-54$ | 368 | 345 | 5.5 | 93.6 |
| $55-59$ | 260 | 254 | 4.1 | 97.8 |
| $60-64$ | 363 | na | na | na |
| $15-49$ |  |  |  |  |

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Weights for both household population of men and interviewed men are household weights. Age is based on the household schedule.
na $=$ Not applicable

| Table C. 3 Completeness of reporting |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of cases for which information on age-specific demographic and health characteristics is missing (weighted), Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |
| Characteristic | Reference group | Percentage with missing information | Number of cases |
| Birth date | Births in the 15 years preceding the survey |  |  |
| Month only |  | 1.19 | 31,814 |
| Month and year |  | 0.05 | 31,814 |
| Age at death | Deceased children born in the 15 years preceding the survey | 0.29 | 4,371 |
| Age/date at first union ${ }^{1}$ | Ever-married women age 15-49 and ever-married men age 15-59 | 0.16 | 10.554 |
| Respondent's education | All women age 15-49 and all men age 15-59 | 0.00 | 14,070 |
| Diarrhoea in past 2 weeks | Living children age 0-59 months | 0.70 | 10,109 |
| Anthropometry <br> Height | Living children age 0-59 months (from household questionnaire) | 5.28 | 5,280 |
| Weight |  | 3.92 | 5,280 |
| Height or weight |  | 5.28 | 5,280 |
| Anaemia |  |  |  |
| Children | Living children age 6-59 months (from household questionnaire) | 11.79 | 4,691 |
| Women | All women (from household questionnaire) | 11.94 | 6,963 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Both year and age missing |  |  |  |

Table C. 4 Births by calendar years
Number of births, percentage with complete birth date, sex ratio at birth, and calendar year ratio, by calendar year and status of child at birth (living (L), dead (D), and total (T)) (weighted), Ethiopia 2005

| Calendar year | Number of births |  |  | Percentage with complete birth date ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Sex ratio at birth ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Calendar year ratio ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | L | D | T | L | D | T | L | D | T | L | D | T |
| 2005 | 1,168 | 70 | 1,239 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 113.2 | 210.9 | 117.1 | na | na | na |
| 2004 | 2,167 | 195 | 2,362 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 104.4 | 127.7 | 106.2 | na | na | na |
| 2003 | 1,779 | 203 | 1,982 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 101.3 | 137.9 | 104.5 | 86.2 | 105.5 | 87.8 |
| 2002 | 1,963 | 189 | 2,152 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 109.6 | 133.5 | 111.5 | 101.3 | 84.7 | 99.5 |
| 2001 | 2,097 | 245 | 2,342 | 99.9 | 98.8 | 99.8 | 93.2 | 136.7 | 97.0 | 110.8 | 109.7 | 110.7 |
| 2000 | 1,822 | 257 | 2,078 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 101.7 | 68.7 | 96.9 | 88.4 | 89.8 | 88.6 |
| 1999 | 2,024 | 327 | 2,351 | 98.9 | 96.2 | 98.5 | 102.5 | 126.0 | 105.5 | 100.7 | 103.4 | 101.1 |
| 1998 | 2,199 | 375 | 2,574 | 99.0 | 97.3 | 98.7 | 104.1 | 138.6 | 108.5 | 107.8 | 104.5 | 107.3 |
| 1997 | 2,054 | 392 | 2,446 | 97.8 | 95.9 | 97.5 | 112.0 | 98.6 | 109.8 | 102.2 | 105.8 | 102.7 |
| 1996 | 1,822 | 365 | 2,187 | 98.4 | 95.9 | 98.0 | 92.6 | 126.9 | 97.6 | 92.5 | 98.0 | 93.4 |
| 2001-2005 | 9,175 | 903 | 10,077 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 103.2 | 138.7 | 106.0 | na | na | na |
| 1996-2000 | 9,920 | 1,715 | 11,636 | 98.8 | 96.9 | 98.5 | 102.7 | 111.2 | 103.9 | na | na | na |
| 1991-1995 | 7,755 | 1,607 | 9,362 | 98.2 | 96.3 | 97.9 | 105.3 | 116.1 | 107.1 | na | na | na |
| 1986-1990 | 4,721 | 1,510 | 6,231 | 98.2 | 96.0 | 97.7 | 103.9 | 146.7 | 112.8 | na | na | na |
| <1986 | 4,818 | 2,065 | 6,884 | 97.6 | 96.3 | 97.2 | 108.7 | 125.1 | 113.4 | na | na | na |
| All | 36,390 | 7,800 | 44,190 | 98.7 | 96.8 | 98.4 | 104.3 | 125.2 | 107.7 | na | na | na |

na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Both year and month of birth given
${ }^{2}\left(B_{m} / B_{f} * 100\right.$, where $B_{m}$ and $B_{f}$ are the numbers of male and female births, respectively
${ }^{3}\left[2 B_{x} /\left(B_{x-1}+B_{x+1}\right)\right] * 100$, where $B_{x}$ is the number births in calendar year $x$

| Table C. 5 Reporting of age at death in days |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Distribution of reported deaths under one 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 (weighted), Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age at death | Number of years preceding the survey |  |  |  | Total 0-19 |
| (days) | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 |  |
| <1 | 84 | 82 | 59 | 52 | 277 |
| 1 | 118 | 161 | 119 | 98 | 496 |
| 2 | 44 | 27 | 35 | 35 | 142 |
| 3 | 36 | 42 | 42 | 38 | 159 |
| 4 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 32 |
| 5 | 16 | 11 | 18 | 7 | 52 |
| 6 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 11 |
| 7 | 32 | 47 | 29 | 38 | 146 |
| 8 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 10 | 43 |
| 9 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 18 |
| 10 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 32 |
| 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 12 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 24 |
| 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 14 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 27 |
| 15 | 24 | 34 | 28 | 21 | 107 |
| 18 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 19 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 20 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 25 |
| 21 | 15 | 14 | 20 | 4 | 53 |
| 22 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 24 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 25 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 27 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| 28 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| $31+$ | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Total 0-30 | 437 | 484 | 411 | 356 | 1,687 |
| Percent early neonatal ${ }^{1}$ | 69.3 | 70.1 | 68.5 | 68.9 | 69.3 |
| ${ }^{1} \leq 6$ days/ $\leq 30$ days |  |  |  |  |  |

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

Distribution of reported deaths under two years of age by age at death in months and the percentage of infant deaths reported at age under one month, for five-year periods preceding the survey, Ethiopia 2005

| Age at death <br> (months) | Number of years preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $0-4$ | $5-9$ | $10-14$ | $15-19$ | Total 0-19 |
| 1 | 437 | 484 | 412 | 356 | 1,688 |
| 2 | 89 | 96 | 85 | 59 | 329 |
| 3 | 63 | 62 | 65 | 51 | 241 |
| 4 | 48 | 52 | 67 | 50 | 217 |
| 5 | 34 | 33 | 22 | 26 | 116 |
| 6 | 26 | 37 | 21 | 15 | 100 |
| 7 | 53 | 64 | 59 | 44 | 220 |
| 8 | 23 | 34 | 35 | 30 | 123 |
| 9 | 27 | 35 | 21 | 36 | 119 |
| 10 | 10 | 30 | 23 | 21 | 83 |
| 11 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 52 |
| 12 | 4 | 14 | 17 | 14 | 49 |
| 13 | 25 | 86 | 78 | 43 | 233 |
| 14 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 18 |
| 15 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 17 |
| 16 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| 17 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 11 |
| 18 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| 19 | 8 | 16 | 18 | 7 | 49 |
| 20 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| 21 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 23 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| $24+$ | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 1 Year | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| Total 0-11 | 47 | 89 | 83 | 80 | 300 |
| Percent neonatal ${ }^{1}$ | 52.8 | 50.6 | 49.0 | 49.8 | 50.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{a}$ Includes deaths under one month reported in days
${ }^{1}$ Under one month / under one year

| Table C. 7 Data on siblings |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of sisters and brothers reported by interviewed women and completeness of age data for living siblings and age at death (AD) and years since death (YSD), data for dead siblings, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sibling status | Sisters |  | Brothers |  | Total |  |
| of reporting | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| All siblings | 38,392 | 100.0 | 42,138 | 100.0 | 80,530 | 100.0 |
| Living | 30,367 | 79.1 | 32,385 | 76.9 | 62,752 | 77.9 |
| Dead | 7,989 | 20.8 | 9,659 | 22.9 | 17,648 | 21.9 |
| Status unknown | 36 | 0.1 | 94 | 0.2 | 129 | 0.2 |
| Living siblings | 30,367 | 100.0 | 32,385 | 100.0 | 62,752 | 100.0 |
| Age reported | 30,234 | 99.6 | 32,241 | 99.6 | 62,475 | 99.6 |
| Age missing | 133 | 0.4 | 144 | 0.4 | 277 | 0.4 |
| Dead siblings | 7,989 | 100.0 | 9,659 | 100.0 | 17,648 | 100.0 |
| AD and YSD reported | 7,833 | 98.1 | 9,452 | 97.9 | 17,285 | 97.9 |
| Missing only AD | 59 | 0.7 | 81 | 0.8 | 140 | 0.8 |
| Missing only YSD | 9 | 0.1 | 12 | 0.1 | 21 | 0.1 |
| Missing both AD and YSD | 87 | 1.1 | 115 | 1.2 | 202 | 1.1 |


| Table C. 8 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Indicators of data quality |  |  |
| Percent <br> siblings by year of birth, Ethiopia 2005 |  |  |
| Year of birth | Respondents | Siblings |
| Before 1945 | 0.0 | 3.4 |
| $1945-49$ | 2.9 | 3.7 |
| 1950-54 | 7.4 | 5.2 |
| $1955-59$ | 9.9 | 8.5 |
| 1960-64 | 11.2 | 10.8 |
| 1965-69 | 15.6 | 13.5 |
| 1970-74 | 17.3 | 15.0 |
| 1975 or later | 35.7 | 39.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|  |  |  |
| Lower range | 1947 | 1914 |
| Upper range | 1982 | 1997 |
| Median | 1971 | 1971 |
| No. of cases | 14,070 | 80,484 |


| Table C. 9 Sibship size and sex ratio of siblings |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean sibship siblings, Ethiopi | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ze and } \\ & 005 \end{aligned}$ | ex ratio of |
| Year of birth of respondents | Mean sibship size | Sex ratio of siblings at birth |
| <1950 | 6.1 | 104.9 |
| 1950-54 | 6.3 | 111.9 |
| 1955-59 | 6.4 | 109.3 |
| 1960-64 | 6.6 | 110.7 |
| 1965-69 | 6.8 | 105.2 |
| 1970-74 | 6.8 | 111.4 |
| 1975-79 | 6.9 | 108.5 |
| 1980-84 | 6.9 | 114.7 |

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Now we would like some information about the people who usually live in your household or who are staying with you now.

| LINE NO. | USUAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS | RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF household | SEX | RESIDENCE |  | AGE | ELIGIBILITY |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Please give me the names of the persons who usually live in your household and guests of the household who stayed here last night, starting with the head of the household. | What is the relationship of (NAME) to the head of the household?* | Is (NAME) male or female? | Does <br> (NAME) usually live here? | Did <br> (NAME) <br> stay here last night? | How old is (NAME)? | CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER <br> OF ALL <br> WOMEN <br> AGE <br> 15-49 | CHECK COVER PAGE. IF HOUSEHOLD SELECTED FOR MALE INTERVIEW: CIRCLE LINE NUMBER OF ALL MEN AGE 15-59 | CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER <br> OF ALL <br> CHILDREN <br> UNDER <br> AGE 6 |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (8A) | (9) |
| 01 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { YES } & \text { NO } \\ & \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { YES } & \text { NO } \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | IN YEARS | 01 | 01 | 01 |
| 02 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 02 | 02 | 02 |
| 03 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 03 | 03 | 03 |
| 04 |  | $\square$ | 12 | 12 | 12 | $1$ | 04 | 04 | 04 |
| 05 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 05 | 05 | 05 |
| 06 |  | $\square$ | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 06 | 06 | 06 |
| 07 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 | $1$ | 07 | 07 | 07 |
| 08 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 08 | 08 | 08 |
| 09 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 09 | 09 | 09 |
| 10 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 10 | 10 | 10 |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | What is the main source of drinking water for members of your household? |  |  |
| 22 | What is the main source of water used by your household for other purposes such as cooking and handwashing? |  |  |
| 23 | Where is that water source located? | $\left.\begin{array}{llll}\text { IN OWN DWELLING } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots\end{array}\right]$. . . . $\quad 1$ | $\longrightarrow 26$ |
| 24 | How long does it take to go there, get water, and come back? |  | $\longrightarrow 26$ |
| 25 | Who usually goes to this source to fetch the water for your household? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | Do you treat your water in any way to make it safer to drink? |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 27 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 27 | What do you usually do to the water to make it safer to drink? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 27A | How does your household primarily dispose of household waste? |  |  |
| 28 | What kind of toilet facility do members of your household usually use? |  | $\longrightarrow 31$ |
| 29 | Do you share this toilet facility with other households? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 31$ |
| 30 | How many households use this toilet facility? |  |  |
| 31 | Does your household have: <br> Electricity? <br> A watch? <br> A radio? <br> A television? <br> A mobile telephone? <br> A non-mobile telephone? <br> A refrigerator? <br> A table? <br> A chair? <br> A bed? <br> An electric mitad? <br> A kerosene lamp/pressure lamp? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 32 | What type of fuel does your household mainly use for cooking? |  | $\square \rightarrow 34$ |
| 33 | In this household, is food cooked on a stove or an open fire? <br> PROBE FOR TYPE. |  |  |
| 34 | Is the cooking usually done in the house, in a separate building, or outdoors? | IN THE HOUSE ......................... . . 1 IN A SEPARATE BUILDING .......... 2 OUTDOORS ........................... 3 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\rightarrow 36$ |
| 35 | Do you have a separate room which is used as a kitchen? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 36 | MAIN MATERIAL OF THE FLOOR. RECORD OBSERVATION. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 37 | MAIN MATERIAL OF THE ROOF. RECORD OBSERVATION. |  |  |
| 38 | MAIN MATERIAL OF THE WALLS. RECORD OBSERVATION. |  |  |
| 39 | TYPE OF WINDOWS. RECORD OBSERVATION. |  YES   NO |  |
| 40 | How many rooms in this household are used for sleeping? | ROOMS |  |
| 41 | Does any member of this household own: <br> A bicycle? <br> A motorcycle or motor scooter? <br> An animal-drawn cart? <br> A car or truck? <br> A boat without a motor? <br> A boat with a motor? |   YES NO <br> BICYCLE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 2  <br> MOTORCYCLE/SCOOTER .... 1 2  <br> ANIMAL-DRAWN CART $\ldots \ldots$. 1 2  <br> CAR/TRUCK ............ 1 2  <br> BOAT WITHOUT MOTOR ...... 1 2  <br> BOAT WITH MOTOR $\ldots . . .$. 1 2  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 42 | Does any member of this household own any land that can be used for agriculture? |  | $\longrightarrow 44$ |
| 43 | How many (LOCAL UNITS) of agricultural land do members of this household own? <br> IF MORE THAN 97, ENTER '97'. <br> IF UNKNOWN, ENTER '98'. | LOCAL UNITS $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 44 | Does this household own any livestock, herds, or farm animals? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow 46$ |
| 45 | How many of the following animals does this household own? <br> Cattle? <br> Milk cows, oxen, or bulls? <br> Horses, donkeys, or mules? <br> Camels? <br> Goats? <br> Sheep? <br> Chickens? <br> IF NONE, ENTER '00'. <br> IF MORE THAN 97, ENTER '97'. <br> IF UNKNOWN, ENTER '98'. | CATTLE COWS/OXEN/BULLS HORSES/DONKEYS/MULES CAMELS GOATS |  |
| 46 | Does any member of this household have an account with a bank/credit association/micro finance? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 48 | Does your household have any mosquito nets that can be used while sleeping? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 48 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| 48A | How many mosquito nets does your household have? <br> IF 7 OR MORE NETS, RECORD '7'. | NUMBER OF NETS ............ $\square$ |  |

