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## PREFACE

The Central Statistical Office (CSO) conducted the fourth Zimbabwe Demographic and Health Survey (ZDHS) between August 2005 and March 2006. The last ZDHS was fielded in 1999. The 2005-06 ZDHS is one of a series of surveys undertaken by CSO as part of the Zimbabwe National Household Survey Capability Programme (ZNHSCP). The survey is also part of the worldwide Demographic and Health Surveys programme, which has been implemented in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe.

This report presents the major findings of the 2005-06 ZDHS; a preliminary report was published in August 2006. While significantly expanded in content, the 2005-06 ZDHS is a follow-on to the 1988, 1994, and 1999 ZDHS surveys and provides updated estimates of basic demographic and health indicators covered in those surveys. The 2005-06 ZDHS collected information on fertility levels; nuptiality; sexual activity; fertility preferences; awareness and use of family planning methods; breastfeeding practices; nutritional status of mothers and young children; early childhood mortality and maternal mortality; maternal and child health; and awareness and behaviour regarding HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. Additionally, the 2005-06 ZDHS collected data on malaria prevention and treatment and domestic violence. The 2005-06 ZDHS is also the first survey in Zimbabwe to provide population-based prevalence estimates for anaemia among men, women and young children and HIV among women and men age 15-49.

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The 2005-06 Zimbabwe Demographic Health Survey (ZDHS) is a nationally representative survey of 8,907 women age $15-49$ and 7,175 men age $15-54$. The 2005-06 ZDHS is the fourth comprehensive survey conducted in Zimbabwe as part of the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) programme. The data are intended to furnish programme managers and policymakers with detailed information on levels and trends in fertility; nuptiality; sexual activity; fertility preferences; awareness and use of family planning methods; breastfeeding practices; nutritional status of mothers and young children; early childhood mortality and maternal mortality; maternal and child health; and awareness and behaviour regarding HIV/ AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. The 2005-06 ZDHS is the first ZDHS survey to collect information on malaria prevention and treatment and domestic violence. The 2005-06 ZDHS is also the first survey in Zimbabwe to provide population-based prevalence estimates for anaemia and HIV. Women age 15-49 and men age $15-54$ were tested for anaemia and HIV. Children ages 6-59 months were tested for anaemia.

## Fertility

The survey results show that Zimbabwe has experienced a decline in fertility of almost 2 births over the past two decades, with the fertility rate falling from 5.4 births per woman at the time of the 1988 ZDHS to 3.8 births at the time of the 2005-06 survey. On average, rural women are having two children more than urban women (4.6 and 2.6 , respectively). The low level of fertility among urban women is also reflected in the lower fertility among women in the urban provinces of Harare and Bulawayo, where women on average are having 2.5 or fewer children compared with 3.7 or more children in other provinces. Fertility differentials by education and wealth are substantial. Women who had no formal education and women in the lowest wealth quintile on average are having more than 5 children, while women with higher than a secondary education and women in the
highest wealth quintile are having less than 3 children.

Unplanned pregnancies are common in Zimbabwe. Overall, 13 percent of births are unwanted, while 20 percent are mistimed (wanted later). If all unwanted births were prevented, women would have an average of 3.3 children, compared with the actual average of 3.8 children.

Marriage patterns are an important determinant of fertility levels in a population. The median age at first marriage in Zimbabwe among women age $25-49$ is 19.3 years. Urban women marry one year later than rural women (20.1 and 18.8 years, respectively). For women age 25-49 with no education, the median age at first marriage is 17.7 years compared to 22.7 years for women with higher than a secondary education.

Men enter into first union at a much later age than women; the median age at first marriage for men age 25-49 is 24.3 years. Only 13 percent of men age 25-49 married by age 20 compared with 57 percent of women.

The average man and woman in Zimbabwe initiates sexual activity before marriage. Among the population age 25-49, the median age at first sexual intercourse is 20.2 years for men and 18.6 years for women.

The 2005-06 ZDHS shows that 11 percent of currently married women are married to men who are in a polygynous union. Older women, women who live in rural areas, women with no education, and women in the lowest wealth quintiles are more likely than other women to have co-wives. The prevalence of polygyny varies markedly across provinces. Bulawayo has the lowest level (2 percent) and Mashonaland Central the highest (18 percent).

## Family Planning

Overall, knowledge of family planning in Zimbabwe has been nearly universal since 1994. In the 2005-06 ZDHS, 98 percent of all women reported knowing about a contraceptive method. The pill, male condoms, and injectables are the most widely known methods.

Eighty-seven percent of currently married women have used a family planning method at least once in their lifetime. Sixty percent of currently married women are currently using any contraceptive method, and 58 percent report use of a modern method. The most popular method is the pill, used by more than 4 in 10 currently married women (43 percent). Ten percent of currently married women use injectables, while 1 percent of currently married women use the male condom.

Government-sponsored facilities remain the chief providers of contraceptive methods in Zimbabwe. The distribution of sources of modern method supplies for current users shows that the majority of users (68 percent) obtain their contraceptives from the public sector. The participation of the private medical sector in family planning service delivery has almost doubled between 1994 and 2006 (from 12 to 22 percent). Eight percent of current users obtain their methods from retail outlets.

Unmet need for family planning has remained at around the same level since 1999 (13 percent). If all married women with an unmet need for family planning were to use a contraceptive methods, the contraceptive prevalence rate in Zimbabwe would increase from 58 to 74 percent.

Reducing discontinuation is important in addressing unmet need. Across all family planning methods, a significant proportion of discontinuations are the result of women becoming pregnant while using a method (12 percent) or of the experience of method-related side effects or health concerns (13 percent).

## Child Health

Data from the 2005-06 ZDHS indicate that the infant mortality rate was 60 deaths per 1,000 live
births, while the under-five mortality rate was 82 per 1,000 live births for the five-year period immediately preceding the survey. The neonatal mortality rate was 24 per 1,000 births. Thus, approximately three-quarters of childhood deaths occurred during infancy, with more than one-quarter taking place during the first month of life.

Child mortality is consistently lower in urban areas than in rural areas. There is also substantial variation in the mortality level across provinces. Under-five and infant mortality rates are highest in Manicaland and lowest in Matabeleland South and Bulawayo. Children whose mothers have more than a secondary education have somewhat lower mortality than children whose mothers have less education.

In Zimbabwe, children are considered fully vaccinated when they receive one dose of BCG vaccine, three doses each of DPT and polio vaccines, and one dose of measles vaccine. Overall, 53 percent of children 12-23 months old had received all vaccinations at the time of the survey. Seventy-six percent of children had received the BCG vaccination, and 66 percent had been vaccinated against measles. The coverage of the first dose of DPT and polio is relatively high ( 77 percent each). However, only 62 percent of children received the third dose of DPT and 66 percent received the third dose of polio. Comparison of the 2005-06 ZDHS results with those of the earlier surveys shows there has been a decline in vaccination coverage in Zimbabwe, from 80 percent in 1994 to 75 percent in 1999 to the current rate of 53 percent.

Six percent of children under age five experienced symptoms of an acute respiratory infection (ARI) in the two weeks before the survey. Treatment from a health facility or provider was sought for one in four children ( 25 percent). Eight percent of children received antibiotics.

Eight percent of children under five were reported to have had fever, a major manifestation of malaria, within the two weeks prior to the survey. More than a quarter of children (27 percent) were taken to a health facility or provider for treatment. A small percentage of children with fever received antimalarial drugs ( 5 percent), while more than twice as many ( 13 percent) received antibiotics.

At the time of the survey, diarrhoea was a more prevalent problem among young children than fever; 12 percent of children under age five had diarrhoea at some time within the two weeks before the survey. A third of children with diarrhoea were taken to a health provider. The majority (70 percent) of children were treated with some type of oral rehydration therapy (ORT): 6 percent were treated with solution prepared from an oral rehydration salt (ORS) packet; 61 percent were given recommended home fluids (RHF) prepared at home; and 32 percent were given increased fluids. A quarter of children with diarrhoea did not receive any type of treatment at all.

## Maternal Health

In Zimbabwe, almost all women who had a live birth in the five years preceding the survey received antenatal care from health professionals ( 94 percent); 10 percent from a doctor and 84 percent from a trained nurse or midwife. Only 5 percent of mothers did not receive any antenatal care.

Tetanus toxoid injections are given during pregnancy to prevent neonatal tetanus. Nearly six in ten women (58 percent) who gave birth during the five-year period had had the tetanus toxoid injections required to ensure that their last birth was protected against neonatal tetanus.

The majority of births in the five years before the survey were delivered in a health facility (68 percent). This figure is slightly lower than that recorded in the 1999 ZDHS ( 72 percent) and the 1994 ZDHS (69 percent). Fifty-five percent of births occurred in public health facilities and 13 percent occurred in private health facilities. Nine percent of births were assisted by a doctor and 60 percent by a nurse or midwife, 11 percent by a trained traditional birth attendant, and 16 percent by an untrained traditional birth attendant. Five percent of births were delivered by a Caesarean section.

Overall, 54 percent of mothers received a postnatal checkup for the most recent birth in the five years preceding the survey, with 30 percent having the checkup within the critical 48 hours after delivery.

## Breastfeeding and Nutrition

Among children under five years of age, 98 percent were breastfed at some point in their life. The median breastfeeding duration in Zimbabwe is long ( 18.8 months). Exclusive breastfeeding, on the other hand, is relatively short, with a median duration of less than one month. Only 22 percent of babies are exclusively breastfed throughout the first six months of life. More than three-quarters of children age 6-9 months receive complementary foods, and six in ten children age 18-23 months have been weaned. Bottle feeding is not very common; 3 percent of babies less than six months of age are fed with a bottle, and the proportion bottle-fed peaks at 10 percent among children 1217 months.

More than half of Zimbabwean children (58 percent) age 6-59 months are classified as anaemic, with 28 percent mildly anaemic, 30 percent moderately anaemic, and 1 percent severely anaemic. The prevalence of anaemia among women is less pronounced than among children. Thirty-eight percent of women 15-49 are anaemic, with 27 percent mildly anaemic, 9 percent moderately anaemic, and 1 percent severely anaemic. In contrast to the levels among young children and women, anaemia rates among men are quite moderate. Only 11 percent of men are anaemic, with 8 percent mildly anaemic, 2 percent moderately anaemic, and less than 1 percent severely anaemic.

Overall, 29 percent of children were stunted (short for their age) at the time of the survey, 6 percent were wasted (thin for their height), and 17 percent were underweight (thin for their age). All of the indices indicate that malnutrition increases with a child's age, with prevalence peaking in the age range 12-23 months, and declining again as children approach their fifth birthday. For example, stunting affects nearly half of children 18-23 months, and 20 percent of children in that age range are severely stunted. Nine percent of children age 12-23 months are wasted and the highest rate of severe acute malnutrition is found in the 12-17 month age group (2 percent).

Overall, 66 percent of women have a body mass index (BMI) in the normal range. One in four women are overweight, with 7 percent classified as obese. At the other extreme, 9 percent are thin, and 2 percent are severely thin.

## Malaria

Twenty percent of all households interviewed during the survey had at least one mosquito net, while 7 percent had more than one. Nine percent of households had a net that had ever been treated with an insecticide. Most of the households owning an ever-treated net had at least one net meeting one of the insecticide-treated net (ITN) criteria, i.e., it was a factory-treated net that did not require re-treatment, a pre-treated net obtained within one year of the survey interview, or a net soaked in insecticide at some time during the year before the survey.

Usage of bednets is relatively low among young children and pregnant women, groups which are particularly vulnerable to malaria's effect. On the night before the survey, 4 percent of children under age five slept under an ever-treated net and 3 percent slept under an ITN. Three percent of pregnant women slept under an ever-treated net and another 3 percent slept under an ITN.

Fifteen percent of households reported that the interior walls of their dwelling had been sprayed, principally as part of a government programme (11 percent). Among these households, 35 percent reported that it had been less than three months since the walls were sprayed, while 23 percent indicated that it had been at least nine months since the walls had been sprayed.

Among women who had their last birth in the two years before the survey, 38 percent took an antimalarial drug during their pregnancy. Twelve percent of all pregnant women took at least one dose of SP/Fansidar during their pregnancy. Seven percent reported taking two or more doses if SP/Fansidar. Almost all of the women who took SP/Fansidar were given the drug during an antenatal care visit, and, are thus considered to have had preventive intermittent treatment (IPT).

## HIV/AIDS AND STIs

Knowledge of HIV and AIDS is universal in Zimbabwe. Ninety-eight percent of women age 15-49 and 99 percent of men age 15-49 have heard of HIV or AIDS. However, less than half of women (44 percent) and men (47 percent) have what can be considered comprehensive knowledge about the modes of HIV transmission and prevention. Comprehensive knowledge means knowing that use of condoms and having just one uninfected, faithful partner can reduce the chance of getting HIV, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and rejecting the two most common local misconceptions about HIV transmission or prevention.

Eighty percent of women and men know that HIV can be transmitted by breastfeeding. Fifty-seven percent of women and 46 percent of men know that the risk of mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) can be reduced by a mother taking special drugs during pregnancy.

Given that most HIV infections in Zimbabwe are contracted through heterosexual contact, information on the level of higher-risk sex (i.e., sexual intercourse with a partner who is neither a spouse nor a cohabitating partner) is important for planning prevention programmes. The 2005-06 results indicate that one percent of women and 14 percent of men have had two or more partners during the 12 months preceding the survey, and 11 percent of women and 36 percent of men have had higherrisk sexual intercourse. Among respondents who engaged in higher-risk sexual intercourse, 47 percent of women and 71 percent of men reported that they used a condom at the last high-risk sexual intercourse.

Among the adult population age 15-49, 26 percent of women and 19 percent of men have been tested for HIV at some point in time. Twenty-two percent of women and 16 percent of men received their results.

Results from the HIV testing component in the 2005-06 ZDHS indicate that 18 percent of Zimbabwean adults age 15-49 are infected with HIV. Among women, the HIV rate is 21 percent compared to 15 percent among men. Among women,

HIV prevalence peaks at 36 percent in the 30-34 age group, which is six times the rate among women 15-19 and around twice the rate observed among women age $45-49$. HIV prevalence increases from 3 percent among men in the 15-19 age group to 33 percent in the age group 40-44 and then decreases to 20 percent among men age $50-54$. HIV prevalence is similar in urban and rural areas (19 and 18 percent respectively). In general, the differentials by province also are not extremely large. Matabeleland South had the highest prevalence rate ( 21 percent), followed closely by Manicaland (20 percent). Masvingo (15 percent) and Midlands (16 percent) had the lowest prevalence.

More than 2,000 cohabiting couples were tested for HIV in the 2005-2006 ZDHS. Results indicate that, among 72 percent of cohabiting couples, both partners tested negative for HIV. Both partners were HIV positive among 15 percent of cohabiting couples while 13 percent were discordant, that is, one partner was infected and the other was not. In 8 percent of couples, the male partner was infected and the woman was not, while in another 5 percent of couples, the woman was infected and the man was not.

## Domestic Violence

One eligible woman in each household was asked questions on domestic violence. In Zimbabwe, domestic violence occurs across all socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Over one-third of all women ( 36 percent) have experienced physical violence since they were 15 , and 17 percent experienced physical violence in the 12 months preceding the survey. Among women who experienced violence since age 15, a total of 47 percent reported that their current husband or partner was the perpetrator and 18 percent reported that the perpetrator was a former husband or partner. Twelve percent of all women who have experienced physical violence since 15 reported that the perpetrator was their mother or step-mother. Among ever-married women, 57 percent reported that their current husband was the perpetrator. For never-married women, 22 percent reported that a teacher was the perpetrator and 21 percent reported that their mother or step-mother was the perpetrator.

Overall, 25 percent of women reported that they have experienced sexual violence at some point in their lives. Among women who have ever had sexual intercourse, 21 percent reported that their first sexual intercourse was forced against their will. The majority ( 65 percent) of women reported that their current or former husband, partner, or boyfriend committed the act of sexual violence. It is important to highlight that among women who were less than 15 years old when their first experience of sexual violence occurred, 7 percent reported that the perpetrators were a relative, 7 percent reported that the person was a family friend, and 4 percent reported that the person was a step father.

## Orphans And Vulnerable Children

Six in ten Zimbabwean children under age 18 in the households sampled for the ZDHS surveyed were not living with both parents. More than onequarter of children were not living with either parent. Just under one-quarter of children under age 18 were orphaned, that is, one or both parents were dead. A comparison of the results from the 1994 and 2005-2006 surveys for this age group indicates that there has been a dramatic increase in orphanhood. The proportion of children orphaned, i.e., with one or both parents dead, more than doubled between the two surveys, from 9 percent to 22 percent. The proportion of paternal orphans, i.e., those whose fathers had died, increased from 7 percent to 19 percent, while the proportion that were maternal orphans rose from 3 to 9 percent between the 1994 ZDHS and the 2005-2006 survey. The proportion of children with both parents dead doubled, from less than one percent to 6 percent.

Overall, 1 in 10 children under age 18 was considered as vulnerable, i.e., they lived in a household in which at least one adult had been chronically ill during the year before the survey or they had at least a parent living in the household or elsewhere who had suffered from a chronic illness. Three in ten children are considered orphaned or vulnerable.

## ZIMBABWE



## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Geography and Economy

Zimbabwe lies just north of the Tropic of Capricorn between the Limpopo and Zambezi rivers. The country is landlocked, bordered by Mozambique on the east, South Africa on the south, Botswana on the west, and Zambia on the north and northwest. It is part of a great plateau, which constitutes the major feature of the geology of southern Africa. Almost the entire surface area of Zimbabwe is more than 300 metres above sea level, with nearly 80 percent of the land lying more than 900 metres above sea level and about 5 percent lying more than 1,500 metres above sea level.

About 70 percent of the surface rock in Zimbabwe is granite, schist, or igneous, and it is rich in mineral wealth. Soil types range from clay or sandy loam in the high veldt to Kalahari sands in the hot and dry western part of the country. The climate of Zimbabwe is a blend of cool, dry, sunny winters and warm, wet summers. Average annual precipitation totals increase with increasing altitude; however, temperature drops with increasing altitude. The Eastern Highlands of the country are therefore associated with cool and wet conditions, while the Sabi, Limpopo, and Zambezi valleys are hot and dry. Mining and agriculture are the backbone of the country's economy, even though the country is richly endowed with some of the world's most impressive manmade and natural tourist attractions, such as the Great Zimbabwe Ruins and Victoria Falls.

Zimbabwe has abundant natural resources, including 8.6 million hectares of potentially arable land and more than 5 million hectares of forests, national parks, and wildlife estates. There are adequate supplies of surface and ground water that could be harnessed for generation of electric power, irrigation of crops, and domestic and industrial use. Mineral resources are varied and extensive, including platinum, gold, asbestos, coal, nickel, iron, copper, lithium, and precious stones such as emeralds.

The economy is diversified but biased toward agriculture and mining, which are by far the country's major foreign-currency earning sectors. Besides mineral processing, major industries include food processing, construction, chemicals, textiles, wood and furniture, and production transport equipment.

The main agricultural export products are tobacco, maize, cotton, sugar, and groundnuts. The agriculture sector has well-developed commercial and communal farming systems. The communal sector's contribution towards the production of industrial raw materials and food products has increased substantially since 1980, despite its poor physical and socioeconomic infrastructure.

In 1996-2000, the government of Zimbabwe implemented a five-year economic development programme, the Zimbabwe Programme for Economic and Social Transformation (ZIMPREST). It was envisaged that the government of Zimbabwe would implement ZIMPREST with financial support from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and other international organisations. However, the financial aid was not received in a timely manner. ZIMPREST advocated for adequate and sustainable economic growth and social development to reduce poverty and create a basis for all of Zimbabwe's citizens to provide a better life for themselves and their children.

### 1.2 Population

In the 2002 census, the population of Zimbabwe was 11.6 million. Estimates, rather than actual counts, of the total population are available from the beginning of the century through 1951, when the census began to include non-Africans. Table 1.1 presents population growth rates for several years compiled from the population censuses. The average annual growth in the population reached a peak of 3.5 percent in 1951 and 1961, and then dropped to 3 percent between 1982 and 1992. The annual population growth rate between 1992 and 2002 was 1.1 percent.

Table 1.2 shows that the population of people of African descent was 99 percent in 2002. The population of European, Asian, and Coloured descendants made up the remaining 1 percent in 2002. The 2002 census estimated the crude birth rate (CBR) and the crude death rate (CDR) to be about 30 births per thousand population and 17 deaths per thousand population, respectively. Forty-one percent of the population of Zimbabwe was below 15 years of age, 55 percent was between the ages of 15 and 64 years, and a very small proportion (4 percent) was 65 years of age or more.

| Table 1.1 Population size and growth rate |  |  |
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| Population size and annual rate of increase in the population, Zimbabwe 1901-2002 |  |  |
| Year | Population (‘000) | Annual growth rate (percent) |
| 1901 | 713 |  |
| 1911 | 907 | 2.4 |
| 1921 | 1,147 | 2.4 |
| 1931 | 1,464 | 2.5 |
| 1941 | 2,006 | 3.2 |
| 1951 | 2,829 | 3.5 |
| 1961 | 3,969 | 3.5 |
| 1969 | 5,134 | 3.3 |
| 1982 | 7,608 | 3.0 |
| 1992 | 10,412 | 3.1 |
| 2002 | 11,632 | 1.1 |

Source: Central Statistical Office, 2002

### 1.3 Objectives of the Survey

The 2005-2006 Zimbabwe Demographic and Health Survey (2005-06 ZDHS) is one of a series of surveys undertaken by the Central Statistical Office (CSO) as part of the Zimbabwe National Household Survey Capability Programme (ZNHSCP) and the worldwide MEASURE DHS programme. The Ministry of Health and Child Welfare (MOH\&CW), Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council (ZNFPC), and the Musasa Project contributed significantly to the design, implementation, and analysis of the 2005-06 ZDHS results. Financial support for the 2005-06 ZDHS was provided by the government of Zimbabwe, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Demographic and Health Research Division of Macro International Inc. (Macro) provided technical assistance during all phases of the survey.

While significantly expanded in content, the 2005-06 ZDHS is a follow-on to the 1988, 1994, and 1999 ZDHS and provides updated estimates of basic demographic and health indicators covered in the earlier surveys. In addition, data on malaria prevention and treatment, domestic violence, anaemia, and HIV/AIDS were also collected in the 2005-06 ZDHS.

The primary objectives of the 2005-06 ZDHS project are to provide up-to-date information on fertility levels; nuptiality; sexual activity; fertility preferences; awareness and use of family planning methods; breastfeeding practices; nutritional status of mothers and young children; early childhood mortality and maternal mortality; maternal and child health; and awareness, behaviour, and prevalence regarding HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

### 1.4 Organisation of the Survey

### 1.4.1 Sample

The sample for the 2005-06 ZDHS was designed to provide population and health indicator estimates at the national and provincial levels. The sample design allowed for specific indicators, such as contraceptive use, to be calculated for each of the 10 provinces (Manicaland, Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland East, Mashonaland West, Matabeleland North, Matabeleland South, Midlands, Masvingo, Harare, and Bulawayo). The sampling frame used for the 2005-06 ZDHS was the 2002 Zimbabwe Master Sample (ZMS02) developed by CSO after the 2002 population census. With the exception of Harare and Bulawayo, each of the other eight provinces was stratified into four strata according to land use: communal lands, large-scale commercial farming areas (LSCFA), urban and semi-urban areas, smallscale commercial farming areas (SSCFA), and resettlement areas. Only one urban stratum was formed each for Harare and Bulawayo, providing a total of 34 strata.

A representative probability sample of 10,800 households was selected for the 2005-06 ZDHS. The sample was selected in two stages with enumeration areas (EAs) as the first stage and households as the second stage sampling units. In total 1,200 EAs were selected with probability proportional to size (PPS), the size being the number of households enumerated in the 2002 census. The selection of the EAs was a systematic, one-stage operation carried out independently for each of the 34 strata. The 1,200 ZMS02 EAs were divided into three replicates of 400 EAs each. One of the replicates consisting of 400 EAs was used for the 2005-06 ZDHS. In the second stage, a complete listing of households and mapping exercise was carried out for each cluster in January 2005. The list of households obtained was used as the frame for the second stage random selection of households. The listing excluded people living in institutional households (army barracks, hospitals, police camps, boarding schools, etc.). CSO provincial supervisors also trained provincial CSO officers to use global positioning system (GPS) receivers to take the coordinates of the 2005-06 ZDHS sample clusters.

All women age 15-49 and all men age 15-54 who were either permanent residents of the households in the 2005-06 ZDHS sample or visitors present in the household on the night before the survey were eligible to be interviewed. Anaemia and HIV testing was performed in each household among eligible women and men who consented to either or both tests. With the parent's or guardian's consent, children age 6-59 months were tested for anaemia in each household. In addition, a sub-sample of one eligible woman in each household was randomly selected to be asked additional questions about domestic violence.

### 1.4.2 Questionnaires

Three questionnaires were used for the 2005-06 ZDHS: a Household Questionnaire, a Women’s Questionnaire, and a Men's Questionnaire. These questionnaires were adapted to reflect the population and health issues relevant to Zimbabwe at a series of meetings with various stakeholders from government ministries and agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and international donors. Three language versions of the questionnaires were produced: Shona, Ndebele, and English.

The Household Questionnaire was used to list all the usual members and visitors of selected households. Some basic information was collected on the characteristics of each person listed, including his or her age, sex, education, and relationship to the head of the household. For children under age 18,
survival status of the parents was determined. If a child in the household had a parent who was sick for more than three consecutive months in the 12 months preceding the survey or a parent who had died, additional questions related to support for orphans and vulnerable children were asked. Additionally, if an adult in the household was sick for more than three consecutive months in the 12 months preceding the survey or an adult in the household died, questions were asked related to support for sick people or people who have died. The Household Questionnaire was also used to identify women and men who were eligible for the individual interview. Additionally, the Household Questionnaire 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 of the house, ownership of various durable goods, and ownership and use of mosquito nets. The Household Questionnaire was also used to record height, weight, and haemoglobin measurements for children age 6-59 months.

The Women's Questionnaire was used to collect information from all women age 15-49. These women were asked questions on the following topics:

- Background characteristics (education, residential history, media exposure, etc.)
- Birth history and childhood mortality
- Knowledge and use of family planning methods
- Fertility preferences
- Antenatal, delivery and postnatal care
- Breastfeeding and infant feeding practices
- Vaccinations and childhood illnesses
- Marriage and sexual activity
- Women's work and husband's background characteristics
- Women's and children's nutritional status
- Domestic violence
- Awareness and behaviour regarding AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Adult mortality including maternal mortality.

As in the 1999 ZDHS, a "calendar" was used in the 2005-06 ZDHS to collect information on the respondent's reproductive history since January 2000 concerning contraceptive method use, sources of contraception, reasons for contraceptive discontinuation, and marital unions. In addition, interviewing teams measured the height and weight of all children under the age of five years and of all women age 15-49.

The Men's Questionnaire was administered to all men age 15-54 in each household in the 200506 ZDHS sample. The Men's Questionnaire collected much of the same information found in the Women's Questionnaire but was shorter because it did not contain a detailed reproductive history or questions on maternal and child health or nutrition.

### 1.4.3 Anaemia and HIV Testing Protocol

In each household selected for the 2005-06 ZDHS, women age $15-49$, men age $15-54$, and children age 6-59 months were tested for anaemia. In addition, all eligible women and men were tested for HIV. Anaemia and HIV testing were only carried out if consent was provided by the respondents and, in the case of an unmarried minor age 15-17, by the parent or guardian. Additionally, respondents were asked if they would consent to anonymous storage of their dried blood spot (DBS) sample to be used for further research at a later date. Consent for HIV, anaemia, and additional testing were obtained separately. The protocol for haemoglobin and HIV testing was approved by the Medical Research Council of Zimbabwe in Harare, Zimbabwe; the ORC Macro Institutional Review Board in Calverton, Maryland, USA; and the CDC in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

## Anaemia Testing

Haemoglobin testing is the primary method of anaemia diagnosis. In the 2005-06 ZDHS, testing was performed using the HemoCue system. A consent statement was read to the eligible woman and to the parent or responsible adult of young children and unmarried women and men 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. The statement also requested consent to refer respondents to a local health facility if their haemoglobin level indicated severe anaemia. The MOH\&CW provided anaemia tablets to the health facilities serving the clusters included in the 2005-06 ZDHS sample.

Before the blood was taken, the finger was wiped with an alcohol prep pad and allowed to air dry. Then the finger was punctured with a sterile, nonreusable, self-retractable lancet and a drop of blood was collected on a HemoCue microcuvette and placed in a HemoCue photometer which displayed the result. The microcuvette is a plastic disposable unit that serves as both a reagent vessel and a measuring device. It contains a reagent (sodium azide) in dry form. The microcuvette is designed to draw up the exact amount of blood needed for the test. The HemoCue photometer measures light absorption and presents the results on a display. The HemoCue analyzer has an internal electronic "SELFTEST." Every time the analyzer is turned on, it automatically verifies the performance of the optronic unit. For children 6-11 months who were particularly undernourished or thin, a heel puncture was performed to draw a drop of blood. For children 6-59 months of age, the results were recorded in the Household Questionnaire. For adult women age 15-49 years and men age 15-54 years, the results were recorded in the Women's and Men's Questionnaire, respectively. 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.