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| 48B | ASK RESPONDENT TO SHOW YOU THE NET(S) IN THE | NET \# 1 | NET \# 2 | NET \# 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | HOUSEHOLD. IF MORE THAN 3 NETS, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). |   <br> OBSERVED ..... 1 <br> NOT OBSERVED . 2 |   <br> OBSERVED ...... 1 <br> NOT OBSERVED . 2 |   <br> OBSERVED...... 1 <br> NOT OBSERVED . 2 |
| 48C | How long ago did your household obtain the mosquito net? | MOS. AGO... . $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 3 <br> YEARS AGO | MOS. AGO..... $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 3 YEARS AGO 95 | MOS. AGO..... $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 3 <br> YEARS AGO <br> 95 |
| 48D | OBSERVE OR ASK THE BRAND OF MOSQUITO NET. |  |  |  |
| 48E | When you got the net, was it already treated with an insecticide to kill or repel mosquitos? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> NOT SURE.... 8  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . .$. 2 <br> NOT SURE . . . 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ .... 2 <br> NOT SURE ..... 8  |
| 48F | Since you got the mosquito net, was it ever soaked or dipped in a liquid to repel mosquitos or bugs? | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots . . & 2 \\ \text { (SKIP TO } 48 \mathrm{H}) & -1 \\ \text { NOT SURE } \ldots . . & 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cr} \text { YES .......... } & 1 \\ \text { NO ........ } & 2 \\ \text { (SKIP TO 48H) } & -1 \\ \text { NOT SURE } \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 48G | How long ago was the net last soaked or dipped? <br> IF LESS THAN 1 MONTH, RECORD '00'. | MOS. <br> AGC. $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 2 <br> YEARS AGO . 95 <br> NOT SURE <br> ... 98 | MOS. <br> AGO . $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 2 <br> YEARS AGO <br> NOT SURE <br> ... 98 | MOS. <br> AGO. $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 2 <br> YEARS AGO . 95 <br> NOT SURE ... 98 |
| 48H | Did anyone sleep under this mosquito net last night? | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \text { (SKIP TO 48J) } & -1 \\ \text { NOT SURE } \ldots \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cr} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \text { (SKIP TO 48J) } & -1 \\ \text { NOT SURE } \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots$. 2 <br> (SKIP TO 48J) -1 <br> NOT SURE $\ldots$ 8 |


|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | NET \#1 | NET\#2 | NET \#3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 481 | Who slept under this mosquito net last night? | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ |
| 48J |  | GO BACK TO Q.48B FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO Q.48K. | GO BACK TO Q.48B FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO Q.48K. | GO BACK TO Q.48B FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO Q.48K. |
| 48K | Has your house ever been sprayed with insecticide for malaria prevention by spraymen from the District Health Office? | YES <br> NO <br> NOT SURE |  | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \cdots \cdots & 2 \\ \cdots \cdots \cdots & 8 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\square} 49$ |
| 48L | How many months ago was your house sprayed? <br> IF LESS THAN 1 MONTH, RECORD ' 00 '. | MONTHS AGO .... <br> NOT SURE |  | 98 |
| 48M | OBSERVE THE INNER WALLS OF THE ROOMS USUALLY USED FOR SLEEPING FOR VISIBLE WHITE INSECTICIDE POWDER. | VISIBLE NOT VISIBLE |  | $\begin{array}{ll}  & \\ \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 49 | ASK RESPONDENT FOR A TEASPOONFUL OF COOKING SALT. <br> TEST SALT FOR IODINE. <br> RECORD PPM (PARTS PER MILLION) | 0 PPM (NO IODINE) LESS THAN 15 PPM MORE THAN 15 PPM NO SALT IN HH SALT NOT TESTED |  |  |



CHECK COLUMNS (8) AND (9): RECORD THE LINE NUMBER, NAME AND AGE OF ALL WOMEN AGE 15-49 AND ALL CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6.

| WOMEN 15-49 |  |  |  | WEIGHT AND HEIGHT MEASUREMENT OF WOMEN 15-49 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { LINE } \\ & \text { NO. } \\ & \text { FROM } \\ & \text { COL. (8) } \end{aligned}$ | NAME <br> FROM COL. (2) | AGE <br> FROM COL. (7) | What is (NAME'S) date of birth? | WEIGHT (KILOGRAMS) | HEIGHT (CENTIMETERS) | MEASURED <br> LYING DOWN OR STANDING UP | RESULT <br> 1 MEASURED <br> 2 NOT PRESENT <br> 3 REFUSED <br> 6 OTHER |
| (50) | (51) | (52) | (53) | (54) | (55) | (56) | (57) |
| $\ldots$ |  | YEARS |  |  |  |  | $\square$ |
|  |  | $1$ |  |  |   |  | $\square$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |   |  | $\square$ |



* FOR CHILDREN NOT INCLUDED IN ANY BIRTH HISTORY, ASK DAY, MONTH AND YEAR. FOR ALL OTHER CHILDREN, COPY MONTH AND YEAR FROM 215 IN MOTHER'S BIRTH HISTORY AND ASK DAY.


| HEMOGLOBIN MEASUREMENT OF WOMEN 15-49 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHECK COLUMN (52): | LINE NO. OF PARENT/ RESPONSIBLE ADULT. RECORD '00' IF NOT LISTED IN HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE | READ CONSENT STATEMENT TO WOMAN/PARENT/RESPONSIBLE ADULT* CIRCLE CODE (AND SIGN) | HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL (G/DL) | CURRENTLY PREGNANT | RESULT <br> 1 MEASURED <br> 2 NOT PRESENT <br> 3 REFUSED <br> 6 OTHER |
| (58) | (59) | (60) | (61) | (62) | (63) |
| AGE 15-17 AGE 18-49 <br> 1 <br> GO TO 60 ـلـ |  | GRANTED REFUSED <br> 1 2 <br> SIGN NEXT LINE |  | YES NO/DK <br> 1 <br> 2 |  |
| 1 GOTO 60 - |  | 1 <br> SIGN $\qquad$ NEXT LINE $\stackrel{2}{4}$ |  | 12 |  |
| 1 $\text { GO TO } 60 \text { لـــ }$ |  | 1 <br> SIGN $\qquad$ NEXT LINE $\stackrel{2}{4}$ |   | 12 |  |


| HEMOGLOBIN MEASUREMENT OF CHILDREN BORN IN 1992 E.C. OR LATER |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHECK COLUMN (53): <br> BORN IN MONTH <br> OF INTERVIEW <br> OR PREVIOUS <br> 5 MONTHS OTHER | LINE NO. OF PARENT/ RESPONSIBLE ADULT. RECORD '00' IF NOT LISTED IN HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE | READ CONSENT STATEMENT TO PARENT/RESPONSIBLE ADULT* CIRCLE CODE (AND SIGN) | HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL (G/DL) | RESULT <br> 1 MEASURED <br> 2 NOT PRESENT <br> 3 REFUSED <br> 6 OTHER |
| 1 $2$ <br> NEXT <br> CHILD |  | GRANTED <br> 1 <br> SIGN $\quad$ REFUSED |   |  |
| $\stackrel{1}{\leftrightarrows} \text { NEXT CHILD }{ }^{2}$ |  | 1 <br> SIGN $\qquad$ NEXT LINE |  |  |
| $\stackrel{1}{\leftrightarrows} \text { NEXT CHILD }{ }^{2}$ | $\square$ | 1 $\qquad$ NEXT LINE $\stackrel{2}{4}$ | $1$ | $\square$ |
| $\stackrel{1}{4} \text { NEXT CHILD }{ }^{2}$ |  | 1 <br> SIGN $\qquad$ NEXT LINE $\stackrel{2}{4}$ | $1$ | $\square$ |
| $\stackrel{1}{\longrightarrow} \text { NEXT CHILD }{ }^{2}$ |  | 1 $\qquad$ NEXT LINE |  | $\square$ |
| $1 \quad 2$ <br> NEXT CHILD |  | 1 <br> SIGN $\qquad$ NEXT LINE | $1$  | $\square$ |

## 2005 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey Informed Consent <br> Anemia Testing

Hello, my name is $\qquad$ and I am from the Population and Housing Census Commission Office, which, in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health is currently carrying out Demographic and Health Survey, all over the country, in scientifically, sampled enumeration areas. As part of this survey we are collecting information on Anemia prevalence among women and children in the sampled households by conducting Anemia testing.

Anemia is a serious health problem that results from poor nutrition. The Anemia testing is being done to help the government to find out how common it is. This enables the government to develop programs to prevent and treat anemia. But to do this it needs reliable information. That is why we are now collecting a few drops of blood from a finger from women and from children under six years of age for the test. The instruments I use for taking the blood are completely clean, sterile and safe. The blood will be analyzed with new equipment and the results of the test will be given to you right after the blood is taken. The results will be kept confidential.

Do you have any questions?
May I now ask that you and your child $\qquad$ participate in the anemia test? However, if you decide not to have the test done, it is your right and I will respect your decision. Now please tell me if you agree to have the test done.

Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
Signature of interviewer $\qquad$


* The cutoff point is $9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ for pregnant women and $\qquad$ $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{dl}$ for children and for women who are not pregnant (or who don't know if they are pregnant), based on the altitude from the coverpage and the adjustment factor in the Editor's and Supervisor's Manual.
** If more than one woman or child is below the cutoff point, read the statement in Q. 65 to each woman who is below the cutoff point and to each parent/responsible adult of a child who is below the cutoff point.
HIV TESTING - WOMEN AND MEN



## 2005 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey Informed Consent HIV testing

Hello, my name is $\qquad$ and I am from the Population and Housing Census Commission Office, which, in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health, is currently carrying out the Demographic and Health Survey, all over the country, in scientifically, sampled enumeration areas. As part of this survey we are collecting information on HIV prevalence among women and men in the sampled households by collecting blood for conducting an HIV test.

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS. The HIV test is being done to help the government to find out how common it is and its rate of spreading. This enables the government to devise means of controlling and preventing the spread of the disease and also provide care and support for those who have it. But to do this it needs reliable information. That is why we are now collecting a few drops of blood from a finger for the HIV test.

The instruments I use for taking the blood are completely clean, sterile and safe. The samples will be coded so that all the information will be kept anonymous.

The blood sample will be sent to the Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institute (EHNRI) Laboratory, in Addis Ababa. No identifiers such as names will be attached to the test. So we will not be able to tell you the test result. No one else will be able to know your test results either.

If you want to know whether you have HIV, I can provide a voucher for you to go to the nearest health institution, which provides VCT, that is, counseling and a test for HIV.

Do you have any questions so far?
May I now ask you to participate in the test? You can say yes to the test or you can say no. It is up to you to decide.

Will you take the test?
Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$
Signature of interviewer $\qquad$

## INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS

## TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW

COMMENTS ABOUT RESPONDENT:
$\qquad$

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

ANY OTHER COMMENTS
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
NAME OF THE SUPERVISOR DATE: $\qquad$

Appendix E


Hello. My name is $\qquad$ and I am working with the Population and Housing Census Commission Office (PHCCO). We are conducting a national survey about the health of women, men and children. We would very much appreciate your participation in this survey. I would like to ask you about your health (and the health of your children). This information will help the government to plan health services. The survey usually takes about 45 minutes to complete.
Whatever information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shown to other persons.

At this time, do you want to ask me anything about the survey?
May I begin the interview now?

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | RECORD THE TIME. $\begin{aligned} & \text { MORNING = } 1 \\ & \text { EVENING = } 2 \end{aligned}$ | MORNING/EVENING <br> HOUR <br> MINUTES |  |
| 101A | COLLECT ANY RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT MAY HAVE INFORMATION ON THE RESPONDENT'S AND HER CHILDREN'S AGE AND IMMUNIZATIONS. |  |  |
| 102 | How long have you been living continuously in (NAME OF CURRENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE)? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE YEAR, RECORD '00' YEARS. |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 104$ |
| 103 | Just before you moved here, did you live in a city, in a town, or in the countryside? |  |  |
| 104 | In what month and year were you born? |  |  |
| 105 | How old were you at your last birthday? <br> COMPARE AND CORRECT 104 AND/OR 105 IF INCONSISTENT. | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS $\quad \square$ |  |
| 106 | Have you ever attended school? |  | $\longrightarrow 110$ |
| 108 | What is the highest grade you completed? | GRADE $\square$ <br> TECH./VOC. CERTIFICATE $\qquad$ UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE DIPLOMA UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE DEGREE OR HIGHER $\qquad$ |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 109 | CHECK 108: <br> GRADE 00-06 <br> GRADE 07 <br> AND ABOVE |  | $\rightarrow 113$ |
| 110 | Now I would like you to read this sentence to me. <br> SHOW CARD TO RESPONDENT. <br> IF RESPONDENT CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, PROBE: <br> Can you read any part of the sentence to me? | CANNOT READ AT ALL .............. 1 ABLE TO READ ONLY PARTS OF SENTENCE ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE NO CARD WITH REQUIRED <br> LANGUAGE $\qquad$ (SPECIFY LANGUAGE) <br> BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED |  |
| 111 | Have you ever participated in a Basic Education Program or any other program that involves learning to read or write (not including primary school)? |  |  |
| 112 | CHECK 110: |  | $\rightarrow 114$ |
| 113 | Do you read a newspaper or magazine almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? |  |  |
| 114 | Do you listen to the radio almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? |  |  |
| 115 | Do you watch television almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? |  |  |
| 115A | In the last 12 months, on how many separate occasions have you traveled away from your home community and slept away? | NUMBER OF TRIPS <br> NONE <br> 00 | $\rightarrow 116$ |
| 115B | In the last 12 months, have you been away from your home community for more than one month at a time? |  |  |
| 116 | What is your religion? |  |  |
| 117 | What is your ethnicity? <br> RECORD THE MAJOR ETHNIC GROUP. |  |  |

SECTION 2. REPRODUCTION

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 201 | Now I would like to ask about all the births you have had during your life. Have you ever given birth? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 202 | Do you have any sons or daughters to whom you have given birth who are now living with you? |  | $\longrightarrow 204$ |
| 203 | How many sons live with you? <br> And how many daughters live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | SONS AT HOME DAUGHTERS 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? |  | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 205 | How many sons are alive but do not live with you? <br> And how many daughters are alive but do not live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | SONS ELSEWHERE DAUGHTERS ELSEWHERE $\square$ |  |
| 206 | Have you ever given birth to a boy or girl who was born alive but later died? <br> IF NO, PROBE: Any baby who cried or showed signs of life but did not survive? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 208$ |
| 207 | How many boys have died? <br> And how many girls have died? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | BOYS DEAD <br> GIRLS DEAD |  |
| 208 | SUM ANSWERS TO 203, 205, AND 207, AND ENTER TOTAL. IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | TOTAL |  |
| 209 | CHECK 208: <br> Just to make sure that I have this right: you have had in TOTAL $\qquad$ births during your life. Is that correct? <br> PROBE AND <br> YES <br> CORRECT <br> 201-208 AS <br> NECESSARY. |  |  |
| 210 | CHECK 208: <br> ONE OR MORE <br> NO BIRTHS BIRTHS |  | $\rightarrow 226$ |

211 Now I would like to record the names of all your births, whether still alive or not, starting with the first one you had.
RECORD NAMES OF ALL THE BIRTHS IN 212. RECORD TWINS AND TRIPLETS ON SEPARATE LINES.
(IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 12 BIRTHS, USE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE).




| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 237 | When did your last menstrual period start? <br> (DATE, IF GIVEN) | DAYS AGO $\ldots . . . . .$. 1 <br> WEEKS AGO $\ldots . . . .$. 2 <br> MONTHS AGO $\ldots . . .$. 3 <br> YEARS AGO $\ldots . . . . .$. 4 <br> IN MENOPAUSE/ HAS HAD HYSTERECTOMY BEFORE LAST BIRTH <br> NEVER MENSTRUATED |   <br>   <br>   <br>  $\begin{aligned} & 994 \\ & 995 \\ & 996 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 238 | From one menstrual period to the next, are there certain days when a woman is more likely to become pregnant if she has sexual relations? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots & . . . \\ \ldots . . & 1 \\ \ldots . . & 2 \\ \ldots . & 8 \end{array}$ | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 239 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 239 | Is this time just before her period begins, during her period, right after her period has ended, or halfway between two periods? | JUST BEFORE HER PERIOD BEGINS <br> DURING HER PERIOD <br> RIGHT AFTER HER <br> PERIOD HAS ENDED <br> HALFWAY BETWEEN TWO PERIODS <br> OTHER | $\ldots . . .$. 1 <br> $\ldots . .$. 2 <br> $\ldots . .$. 3 <br> $\ldots . .$. 4 <br> $\ldots$ 6 <br> $\ldots$  <br> $\ldots . . . .$. 8 |  |
| 239A | Are you the primary care giver for any children? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & \ldots . . . . . . \\ & \\ & \ldots \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 301$ |
| 239B | Are any of these children for whom you are the primary caregiver under the age of 18 ? | $\qquad$ | 1 <br> 2 | $\longrightarrow 301$ |
| 239C | Now I would like to ask you about the children who are under the age of 18 and for whom you are the primary caregiver. <br> Have you made arrangements for someone to care for these children in the event that you fall sick or are unable to care for them? | YES <br> NO <br> UNSURE | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |

SECTION 3. CONTRACEPTION

| 301 | Now I would like to talk about family planning - the various ways or methods that a couple can use to delay or avoid a pregnancy. <br> Which ways or methods have you heard about? <br> FOR METHODS NOT MENTIONED SPONTANEOUSLY, ASK: <br> Have you ever heard of (METHOD)? <br> CIRCLE CODE 1 IN 301 FOR EACH METHOD MENTIONED SPONTANEOUSLY. <br> THEN PROCEED DOWN COLUMN 301, READING THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF EACH METHOD NOT MENTIONED SPONTANEOUSLY. CIRCLE CODE 1 IF METHOD IS RECOGNIZED, AND CODE 2 IF NOT RECOGNIZED. THEN, FOR EACH METHOD WITH CODE 1 CIRCLED IN 301, ASK 302. |  | 302 | Have you ever used (METHOD)? |
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| 01 | FEMALE STERILIZATION Women can have an operation to avoid having any more children. |  | Have <br> avoid <br> YES <br> NO | ever had an operation to ving any more children? |
| 02 | MALE STERILIZATION Men can have an operation to avoid having any more children. |  | Have an op childr YES NO | ever had a partner who had tion to avoid having any more |
| 03 | PILL Women can take a pill every day to avoid becoming pregnant. | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>    |  | 1 <br> 2 |
| 04 | IUD Women can have a loop or coil placed inside their uterus by a doctor or a nurse. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & \ldots & { }^{2} \eta \end{array}$ |  | $1$ $2$ |
| 05 | INJECTABLES Women can have an injection by a health provider that stops them from becoming pregnant for one or more months. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & \ldots & { }^{2} \eta \end{array}$ |  | $1$ $2$ |
| 06 | IMPLANTS (or NORPLANTS) Women can have several small rods placed in their upper arm by a doctor or nurse which can prevent pregnancy for five or moreyears. |  | YES <br> NO | 1 <br> 2 |
| 07 | CONDOM Men can put a rubber sheath on their penis before sexual intercourse. |  | YES <br> NO | $1$ $2$ |
| 08 | DIAPHRAGM/FOAM/JELLY Women can place a sheath and/or a suppository/tablet/jelly/cream in their vagina before intercourse. |  | YES <br> NO | $1$ $2$ |
| 09 | STANDARD DAYS METHOD Women can use a cycle of beads to count the days they are most likely to get pregnant and avoid sexual intercourse during those days. |  | YES <br> NO | $1$ <br> 2 |
| 10 | LACTATIONAL AMENORRHEA METHOD (LAM) |  | YES <br> NO | $1$ $2$ |
| 11 | RHYTHM METHOD Every month that a woman is sexually active she can avoid pregnancy by not having sexual intercourse on the days of the month she is most likely to get pregnant. | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ ${ }^{1}$ <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. ${ }^{2} \eta$ | YES <br> NO | $1$ <br> 2 |
| 12 | WITHDRAWAL Men can be careful and pull out before climax. | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ ${ }^{2} \neq \ldots$ | YES <br> NO | 1 $2$ |
| 13 | Have you heard of any other ways or methods that women or men can use to avoid pregnancy? |  | YES <br> NO <br> YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 303 | CHECK 302: <br> NOT A SINGLE <br> AT LEAST ONE "YES" "YES" (NEVER USED) (EVER USED) |  |  | $\rightarrow 307$ |



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| 319 | In what month and year was the sterilization performed? <br> In what month and year did you start using (CURRENT METHOD) continuously? <br> PROBE: For how long have you been using (CURRENT METHOD) now without stopping? | MONTH <br> YEAR |  |
| 321 | CHECK 319/319A: <br> YEAR IS 1992 E.C. OR LATER <br> ENTER CODE FOR METHOD USED IN MONTH OF INTERVIEW IN COLUMN 1 OF THE CALENDAR AND IN EACH MONTH BACK TO THE DATE STARTED USING. <br> ENTER METHOD SOURCE CODE IN COLUMN 2 OF CALENDAR IN MONTH STARTED USING. <br> THEN CONTINUE WITH 322. | YEAR IS 1991 E.C. OR EARLIER <br> ENTER CODE FOR METHOD USED IN MONTH OF INTERVIEW IN COLUMN 1 OF THE CALENDAR AND EACH MONTH BACK TO MESKEREM 1992. <br> THEN SKIP TO $\qquad$ |  |


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| 322 | I would like to ask you some questions about the times you or your pa pregnant during the last few years. <br> USE CALENDAR TO PROBE FOR EARLIER PERIODS OF USE AN USE, BACK TO MESKEREM 1992. <br> USE NAMES OF CHILDREN, DATES OF BIRTH, AND PERIODS OF <br> IN COLUMN 1, ENTER METHOD USE CODE OR '0' FOR NONUSE <br> ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS: <br> COLUMN 1: * When was the last time you used a me <br> * When did you start using that method? <br> * How long did you use the method then? <br> IN COLUMN 2, ENTER METHOD SOURCE CODE IN FIRST MONT <br> ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS: <br> COLUMN 2: * Where did you obtain the method when <br> * Where did you get advice on how to us <br> IN COLUMN 3, ENTER CODES FOR DISCONTINUATION NEXT TO NUMBER OF CODES IN COLUMN 3 MUST BE SAME AS NUMBER COLUMN 1. <br> ASK WHY SHE STOPPED USING THE METHOD. IF A PREGNANC PREGNANT UNINTENTIONALLY WHILE USING THE METHOD OR PREGNANT. <br> ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS: <br> COLUMN 3: * Why did you stop using the (METHOD) <br> * Did you become pregnant while using or did you stop for some other reason? <br> IF DELIBERATELY STOPPED TO BECOME PREGNANT, ASK: <br> How many months did it take you to get <br> AND ENTER '0' IN EACH SUCH MON | r may have used a method to avoid getting <br> ONUSE, STARTING WITH MOST RECENT <br> EGNANCY AS REFERENCE POINTS. <br> EACH BLANK MONTH. <br> ? Which method was that? <br> long after the birth of (NAME)? <br> EACH USE. <br> started using it? <br> method [for LAM or rhythm]? <br> ST MONTH OF USE. <br> INTERRUPTIONS OF METHOD USE IN <br> OLLOWED, ASK WHETHER SHE BECAME LIBERATELY STOPPED TO GET <br> THOD), did you stop using to get pregnant, <br> gnant after you stopped using (METHOD)? N COLUMN 1. |  |
| 323 | CHECK 311/311A: <br> CIRCLE METHOD CODE: <br> IF NO CODE CIRCLED IN 311/311A, CIRCLE '00'. <br> IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD CODE CIRCLED IN 311/311A, CIRCLE CODE FOR HIGHEST METHOD IN LIST. |  | $\longrightarrow 331$ $\longrightarrow 333$ <br> $\longrightarrow 330$ <br> 327 <br> $\rightarrow 333$ |
| 324 | You obtained (CURRENT METHOD) from (SOURCE OF METHOD FROM CALENDAR) in (DATE). At that time, were you told about side effects or problems you might have with the method? |  | $\longrightarrow 326$ |
| 325 | Were you ever told by a health facility/family planning worker/ reproductive health agent about side effects or problems you might have with the method? |  | $\longrightarrow 327$ |
| 326 | Were you told what to do if you experienced side effects or problems? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |


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| 327 | CHECK 324: | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 329$ |
| 328 | Were you ever told by a health facility/family planning worker/ reproductive health agent about other methods of family planning that you could use? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 329 | CHECK 311/311A: <br> CIRCLE METHOD CODE: <br> IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD CODE CIRCLED IN 311/311A, CIRCLE CODE FOR HIGHEST METHOD IN LIST. |  |  |
| 330 | Where did you obtain (CURRENT METHOD) the last time? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) |  |  |
| 331 | Do you know of a place where you can obtain a method of family planning? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 333$ |


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| 332 | Where is that? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL PLACES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 333 | In the last 12 months, were you visited by a community based health agent/distributor who talked to you about family planning? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 2 \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 334 | In the last 12 months, have you visited a health facility for care for yourself (or your children)? |  | $\rightarrow 401$ |
| 335 | Did any staff member at the health facility speak to you about family planning methods? |  |  |

SECTION 4. PREGNANCY, DELIVERY, POSTNATAL CARE AND NUTRITION

| 401 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 402 | ENTER IN THE TABLE THE LINE NUMBER, NAME, AND SURVIVAL STATUS OF EACH BIRTH IN 1992 E.C. OR LATER. ASK THE QUESTIONS ABOUT ALL OF THESE BIRTHS. BEGIN WITH THE LAST BIRTH. <br> (IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 3 BIRTHS, USE LAST 2 COLUMNS OF ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRES). <br> Now I would like to ask you some questions about the health of all your children born in the last five years. (We will talk about each separately.) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 403 | LINE NUMBER FROM 212 | LAST BIRTH <br> LINE <br> NUMBER | NEXT-TO-LAS <br> LINE <br> NUMBER . . . | BIRTH | SECOND-FROM <br> LINE <br> NUMBER | TT BIRTH |
| 404 | FROM 212 AND 216 | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LIVING $\square$ DEAD | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LIVING | DEAD | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LIVING | AD $\square$ |
| 405 | At the time you became pregnant with (NAME), did you want to become pregnant then, did you want to wait until later, or did you not want to have any (more) children at all? |  | THEN <br> (SKIP TO <br> LATER <br> NOT AT ALL (SKIP TO | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots . . & 1 \\ 429(\ldots & 2 \\ \ldots & 3 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 3 \\ 429) \longleftarrow \end{array}$ | THEN <br> (SKIP <br> LATER <br> NOT AT ALL <br> (SKIP | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots 9 & 2 \\ \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots 9 & 3 \end{array}$ |
| 406 | How much longer would you have liked to wait? | MONTHS <br> YEARS <br> DON'T KNOW | MONTHS 1 <br> YEARS 2 <br> DON'T KNOW |  | MONTHS 1 <br> YEARS 2 <br> DON'T KNOW |   <br>   |
| 407 | Did you see anyone for antenatal care for this pregnancy? <br> IF YES: Whom did you see? <br> Anyone else? <br> PROBE FOR THE TYPE OF PERSON AND RECORD ALL PERSONS SEEN. |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
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| 408 | Where did you receive antenatal care for this pregnancy? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. | ```HOME YOUR HOME ... A OTHER HOME . . . B PUBLIC SECTOR GOVT. HOSPITAL/ CLINIC . . . . . . . C GOVT. HEALTH CENTER ...... D GOVT. HEALTH POST ........ E OTHER PUBLIC _ (SPECIFY) NON-GOVT. (NGO) HEALTH FACILITY G PRIVATE MED. SECTOR PVT. HOSPITAL/ CLINIC . . . . . . . H OTHER PRIVATE MED.``` $\qquad$ <br> ```1 \\ OTHER``` $\qquad$ <br> ```XNone``` |  |  |
| 409 | How many months pregnant were you when you first received antenatal care for this pregnancy? | MONTHS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW |  |  |
| 410 | How many times did you receive antenatal care during this pregnancy? | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ DON'T KNOW .98 |  |  |
| 411 | As part of your antenatal care during this pregnancy, were any of the following done at least once? <br> Were you weighed? <br> Was your blood pressure measured? <br> Did you give a urine sample? <br> Did you give a blood sample? |   YES NO  <br>      <br> WEIGHT $\ldots$ 1 2  <br>      <br> BP $\ldots$ $\ldots$ 1 2 <br> URINE $\ldots \ldots$ 1 2   <br> BLOOD $\ldots$ 1 2  |  |  |
| 412 | During (any of) your antenatal care visit(s), were you told about the signs of pregnancy complications? |  |  |  |
| 413 | Were you told where to go if you had any of these complications? |  |  |  |
| 414 | During this pregnancy, were you given an injection in the arm to prevent the baby from getting tetanus, that is, convulsions after birth? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br> (SKIP TO 417)  1 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$ 8  |  |  |
| 415 | During this pregnancy, how many times did you get this tetanus injection? | TIMES $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $8$ |  |  |



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| 426 | What drugs did you take? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. <br> IF TYPE OF DRUG IS NOT DETERMINED, SHOW TYPICAL ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS TO RESPONDENT. |  |  |  |
| 427 | CHECK 426: <br> DRUGS TAKEN FOR MALARIA PREVENTION. | CODE 'A'CIRCLED CODE <br> $\square$ A' NOT <br> $\square$ CIRCLED <br> $\square$ (SKIP TO 429). |  |  |
| 428 | How many times did you take Fansidar/SP during this pregnancy? | TIMES ...... |  |  |
| 428A | CHECK 407: <br> ANTENATAL CARE FROM A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECEIVED DURING THIS PREGNANCY | CODE 'A', OTHER CIRCLED $\square$ <br> (SKIP TO 429) |  |  |
| 428B | Did you get the Fansidar/SP during an antenatal visit to a health facility or from some other source? | ANTENATAL VISIT. 1 <br> ANOTHER FACILITY . <br> VISIT . . . . . . . . 2 <br> OTHER  <br> SOURCE  <br>   |  |  |
| 429 | When (NAME) was born, was he/she very large, larger than average, average, smaller than average, or very small? | VERY LARGE $\ldots . .$. 1  <br> LARGER THAN   <br> AVERAGE ........ 2  <br> AVERAGE ........ 3  <br> SMALLER THAN   <br> AVERAGE $\ldots .$. 4 <br> VERY SMALL $\ldots .$. 5 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots$. 8 | VERY LARGE $\ldots . .$. 1 <br> LARGER THAN   <br> AVERAGE . ....... 2  <br> AVERAGE $\ldots . . .$. 3  <br> SMALLER THAN   <br> AVERAGE $\ldots .$. 4 <br> VERY SMALL $\ldots .$. 5 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots$. 8 | VERY LARGE ....... 1 <br> LARGER THAN <br> AVERAGE ......... 2 <br> AVERAGE ......... 3 <br> SMALLER THAN <br> AVERAGE ...... 4 <br> VERY SMALL ...... 5 <br> DON'T KNOW ... 8 |
| 430 | Was (NAME) weighed at birth? |  |  |  |
| 431 | How much did (NAME) weigh? <br> RECORD WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS FROM HEALTH CARD, IF AVAILABLE. | KG FROM CARD <br> 1 <br> KG FROM RECALL | KG FROM CARD <br> 1 $\square$ $\square$ <br> KG FROM RECALL <br> 2 $\square$ $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW <br> 99.998 | KG FROM CARD <br> 1 <br> KG FROM RECALL |


|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
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| 432 | Who assisted with the delivery of (NAME)? <br> Anyone else? <br> PROBE FOR THE TYPE OF PERSON AND RECORD ALL PERSONS ASSISTING. <br> IF RESPONDENT SAYS NO ONE ASSISTED, PROBE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY ADULTS WERE PRESENT AT THE DELIVERY. |  | HEALTH PROF. $\ldots$ A <br> OTHER PERSON   <br> TRAINED TRAD   <br> BIRTH ATTEN. . . . B  <br> UNTRAINED TRAD.   <br> BIRTH ATTEN. ... C  <br> COMM. HEALTH   <br> AGENT ....... D  <br> RELATIVE/FRIEND ... E  <br> OTHER   <br>    <br> NO ONE $\ldots . . . . .$. $Y$  |  |
| 433 | Where did you give birth to (NAME)? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY <br> THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. |  |  |  |
| 434 | How long after (NAME) was delivered did you stay there? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS. <br> IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. | HOURS <br> DAYS <br> WEEKS | HOURS <br> DAYS <br> WEEKS 3 <br> DON'T KNOW <br> 998 |     <br> HOURS 1   <br>     <br> DAYS 2   <br>     <br> WEEKS 3   |
| 435 | Was (NAME) delivered by caesarean section? |  |  |  |
| 436 | Before you were discharged after (NAME) was born, did a health professional check on your health? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $($ SKIP TO 439$) \ldots$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ \\ \text { (SKIP TO 451) }{ }^{\text {NO }} \ldots \\ \text { NO . . . . . . . . } \end{gathered}$ |  |


|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIR <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
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| 437 | How many hours, days or weeks after delivery did the first check take place? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS. <br> IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. | HOURS 1 <br> DAYS 2 <br> WEEKS 3 <br> DON'T KNOW |  |  |
| 438 | Who checked on your health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. | HEALTH PROF OTHER PERSO <br> TRAINED TR <br> BIRTH AT <br> UNTRAINED <br> BIRTH AT <br> COMM. HEA <br> AGENT <br> OTHER <br> (SP <br> (SKIP TO 4 |  |  |
| 439 | After you were discharged, did a health professional or a traditional birth attendant check on your health? | $\begin{array}{r} \text { YES . . . . . } \\ \text { (SKIP TO } \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . . \\ \text { (SKIP TO } \end{array}$ | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . <br> (SKIP TO 451) <br> NO $\ldots \ldots$ <br> NO. . . . . . . . . |  |
| 440 | Why didn't you deliver in a health facility? <br> PROBE: Any other reason? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | COST TOO MU FACILITY NOT TOO FAR/ NO <br> TRANSPOR DON'T TRUST FACILITY/PO QUALITY SE NO FEMALE PR ER AT FACI HUSBAND/FAN DID NOT AL NOT NECESSAR NOT CUSTOM OTHER |  |  |
| 441 | After (NAME) was born, did a health professional or a traditional birth attendant check on your health? | YES . . . . . . . <br> NO <br> (SKIP TO | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 2 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 442 | How many hours, days or weeks after delivery did the first check take place? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS. <br> IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. | HOURS 1 <br> DAYS 2 <br> WEEKS 3 <br> DON'T KNOW |  |  |