## HIV Testing

Eligible women and men selected for HIV testing who were interviewed were asked to voluntarily provide five drops of blood for HIV testing. The protocol for the blood specimen collection and analysis was based on the anonymous linked protocol developed for MEASURE DHS. The protocol allows for the merging of the HIV results to the sociodemographic data collected in the individual questionnaires, provided that information that could potentially identify an individual is destroyed before the linking takes place.

Interviewers explained the procedure, the confidentiality of the data, and the fact that the test results would not be made available to the subject. They also explained the option of DBS storage for use in additional testing. If a respondent consented to the HIV testing, five blood spots from the finger prick were collected on a filter paper card to which a bar code label unique to the respondent was affixed. If the respondent did not consent to additional testing using their sample, the words "no further testing" were written on the filter paper card. Each household, whether individuals consented to HIV testing or not, was given an information brochure on HIV/AIDS and a list of fixed sites, grouped by province, providing voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) services.

Each DBS sample was given a bar code label, and a duplicate label was attached to the Individual Questionnaire. A third copy of the same bar code was affixed to the Blood Sample Transmittal Form to track the blood samples from the field to the laboratory. DBS samples were dried overnight and packaged for storage the following morning. Samples were periodically collected in the field along with the completed questionnaires and transported to CSO in Harare to be logged in, checked, and transported to the National Microbiology Reference Laboratory (NMRL) for testing.

The processing of DBS samples for HIV testing at NMRL was handled by two laboratory scientists. The DBS samples were logged into the Census and Survey Processing System (CSPro) HIV Test Tracking System (CHTTS) database, each given a laboratory number, and stored at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until tested. All samples were tested on the first assay test, an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), Vironostika ${ }^{\circledR}$ HIV Uni-Form II Plus O, bioMerieux. A negative result was considered negative. All positives were subjected to a second ELISA test by AniLab Systems, Finland, compatible with ELISYS 2 (a fully automated ELISA analyzer manufactured by Human of Germany). Positive samples on the second test were considered positive. If the first and second tests were discrepant, the sample was retested with tests 1 and 2 . If on repeat of tests 1 and 2 both were negative, the sample was rendered negative. If both were positive, the sample was rendered positive. If there was still a discrepancy in the results after repeating tests 1 and 2, a third confirmatory test, Genetic Systems New LAV Blot I (a Western Blot by Bio-Rad France), was administered. The final result was rendered positive if the tests showed inconsistent results on the repeat ELISAs. The final result was also rendered positive if the Western Blot confirmed the result to be positive, and rendered negative if the Western Blot confirmed it to be negative. If the results were still discordant, the sample was rendered indeterminate.

The HIV test results for the 2005-06 ZDHS were entered into a spreadsheet with a barcode as the unique identifier to the result.

### 1.4.4 Training and Fieldwork

CSO staff and a variety of experts from government ministries, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and donor organizations participated in a three-day training of trainers (TOT) conducted in April 2005. Immediately following the TOT, the pretest training and fieldwork took place in April and May 2005. The pretest fieldwork was conducted in Gweru and surrounding areas, where both Shona and Ndebele households could easily be identified. For two weeks, 16 qualified nurses and Advanced-Level graduates were trained to administer the questionnaires, take anthropometric measurements, and collect blood samples for anaemia and HIV testing. Representatives from the NMRL and CDC/Zimbabwe assisted in training participants on the finger prick for blood collection, and proper handling and storage of the DBS samples for HIV testing. The pretest fieldwork was conducted in two separate six-day phases, covering approximately 200 households. Debriefing sessions were held with the pretest field staff, and modifications to the questionnaires were made based on lessons drawn from the exercise. Pretest interviewers were retained to serve as field editors and team supervisors during the main survey.

Training of field staff for the main survey was conducted during a four-week period in July 2005. Permanent CSO staff, as well as staff of MOH\&CW, ZNFPC, the Musasa Project, and Macro International Inc. trained 130 interviewer trainees, most of whom were trained nurses or Advanced-Level graduates. The training course consisted of instruction regarding interviewing techniques and field procedures, a detailed review of items on the questionnaires, instruction and practice in weighing and measuring children, collecting blood samples for anaemia and HIV testing, mock interviews between participants in the classroom, and practice interviews with real respondents in areas outside the 2005-06 ZDHS sample points. Trainees who performed satisfactorily in the training programme were selected as interviewers, while the remainder were retained to assist in office operations. During this period, field editors and team supervisors were provided with additional training in methods of field editing, data quality control procedures, and fieldwork coordination.

Fourteen interviewing teams carried out the fieldwork for the 2005-06 ZDHS. Each team consisted of one team supervisor, one field editor, three or four female interviewers, two or three male interviewers, and one driver. In total, there were 14 team supervisors, 14 field editors, 44 female interviewers, 43 male interviewers, 24 data capture clerks, and 14 drivers. Nine permanent senior CSO staff coordinated and supervised fieldwork activities. Data collection took place over a seven-month period, from August 2005 to February 2006.

### 1.4.5 Data Processing

All questionnaires for the 2005-06 ZDHS were returned to the CSO for data processing, which consisted of office editing, coding of open-ended questions, data entry, and secondary editing of computer-identified errors. The secondary editing involved checking and, if necessary, resolving inconsistencies in the data identified by the editing program. The data were processed in two shifts by a team of 24 data entry clerks, 2 data editors, 2 data entry supervisors, and administrators to receive and check the blood samples from the field. Data entry and editing was accomplished using the software package CSPro.

Fourteen microcomputers were used for data processing. These were networked via a local area network connection to allow greater control by supervisors over the data entry process and to increase the security of the data. This also facilitated updating data entry software from a single location without interrupting data entry, and the ability to perform automatic daily backups of the data files. Twelve computers were used for data entry, while the other two computers were reserved for supervisory duties. Supervisor computers were used for the allocation of batches to operators, secondary editing, and scanning of DBS barcodes.

Data processing commenced in September 2005 and, after data collection was completed in February 2006, a second shift comprising 12 operators and 2 supervisors (drawn from field interviewers/ editors with computer experience) was introduced to speed up data entry. There was 100 percent verification (re-entry) of all questionnaires so as to maximize the quality of the data and to reduce the secondary editing process. Secondary editing was completed in March 2006. The final data cleaning was performed for two weeks in May 2006, after which the tables for preliminary results were generated from the imputed raw data.

### 1.4.6 Response Rates

Table 1.3 shows response rates for the

| Table 1.3 Results of the household and individual interviews |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of households, number of interviews, and response rates, according to residence, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |
| Result | Residence |  | Total |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| Household interviews |  |  |  |
| Households selected | 3,455 | 7,297 | 10,752 |
| Households occupied | 3,248 | 6,530 | 9,778 |
| Households interviewed | 3,056 | 6,229 | 9,285 |
| Household response rate | 94.1 | 95.4 | 95.0 |
| Interviews with women |  |  |  |
| Number of eligible women | 3,763 | 6,107 | 9,870 |
| Number of eligible women interviewed | 3,203 | 5,704 | 8,907 |
| Eligible women response rate | 85.1 | 93.4 | 90.2 |
| Interviews with men |  |  |  |
| Number of eligible men | 3,421 | 5,340 | 8,761 |
| Number of eligible men interviewed | 2,459 | 4,716 | 7,175 |
| Eligible men response rate | 71.9 | 88.3 | 81.9 | 2005-06 ZDHS. A total of 10,752 households were selected for the sample, of which 9,778 were currently occupied. The shortfall was largely due to some households no longer existing in the sampled clusters at the time of the interview. Of the 9,778 existing households, 9,285 were successfully interviewed, yielding a household response rate of 95 percent.

In the interviewed households, 9,870 eligible women were identified and, of these, 8,907 were interviewed, yielding a response rate of 90 percent. Of the 8,761 eligible men identified, 7,175 were successfully interviewed ( 82 percent response rate). The principal reason for nonresponse among both eligible men and women was the failure to find them at home despite repeated visits to the households. The lower response rate among men than among women was due to the more frequent and longer absences of men from the households.

## HOUSEHOLD POPULATION AND HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

This chapter presents information on some socioeconomic characteristics of the household population and the individual survey respondents, such as age, sex, education, and place of residence. The environmental profile of households in the 2005-06 ZDHS sample is also examined. Taken together, these descriptive data provide a context for the interpretation of demographic and health indices and can furnish an approximate indication of the representativeness of the survey.

The 2005-06 ZDHS 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). Because the difference between these two populations is small, to maintain comparability with other surveys, all tables in this report refer to the de facto population unless otherwise specified.

### 2.1 Household Population by Age, Sex, and Residence

The 2005-06 ZDHS Household Questionnaire was used to collect data on the demographic and social characteristics of all usual residents of the sampled household and on visitors who had spent the previous night in the household. ${ }^{1}$

Table 2.1 shows the distribution of the 2005-06 ZDHS household population by five-year age groups, according to sex and urban-rural residence. The ZDHS households constitute a population of 40,805 individuals; 52 percent of the population are female and 48 percent are male. There are larger numbers of the population in the younger age groups than in the older age groups of each sex, particularly in rural areas.

The age-sex structure of the population is shown by use of a population pyramid in Figure 2.1. The pyramid has a wide but tapering base, a pattern that is consistent with a population experiencing a decline in fertility. The number of children under five is less than the number age five to nine years, a finding that is consistent with a recent fertility decline. The proportion of children under 15 years of age was around 44 percent in 2005-06, while that of persons over 65 years of age was about 5 percent.

[^0]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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Age | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| <5 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 16.4 | 14.1 | 15.2 | 15.0 | 13.4 | 14.1 |
| 5-9 | 12.7 | 11.2 | 11.9 | 18.3 | 15.2 | 16.6 | 16.5 | 13.9 | 15.1 |
| 10-14 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 11.2 | 17.3 | 15.6 | 16.4 | 15.5 | 14.2 | 14.8 |
| 15-19 | 10.4 | 13.7 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 11.4 | 10.9 | 11.2 |
| 20-24 | 12.6 | 14.1 | 13.4 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 9.5 |
| 25-29 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 5.5 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 7.3 |
| 30-34 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 6.0 |
| 35-39 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 40-44 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.2 |
| 45-49 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| 50-54 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 3.8 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 2.8 |
| 55-59 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| 60-64 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| 65-69 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| 70-74 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| 75-79 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 80+ | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Number | 6,226 | 6,688 | 12,914 | 13,215 | 14,674 | 27,891 | 19,441 | 21,361 | 40,805 |

Figure 2.1 Population Pyramid


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### 2.2 Household Composition

Table 2.2 shows that a female heads more than one in three households in Zimbabwe ( 38 percent). The proportion of female-headed households has increased slightly from 34 percent in the 1999 ZDHS to 38 percent 2005-06 ZDHS. The proportion of female-headed households also increased in urban areas ( 23 to 29 percent) and rural areas ( 39 to 43 percent) for the same time period. The average household size has increased slightly from 4.2 people in 1999 to 4.5 people in 2005-06. Urban households are, on average, slightly smaller (4.1 people) than rural households ( 4.6 people). Overall, 35 percent of households have foster children, as do 25 percent of urban households and 40 percent of rural households. This is an increase since 1999 when 21 percent of households had foster children with 11 percent in urban areas and 27 percent in rural areas. Foster children are those individuals under 15 years of age who have no natural parent in the household. The total number of households interviewed was 9,285 of which 66 percent and 34 percent were in rural and urban areas, respectively.

### 2.3 Education of the Household Population

Table 2.2 Household composition
Percent distribution of households by sex of head of household and by household size; and mean size of household, according to residence, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Characteristic |  |  |  |
| Household headship | Rural | Total |  |
| Male | 71.5 | 57.4 | 62.3 |
| Female | 28.5 | 42.6 | 37.7 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Number of usual members |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 1 | 11.0 | 9.7 | 10.1 |
| 2 | 13.1 | 10.3 | 11.3 |
| 3 | 18.4 | 15.2 | 16.3 |
| 4 | 20.5 | 16.9 | 18.1 |
| 5 | 13.9 | 16.3 | 15.5 |
| 6 | 9.8 | 11.1 | 10.6 |
| 7 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 7.5 |
| 8 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 4.5 |
| $9+$ | 3.3 | 7.3 | 5.9 |
| Percentage with foster children | 25.1 | 39.7 | 34.6 |
| Mean size of households | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| Number of households | 3,201 | 6,084 | 9,285 |
| Note: Table is based on de jure members, i.e., usual residents. |  |  |  |

### 2.3.1 EDUCATIONAL Attainment

The educational level of household members is among the most important characteristics of the household because it is associated with many phenomena that have a significant impact on health-seeking behaviour, reproductive behaviour, use of contraception, and the health of children.

Table 2.3 shows the distribution of female and male household members age 6 years and above by the highest level of education ever attended (even if they did not complete that level) and the median number of years of education completed, according to age, urban-rural residence, province, and wealth quintile. Survey results show that the majority of Zimbabweans have attained some form of education. Generally, educational attainment is slightly higher for males than for females, with 91 percent of males having attended school versus 88 percent of females. However, in Zimbabwe there is very little difference by sex among other educational attainment indices. The percentage for males and females who had only some primary education is similar ( 42 percent for males and 43 percent for females). Likewise, 7 percent of males and 6 percent of females completed primary school but did not go on to the secondary level. Thirty-seven percent of males had some secondary schooling, compared with 36 percent of females. A relatively small amount of males ( 2 percent) and females ( 1 percent) completed secondary school and did not go on to attain any post-secondary education. The percentage of males ( 4 percent) and females (2 percent) in the 2005-06 ZDHS who had more than a secondary education remained the same as what was observed in the 1994 ZDHS.

Table 2.3 Educational attainment of household population
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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Don't |  | Median |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background <br> characteristic | No | Some | Completed | Some | Completed | More than | know/ |  | number of |


| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6-9 | 28.7 | 70.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2,372 | 0.5 |
| 10-14 | 1.1 | 69.8 | 17.9 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 3,024 | 4.7 |
| 15-19 | 0.8 | 23.2 | 4.9 | 69.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 2,335 | 7.6 |
| 20-24 | 1.0 | 20.3 | 3.8 | 69.4 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 2,134 | 9.1 |
| 25-29 | 1.1 | 24.1 | 5.0 | 64.2 | 0.8 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 1,639 | 8.5 |
| 30-34 | 3.2 | 26.9 | 3.8 | 59.7 | 1.2 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 1,348 | 7.9 |
| 35-39 | 4.1 | 29.8 | 3.5 | 56.5 | 0.9 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 954 | 7.8 |
| 40-44 | 17.0 | 42.2 | 6.9 | 27.5 | 0.7 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 765 | 6.2 |
| 45-49 | 20.0 | 52.2 | 6.4 | 16.5 | 0.5 | 3.7 | 0.7 | 649 | 4.9 |
| 50-54 | 22.7 | 51.8 | 7.2 | 14.9 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 751 | 4.3 |
| 55-59 | 30.2 | 48.8 | 5.5 | 13.9 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 522 | 3.2 |
| 60-64 | 34.9 | 46.0 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 389 | 2.5 |
| $65+$ | 53.8 | 36.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 1,008 | 0.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.8 | 28.2 | 4.2 | 55.6 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 0.7 | 5,746 | 7.8 |
| Rural | 15.2 | 49.6 | 7.4 | 26.4 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 12,154 | 5.1 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 11.2 | 49.5 | 6.7 | 30.5 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 2,238 | 5.8 |
| Mashonaland Central | 19.8 | 44.6 | 8.2 | 25.9 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 1,781 | 4.8 |
| Mashonaland East | 14.0 | 43.6 | 7.0 | 32.9 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 1,710 | 5.8 |
| Mashonaland West | 14.9 | 44.2 | 6.1 | 31.5 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1,679 | 5.6 |
| Matabeleland North | 17.7 | 50.9 | 6.0 | 23.6 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1,275 | 5.1 |
| Matabeleland South | 12.2 | 47.9 | 7.3 | 28.4 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 1,042 | 5.8 |
| Midlands | 10.5 | 45.1 | 7.2 | 34.2 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 2,476 | 6.1 |
| Masvingo | 11.6 | 49.2 | 8.1 | 29.7 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 2,098 | 5.6 |
| Harare | 5.2 | 26.0 | 3.1 | 59.1 | 1.8 | 4.2 | 0.6 | 2,412 | 8.2 |
| Bulawayo | 4.5 | 28.3 | 3.6 | 56.6 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 1,187 | 7.8 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 22.2 | 53.8 | 7.6 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 3,443 | 3.9 |
| Second | 16.2 | 50.7 | 7.9 | 24.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 3,508 | 4.8 |
| Middle | 11.4 | 48.3 | 7.4 | 31.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 3,749 | 5.6 |
| Fourth | 6.5 | 37.0 | 5.4 | 47.8 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 3,368 | 6.8 |
| Highest | 3.8 | 25.1 | 3.5 | 57.1 | 2.8 | 7.1 | 0.7 | 3,832 | 8.8 |
| Total | 11.9 | 42.7 | 6.3 | 35.8 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 17,900 | 6.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Continued... |  |

## Table 2.3-Continued

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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary |  | Number | Median number of years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-9 | 31.4 | 67.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 2,552 | 0.4 |
| 10-14 | 1.2 | 73.6 | 16.7 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 3,007 | 4.2 |
| 15-19 | 0.6 | 24.2 | 6.9 | 66.3 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2,219 | 7.3 |
| 20-24 | 0.8 | 17.1 | 4.1 | 65.3 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 1,742 | 9.2 |
| 25-29 | 1.1 | 18.5 | 3.2 | 64.8 | 4.0 | 8.3 | 0.1 | 1,329 | 9.2 |
| 30-34 | 1.2 | 16.0 | 2.9 | 68.2 | 2.8 | 8.9 | 0.1 | 1,106 | 9.2 |
| 35-39 | 1.5 | 14.4 | 1.7 | 69.1 | 2.7 | 10.6 | 0.1 | 844 | 9.3 |
| 40-44 | 4.6 | 31.5 | 4.8 | 46.3 | 0.7 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 556 | 7.6 |
| 45-49 | 8.0 | 43.1 | 8.7 | 32.2 | 0.6 | 6.7 | 0.6 | 504 | 6.6 |
| 50-54 | 7.1 | 44.9 | 6.3 | 34.4 | 1.3 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 397 | 6.4 |
| 55-59 | 13.3 | 38.6 | 10.3 | 30.5 | 1.0 | 4.2 | 2.1 | 445 | 6.1 |
| 60-64 | 18.5 | 41.4 | 8.0 | 27.1 | 0.6 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 325 | 5.6 |
| $65+$ | 28.3 | 47.7 | 8.4 | 11.2 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 856 | 3.3 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.3 | 26.2 | 4.0 | 53.4 | 3.9 | 7.7 | 0.6 | 5,310 | 8.8 |
| Rural | 10.7 | 49.4 | 8.0 | 29.2 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 10,574 | 5.5 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 8.6 | 43.8 | 9.5 | 32.6 | 1.4 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 1,925 | 6.0 |
| Mashonaland Central | 12.3 | 46.0 | 7.3 | 30.9 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 1,628 | 5.4 |
| Mashonaland East | 9.5 | 42.5 | 7.1 | 37.1 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 1,508 | 6.2 |
| Mashonaland West | 10.0 | 43.5 | 6.2 | 36.3 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1,568 | 6.1 |
| Matabeleland North | 12.6 | 54.9 | 7.8 | 22.2 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 1,137 | 5.3 |
| Matabeleland South | 9.6 | 50.4 | 7.4 | 26.7 | 1.4 | 3.9 | 0.6 | 831 | 6.0 |
| Midlands | 9.0 | 44.0 | 6.4 | 35.6 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 2,207 | 6.1 |
| Masvingo | 7.2 | 48.3 | 7.5 | 33.8 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 1,797 | 6.0 |
| Harare | 4.3 | 24.0 | 4.1 | 55.5 | 3.8 | 7.7 | 0.4 | 2,248 | 9.1 |
| Bulawayo | 4.6 | 26.6 | 3.7 | 53.0 | 4.4 | 6.6 | 1.1 | 1,034 | 7.9 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 15.4 | 57.6 | 8.8 | 17.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2,951 | 4.1 |
| Second | 11.4 | 51.0 | 8.1 | 28.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 3,051 | 5.3 |
| Middle | 8.3 | 46.0 | 7.7 | 35.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 3,113 | 6.0 |
| Fourth | 5.2 | 32.4 | 5.5 | 50.0 | 1.8 | 4.6 | 0.5 | 3,520 | 7.2 |
| Highest | 3.8 | 24.0 | 3.8 | 51.4 | 5.0 | 11.4 | 0.6 | 3,248 | 9.1 |
| Total | 8.6 | 41.6 | 6.7 | 37.3 | 1.7 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 15,883 | 6.3 |

Note: In Zimbabwe, primary level is referred to as grades 1-7. Secondary level is referred to as forms 1-6. With the primary and secondary levels combined, there is a total of 13 years of schooling.
${ }^{1}$ Completed 7th grade at the primary level
${ }^{2}$ Completed 6 th grade at the secondary level

The median number of years of educational attainment is six for both males and females. As expected, educational attainment is higher for all indicators in urban areas and among the population in the highest wealth quintile.

### 2.3.2 School Attendance Ratios

In Table 2.4, school attendance ratios by level of schooling, sex, residence, province, and wealth quintile for the population age 6 to 24 years are presented. The net attendance ratio (NAR) is an indicator of participation in schooling among children of official school age, and the gross attendance ratio (GAR) indicates the participation at each level of schooling among all children between the ages of 7 and 18 years. 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. ${ }^{2}$ Data in Table 2.4 show that, among children age 7 to 12 years, 91 percent attended primary school, and 45 percent of children age 13 to 18 years attended secondary school. For primary education, nine in ten males and females were enrolled in school. For secondary education, among persons 13 to 18 years, males and females were almost equally likely to be in school ( 44 percent for males and 45 percent for females).

At the primary and secondary level, NARs in urban areas were higher than in rural areas. Consistent with this finding, attendance in primary education in the urban provinces (Harare and Bulawayo) is slightly higher than in other provinces, and the trend is the same for secondary education. Attendance is the highest among the wealthy households compared with the poor at both primary and secondary levels. While wealth is not a significant factor for attendance at the primary level, it has a greater impact on attendance at the secondary level. Among children age 7 to 12 years, no less than nine in ten children attended school at the primary level for all wealth quintiles. However, the data show that differentials vary greatly by wealth quintile at the secondary level. Only 24 percent of children age 13 to 18 attended secondary school in the lowest wealth quintile compared with 63 percent in the highest wealth quintile.

With reference to the GAR, the ratios are much higher than 100 for primary education, indicating that a large proportion of children over the age of 12 years are still attending primary school. For secondary education, the percentages are much lower than 100, indicating that many children age 13 to 18 years are not currently attending secondary school.

The gender parity index (GPI), or the ratio of the female to the male GAR at the primary and secondary levels, indicates the magnitude of the gender gap in attendance ratios. 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. The GPI at the primary and secondary school levels are nearly equal ( 0.97 and 0.98 , respectively). At the secondary level, there are marked differences in the GPI by place of residence and province. Table 2.4 also indicates that in the highest wealth quintile the gender gap is the widest ( 0.85 ), in contrast to children in the lowest wealth quintile (1.09) where more girls than boys attended secondary school.

[^1]Table 2.4 School attendance ratios
Net attendance ratios (NAR) and gross attendance ratios (GAR) for the de jure household population by level of schooling and sex; and gender parity index, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Net attendance ratio ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Gross attendance ratio ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Gender parity index ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |  |
| PRIMARY SCHOOL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 93.9 | 93.4 | 93.7 | 119.1 | 114.3 | 116.6 | 0.96 |
| Rural | 90.4 | 91.1 | 90.7 | 123.6 | 119.7 | 121.7 | 0.97 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 87.8 | 92.9 | 90.4 | 119.7 | 118.6 | 119.1 | 0.99 |
| Mashonaland Central | 88.3 | 84.5 | 86.5 | 121.2 | 125.0 | 123.0 | 1.03 |
| Mashonaland East | 93.4 | 94.1 | 93.7 | 129.4 | 124.7 | 127.2 | 0.96 |
| Mashonaland West | 88.5 | 83.9 | 86.3 | 122.9 | 110.5 | 116.9 | 0.90 |
| Matabeleland North | 89.5 | 94.0 | 91.6 | 116.8 | 118.6 | 117.7 | 1.02 |
| Matabeleland South | 92.5 | 91.3 | 91.9 | 118.7 | 114.6 | 116.5 | 0.97 |
| Midlands | 91.6 | 93.6 | 92.7 | 121.8 | 116.5 | 119.0 | 0.96 |
| Masvingo | 94.4 | 92.7 | 93.6 | 130.3 | 121.3 | 126.0 | 0.93 |
| Harare | 95.4 | 95.1 | 95.3 | 118.0 | 114.0 | 115.9 | 0.97 |
| Bulawayo | 93.9 | 94.5 | 94.2 | 124.8 | 119.9 | 122.3 | 0.96 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 88.9 | 90.1 | 89.5 | 122.0 | 117.4 | 119.8 | 0.96 |
| Second | 91.8 | 89.6 | 90.7 | 124.0 | 118.9 | 121.4 | 0.96 |
| Middle | 91.1 | 92.8 | 91.9 | 123.0 | 121.3 | 122.2 | 0.99 |
| Fourth | 90.9 | 91.8 | 91.3 | 123.6 | 115.8 | 119.8 | 0.94 |
| Highest | 94.8 | 95.0 | 94.9 | 119.6 | 117.3 | 118.4 | 0.98 |
| Total | 91.3 | 91.6 | 91.4 | 122.5 | 118.3 | 120.4 | 0.97 |


|  | SECONDARY SCHOOL |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Urban | 63.4 | 55.8 | 59.2 | 71.9 | 63.0 | 67.0 | 0.88 |
| Rural | 37.4 | 39.7 | 38.5 | 42.9 | 43.0 | 42.9 | 1.00 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Manicaland | 47.1 | 42.9 | 45.1 | 54.8 | 47.3 | 51.3 | 0.86 |
| Mashonaland Central | 33.2 | 31.2 | 32.1 | 41.0 | 32.9 | 36.7 | 0.80 |
| Mashonaland East | 44.7 | 45.4 | 45.0 | 50.2 | 49.9 | 50.1 | 0.99 |
| Mashonaland West | 35.5 | 37.7 | 36.6 | 41.8 | 44.8 | 43.3 | 1.07 |
| Matabeleland North | 27.0 | 35.2 | 31.2 | 32.9 | 38.5 | 35.8 | 1.17 |
| Matabeleland South | 40.4 | 47.6 | 44.0 | 45.6 | 52.4 | 49.0 | 1.15 |
| Midlands | 42.4 | 50.7 | 46.4 | 48.3 | 53.3 | 50.7 | 1.10 |
| Masvingo | 45.8 | 41.9 | 43.9 | 51.4 | 45.7 | 48.6 | 0.89 |
| Harare | 62.1 | 55.2 | 58.3 | 67.7 | 61.2 | 64.2 | 0.90 |
| Bulawayo | 66.8 | 61.5 | 63.7 | 73.3 | 71.0 | 72.0 | 0.97 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Lowest | 22.2 | 26.2 | 24.1 | 25.4 | 27.7 | 26.5 | 1.09 |
| Second | 37.0 | 36.3 | 36.6 | 42.0 | 38.6 | 40.3 | 0.92 |
| Middle | 47.8 | 49.7 | 48.7 | 52.1 | 54.2 | 53.1 | 1.04 |
| Fourth | 49.2 | 50.4 | 49.8 | 58.5 | 55.2 | 56.8 | 0.94 |
| Highest | 68.2 | 58.5 | 62.7 | 79.3 | 67.4 | 72.5 | 0.85 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 44.1 | 44.8 | 44.5 | 50.4 | 49.3 | 49.9 | 0.98 |

${ }^{1}$ 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.

### 2.3.3 Repetition and Dropout Rates

Repetition and dropout rates describe the flow of students through the school system. Table 2.5 shows the repetition and dropout rates of the de facto household population age 5 to 24 years who attended school in the previous school year by grade and form, according to sex and residence. The repetition rate is defined as the percentage of students in a given grade the previous year who repeated that same grade in the current school year. The dropout rate refers to the percentage of students in a given grade the previous school year who do not attend school in the current school year.

Repetition rates are highest in grade 1 (6 percent) and grade 7 (4 percent) and vary by place of residence, province, and wealth quintile. Repetition rates are generally higher among males than females. Table 2.5 also shows that repetition rates are higher for children in rural areas than they are in urban areas, except for grades 4 and 5. The repetitions rates in Mashonaland East are the highest for each grade level, except for grades 1 and 2 where the province has, respectively, the second and third highest percentage of repetition. The lowest and second lowest wealth quintiles have the highest percentages of repetition.

Table 2.5 indicates that the dropout rates increase with each grade level, culminating at a national rate of 18 percent for grade 7 . Overall, dropout rates in grade 7 are high for both males and females throughout the country. In general, the rates are higher in rural than in urban areas. Mashonaland Central and Matabeleland North have the highest dropout rates for grade 7 (33 percent each). School dropouts at grade 7 are highest in poorest households ( 34 percent) and lowest in the wealthiest households ( 2 percent).