|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
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| 443 | Who checked on your health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. |  |  |  |
| 444 | Where did this first check take place? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE <br> PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. |  |  |  |
| 444A | CHECK 439: <br> NOT ASKED OR NO |  |  |  |
| 445 | In the two months after (NAME) was born, did a health professional or traditional birth attendant check on his/her health? |  |  |  |
| 446 | How many hours, days or weeks after the birth of (NAME) did the first check take place? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS. <br> IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. | HOURS <br> DAYS <br> WEEKS |  |  |


|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
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| 447 | Who checked on (NAME)'s health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. |  |  |  |
| 448 | Where did this first check of (NAME) take place? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) |  |  |  |
| 449 | In the first two months after delivery, did you receive a vitamin A dose like this? <br> SHOW CAPSULE. | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |  |
| 450 | Has your menstrual period returned since the birth of (NAME)? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $($ SKIP TO 452$) \longleftarrow$ NO $\ldots \ldots . \ldots$ $($ SKIP TO 453 $) \longleftarrow$ |  |  |
| 451 | Did your period return between the birth of (NAME) and your next pregnancy? |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $($ SKIP TO 455$) \ldots$ | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $($ SKIP TO 455$) \ldots$ |
| 452 | For how many months after the birth of (NAME) did you not have a period? | MONTHS <br> DON'T KNOW | MONTHS <br> DON'T KNOW 98 | MONTHS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW 98 |
| 453 | CHECK 226: <br> IS RESPONDENT PREGNANT? |  |  |  |


|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
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| 454 | Have you resumed sexual relations since the birth of (NAME)? | YES <br> NO <br> (SKIP TO 456) |  |  |
| 455 | For how many months after the birth of (NAME) did you not have sexual relations? | MONTHS <br> DON'T KNOW | MONTHS <br> DON'T KNOW | MONTHS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW |
| 456 | Did you ever breastfeed (NAME)? | YES <br> NO <br> (SKIP TO 4 |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $($ SKIP TO 463) $\ldots \ldots$ |
| 457 | How long after birth did you first put (NAME) to the breast? <br> IF LESS THAN 1 HOUR, RECORD '00' HOURS. IF LESS THAN 24 HOURS, RECORD HOURS. OTHERWISE, RECORD DAYS. | IMMEDIATELY <br> HOURS 1 <br> DAYS 2 |  |  |
| 457A | Did you squeeze out and throw away the first milk? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . } \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 458 | In the first three days after delivery, was (NAME) given anything to drink other than breast milk? | YES NO (SKIP TO |  |  |
| 459 | What was (NAME) given to drink? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL LIQUIDS MENTIONED. | MILK (OTHER T BREAST MIL PLAIN WATER SUGAR OR GLU COSE WATER GRIPE WATER SUGAR-SALT-W SOLUTION FRUIT JUICE INFANT FORMU TEA/INFUSIONS HONEY FRESH BUTT FENUGREEK OTHER |  |  |
| 460 | CHECK 404: <br> IS CHILD LIVING? | LIVING <br> (SKIP | LIVING <br> DEAD <br> (SKIP TO 462) | LIVING <br> DEAD <br> (SKIP TO 462) |
| 461 | Are you still breastfeeding (NAME)? | YES <br> (SKIP TO <br> NO |  |  |
| 462 | For how many months did you breastfeed (NAME)? | MONTHS ... <br> DON'T KNOW | MONTHS <br> DON'T KNOW | MONTHS . . <br>  <br> DON'T KNOW <br> I. . |


|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
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| 463 | CHECK 404: <br> IS CHILD LIVING? |  |  |  |
| 464 | How many times did you breastfeed last night between sunset and sunrise? <br> IF ANSWER IS NOT NUMERIC, PROBE FOR APPROXIMATE NUMBER. | NUMBER OF NIGHTTIME FEEDINGS |  |  |
| 465 | How many times did you breastfeed yesterday during the daylight hours? <br> IF ANSWER IS NOT NUMERIC, PROBE FOR APPROXIMATE NUMBER. | NUMBER OF DAYLIGHT FEEDINGS |  |  |
| 466 | Did (NAME) drink anything from a bottle with a nipple yesterday or last night? | YES $\ldots \ldots . . . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . . . . . .$. 2 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 | YES $\ldots . . . . . . . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . . . . .$. 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots . . . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . . . . . .$. 2 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 |
| 467 |  | GO BACK TO 405 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 468. | GO BACK TO 405 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 468. | GO BACK TO 405 IN NEXT-TO-LAST COLUMN OF NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 468. |



| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
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| 471 | CHECK 470: AT LEAST ONE "YES" | NOT A SINGLE "YES" | $\rightarrow 501$ |
| 472 | How many times did (NAME) eat solid, semisolid, or soft foods other than liquids yesterday during the day or at night? <br> IF 7 OR MORE TIMES, RECORD ' 7 '. | NUMBER OF <br> TIMES $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW |  |



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| 510 | Has (NAME) received any vaccinations that are not recorded on this card? <br> RECORD 'YES' ONLY IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS BCG, POLIO 0-3, DPT 1-3, AND/OR MEASLES VACCINES. | YES ................ 1 <br> (PROBE FOR <br> VACCINATIONS AND WRITE '66' IN THE CORRESPONDING DAY COLUMN IN 509) (SKIP TO 515) $\square$ <br>  | YES ................. . 1 <br> (PROBE FOR <br> VACCINATIONS AND WRITE '66' IN THE CORRESPONDING DAY COLUMN IN 509) (SKIP TO 515) <br>  |  |
| 511 | Did (NAME) ever receive any vaccinations to prevent him/her from getting diseases? |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 512 \\ & 512 A \end{aligned}$ | Please tell me if (NAME) received any of the following vaccinations: <br> A BCG vaccination against tuberculosis, that is, an injection in the arm or shoulder that usually causes a scar? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots . . . .$. 1 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots . . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . 8 |
| 512B | Polio vaccine, that is, drops in the mouth? |  |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br> (SKIP TO 512E)  1 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$ 8  |
| 512C | Was the first polio vaccine received in the first two weeks after birth or later? | FIRST 2 WEEKS . . . . 1 LATER . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { FIRST } 2 \text { WEEKS . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { LATER . . . . . . . . . . } & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { FIRST } 2 \text { WEEKS . . . } & 1 \\ \text { LATER . . . . . . . . . . } & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 512D | How many times was the polio vaccine received? | NUMBER <br> OF TIMES $\square$ | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ |
| 512E | A DPT vaccination, that is, an injection given in the thigh or buttocks, sometimes at the same time as polio drops? |  |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO $512 G)$  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$  |
| 512F | How many times was a DPT vaccination received? | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ |
| 512G | An injection to prevent measles? | YES $\ldots \ldots . . . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . . . . .$. 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots . . . . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots . . . .$. 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 |  |
| 515 | Has (NAME) had diarrhea in the last 2 weeks? |  | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \ldots & \ldots . . . & 2 \\ \text { (SKIP TO } 530) \longleftarrow & 1 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW . . . . . } & 8\end{array}$ |  |
| 516 | Was there any blood in the stools? |  |  |  |
| 517 | Now I would like to know how much (NAME) was given to drink during the diarrhea. Was he/she given less than usual to drink, about the same amount, or more than usual to drink? <br> IF LESS, PROBE: Was he/she given much less than usual to drink or somewhat less? | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE ........... 4 <br> NOTHING TO DRINK 5 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 | MUCH LESS $\ldots . .$. 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE . . . . . . . . 4 <br> NOTHING TO DRINK 5 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE . . . . . . . . 4 <br> NOTHING TO DRINK 5 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 |


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| 518 | When (NAME) had diarrhea, was he/she given less than usual to eat, about the same amount, more than usual, or nothing to eat? <br> IF LESS, PROBE: Was he/she given much less than usual to eat or somewhat less? | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE . . . . . . . . 4 <br> STOPPED FOOD . 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD 6 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE ............ 4 <br> STOPPED FOOD 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD 6 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 | MUCH LESS $\ldots . .$. 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE ........... 4 <br> STOPPED FOOD 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD 6 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 |
| 519 | Did you seek advice or treatment for the diarrhea from any source? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO . . . . . . . . . . . (SKIP TO 524) (SK. |  |  |
| 520 | Where did you seek advice or treatment? <br> IF SOURCE IS A HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) <br> Anywhere else? <br> RECORD ALL PLACES MENTIONED. |  |  |  |
| 521 | CHECK 520: |  | TWO OR ONLY $\quad$$\square$ MORE ONE <br> CODES CODE <br> CIRCLED CIRCLED <br>   | TWO OR ONLY $\quad$. |
| 522 | Where did you first seek advice or treatment? <br> USE LETTER CODE FROM 520. | FIRST PLACE ... | FIRST PLACE ... | FIRST PLACE . . . |
| 523 | How many days after the diarrhea began did you first seek advice or treatment for (NAME)? <br> IF THE SAME DAY, RECORD '00'. | DAYS | DAYS ..... $\square$ | DAYS ..... |
| 524 | Does (NAME) still have diarrhea? |  | YES $\ldots \ldots . . . . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . . . . .$. 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots . . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots . .$. 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . 8 |


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| 525 <br> a <br> b <br> c | Was he/she given any of the following to drink at any time since he/she started having the diarrhea: <br> A fluid made from an ORS packet like LEMLEM? <br> Home made sugar and salt solution? <br> Other homemade fluid? |  YES NO DK <br> FLUID FROM    <br> ORS PKT 1 2 8 <br> SUGAR/SALT 1 2 8 <br> HOMEMADE <br> FLUID 1 2 8 |  YES NO DK <br>     <br> FLUID FROM    <br> ORS PKT 1 2 8 <br> SUGAR/SALT 1 2 8 <br> HOMEMADE    <br> FLUID 1 2 8 |  YES NO DK <br>     <br> FLUID FROM    <br> ORS PKT 1 2 8 <br> SUGAR/SALT 1 2 8 <br> HOMEMADE    <br> FLUID 1 2 8 |
| 526 | Was anything (else) given to treat the diarrhea? |  |  |  |
| 527 | What (else) was given to treat the diarrhea? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL TREATMENTS GIVEN. |  |  |  |
| 528 | CHECK 527: <br> GIVEN ZINC? |  |  | CODE "C" CODE "C" <br> CIRCLED NOT <br> $\square$ CIRCLED <br> $\square$ $\square$ <br>   |
| 529 | How many times was (NAME) given zinc? | TIMES $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ |  |  |
| 530 | Has (NAME) been ill with a fever at any time in the last 2 weeks? |  |  |  |
| 531 | Has (NAME) had an illness with a cough at any time in the last 2 weeks? |  |  |  |


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| 532 | When (NAME) had an illness with a cough, did he/she breathe faster than usual with short, rapid breaths or have difficulty breathing? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> (SKIP TO 535$)$ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 |  |  |
| 533 | When (NAME) had this illness, did he/she have a problem in the chest or a blocked or runny nose? |  |  |  |
| 534 | CHECK 530: <br> HAD FEVER? |  |  |  |
| 535 | Now I would like to know how much (NAME) was given to drink during the illness with a (fever/cough). <br> Was he/she given less than usual to drink, about the same amount, or more than usual to drink? IF LESS, PROBE: Was he/she given much less than usual to drink or somewhat less? | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE . . . . . . . . 4 <br> NOTHING TO DRINK 5 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE . . . . . . . . 4 <br> NOTHING TO DRINK 5 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE . . . . . . . . 4 <br> NOTHING TO DRINK 5 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 |
| 536 | When (NAME) had a (fever/cough), was he/she given less than usual to eat, about the same amount, more than usual, or nothing to eat? <br> IF LESS, PROBE: Was he/she given much less than usual to eat or somewhat less? | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE ............ 4 <br> STOPPED FOOD 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD 6 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE ............ 4 <br> STOPPED FOOD 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD 6 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 | MUCH LESS ...... 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE ........... 4 <br> STOPPED FOOD 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD 6 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 |
| 537 | Did you seek advice or treatment for the illness from any source? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ (SKIP TO 542$) \longleftarrow$ | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$1 <br> $($ SKIP TO 542$)$. | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ (SKIP TO 542$) \longleftarrow$ |


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| 538 | Where did you seek advice or treatment? <br> Anywhere else? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |  |
| 539 | CHECK 538: | TWO OR ONLY $\quad$MORE ONE <br> CODES CODE <br> CIRCLED CIRCLED <br>  $($ SKIP TO 541) | TWO OR ONLY $\quad$MORE ONE <br> CODES CODE <br> CIRCLED CIRCLED <br>  $($ SKIP TO 541) | TWO OR ONLY |
| 540 | Where did you first seek advice or treatment? <br> USE LETTER CODE FROM 538. | FIRST PLACE ... $\square$ | FIRST PLACE ... | FIRST PLACE ... |
| 541 | How many days after the illness began did you first seek advice or treatment for (NAME)? <br> IF THE SAME DAY, RECORD '00'. | DAYS ..... $\square$ | DAYS | DAYS ..... |
| 542 | Is (NAME) still sick with a (fever/ cough)? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots . .$. <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots . .$. <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots . . . . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots . . .$. 2 <br> DON'T KNOW ....... 8 |
| 543 | At any time during the illness, did (NAME) take any drugs for the illness? |  |  |  |


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| 544 | What drugs did (NAME) take? <br> Any other drugs? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. <br> IF THE RESPONDANT HAS GIVEN <br> A DRUG FOR THE CHILD BUT DOESN'T KNOW THE NAME OF THE DRUG, ASK TO SEE THE PACKET OF DRUGS SHE GAVE THE CHILD. BUT IF SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY SAMPLE LEFT, THE INTERVIEWER HAS TO SHOW <br> THE SAMPLES SHE HAS TO THE RESPONDANT IN ORDER TO HELP IDENTIFY. |  | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS FANSIDAR/SP ... A CHLOROQUINE . B ARTEMETHERLUMEFANTRINE C QUININE ......... D OTHER ANTIMALARIAL ... G <br> ANTIBIOTIC <br> BACTRIM . . . . . . . . H AMPICILIN ....... I <br> AMOXYCILIN ... J CHLORIAMPHENICOL ... K TETRACYCLINE . L OTHER ANTIBIOTIC... M <br> OTHER DRUGS ASPIRIN ......... N IBUPROFEN ... O PARACETAMOL . P OTHER $\qquad$ (SPECIFY) DON'T KNOW ...... Z | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS FANSIDAR/SP ... A CHLOROQUINE . B ARTEMETHERLUMEFANTRINE C QUININE ......... D OTHER ANTIMALARIAL ... G <br> ANTIBIOTIC <br> BACTRIM . . . . . . . . H <br> AMPICILIN ....... I <br> AMOXYCILIN ... J <br> CHLORIAM- <br> PHENICOL ... K <br> TETRACYCLINE . L <br> OTHER <br> ANTIBIOTIC . . . M <br> OTHER DRUGS <br> ASPIRIN . ........ N <br> IBUPROFEN ... O <br> PARACETAMOL . P <br> OTHER $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ <br> Z |
| 544A | CHECK 544: ANY CODE A-M CIRCLED |  | $\square \mathrm{YES}$ NO $\quad \square$ |  |
| 545 | Did you already have (NAME OF DRUG FROM 544) at home when the child became ill? <br> IF YES, CIRCLE CODE FOR THAT DRUG. <br> ASK SEPARATELY FOR EACH DRUG (A-M) GIVEN IN 544. | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS FANSIDAR/SP ... A CHLOROQUINE . B ARTEMETHER- <br> LUMEFANTRINE C QUININE ......... D <br> OTHER ANTIMALARIAL ... G <br> ANTIBIOTIC <br> BACTRIM . . . . . . . . H <br> AMPICILIN ....... I <br> AMOXYCILIN ... J CHLORIAM- <br> PHENICOL ... K <br> TETRACYCLINE . L OTHER ANTIBIOTIC . . . M <br> NO DRUG AT HOME Y | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS FANSIDAR/SP ... A CHLOROQUINE . B ARTEMETHERLUMEFANTRINE C QUININE . . ....... D <br> OTHER ANTIMALARIAL ... G <br> ANTIBIOTIC <br> BACTRIM . . . . . . . . H <br> AMPICILIN ........ I <br> AMOXYCILIN ... J <br> CHLORIAM- <br> PHENICOL ... K <br> TETRACYCLINE . L OTHER <br> ANTIBIOTIC . . . M <br> NO DRUG AT HOME Y | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS FANSIDAR/SP ... A CHLOROQUINE . B ARTEMETHERLUMEFANTRINE C QUININE ......... D <br> OTHER ANTIMALARIAL ... G <br> ANTIBIOTIC <br> BACTRIM ......... H <br> AMPICILIN ....... I <br> AMOXYCILIN ... J <br> CHLORIAM- <br> PHENICOL ... K <br> TETRACYCLINE . L OTHER <br> ANTIBIOTIC . . . M <br> NO DRUG AT HOME Y |
| 545A | CHECK 544: |  | $\begin{array}{\|cc\|}\square \\ \text { CODE } & \text { CODE } \\ \text { A } & \text { A NOT } \\ \text { CIRCLED } & \text { CIRCLED } \\ \\ & \text { (SKIP }\end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|cc\|}\square \text { CODE } & \text { CODE } \\ \text { A } & \text { A NOT } \\ \hline \text { CIRCLED } & \text { CIRCLED } \\ \\ \\ \text { (SKIP } & \\ \hline \text { TO } & \text { 545D) }\end{array}\right]$ |