The age-specific attendance rates (ASARs) for the population age 5 to 24 years are presented in Figure 2.2 by age and sex. The ASAR indicates participation in schooling at any level, from primary to higher levels of education. The trends are the same for males and females. Approximately half of children attend school by age 6 . For ages 8 to 12, nine out of ten children attend school. At age 13, attendance rates begin to decline as age increases.

| Table 2.5 Grade repetition and dropout rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Repetition and dropout rates for the de jure household population age 5-24 years by school grade, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | School grade |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| REPETITION RATE ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 6.6 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 5.1 |
| Female | 6.1 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.8 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 2.0 |
| Rural | 7.6 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 4.7 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 4.1 | 4.7 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 4.6 |
| Mashonaland Central | 11.6 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| Mashonaland East | 11.2 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 9.3 |
| Mashonaland West | 3.4 | 0.3 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 2.0 |
| Matabeleland North | 4.4 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 4.1 | 7.0 |
| Matabeleland South | 3.6 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Midlands | 7.2 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 0.0 |
| Masvingo | 10.4 | 4.9 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 7.0 |
| Harare | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 3.7 |
| Bulawayo | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 2.3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 10.1 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 4.1 |
| Second | 6.3 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 8.7 |
| Middle | 7.6 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Fourth | 2.8 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| Highest | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 |
| Total | 6.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 3.9 |
| DROPOUT RATE ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 18.6 |
| Female | 1.8 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 17.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.7 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 9.4 |
| Rural | 2.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 21.5 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 6.1 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 16.9 |
| Mashonaland Central | 4.4 | 10.6 | 9.5 | 6.4 | 12.8 | 4.8 | 33.3 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 13.5 |
| Mashonaland West | 1.9 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 1.7 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 21.5 |
| Matabeleland North | 0.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 33.0 |
| Matabeleland South | 4.2 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 18.4 |
| Midlands | 2.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 5.6 | 17.0 |
| Masvingo | 2.3 | 0.6 | 3.8 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 15.1 |
| Harare | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 8.6 |
| Bulawayo | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 5.9 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.9 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 5.9 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 33.6 |
| Second | 2.1 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 20.0 |
| Middle | 1.4 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 16.4 |
| Fourth | 3.7 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 16.6 |
| Highest | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Total | 2.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 18.1 |
| ${ }^{1}$ The repetition rate is the percentage of students in a given grade in the previous school yea who are repeating that grade in the current school year. <br> ${ }^{2}$ The dropout rate is the percentage of students in a given grade in the previous school year wh are not attending 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. The 2005-06 ZDHS survey collected information on a range of housing characteristics. These data are presented for households and for the total de jure household population. The results are further disaggregated by residence.

### 2.4.1 Drinking Water

Table 2.6 shows information on drinking water. The source of drinking water is an indicator of the quality of the water. Sources that are likely to be of suitable quality are listed under "improved source," while sources not of suitable quality are listed under "non-improved source." The majority of households in Zimbabwe ( 78 percent) have access to an improved source of water ( 99 percent in urban areas and 67 percent in rural areas). Overall, 36 percent of households have water piped into the dwelling, yard, or plot, while 5 percent of households use a public tap or standpipe. In rural areas, boreholes are the main source of drinking water ( 38 percent), followed by unprotected and protected dug wells ( 18 percent and 17 percent, respectively).

Most households (87 percent) do not treat their drinking water. Of the selected urban households, 78 percent do not treat their water, compared with 91 percent in rural areas. Ten percent of households boil their water and 2 percent use bleach or chlorine.

| Table 2.6 Household drinking water |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of households by source, time to collect, and person who usually collects drinking water, according to residence; the percent distribution of the de jure population by source, time to collect, and person who usually collects drinking water; the percentage of households by treatment of drinking water, according to residence; and the percentage of the de jure population by treatment of drinking water, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Residence |  | Total | De jure population |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |  |
| Source of drinking water |  |  |  |  |
| Improved source | 99.4 | 67.1 | 78.2 | 75.8 |
| Piped water into dwelling/ yard/plot | 92.7 | 6.1 | 36.0 | 32.9 |
| Public tap/standpipe | 4.5 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 4.1 |
| Tube well or borehole | 0.9 | 37.5 | 24.9 | 26.6 |
| Protected dug well | 1.3 | 17.1 | 11.6 | 11.8 |
| Protected spring | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Rainwater | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Non-improved source | 0.6 | 32.9 | 21.8 | 24.1 |
| Unprotected dug well | 0.4 | 18.1 | 12.0 | 13.5 |
| Unprotected spring | 0.0 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| Tanker truck/cart with small tank | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Surface water | na | 11.0 | 7.2 | 7.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Time to obtain drinking water (round trip) |  |  |  |  |
| Water on premises | 95.1 | 20.6 | 46.3 | 43.1 |
| Less than 30 minutes | 4.0 | 38.4 | 26.5 | 26.9 |
| 30 minutes or longer | 0.8 | 40.4 | 26.8 | 29.4 |
| Don't know/missing | na | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Person who usually collects drinking water |  |  |  |  |
| Adult female 15+ | 3.5 | 62.6 | 42.2 | 47.4 |
| Adult male 15+ | 1.3 | 11.0 | 7.6 | 5.1 |
| Female child under age 15 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| Male child under age 15 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Water on premises | 95.1 | 20.6 | 46.3 | 43.1 |
| Missing | na | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Treatment of drinking water ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Boiled | 20.3 | 5.2 | 10.4 | 10.5 |
| Bleach/chlorine | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Strained through cloth | na | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Ceramic, sand, or other filter | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Other | 0.5 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| No treatment | 78.1 | 91.1 | 86.6 | 86.6 |
| Number | 3,201 | 6,084 | 9,285 | 41,323 |
| na $=$ Not applicable <br> ${ }^{1}$ Respondents may report multiple tre percent. | tment m | ods so |  | exceed 100 |

### 2.4.2 Sanitation Facilities and Waste Disposal

Table 2.7 presents information on the proportion of households that have access to hygienic sanitation facilities by type of toilet/latrine. Hygienic status is determined on the basis of type of facility and whether it is used by only one household (improved) or shared with other households (unimproved). Forty percent of households in Zimbabwe have improved toilet facilities that are not shared with other households, of which 19 percent flush to a piped sewer system, 2 percent flush to a septic tank, and
less than 1 percent flush to a pit latrine. Nineteen percent of households use some type of a latrine that is not shared with other households.

Most households with improved facilities in urban areas (57 percent) have flush toilets. In rural areas, the most common improved, non-shared toilet is either the ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine or the Blair toilet ( 22 percent). The most common unimproved facilities in urban households are toilets shared by more than one household ( 39 percent). More than four in ten households in rural areas have no toilet facility. This proportion increased from 40 percent in the 1999 ZDHS to 45 percent in 2005-06 ZDHS.

| Table 2.7 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 type of toilet facilities, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
| Type of toilet/ | Residence |  | Total | De jure population |
| latrine facility | Urban | Rural |  |  |
| Improved, not shared | 58.5 | 30.5 | 40.1 | 42.0 |
| Flush/pour flush to piped sewer system | 52.1 | 1.2 | 18.8 | 19.0 |
| Flush/pour flush to septic tank | 4.0 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Flush/pour flush to pit latrine | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Ventilated improved pit (VIP) |  |  |  |  |
| latrine/Blair toilet | 1.3 | 21.6 | 14.6 | 15.8 |
| Pit latrine with slab | 0.4 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| Composting toilet | na | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Not improved | 41.4 | 69.6 | 59.8 | 58.0 |
| Any facility shared with other households | 38.8 | 17.0 | 24.5 | 19.7 |
| Flush/pour flush not to sewer/ septic tank/pit latrine | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Pit latrine without slab/open pit | 0.3 | 7.3 | 4.9 | 5.6 |
| Bucket | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| No facility/bush/field | 0.2 | 44.9 | 29.5 | 31.9 |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Missing | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 3,201 | 6,084 | 9,285 | 41,323 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |

### 2.4.3 Other Household Characteristics

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, fuel, and type of fire/stove among households using biomass fuel are shown in Table 2.8. The physical characteristics of the household reflect the household's economic condition and have an important bearing on environmental exposure to disease.

Thirty-seven percent of households in Zimbabwe have access to electricity. There is a significant difference in access to electricity between urban and rural areas. In urban areas, 91 percent of households have electricity versus 9 percent in rural areas.

The most commonly used flooring material is cement ( 65 percent), followed by earth, sand, or dung ( 31 percent). In urban areas, 90 percent of households have cement floors, compared with 52 percent in rural areas. Earth, sand, or dung floors are found in 48 percent of rural households.

Data were collected on the number of sleeping rooms per household. Thirty-seven percent of households have one room used for sleeping, while 36 percent have two rooms and 26 percent have three or more rooms. The number of rooms used for sleeping does not vary much by place of residence.

The most common fuels used for cooking are wood (66 percent), followed by electricity ( 33 percent). In rural areas, 95 percent of households use wood for cooking, compared with 11 percent in urban areas. The most common cooking fuel used among urban households is electricity ( 88 percent); only 4 percent of rural households use electricity for cooking.

Forty-three percent of households in Zimbabwe cook in the house, 48 percent cook in a separate building, and 9 percent cook outdoors. Eighty percent of urban households cook in the house, compared with 23 percent of rural households. On the other hand, 68 percent of rural households cook in a separate building, versus 10 percent of urban households.

More than six out of ten households in Zimbabwe use biomass fuel ( 67 percent). The majority ( 97 percent) of those households use an open fire or stove that does not have a chimney or hood.

### 2.4.4 Household Durable Goods

Information on ownership of durable goods and other possessions is presented in Table 2.9 by residence. In general, ownership of household effects, means of transportation, and agricultural land and farm animals is a rough measure of a household's socioeconomic status.

| Table 2.8 Household characteristics |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of households by household characteristics, according to residence, and percent distribution of the de jure population by household characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
| Household characteristic | Residence |  | Total | De jure population |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |  |
| Electricity |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 91.4 | 8.7 | 37.2 | 33.8 |
| No | 8.6 | 91.2 | 62.7 | 66.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Flooring material |  |  |  |  |
| Earth, sand, dung | 0.2 | 47.7 | 31.3 | 34.3 |
| Wood planks | 0.3 | na | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Parquet, polished wood | 1.3 | na | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Vinyl, asphalt strips | 0.2 | na | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Ceramic tiles | 2.7 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Cement | 90.2 | 51.7 | 64.9 | 61.8 |
| Carpet | 4.8 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Rooms used for sleeping |  |  |  |  |
| One | 37.2 | 37.4 | 37.4 | 25.1 |
| Two | 34.8 | 36.8 | 36.1 | 38.3 |
| Three or more | 27.3 | 25.2 | 25.9 | 35.9 |
| Missing | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Type of dwelling unit |  |  |  |  |
|  | na | 49.7 | 32.6 | 35.1 |
| Mixed | 0.3 | 34.8 | 22.9 | 25.5 |
| Detached | 57.1 | 9.2 | 25.8 | 23.3 |
| Semi-detached | 34.0 | 4.2 | 14.5 | 12.8 |
| Flat/town home | 7.4 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 2.9 |
| Shack | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Other | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Any windows | 98.0 | 86.7 | 90.6 | 90.4 |
| Windows with glass | 96.3 | 42.8 | 61.2 | 58.6 |
| Windows with screens | 44.1 | 22.2 | 29.8 | 28.9 |
| Windows with curtains/ shutters | 82.7 | 37.4 | 53.0 | 51.0 |
| Cooking fuel |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity | 87.9 | 3.5 | 32.6 | 29.7 |
| Paraffin/kerosene | 0.6 | na | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Coal, lignite | na | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Charcoal | na | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Wood | 11.2 | 95.3 | 66.3 | 69.3 |
| Straw/shrubs/grass | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Animal dung | na | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Place for cooking |  |  |  |  |
| In the house | 80.3 | 22.7 | 42.6 | 40.9 |
| In a separate building | 10.2 | 67.8 | 47.9 | 50.8 |
| Outdoors | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 8.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of households | 3,201 | 6,084 | 9,285 | 41,323 |
| Type of fire/stove among households using solid fuel ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Closed stove with chimney | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Open fire/stove with chimney | 5.6 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
| Open fire/stove without |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of households using biomass fuel | 383 | 5,866 | 6,249 | 29,039 |
| ```Includes kerosene, coal/lignite, charcoal, wood/straw/shrubs/grass, and animal dung na = Not applicable``` |  |  |  |  |

residence, and percent distribution of the de jure population by household characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

Table 2.9 shows that among household effects, 48 percent of households have a radio, 31 percent have a television, 14 percent have a mobile telephone, and 8 percent have a non-mobile phone. With reference to means of transportation, 25 percent of households have a bicycle, 18 percent have an animaldrawn cart, 1 percent have a motorcycle or scooter, 6 percent have a car or truck, and less than 1 percent have a boat with a motor. Sixty-seven percent of households own agricultural land and 60 percent own farm animals.

The proportion of households with durable goods varies by urban-rural residence. Urban households are more likely than rural households to own modern conveniences powered by electricity, such as a radio ( 78 percent and 33 percent, respectively) and a television ( 70 percent and 10 percent, respectively).

The most common means of transportation owned by households in both urban and rural areas is the bicycle ( 29 percent in urban areas compared with 23 percent in rural areas). Urban households own more modern means of transportation than rural households, such as a car or truck ( 14 percent compared with 2 percent, respectively) and a motorcycle or scooter ( 2 percent compared with 1 percent, respectively). Among urban households, 28 percent own agricultural land compared with 88 percent in rural areas.

In Zimbabwe, 35 percent of households have a bank account. Households in urban areas are almost four times as likely than households in rural areas to have a bank account ( 67 percent compared with 18 percent).

| Percentage of households possessing various durable consumer goods, by residence, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Residence |  | Total | De jure population |
| Possessions | Urban | Rural |  |  |
| Household effects |  |  |  |  |
| Radio | 77.5 | 32.9 | 48.3 | 49.1 |
| Television | 70.4 | 10.4 | 31.1 | 31.6 |
| Mobile telephone | 34.5 | 2.7 | 13.7 | 13.9 |
| Non-mobile telephone | 22.2 | 1.0 | 8.3 | 8.5 |
| Means of transportation |  |  |  |  |
| Bicycle | 28.5 | 23.4 | 25.1 | 28.0 |
| Animal-drawn cart | 4.8 | 24.4 | 17.7 | 21.7 |
| Motorcycle/scooter | 1.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Car/truck | 14.1 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 6.8 |
| Boat with a motor | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Wheelbarrow | 19.8 | 38.2 | 31.9 | 35.8 |
| Ownership of agricultural land | 27.6 | 87.7 | 67.0 | 71.9 |
| Ownership of farm animals ${ }^{1}$ | 22.4 | 80.1 | 60.2 | 66.5 |
| Ownership of bank account | 67.2 | 18.3 | 35.2 | 33.9 |
| Number of households | 3,201 | 6,084 | 9,285 | 41,323 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Cattle, horses, donkeys, goats, sheep, or chickens |  |  |  |  |

### 2.5 Household Wealth

One of the background characteristics used throughout this report is a wealth index. Information on household assets was used to create an index representing the wealth of the households interviewed in the 2005-06 ZDHS. The wealth index was 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 index 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 flooring material.

Each asset was assigned a weight or factor score generated through principal components analysis. The resulting asset scores were standardized in relation to a normal distribution with a mean of zero and a 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 on the basis of data from the entire country sample and used in all the tabulations presented.

Wealth quintiles are expressed in terms of quintiles of individuals in the population, rather than quintiles of individuals at risk for any one health or population indicator. For example, the quintile rates for infant mortality refer to the infant mortality rates per 1,000 live births among all people in the population quintile concerned, as distinct from quintiles of live births or newly born infants, who constitute the only members of the population at risk of mortality during infancy.

Table 2.10 presents the wealth quintiles by residence and province. Almost all of the urban population is represented in the fourth and highest quintiles ( 98 percent) while about six in ten households in rural areas are in the lowest and second wealth quintiles. Sixty-one percent of the population in urban areas is in the highest wealth quintile, in contrast to 1 percent in the rural areas. The wealth quintile distribution among provinces shows large variations. As expected, the two urban provinces, Bulawayo and Harare, have the largest proportions in the highest wealth quintile ( 67 and 63 percent, respectively). In contrast, Matabeleland North and Masvingo have the largest proportions in the lowest wealth quintile (56 and 32 percent, respectively).

| Table 2.10 Wealth quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of the jure population by wealth quintiles, according to residence and province, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence/ | Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  | Total | Number |
| province | Lowest | Second | Middle | Fourth | Highest |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | na | na | 1.5 | 37.9 | 60.5 | 100.0 | 13,087 |
| Rural | 29.3 | 29.3 | 28.5 | 11.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 28,236 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 16.4 | 21.6 | 31.2 | 22.0 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 5,166 |
| Mashonaland Central | 23.4 | 32.7 | 25.8 | 13.2 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 4,329 |
| Mashonaland East | 9.8 | 22.4 | 34.6 | 23.2 | 9.9 | 100.0 | 3,772 |
| Mashonaland West | 21.7 | 23.4 | 18.5 | 21.8 | 14.7 | 100.0 | 4,140 |
| Matabeleland North | 55.6 | 24.0 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 3,043 |
| Matabeleland South | 20.2 | 24.9 | 32.2 | 12.7 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 2,205 |
| Midlands | 25.6 | 21.4 | 22.1 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 100.0 | 5,731 |
| Masvingo | 31.7 | 29.4 | 22.7 | 12.7 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 4,818 |
| Harare | na | na | 2.5 | 34.4 | 63.1 | 100.0 | 5,577 |
| Bulawayo | na | na | na | 33.5 | 66.5 | 100.0 | 2,540 |
| Total | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 100.0 | 41,323 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 2.6 Birth Registration

The registration of births is the inscription of the facts of each birth into an official log kept at the registrar's office. 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. Table 2.11 shows the percentage of children less than five years of age whose births were officially registered, and the percentage who had a birth certificate at the time of the survey.

The total proportion of children whose births were registered was 74 percent. Thirty-eight percent had a birth certificate and 36 percent did not. There is little variation by age or sex. Urban residents are more likely to register the births of their children (83 percent) than rural residents (71 percent). Children in Midlands (83 percent), Masvingo (83 percent), Harare (82 percent), Bulawayo (81 percent), and Manicaland (81 percent) had the highest proportion of registered births. Children in Mashonaland East were least likely to have their births registered (58 percent). Households in the highest wealth quintile were most likely to register their children's births, and households in the lowest quintile were the least likely ( 85 percent compared with 67 percent).

## CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

This chapter presents information on demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the survey respondents, such as age, education, place of residence, and marital, employment, and wealth status. These characteristics are for men age 15-54 years and women age 15-49 years. This information is useful for understanding the factors that affect reproductive and contraceptive use and other health behaviours, as they provide a context for the interpretation of the demographic and health indices.

### 3.1 Characteristics of Survey Respondents

Background characteristics of the 8,907 women and 7,175 men interviewed in the 2005-06 ZDHS are presented in Table 3.1. The distribution of the respondents according to age shows a similar pattern for men and women. The proportion of respondents in each age group declines with increasing age for both sexes. Forty-six percent of women and 47 percent of men are in the 15-24 years age group, and 30 percent of women and 27 percent of men are 25-34 years.

Fifty-six percent of women compared with 45 percent of men are currently married. Male respondents were much more likely than female respondents to have never married ( 48 percent for men and 27 percent for women). Eight percent of female respondents and 1 percent of male respondents stated that they were widowed. Men are also less likely to be divorced than women, as 8 percent of women reported that they were divorced, compared with 4 percent of men.

The proportion of men in urban areas (41 percent) does not vary much from that of women ( 39 percent). The largest proportion of both male and female respondents (18 percent and 17 percent, respectively) is in Harare. Following Harare is Midlands, which is where 13 percent of women and 14 percent of men reside. Matabeleland South has the smallest proportions of both male and female respondents (5 percent each).

Education is an important factor influencing an individual's attitude and outlook on various aspects of life. Generally, educational attainment in Zimbabwe is high; 71 percent of men and 63 percent of women attended secondary school or higher. Around one-quarter of men and one-third of women have attended only primary school. Two percent of men and 4 percent of women have no education.

The majority of the respondents (66 percent of men and 89 percent of women) are Christians. Men ( 25 percent) were more likely than women (8 percent) to report no religion. Men are also more likely to be traditionalist than women ( 8 percent compared with 2 percent).

| Table 3.1 Background characteristics of respondents |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women and men by selected background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Weighted percent | Weighted | Unweighted | Weighted percent | Weighted | Unweighted |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.2 | 2,152 | 2,130 | 26.5 | 1,899 | 1,978 |
| 20-24 | 21.9 | 1,952 | 1,945 | 20.3 | 1,459 | 1,435 |
| 25-29 | 16.5 | 1,466 | 1,439 | 15.1 | 1,082 | 1,035 |
| 30-34 | 13.6 | 1,216 | 1,212 | 12.3 | 882 | 878 |
| 35-39 | 9.4 | 834 | 843 | 9.2 | 663 | 645 |
| 40-44 | 7.8 | 699 | 719 | 6.5 | 469 | 451 |
| 45-49 | 6.6 | 589 | 619 | 5.7 | 409 | 427 |
| 50-54 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 312 | 326 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 27.0 | 2,404 | 2,452 | 47.5 | 3,406 | 3,455 |
| Married | 56.3 | 5,016 | 4,979 | 45.1 | 3,236 | 3,178 |
| Living together | 1.4 | 127 | 139 | 2.6 | 184 | 189 |
| Divorced/separated | 7.7 | 689 | 677 | 3.5 | 250 | 255 |
| Widowed | 7.5 | 671 | 660 | 1.4 | 100 | 98 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 39.3 | 3,502 | 3,203 | 40.5 | 2,904 | 2,459 |
| Rural | 60.7 | 5,405 | 5,704 | 59.5 | 4,271 | 4,716 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 11.7 | 1,043 | 1,039 | 11.6 | 829 | 790 |
| Mashonaland Central | 9.3 | 825 | 751 | 9.8 | 702 | 721 |
| Mashonaland East | 8.0 | 714 | 696 | 8.3 | 598 | 578 |
| Mashonaland West | 9.3 | 829 | 777 | 10.1 | 726 | 668 |
| Matabeleland North | 6.0 | 536 | 672 | 6.1 | 434 | 547 |
| Matabeleland South | 4.9 | 439 | 630 | 4.5 | 325 | 464 |
| Midlands | 13.4 | 1,193 | 1,128 | 14.0 | 1,003 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 12.8 | 1,137 | 974 | 11.1 | 800 | 779 |
| Harare | 16.8 | 1,492 | 1,395 | 17.8 | 1,274 | 1,032 |
| Bulawayo | 7.8 | 697 | 845 | 6.7 | 483 | 640 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 4.3 | 380 | 380 | 1.5 | 111 | 124 |
| Primary | 32.6 | 2,902 | 2,971 | 27.3 | 1,956 | 2,113 |
| Secondary | 60.1 | 5,355 | 5,297 | 65.3 | 4,687 | 4,541 |
| More than secondary | 3.0 | 270 | 259 | 5.9 | 422 | 397 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Traditional | 2.1 | 186 | 205 | 7.5 | 535 | 579 |
| Roman Catholic | 10.2 | 913 | 920 | 10.4 | 749 | 744 |
| Protestant | 25.6 | 2,283 | 2,257 | 17.0 | 1,219 | 1,218 |
| Pentecostal | 17.8 | 1,581 | 1,535 | 13.0 | 932 | 913 |
| Apostolic Sect | 29.9 | 2,659 | 2,672 | 22.4 | 1,605 | 1,603 |
| Other Christian | 5.5 | 494 | 486 | 3.6 | 255 | 243 |
| Muslim | 0.7 | 62 | 59 | 1.1 | 76 | 61 |
| None | 8.0 | 713 | 758 | 25.0 | 1,792 | 1,802 |
| Other | 0.2 | 15 | 15 | 0.2 | 11 | 12 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.4 | 1,552 | 1,623 | 15.3 | 1,099 | 1,242 |
| Second | 16.8 | 1,500 | 1,614 | 16.6 | 1,193 | 1,359 |
| Middle | 17.4 | 1,546 | 1,618 | 17.2 | 1,235 | 1,312 |
| Fourth | 22.5 | 2,006 | 1,905 | 27.4 | 1,969 | 1,795 |
| Highest | 25.9 | 2,304 | 2,147 | 23.4 | 1,680 | 1,467 |
| Total | 100.0 | 8,907 | 8,907 | 100.0 | 7,175 | 7,175 |

Note: Education categories refer to the highest level of education attended, whether or not that level was completed.

### 3.2 Educational Attainment by Background Characteristics

Overall, the level of education in Zimbabwe is high, and men are more educated than women. Presented in Tables 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 are the percent distributions of female and male respondents by highest level of education attained, according to age, urban-rural residence, and province. Younger people are more likely to be educated and to reach higher levels of education than older people. The proportion of women without education ranges from less than 1 percent for women age $15-19$ years to 21 percent for women age 45-49. These proportions range from less than 1 percent for men age 15-19 years to 9 percent for men 45-49 years.

The majority of women age 45-49 (62 percent) attended primary school; on the other hand, the majority of women age 15-19 attended secondary school ( 71 percent). This pattern is similar for men: 53 percent of men age 45-49 attended primary school and 71 percent of men age 15-19 went to secondary school.

Rural people are less educated than their urban counterparts. About 6 percent of rural women do not have any education, compared with 1 percent of urban women. The corresponding figures are 2 percent and less than 1 percent for rural and urban men, respectively. Similarly, only 49 percent of rural women have a secondary education or higher, and 85 percent of urban women have a secondary or higher education. The improvement in levels of education reflects the significant expansion and improved accessibility to the educational system after independence in 1980.

The distribution of education is fairly similar across provinces with the exceptions of Harare and Bulawayo, which are urban centres. Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland West, Matabeleland North, and Masvingo have the highest proportions of women with no education (10 percent, 8 percent, 7 percent, and 5 percent, respectively). In all provinces, the majority of men have gone to secondary school.

Higher wealth status is associated with a greater level of educational attainment. Eleven percent of women in the lowest wealth quintile have no education compared with less than 1 percent of women in the highest wealth quintile. Among men, 4 percent in the lowest quintile have no education compared with less than 1 percent in the two highest quintiles.