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| 545B | How long after the fever/cough started did (NAME) first take Fansidar/SP? | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots .$. 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER STARTED . 2 <br> THREE DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER STARTED . 3 <br> FOUR OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER  <br> STARTED ....... 4 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8  | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots .$. 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER STARTED . 2 <br> THREE DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER STARTED . 3 <br> FOUR OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER  <br> STARTED ........ 4 <br> DON'T KNOW ...... 8 | SAME DAY ........ 0 NEXT DAY ........ 1 TWO DAYS AFTER FEVER STARTED . THREE DAYS AFTER FEVER STARTED . FOUR OR MORE DAYS AFTER FEVER STARTED ....... 4 DON'T KNOW ..... 8 |
| 545C | For how many days did (NAME) take the Fansidar/SP? <br> IF 7 OR MORE DAYS RECORD '7'. | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW 8 $\qquad$ |  |
| 545D | CHECK 544: | $\left.\begin{array}{\|ll}\square \\ \text { CODE } & \text { CODE } \\ \text { B } & \text { B NOT }\end{array}\right]$ | $\square$  <br> CODE CODE <br> B B NOT$\square$ | $\square$  <br> CODE CODE <br> B B NOT$\square$ |
| 545E | How long after the fever/cough started did (NAME) first take Chloroquine? | SAME DAY NEXT DAY <br> TWO DAYS AFTER FEVER STARTED THREE DAYS AFTER FEVER STARTED . 3 FOUR OR MORE DAYS AFTER FEVER STARTED DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { SAME DAY } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 0 \\ \text { NEXT DAY } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { TWO DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED } . & 2 \\ \text { THREE DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 3 \\ \text { FOUR OR MORE DAYS } \\ \text { AFTER FEVER } \\ \text { STARTED ....... } & 4 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW . . . . . } & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { SAME DAY } \ldots \ldots . . & 0 \\ \text { NEXT DAY } \ldots \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { TWO DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 2 \\ \text { THREE DAYS AFTER } \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 3 \\ \text { FOUR OR MORE DAYS } \\ \text { AFTER FEVER } \\ \text { STARTED ....... } & 4 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW ...... } 8\end{array}$ |
| 545F | For how many days did (NAME) take the Chloroquine? <br> IF 7 OR MORE DAYS RECORD '7'. | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ 8 | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ | DAYS <br> DON'T KNOW |
| 545G | CHECK 544: | $\left.\begin{array}{\|cc\|}\square \\ \text { CODE } & \text { CODE } \\ \text { C } & \text { C NOT }\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|ll\|}\square \\ \text { CODE } & \text { CODE } \\ \text { C } & \text { C NOT }\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|ll\|}\square \\ \text { CODE } & \text { CODE } \\ \text { C } & \text { CNOT }\end{array}\right]$ |
| 545H | How long after the fever/cough started did (NAME) first take Artemether-Lumefantrine? | SAME DAY ........ 0 NEXT DAY ........ 1 TWO DAYS AFTER FEVER STARTED . THREE DAYS AFTER FEVER STARTED . FOUR OR MORE DAYS AFTER FEVER STARTED ....... 4 DON'T KNOW ..... 8 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { SAME DAY } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 0 \\ \text { NEXT DAY } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { TWO DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED } . & 2 \\ \text { THREE DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 3 \\ \text { FOUR OR MORE DAYS } \\ \text { AFTER FEVER } \\ \text { STARTED ....... } & 4 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW . . . . . } & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { SAME DAY } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 0 \\ \text { NEXT DAY } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { TWO DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 2 \\ \text { THREE DAYS AFTER } \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 3 \\ \text { FOUR OR MORE DAYS } \\ \text { AFTER FEVER } \\ \text { STARTED ....... } & 4 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW ..... } & 8\end{array}$ |
| 545I | For how many days did (NAME) take the Artemether-Lumefantrine? <br> IF 7 OR MORE DAYS RECORD '7'. | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ 8 | DAYS <br> DON'T KNOW | DAYS <br> DON'T KNOW $8$ |
| 545J | CHECK 544: | $\left.\begin{array}{\|cc\|}\square \\ \text { CODE } & \text { CODE } \\ \text { D } & \text { D NOT }\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|ll}\square \\ \text { CODE } & \text { CODE } \\ \text { D } & \text { D NOT } \\ \text { CIRCLED } & \text { CIRCLED } \\ \\ & \\ & \text { (SKIP TO 546) }\end{array}\right]$ | $\square$  <br> CODE CODE <br> D D NOT <br> CIRCLED CIRCLED <br>   <br>  (SKIP TO 546) |


|  |  | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
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| 545K | How long after the fever/cough started did (NAME) first take Quinine? | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { SAME DAY } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 0 \\ \text { NEXT DAY } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { TWO DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 2 \\ \text { THREE DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 3 \\ \text { FOUR OR MORE DAYS } \\ \text { AFTER FEVER } \\ \text { STARTED ....... } & 4 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW . . . . . } & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { SAME DAY } \ldots . . . . & 0 \\ \text { NEXT DAY } \ldots \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { TWO DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 2 \\ \text { THREE DAYS AFTER } & \\ \text { FEVER STARTED . } & 3 \\ \text { FOUR OR MORE DAYS } \\ \text { AFTER FEVER } \\ \text { STARTED ........ } & 4 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW ...... } & 8\end{array}$ | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots .$. 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER STARTED . 2 <br> THREE DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER STARTED . 3 <br> FOUR OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER  <br> STARTED ....... 4 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots .$. 8 |
| 545L | For how many days did (NAME) take the Quinine? <br> IF 7 OR MORE DAYS RECORD '7'. | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ 8 | DAYS <br> DON'T KNOW | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW 8 $\qquad$ |
| 546 |  | GO BACK TO 503 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 547. | GO BACK TO 503 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 547. | GO TO 503 IN NEXT-TO-LAST COLUMN OF NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 547. |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 547 | CHECK 215 AND 218, ALL ROWS: <br> NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN IN 1992 E.C. OR LATER LIVING WIT ONE OR MORE $\square$ NONE | THE RESPONDENT | $\longrightarrow 550$ |
| 548 | The last time (NAME OF YOUNGEST CHILD) passed stools, what was done to dispose of the stools? |  |  |
| 549 | CHECK 525(a) ALL COLUMNS: <br> NO CHILD <br> ANY CH <br> RECEIVED FLUID RECEIV FROM ORS PACKET | D <br> D FLUID R PACKET | $\rightarrow 551$ |
| 550 | Have you ever heard of a special product called ORS (like LEMLEM) that you can get for the treatment of diarrhea? |  |  |
| 551 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about medical care for you yourself. <br> Many different factors can prevent women from getting medical advice or treatment for themselves. When you are sick and want to get medical advice or treatment, is each of the following a big problem or not? <br> Getting permission to go. <br> Getting money needed for treatment. <br> The distance to the health facility. <br> Getting transport. <br> Not wanting to go alone. <br> Concern that there may not be a female health provider. <br> Concern that there may not be any health provider. <br> No one to complete household chores. |   BIG <br> PROB- <br> LEM NOT A BIG <br> PROB- <br> LEM <br> PERMISSION TO GO $\ldots$ 1 2 <br> GETTING MONEY $\ldots .$. 1 2 <br> DISTANCE $\ldots \ldots . . \ldots$. 1 2  |  |
| 554 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about any injections you have had in the last 12 months. Have you had an injection for any reason in the last 12 months? <br> IF YES: How many injections have you had? <br> IF NUMBER OF INJECTIONS IS GREATER THAN 90, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD ' 90 '. <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTIONS <br> NONE | $\rightarrow$ 557A |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 555 | Among these injections, how many were administered by a doctor, a nurse, a pharmacist, a dentist, or any other health worker? <br> IF NUMBER OF INJECTIONS IS GREATER THAN 90, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD '90'. <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTIONS <br> NONE $\qquad$ 00 | $\longrightarrow$ 557A |
| 556 | The last time you had an injection given to you by a health worker, where did you go to get the injection? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. |  |  |
| 557 | Did the person who gave you that injection take the syringe and needle from a new, unopened package? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 557A | Do you have a tetanus injection card(s)? <br> IF YES: <br> May I see it please? | YES, SEEN . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 YES, NOT SEEN . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 558$ |
| 557B | (1) COPY VACCINATION DATE FOR EACH VACCINE FROM THE CARD STARTING WITH THE MOST RECENT. <br> (2) WRITE '44' IN ‘DAY' COLUMN IF CARD SHOWS THAT A VACCINATION WAS GIVEN, BUT NO DATE IS RECORDED. | DAY MONTH YEAR <br>    <br>    <br>    <br>    <br>    <br>    <br>    <br>    <br>    <br>    |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 558 | Do you currently smoke cigarettes? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow 560$ |
| 559 | In the last 24 hours, how many cigarettes did you smoke? | CIGARETTES . . . . . . . . . . . ${ }^{\square}$ |  |
| 560 | Do you currently smoke or use any other type of tobacco like gaya, shisha or suret? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 562$ |
| 561 | What (other) type of tobacco do you currently smoke or use? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED |  |  |
| 562 | Have you ever heard of an illness called tuberculosis or TB? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\rightarrow 566$ |
| 563 | How does tuberculosis spread from one person to another? <br> PROBE: Any other ways? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 564 | Can tuberculosis be cured? |  |  |
| 565 | If a member of your family got tuberculosis, would you want it to remain a secret or not? |  |  |



SECTION 6. MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL ACTIVITY

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 601 | Are you currently married or living together with a man as if married? | YES, CURRENTLY MARRIED ...... 1  <br> YES, LIVING WITH A MAN $\ldots .$. .. 2 <br> NO, NOT IN UNION . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3   | $\rightarrow 605$ |
| 602 | Have you ever been married or lived together with a man as if married? | YES, FORMERLY MARRIED    <br> YES,... 1   <br> NO LIVED WITH A MAN . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2   <br> NO    | $\longrightarrow 604$ |
| 603 | ENTER '0' IN COLUMN 4 OF CALENDAR IN THE MONTH OF INT MESKEREM 1992. $\qquad$ | IEW, AND IN EACH MONTH BACK TO | $\rightarrow 614$ |
| 604 | What is your marital status now: are you widowed, divorced, or separated? |  |  |
| 605 | Is your husband/partner living with you now or is he staying elsewhere? | LIVING TOGETHER . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 STAYING ELSEWHERE . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 606 | RECORD THE HUSBAND'S/PARTNER'S NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM THE HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. IF HE IS NOT LISTED IN THE HOUSEHOLD, RECORD '00'. | NAME <br> LINE NO. |  |
| 607 | Besides yourself, does your husband/partner have other wives or does he live with women other than his wives as if married? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 610$ |
| 608 | How many other wives or partners does your husband live with now? | OTHER NUMBER OF WIVES AND LIVE-IN PARTNERS |  |
| 609 | Are you the first, second, ... wife? <br> IF Q. 608 IS DON'T KNOW: Do you know your rank? <br> IF YES: Are you the first, second, ... wife? |  |  |
| 610 | Have you been married or lived with a man only once or more than once? |  |  |
| 611 | CHECK 610: <br> MARRIED/ <br> In what month and year did you start living with your husband/partner? <br> MARRIED/ <br> LIVED WITH A MAN <br> MORE THAN ONCE <br> Now I would like to ask about when you started living with your first husband/partner. In what month and year was that? | MONTH <br> DON'T KNOW MONTH <br> YEAR <br> DON'T KNOW YEAR | $\longrightarrow 613$ |
| 612 | How old were you when you first started living with him? | AGE .................... |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 613 | DETERMINE MONTHS MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A MAN SINCE MESKEREM 1992. ENTER 'X' IN COLUMN 4 OF CALENDAR FOR EACH MONTH MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A MAN, AND ENTER 'O' FOR EACH MONTH NOT MARRIED/NOT LIVING WITH A MAN, SINCE MESKEREM 1992. <br> FOR WOMEN WITH MORE THAN ONE UNION: PROBE FOR DATE WHEN CURRENT UNION STARTED AND, IF APPROPRIATE, FOR STARTING AND TERMINATION DATES OF ANY PREVIOUS UNIONS. <br> FOR WOMEN NOT CURRENTLY IN UNION: PROBE FOR DATE WHEN LAST UNION STARTED AND FOR TERMINATION DATE AND, IF APPROPRIATE, FOR THE STARTING AND TERMINATION DATES OF ANY PREVIOUS UNIONS. |  |  |
| 613A | CHECK 604: IS RESPONDENT CURRENTLY WIDOWED? <br> NOT ASKED OR NOT WIDOWED |  | $\rightarrow 613 \mathrm{D}$ |
| 613B | MARRIED MORECHECK 610. $\square$ MARRIEDTHAN ONCE$\square$ |  | $\rightarrow 614$ |
| 613C | How did your previous marriage or union end? | DEATH/WIDOWHOOD $\ldots . . . . . . . . .$. 1 <br> DIVORCE $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ 2 <br> SEPARATION . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 | $\rightarrow 614$ |
| 613D | Who did most of your late husband's property go to? |  | $\longrightarrow 614$ |
| 613E | Did you receive any of your late husband's assets or valuables? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 614 | CHECK FOR THE PRESENCE OF OTHERS. <br> BEFORE CONTINUING, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE PRIVACY. |  |  |
| 615 | Now I need to ask you some questions about sexual activity in order to gain a better understanding of some family life issues. <br> How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the very first time (if ever)? | NEVER HAD SEX ................. 00 <br> AGE IN YEARS <br> FIRST TIME WHEN STARTED <br> LIVING WITH (FIRST) <br> HUSBAND/PARTNER ............... 95 |  |
| 616 | Do you intend to wait until you get married to have sexual intercourse for the first time? |  | $\xrightarrow{\rightarrow} 637$ |
| 616A | CHECK COVER PAGE: | HOUSEHOLD NOT SELECTED MALE SURVEY | $\rightarrow 637$ |
| 617 | CHECK 105: $\begin{array}{r}15-24 \\ \text { YEARS OLD } \\ \square\end{array} \begin{array}{r}25-49 \\ \text { YEARS OLD }\end{array}$ |  | $\rightarrow 622$ |
| 618 | The first time you had sexual intercourse, was a condom used? | YES $\ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER . . . 8 |  |
| 619 | How old was the person you first had sexual intercourse with? | AGE OF PARTNER . . . . . . . . <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 98 | $\longrightarrow 622$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 620 | Was this person older than you, younger than you, or about the same age as you? |  |  |
| 621 | Would you say this person was ten or more years older than you or less than ten years older than you? | TEN OR MORE YEARS OLDER $\ldots .$. 1 <br> LESS THAN TEN YEARS OLDER $\ldots$ 2 <br> OLDER, UNSURE HOW MUCH $\ldots .$. 3 |  |
| 622 | When was the last time you had sexual intercourse? <br> RECORD 'YEARS AGO' ONLY IF LAST INTERCOURSE WAS ONE OR MORE YEARS AGO. <br> IF 12 MONTHS OR MORE, ANSWER MUST BE RECORDED IN YEARS. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST SEXUAL PARTNER | SECOND-TO-LAST SEXUAL PARTNER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 623 | When was the last time you had sexual intercourse with this other person? |  |  |
| 624 | The last time you had sexual intercourse (with this other person), was a condom used? |  |  |
| 625 | Did you use a condom every time you had sexual intercourse with this person in the last 12 months? |  |  |
| 626 | What was your relationship to this person with whom you had sexual intercourse? <br> IF BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND: <br> Were you living together as if married? <br> IF YES, CIRCLE '02' <br> IF NO, CIRCLE '03' |  |  |
| 627 | For how long (have you had/did you have) a sexual relationship with this person? <br> IF ONLY HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH THIS PERSON ONCE, RECORD '01' DAYS. | DAYS MONTHS YEARS | DAYS <br> MONTHS <br> YEARS |
| 628 | CHECK 105: |  |  |
| 629 | How old is this person? | AGE <br> OF PARTNER (SKIP TO 632) $\square$ DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ 98 | AGE <br> OF PARTNER (SKIP TO 632) $\square$ DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ 98 |
| 630 | Is this person older than you, younger than you, or about the same age? | OLDER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ <br> YOUNGER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ <br> ABOUT THE SAME AGE <br> DON'T KNOW ..................... <br>  <br> (SKIP TO 632) |  |
| 631 | Would you say this person is ten or more years older than you or less than ten years older than you? | TEN OR MORE   <br> YEARS OLDER $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> LESS THAN TEN   <br> YEARS OLDER $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> OLDER, UNSURE   <br> HOW MUCH $\ldots \ldots \ldots .$.  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | SEXUAL PARTNER | SECOND-TO-LAST SEXUAL PARTNER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 632 | The last time you had sexual intercourse (with this other person), did you or this person drink alcohol? |  |  |
| 633 | Were you or your partner drunk at that time? <br> IF YES: Who was drunk? |  |  |
| 634 | Apart from this person, have you had sexual intercourse with any other person in the last 12 months? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 635 | In total, with how many different people have you had sexual intercourse in the last 12 months? <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. <br> IF NUMBER OF PARTNERS IS GREATER THAN 95, WRITE '95.' | NUMBER OF PARTNERS LAST 12 MONTHS DON'T KNOW |  |
| 636 | In total, with how many different people have you had sexual intercourse in your lifetime? <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. <br> IF NUMBER OF PARTNERS IS GREATER THAN 95, WRITE '95.' | NUMBER OF PARTNERS IN LIFETIME DON'T KNOW |  |
| 637 | Do you know of a place where a person can get condoms? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 701$ |
| 638 | Where is that? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 639 | If you wanted to, could you yourself get a condom? | YES $\ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> DON'T KNOW/UNSURE . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |

SECTION 7. FERTILITY PREFERENCES


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 707 | CHECK 702: <br> WANTS TO HAVE A/ANOTHER CHILD <br> You have said that you do not want (a/another) child soon, but you are not using any method to avoid pregnancy. <br> Can you tell me why you are not using a method? <br> Any other reason? <br> WANTS NO MORE/ NONE <br> You have said that you do not want any (more) children, but you are not using any method to avoid pregnancy. <br> Can you tell me why you are not using a method? <br> Any other reason? |  |  |
| 708 | CHECK 310: USING A CONTRACEPTIVE METHOD? <br> NOT NOT CURRENTLY USING <br> CUR | YES, NTLY USING | $\rightarrow 713$ |
| 709 | Do you think you will use a contraceptive method to delay or avoid pregnancy at any time in the future? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 711$ |
| 710 | Which contraceptive method would you prefer to use? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 711 | What is the main reason that you think you will not use a contraceptive method at any time in the future? | NOT MARRIED | $\square$ |
| 712 | Would you ever use a contraceptive method if you were married? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 713 | CHECK 216: <br> HAS LIVING CHILDREN <br> NO LIVING CHILDREN <br> If you could go back to the time If you could choose exactly the you did not have any children number of children to have in and could choose exactly the your whole life, how many number of children to have in would that be? your whole life, how many would that be? <br> PROBE FOR A NUMERIC RESPONSE. |  | $\longrightarrow 715$ $\longrightarrow 715$ |
| 714 | How many of these children would you like to be boys, how many would you like to be girls and for how many would the sex not matter? |  |  |
| 715 | In the last few months have you heard about family planning: <br> On the radio? <br> On the television? <br> In a newspaper or magazine? <br> In a pamphlet/poster/leaflets/booklets? <br> At a community event? |    YES NO <br> RADIO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2   <br> TELEVISION $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ 1 2  <br> NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE $\ldots$ 1 2  <br> PAMPHLET, ETC. $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2   <br> COMMUNITY EVENT $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2   |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 717 | CHECK 601: |  | $\rightarrow 723$ |
| 718 | CHECK 311/311A: <br> NEITHER CODE B, NOR <br> NOR CODE G, NOR CODE L CIRCLED, BUT ANY OTHER CODE(S) CIRCLED <br> CODE B, OR G, OR L <br> CIRCLED <br> NO CODE CIRCLED |  | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 720 \\ & \longrightarrow 722 \end{aligned}$ |
| 719 | Does your husband/partner know that you are using a method of family planning? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 720 | Would you say that using contraception is mainly your decision, mainly your husband's/partner's decision, or did you both decide together? |  |  |
| 721 | CHECK 311/311A: |  | $\rightarrow 723$ |
| 722 | Do you think your husband/partner wants the same number of children that you want, or does he want more or fewer than you want? |  |  |
| 723 | Husbands and wives do not always agree on everything. Please tell me if you think a wife is justified in refusing to have sex with her husband when: <br> She knows her husband has a disease that can be transmitted through sexual contact? <br> She knows her husband has sex with other women? <br> She is tired or not in the mood? |  YES NO DK <br> DISEASE SEXUAL CONTACT 1 2 8 <br> OTHER WOMEN ........... 1 2 8 <br> TIRED/NOT IN MOOD $\ldots . .$. 1 2 8 |  |
| 723A | When a wife knows her husband has a disease that can be transmitted through sexual contact, is she justified in asking that they use a condom when they have sex? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 723B |  | $\square$ | $\rightarrow 801$ |
| 723C | Can you say no to your husband/partner if you do not want to have sexual intercourse? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 723D | Could you ask your husband/partner to use a condom it you wanted him to? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 NO . . . . . . |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 801 |  | NEVER MARRIED AND NEVER $\square$ LIVED WITH A MAN |  |
| 802 | How old was your husband/partner on his last birthday? | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS |  |
| 803 | Did your (last) husband/partner ever attend school? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 806$ |
| 805 | What was the highest grade he completed? | GRADE <br> TECH./VOC. CERTIFICATE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE DIPLOMA UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE DEGREE DON'T KNOW |  |
| 806 | CHECK 801: <br> CURRENTLY MARRIED/ <br> FORMERLY MARRIED/ LIVING WITH A MAN LIVED WITH A MAN <br> What is your husband's/partner's What was your (last) husband's/ occupation? partner's occupation? <br> That is, what kind of work does That is, what kind of work did he he mainly do? mainly do? |  |  |
| 807 | Aside from your own housework, have you done any work in the last seven days? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 811$ |
| 808 | As you know, some women take up jobs for which they are paid in cash or kind. Others sell things, have a small business or work on the family farm or in the family business. In the last seven days, have you done any of these things or any other work? | YES NO | $\longrightarrow 811$ |
| 809 | Although you did not work in the last seven days, do you have any job or business from which you were absent for leave, illness, vacation, maternity leave or any other such reason? | YES NO | $\longrightarrow 811$ |
| 810 | Have you done any work in the last 12 months? | YES <br> NO | $\longrightarrow 811$ |
| 810A | What have you been doing for most of the time over the last 12 months? | GOING TO SCHOOL/STUDYING LOOKING FOR WORK RETIRED TOO ILL TO WORK HANDICAPPED, CANNOT WORK HOUSEWORK/CHILD CARE <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $[] \rightarrow 818$ |
| 811 | What is your occupation, that is, what kind of work do you mainly do? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 812 | CHECK 811: <br> WORKS IN <br> DOES NOT WORK <br> AGRICULTURE IN AGRICULTURE |  | $\rightarrow 814$ |
| 813 | Do you work mainly on your own land or on family land, or do you work on land that you rent from someone else, or do you work on someone else's land? |  |  |
| 814 | Do you do this work for a member of your family, for someone else, or are you self-employed? | FOR FAMILY MEMBER $\ldots . . . . . .$. 1 <br> FOR SOMEONE ELSE $\ldots . . . . .$. 2 <br> SELF-EMPLOYED $\ldots . . . . . . .$. 3 |  |
| 815 | Do you usually work at home or away from home? | HOME . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\quad 1$ AWAY . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 816 | Do you usually work throughout the year, or do you work seasonally, or only once in a while? | THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ........... <br> SEASONALLY/PART OF THE YEAR <br> ONCE IN A WHILE $\ldots . . . . . . . . . .$. |  |
| 817 | Are you paid in cash or kind for this work or are you not paid at all? |  |  |
| 818 | CHECK 601: <br> CURRENTLY <br> MARRIED/LIVING <br> NOT IN UNION <br> WITH A MAN |  | $\rightarrow 825$ |
| 819 | CHECK 817: |  | $\longrightarrow 822$ |
| 820 | Who decides how the money you earn will be used: mainly you, mainly your husband/partner, or you and your husband/partner jointly? |  |  |
| 821 | Would you say that the money that you bring into the household is more than what your husband/partner brings in, less than what he brings in, or about the same? |  | $\rightarrow 823$ |



SECTION 9. HIVIAIDS AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 901 | Now I would like to talk about something else. Have you ever heard of an illness called AIDS? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 917$ |
| 902 | Can people reduce their chances of getting the AIDS virus by having just one sex partner who is not infected and who has no other partners? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 903 | Can people get the AIDS virus from mosquito bites? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 904 | Can people reduce their chances of getting the AIDS virus by using a condom every time they have sex? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 905 | Can people get the AIDS virus by sharing food with a person who has AIDS? |  |  |
| 906 | Can people reduce their chance of getting the AIDS virus by abstaining from sexual intercourse? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 907 | Can people get the AIDS virus because of the curse of God or other supernatural means? |  |  |
| 908 | Is there anything else a person can do to avoid or reduce the chances of getting the AIDS virus? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 910$ |
| 909 | What can a person do? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL WAYS MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 910 | Is it possible for a healthy-looking person to have the AIDS virus? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGOR |  |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 910A |  |  |  |  | $\rightarrow 911$ |
| 910B | Can the virus that causes AIDS be transmitted from a mother to her baby: <br> During pregnancy? <br> During delivery? <br> By breastfeeding? |   YES  <br> DURING PREG. $\ldots .$. 1  <br> DURING DELIVERY    | NO 2 2 2 | $\begin{gathered} \text { DK } \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 910C | CHECK 910B: <br> AT LEAST ONE 'YES' | ER |  |  | $\rightarrow$ 910E |
| 910D | Are there any special medications that a doctor or a nurse can give to a woman infected with the AIDS virus to reduce the risk of transmission to the baby? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ . \quad 2 \\ . \quad 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 910E | Is there any special medication that people infected with the AIDS virus can get from a doctor or a nurse? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ . \quad 2 \\ . \quad 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 910F | CHECK 215: <br> NO BIRTHS <br> LAST BIRTH SINCE <br> LAST BIRTH BEFORE MESKEREM 1995 MESKEREM 1995 $\square$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 9100 \\ & \longrightarrow 9100 \end{aligned}$ |
| 910G | CHECK 407: SEE ANYONE FOR ANTENATAL CARE DURING THAT PREGNANCY? <br> YES, $\square$ <br> PERSON SEEN <br> NO ONE $\square$ |  |  |  | $\rightarrow 9100$ |
| 910H | During any of the antenatal visits for that pregnancy, did anyone talk to you about: <br> Babies getting the AIDS virus from their mother? <br> Things that you can do to prevent getting the AIDS virus? <br> Getting tested for the AIDS virus? |  YES <br> AIDS FROM MOTHER 1 <br> THINGS TO DO . <br> TESTED FOR AIDS . | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NO} \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { DK } \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 9101 | Were you offered a test for the AIDS virus as part of your antenatal care? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & . \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 910J | I don't want to know the results, but were you tested for the AIDS virus as part of your antenatal care? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & .1 \\ & . \quad 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 9100$ |
| 910K | I don't want to know the results, but did you get the results of the test? | YES <br> NO |  | $\begin{array}{ll} \text {. } & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ |  |


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| 910L | Where was the test done? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE SOURCE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. |  |  |
| 910M | Have you been tested for the AIDS virus since that time you were tested during your pregnancy? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow$ 910P |
| 910N | When was the last time you were tested for the AIDS virus? | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { LESS THAN } 12 \text { MONTHS AGO } & \ldots . . & 1 \\ 12-23 \text { MONTHS AGO .............. } & 2 \\ 2 \text { OR MORE YEARS AGO } & \ldots . . . . . . & 3\end{array}$ |  |
| 9100 | I don't want to know the results, but have you ever been tested to see if you have the AIDS virus? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 2 \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 911$ |
| 910P | When was the last time you were tested? | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { LESS THAN } 12 \text { MONTHS AGO } & \ldots . . & 1 \\ 12-23 \text { MONTHS AGO } \ldots . . . . . . . . & 2 \\ 2 \text { OR MORE YEARS AGO } & \ldots . . . . . & 3\end{array}$ |  |
| 910Q | The last time you had the test, did you yourself ask for the test, was it offered to you and you accepted, or was it required? |  |  |
| 910R | I don't want to know the results, but did you get the results of the test? |  |  |
| 910S | Where was the test done? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. |  | $\rightarrow \text { 912A }$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 911 | Do you know of a place where people can go to get tested for the virus that causes AIDS? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow$ 912A |
| 912 | Where is that? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 912A | In the last few months have you heard or seen the following media messages on HIV/AIDS? <br> Value your life! <br> Stop stigma and discrimination! <br> Harmful traditional practices expose to HIV/AIDS! <br> Live and let live! <br> Care and support people living with HIV/AIDS! <br> I care, do you? <br> Let us take care of each other! <br> Let us fight HIV/AIDS together! <br> Abstain from sex before marriage! |  |  |
| 913 | Would you buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor if you knew that this person had the AIDS virus? | YES $\ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 914 | If a member of your family got infected with the AIDS virus, would you want it to remain a secret or not? |  |  |
| 915 | If a relative of yours became sick with the virus that causes AIDS, would you be willing to care for her or him in your own household? | YES $\ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 916 | In your opinion, if a female teacher has the AIDS virus but is not sick, should she be allowed to continue teaching in the school? | SHOULD BE ALLOWED SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS |  |
| 916A | CHECK COVER PAGE: | HOUSEHOLD NOT SELECTED MALE SURVEY | $\rightarrow 917$ |
| 916B | Do you personally know someone who is suspected to have the AIDS virus or who has the AIDS virus? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\rightarrow$ 916F |
| 916C | Do you personally know someone who has been denied health services in the last 12 months because he or she is suspected to have the AIDS virus or has the AIDS virus? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 916D | Do you personally know someone who has been denied involvement in social events, religious services, or community events in the last 12 months because he or she is suspected to have the AIDS virus or has the AIDS virus? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 916E | Do you personally know someone who has been verbally abused or teased in the last 12 months because he or she is suspected to have the AIDS virus or has the AIDS virus? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 916F | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: <br> People with the AIDS virus should be ashamed of themselves. | AGREE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DISAGREE . . . . . . 2 <br> DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 916G | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People with the AIDS virus should be blamed for bringing the disease into the community. | AGREE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DISAGREE . . . . . . 2 <br> DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 916H | Should children age 12-14 be taught about using a condom to avoid AIDS? | YES $\ldots \ldots .$. ... <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 916I | Should children age 12-14 be taught to wait until they get married to have sexual intercourse in order to avoid AIDS? |  |  |
| 917 |  | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 918 | CHECK 615: <br> HAS HAD SEXUAL <br> HAS NOT HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE INTERCOURSE |  | $\longrightarrow 1001$ |
| 919 | CHECK 917: HEARD ABOUT OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED | CTIONS? NO $\square$ | $\rightarrow 921$ |
| 920 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about your health in the last 12 months. During the last 12 months, have you had a disease which you got through sexual contact? |  |  |
| 921 | Sometimes women experience a bad smelling abnormal genital discharge. <br> During the last 12 months, have you had a bad smelling abnormal genital discharge? | YES $\ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 922 | Sometimes women have a genital sore or ulcer. <br> During the last 12 months, have you had a genital sore or ulcer? |  |  |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 923 | CHECK 920, 921, AND 922: <br> HAS NOT HAD AN INFECTION OR DOES NOT KNOW |  | $\longrightarrow 1001$ |
| 924 | The last time you had (PROBLEM FROM 920/921/922), did you seek any kind of advice or treatment? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ & \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 1001$ |
| 925 | Where did you go? <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |

SECTION 10. HARMFUL TRADITIONAL PRACTICES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1001 | Have you ever heard of female circumcision? <br> IF NO PROBE: Have you ever heard of the practice in which a girl may have parts of her genitals cut? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 1011$ |
| 1002 | Have you yourself ever been circumcised? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 1004$ |
| 1003 | In some parts of Ethiopia, there is a type of circumcision where the genital area is sewn closed. Was this done to you? |  |  |
| 1004 | CHECK 214 AND 216: <br> HAS ONE $\square$ HAS MORE THAN <br> LIVING DAUGHTER ONE LIVING DAUGHTER | HAS NO LIVING DAUGHTER | $\rightarrow 1010$ |
| 1005 | CHECK 1004: <br> ONE LIVING MORE THAN ONE <br> DAUHTER <br> Has your daughter <br> Have any of your daughters been circumcised? been circumcised? <br> IF YES: RECORD '01' <br> IF YES: How many? <br> RECORD NUMBER | NUMBER CIRCUMCISED $\square$ <br> NO DAUGHTER CIRCUMCISED $\qquad$ 95 | $\longrightarrow 1010$ |
| 1006 | To which of your daughters did this happen (most recently)? <br> (DAUGHTER'S NAME) <br> CHECK 212 AND RECORD THE LINE NUMBER FOR THE DAUGHTER. | DAUGHTER'S LINE NUMBER FROM 212 |  |
| 1007 | Was (NAME OF DAUGHTER FROM 1006) genital area sewn closed? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 1008 | How old was (NAME) when this occurred? <br> IF THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW THE AGE, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS <br> DURING INFANCY . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 95 DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 98 |  |
| 1009 | Who did the circumcision? |  |  |
| 1010 | Do you think that this practice should be continued or should it be discontinued? |  |  |
| 1011 | Have you ever heard of uvulectomy/tonsillectomy? <br> IF NO PROBE: Have you ever heard of the practice in which a child may have parts of her or his uvula cut or tonsils scraped? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 1016$ |
| 1012 | Have you yourself ever had an uvulectomy or tonsillectomy? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1013 | CHECK 216: <br> HAS AT LEAST <br> HAS NO <br> ONE LIVING CHILD |  | $\rightarrow 1015$ |
| 1014 | Have any of your children ever had an uvulectomy or tonsillectomy? <br> IF YES: How many? | NUMBER <br> NO CHILD |  |
| 1015 | Do you think that this practice should be continued or should it be discontinued? | CONTINUED <br> DISCONTINUED <br> DEPENDS <br> DON'T KNOW |  |
| 1016 | Have you ever heard of marriage by abduction? <br> IF NO PROBE: Have you ever heard of the practice in which a girl is abducted and forced into marriage? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 1021$ |
| 1016A | CHECK 601 AND 602: <br> EVER MARRIED/ <br> NEVER MARRIED/ <br> EVER IN UNION <br> NEVER IN UNION |  | $\longrightarrow 1018$ |
| 1017 | Were you yourself married by abduction? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1018 | CHECK 214, 215 AND 216: <br> HAS AT LEAST <br> HAS NO ONE LIVING DAUGHTER <br> AGE 10 AND ABOVE | $\square$ | $\longrightarrow 1020$ |
| 1019 | Have any of your daughters ever been married by abduction? <br> IF YES: How many? | NUMBER <br> NO DAUGHTER |  |
| 1020 | Do you think that this practice should be continued or should it be discontinued? | CONTINUED <br> DISCONTINUED <br> DEPENDS <br> DON'T KNOW |  |
| 1021 | Have you ever heard of obstetric fistula (USE LOCAL TERM)? <br> IF NO PROBE: Have you ever heard of a condition in which a woman continuously leaks urine and/or faeces following childbirth? | YES NO | $\longrightarrow 1101$ |
| 1022 | Have you yourself experienced obstetric fistula? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 1024$ |
| 1023 | Have you ever been treated for obstetric fistula? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1024 | Are there any (other) women in your household who suffer from obstetric fistula? | YES <br> NO | $\longrightarrow 1101$ |
| 1025 | How many (other) women in your household suffer from obstetric fistula? | NUMBER <br> DON'T KNOW |  |



| 1104 | What was the name given to your oldest (next oldest) brother or sister? | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1105 | Is (NAME) male or female? | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 1106 | Is (NAME) still alive? | $\left.\begin{array}{llr}\text { YES } \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1108 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (8) } & 8\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{lll}\text { YES } \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } 1108 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots & 8 \\ \text { GO TO } & 8 \\ \hline\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1108 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots & 8 \\ \text { GO TO } & (10) \end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{lll}\text { YES } \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1108 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots & 8 \\ \text { GO TO } & \text { (11) }\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{lll}\text { YES } \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1108 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots & 8 \\ \text { GO TO } & \text { (12) }\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1108 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots & 8 \\ \text { GO TO } & (13) \end{array}\right]$ |
| 1107 | How old is (NAME)? | GO TO <br> (8) | GO TO (9) |  |  |  |  |
| 1108 | How many years a did (NAME) die? |  |  |  |  | $\square$ |  |
| 1109 | How old was (NAME) when he/she died? | IF MALE <br> OR DIED BEFORE <br> 12 YEARS <br> OF AGE <br> GO TO [8] | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (9) | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (10) | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (11) | IF MALE <br> OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (12) | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (13) |
| 1110 | Was (NAME) pregnant when she died? | $\left.\begin{array}{cc} \text { YES } \ldots & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1113 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & 2 \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1113 & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1113 \\ \text { NO } \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1113 & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1113 \\ \text { NO } \ldots & 2 \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . } \\ & \text { GO TO } 1113 \\ & \text { NO } \ldots . \end{aligned}$ |
| 1111 | Did (NAME) die during childbirth? | $\left.\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1113 \\ \text { NO } \ldots & 2 \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{array}{llc} \text { YES . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1113 \\ \text { NO } \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . } \\ & \text { GO TO } 1113 \\ & \text { NO } \ldots \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{llc} \text { YES . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1113 \\ \text { NO } \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES ... } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1113 \\ \text { NO } \ldots & 2 \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . } \\ & \text { GO TO } 1113 \\ & \text { NO } \ldots . \end{aligned}$ |
| 1112 | Did (NAME) die within two months after the end of a pregnancy or childbirth? | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 1113 | How many live born children did (NAME) give birth to during her lifetime (before this pregnancy)? |  |  |  |  |  | $1$ |
| IF NO MORE BROTHERS OR SISTERS, GO TO 1114. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1114 | RECORD THE TIM <br> MORNING = 1 <br> EVENING = 2 |  |  | MOR <br> HOU <br> MINU | ING/EVENING <br> ES |  |  |

# TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW 

COMMENTS ABOUT RESPONDENT:
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COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:
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ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

## SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS

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NAME OF SUPERVISOR: $\qquad$ DATE:

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS
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NAME OF EDITOR: $\qquad$ DATE:

INSTRUCTIONS:
ONLY ONE CODE SHOULD APPEAR IN ANY BOX.
FOR COLUMNS 1 AND 4, ALL MONTHS SHOULD BE FILLED IN.
INFORMATION TO BE CODED FOR EACH COLUMN

COL. 1: BIRTHS, PREGNANCIES, CONTRACEPTIVE USE **
B BIRTHS
P PREGNANCIES
T TERMINATIONS
0 NO METHOD
1 FEMALE STERILIZATION
2 MALE STERILIZATION
PILL
IUD
INJECTABLES
IMPLANTS
CONDOM
DIAPHRAGM/FOAM/JELLY
STANDARD DAYS METHOD
J LACTATIONAL AMENORRHEA METHOD
K RHYTHM METHOD
L WITHDRAWAL
X OTHER $\qquad$
COL. 2: SOURCE OF CONTRACEPTION
1 GOV'T HOSPITAL
2 GOV'T HEALTH CENTER
3 GOV'T HEALTH POST
4 GOV'T HEALTH STATION/CLINIC
5 CBD
OTHER PUBLIC
NON-GOV'T HEALTH FACILITY
NON-GOV'T CBD/CBRHA
OTHER NGO
PVT. HOSPITAL/CLINIC/DOCTOR
PHARMACY
OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL
DRUG VENDOR
SHOP
F FRIENDS/RELATIVES
X OTHER
(SPECIFY)

COL. 3: DISCONTINUATION OF CONTRACEPTIVE USE
0 INFREQUENT SEX/HUSBAND AWAY
BECAME PREGNANT WHILE USING
WANTED TO BECOME PREGNANT
HUSBAND/PARTNER DISAPPROVED
WANTED MORE EFFECTIVE METHOD
HEALTH CONCERNS
SIDE EFFECTS
LACK OF ACCESS/TOO FAR
COSTS TOO MUCH
9 INCONVENIENT TO USE
M METHOD NOT AVAILABLE
F FATALISTIC
A DIFFICULT TO GET PREGNANT/MENOPAUSAL
D MARITAL DISSOLUTION/SEPARATION
X OTHER $\qquad$
z DON'T KNOW
COL. 4:
MARRIAGE/UNION
X IN UNION (MARRIED OR LIVING TOGETHER)
0 NOT IN UNION


IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION:
PHCCO


Hello. My name is $\qquad$ and I am working with the Population and Housing Census
Commission Office (PHCCO). We are conducting a national survey about the health of women, men and children. We would very
much appreciate your participation in this survey. I would like to ask you about your health. This information will help the
government to plan health services. The survey usually takes about 30 minutes to complete.
Whatever information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shown to other persons.
At this time, do you want to ask me anything about the survey?
May I begin the interview now?

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | RECORD THE TIME. $\begin{aligned} & \text { MORNING = } 1 \\ & \text { EVENING = } 2 \end{aligned}$ | MORNING/EVENING <br> HOUR <br> MINUTES |  |
| 102 | How long have you been living continuously in (NAME OF CURRENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE)? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE YEAR, RECORD '00' YEARS. |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 104$ |
| 103 | Just before you moved here, did you live in a city, in a town, or in the countryside? |  |  |
| 104 | In what month and year were you born? |  |  |
| 105 | How old were you at your last birthday? <br> COMPARE AND CORRECT 104 AND/OR 105 IF INCONSISTENT. | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
| 106 | Have you ever attended school? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 110$ |
| 108 | What is the highest grade you completed? | GRADE $\square$ <br> TECH.NVOC. CERTIFICATE $\qquad$ UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE DIPLOMA UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE DEGREE OR HIGHER $\qquad$ |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 109 | CHECK 108: <br> GRADE 07 AND ABOVE |  | $\rightarrow 113$ |
| 110 | Now I would like you to read this sentence to me. <br> SHOW CARD TO RESPONDENT. <br> IF RESPONDENT CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, PROBE: Can you read any part of the sentence to me? |  |  |
| 111 | Have you ever participated in a Basic Education Program or any other program that involves learning to read or write (not including primary school)? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 112 | CHECK 110: |  | $\rightarrow 114$ |
| 113 | Do you read a newspaper or magazine almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? |  |  |
| 114 | Do you listen to the radio almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? |  |  |
| 115 | Do you watch television almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? |  |  |
| 116 | In the last 12 months, on how many separate occasions have you traveled away from your home community and slept away? | NUMBER OF TRIPS $\square$ <br> NONE | $\longrightarrow 118$ |
| 117 | In the last 12 months, have you been away from your home community for more than one month at a time? |  |  |
| 118 | What is your religion? |  |  |
| 119 | What is your ethnicity? <br> RECORD THE MAJOR ETHNIC GROUP. |  |  |
| 120 | Are you currently working? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 123$ |
| 121 | Have you done any work in the last 12 months? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 123$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 122 | What have you been doing for most of the time over the last 12 months? |  | $\square \rightarrow 201$ |
| 123 | What is your occupation, that is, what kind of work do you mainly do? | $\qquad$ |  |
| 124 | CHECK 123: <br> WORKS IN <br> DOES NOT WORK <br> AGRICULTURE IN AGRICULTURE $\square$ |  | $\rightarrow 126$ |
| 125 | Do you work mainly on your own land or on family land, or do you work on land that you rent from someone else, or do you work on someone else's land? |  |  |
| 126 | Are you paid in cash or kind for this work or are you not paid at all? |  |  |

SECTION 2. REPRODUCTION

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 201 | Now I would like to ask about any children you have had. I am interested only in the children that are biologically yours. Have you ever fathered any children with any woman? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 206$ |
| 202 | Do you have any sons or daughters that you have fathered who are now living with you? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 204$ |
| 203 | How many sons live with you? <br> And how many daughters live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | SONS AT HOME <br> DAUGHTERS AT HOME |  |
| 204 | Do you have any sons or daughters you have fathered who are alive but do not live with you? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 205 | How many sons are alive but do not live with you? <br> And how many daughters are alive but do not live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | SONS ELSEWHERE <br> DAUGHTERS ELSEWHERE |  |
| 206 | Have you ever fathered a boy or girl who was born alive but later died? <br> IF NO, PROBE: Any baby who cried or showed signs of life but did not survive? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 208$ |
| 207 | How many boys have died? <br> And how many girls have died? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | BOYS DEAD $\qquad$ <br> GIRLS DEAD |  |
| 208 | (In addition to the children that you have just told me about), do you or sons or daughters who died who are biologically your children but or do not have your name? <br> NO | any other living sons or daughters are not legally yours <br> PROBE AND <br> CORRECT <br> 201-207 AS <br> NECESSARY. |  |
| 209 | SUM ANSWERS TO 203, 205, AND 207, AND ENTER TOTAL. IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | TOTAL |  |
| 210 | CHECK 209: <br> HAS HAD ONLY ONE CHILD <br> HAS HAD <br> MORE THAN <br> ONE CHILD <br> HAS NOT HAD ANY CHILDREN |  | $\longrightarrow 213$ $\longrightarrow 214$ |
| 211 | Do the children you have fathered all have the same biological mother? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 213$ |


| 212 | In all how many women have you fathered children with? | NUMBER OF WOMEN |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 213 | How old were you when your (first) child was born? | AGE IN YEARS |  |  |
| 214 | Are you the primary care giver for any children? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text {. . . . . . . . . . . . . } & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 301$ |
| 215 | Are any of these children for whom you are the primary caregiver under the age of 18 ? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text {. . . . . . . . . . . . . } & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 301$ |
| 216 | Now I would like to ask you about the children who are under the age of 18 and for whom you are the primary caregiver. <br> Have you made arrangements for someone to care for these children in the event that you fall sick or are unable to care for them? | YES <br> NO <br> UNSURE |  |  |

SECTION 3. CONTRACEPTION

| 301 | Now I would like to talk about family planning - the various ways or methods that a couple can use to delay or avoid a pregnancy. <br> Which ways or methods have you heard about? <br> FOR METHODS NOT MENTIONED SPONTANEOUSLY, ASK: <br> Have you ever heard of (METHOD)? <br> CIRCLE CODE 1 IN 301 FOR EACH METHOD MENTIONED SPONTANEOUSLY. <br> THEN PROCEED DOWN COLUMN 301, READING THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF EACH METHOD NOT MENTIONED SPONTANEOUSLY. CIRCLE CODE 1 IF METHOD IS RECOGNIZED, AND CODE 2 IF NOT RECOGNIZED. THEN, FOR EACH METHOD WITH CODE 1 CIRCLED IN 301, ASK 302. |  | 302 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | FEMALE STERILIZATION Women can have an operation to avoid having any more children. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & \ldots & { }^{2} \eta \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 02 | MALE STERILIZATION Men can have an operation to avoid having any more children. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \ldots \end{array}$ | Hav to a YES NO | 2 |
| 03 | PILL Women can take a pill every day to avoid becoming pregnant. |  |  |  |
| 04 | IUD Women can have a loop or coil placed inside them by a doctor or a nurse. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & \ldots & { }^{2} \eta \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 05 | INJECTABLES Women can have an injection by a health provider that stops them from becoming pregnant for one or more months. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{1} \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \eta \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 06 | IMPLANTS (or NORPLANTS) Women can have several small rods placed in their upper arm by a doctor or nurse which can prevent pregnancy for five or more years. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{1} \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \eta \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 07 | CONDOM Men can put a rubber sheath on their penis before sexual intercourse. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \ldots \\ & \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 2 |
| 08 | DIAPHRAGM/FOAM/JELLY Women can place a sheath and/or a suppository/tablet/jelly/cream in their vagina before intercourse. |  |  |  |
| 09 | STANDARD DAYS METHOD Women can use a cycle of beads to count the days they are most likely to get pregnant and avoid sexual intercourse during those days. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{1} \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \neq \ldots \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 10 | LACTATIONAL AMENORRHEA METHOD (LAM) | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{1} \ldots \ldots \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 11 | RHYTHM METHOD Every month that a woman is sexually active she can avoid pregnancy by not having sexual intercourse on the days of the month she is most likely to get pregnant. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{1} \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 2 |
| 12 | WITHDRAWAL Men can be careful and pull out before climax. | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{1} \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \eta \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 2 |
| 13 | Have you heard of any other ways or methods that women or men can use to avoid pregnancy? |  |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 303 | In the last few months, have you discussed the practice of family planning with a health worker or health professional? | YES $\ldots \ldots$ NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 304 | Now I would like to ask you about when a woman is most likely to get pregnant. <br> From one menstrual period to the next, are there certain days when a woman is more likely to become pregnant if she has sexual relations? |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 306$ |
| 305 | Is this time just before her period begins, during her period, right after her period has ended, or halfway between two periods? |  |  |
| 306 | Do you think that a woman who is breastfeeding her baby can get pregnant? |  |  |
| 307 | I willl now read you some statements about contraception. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each one. <br> Contraception is women's business and a man should not have to worry about it <br> Women who use contraception may become promiscuous. A woman is the one who gets pregnant so she should be the one to get sterilized. | AGREE DISAGREE DK <br> 1 2 8 <br> 1 2 8 <br> 1 2 8 |  |