Table 3.2.1 Educational attainment: women
Percent distribution of women 15-49 by highest level of schooling attended or completed, and median number of years of schooling, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Highest level of schooling attended or completed |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women | Median number of years of schooling |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.4 | 22.5 | 5.7 | 70.0 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,152 | 7.7 |
| 20-24 | 0.6 | 19.6 | 4.5 | 70.2 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 1,952 | 9.0 |
| 25-29 | 0.8 | 24.9 | 6.0 | 63.1 | 0.4 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 1,466 | 8.2 |
| 30-34 | 3.4 | 26.6 | 4.8 | 59.8 | 0.7 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 1,216 | 7.8 |
| 35-39 | 5.7 | 28.8 | 4.4 | 55.7 | 0.9 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 834 | 7.6 |
| 40-44 | 19.5 | 43.4 | 6.6 | 25.7 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 699 | 6.1 |
| 45-49 | 21.2 | 54.8 | 7.0 | 14.5 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 589 | 4.7 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.0 | 12.7 | 1.7 | 76.6 | 2.3 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 3,502 | 9.2 |
| Rural | 6.4 | 36.6 | 7.8 | 47.7 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 5,405 | 6.7 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 4.4 | 33.4 | 4.7 | 54.2 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 1,043 | 7.2 |
| Mashonaland Central | 9.8 | 32.3 | 8.9 | 46.7 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 825 | 6.7 |
| Mashonaland East | 3.0 | 28.4 | 5.4 | 60.0 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 714 | 7.7 |
| Mashonaland West | 7.5 | 30.1 | 6.5 | 52.8 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 829 | 7.0 |
| Matabeleland North | 6.8 | 40.2 | 5.8 | 44.4 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 536 | 6.7 |
| Matabeleland South | 3.6 | 34.3 | 4.7 | 51.5 | 1.1 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 439 | 7.1 |
| Midlands | 3.4 | 26.3 | 5.8 | 60.4 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 1,193 | 7.5 |
| Masvingo | 5.0 | 38.6 | 10.5 | 44.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,137 | 6.6 |
| Harare | 0.5 | 11.2 | 0.9 | 80.4 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 1,492 | 9.2 |
| Bulawayo | 1.7 | 9.8 | 1.7 | 78.7 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 697 | 9.2 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 10.5 | 48.6 | 10.7 | 30.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,552 | 6.2 |
| Second | 6.1 | 38.7 | 9.3 | 45.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,500 | 6.6 |
| Middle | 4.7 | 29.2 | 5.6 | 59.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,546 | 7.2 |
| Fourth | 1.9 | 21.5 | 3.4 | 69.9 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 2,006 | 8.3 |
| Highest | 0.7 | 8.8 | 0.9 | 77.3 | 3.3 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 2,304 | 9.3 |
| Total | 4.3 | 27.2 | 5.4 | 59.0 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 8,907 | 7.6 |

[^2]Table 3.2.2 Educational attainment: men
Percent distribution of men 15-49 by highest level of schooling attended or completed, and median number of years of schooling, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Highest level of schooling attended or completed |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of men | Median number of years of schooling |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.3 | 22.5 | 6.3 | 68.9 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,899 | 7.4 |
| 20-24 | 0.3 | 16.2 | 4.7 | 65.2 | 7.5 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 1,459 | 9.2 |
| 25-29 | 0.8 | 19.5 | 3.3 | 64.9 | 3.7 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 1,082 | 9.2 |
| 30-34 | 0.6 | 16.4 | 4.2 | 67.2 | 2.9 | 8.9 | 100.0 | 882 | 9.2 |
| 35-39 | 1.0 | 14.5 | 2.0 | 71.0 | 1.6 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 663 | 9.3 |
| 40-44 | 4.5 | 32.5 | 4.9 | 45.7 | 0.6 | 11.8 | 100.0 | 469 | 7.4 |
| 45-49 | 9.0 | 43.9 | 9.3 | 31.8 | 0.2 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 409 | 6.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.1 | 8.2 | 1.1 | 74.8 | 6.1 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 2,767 | 9.4 |
| Rural | 2.1 | 29.8 | 7.5 | 56.1 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 4,096 | 7.1 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 1.5 | 22.7 | 8.3 | 57.8 | 2.9 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 793 | 8.0 |
| Mashonaland Central | 1.8 | 28.2 | 9.0 | 55.7 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 681 | 7.3 |
| Mashonaland East | 1.3 | 17.1 | 3.0 | 72.9 | 1.6 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 570 | 8.9 |
| Mashonaland West | 1.3 | 23.2 | 5.4 | 64.8 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 691 | 8.3 |
| Matabeleland North | 3.6 | 40.6 | 7.0 | 43.5 | 0.3 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 416 | 6.8 |
| Matabeleland South | 1.5 | 30.2 | 5.7 | 52.9 | 3.5 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 306 | 7.5 |
| Midlands | 1.2 | 24.3 | 4.7 | 61.6 | 3.1 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 956 | 8.0 |
| Masvingo | 2.1 | 26.5 | 6.1 | 59.6 | 2.1 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 771 | 7.5 |
| Harare | 0.0 | 6.6 | 0.8 | 77.1 | 5.7 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 1,219 | 9.4 |
| Bulawayo | 0.1 | 8.7 | 1.1 | 73.3 | 6.7 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 460 | 9.3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.6 | 45.3 | 10.7 | 39.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,042 | 6.5 |
| Second | 1.9 | 31.3 | 8.2 | 57.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,137 | 7.0 |
| Middle | 1.1 | 22.6 | 6.1 | 65.8 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 1,194 | 7.8 |
| Fourth | 0.8 | 14.7 | 2.5 | 72.2 | 2.9 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 1,892 | 9.1 |
| Highest | 0.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 72.1 | 7.8 | 14.9 | 100.0 | 1,599 | 9.5 |
| Total 15-49 | 1.3 | 21.1 | 4.9 | 63.7 | 3.2 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 6,863 | 8.6 |
| Total 15-54 | 1.5 | 22.3 | 5.0 | 62.2 | 3.1 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 7,175 | 8.4 |

[^3]
### 3.3 LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Literacy is widely acknowledged as benefiting individuals and society. It is also associated with a number of positive health outcomes. In the 2005-06 ZDHS, literacy status was determined based on the respondents' ability to read all or part of a sentence. Tables 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 show the percent distribution of women and men by level of schooling attended and by level of literacy, and percent literate, according to background characteristics. Literacy rates in Zimbabwe are very high. Overall, 91 percent of women and 95 percent of men are literate. Variations in literacy by age show that literacy decreases as age increases for both women and men. The percent literate is almost the same for both women and men ages 15-29, while men ages $30-49$ have higher literacy rates than women. Women and men in urban areas have higher literacy rates ( 98 percent and 99 percent, respectively) than their rural counterparts ( 87 percent of women and 93 percent of men). Variations in literacy by province show that both Bulawayo and Harare have the highest literacy rate for women ( 98 percent) and men ( 99 percent). Mashonaland Central has the lowest literacy rate for women ( 83 percent), while Matabeleland North has the lowest literacy rates for men ( 90 percent). As with educational attainment, literacy is directly associated with wealth status.

## Table 3.3.1 Literacy: women

Percent distribution of women 15-49 by level of schooling attended and by level of literacy, and percent literate, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Secondary school or higher | No schooling or primary school |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women | Percent literate $^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cannot } \\ & \text { read } \\ & \text { at all } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | No card with required language | Blind/ visually impaired | Missing |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 71.4 | 16.6 | 7.2 | 3.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 2,152 | 95.3 |
| 20-24 | 75.3 | 12.2 | 9.1 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,952 | 96.7 |
| 25-29 | 68.3 | 17.3 | 10.2 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,466 | 95.8 |
| 30-34 | 65.2 | 16.3 | 10.9 | 7.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,216 | 92.3 |
| 35-39 | 61.1 | 18.2 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 834 | 90.0 |
| 40-44 | 30.5 | 24.4 | 16.1 | 27.4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 699 | 71.0 |
| 45-49 | 17.1 | 33.9 | 19.3 | 29.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 589 | 70.3 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 84.6 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,502 | 97.6 |
| Rural | 49.3 | 23.4 | 14.4 | 12.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,405 | 87.1 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 57.5 | 18.8 | 15.2 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,043 | 91.5 |
| Mashonaland Central | 48.9 | 20.1 | 13.7 | 16.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 825 | 82.8 |
| Mashonaland East | 63.2 | 15.3 | 12.2 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 714 | 90.7 |
| Mashonaland West | 56.0 | 10.8 | 17.8 | 14.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 829 | 84.6 |
| Matabeleland North | 47.2 | 19.0 | 22.0 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 536 | 88.3 |
| Matabeleland South | 57.5 | 29.2 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 439 | 92.8 |
| Midlands | 64.5 | 21.9 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,193 | 93.6 |
| Masvingo | 45.9 | 30.9 | 10.7 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,137 | 87.5 |
| Harare | 87.4 | 7.6 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,492 | 97.9 |
| Bulawayo | 86.8 | 7.3 | 4.1 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 697 | 98.3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 30.2 | 30.8 | 19.5 | 18.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,552 | 80.4 |
| Second | 46.0 | 25.4 | 14.7 | 13.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,500 | 86.1 |
| Middle | 60.5 | 19.6 | 10.8 | 8.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,546 | 90.9 |
| Fourth | 73.2 | 14.0 | 8.4 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,006 | 95.6 |
| Highest | 89.6 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,304 | 98.3 |
| Total | 63.1 | 17.6 | 10.5 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 8,907 | 91.2 |

[^4]Table 3.3.2 Literacy: men
Percent distribution of men 15-49 by level of schooling attended and by level of literacy, and percent literate, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Secondary school or higher | No schooling or primary school |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of men | Percent literate ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cannot } \\ \text { read } \\ \text { at all } \end{gathered}$ | No card with required language | Blind/ visually impaired | Missing |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 70.9 | 15.5 | 8.6 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,899 | 95.0 |
| 20-24 | 78.9 | 11.1 | 6.6 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,459 | 96.6 |
| 25-29 | 76.4 | 14.7 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,082 | 96.1 |
| 30-34 | 78.9 | 11.8 | 7.1 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 882 | 97.9 |
| 35-39 | 82.6 | 8.5 | 5.3 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 663 | 96.4 |
| 40-44 | 58.1 | 19.5 | 14.2 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 469 | 91.8 |
| 45-49 | 37.8 | 35.2 | 14.5 | 11.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 409 | 87.4 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.7 | 5.7 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,767 | 99.0 |
| Rural | 60.7 | 20.9 | 11.4 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 4,096 | 92.9 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 67.5 | 18.9 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 793 | 93.1 |
| Mashonaland Central | 61.0 | 27.6 | 4.1 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 681 | 92.7 |
| Mashonaland East | 78.6 | 10.0 | 7.6 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 570 | 96.1 |
| Mashonaland West | 70.1 | 10.6 | 14.2 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 691 | 94.9 |
| Matabeleland North | 48.8 | 20.5 | 20.2 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 416 | 89.5 |
| Matabeleland South | 62.6 | 20.8 | 13.7 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 306 | 97.1 |
| Midlands | 69.9 | 16.8 | 8.2 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 956 | 94.8 |
| Masvingo | 65.4 | 19.5 | 9.7 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 771 | 94.6 |
| Harare | 92.6 | 5.4 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,219 | 99.4 |
| Bulawayo | 90.1 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 460 | 98.8 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 40.4 | 30.7 | 18.0 | 9.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,042 | 89.1 |
| Second | 58.7 | 21.8 | 12.9 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,137 | 93.3 |
| Middle | 70.3 | 16.0 | 8.1 | 4.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,194 | 94.3 |
| Fourth | 82.0 | 10.5 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,892 | 97.2 |
| Highest | 94.8 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,599 | 99.6 |
| Total 15-49 | 72.8 | 14.7 | 7.9 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 6,863 | 95.4 |
| Total 15-54 | 71.2 | 15.6 | 8.3 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 7,175 | 95.1 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Refers to men who attended secondary school or higher and men who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 3.4 Exposure to Mass Media

Exposure to mass media provides the opportunity to experience new ideas and knowledge that is useful in various aspects of everyday life. It is also important to know which types of persons are more likely to be reached by the media for planning programmes intended to spread information about health and family planning. Tables 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 show the percentage of female and male respondents who were exposed to different types of mass media by age, urban-rural residence, province, level of education, and wealth quintile. Twenty-five percent of women and 40 percent of men read newspapers at least once a week, 36 percent of women and 44 percent of men watch television at least once a week, and 48 percent of women and 64 percent of men listen to the radio at least once a week.

| Table 3.4.1 Exposure to mass media: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women 15-49 who usually read a newspaper at least once a week, watch television at least once a week, and listen to the radio at least once a week, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 28.4 | 38.2 | 50.6 | 18.2 | 40.0 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 27.5 | 40.2 | 52.3 | 18.7 | 38.6 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 24.6 | 34.7 | 49.7 | 16.2 | 42.8 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 22.8 | 35.8 | 45.6 | 16.1 | 46.6 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 23.1 | 36.9 | 46.8 | 14.5 | 44.7 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 17.1 | 33.0 | 41.2 | 12.5 | 50.6 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 13.5 | 23.8 | 34.5 | 8.6 | 61.2 | 589 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 48.9 | 77.9 | 77.4 | 37.8 | 8.8 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 8.6 | 9.2 | 28.9 | 2.3 | 66.4 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 19.3 | 25.5 | 39.1 | 13.4 | 55.6 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 8.4 | 15.4 | 39.1 | 3.7 | 56.9 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 14.3 | 23.7 | 38.1 | 8.7 | 57.2 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 14.7 | 33.3 | 45.6 | 8.6 | 45.3 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 19.7 | 12.1 | 18.8 | 4.1 | 66.8 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 22.9 | 24.8 | 39.7 | 7.2 | 45.5 | 439 |
| Midlands | 18.2 | 28.5 | 44.2 | 12.6 | 50.4 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 7.6 | 10.6 | 28.7 | 2.3 | 66.3 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 50.2 | 79.1 | 80.3 | 38.5 | 7.6 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 60.9 | 82.7 | 81.3 | 48.6 | 5.0 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.9 | 6.8 | 21.0 | 0.4 | 77.3 | 380 |
| Primary | 6.2 | 14.9 | 30.0 | 2.4 | 65.1 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 33.5 | 47.7 | 58.4 | 23.0 | 31.7 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 73.0 | 81.1 | 73.6 | 53.1 | 5.2 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.8 | 1.3 | 13.7 | 0.3 | 83.1 | 1,552 |
| Second | 5.7 | 3.7 | 23.1 | 0.7 | 73.5 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 9.4 | 8.8 | 32.8 | 1.9 | 62.3 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 28.4 | 44.6 | 63.6 | 15.3 | 23.9 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 56.6 | 92.1 | 83.8 | 47.7 | 2.6 | 2,304 |
| Total | 24.5 | 36.3 | 48.0 | 16.3 | 43.7 | 8,907 |

It is important to note that there are differentials by sex and residence in exposure to different forms of mass media. Generally, urban residents and men are more likely to be exposed to all forms of mass media than rural residents and women. Sixty-six percent of rural women, 9 percent of urban women, 42 percent of rural men, and 5 percent of urban men reported having no exposure to any form of mass media at least once a week. Men age 35-39 and women age 20-24 years, those who are better educated, and persons living in Harare and Bulawayo are more likely to read newspapers, watch television, and listen to the radio.

Table 3.4.2 Exposure to mass media: men
Percentage of men 15-49 who usually read a newspaper at least once a week, watch television at least once a week, and listen to the radio at least once a week, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| 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 | 31.7 | 38.5 | 60.7 | 20.3 | 32.4 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 46.0 | 46.8 | 69.1 | 31.0 | 22.2 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 42.9 | 45.3 | 65.5 | 28.8 | 24.1 | 1,082 |
| 30-34 | 44.3 | 44.1 | 65.9 | 29.6 | 24.7 | 882 |
| 35-39 | 48.9 | 48.6 | 66.8 | 33.9 | 23.5 | 663 |
| 40-44 | 41.9 | 46.2 | 62.5 | 28.8 | 27.8 | 469 |
| 45-49 | 30.5 | 43.0 | 63.0 | 23.5 | 30.9 | 409 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 71.9 | 81.0 | 83.8 | 56.2 | 4.5 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 19.2 | 18.7 | 51.9 | 7.6 | 41.6 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 37.2 | 37.6 | 64.2 | 21.8 | 27.3 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 27.2 | 34.1 | 73.9 | 15.7 | 20.2 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 31.3 | 32.3 | 60.8 | 19.5 | 33.1 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 27.1 | 38.0 | 57.6 | 19.1 | 35.3 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 38.2 | 16.1 | 38.3 | 8.5 | 42.3 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 38.1 | 29.0 | 45.8 | 24.9 | 47.6 | 306 |
| Midlands | 28.0 | 33.9 | 61.9 | 19.0 | 33.6 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 17.4 | 23.9 | 50.5 | 9.9 | 43.1 | 771 |
| Harare | 73.8 | 82.4 | 85.3 | 59.3 | 4.1 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 76.3 | 78.5 | 79.9 | 54.6 | 4.2 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.9 | 7.5 | 31.5 | 3.9 | 67.1 | 88 |
| Primary | 12.3 | 18.6 | 49.1 | 4.9 | 45.9 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 48.1 | 51.5 | 69.9 | 33.2 | 20.3 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 85.4 | 75.9 | 82.3 | 63.3 | 5.3 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 10.9 | 5.8 | 33.8 | 1.6 | 60.3 | 1,042 |
| Second | 15.6 | 12.6 | 50.3 | 3.9 | 43.8 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 20.4 | 20.4 | 54.3 | 7.8 | 38.5 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 51.8 | 57.7 | 77.8 | 34.0 | 11.5 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 78.8 | 91.8 | 87.7 | 66.9 | 1.7 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 40.4 | 43.8 | 64.8 | 27.2 | 26.7 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | 40.0 | 43.6 | 64.3 | 27.0 | 27.2 | 7,175 |

Media exposure among women and men is also affected by wealth status. More than half of women ( 57 percent) in the highest wealth quintile read a newspaper at least once a week, compared with 5 percent of women in the lowest wealth quintile. Seventy-nine percent of men in the highest wealth quintile read a newspaper at least once a week, compared with 11 percent of men in the lowest wealth quintile. The majority of women and men in the highest wealth quintile ( 92 percent of women and men) watch television at least once a week, in contrast to 1 percent of women and 6 percent of men in the lowest wealth quintile. Compared with reading a newspaper and watching television, the differentials between wealth quintiles are less when it comes to listening to the radio once a week. Eighty-four percent of women and 88 percent of men in the highest wealth quintile listen to the radio once a week, compared with 14 percent of women and 34 percent of men in the lowest wealth quintile.

### 3.5 Employment Status

The 2005-06 ZDHS collected information from women and men about their current employment status. Tables 3.5 .1 and 3.5.2 present information on whether respondents were working in the seven days preceding the survey and, if not, whether they had worked in the 12 months before the survey. Overall, 56 percent of women and 30 percent of men reported that they were not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey.

Women and men in the age group 15-19 years are less likely to be employed than their counterparts in older age groups. Women who are divorced, separated, or widowed are more likely to be currently employed ( 50 percent) than other women. Men who are currently in union are more likely to be currently employed ( 83 percent) than men who have never been married or are divorced, separated, or widowed.

Women and men with no children are least likely to be employed. This may be due to their younger age.

Variations by place of residence show that a higher percentage of women and men in urban areas ( 40 percent and 65 percent, respectively) are employed compared with their rural counterparts ( 35 percent and 61 percent, respectively).

Substantial provincial variations exist in women's and men's employment characteristics. Women in Matabeleland North, Mashonaland East, and Bulawayo are much more likely than women in other provinces to report not having been employed in the past 12 months, while men in Matabeleland North, Matabeleland South, and Manicaland are much more likely than men in other provinces to report not having been employed in the past 12 months.

Women and men with more than secondary education accounted for the highest percentage of those currently employed ( 76 percent of women and 83 percent of men). For both women and men, unemployment decreases as the level of education increases.

Among women, the proportion who were not employed in the past 12 months also declined as the wealth quintile increased. Among men, a similar tendency is observed although the pattern is not uniform. At least half of women in each wealth quintile were not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey. For men in the same category, the range is from 24 percent in the fourth wealth quintile to 36 percent in the middle wealth quintile.

Table 3.5.1 Employment status: women
Percent distribution of women 15-49 by employment status, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Employed in the 12 months preceding the survey |  | Not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey | Missing/ don't know | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Currently employed ${ }^{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { currently } \\ \text { employed } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.4 | 4.2 | 74.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 35.0 | 8.8 | 56.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 40.6 | 8.0 | 51.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 46.2 | 7.2 | 46.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 48.0 | 6.7 | 45.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 47.4 | 5.7 | 46.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 42.5 | 4.7 | 52.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 589 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 27.4 | 4.9 | 67.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,404 |
| Married or living together | 37.8 | 7.0 | 55.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5,143 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 49.9 | 8.5 | 41.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,360 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 28.5 | 5.5 | 65.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,724 |
| 1-2 | 40.7 | 7.6 | 51.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,295 |
| 3-4 | 41.4 | 6.3 | 52.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,775 |
| $5+$ | 38.5 | 6.9 | 54.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,113 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 40.0 | 7.3 | 52.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 34.9 | 6.2 | 58.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 31.8 | 8.1 | 60.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 36.3 | 10.0 | 53.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 25.1 | 2.5 | 72.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 42.7 | 4.3 | 53.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 16.0 | 2.5 | 81.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 27.4 | 8.7 | 63.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 439 |
| Midlands | 62.2 | 9.2 | 28.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 30.2 | 6.4 | 63.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 41.8 | 8.2 | 49.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 29.1 | 1.9 | 68.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 33.3 | 6.8 | 59.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 380 |
| Primary | 34.5 | 6.5 | 58.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 36.4 | 6.6 | 56.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 75.8 | 8.3 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 29.8 | 6.0 | 64.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,552 |
| Second | 33.8 | 6.3 | 59.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 34.7 | 7.2 | 58.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 38.4 | 7.9 | 53.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 43.7 | 5.8 | 50.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,304 |
| Total | 36.9 | 6.6 | 56.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 8,907 |

[^5]| Table 3.5.2 Employment status: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of men 15-49 by employment status, according to background characteristics Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Employed in the 12 months preceding the survey |  | Not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey | Missing/ don't know | Total | Number of men |
| Background characteristic | Currently employed ${ }^{1}$ | Not currently employed |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 28.3 | 3.9 | 66.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 64.0 | 9.4 | 26.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 78.8 | 7.9 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,082 |
| 30-34 | 82.3 | 7.8 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 882 |
| 35-39 | 80.0 | 8.3 | 11.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 663 |
| 40-44 | 84.3 | 5.0 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 469 |
| 45-49 | 78.2 | 8.4 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 409 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 43.3 | 6.1 | 50.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,404 |
| Married or living together | 82.6 | 7.5 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 71.9 | 11.6 | 16.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 327 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 45.8 | 6.5 | 47.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,685 |
| 1-2 | 82.6 | 7.6 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,675 |
| 3-4 | 83.4 | 6.8 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 944 |
| 5+ | 78.2 | 8.4 | 13.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 560 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 65.4 | 7.0 | 27.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 60.7 | 6.9 | 32.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 44.5 | 11.2 | 44.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 80.3 | 2.3 | 16.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 69.1 | 2.4 | 28.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 75.2 | 5.1 | 19.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 41.0 | 9.3 | 49.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 33.8 | 6.5 | 59.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 306 |
| Midlands | 67.9 | 7.0 | 24.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 61.9 | 7.3 | 30.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 771 |
| Harare | 65.5 | 9.2 | 25.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 61.6 | 6.7 | 31.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 55.8 | 9.3 | 34.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 88 |
| Primary | 62.6 | 9.1 | 28.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 61.0 | 6.5 | 32.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 82.6 | 3.2 | 14.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 56.2 | 9.4 | 34.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,042 |
| Second | 60.3 | 8.2 | 31.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 58.0 | 6.0 | 35.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 70.2 | 5.4 | 24.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 62.8 | 7.2 | 29.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 62.6 | 7.0 | 30.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | 63.1 | 7.1 | 29.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 7,175 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Currently employed is defined as having done work in the past seven days. Includes persons who did not work in the past seven days but who are regularly employed and were absent from work for leave, illness, vacation, or any other such reason. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 3.6 OCCUPATION

Respondents who were currently employed or had worked in the 12 months preceding the survey were further asked to specify their occupation. Information on current occupation of employed women and men is shown in Tables 3.6.1 and 3.6.2. Nationally, agriculture employs the largest percentage of Zimbabweans: 34 percent of both women and men. After agriculture, sales and services ( 31 percent of women) and skilled manual labour ( 22 percent of men) have the second highest percentage of all employed women and men, respectively.

| Table 3.6.1 Occupation: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women 15-49 employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by occupation, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Professional/ technical/ managerial | Clerical | Sales and services | Skilled manual | Unskilled manual | Domestic service | Agriculture | Missing | Total | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 23.4 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 25.4 | 38.1 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 551 |
| 20-24 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 34.4 | 8.1 | 0.7 | 11.6 | 30.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 856 |
| 25-29 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 35.0 | 10.1 | 1.4 | 6.4 | 32.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 713 |
| 30-34 | 8.0 | 3.3 | 33.7 | 9.8 | 1.4 | 9.9 | 32.1 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 649 |
| 35-39 | 10.2 | 2.6 | 32.2 | 12.7 | 1.3 | 6.7 | 32.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 457 |
| 40-44 | 10.7 | 2.6 | 25.1 | 13.0 | 0.8 | 6.8 | 40.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 371 |
| 45-49 | 9.2 | 1.7 | 19.9 | 13.3 | 0.8 | 9.0 | 45.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 278 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 7.8 | 8.0 | 28.5 | 6.8 | 2.1 | 24.8 | 19.8 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 778 |
| Married or living together | 7.1 | 3.5 | 30.0 | 10.6 | 1.1 | 5.8 | 40.6 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 2,303 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 7.4 | 3.2 | 34.7 | 9.8 | 0.7 | 13.0 | 30.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 794 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 28.0 | 8.1 | 1.9 | 22.1 | 23.8 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 928 |
| 1-2 | 8.9 | 5.2 | 35.4 | 9.3 | 0.8 | 8.5 | 30.4 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,593 |
| 3-4 | 6.8 | 1.8 | 29.5 | 12.2 | 1.0 | 6.5 | 41.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 848 |
| 5+ | 3.4 | 0.7 | 22.3 | 9.2 | 1.7 | 6.7 | 55.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 505 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.1 | 8.6 | 45.6 | 12.0 | 0.5 | 13.7 | 6.2 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1,656 |
| Rural | 4.4 | 1.2 | 19.5 | 7.9 | 1.8 | 9.1 | 55.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 2,218 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 7.2 | 3.5 | 29.6 | 13.4 | 2.5 | 10.3 | 32.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 416 |
| Mashonaland Central | 5.9 | 1.3 | 27.4 | 7.2 | 1.2 | 10.3 | 45.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 382 |
| Mashonaland East | 10.5 | 4.5 | 26.2 | 12.0 | 1.4 | 10.2 | 33.6 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 197 |
| Mashonaland West | 6.3 | 2.6 | 25.8 | 11.6 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 39.4 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 390 |
| Matabeleland North | 13.5 | 2.1 | 54.4 | 5.6 | 1.0 | 14.6 | 8.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 99 |
| Matabeleland South | 11.4 | 3.7 | 38.0 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 22.4 | 8.9 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 159 |
| Midlands | 3.8 | 3.1 | 14.8 | 4.1 | 0.4 | 7.5 | 65.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 853 |
| Masvingo | 4.8 | 0.3 | 26.1 | 5.8 | 3.5 | 10.9 | 48.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 416 |
| Harare | 9.3 | 9.0 | 48.7 | 14.7 | 0.7 | 12.2 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 747 |
| Bulawayo | 14.1 | 12.6 | 43.8 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 14.0 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 217 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.6 | 0.0 | 17.4 | 5.7 | 0.5 | 8.5 | 66.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 152 |
| Primary | 1.3 | 0.5 | 22.6 | 8.6 | 1.4 | 14.1 | 50.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,192 |
| Secondary | 6.0 | 5.6 | 36.9 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 10.8 | 26.8 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 2,303 |
| More than secondary | 56.5 | 14.4 | 18.4 | 4.5 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 227 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.2 | 0.4 | 14.7 | 8.9 | 3.1 | 7.3 | 63.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 555 |
| Second | 1.2 | 0.5 | 19.5 | 7.3 | 1.9 | 9.2 | 60.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 602 |
| Middle | 2.7 | 1.3 | 22.7 | 6.7 | 1.6 | 8.5 | 56.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 646 |
| Fourth | 8.2 | 3.1 | 42.0 | 11.9 | 0.4 | 11.4 | 21.2 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 930 |
| Highest | 15.3 | 11.1 | 39.5 | 11.1 | 0.4 | 15.2 | 5.2 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1,142 |
| Total | 7.3 | 4.4 | 30.6 | 9.6 | 1.2 | 11.1 | 34.4 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,874 |

Table 3.6.2 Occupation: men
Percent distribution of men 15-49 employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by occupation, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Professional/ technical/ managerial | Clerical | Sales and services | Skilled manual | Unskilled manual | Domestic service | Agriculture | Missing | Total | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 8.9 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 18.1 | 47.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 613 |
| 20-24 | 6.5 | 1.5 | 18.3 | 21.7 | 8.4 | 9.5 | 32.1 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1,071 |
| 25-29 | 8.9 | 2.6 | 19.3 | 22.2 | 8.6 | 6.4 | 31.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 938 |
| 30-34 | 8.9 | 3.0 | 16.6 | 25.4 | 7.3 | 3.8 | 33.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 794 |
| 35-39 | 12.3 | 5.2 | 16.5 | 22.6 | 7.1 | 4.0 | 30.7 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 586 |
| 40-44 | 15.4 | 4.2 | 11.2 | 23.3 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 31.2 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 418 |
| 45-49 | 12.8 | 0.8 | 10.2 | 26.0 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 35.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 355 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 6.6 | 1.4 | 15.4 | 16.4 | 9.6 | 12.1 | 35.9 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,680 |
| Married or living together | 10.4 | 3.3 | 15.3 | 24.2 | 7.2 | 5.3 | 33.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2,821 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 5.6 | 0.6 | 19.1 | 24.8 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 33.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 273 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 7.3 | 1.3 | 15.6 | 17.4 | 9.6 | 11.8 | 34.8 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 1,928 |
| 1-2 | 9.7 | 4.0 | 18.9 | 25.4 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 28.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,510 |
| 3-4 | 12.4 | 3.1 | 13.3 | 23.8 | 7.6 | 5.7 | 32.9 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 851 |
| $5+$ | 5.4 | 1.2 | 8.5 | 21.5 | 8.3 | 4.2 | 49.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 484 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.0 | 5.0 | 25.8 | 33.5 | 9.6 | 6.2 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 2,003 |
| Rural | 5.0 | 0.6 | 8.1 | 12.8 | 7.0 | 9.1 | 56.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 2,772 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 10.0 | 0.5 | 18.5 | 18.3 | 11.4 | 8.0 | 31.2 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 442 |
| Mashonaland Central | 3.4 | 1.2 | 7.6 | 13.3 | 10.4 | 11.4 | 51.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 562 |
| Mashonaland East | 6.3 | 0.9 | 16.2 | 12.9 | 5.9 | 8.6 | 48.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 408 |
| Mashonaland West | 5.7 | 2.1 | 11.3 | 21.4 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 45.3 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 555 |
| Matabeleland North | 9.9 | 1.1 | 17.6 | 25.6 | 7.4 | 15.1 | 22.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 209 |
| Matabeleland South | 14.5 | 3.5 | 8.7 | 32.8 | 8.8 | 12.8 | 16.2 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 123 |
| Midlands | 5.6 | 2.7 | 8.0 | 21.9 | 6.8 | 4.2 | 49.1 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 716 |
| Masvingo | 6.8 | 0.7 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 6.3 | 10.6 | 57.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 533 |
| Harare | 14.1 | 6.3 | 28.1 | 33.2 | 9.3 | 5.0 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 912 |
| Bulawayo | 17.5 | 1.9 | 26.5 | 30.9 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 315 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 9.2 | 7.7 | 13.5 | 56.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 57 |
| Primary | 1.5 | 0.4 | 8.5 | 17.3 | 9.3 | 13.9 | 47.9 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,276 |
| Secondary | 7.0 | 3.0 | 18.9 | 23.8 | 8.2 | 6.1 | 31.3 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 3,094 |
| More than secondary | 52.8 | 5.5 | 12.2 | 18.3 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 347 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.2 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 15.3 | 9.1 | 5.7 | 65.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 683 |
| Second | 1.7 | 0.6 | 5.7 | 12.6 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 62.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 779 |
| Middle | 3.4 | 0.6 | 9.9 | 9.6 | 6.7 | 11.5 | 57.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 765 |
| Fourth | 9.7 | 2.5 | 23.3 | 29.1 | 8.9 | 9.7 | 15.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 1,430 |
| Highest | 21.4 | 6.4 | 23.5 | 29.9 | 7.2 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 1,118 |
| Total 15-49 | 8.8 | 2.5 | 15.5 | 21.5 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 34.1 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 4,774 |
| Total 15-54 | 8.9 | 2.4 | 15.3 | 21.6 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 34.5 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 5,038 |

Among urban men, the most common occupations are skilled manual labour (34 percent) and sales and services ( 26 percent). Urban women are most often employed in sales and services ( 46 percent). In rural areas, more than half of women ( 56 percent) and men ( 57 percent) are employed in agriculture. Variations by province show that Midlands has the highest percentage of both women and men in agricultural occupations ( 65 percent and 49 percent, respectively). Matabeleland North has the highest percentage of women in sales and services ( 54 percent), and Harare has the highest percentage of men in sales and services ( 28 percent). Harare and Matabeleland South have the highest percentage of men in
skilled manual labour occupations (33 percent each). Bulawayo has the highest percentage of both women and men in the professional, technical, and managerial occupations (14 percent of women and 18 percent of men).

Employment by level of education shows that 57 percent of women and 53 percent of men with more than a secondary education are in professional, technical, and managerial occupations. The majority of women and men with no education work in the agricultural sector (66 percent of women and 57 percent of men).

### 3.7 TYPE OF Employment

Table 3.7.1 shows the 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). Fifty-five percent of all the women employed in agricultural work are not paid for their work, while 84 percent of the women in nonagricultural work are given their earnings as cash only. Sixty-four percent of women employed in agricultural work and 50 percent of women in nonagricultural work are self-employed. Differentials by continuity of employment show that 76 percent of all women in agricultural work are seasonally employed, whereas 63 percent of women in nonagricultural work are employed all year.

| Table 3.7.1 Type of employment: women |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women 15-49 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), Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |
| Employment characteristic | Agricultural work | Nonagricultural work | Total |
| Type of earnings |  |  |  |
| Cash only | 26.9 | 84.1 | 64.0 |
| Cash and in-kind | 15.7 | 7.7 | 10.6 |
| In-kind only | 2.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 |
| Not paid | 54.7 | 6.8 | 23.5 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Type of employer |  |  |  |
| Employed by family member | 20.2 | 8.7 | 12.7 |
| Employed by non-family member | 15.4 | 40.9 | 32.0 |
| Self-employed | 64.1 | 50.0 | 55.0 |
| Missing | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Continuity of employment |  |  |  |
| All year | 18.8 | 62.6 | 47.5 |
| Seasonal | 76.0 | 19.2 | 38.8 |
| Occasional | 5.2 | 18.1 | 13.6 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 1,333 | 2,489 | 3,874 |

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

Table 3.7.2 shows the percent distribution of men employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by type of earnings, and whether employment is in the agricultural or nonagricultural sector. Overall, 66 percent of men were paid in cash only, 21 percent were not paid, 11 percent received cash and in-kind payment, and 2 percent received in-kind payment only.

Among men working in the agricultural sector, 53 percent were not paid, 27 percent were paid in cash only, 16 percent received cash and in-kind payment, and 4 percent received in-kind payment only. In contrast, among men working in the nonagricultural sector, 86 percent received cash only, 8 percent received a combination of cash and in-kind payment, 4 percent did not receive any payment, and less than 1 percent received in-kind payment only.

Table 3.7.2 Type of employment: men
Percent distribution of men 15-49 employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by type of earnings, according to type of employment (agricultural or nonagricultural), Zimbabwe 20052006

| Employment <br> characteristic | Agricultural <br> work | Nonagri- <br> cultural <br> work | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of earnings |  |  |  |
| Cash only | 26.5 | 86.4 | 65.5 |
| Cash and in-kind | 16.2 | 7.8 | 10.7 |
| In-kind only | 4.2 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| Not paid | 53.0 | 4.4 | 21.4 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of men | 1,740 | 3,212 | 5,038 |

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

### 3.8 Health Insurance Coverage

The 2005-06 ZDHS collected data on women's health insurance coverage. The majority of women ( 91 percent) do not have health insurance. Among the 9 percent of women with health insurance, 4 percent have insurance through their employer, 3 percent are covered under a privately purchased commercial plan, and the remaining 2 percent are covered through some other mechanism. As expected, women who reside in urban areas and women in the highest wealth quintile are the most likely to have health insurance coverage. Education is strongly associated with health care coverage. Sixty percent of women with more than a secondary education have health insurance, compared with 1 percent of women with no education, 3 percent with only a primary education, and 10 percent with a secondary education.

| Table 3.8 Health insurance coverage |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women by type of health insurance coverage, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Other employerbased insurance | Privately purchased commercial insurance | Other | None | Total | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 94.7 | 100.0 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 92.2 | 100.0 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 90.4 | 100.0 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 5.6 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 88.1 | 100.0 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 5.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 87.7 | 100.0 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 7.6 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 86.8 | 100.0 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 4.1 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 91.6 | 100.0 | 589 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.1 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 82.5 | 100.0 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 96.6 | 100.0 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 93.6 | 100.0 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 96.1 | 100.0 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 3.4 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 92.7 | 100.0 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 1.1 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 92.4 | 100.0 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 3.5 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 94.9 | 100.0 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 4.2 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 92.9 | 100.0 | 439 |
| Midlands | 5.2 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 92.9 | 100.0 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 2.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 95.6 | 100.0 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 6.9 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 81.3 | 100.0 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 84.4 | 100.0 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 98.7 | 100.0 | 380 |
| Primary | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 97.2 | 100.0 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 4.2 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 89.8 | 100.0 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 26.6 | 14.1 | 19.3 | 40.0 | 100.0 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 98.9 | 100.0 | 1,552 |
| Second | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 99.1 | 100.0 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 97.2 | 100.0 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 4.1 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 91.5 | 100.0 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 9.5 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 76.0 | 100.0 | 2,304 |
| Total | 3.9 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 91.1 | 100.0 | 8,907 |

### 3.9 Knowledge and Attitudes Concerning Tuberculosis

The 2005-06 ZDHS collected data on women's and men's knowledge and attitudes concerning tuberculosis (TB). Tables 3.9.1 and 3.9.2 show the percentage of women and men who have heard of TB, and among those who have heard of TB, the percentage who know that TB is spread through air by coughing, the percentage who believe that TB can be cured, and the percentage who would want to keep it a secret if a family member had TB, by background characteristics. Ninety-four percent of women and 96 percent of men reported that they have heard of TB. Women and men who live in urban areas, reside in Bulawayo province, and have more than a secondary education were more likely to have heard of TB than their counterparts in other categories.

| Table 3.9.1 Knowledge and attitude concerning tuberculosis: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women 15-49 who have heard of tuberculosis (TB), and among women who have heard of TB, the percentage who know that TB is spread through the air by coughing, the percentage who believe that TB can be cured, and the percentage who would want to keep secret that a family member has TB, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Among all women |  | Among women who have heard of TB |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Percentage who report that TB is spread | Percentage | Percentage who would want a family | Number of women |
| Background characteristic | who have heard of TB | Number | the air coughing | who believe that TB can be cured | TB kept secret |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 91.3 | 2,152 | 67.1 | 82.7 | 56.8 | 1,964 |
| 20-24 | 93.6 | 1,952 | 70.7 | 89.0 | 67.8 | 1,828 |
| 25-29 | 95.8 | 1,466 | 72.6 | 91.6 | 70.2 | 1,404 |
| 30-34 | 95.2 | 1,216 | 73.6 | 92.4 | 69.1 | 1,157 |
| 35-39 | 96.4 | 834 | 73.8 | 93.3 | 70.4 | 804 |
| 40-44 | 93.4 | 699 | 69.5 | 92.2 | 64.2 | 653 |
| 45-49 | 94.8 | 589 | 68.2 | 89.3 | 61.1 | 558 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 97.0 | 3,503 | 78.6 | 92.8 | 71.3 | 3,398 |
| Rural | 92.0 | 5,405 | 65.2 | 86.6 | 61.2 | 4,970 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 92.1 | 1,043 | 62.4 | 89.7 | 73.7 | 960 |
| Mashonaland Central | 87.9 | 825 | 65.1 | 87.1 | 67.7 | 725 |
| Mashonaland East | 91.6 | 714 | 59.0 | 83.7 | 72.6 | 654 |
| Mashonaland West | 90.6 | 829 | 67.0 | 88.6 | 75.6 | 751 |
| Matabeleland North | 98.4 | 536 | 66.3 | 85.4 | 15.8 | 528 |
| Matabeleland South | 85.7 | 439 | 52.7 | 89.3 | 27.7 | 377 |
| Midlands | 96.4 | 1,193 | 88.3 | 89.8 | 86.6 | 1,150 |
| Masvingo | 97.6 | 1,137 | 65.4 | 87.8 | 54.9 | 1,110 |
| Harare | 95.2 | 1,492 | 73.3 | 92.8 | 80.4 | 1,421 |
| Bulawayo | 99.3 | 697 | 88.9 | 92.1 | 41.8 | 693 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 87.6 | 380 | 51.5 | 80.4 | 54.3 | 333 |
| Primary | 89.9 | 2,903 | 60.0 | 85.5 | 57.3 | 2,610 |
| Secondary | 96.3 | 5,355 | 76.0 | 91.0 | 69.7 | 5,155 |
| More than secondary | 100.0 | 270 | 92.9 | 98.0 | 73.7 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 90.0 | 1,552 | 61.6 | 84.1 | 50.8 | 1,397 |
| Second | 90.5 | 1,500 | 64.7 | 85.6 | 60.5 | 1,357 |
| Middle | 93.4 | 1,546 | 65.2 | 87.2 | 66.9 | 1,445 |
| Fourth | 95.9 | 2,006 | 73.4 | 91.9 | 69.4 | 1,923 |
| Highest | 97.5 | 2,304 | 80.8 | 93.2 | 72.7 | 2,247 |
| Total | 93.9 | 8,907 | 70.6 | 89.1 | 65.3 | 8,368 |

Among women and men who have heard of TB, 71 percent reported that TB is spread through the air by coughing. Women and men in the age groups 15-19 years and 45-49 years; respondents residing in rural areas; women in Matabeleland South; men in Matabeleland North; and those with a primary education or less had the lowest percentage of people who reported that TB is spread through coughing. Eighty-nine percent of all respondents who have heard of TB believe that TB can be cured. Among provinces, the percentage of people who believe that TB can be cured ranges from 84 percent of women in Mashonaland East and 81 percent of men in Mashonaland West to 93 percent of women in Harare and 95 percent of men in Bulawayo. Among those who have heard of TB, 65 percent of women and 70 percent of men indicated that they would want knowledge of a family member's TB to be kept secret.

Table 3.9.2 Knowledge and attitude concerning tuberculosis: men
Percentage of men 15-49 who have heard of tuberculosis (TB), and among men who have heard of TB, the percentage who know that TB is spread through the air by coughing, the percentage who believe that TB can be cured, and the percentage who would want to keep secret that a family member has TB, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Among all men |  | Among men who have heard of TB |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Percentage who report that TB is spread | Percentage who believe that TB can be cured | Percentage who would want a family member's TB kept secret | Number |
|  | Percentage who have heard of TB | Number | through the air by coughing |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 91.8 | 1,899 | 67.8 | 82.1 | 58.5 | 1,743 |
| 20-24 | 96.0 | 1,459 | 70.6 | 87.2 | 69.3 | 1,400 |
| 25-29 | 97.1 | 1,082 | 72.5 | 91.2 | 73.6 | 1,050 |
| 30-34 | 97.9 | 882 | 73.2 | 92.9 | 75.9 | 863 |
| 35-39 | 97.6 | 663 | 77.1 | 93.5 | 77.5 | 648 |
| 40-44 | 96.6 | 469 | 71.9 | 92.4 | 75.6 | 453 |
| 45-49 | 97.1 | 409 | 66.7 | 90.0 | 72.3 | 398 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 97.8 | 2,767 | 80.0 | 93.2 | 72.9 | 2,706 |
| Rural | 94.0 | 4,096 | 64.6 | 85.0 | 67.0 | 3,848 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 91.3 | 793 | 59.6 | 86.7 | 69.7 | 724 |
| Mashonaland Central | 94.0 | 681 | 71.0 | 86.0 | 73.7 | 640 |
| Mashonaland East | 89.4 | 570 | 73.8 | 85.6 | 83.3 | 510 |
| Mashonaland West | 96.0 | 691 | 59.4 | 81.0 | 76.7 | 663 |
| Matabeleland North | 96.1 | 416 | 55.2 | 82.0 | 30.9 | 400 |
| Matabeleland South | 96.9 | 306 | 85.0 | 90.8 | 18.0 | 297 |
| Midlands | 97.4 | 956 | 79.0 | 89.3 | 81.3 | 931 |
| Masvingo | 96.9 | 771 | 62.4 | 90.1 | 71.8 | 747 |
| Harare | 97.5 | 1,219 | 79.5 | 93.4 | 88.5 | 1,189 |
| Bulawayo | 98.7 | 460 | 83.3 | 94.8 | 26.2 | 454 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 90.3 | 88 | 59.8 | 74.3 | 48.9 | 79 |
| Primary | 91.0 | 1,782 | 57.4 | 80.2 | 59.7 | 1,621 |
| Secondary | 97.1 | 4,588 | 74.5 | 90.9 | 72.5 | 4,454 |
| More than secondary | 98.8 | 405 | 89.0 | 96.5 | 78.9 | 400 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 93.7 | 1,042 | 57.9 | 81.4 | 58.3 | 977 |
| Second | 93.5 | 1,137 | 66.9 | 83.7 | 68.2 | 1,062 |
| Middle | 93.9 | 1,194 | 65.4 | 86.3 | 68.3 | 1,121 |
| Fourth | 96.0 | 1,892 | 73.9 | 90.6 | 72.5 | 1,816 |
| Highest | 98.7 | 1,599 | 82.5 | 94.7 | 74.5 | 1,578 |
| Total 15-49 | 95.5 | 6,863 | 71.0 | 88.4 | 69.4 | 6,554 |
| Total 15-54 | 95.6 | 7,175 | 70.9 | 88.6 | 69.6 | 6,861 |

### 3.10 Use of Tobacco

The 2005-06 ZDHS collected information on women's and men's tobacco use. Tables 3.10.1 and 3.10.2 present the percent of women and men who smoke cigarettes, a pipe, or use other tobacco products, and the percent distribution of cigarette smokers by number of cigarettes smoked in the 24 hours before the interview, according to background characteristics. Table 3.10.1 also includes data on women's tobacco use by maternity status.

Table 3.10.1 Use of tobacco: women
Percentage of women 15-49 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 and maternity status, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Tobacco use |  |  |  |  | Number of cigarettes in the past 24 hours $^{1}$ |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of cigarette smokers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cigarettes | Pipe | Other tobacco | Does not use tobacco | Number of women | 1-2 | 3-5 | 6-9 | 10+ | Don't know/ missing |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 99.7 | 2,152 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 5 |
| 20-24 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 99.7 | 1,952 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 1 |
| 25-29 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 99.7 | 1,466 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 1 |
| 30-34 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 99.2 | 1,216 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 4 |
| 35-39 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 99.0 | 834 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 3 |
| 40-44 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 97.6 | 699 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 4 |
| 45-49 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 94.0 | 589 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 17 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 99.2 | 3,503 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 15 |
| Rural | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 98.9 | 5,405 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 18 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 99.3 | 1,043 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 2 |
| Mashonaland Central | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 98.5 | 825 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 10 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 99.4 | 714 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 1 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 98.2 | 829 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 2 |
| Matabeleland North | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 98.3 | 536 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 2 |
| Matabeleland South | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 98.4 | 439 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 2 |
| Midlands | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 99.3 | 1,193 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 5 |
| Masvingo | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 99.6 | 1,137 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 0 |
| Harare | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 98.9 | 1,492 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 9 |
| Bulawayo | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 99.7 | 697 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 1 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 93.8 | 380 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 14 |
| Primary | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 98.7 | 2,903 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 7 |
| Secondary | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 99.6 | 5,355 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 11 |
| More than secondary | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 98.9 | 270 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 2 |
| Maternity status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 99.4 | 589 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 0 |
| Breastfeeding (not pregnant) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 99.9 | 1,699 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 0 |
| Neither | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 98.8 | 6,619 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 33 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 98.4 | 1,552 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 6 |
| Second | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 99.3 | 1,500 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 2 |
| Middle | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 98.8 | 1,546 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 11 |
| Fourth | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 99.3 | 2,006 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 3 |
| Highest | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 99.2 | 2,304 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 12 |
| Total | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 99.0 | 8,907 | (18.3) | (14.2) | (3.1) | (18.8) | (45.6) | 100.0 | 33 |

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.
${ }^{1}$ All female smokers had smoked at least 1 cigarette in the past 24 hours.

The majority of women ( 99 percent) reported that they do not use tobacco. Only 33 women reported smoking cigarettes so that it is not possible to look at the pattern of cigarette use among women.

Thirty percent of men age 15-49 reported using cigarettes, a pipe, or other tobacco products. Most of the male respondents smoke cigarettes ( 21 percent). The largest number of cigarette smokers is in the 20-24 year age group ( 357 cigarette smokers). There is not much variance by urban-rural residence. Among men who smoke, 33 percent smoked three to five cigarettes within 24 hours prior to the interview and 27 percent smoked 10 or more cigarettes during the same time period.

| Table 3.10.2 Use of tobacco: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of men 15-49 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Tobacco use |  |  |  |  | Number of cigarettes in the past 24 hours |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of cigarette smokers |
|  | 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 | 4.7 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 94.5 | 1,899 | 9.9 | 36.7 | 24.0 | 7.3 | 18.2 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 89 |
| 20-24 | 24.5 | 3.4 | 5.8 | 74.6 | 1,459 | 5.7 | 25.9 | 34.7 | 14.6 | 16.8 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 357 |
| 25-29 | 27.9 | 4.1 | 7.1 | 70.0 | 1,082 | 5.4 | 16.1 | 33.4 | 15.4 | 27.2 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 301 |
| 30-34 | 23.5 | 3.2 | 6.3 | 74.8 | 882 | 2.5 | 14.8 | 34.2 | 15.3 | 31.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 207 |
| 35-39 | 28.6 | 4.4 | 7.1 | 68.7 | 663 | 6.0 | 16.9 | 34.5 | 15.7 | 25.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 190 |
| 40-44 | 32.9 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 65.0 | 469 | 5.1 | 8.7 | 32.0 | 18.8 | 33.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 154 |
| 45-49 | 40.0 | 5.6 | 7.3 | 58.7 | 409 | 3.7 | 12.5 | 30.2 | 11.2 | 41.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 164 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 19.5 | 1.7 | 4.7 | 78.9 | 2,767 | 3.8 | 19.0 | 30.3 | 14.9 | 29.2 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 541 |
| Rural | 22.5 | 3.9 | 5.6 | 76.1 | 4,096 | 6.0 | 18.1 | 34.4 | 14.5 | 25.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 921 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 21.8 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 77.4 | 793 | 4.0 | 15.5 | 39.2 | 16.9 | 23.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 173 |
| Mashonaland Central | 27.1 | 1.8 | 8.3 | 72.5 | 681 | 5.5 | 15.7 | 29.0 | 15.1 | 34.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 185 |
| Mashonaland East | 22.3 | 13.2 | 0.7 | 77.6 | 570 | 0.9 | 19.5 | 34.9 | 12.8 | 30.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 127 |
| Mashonaland West | 26.3 | 3.8 | 9.0 | 71.2 | 691 | 1.7 | 17.9 | 31.5 | 17.0 | 30.6 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 182 |
| Matabeleland North | 18.9 | 8.2 | 4.9 | 77.9 | 416 | 0.7 | 17.9 | 36.8 | 21.8 | 16.6 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 79 |
| Matabeleland South | 12.0 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 87.1 | 306 | 5.1 | 14.0 | 40.6 | 12.2 | 28.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 37 |
| Midlands | 18.8 | 1.3 | 4.8 | 79.1 | 956 | 12.7 | 24.1 | 35.1 | 7.8 | 18.7 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 179 |
| Masvingo | 19.3 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 79.5 | 771 | 13.1 | 15.4 | 30.9 | 15.0 | 22.8 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 149 |
| Harare | 23.1 | 1.0 | 5.3 | 74.9 | 1,219 | 3.2 | 18.4 | 30.6 | 16.0 | 28.0 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 281 |
| Bulawayo | 15.5 | 0.7 | 6.0 | 83.8 | 460 | 1.4 | 28.3 | 27.0 | 9.2 | 33.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 71 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 52.8 | 13.5 | 7.4 | 45.6 | 88 | 6.5 | (11.3) | (36.6) | (8.8) | (32.6) | (4.2) | 100.0 | 46 |
| Primary | 25.4 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 72.4 | 1,782 | 5.7 | 15.9 | 31.6 | 18.2 | 26.7 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 452 |
| Secondary | 19.9 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 78.9 | 4,588 | 4.9 | 20.8 | 33.3 | 13.1 | 25.8 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 912 |
| More than secondary | 12.7 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 86.0 | 405 | 4.5 | (6.7) | (34.0) | (15.7) | (37.5) | (1.6) | 100.0 | 52 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 25.3 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 73.3 | 1,042 | 7.8 | 17.2 | 34.5 | 16.7 | 21.9 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 264 |
| Second | 22.7 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 75.4 | 1,137 | 6.5 | 17.1 | 30.9 | 14.3 | 30.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 259 |
| Middle | 22.6 | 3.9 | 5.6 | 76.2 | 1,194 | 4.6 | 22.7 | 34.8 | 14.6 | 20.7 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 270 |
| Fourth | 22.4 | 2.7 | 4.6 | 76.1 | 1,892 | 5.5 | 14.4 | 34.3 | 13.5 | 28.6 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 423 |
| Highest | 15.4 | 1.1 | 4.2 | 83.2 | 1,599 | 1.1 | 23.6 | 28.7 | 14.7 | 31.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 247 |
| Total 15-49 | 21.3 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 77.2 | 6,863 | 5.2 | 18.5 | 32.9 | 14.6 | 26.7 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 1,462 |
| Total men 15-54 | 22.1 | 3.1 | 5.5 | 76.3 | 7,175 | 5.1 | 17.9 | 32.6 | 15.2 | 27.3 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1,587 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## FERTILITY

In the 2005-06 ZDHS, data were collected on current and completed fertility. Drawing from the birth histories of women interviewed in the survey, the chapter begins with a description of current fertility, followed by differentials in fertility. Attention is next focused on trends in fertility, including examination of age-specific fertility rates in time periods going back 15 to 20 years. The chapter concludes with a presentation of information on age of women at their first birth and patterns of adolescent childbearing.

The fertility indicators presented in this chapter are based on reports provided by women age 1549 years regarding their reproductive histories. As in the previous ZDHS surveys, each woman was asked to provide information on the total number of sons and daughters to whom she had given birth 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. In the birth history, women reported on the detailed history of each live birth separately, including such information as name, month and year of birth, sex, and survival status. For children who had died, information on age at death was collected.

### 4.1 Current Fertility

Measures of current fertility presented in this chapter include age-specific fertility rates (ASFRs), the total fertility rate (TFR), the general fertility rate (GFR), and the crude birth rate (CBR). These rates are generally presented for the threeyear period preceding the survey, a period covering portions of the calendar years 2002 through 2005. The three-year period was chosen for calculating these rates (rather than a longer or a shorter period) to provide the most current information, to reduce sampling error, and to avoid problems of the displacement of births.

Age-specific fertility rates are useful in understanding the age pattern of fertility. Numerators of ASFRs are calculated by identifying live births that occurred in the period 1-36 months prior to the survey (determined from the date of interview and date of birth of the child), and classifying them by the age (in five-year groups) of the mother at the time of the child's birth. The denominators of these rates are the number of woman-years lived in each of the specified fiveyear age groups in the period 1-36 months prior to the survey.

The total fertility rate is a common measure of current fertility and is defined as the number of children a woman

Table 4.1 Current fertility
Age-specific and total fertility rate, the general fertility rate, and the crude birth rate for the three years preceding the survey, by urban-rural residence, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Age group | Urban | Rural | Total |
| $15-19$ | 70 | 120 | 99 |
| $20-24$ | 147 | 248 | 205 |
| $25-29$ | 130 | 198 | 172 |
| $30-34$ | 112 | 164 | 144 |
| $35-39$ | 51 | 111 | 86 |
| $40-44$ | 6 | 59 | 42 |
| $45-49$ | 0 | 17 | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |
| TFR 15-49 | 2.6 | 4.6 | 3.8 |
| TFR 15-44 | 2.6 | 4.5 | 3.7 |
| GFR | 98 | 163 | 137 |
| CBR | 28.5 | 32.0 | 31.0 |

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 would have by the end of her childbearing years if she were to pass through those years bearing children at the currently observed age-specific rates. The general fertility rate is the number of live births occurring during a specified period per 1,000 women age $15-44$. The crude birth rate is the number of births per 1,000 population during a specified period.

Table 4.1 shows the age-specific and aggregate fertility measures calculated from the 2005-06 ZDHS data. The total fertility rate for Zimbabwe is 3.8 children per woman. Peak childbearing occurs during ages $20-24$ and 25-29 years, dropping sharply after age 34 . Fertility among urban women is substantially lower ( 2.6 children per woman) than among rural women ( 4.6 children per woman). This pattern of lower fertility in urban areas is evident in every age group.

### 4.2 Fertility by Background Characteristics

Table 4.2 and Figure 4.1 show differentials in fertility by urban-rural residence, province, level of education, and wealth quintile. The TFR ranges from about two births per woman in the urban provinces of Harare (2.5) and Bulawayo (2.3) to 4.9 births per woman in Masvingo.

Educational attainment is closely linked to a woman's fertility; the TFR for women with no formal education and women with a primary education is four or more children per woman, while that for women with at least some secondary education is three or fewer children per woman.

Table 4.2 also allows for a general assessment of differential trends in fertility over time among population subgroups. The mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49 years is a measure of fertility in the past. 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 years would 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. A comparison of current (total) fertility with past (completed) fertility shows that there have been substantial and roughly equivalent declines in both urban and rural areas and within all

| Table 4.2 Fertility by background characteristics |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total fertility rate for the three years preceding the survey, percentage of women 15-49 currently pregnant, and mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49 years, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Total fertility rate | Percentage currently pregnant ${ }^{1}$ | Mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.6 | 4.4 | 4.0 |
| Rural | 4.6 | 8.0 | 5.8 |
| Province |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 4.2 | 7.4 | 5.5 |
| Mashonaland Central | 4.6 | 8.6 | 5.1 |
| Mashonaland East | 3.7 | 7.7 | 5.1 |
| Mashonaland West | 3.7 | 6.7 | 5.3 |
| Matabeleland North | 4.2 | 6.1 | 5.9 |
| Matabeleland South | 4.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| Midlands | 4.2 | 7.3 | 5.7 |
| Masvingo | 4.9 | 8.0 | 6.5 |
| Harare | 2.5 | 5.3 | 4.1 |
| Bulawayo | 2.3 | 2.4 | 3.6 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 5.8 | 2.0 | 6.1 |
| Primary | 4.5 | 7.9 | 5.5 |
| Secondary | 3.3 | 6.3 | 4.0 |
| More than secondary | 2.7 | 5.0 | 2.9 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 5.5 | 8.0 | 6.4 |
| Second | 4.8 | 10.0 | 6.1 |
| Middle | 4.0 | 7.1 | 5.5 |
| Fourth | 3.2 | 6.3 | 4.5 |
| Highest | 2.3 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| Total | 3.8 | 6.6 | 5.2 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Women age 15-49 years |  |  |  | provincial and education categories. Overall, the comparison of past and present fertility indicators suggests a decline from 5.2 to 3.8 children per woman.

At the time of the survey, 7 percent of interviewed women reported that they were pregnant. This percentage is an underestimate of the true percent pregnant because many women at early durations of pregnancy will not yet know for sure that they are pregnant and some women may not want to declare that they are pregnant. Differentials in pregnancy status closely parallel differentials in current fertility.