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| 406 |  | YES <br> NO | $\begin{array}{\|l} \longrightarrow \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} 4109$ |
| 407 | Have you ever been married or lived together with a woman as if married? | YES <br> NO | $\rightarrow 412$ |
| 408 | What is your marital status now: are you widowed, divorced, or separated? | WIDOWED DIVORCED SEPARATED |  |
| 409 | In total, how many women have you been married to or lived together with as if married in your whole life? | NUMBER |  |
| 409A | CHECK 405 AND 409: <br> ONLY ONE WIFE/PARTNER <br> MORE THAN ON <br> TOTAL IN 405 AND 409 | FE/PARTNER <br> AND/OR 409 | $\rightarrow 410 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 410 $410 A$ | In what month and year did you start living with your wife/partner? <br> Now I would like to ask about when you started living with your first wife/partner. <br> In what month and year was that? | MONTH <br> DON'T KNOW MONTH <br> YEAR $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW YEAR | $\longrightarrow 412$ |
| 411 | How old were you when you first started living with her? | AGE |  |
| 412 | Now I need to ask you some questions about sexual activity in order to gain a better understanding of some family life issues. <br> How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the very first time (if ever)? | NEVER ..................... <br> AGE IN YEARS <br> FIRST TIME WHEN STARTED LIVING WITH (FIRST) WIFE/PARTNER | $\longrightarrow 414$ $\longrightarrow 414$ |
| 413 | Do you intend to wait until you get married to have sexual intercourse for the first time? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW/UNSURE | $443$ |
| 414 | CHECK 105: $\begin{array}{r}15-24 \\ \text { YEARS OLD } \\ \square\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r}25-59 \\ \text { YEARS OLD }\end{array}$ |  | $\rightarrow 419$ |
| 415 | The first time you had sexual intercourse, was a condom used? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEM |  |
| 419 | When was the last time you had sexual intercourse? <br> RECORD 'YEARS AGO' ONLY IF LAST INTERCOURSE WAS ONE OR MORE YEARS AGO. <br> IF 12 MONTHS OR MORE, ANSWER MUST BE RECORDED IN YEARS. |  | $\longrightarrow 428$ |




| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 438 | From where did you (your partner) obtain the condom the last time? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE(S)) <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 439 | CHECK 302 (02) USING MALE STERILIZATION <br> NO <br> YES |  | - 442 |
| 440 | The last time you had sex did you (or your partner) use any method (other than the condom) to avoid or prevent a pregnancy? |  | $442$ |
| 441 | What method did you (your partner) use? <br> PROBE: <br> Did you use any other method to prevent pregnancy? |  |  |
| 442 | CHECK 420 COLUMN 1 (CONDOM USE WITH LAST SEXUAL P <br> NO/NOT YES $\square$ ASKED |  | $\rightarrow 447$ |
| 443 | CHECK 301 (07) KNOWS MALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO |  | $\rightarrow 447$ |
| 444 | Do you know of a place where a person can get condoms? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 447$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 445 | Where is that? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 446 | If you wanted to, could you yourself get a condom? |  |  |
| 447 | I will now read you some statements about the male condom. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement. <br> Condoms diminish a man's sexual pleasure. <br> Condoms diminish a woman's pleasure. <br> A condom is very inconvenient to use. <br> A condom can be reused. <br> Buying condoms is embarrasing. |  |  |
| 448 | Some men are circumcised. Are you circumcised? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |

SECTION 5. FERTILITY PREFERENCES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 501 | CHECK 401 and 405:IN Q. 405 MARRIEDTO OR LIVING WITHONE WOMAN $\quad$IN Q. 405 MARRIED TO <br> AND/OR LIVING WITH <br> MORE THAN ONE WOMAN | Q. 401: NOT <br> IN UNION | $\begin{array}{\|l} \longrightarrow 502 \mathrm{~A} \\ \longrightarrow 505 \end{array}$ |
| 502 $502 A$ | Is your wife/partner currently pregnant? <br> IF MORE THAN ONE WIFE/PARTNER, ASK: <br> Are any of your wives/partners currently pregnant? |  |  |
| 503 | CHECK 502: |  |  |
| 504 | CHECK 502: <br> WIFE NOT PREGNANT <br> WIFE OR UNSURE PREGNANT <br> How long would you like to wait <br> After the birth of the child you from now before the birth of are expecting now, how long (a/another) child? would you like to wait before the birth of another child? |  |  |
| 505 | CHECK 202 AND 204: <br> HAS LIVING CHILDREN NO LIVING CHILDREN <br> If you could go back to the time <br> If you could choose exactly the you did not have any children number of children to have in and could choose exactly the your whole life, how many number of children to have in would that be? your whole life, how many would that be? <br> PROBE FOR A NUMERIC RESPONSE. |  | $\longrightarrow 507$ $\longrightarrow 507$ |
| 506 | How many of these children would you like to be boys, how many would you like to be girls and for how many would the sex not matter? |  |  |
| 507 | In the last few months have you heard about family planning: <br> On the radio? <br> On the television? <br> In a newspaper or magazine? <br> In a pamphlet/poster/leaflets/booklets? <br> At a community event? |   YES NO <br> RADIO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2 <br> TELEVISION $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2 <br> NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE $\ldots$. 1 2 <br> PAMPHLET, ETC. $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2 <br> COMMUNITY EVENT $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2 |  |




| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 522 | Did the person who gave you that injection take the syringe and needle from a new, unopened package? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 523 | Do you currently smoke cigarettes? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 2 \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 525$ |
| 524 | In the last 24 hours, how many cigarettes did you smoke? | CIGARETTES . ............. $\square$ |  |
| 525 | Do you currently smoke or use any other type of tobacco like gaya, shisha or suret? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow 527$ |
| 526 | What (other) type of tobacco do you currently smoke or use? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED |  |  |
| 527 | Have you ever heard of an illness called tuberculosis or TB? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow 601$ |
| 528 | How does tuberculosis spread from one person to another? <br> PROBE: Any other ways? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | THROUGH THE AIR WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING . . ....... A <br> THROUGH SHARING UTENSILS ...... . B <br> THROUGH TOUCHING A PERSON WITH TB <br> THROUGH FOOD <br> THROUGH SEXUAL CONTACT <br> THROUGH MOSQUITO BITES . . . . . . . . F <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X <br> (SPECIFY) <br> DON'T' KNOW $\qquad$ <br> Z |  |
| 529 | Can tuberculosis be cured? |  |  |
| 530 | If a member of your family got tuberculosis, would you want it to remain a secret or not? |  |  |

SECTION 6. HIV/AIDS AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 601 | Now I would like to talk about something else. Have you ever heard of an illness called AIDS? |  | $\rightarrow 634$ |
| 602 | Can people reduce their chances of getting the AIDS virus by having just one sex partner who is not infected and who has no other partners? |  |  |
| 603 | Can people get the AIDS virus from mosquito bites? |  |  |
| 604 | Can people reduce their chances of getting the AIDS virus by using a condom every time they have sex? |  |  |
| 605 | Can people get the AIDS virus by sharing food with a person who has AIDS? |  |  |
| 606 | Can people reduce their chance of getting the AIDS virus by abstaining from sexual intercourse? |  |  |
| 607 | Can people get the AIDS virus because of the curse of God or other supernatural means? |  |  |
| 608 | Is there anything else a person can do to avoid or reduce the chances of getting the AIDS virus? |  | $\rightarrow \text { } 610$ |
| 609 | What can a person do? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL WAYS MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 610 | Is it possible for a healthy-looking person to have the AIDS virus? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 611 | Can the virus that causes AIDS be transmitted from a mother to her baby: <br> During pregnancy? <br> During delivery? <br> By breastfeeding? |   YES NO <br> DURING PREG. ..... 1 2  <br> DURING DELIVERY ... 1 2  <br> BREASTFEEDING $\ldots$. 1 2  |  |
| 612 | CHECK 611: <br> AT LEAST ONE 'YES' | ER | $\rightarrow 614$ |
| 613 | Are there any special medications that a doctor or a nurse can give to a woman infected with the AIDS virus to reduce the risk of transmission to the baby? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW |  |
| 614 | Is there any special medication that people infected with the AIDS virus can get from a doctor or a nurse? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW |  |
| 615 | I don't want to know the results, but have you ever been tested to see if you have the AIDS virus? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 620$ |
| 616 | When was the last time you were tested? | LESS THAN 12 MONTHS AGO 12-23 MONTHS AGO 2 OR MORE YEARS AGO |  |
| 617 | The last time you had the test, did you yourself ask for the test, was it offered to you and you accepted, or was it required? | ASKED FOR THE TEST OFFERED AND ACCEPTED REQUIRED |  |
| 618 | I don't want to know the results, but did you get the results of the test? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 619 | Where was the test done? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. |  |  |
| 620 | Do you know of a place where people can go to get tested for the virus that causes AIDS? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 622$ |


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| 621 | Where is that? <br> IF SOURCE IS HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER, OR CLINIC, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 622 | Would you buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor if you knew that this person had the AIDS virus? |  |  |
| 623 | If a member of your family got infected with the AIDS virus, would you want it to remain a secret or not? |  |  |
| 624 | If a relative of yours became sick with the virus that causes AIDS, would you be willing to care for her or him in your own household? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS $\ldots \ldots .$. 8 |  |
| 625 | In your opinion, if a female teacher has the AIDS virus but is not sick, should she be allowed to continue teaching in the school? | SHOULD BE ALLOWED ............. 1 <br> SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ....... 2 <br> DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS ........ 8 |  |
| 626 | Do you personally know someone who is suspected to have the AIDS virus or who has the AIDS virus? |  | $\rightarrow 630$ |
| 627 | Do you personally know someone who has been denied health services in the last 12 months because he or she is suspected to have the AIDS virus or has the AIDS virus? |  |  |
| 628 | Do you personally know someone who has been denied involvement in social events, religious services, or community events in the last 12 months because he or she is suspected to have the AIDS virus or has the AIDS virus? |  |  |
| 629 | Do you personally know someone who has been verbally abused or teased in the last 12 months because he or she is suspected to have the AIDS virus or has the AIDS virus? |  |  |


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| 630 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People with the AIDS virus should be ashamed of themselves. |  |  |
| 631 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People with the AIDS virus should be blamed for bringing the disease into the community. | AGREE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> DISAGREE . . . . . . . . . . . 8 <br> DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION . . . . 8 |  |
| 632 | Should children age 12-14 be taught about using a condom to avoid AIDS? |  |  |
| 633 | Should children age 12-14 be taught to wait until they get married to have sexual intercourse in order to avoid AIDS? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO . . . . .  |  |
| 634 | CHECK 601: <br> Apart from AIDS, have you heard about other infections that can be transmitted through sexual contact? <br> NOT HEARD <br> Have you heard about infections that can be transmitted through sexual contact? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\quad 2$ |  |
| 635 | CHECK 412: <br> HAS HAD SEXUAL <br> HAS NOT HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE INTERCOURSE |  | $\rightarrow 643$ |
| 636 | CHECK 634: <br> HEARD ABOUT INFECTION <br> HAS NOT HEARD A TRANSMITTED THROUGH INFECTION TRANSM SEXUAL CONTACT THROUGH SEXUAL CON | $\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{JT} & \square \\ \mathrm{ED} & \square \\ \text { OT } & \end{array}$ | $\rightarrow 638$ |
| 637 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about your health in the last 12 months. During the last 12 months, have you had a disease which you got through sexual contact? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 638 | Sometimes men experience a bad smelling abnormal genital discharge. <br> During the last 12 months, have you had a bad smelling abnormal genital discharge? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 639 | Sometimes men have a genital sore or ulcer. During the last 12 months, have you had a genital sore or ulcer? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 640 | CHECK 637, 638, AND 639: <br> HAS HAD AN <br> HAS NOT HAD AN INFECTION INFECTION OR (ANY 'YES') DOES NOT KNOW |  | $\rightarrow 643$ |
| 641 | The last time you had (PROBLEM FROM 637/638/639), did you seek any kind of advice or treatment? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO . . . . . .  | $\longrightarrow 643$ |


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| 642 | Where did you go? <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 643 | RECORD THE TIME. $\begin{aligned} & \text { MORNING = } 1 \\ & \text { EVENING }=2 \end{aligned}$ | MORNING/EVENING <br> HOUR <br> MINUTES |  |

# TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW 

COMMENTS ABOUT RESPONDENT:
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COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:
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ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS
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NAME OF THE SUPERVISOR: $\qquad$ DATE:

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS
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NAME OF EDITOR: DATE:


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Secondary education refers to both junior secondary (grades 7-8) and senior secondary (grades 9-12).

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Students who are overage for a given level of schooling may have started school overage, may have repeated one or more grades in school, or may have dropped out of school and later returned.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Refers to men who attended secondary school or higher and men who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ A comparison of the five-year TFR shows a similar pattern. For the country as a whole ( 5.9 births in 2000 versus 5.7 births in 2005), there has been little change over the past five years.
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[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ The discontinuation rates presented here include only those segments of contraceptive use that began since September 2000. The rates apply to the period 3-59 months preceding the survey; exposure during the month of interview and the two months before the interview are excluded to avoid the biases that may be introduced by unrecognized pregnancies. These cumulative discontinuation rates represent the proportion of users discontinuing a method within 12 months after the start of use. The rates are calculated by dividing the number of women discontinuing a method by the number exposed at that duration. The single-month rates are then cumulated to produce a one-year rate. In calculating the rate, the various reasons for discontinuation are treated as competing risks.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy

[^7]:    Note: Women who report use of male sterilisation, condoms, or withdrawal are included in the column, husband/partner knows about use. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

[^8]:    ${ }^{1}$ Questions on recent sexual activity were only administered to the subsample of women who were in households selected for the male survey.

[^9]:    Note: Desire to limit childbearing includes respondents who stated that they did not want any more children and those who have been sterilised. Number of living children includes current pregnancy.

[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy
    ${ }^{2}$ Means are calculated excluding the respondents giving non-numeric responses.

[^11]:    Note: Based on health cards and mothers' reports
    ${ }^{1}$ BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio vaccine (excluding polio 0)

[^12]:    ${ }^{1}$ Non-shared facilities that are of the types flush or pour flush into a piped sewer system/septic tank/pit latrine, ventilated, improved pit

[^13]:    Note: Median and mean durations are based on current status. The median duration of any breastfeeding is shown as $\geq 36.0$ for groups in which the exact median cannot be calculated because the proportion of breastfeeding children does not drop below 50 percent in any age group for children under 36 months of age. Includes children living and deceased at the time of the survey. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
    na $=$ Not applicable
    ${ }^{1}$ It is assumed that non-last-born children or last born child not currently living with the mother are not currently breastfeeding
    ${ }^{2}$ Excludes children who do not have a valid answer on the number of times breastfed
    ${ }^{3}$ Either exclusively breastfed or received breast milk and plain water, non-milk based liquids, and/or juice only

[^14]:    Note: The Body Mass Index (BMI) is expressed as the ratio of weight in kilogrammes to the square of height in metres $\left(\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$.
    ${ }^{1}$ Excludes pregnant women and women with a birth in the preceding 2 months

[^15]:    Note: Total includes 138 households missing information on altitude and not shown separately.
    ${ }^{1}$ An ever-treated net is a pretreated net or a non-pretreated net which has subsequently been soaked with insecticide at any time.
    ${ }^{2}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is 1) a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment, or 2) a pretreated net obtained within the last 12 months, or 3 ) a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.

[^16]:    Note: Total includes 137 women and 17 pregnant women for whom information on altitude is not known. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
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[^17]:    Note: Total includes 102 children under age five and 27 children under age five with fever missing information on altitude and not shown separately. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

[^18]:    ${ }^{1}$ For tables in this chapter that relate to the general adult population, the base population includes women and men age $15-49$. For the male tables, an additional row has been added to provide information for all men ages 15-59.

[^19]:    ${ }^{2}$ To determine marital status, the EDHS asked respondents whether or not they were currently or had ever been married or lived together with a partner. Thus, by definition, most sexual intercourse among respondents classified as never-married is high risk, i.e., it involves a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner.

[^20]:    Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
    ${ }^{1}$ Sexual intercourse with a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner

[^21]:    ${ }^{1}$ For additional information on the HIV testing component of the 2005 EDHS, see Chapter 1.

[^22]:    Note:Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unwei ghted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
    na Not applicable

[^23]:    ${ }^{1}$ Women giving birth in the three-year period before the survey

[^24]:    ${ }^{2}$ The map was created using GIS coordinates for the ANC surveillance sites and for the EDHS clusters.

[^25]:    ${ }^{1}$ The imputation procedure is based on the assumption that the reported birth order of the siblings in the birth history is correct. The first step is to calculate birth dates. For each living sibling with a reported age and for each dead sibling with complete information on both age at death and year of death, the birth date is calculated. For a sibling missing these data, a birth date is imputed within the range defined by the birth dates of the bracketing siblings. In the case of living siblings, an age is calculated from the imputed birth date. In the case of dead siblings, if either age at death or year of death is reported, that information is combined with the birth date to produce missing information. If both pieces of information are missing, the age at death is imputed. This imputation is based on the distribution of the ages at death for those whose year of death is unreported, but age at death is reported.

[^26]:    ${ }^{2}$ This time-specific definition includes all deaths that occurred during the specified period even if the death is due to nonpregnancy-related causes. However, this definition is unlikely to result in overreporting of maternal deaths because most deaths to women in the specified period are due to maternal causes, and maternal deaths in general are more likely to be underreported than overreported.
    ${ }^{3}$ The maternal mortality ratio obtained from the 2000 EDHS is 871 deaths per 100,000 live births. The true ratio of the 95 percent confidence intervals ranges between 703 and 1,039. The true MMR for 2005 ranges from 548 and 799 .

[^27]:    Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

[^28]:    Note: Totals include a small number of cases missing data on a particular characteristic. Table is based only on respondents who were interviewed, since these characteristics are obtained from the individual interview.

[^29]:    * CODES FOR Q. 3

    RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
    01 = HEAD
    2 = WIFE OR HUSBAND
    03 = SON OR DAUGHTER
    04 = SON-IN-LAW OR
    DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
    $5=$ GRANDCHILD
    $06=$ PARENT
    $07=$ PARENT-IN-LAW
    $08=$ BROTHER OR SISTER