Figure 4.1 Total Fertility Rate by Background Characteristics


### 4.3 Fertility Trends

The data in Table 4.3 provide further evidence of a substantial fertility decline in Zimbabwe. This table uses information from the retrospective birth histories obtained from ZDHS respondents to examine trends in age-specific fertility rates for successive five-year periods before the survey. To calculate these rates, births were classified according to the period of time in which the birth occurred and the mother's age at the time of birth. Because women age 50 and above were not interviewed in the survey, the rates are successively 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 the age of 50 at the time of the

## Table 4.3 Trends in age-specific fertility rates

Age-specific fertility rates for five-year periods preceding the survey, by mother's age at the time of the birth, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Mother's age <br> at birth | Number of years preceding survey |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $0-4$ | $5-9$ | $10-14$ | $15-19$ |
| $15-19$ | 101 | 114 | 117 | 113 |
| $20-24$ | 205 | 211 | 225 | 242 |
| $25-29$ | 179 | 200 | 223 | 243 |
| $30-34$ | 143 | 163 | 191 | $[224]$ |
| $35-39$ | 90 | 113 | $[152]$ | - |
| $40-44$ | 46 | $[65]$ | - | - |
| $45-49$ | $[12]$ | - | - | - |

Note: Age-specific fertility rates are per 1,000 women. Estimates in brackets are truncated. survey and were not interviewed.

Fertility has fallen among all age groups over the past two decades. Among women under age 35, substantial and sustained declines in age-specific fertility rates were observed from 15 to 19 years before the survey to 0 to 4 years before the survey. Fertility decline is steepest among women 25-34 years of age.

Table 4.4 and Figure 4.2 show trends in current fertility rates based on successive ZDHS surveys. Fertility declined by 1.7 births between the 1988 and 2005-06 surveys.

| Table 4.4 Trends in current fertility rates |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age-specific fertility rates and total fertility rates, |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1988 ZDHS | 1994 ZDHS | 1999 ZDHS | 2005-06 ZDHS |
| Age group | $(1984-88)$ | $(1991-94)$ | $(1996-99)$ | $(2004-05-2005-06)$ |
| $15-19$ | 103 | 99 | 112 | 99 |
| $20-24$ | 247 | 210 | 199 | 205 |
| $25-29$ | 247 | 194 | 180 | 172 |
| $30-34$ | 219 | 172 | 135 | 144 |
| $35-39$ | 160 | 117 | 108 | 86 |
| $40-44$ | 86 | 52 | 46 | 42 |
| $45-49$ | 36 | 14 | 15 | 13 |
| TFR 15-49 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.8 |

Figure 4.2 Trends in Current Fertility Rates, Zimbabwe 1984-2006


Age group
$\pm 1988$ ZDHS - 1994 ZDHS -1999 ZDHS -2005-06 ZDHS

### 4.4 Children Ever Born and Living

The distribution of women by the number of children ever born is presented in Table 4.5 for all women and for currently married women. The table also shows the mean number of children ever born to women in each five-year age group. These distributions reflect the accumulation of births among ZDHS respondents over the past 30 years and, therefore, their relevance to the current situation is limited. However, the information on children ever born is useful for observing how average family size varies across age groups, and for observing the level of primary infertility. On average, women in their early twenties have given birth to about one child, women in their early thirties have had three children, and women currently at the end of their childbearing years have had more than five children. Of the 5.7 children ever born to women age 45-49, 5.1 survived to the time of the survey.

| 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Number of children ever born |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women | Mean number of children ever born |  |
| Age | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ |  |  |  |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 84.2 | 14.0 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2,152 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 20-24 | 30.9 | 39.7 | 21.8 | 6.2 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,952 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| 25-29 | 8.7 | 20.7 | 36.7 | 22.1 | 7.7 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,466 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| 30-34 | 2.5 | 10.4 | 25.9 | 26.0 | 17.4 | 11.2 | 5.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1,216 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| 35-39 | 2.8 | 8.3 | 16.7 | 19.4 | 23.0 | 13.6 | 7.8 | 5.2 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 834 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 40-44 | 2.4 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 12.0 | 20.5 | 16.1 | 12.8 | 10.8 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 699 | 4.9 | 4.5 |
| 45-49 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 9.0 | 9.9 | 15.1 | 15.7 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 5.0 | 7.9 | 589 | 5.7 | 5.1 |
| Total | 29.5 | 18.4 | 17.3 | 11.9 | 8.3 | 5.7 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 8,907 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 46.2 | 46.3 | 7.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 448 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| 20-24 | 12.0 | 47.4 | 30.2 | 8.5 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,200 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| 25-29 | 3.3 | 17.9 | 39.8 | 25.2 | 8.6 | 4.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,125 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| 30-34 | 1.2 | 6.6 | 24.2 | 27.8 | 19.5 | 12.6 | 6.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 933 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| 35-39 | 2.2 | 5.3 | 15.0 | 18.7 | 22.0 | 17.0 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 556 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| 40-44 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 6.7 | 9.8 | 21.2 | 14.5 | 14.3 | 13.2 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 485 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| 45-49 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 9.4 | 13.8 | 16.0 | 16.1 | 14.6 | 5.1 | 9.2 | 396 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Total | 8.3 | 21.4 | 23.3 | 16.1 | 10.9 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 5,143 | 2.9 | 2.7 |

Results at younger ages for currently married women differ from those for the sample as a whole because of the large number of unmarried women with minimal fertility. Differences at older ages generally reflect the impact of marital dissolution (either divorce or widowhood). About 1 percent of married women age 45-49 have never had a child. Under the proposition that desire for children is universal in Zimbabwe, this percentage represents a rough measure of primary infertility or the inability to bear children.

### 4.5 BIRTH INTERVALS

Information on the length of birth intervals provides insight into birth spacing patterns, which affect fertility as well as infant and child mortality. Research has shown that children born too soon after a previous birth are at increased risk of poor health, particularly when the interval is less than 24 months. Table 4.6 shows the distribution of births in the five years before the survey by the interval since the previous birth, according to various background and demographic characteristics.

| Percent distribution of non-first births in the five years preceding the survey by number of months since preceding birth, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Months since preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |  Median <br> number of  <br> Number of  <br> months since  <br> non-first preceding <br> births birth |  |
|  | 7-17 | 18-23 | 24-35 | 36-47 | 48-54 | 55-59 | $60+$ |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | (25.4) | (14.3) | (46.1) | (8.5) | (3.4) | (2.3) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 38 | 29.0 |
| 20-29 | 4.2 | 7.4 | 32.1 | 26.1 | 10.6 | 5.5 | 14.2 | 100.0 | 1,817 | 38.2 |
| 30-39 | 2.8 | 5.2 | 20.6 | 21.9 | 11.2 | 5.6 | 32.7 | 100.0 | 1,390 | 47.8 |
| 40-49 | 2.4 | 7.4 | 21.5 | 20.3 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 36.8 | 100.0 | 323 | 47.0 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-3 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 27.7 | 23.7 | 10.9 | 5.3 | 23.0 | 100.0 | 2,198 | 41.5 |
| 4-6 | 3.4 | 7.3 | 25.1 | 22.3 | 10.4 | 6.6 | 24.9 | 100.0 | 1,086 | 42.6 |
| 7+ | 4.9 | 10.3 | 26.3 | 29.8 | 6.4 | 2.9 | 19.3 | 100.0 | 283 | 40.0 |
| Sex of preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 3.5 | 6.4 | 25.8 | 24.6 | 11.4 | 5.2 | 23.2 | 100.0 | 1,865 | 41.9 |
| Female | 3.8 | 6.9 | 28.0 | 22.8 | 9.3 | 5.8 | 23.4 | 100.0 | 1,702 | 41.2 |
| Survival of preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Living | 2.0 | 5.8 | 26.6 | 24.6 | 10.8 | 5.9 | 24.5 | 100.0 | 3,290 | 42.6 |
| Dead | 23.9 | 16.7 | 29.5 | 13.6 | 5.9 | 0.9 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 277 | 27.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.4 | 6.4 | 22.6 | 18.5 | 8.4 | 6.8 | 33.9 | 100.0 | 885 | 47.1 |
| Rural | 3.8 | 6.7 | 28.2 | 25.5 | 11.0 | 5.1 | 19.8 | 100.0 | 2,682 | 40.4 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 6.1 | 8.6 | 30.9 | 19.7 | 8.9 | 5.4 | 20.5 | 100.0 | 473 | 38.4 |
| Mashonaland Central | 2.7 | 2.8 | 24.2 | 28.0 | 14.1 | 6.9 | 21.3 | 100.0 | 437 | 44.5 |
| Mashonaland East | 2.1 | 6.2 | 21.7 | 22.0 | 13.1 | 6.7 | 28.2 | 100.0 | 247 | 46.2 |
| Mashonaland West | 3.2 | 6.1 | 27.4 | 25.8 | 7.8 | 4.7 | 24.9 | 100.0 | 361 | 41.0 |
| Matabeleland North | 3.3 | 5.2 | 35.0 | 24.5 | 8.1 | 3.4 | 20.5 | 100.0 | 233 | 38.5 |
| Matabeleland South | 2.6 | 7.2 | 31.4 | 24.6 | 7.3 | 3.2 | 23.7 | 100.0 | 185 | 38.8 |
| Midlands | 4.8 | 6.4 | 26.6 | 24.9 | 11.3 | 5.4 | 20.6 | 100.0 | 542 | 41.4 |
| Masvingo | 3.8 | 9.1 | 26.1 | 24.6 | 12.3 | 4.3 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 558 | 41.0 |
| Harare | 2.8 | 6.0 | 22.7 | 21.8 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 31.3 | 100.0 | 386 | 45.8 |
| Bulawayo | 2.3 | 8.1 | 24.5 | 17.0 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 31.7 | 100.0 | 146 | 45.8 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.7 | 9.0 | 21.5 | 28.4 | 6.0 | 8.1 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 202 | 42.5 |
| Primary | 3.8 | 7.5 | 27.2 | 26.0 | 10.1 | 4.7 | 20.8 | 100.0 | 1,480 | 40.4 |
| Secondary | 3.8 | 5.6 | 27.2 | 21.9 | 11.3 | 5.8 | 24.4 | 100.0 | 1,806 | 42.7 |
| More than secondary | 2.7 | 9.2 | 24.6 | 11.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 41.2 | 100.0 | 80 | 48.7 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.2 | 7.7 | 32.4 | 25.1 | 11.2 | 5.1 | 15.2 | 100.0 | 982 | 38.2 |
| Second | 3.7 | 7.0 | 29.2 | 25.4 | 11.2 | 6.0 | 17.5 | 100.0 | 799 | 40.5 |
| Middle | 5.3 | 5.6 | 24.7 | 27.0 | 9.6 | 4.0 | 23.8 | 100.0 | 621 | 41.9 |
| Fourth | 2.5 | 6.6 | 23.3 | 20.6 | 10.7 | 6.4 | 30.0 | 100.0 | 658 | 45.6 |
| Highest | 4.0 | 5.1 | 19.2 | 18.7 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 38.9 | 100.0 | 507 | 51.0 |
| Total | 3.7 | 6.6 | 26.8 | 23.7 | 10.4 | 5.5 | 23.3 | 100.0 | 3,567 | 41.6 |
| Note: First-order births are excluded. The interval for multiple births is the number of months since the preceding pregnancy that ended in a live birth. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The median birth interval in Zimbabwe is 41.6 months. About one in ten children are born after too short an interval (less than 24 months). The median interval length is shorter among births to women under age 30 than among births to older mothers. The median birth interval length is 27.5 months among children whose older sibling did not survive compared with 42.6 months among children whose older sibling is still alive.

The median birth interval in urban areas ( 47.1 months) is somewhat higher than in rural areas (40.4 months). Of all the provinces, the longest birth interval is observed in Mashonaland East (46.2 months) and the shortest in Manicaland (38.4 months). By education, those with more than secondary education have the longest birth interval (48.7 months).

### 4.6 Age at First Birth

The age at which childbearing begins has an impact on the health and welfare of a mother and her children. In many countries, the postponement of first births has contributed to an overall fertility decline. Table 4.7 shows the distribution of women by age at first birth, according to their current age. The median age at first birth in Zimbabwe is around 20 for most age groups. Although this broad measure has not changed since the 1999 ZDHS, more detailed analysis of trends in age at first birth does reveal a decline in early childbearing. For example, whereas about 26 percent of women age $35-39$ had a birth at age 18 , only 21 percent of women currently age $20-24$ had their first birth at age 18 . This slow but steady trend reflects positively on efforts to keep girls and women in school through more advanced levels to improve their social and economic status.

Table 4.7 Age at first birth
Among all women, percentage who gave birth by exact ages, percentage who have never given birth, and median age at first birth, by current age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Current age | Percentage who gave birth by exact age |  |  |  |  | Percentage who have never given birth | Number of women | Median age at first birth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.3 | na | na | na | na | 84.2 | 2,152 | a |
| 20-24 | 1.5 | 20.8 | 46.9 | na | na | 30.9 | 1,952 | a |
| 25-29 | 2.9 | 21.4 | 48.7 | 70.0 | 86.3 | 8.7 | 1,466 | 20.1 |
| 30-34 | 5.1 | 25.3 | 47.4 | 70.5 | 87.0 | 2.5 | 1,216 | 20.2 |
| 35-39 | 4.2 | 26.1 | 48.3 | 66.9 | 83.7 | 2.8 | 834 | 20.2 |
| 40-44 | 3.9 | 26.3 | 56.6 | 75.0 | 89.0 | 2.4 | 699 | 19.5 |
| 45-49 | 4.9 | 28.5 | 54.1 | 76.5 | 88.5 | 2.6 | 589 | 19.7 |

$\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of women had a birth before reaching the beginning of the age group
na $=$ Not applicable

### 4.7 Median Age at First Birth by Background Characteristics

Table 4.8 summarises the median age at first birth for different age cohorts across residential and educational subgroups. For all age groups, the median age at first birth is higher in urban areas than in rural areas. Similarly, age at first birth increases markedly with increasing level of education; for example, within the cohort age 25-29 years, women with only a primary education have their first birth at 18.9 years, compared with 24 years for women with more than secondary education. This is a difference of 5.1 years.

| Table 4.8 Median age at first birth by background characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median age at first birth among women age 20-49 years, by current age and background characteristics, Zimbabwe 20052006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background | Age |  |  |  |  |  | Women age 20-49 | Women age 25-49 |
| characteristic | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.3 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 20.4 | 19.9 | 19.8 | 21.0 | 20.7 |
| Rural | 19.5 | 19.6 | 19.6 | 20.0 | 19.2 | 19.7 | 19.6 | 19.6 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | a | 20.4 | 19.7 | 20.0 | 18.7 | 20.9 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| Mashonaland Central | 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 19.8 | 20.0 | 18.8 | 19.2 | 19.4 |
| Mashonaland East | 20.0 | 19.4 | 20.2 | 20.8 | 19.6 | 19.4 | 19.9 | 19.8 |
| Mashonaland West | 19.4 | 19.7 | 20.4 | 19.8 | 18.7 | 20.1 | 19.7 | 19.8 |
| Matabeleland North | 19.8 | 19.6 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.3 |
| Matabeleland South | a | 19.3 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 19.2 | 19.6 | 19.9 | 19.7 |
| Midlands | 19.9 | 19.9 | 20.1 | 20.5 | 20.1 | 19.3 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| Masvingo | a | 19.9 | 19.4 | 19.9 | 19.3 | 19.7 | 19.8 | 19.7 |
| Harare | a | 21.3 | 21.3 | 20.5 | 20.3 | 19.6 | a | 20.8 |
| Bulawayo | a | 21.1 | 21.7 | 20.4 | 19.9 | 19.9 | a | 20.8 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | * | (18.7) | (18.4) | 18.8 | 19.0 | 18.8 | 18.8 |
| Primary | 18.5 | 18.9 | 18.7 | 18.6 | 19.1 | 19.9 | 18.9 | 19.0 |
| Secondary | a | 20.7 | 20.7 | 21.0 | 20.2 | 19.8 | a | 20.7 |
| More than secondary | a | 24.0 | 23.0 | (25.1) | (22.7) | * | a | 23.7 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.0 | 19.3 | 18.9 | 19.1 | 19.5 | 19.4 | 19.2 | 19.2 |
| Second | 19.2 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 20.4 | 18.9 | 19.9 | 19.3 | 19.4 |
| Middle | a | 20.1 | 20.4 | 20.3 | 18.8 | 19.6 | a | 19.9 |
| Fourth | a | 20.7 | 20.6 | 19.8 | 19.7 | 19.7 | a | 20.3 |
| Highest | a | 21.3 | 21.2 | 20.8 | 20.3 | 20.0 | a | 20.9 |
| Total | a | 20.1 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 19.5 | 19.7 | a | 20.0 |

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.
$\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women had a birth before reaching the beginning of the age group

### 4.8 Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood

The issue of adolescent fertility is important on both health and social grounds. Children born to very young mothers are at increased risk of sickness and death. Adolescent mothers are more likely to experience adverse pregnancy outcomes and are also more constrained in their ability to pursue educational opportunities than young women who delay childbearing.

Table 4.9 shows the percent distribution of women age 15-19 years who have given birth or were pregnant with their first child at the time of the survey, according to selected background characteristics. Overall, 21 percent of women age 15-19 have begun childbearing. The proportion of adolescents already on the path to family formation rises rapidly with age, from 2 percent at age 15 to 41 percent at age 19 . Rural adolescents and those with less education tend to start childbearing earlier.

| Table 4.9 Teenage pregnancy and motherhood |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-19 who are mothers or pregnant with their first child, and percentage who have begun childbearing, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 347 |
| 16 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 8.1 | 502 |
| 17 | 10.0 | 7.5 | 17.4 | 385 |
| 18 | 25.2 | 8.1 | 33.3 | 472 |
| 19 | 34.8 | 6.4 | 41.2 | 447 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.2 | 3.2 | 13.4 | 849 |
| Rural | 19.4 | 7.0 | 26.4 | 1,303 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 16.5 | 7.2 | 23.7 | 230 |
| Mashonaland Central | 19.9 | 10.2 | 30.1 | 201 |
| Mashonaland East | 16.5 | 7.2 | 23.7 | 153 |
| Mashonaland West | 22.8 | 3.6 | 26.4 | 174 |
| Matabeleland North | 27.9 | 4.3 | 32.1 | 143 |
| Matabeleland South | 10.1 | 3.9 | 13.9 | 122 |
| Midlands | 12.4 | 6.1 | 18.5 | 280 |
| Masvingo | 19.1 | 6.2 | 25.3 | 315 |
| Harare | 11.5 | 3.8 | 15.3 | 350 |
| Bulawayo | 5.3 | 1.2 | 6.5 | 183 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | * | * | 8 |
| Primary | 25.1 | 9.0 | 34.1 | 607 |
| Secondary | 12.0 | 4.0 | 16.0 | 1,530 |
| More than secondary | * | * | * | 7 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 26.3 | 5.8 | 32.1 | 354 |
| Second | 19.6 | 11.6 | 31.1 | 357 |
| Middle | 17.3 | 5.8 | 23.1 | 406 |
| Fourth | 16.0 | 6.6 | 22.7 | 435 |
| Highest | 6.1 | 0.5 | 6.6 | 600 |
| Total | 15.8 | 5.5 | 21.2 | 2,152 |
| Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. |  |  |  |  |

This chapter focuses on women who are sexually active because these women have the greatest risk of exposure to pregnancy and need for regulating their fertility. However, the results of interviews with men are presented alongside those with women because men play an equally important role in the realisation of reproductive health and family planning decision behaviour.

Family planning methods are grouped into two broad categories, namely modern methods and traditional methods. Modern family planning methods are further categorised into three subgroups, that is, short-term methods (oral contraceptive pills, condoms, the lactational amenorrhoea method [LAM], and emergency contraception), long-term methods (injectables, implants, and intrauterine devices or IUDs), and permanent methods (female and male sterilisation). Traditional methods consist of periodic abstinence, withdrawal, and various folk methods such as strings and herbs.

### 5.1 Knowledge of Contraceptive Methods

Information on the knowledge of contraceptive methods was collected by asking respondents to name the various methods that a couple can use to delay or avoid a pregnancy. A respondent who could not name any method(s) spontaneously was prompted by the interviewer mentioning and describing each of the methods that had not been mentioned spontaneously and asking whether the respondent had ever heard about it.

Knowledge of family planning methods is almost universal in Zimbabwe, meaning that men and women in the country have information about the options available for regulating births and planning their families (Table 5.1). The level of knowledge of at least one modern method of family planning among all women age 15-49 years is also almost universal at 98 percent, and for currently married women it is 99 percent. Similarly, the level of knowledge of at least one modern method of family planning is very high among all men aged 15-49 years ( 99 percent). Virtually all currently married men know at least one method of family planning ( 100 percent). Virtually all sexually active women and 99 percent of sexually active men know of at least one method of family planning.

Women in Zimbabwe know an average of seven family planning methods, the same as in 1999. Oral contraceptives, injectables, and condoms are the family planning methods most widely known by women in Zimbabwe. For all women age 15-49 years, the proportion who know about the pill is 95 percent, 94 percent know about the male condom, and 89 percent know about injectables. Knowledge of the female condom among women increased by 12 percentage points from 57 percent in 1999 to 69 percent in 2006. However, knowledge of implants registered the highest increase of 19 percentage points from almost 25 percent in 1999 to 44 percent in 2006.

Table 5.1 Knowledge of contraceptive methods
Percentage of all respondents, currently married respondents, and sexually active unmarried respondents who know any contraceptive method, by specific method, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Method | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { women } \end{gathered}$ | Currently married women | Sexually active unmarried women ${ }^{1}$ | All men | Currently married men | ```Sexually active unmarried men \({ }^{1}\)``` |
| Any method | 97.8 | 99.3 | 99.7 | 99.1 | 99.8 | 99.3 |
| Any modern method | 97.7 | 99.2 | 99.7 | 99.0 | 99.8 | 99.3 |
| Female sterilisation | 46.6 | 50.0 | 55.6 | 49.1 | 55.7 | 50.8 |
| Male sterilisation | 33.3 | 34.7 | 40.7 | 42.8 | 48.1 | 49.8 |
| Pill | 94.7 | 98.4 | 97.2 | 90.7 | 97.7 | 90.1 |
| IUD | 56.5 | 61.2 | 63.3 | 40.6 | 48.2 | 44.5 |
| Injectables | 89.1 | 94.6 | 94.9 | 77.6 | 89.4 | 78.2 |
| Implants | 43.6 | 47.9 | 54.5 | 26.4 | 32.4 | 30.9 |
| Male condom | 94.0 | 95.6 | 98.1 | 98.3 | 98.9 | 98.2 |
| Female condom | 69.4 | 70.5 | 81.1 | 75.9 | 78.7 | 76.9 |
| Lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM) | 24.5 | 28.9 | 24.0 | 13.7 | 18.0 | 10.3 |
| Emergency contraception | 15.1 | 15.8 | 21.7 | 25.3 | 27.2 | 19.1 |
| Any traditional method | 56.1 | 63.6 | 59.3 | 62.0 | 71.4 | 66.3 |
| Periodic abstinence | 26.7 | 27.7 | 33.2 | 39.2 | 45.0 | 43.8 |
| Withdrawal | 50.8 | 58.8 | 54.6 | 56.3 | 66.1 | 58.9 |
| Folk method | 6.8 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 4.4 |
| Mean number of methods known | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 6.6 |
| Number | 8,907 | 5,143 | 191 | 6,863 | 3,132 | 185 |

${ }^{1}$ Had last sexual intercourse within 30 days preceding the survey

The most well-known methods of contraception among all men are the male condom and the pill ( 98 percent and 91 percent, respectively). Knowledge of other modern methods of contraception is high among men, particularly men who are married. For example, 89 percent of married men know about injectables, and 79 percent of married men also know about the female condom. The lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM) is the least-known modern contraceptive method among married men (18 percent), while emergency contraception is the least-known modern family planning method among married women (16 percent).

### 5.2 Knowledge of Contraceptive Methods by Background Characteristics

Knowledge of family planning methods among women is almost universal and there are no significant variations across subgroups (Table 5.2). For all age groups, at least 98 percent of currently married women know about a modern family planning method. For men in all age groups, the percentage who know at least one modern family planning method is or is nearly 100 percent.

| Percentage of currently married women and currently married men who know at least one contraceptive method and who know at least one modern method, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Heard of any method | Heard of any modern method ${ }^{1}$ | Number | Heard of any method | Heard of any modern method ${ }^{1}$ | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 97.9 | 97.6 | 448 | * | * | 8 |
| 20-24 | 98.9 | 98.8 | 1,200 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 311 |
| 25-29 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 1,125 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 692 |
| 30-34 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 933 | 99.7 | 99.6 | 755 |
| 35-39 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 556 | 99.7 | 99.5 | 581 |
| 40-44 | 99.0 | 98.8 | 485 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 414 |
| 45-49 | 99.6 | 98.9 | 396 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 369 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.8 | 99.8 | 1,742 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 1,271 |
| Rural | 99.1 | 98.8 | 3,401 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 1,861 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 99.1 | 98.5 | 599 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 335 |
| Mashonaland Central | 99.2 | 99.1 | 572 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 342 |
| Mashonaland East | 99.5 | 99.2 | 442 | 99.5 | 99.5 | 259 |
| Mashonaland West | 99.2 | 99.0 | 514 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 348 |
| Matabeleland North | 99.8 | 99.8 | 323 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 194 |
| Matabeleland South | 97.8 | 97.6 | 208 | 98.3 | 98.3 | 99 |
| Midlands | 99.0 | 98.9 | 728 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 446 |
| Masvingo | 99.7 | 99.6 | 697 | 99.8 | 99.5 | 352 |
| Harare | 99.6 | 99.6 | 760 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 574 |
| Bulawayo | 99.7 | 99.7 | 301 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 183 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 98.6 | 97.9 | 276 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 61 |
| Primary | 98.9 | 98.5 | 1,910 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 874 |
| Secondary | 99.7 | 99.7 | 2,788 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 1,941 |
| More than secondary | 100.0 | 100.0 | 169 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 255 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 98.6 | 98.3 | 1,034 | 99.2 | 98.9 | 526 |
| Second | 99.5 | 99.0 | 998 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 539 |
| Middle | 99.6 | 99.3 | 906 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 424 |
| Fourth | 99.3 | 99.3 | 1,183 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 948 |
| Highest | 99.8 | 99.8 | 1,023 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 695 |
| Total 15-49 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 5,143 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 3,132 |
| Total 15-54 | na | na | na | 99.8 | 99.7 | 3,419 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
na = Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Female sterilisation, male sterilisation, pill, IUD, injectables, implants, male condom, female condom, diaphragm, foam or jelly, lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM), and emergency contraception

There is little variation in knowledge of modern methods of contraception among currently married women and men by age group, urban-rural residence, and province. Knowledge of family planning methods is at least 99 percent for both rural and urban areas. Similarly, knowledge of any modern family planning method for currently married women and men is almost universal across all education categories and wealth quintiles.

Surveys have documented a steady increase in the knowledge of family planning methods among all women in Zimbabwe since 1984 (Table 5.3). Knowledge of family planning methods became nearly universal in 1988, and the high level of knowledge of contraceptive methods has been maintained over the past 12 years. With respect to the trends in knowledge of specific methods, marked increases in levels of knowledge of family planning methods occurred between 1984 and 2006 for male condoms (from 48 percent to 94 percent), the pill (from 81 percent to 95 percent), and injectables (from 63 percent to 89 percent). Knowledge about implants increased from 14 percent in 1994 to 44 percent in 2006. It should be noted that the knowledge of some modern methods of contraception (IUD, male and female sterilisation) reached a peak in 1994 and started to decline thereafter.

Table 5.3 Trends in knowledge of contraceptive methods
Percentage of all women who know specific contraceptive methods, by specific method, Zimbabwe 1984-2006

|  | Knowledge of contraception |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Method | 1984 | 1988 | 1994 | 1999 | $2005-06$ |
|  | ZDHS | ZDHS | ZDHS | ZDHS | ZDHS |
| Any method | 82.8 | 96.3 | 97.8 | 96.9 | 97.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Any modern method | u | 95.4 | 97.5 | 96.7 | 97.7 |
| Female sterilisation | 40.0 | 49.7 | 69.7 | 58.1 | 46.6 |
| Male sterilisation | 10.8 | 16.4 | 42.5 | 38.8 | 33.3 |
| Pill | 80.5 | 93.6 | 96.0 | 94.3 | 94.7 |
| IUD | 40.2 | 51.6 | 67.6 | 63.8 | 56.5 |
| Injectables | 62.6 | 62.2 | 79.7 | 86.4 | 89.1 |
| Implants | u | u | 13.8 | 24.8 | 43.6 |
| Male condom | 48.3 | 76.7 | 93.7 | 92.2 | 94.0 |
| Female condom | u | u | u | u | 69.4 |
| Lactational amenorrhoea | u |  | u | u | u |
| method (LAM) | u | u | u | 24.5 |  |
| Emergency contraception | u | 14.0 | u | 20.2 | 15.1 |
| Diaphragm | $17.4^{\mathrm{a}}$ | 13.5 | $21.1^{\mathrm{a}}$ | 11.9 | u |
| Foam/jelly/foaming tablets |  |  |  |  | na |
|  | u | 75.3 | 67.8 | 58.8 | 56.1 |
| Any traditional method | 20.4 | 28.1 | 33.2 | 27.1 | 26.7 |
| Periodic abstinence | 56.1 | 63.4 | 56.8 | 51.7 | 50.8 |
| Withdrawal | u | 34.2 | u | 12.2 | 6.8 |
| Folk/other method |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 2,123 | 2,643 | 6,128 | 5,907 | 8,907 |

$\mathrm{u}=$ Unknown (not available)
na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Includes diaphragm
Source: ZNFPC and WPAS, 1985; CSO and IRD, 1989; CSO and MI, 1995; ZDHS 1988-2006

### 5.3 Ever Use of Contraception

All women and men interviewed in the 2005-06 ZDHS who knew at least one family planning method were asked whether they had ever used any method to regulate their fertility. Table 5.4 .1 shows the percentage of women who have ever used a family planning method. The top panel presents the figures for all women, the second panel the figures for currently married women, and the third panel the figures for sexually active unmarried women. The results for men are shown in Table 5.4.2.

Table 5.4.1 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Age | Anymethod | Any modern method | Modern method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Any traditional method | Traditional method |  |  | Numberofwomen |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Female sterilisation | Male sterilisation | Pill | IUD | Injectables | Implants | Male condom | Fe- <br> male <br> con- <br> dom | LAM | Emergency contraception |  | Periodic abstinence | Withdrawal | Folk method |  |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 16.9 | 16.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 8.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 67.8 | 66.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 56.3 | 0.3 | 17.1 | 1.2 | 21.7 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 10.4 | 2.4 | 8.5 | 0.8 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 89.7 | 89.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 79.9 | 1.0 | 34.1 | 2.4 | 26.9 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 15.7 | 2.4 | 13.9 | 0.8 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 93.2 | 91.5 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 83.8 | 1.9 | 35.7 | 2.8 | 29.7 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 1.8 | 17.6 | 2.6 | 14.6 | 1.8 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 90.5 | 89.0 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 81.0 | 2.4 | 36.6 | 1.9 | 25.7 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 1.9 | 17.3 | 2.6 | 15.0 | 1.2 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 88.0 | 84.7 | 5.5 | 0.5 | 76.8 | 3.2 | 36.2 | 2.4 | 19.7 | 1.7 | 6.4 | 1.6 | 22.2 | 3.2 | 18.4 | 5.2 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 79.3 | 73.4 | 9.4 | 0.3 | 63.5 | 2.3 | 31.5 | 0.6 | 12.7 | 1.9 | 8.0 | 2.2 | 25.7 | 2.9 | 21.6 | 4.4 | 589 |
| Total | 67.0 | 65.6 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 57.3 | 1.1 | 23.0 | 1.5 | 20.1 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 12.8 | 2.1 | 10.8 | 1.4 | 8,907 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 51.9 | 50.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 41.6 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 18.9 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 6.8 | 1.2 | 6.1 | 0.4 | 448 |
| 20-24 | 84.9 | 83.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 76.1 | 0.4 | 20.8 | 1.6 | 21.7 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 13.2 | 2.9 | 10.7 | 1.1 | 1,200 |
| 25-29 | 94.0 | 93.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 86.6 | 1.2 | 34.9 | 2.6 | 23.1 | 2.9 | 4.7 | 2.9 | 17.4 | 2.5 | 15.5 | 1.0 | 1,125 |
| 30-34 | 95.8 | 93.9 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 87.0 | 2.0 | 36.3 | 3.5 | 28.6 | 2.1 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 18.8 | 2.5 | 16.0 | 1.9 | 933 |
| 35-39 | 92.5 | 90.8 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 84.2 | 2.9 | 40.0 | 1.8 | 23.4 | 3.2 | 6.0 | 2.1 | 17.1 | 2.7 | 14.8 | 1.1 | 556 |
| 40-44 | 90.6 | 87.1 | 6.9 | 0.7 | 80.2 | 3.9 | 38.6 | 2.6 | 17.7 | 1.6 | 6.6 | 2.2 | 24.1 | 3.9 | 20.4 | 4.9 | 485 |
| 45-49 | 82.5 | 75.3 | 10.6 | 0.4 | 66.8 | 2.6 | 31.5 | 0.8 | 11.4 | 1.3 | 9.0 | 3.1 | 26.9 | 3.1 | 22.8 | 5.0 | 396 |
| Total | 87.2 | 85.2 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 77.9 | 1.6 | 29.9 | 2.1 | 22.0 | 2.4 | 5.2 | 2.1 | 17.1 | 2.7 | 14.6 | 1.8 | 5,143 |
| SEXUALLY ACTIVE UNMARRIED WOMEN ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 68.8 | 66.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 55.1 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 13.7 | 3.1 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 78 |
| 25-49 | 94.5 | 94.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 76.9 | 0.3 | 49.6 | 0.4 | 71.8 | 14.5 | 8.0 | 4.0 | 18.9 | 4.9 | 10.8 | 6.1 | 113 |
| Total | 84.0 | 82.9 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 54.5 | 0.2 | 35.8 | 0.3 | 65.0 | 11.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 16.8 | 4.1 | 10.7 | 3.6 | 191 |

LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method
${ }^{1}$ Women who had sexual intercourse in the one month preceding the survey

Of currently married women, 87 percent reported having ever used a family planning method and 85 percent have used a modern method. Comparison with the 1999 ZDHS results shows that ever use of modern family planning methods among currently married women increased by six percentage points from 79 percent in 1999 to 85 percent in 2006.

Sixty-six percent of all women have used a modern method of contraception at some point. Pills are the most common form of contraception ( 57 percent), followed by injectables ( 23 percent) and male condoms (20 percent).

The pill is also the method most commonly ever used by most currently married women ( 78 percent), followed by injectables ( 30 percent) and male condoms ( 22 percent). Ever use of all other modern methods by married women is very low ( 5 percent or less).

More than eight in ten sexually active unmarried women have used a method of family planning at some time, with virtually all of them using a modern method. The male condom is the method most widely used ( 65 percent). Other popular methods are the pill ( 55 percent) and injectables ( 36 percent). Sexually active unmarried women are much more likely than their married counterparts to have ever used the male condom ( 65 percent compared with 22 percent) or the female condom (12 percent compared with 2 percent). However, currently married women are more likely to have ever used the pill than sexually active unmarried women ( 78 percent compared with 55 percent).

| Table 5.4.2 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Any |  | dern meth |  | Any | Tradition | method |  |
| Age | Any method | modern method | Male sterilisation | Male condom | Female condom | traditional method | Periodic abstinence | Withdrawal | Number of men |
| ALL MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 17.2 | 16.6 | 0.2 | 16.3 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 61.1 | 58.7 | 0.0 | 58.7 | 3.7 | 15.8 | 7.7 | 10.7 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 73.2 | 68.5 | 0.0 | 68.1 | 5.0 | 23.6 | 10.0 | 18.8 | 1,082 |
| 30-34 | 76.0 | 69.4 | 0.2 | 69.2 | 6.2 | 26.8 | 13.5 | 20.3 | 882 |
| 35-39 | 74.1 | 66.9 | 0.4 | 66.7 | 5.6 | 29.8 | 14.1 | 23.7 | 663 |
| 40-44 | 72.2 | 64.3 | 0.6 | 63.7 | 5.8 | 30.0 | 11.8 | 24.8 | 469 |
| 45-49 | 65.1 | 52.5 | 0.3 | 51.6 | 4.8 | 32.7 | 13.4 | 26.2 | 409 |
| Total 15-49 | 55.0 | 50.8 | 0.2 | 50.5 | 3.9 | 18.0 | 8.1 | 13.9 | 6,863 |
| Total men 15-54 | 55.2 | 50.5 | 0.2 | 50.2 | 3.8 | 18.7 | 8.3 | 14.5 | 7,175 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 75.9 | 75.9 | 0.0 | 75.9 | 7.9 | * | * | * | 8 |
| 20-24 | 70.6 | 65.1 | 0.0 | 65.1 | 5.9 | 27.2 | 17.0 | 16.3 | 311 |
| 25-29 | 73.5 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 66.5 | 4.4 | 27.0 | 11.2 | 21.3 | 692 |
| 30-34 | 75.2 | 67.6 | 0.2 | 67.4 | 6.5 | 28.8 | 14.5 | 22.0 | 755 |
| 35-39 | 74.7 | 66.7 | 0.5 | 66.5 | 5.9 | 31.7 | 14.8 | 25.4 | 581 |
| 40-44 | 71.6 | 62.6 | 0.7 | 62.0 | 6.2 | 30.8 | 11.7 | 26.2 | 414 |
| 45-49 | 66.2 | 52.9 | 0.4 | 51.8 | 5.3 | 34.2 | 13.8 | 27.7 | 369 |
| Total 15-49 | 72.7 | 64.6 | 0.3 | 64.3 | 5.7 | 29.6 | 13.6 | 23.1 | 3,132 |
| Total men 15-54 | 71.7 | 62.9 | 0.3 | 62.6 | 5.4 | 30.0 | 13.6 | 23.7 | 3,419 |
| SEXUALLY ACTIVE UNMARRIED MEN ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 82.5 | 82.0 | 0.5 | 81.4 | 12.2 | 22.5 | 7.9 | 18.5 | 277 |
| 25-49 | 85.7 | 84.9 | 0.0 | 84.9 | 9.9 | 27.2 | 10.1 | 24.1 | 138 |
| Total 15-49 | 83.6 | 83.0 | 0.3 | 82.6 | 11.4 | 24.1 | 8.6 | 20.3 | 415 |
| Total men 15-54 | 83.7 | 83.1 | 0.3 | 82.7 | 11.3 | 23.9 | 8.5 | 20.2 | 417 |
| Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. ${ }^{1}$ Men who had sexual intercourse in the one month preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Fifty-one percent of all men age 15-49 have used a modern family planning method at some time. The same proportion of all men report that they have used a male condom and 4 percent have used a female condom at some time. Among currently married men, 65 percent have used a modern method of contraception, with 64 percent having used male condoms and 6 percent having used female condoms. Sexually active unmarried men are more likely to have ever used the male condom than currently married men ( 83 percent compared with 64 percent) and the female condom ( 11 percent compared with 6 percent).

### 5.4 Current Use of Contraception

This section presents information on the prevalence of contraceptive use among women and men in Zimbabwe at the time of the survey. These results provide insight into one of the principal determinants of fertility that also serve to assess the success of family planning programmes.

Contraceptive use among all women and men, currently married women and men, and sexually active unmarried women and men, is presented in Table 5.5. The contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR), or the percentage of currently married women who are using a family planning method, in Zimbabwe is 60 percent, while the CPR for modern family planning methods in the country is 58 percent. Figure 5.1 shows the methods currently used by married women. The family planning method most commonly used is the pill ( 43 percent). The other modern methods that are used by currently married women are injectables ( 10 percent), female sterilisation ( 2 percent), male condoms ( 1 percent), implants ( 1 percent), and LAM (less than 1 percent).

The use of modern family planning methods among currently married women increases with age from 36 percent of women age 15-19 to 69 percent of women age 25-29, after which it falls to 34 percent of women age $45-49$. An increase in the use of oral contraceptives is also evident in the younger age groups, from 32 percent of married women aged 15-19 years to a peak of 53 percent in the age group 25-29 years.

The pattern of distribution of current use of modern contraceptives is similar to that observed in 1999, except that in the 2005-06 ZDHS contraceptive use rates are higher. A comparison between the 1999 and the 2005-06 use rates shows that the highest gains in current use of modern family planning methods were realised in the age groups 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, and 35-39 years.

The overall level of use of modern family planning methods is slightly higher for sexually active unmarried women than for currently married women. The most striking differences are that, while 26 percent of sexually active unmarried women use condoms, only 1 percent of currently married women use them, and 21 percent of sexually active unmarried women use the pill versus 43 percent of currently married women. Differences in the use rates of other modern contraceptive methods between the two population subgroups are similar. The female condom is virtually unused by both sexually active unmarried women and married women. Compared with the 1999 ZDHS results, use of the male condom is higher among sexually active unmarried women.

| Percent distribution of all women, currently married women, sexually active unmarried women, and totals for men who are currently using a contraceptive method, by specific method and age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Mod | dern me | thod |  |  |  |  | Tradit | ional me | ethod |  |  |  |
| Age | Any method | Any modern method | $\overline{\text { Female }}$ sterilisation | Male sterilisation | Pill | IUD | Injectables | $\begin{gathered} \text { Im- } \\ \text { plants } \end{gathered}$ | Male condom | Female condom | LAM |  | Periodic abstinence | Withdrawal | Folk method | Not currently using | Total | Number of women |
| ALL WOMEN/MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 90.3 | 100.0 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 43.8 | 43.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 56.2 | 100.0 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 62.0 | 61.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 44.8 | 0.2 | 12.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 38.0 | 100.0 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 58.5 | 57.1 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 39.5 | 0.4 | 10.3 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 41.5 | 100.0 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 49.7 | 47.7 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 29.9 | 0.5 | 10.8 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 50.3 | 100.0 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 43.1 | 40.3 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 20.4 | 0.4 | 9.4 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 56.9 | 100.0 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 29.8 | 27.7 | 9.4 | 0.2 | 10.8 | 0.5 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 70.2 | 100.0 | 589 |
| Total women 15-49 | 40.1 | 39.1 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 26.9 | 0.2 | 7.2 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 59.9 | 100.0 | 8,907 |
| Total men 15-49 | 40.6 | 39.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 24.8 | 0.2 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 59.4 | 100.0 | 6,849 |
| Total men 15-54 | 41.2 | 39.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 25.1 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 58.8 | 100.0 | 7,175 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN/MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 36.7 | 35.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 31.7 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 63.3 | 100.0 | 448 |
| 20-24 | 61.6 | 60.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.1 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 38.4 | 100.0 | 1,200 |
| 25-29 | 70.3 | 69.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 53.1 | 0.3 | 12.0 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 29.7 | 100.0 | 1,125 |
| 30-34 | 68.1 | 66.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 47.8 | 0.5 | 11.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 31.9 | 100.0 | 933 |
| 35-39 | 64.1 | 61.3 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 40.6 | 0.6 | 13.4 | 0.7 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 35.9 | 100.0 | 556 |
| 40-44 | 54.9 | 51.3 | 6.9 | 0.2 | 28.1 | 0.6 | 11.6 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 45.1 | 100.0 | 485 |
| 45-49 | 36.6 | 33.9 | 10.6 | 0.2 | 15.3 | 0.4 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 63.4 | 100.0 | 396 |
| Total women 15-49 | 60.2 | 58.4 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 43.0 | 0.3 | 9.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 39.8 | 100.0 | 5,143 |
| Total men 15-49 | 71.3 | 69.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 53.8 | 0.5 | 8.1 | 1.0 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 28.7 | 100.0 | 3,067 |
| Total men 15-54 | 69.9 | 67.6 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 52.0 | 0.5 | 8.0 | 0.9 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 30.1 | 100.0 | 3,367 |
| SEXUALLY ACTIVE UNMARRIED WOMEN/MEN ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 36.8 | 36.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 33.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 63.2 | 100.0 | 34 |
| 20-24 | 57.1 | 55.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 32.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 42.9 | 100.0 | 44 |
| 25-29 | 71.5 | 71.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 38.8 | 0.0 | 16.2 | 0.0 | 16.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 28.5 | 100.0 | 39 |
| 30-34 | 75.3 | 75.3 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 32.9 | 0.0 | 14.4 | 0.0 | 25.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 24.7 | 100.0 | 37 |
| 35-39 | 72.1 | 72.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.2 | 0.0 | 23.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 27.9 | 100.0 | 14 |
| 40-44 | 55.5 | 55.5 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 32.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 44.5 | 100.0 | 16 |
| 45-49 | 65.2 | 51.9 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17.8 | 0.0 | 24.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.2 | 34.8 | 100.0 | 8 |
| Total women 15-49 | 61.2 | 60.2 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 21.3 | 0.0 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 26.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 38.8 | 100.0 | 191 |
| Total men 15-49 | 42.9 | 42.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 36.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 57.1 | 100.0 | 427 |
| Total men 15-54 | 42.6 | 41.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 36.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 57.4 | 100.0 | 430 |
| Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation. LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method <br> ${ }^{1}$ Women and men who have had sexual intercourse in the one month preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 5.5 also presents totals for men age 15-49 and age 15-54 by all men, currently married men, and sexually active unmarried men. The patterns for men are similar to those of women. Forty-two percent of all men age 15-49 currently use some form of contraception, and 41 percent use a modern method with their partner. As with women, the majority of all men 15-49 reported that they and their partners use the pill ( 26 percent), 10 percent use the male condom, and 4 percent use injectables. Seventy percent of married men age $15-49$ reported that they use a modern method of contraception with their partners. More than half of married men and their partners rely on the pill ( 54 percent), 8 percent use injectables, and 5 percent use the male condom. Among sexually active unmarried men age 15-49, 45 percent reported they use a modern method of contraception with their partners. As with unmarried sexually active women, the majority of men in this category rely on male condoms (38 percent).

Figure 5.1 Use of Specific Contraceptive Methods among Currently Married Women


Table 5.6 indicates that current use of contraceptive methods among married women has risen steadily since 1984. Overall, the contraceptive prevalence rate has increased from 38 percent in 1984 to 60 percent in 2005-06. The use of modern family planning methods among currently married women has more than doubled from 27 percent in 1984 to 58 percent in 2005-06. Use of male condoms, IUD, and female sterilisation showed small declines between 1999 and 2005-06. The use of traditional methods of contraception also declined from about 12 percent in 1984 to just below 2 percent in 2005-06.

| Table 5.6 Trends in current use of contraceptive |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of currently married women who were using specific contraceptive methods at the time of the survey, Zimbabwe 1984-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Use of contraception |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1984 | 1988 | 1994 | 1999 | 2005-06 |
| Method | ZDHS | ZDHS | ZDHS | ZDHS | ZDHS |
| Any method | 38.4 | 43.1 | 48.1 | 53.5 | 60.2 |
| Any modern method | 26.6 | 36.1 | 42.2 | 50.4 | 58.4 |
| Female sterilisation | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.0 |
| Male sterilisation | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Pill | 26.6 | 36.1 | 42.2 | 50.4 | 43.0 |
| IUD | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| Injectables | 0.8 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 8.1 | 9.9 |
| Implants | na | na | 0.2 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| Male condom | 0.7 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| LAM | na | na | na | na | 0.5 |
| Any traditional method | 11.8 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 3.2 | 1.8 |
| Periodic abstinence | 2.1 | na | na | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Withdrawal | 6.5 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 1.2 |
| Folk/other method | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Number | 2,123 | 2,643 | 3,788 | 3,609 | 5,143 |
| na $=$ Not applicable <br> LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method <br> Source: ZNFPC and WPAS, 1985; CSO and IRD, 1989; CSO and MI, 1995; ZDHS 1988-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 5.5 Current Use of Contraception by Background Characteristics

Table 5.7.1 for women and Table 5.7.2 for men present analysis of current use of contraceptives by background characteristics. These results enable us to examine differences in the method mix among current users in the different subgroups. Table 5.7.1 shows that few married women who are childless use family planning methods ( 5 percent), but more than half of women with one or more children use contraception. Contraceptive use rises with an increase in the number of living children up to four and declines thereafter.

Currently married women in rural areas are less likely to use family planning methods than their counterparts in urban areas ( 55 percent compared with 70 percent). This trend is observed across all modern methods of contraception except LAM. Use of family planning methods is highest in the urban provinces of Harare ( 72 percent) and Bulawayo ( 67 percent). Matabeleland North has the lowest contraceptive prevalence rate among currently married women ( 46 percent).

Contraceptive use is positively associated with women's level of education. While 35 percent of currently married women with no education use contraceptives, more than double the proportion, 78 percent, of those with higher than secondary education use contraceptives.

Table 5.7.1 Current use of contraception by background characteristics: women
Percent distribution of currently married women by contraceptive method currently used, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  |  |  | Modern method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Traditional method |  |  | Not currently |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Any method | Any modern method | Fe- <br> male <br> sterili- <br> sation | Male sterilisation | Pill | IUD | Injectables | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Im- } \\ & \text { plants } \end{aligned}$ | Male condom | Fe- <br> male <br> con- <br> dom | LAM | Any <br> traditional method | Periodic abstinence | Withdrawal | Folk method |  |  | Number <br> of <br> women |

## Number of living

## children

| 0 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 95.5 | 100.0 | 463 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-2 | 67.4 | 66.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 53.4 | 0.3 | 8.8 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 32.6 | 100.0 | 2,422 |
| 3-4 | 69.8 | 67.7 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 46.6 | 0.6 | 13.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 30.2 | 100.0 | 1,363 |
| 5+ | 55.1 | 51.2 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 30.2 | 0.1 | 12.2 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 44.9 | 100.0 | 896 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 69.8 | 68.3 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 47.7 | 0.8 | 11.2 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 30.2 | 100.0 | 1,742 |
| Rural | 55.3 | 53.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 40.6 | 0.0 | 9.2 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 44.7 | 100.0 | 3,401 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 52.4 | 51.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 37.7 | 0.4 | 10.2 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 47.6 | 100.0 | 599 |
| Mashonaland |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Central | 61.4 | 59.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 48.8 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 38.6 | 100.0 | 572 |
| Mashonaland East | 64.0 | 63.4 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 45.9 | 0.3 | 11.7 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 36.0 | 100.0 | 442 |
| Mashonaland West | 62.0 | 60.6 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 48.5 | 0.0 | 9.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 38.0 | 100.0 | 514 |
| Matabeleland North | 45.7 | 43.0 | 3.9 | 0.6 | 24.4 | 0.6 | 12.0 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 54.3 | 100.0 | 323 |
| Matabeleland South | 47.2 | 42.6 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 13.3 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 52.8 | 100.0 | 208 |
| Midlands | 63.4 | 61.1 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 44.9 | 0.2 | 10.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 36.6 | 100.0 | 728 |
| Masvingo | 54.1 | 52.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 39.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 45.9 | 100.0 | 697 |
| Harare | 71.9 | 70.2 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 53.8 | 0.8 | 8.6 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 28.1 | 100.0 | 760 |
| Bulawayo | 67.0 | 66.0 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 40.8 | 0.9 | 10.2 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 33.0 | 100.0 | 301 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 34.7 | 30.3 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 22.8 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 4.5 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 65.3 | 100.0 | 276 |
| Primary | 53.9 | 52.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 37.9 | 0.0 | 9.7 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 46.1 | 100.0 | 1,910 |
| Secondary | 66.0 | 64.6 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 48.7 | 0.4 | 10.4 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 34.0 | 100.0 | 2,788 |
| More than secondary | 78.4 | 75.6 | 10.3 | 0.6 | 38.1 | 2.7 | 10.5 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 21.6 | 100.0 | 169 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 48.0 | 45.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 34.6 | 0.0 | 8.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 52.0 | 100.0 | 1,034 |
| Second | 57.1 | 55.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 43.4 | 0.0 | 8.4 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 42.9 | 100.0 | 998 |
| Middle | 56.1 | 54.4 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 42.1 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 43.9 | 100.0 | 906 |
| Fourth | 66.5 | 65.5 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 49.3 | 0.2 | 10.3 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 33.5 | 100.0 | 1,183 |
| Highest | 72.1 | 70.6 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 44.5 | 1.2 | 12.9 | 4.4 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 27.9 | 100.0 | 1,023 |
| Total | 60.2 | 58.4 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 43.0 | 0.3 | 9.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 39.8 | 100.0 | 5,143 |

Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation.
LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method

Contraceptive use patterns among men are generally similar to those observed among women. Prevalence is higher among urban men; those living in Harare, Mashonaland West, and Masvingo; higher educated men; and men in the highest wealth quintile. It is interesting to note that 71 percent of married men with no living children, one to two children, and three to four children all reported that they were using a contraceptive method. Sixty-six percent of married men with five or more children reported that they were using a contraceptive method.

Table 5.7.2 Current use of contraception by background characteristics: men
Percent distribution of currently married men by contraceptive method currently used, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | $\begin{gathered} \text { Any } \\ \text { method } \end{gathered}$ | Any modern method | Modern method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Any traditional method | Traditional method |  |  | Not currently using | Total | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Fe- <br> male <br> sterili- <br> sation | Male sterilisation | Pill | IUD | Injectables | Implants | Male condom | Female condom | LAM |  | Peri- <br> odic <br> absti- <br> nence | Withdrawal | Folk method |  |  |  |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 70.8 | 68.3 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 51.4 | 0.4 | 7.2 | 1.6 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 29.2 | 100.0 | 1,073 |
| 1-2 | 71.4 | 69.5 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 52.1 | 0.6 | 9.5 | 0.7 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 28.6 | 100.0 | 1,424 |
| 3-4 | 70.5 | 68.0 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 55.2 | 0.3 | 6.2 | 1.1 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 29.5 | 100.0 | 645 |
| 5+ | 65.5 | 63.0 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 52.0 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 34.5 | 100.0 | 2776 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 76.1 | 74.1 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 53.5 | 0.7 | 8.6 | 2.5 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 23.9 | 100.0 | 1,271 |
| Rural | 68.8 | 66.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 54.6 | 0.3 | 7.5 | 0.1 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 31.2 | 100.0 | 1,861 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 70.5 | 66.0 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 49.0 | 0.1 | 9.5 | 0.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 0.9 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 29.5 | 100.0 | 335 |
| Mashonaland Central | 70.0 | 68.9 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 60.3 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 30.0 | 100.0 | 342 |
| Mashonaland East | 59.2 | 58.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 45.5 | 1.2 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 40.8 | 100.0 | 259 |
| Mashonaland West | 78.8 | 77.1 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 64.2 | 0.2 | 7.0 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 21.2 | 100.0 | 348 |
| Matabeleland North | 60.2 | 58.8 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 42.1 | 0.0 | 9.9 | 1.3 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 39.8 | 100.0 | 194 |
| Matabeleland South | 55.6 | 54.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 38.8 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 1.0 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 44.4 | 100.0 | 99 |
| Midlands | 67.9 | 65.9 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 52.8 | 0.3 | 7.2 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 32.1 | 100.0 | 446 |
| Masvingo | 79.5 | 75.6 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 61.1 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 0.2 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 20.5 | 100.0 | 352 |
| Harare | 81.3 | 79.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 61.1 | 1.1 | 9.6 | 1.8 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 18.7 | 100.0 | 574 |
| Bulawayo | 67.9 | 65.3 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 34.6 | 1.3 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 13.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 32.1 | 100.0 | 183 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 55.3 | 43.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 34.6 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 44.7 | 100.0 | 61 |
| Primary | 66.5 | 64.2 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 51.5 | 0.1 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 33.5 | 100.0 | 874 |
| Secondary | 74.1 | 72.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 56.6 | 0.6 | 8.1 | 1.3 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 25.9 | 100.0 | 1,941 |
| More than secondary | 76.0 | 73.3 | 3.4 | 0.9 | 49.6 | 0.6 | 8.7 | 3.2 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 24.0 | 100.0 | 255 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 64.5 | 61.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 52.3 | 0.2 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 35.5 | 100.0 | 527 |
| Second | 69.9 | 68.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 57.3 | 0.2 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 30.1 | 100.0 | 539 |
| Middle | 69.7 | 68.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 54.5 | 0.3 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 30.3 | 100.0 | 424 |
| Fourth | 74.6 | 71.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 56.1 | 0.6 | 7.8 | 0.7 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 25.4 | 100.0 | 948 |
| Highest | 76.1 | 74.5 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 50.2 | 0.7 | 9.4 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 23.9 | 100.0 | 695 |
| Total 15-49 | 71.8 | 69.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 54.2 | 0.4 | 8.0 | 1.1 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 28.2 | 100.0 | 3,132 |

Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation.
LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method

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

Couples use family planning methods to time births or to completely avoid pregnancy. An examination of first use of contraception among women interviewed in the 2005-06 ZDHS by the number of living children shows that younger women (15-34 years of age) initiated contraceptive use at lower parities than older women (Table 5.8). In general, the data show that few women began to use contraceptives before they had a child ( 5 percent).

Table 5.8 Number of children at first use of contraception
Percent distribution of women who have ever used contraception by number of living children at the time of first use of contraception, according to current age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Current age | Never used | Number of living children at time of first use of contraception |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4+ | Missing |  |  |
| 15-19 | 83.1 | 6.0 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 32.2 | 8.9 | 53.9 | 4.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 10.3 | 5.6 | 74.3 | 7.8 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 6.8 | 4.3 | 75.2 | 9.6 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 9.5 | 2.1 | 63.4 | 13.8 | 6.2 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 12.0 | 2.9 | 52.1 | 14.5 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 20.7 | 1.5 | 40.2 | 11.3 | 9.1 | 16.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 589 |
| Total | 33.0 | 5.4 | 49.5 | 6.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 8,907 |

### 5.7 Use Of Social Marketing Brand Pills

Women who were currently using oral contraceptives were asked for the brand name of the pills they last used. This information is useful in monitoring the success of social marketing programmes that promote a specific brand. Table 5.9 presents information on the percentage of pill users using social marketing brands by background characteristics. The public sector distributes Ovrette and LoFemenal, while Micronor, Marvellon, Duofem, and Excluton are marketed by the private sector.

The majority of the 2,362 women who knew the brand name of the pill they were using used oral contraceptive pills distributed by the public sector ( 90 percent). Among these women, 52 percent used LoFemenal and the remaining 38 percent used Ovrette. Almost all the remaining women (10 percent) used oral contraceptives marketed by the private sector. Of these women, 5 percent used Duofem, 3 percent used Marvellon, and 2 percent used Excluton.

| Table 5.9 Use of social marketing brand pills |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of pill users by brand of pill used, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Brand of pill used |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of pill users |
| Background characteristic | Ovrette | LoFemenal | Micronor | Marvellon | Duofem | Excluton | Other | Total |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 74.8 | 18.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 151 |
| 20-24 | 45.6 | 43.2 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 5.2 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 637 |
| 25-29 | 34.2 | 53.2 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 6.1 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 651 |
| 30-34 | 33.2 | 57.7 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 474 |
| 35-39 | 27.3 | 67.7 | 0.3 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 245 |
| 40-44 | 25.3 | 67.7 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 141 |
| 45-49 | 20.0 | 77.1 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 63 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 28.6 | 52.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 910 |
| Rural | 44.0 | 52.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,452 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 38.8 | 53.8 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 232 |
| Mashonaland Central | 42.6 | 53.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 283 |
| Mashonaland East | 41.8 | 54.8 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 219 |
| Mashonaland West | 39.9 | 55.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 270 |
| Matabeleland North | 41.7 | 42.7 | 6.8 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 89 |
| Matabeleland South | 28.1 | 61.5 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 5.2 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 47 |
| Midlands | 36.8 | 56.5 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 350 |
| Masvingo | 50.4 | 47.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 289 |
| Harare | 30.4 | 47.6 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 10.4 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 443 |
| Bulawayo | 21.3 | 52.1 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 11.5 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 141 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 33.3 | 62.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 65 |
| Primary | 44.5 | 51.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 770 |
| Secondary | 35.7 | 52.3 | 0.2 | 3.7 | 5.5 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,459 |
| More than secondary | 19.8 | 49.8 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 10.7 | 9.7 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 68 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 55.3 | 42.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 381 |
| Second | 43.6 | 53.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 452 |
| Middle | 42.2 | 52.2 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 398 |
| Fourth | 30.6 | 57.6 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 5.9 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 632 |
| Highest | 25.9 | 50.9 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 10.6 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 499 |
| Total | 38.0 | 52.2 | 0.3 | 2.6 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,362 |

Note: Table excludes pill users who do not know the brand name.

### 5.8 Use Of Social Marketing Brand Condoms

Women and men who were currently using condoms were asked for the brand name of the condoms they last used. Out of the 137 women interviewed in the 2005-06 ZDHS that knew the brand name of the condom that they were currently using, the majority ( 96 percent) were using the male condom (Table 5.10). Among women, Protector Plus is the most commonly used male condom brand ( 52 percent), followed by an unbranded condom distributed by the public sector that was used by 12 percent of the women. Of the women that were using female condoms (4 percent of all women reporting use of condoms), just over half reported that they were using the Care brand of the female condom.

Among the 499 men who knew the brand name of the condom, 83 percent reported using Protector Plus, and 12 percent used the unbranded condoms distributed by the public sector. Three percent of these men reported using Durex.

Table 5.10 Use of social marketing brand condoms
Percent distribution of condom users by brand of condom used with last sexual partner, according to urban-rural residence, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Condom brand | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Male condom |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Choice assorted | 3.2 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Durex | 2.7 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| Ecstasy | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Protector Plus | 52.3 | 50.4 | 51.6 | 88.5 | 76.7 | 83.0 |
| Rough Rider | 0.8 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Public sector distributed | 14.4 | 8.5 | 12.2 | 5.1 | 19.4 | 11.8 |
| Other male condom | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Don't know brand | 20.9 | 30.7 | 24.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Female condom |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Care | 2.8 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Other | 0.9 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Don't know brand | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of users | 86 | 51 | 137 | 267 | 215 | 499 |

Note: Total represents sexually active respondents who reported condoms as a current method of contraception and used a condom with the last sexual partner within 12 months preceding the survey. Condom use is based on respondents' reports.

### 5.9 Knowledge of the Fertile Period

An elementary knowledge of reproductive physiology provides a useful background for successful practice of coitus-associated methods such as withdrawal and condoms. Such knowledge is particularly critical in the use of periodic abstinence. The 2005-06 ZDHS included a question designed to obtain information on the respondent's understanding of when a woman is most likely to become pregnant during the menstrual cycle. Reponses from female and male respondents to this inquiry show that few people correctly identified that a women is most fertile halfway between two menstrual periods. Table 5.11 indicates that knowledge of the fertile period is minimal among women and men in Zimbabwe. Only 10 percent of the women and 6 percent of men were able to correctly identify the fertile period.

Table 5.11 Knowledge of fertile period
Percent distribution of women and men by knowledge of the fertile period during the ovulatory cycle, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  | All |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| women |  | \(\left.\begin{array}{c}All <br>


men\end{array}\right]\)| Perceived fertile period | 12.1 | 24.3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Just before her period begins | 1.9 | 3.5 |
| During her period | 35.0 | 20.9 |
| Right after her period has ended | 10.1 | 5.7 |
| Halfway between two periods | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Other | 19.6 | 20.9 |
| No specific time | 20.8 | 24.4 |
| Don't know | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Missing | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 8,907 | 7,175 |

### 5.10 Timing of Sterilisation

Women who reported that they use female sterilisation as a contraceptive method were asked additional questions about how old they were when the procedure was performed. The results indicate that around two-thirds ( 66 percent) of women who adopted female sterilisation had the procedure done when they were in their thirties while 17 percent were under age 30 and 18 percent were age 40 or older at the time of the sterilisation (not shown in table). The median age at the time the sterilisation was done was 33.9 years.

### 5.11 SOURCE OF SUPPLY

To obtain information on sources of modern contraceptives, all women who reported using modern methods of contraception were asked to state where they obtained their current method(s) the last time. Detailed information on the source of the family planning methods by each method is complicated by the fact that some respondents do not know for sure the name of the source. The data on this indicator should therefore be used with some caution.

Table 5.12 shows that the majority of contraceptive users obtained contraceptives from the public sector ( 68 percent). Twenty-two percent obtained their contraceptives from the private medical sector. There has been continued increase in the participation of the private medical sector in family planning service delivery from 12 percent in 1994 to 22 percent in 2005-06.

The public sector supplies the majority of injectables ( 78 percent), female sterilisation ( 71 percent), and oral contraceptives ( 68 percent). The main source of supply for male condoms is retail outlets (49 percent).

Within the public sector, central hospitals are reported as the main source of female sterilisation ( 69 percent) and implants ( 30 percent). Also within the public sector, provincial hospitals are the major source for the pill ( 34 percent) and injectables ( 42 percent). The most common source of the male condom is the supermarket (36 percent).

| Table 5.12 Source of modern contraceptive methods |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of current users of modern contraceptive methods by most recent source of method, according to method, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Most recent source of method | Female sterilisation | Pill | Injectables | Implants | Male condom | Total |
| Public sector | 70.6 | 68.3 | 78.4 | 59.2 | 29.7 | 67.8 |
| Central hospital | 69.4 | 15.3 | 17.9 | 29.8 | 5.8 | 17.7 |
| Provincial hospital | 0.0 | 33.6 | 42.0 | 11.6 | 12.9 | 32.1 |
| District/rural hospital | 0.0 | 9.6 | 15.5 | 1.3 | 2.9 | 9.8 |
| ZNFPC clinic | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 15.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| MOH mobile clinic | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 1.5 |
| ZNFPC CBD/depot holder | 0.0 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 4.4 |
| Other public | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.9 |
| Mission facility | 7.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Private medical sector | 21.5 | 23.5 | 15.2 | 35.3 | 13.3 | 21.8 |
| Private hospital/clinic | 19.0 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 3.2 |
| Pharmacy | 0.0 | 16.8 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 10.0 | 12.8 |
| Private doctor | 2.5 | 2.0 | 7.8 | 28.4 | 1.9 | 3.8 |
| CBD | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.8 |
| Other private medical | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Retail outlet | 0.0 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 49.2 | 7.8 |
| General dealer | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.2 | 0.6 |
| Supermarket | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.2 | 2.2 |
| Truck stop | 0.0 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 4.8 |
| Service station | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other retail | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Other private source | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 1.6 |
| Friends/relatives | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 1.6 |
| Other | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 0.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of users | 130 | 2,398 | 639 | 76 | 177 | 3,446 |

Note: Total includes other modern methods but excludes lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM). Total includes 17 IUD users, 3 male sterilisation users, and 5 female condom users who are not shown separately.
$C B D=$ Community-based distribution

### 5.12 INFORMED ChOICE

Women who are currently using a modern method and who started the last episode of use within five years of the survey were asked whether they were informed about the side effects or problems of the method, what to do if they experienced side effects, and other methods that they could use. This is a measure of the quality of family planning service provision. Table 5.13 shows the results from the 2005-06 ZDHS by method and the source of the current episode of use.

Half or more of contraceptive users were informed about side effects and what to do if they experienced them. At least 6 in 10 women were informed of other methods they could use. Of all the women who obtained their current family planning methods from the public and the private medical sector, the Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council (ZNFPC) has the highest proportion (76 percent) of women who were informed about side effects or method-related problems. Private doctors have the highest proportion of women who were informed about what to do if they experienced side effects ( 62 percent) and the highest proportion of women who were informed about other methods that they could use apart from the method that they are currently using (86 percent). Fifty-two percent of women who obtained their current methods from a ZNFPC community-based distribution (CBD) or depot holder were informed about other methods that they could use.

## Table 5.13 Informed choice

Among current users of modern methods who started the last episode of use within the five years preceding the survey, percentage who were informed about possible side effects or problems of that method, the percentage who were informed about what to do if they experienced side effects, and the percentage who were informed about other methods they could use, by method and source; and among sterilised women, the percentage who were informed that the method is permanent, by initial source of method, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Method/ source | 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 ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Method |  |  |  |  |
| Female sterilisation | 63.8 | 50.4 | 75.9 | 47 |
| Pill | 49.4 | 44.6 | 63.1 | 2,038 |
| Injectables | 53.1 | 45.8 | 59.2 | 553 |
| Implants | 62.8 | 50.4 | 66.8 | 72 |
| Initial source of method ${ }^{1,2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Public sector | 48.8 | 43.3 | 60.7 | 2,048 |
| Government hospital/clinic | 57.7 | 51.3 | 66.8 | 479 |
| Rural/municipal clinic | 44.4 | 38.8 | 59.5 | 1,050 |
| Rural health centre | 51.7 | 48.3 | 59.5 | 297 |
| ZNFPC clinic | (76.1) | (61.0) | (65.6) | 44 |
| MOH mobile clinic | (37.8) | (36.6) | (55.7) | 37 |
| ZNFPC CBD/depot holder | 42.6 | 38.6 | 52.2 | 127 |
| Other public | 24.9 | 11.1 | 55.1 | 10 |
| Mission facility | * | * | * | 3 |
| Private medical sector | 64.2 | 57.1 | 74.5 | 448 |
| Private hospital/clinic | 63.3 | 53.1 | 75.6 | 68 |
| Pharmacy | 62.2 | 56.7 | 70.7 | 285 |
| Private doctor | 72.3 | 62.1 | 85.8 | 89 |
| Other private medical | * | * | * | 6 |
| Other private sector | 34.8 | 33.3 | 41.2 | 59 |

Note: Table excludes users who obtained their method from friends/relatives. 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.
CBD $=$ Community-based distribution
${ }^{1}$ Includes users of the IUD, female condom, diaphragm, and foam or jelly for whom informed choice information is not presented separately
${ }^{2}$ Source at start of current episode of use

### 5.13 Reasons for Discontinuing Contraceptive Methods

Couples can realise their reproductive goals only when they consistently use reliable methods of contraception. Of particular concern to family planning programmes is the rate at which users discontinue contraceptive methods and the reasons for such discontinuation. Table 5.14 shows the distribution of discontinuation among all ever users during the five years preceding the 2005-06 ZDHS.

Among 4,356 discontinuations that occurred within the five years preceding the survey, the most common reason for discontinuing use is the desire to become pregnant (40 percent). This applies to all methods except for the male condom and the female condom for which the users most often cited infrequent sex or husband away. The desire to become pregnant is expressed by 46 percent of pill users, while infrequent sex or husband away is cited by 30 percent of male condom users.

| Table 5.14 Reasons for discontinuation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among all discontinuations of methods in the five years preceding the survey the percent distribution by main reason for discontinuation, according to method, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reason | Pill | Injectable | Condom | LAM | Withdrawal | All methods |
| Became pregnant while using | 13.2 | 6.0 | 9.2 | 14.6 | 31.2 | 12.2 |
| Wanted to become pregnant | 46.2 | 28.0 | 20.4 | 28.9 | 23.6 | 40.0 |
| Husband disapproved | 1.5 | 1.8 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 2.0 |
| Side effects | 7.9 | 21.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 9.1 |
| Health concerns | 3.5 | 8.4 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 4.0 |
| Access/availability | 3.1 | 7.5 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 |
| Wanted a more effective method | 3.0 | 2.2 | 8.3 | 15.6 | 2.7 | 3.6 |
| Inconvenient to use | 4.5 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 5.0 |
| Infrequent sex/husband away | 5.6 | 5.9 | 29.9 | 1.8 | 4.9 | 7.7 |
| Costs too much | 0.5 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Fatalistic | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| Difficult to get pregnant/ menopausal | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 0.5 |
| Marital dissolution/separation | 5.1 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| Other | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 1.1 |
| Don't know | 0.2 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.5 |
| Missing | 3.2 | 3.1 | 7.3 | 21.8 | 14.5 | 4.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of discontinuations | 2,994 | 685 | 358 | 86 | 124 | 4,356 |
| Note: The total includes the number of users that are not shown: 1 male sterilisation, 19 implant, 14 IUD, 16 female condom, 3 diaphragm, and 17 periodic abstinence. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. <br> LAM $=$ Lactational amenorrhoea method |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Across all family planning methods, a significant proportion of women discontinued use because of method failure ( 12 percent) or method-related side effects and health concerns (a combined percentage of 13 percent). It is noteworthy that nearly three in ten women who discontinued use of injectables stopped because of either side effects ( 21 percent) or health concerns ( 8 percent). Withdrawal has the highest failure rate with 31 percent of users who became pregnant while using the method. Other modern methods also have relatively high discontinuation rates attributable to method failure, notably LAM (15 percent), the pill (13 percent), and the condom ( 9 percent).

### 5.14 Future Use of Contraception

An important indicator of the changing demand for family planning is the extent to which nonusers plan to use family planning methods in the future, as this is a forecast of potential demand for services.

Currently married women who were not using contraceptives at the time of the survey were asked about their intention to use family planning in the future. Table 5.15 shows that 69 percent of the currently married nonusers indicated that they intend to use family planning methods in the future, while 28 percent said they do not intend to use a method. The proportion of women who intend to use a method is highest among women with none to three children and lowest among those with at least four children.

| Table 5.15 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, Zimbabwe 20052006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | of livin | hildren ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| Intention | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4+ | Total |
| Intends to use | 78.8 | 80.0 | 75.7 | 75.0 | 51.1 | 69.4 |
| Unsure | 2.7 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.4 |
| Does not intend to use | 18.5 | 16.2 | 22.0 | 22.5 | 46.1 | 27.7 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 256 | 480 | 414 | 262 | 633 | 2,045 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 5.15 Reasons for Not Intending to Use Contraception in the Future

Table 5.16 presents the main reasons why some currently married women who are not using a method do not intend to use one in the future. The results show that most of the women ( 54 percent) do not intend to use a method in the future due to fertility-related reasons. The second largest category is that of women who do not intend to use because of method-related reasons ( 24 percent), and the third category comprises women who are not willing to use due to opposition to use (16 percent). Almost 7 percent of the women did not intend to use because they wanted as many children as possible.

### 5.16 Preferred Method of Contraception for Future Use

Future demand for specific methods of family planning can be assessed by asking nonusers which method they intend to use. Table 5.17 presents information on method preference for married women who are not using contraceptives, but say that they intend to use them in the future. A majority of these women ( 63 percent) intend to use the pill, 22 percent intend to use injectables, and 4 percent intend to use implants.

Compared with the 1999 ZDHS, there is a slight decrease in the proportion of women that intend to use injectables, and an increase in those intending to use the pill and implants.

| Table 5.16 Reason for not intending to use |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| contraception in the future |  |
| Percent distribution of currently married women |  |
| who are not using a contraceptive method and |  |
| who do not intend to use in the future, by main |  |
| reason for not intending to use, Zimbabwe 2005- |  |
| 2006 |  |
| Reason |  |
| Fertility-related reasons | Percent |
| Infrequent sex/no sex | 54.2 |
| Menopausal/had hysterectomy | 11.2 |
| Subfecund/infecund | 18.5 |
| Wants as many children as | 17.8 |
| possible |  |
| Opposition to use | 6.7 |
| Respondent opposed | 15.6 |
| Husband/partner opposed | 1.5 |
| Others opposed | 2.6 |
| Religious prohibition | 0.2 |
| Lack of knowledge | 11.3 |
| Knows no method | 1.4 |
| Knows no source | 0.8 |
| Method-related reasons | 0.6 |
| Health concerns | 23.8 |
| Fear of side effects | 6.0 |
| Lack of access/too far | 9.1 |
| Costs too much | 0.1 |
| Inconvenient to use | 0.8 |
| Interferes with body's normal | 4.2 |
| processes | 1.8 |
| Other |  |
| Don't know |  |
| Total |  |
| Number of women | 100.0 |
|  |  |


| Table 5.17 Preferred method of contraception |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of curre women who are not using a method but who intend to use in preferred method, according Zimbabwe 2005-2006 | married ntraceptive future, by to age, |
| Method | Percent |
| Female sterilisation | 2.3 |
| Male sterilisation | 0.0 |
| Pill | 63.2 |
| IUD | 1.4 |
| Injectables | 22.4 |
| Implants | 4.0 |
| Condom | 1.9 |
| Female condom | 0.6 |
| Diaphragm | 0.1 |
| Lactational amenorrhoea method | 0.2 |
| Periodic abstinence | 0.1 |
| Withdrawal | 0.7 |
| Other | 0.7 |
| Unsure | 2.4 |
| Total | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 1,420 |

### 5.17 Exposure to Family Planning Messages in the Media

Radio, television, and newspapers and/or magazines are the major sources of information about family planning in the media in Zimbabwe. Information on the level of public exposure to a particular type of media allows policymakers to ensure the use of the most effective media for the various target groups. To assess the effectiveness of such media on the dissemination of family planning information, all female and male respondents in the 2005-06 ZDHS were asked whether they had heard messages about family planning on the radio or seen them on television or in newspapers and magazines during the few months preceding the survey (Table 5.18).

Overall, 26 percent of women reported that they had recently heard a family planning message on the radio, 19 percent had seen a message on television, and 15 percent saw messages in newspapers and magazines. These proportions do not vary significantly by the woman's age. However, sharp contrasts in access to media messages are observed between women in urban areas and those in rural areas. Women in urban areas are about three times as likely as those in rural areas to have access to family planning messages on the radio, six times as likely as those in rural areas to have access to family planning messages broadcast on television, and five times more likely to have access to family planning messages through newspapers and magazines.

The proportion of women who were exposed to family planning messages on the radio varies among provinces from 14 percent in Matabeleland North and Matabeleland South to 58 percent in Bulawayo. Similarly, the proportion exposed to family planning information through television ranges from 7 percent in Masvingo to 54 percent in Bulawayo, and through newspapers and magazines, from 6 percent in Masvingo and Mashonaland Central to 46 percent in Bulawayo. Exposure to family planning messages increases as the respondent's education level and wealth status increases.

Table 5.18 Exposure to family planning messages
Percentage of women and men who heard or saw a family planning message on the radio or television or in a newspaper/magazine in the past few months, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Radio | Television | Newspaper/ magazine | None of these three media sources | Number of women | Radio | Television | Newspaper/ magazine | None of these three media sources | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 22.1 | 16.6 | 13.6 | 72.0 | 2,152 | 25.5 | 18.3 | 18.2 | 66.6 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 25.3 | 20.2 | 17.1 | 67.8 | 1,952 | 36.8 | 25.8 | 29.2 | 54.6 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 31.5 | 21.6 | 17.1 | 63.9 | 1,466 | 39.8 | 26.9 | 30.3 | 51.3 | 1,082 |
| 30-34 | 29.6 | 21.5 | 16.0 | 65.1 | 1,216 | 42.5 | 30.3 | 33.5 | 47.7 | 882 |
| 35-39 | 26.6 | 20.6 | 15.2 | 67.5 | 834 | 41.8 | 29.9 | 36.2 | 48.9 | 663 |
| 40-44 | 25.7 | 18.2 | 11.2 | 70.8 | 699 | 42.6 | 31.8 | 36.1 | 50.4 | 469 |
| 45-49 | 20.6 | 14.3 | 9.2 | 76.3 | 589 | 40.7 | 25.5 | 25.8 | 52.9 | 409 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 42.1 | 39.2 | 29.5 | 47.0 | 3,502 | 51.4 | 48.2 | 49.3 | 34.3 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 15.5 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 82.6 | 5,405 | 25.6 | 9.8 | 13.3 | 70.0 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 24.0 | 15.9 | 13.2 | 72.3 | 1,043 | 32.7 | 23.0 | 27.2 | 56.8 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 19.8 | 10.2 | 5.9 | 78.6 | 825 | 29.9 | 14.7 | 16.3 | 64.5 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 25.7 | 14.7 | 13.3 | 71.0 | 714 | 36.3 | 19.4 | 25.7 | 58.1 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 19.9 | 16.3 | 10.2 | 75.6 | 829 | 25.4 | 16.6 | 18.2 | 70.3 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 13.6 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 81.8 | 536 | 24.8 | 11.0 | 17.9 | 69.0 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 14.4 | 11.5 | 10.5 | 79.7 | 439 | 29.7 | 21.6 | 21.6 | 67.0 | 306 |
| Midlands | 22.7 | 13.5 | 6.5 | 75.2 | 1,193 | 31.4 | 18.8 | 16.7 | 66.0 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 16.6 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 80.4 | 1,137 | 33.8 | 16.5 | 17.9 | 58.3 | 771 |
| Harare | 37.1 | 34.3 | 27.7 | 50.0 | 1,492 | 49.6 | 45.6 | 50.2 | 34.1 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 57.8 | 53.9 | 46.0 | 32.4 | 697 | 57.3 | 54.3 | 56.8 | 26.1 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 7.1 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 92.0 | 380 | 21.9 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 76.9 | 88 |
| Primary | 15.5 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 82.7 | 2,902 | 21.0 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 76.3 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 31.9 | 25.2 | 20.1 | 61.0 | 5,355 | 40.3 | 29.4 | 32.7 | 49.8 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 47.5 | 56.4 | 48.5 | 34.8 | 270 | 56.4 | 58.9 | 66.1 | 24.7 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 92.7 | 1,552 | 16.6 | 3.2 | 7.3 | 80.3 | 1,042 |
| Second | 12.9 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 85.9 | 1,500 | 23.4 | 5.7 | 8.0 | 73.3 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 17.2 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 80.3 | 1,546 | 26.0 | 10.4 | 14.7 | 69.4 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 34.3 | 23.1 | 17.3 | 59.7 | 2,006 | 46.0 | 32.9 | 34.7 | 44.4 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 46.1 | 46.2 | 34.6 | 40.9 | 2,304 | 53.1 | 55.7 | 57.1 | 29.8 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 26.0 | 19.2 | 14.9 | 68.6 | 8,907 | 36.0 | 25.3 | 27.8 | 55.6 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | na | na | na | na | na | 36.4 | 25.6 | 27.9 | 55.4 | 7,175 |

In general, men seem to have had more exposure to family planning messages through the media than their female counterparts. Like women, however, exposure to family planning messages on the radio, television, and newspapers and magazines varies among provinces. Men in Harare and Bulawayo have the highest level of exposure to family planning messages in all three media. Exposure to family planning messages varies with men's education; men with at least a secondary school level of education are more exposed to family planning messages through the media than those with a primary school level of education or no education at all. Men's exposure to family planning messages through the media also increases with wealth.

### 5.18 Contact of Nonusers with Family Planning Providers

Given the importance of family planning services to the improvement of women's and children's health, it is critical to make use of opportunities to inform potential users. There are also missed opportunities to inform nonusers. Information on missed opportunities was gathered by asking female nonusers if they had visited a health facility in the 12 months preceding the survey. Nonusers were also asked whether anyone at the health facility had discussed family planning with them during their visit. Community-based distribution (CBD) workers, who are largely based in rural areas, are expected to visit women and men of reproductive age who are nonusers of modern family planning methods to discuss options and, when indicated, motivate them to adopt a method of family planning. To obtain an indication of the frequency of such visits, women were asked whether a CBD worker visited them within the past 12 months. Women who visited a health facility in the past 12 months for personal care or care of their children were also asked whether health providers at the facility spoke to them about family planning methods.

The data in Table 5.19 show that family planning workers visited 3 percent of nonusers to discuss family planning. Overall, 92 percent of nonusers did not discuss family planning with a CBD worker or a service provider at a health facility in the 12 months before the survey. This represents a large pool of potential users of family planning who could be targeted for family planning counselling. A more vigorous outreach programme will be needed to reach these women.

Eighteen percent of nonusers visited a health facility in the past 12 months but did not discuss family planning with a service provider at the health facility. This is a significant fraction of nonusers and represents missed opportunities to motivate them to adopt family planning.

## Table 5.19 Contact of nonusers with family planning providers

Percentage of women who are not using contraception who were visited by a fieldworker who discussed family planning, who visited a health facility and discussed family planning, and who visited a health facility but did not discuss family planning, in the 12 months preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women who were visited by fieldworker who discussed family planning | Women who visited health facility and discussed family planning | Women who visited health facility, did not discuss family planning | Women who did not discuss family planning with fieldworker or at a health facility | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 13.2 | 95.9 | 1,942 |
| 20-24 | 2.1 | 6.6 | 19.9 | 91.4 | 1,096 |
| 25-29 | 4.2 | 9.3 | 23.7 | 87.7 | 557 |
| 30-34 | 4.3 | 9.6 | 22.3 | 87.5 | 505 |
| 35-39 | 3.2 | 9.6 | 18.3 | 88.3 | 420 |
| 40-44 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 19.8 | 92.1 | 398 |
| 45-49 | 2.7 | 4.8 | 17.3 | 93.5 | 413 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.8 | 4.7 | 15.2 | 93.8 | 2,034 |
| Rural | 3.6 | 5.7 | 19.4 | 91.3 | 3,297 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 1.7 | 2.6 | 7.4 | 95.8 | 699 |
| Mashonaland Central | 4.5 | 11.5 | 31.0 | 85.6 | 448 |
| Mashonaland East | 3.7 | 2.8 | 10.9 | 93.8 | 400 |
| Mashonaland West | 1.7 | 7.5 | 9.2 | 91.2 | 457 |
| Matabeleland North | 3.8 | 8.4 | 43.8 | 88.3 | 367 |
| Matabeleland South | 4.1 | 6.8 | 46.4 | 89.4 | 306 |
| Midlands | 2.2 | 4.6 | 21.8 | 93.8 | 680 |
| Masvingo | 5.1 | 5.1 | 8.2 | 90.6 | 702 |
| Harare | 1.4 | 4.7 | 11.3 | 94.1 | 839 |
| Bulawayo | 2.6 | 2.8 | 15.4 | 95.0 | 432 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 2.6 | 5.8 | 13.1 | 92.4 | 269 |
| Primary | 3.3 | 4.7 | 18.7 | 92.6 | 1,733 |
| Secondary | 2.8 | 5.6 | 17.6 | 92.0 | 3,215 |
| More than secondary | 1.2 | 7.2 | 19.6 | 91.6 | 114 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.0 | 6.6 | 19.6 | 90.4 | 996 |
| Second | 3.2 | 5.4 | 20.9 | 92.2 | 872 |
| Middle | 3.2 | 5.6 | 19.6 | 91.7 | 973 |
| Fourth | 3.3 | 5.4 | 15.8 | 91.8 | 1,081 |
| Highest | 1.5 | 4.3 | 14.7 | 94.3 | 1,410 |
| Total | 2.9 | 5.3 | 17.8 | 92.2 | 5,331 |

### 5.19 Husband or Partner's Knowledge of Woman's Use of Contraception

Table 5.20 shows that almost all of the currently married women who were interviewed in the 2005-06 ZDHS who were using a contraceptive method reported that their husbands or partners knew that they were using a family planning method ( 97 percent). There were only minor variations in this proportion across population subgroups.

| Table 5.20 Husband/partner's knowledge of woman's use of contraception |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among currently married women who are using a method, percent distribution by whether they report that their husbands/partners know about their use, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Knows ${ }^{1}$ | Does not know | Unsure whether knows/ missing | Total | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 97.4 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 164 |
| 20-24 | 96.2 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 739 |
| 25-29 | 97.6 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 791 |
| 30-34 | 97.3 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 636 |
| 35-39 | 96.4 | 3.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 357 |
| 40-44 | 95.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 267 |
| 45-49 | 93.9 | 4.7 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 145 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 96.9 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,216 |
| Rural | 96.5 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,882 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 96.8 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 314 |
| Mashonaland Central | 98.6 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 351 |
| Mashonaland East | 95.5 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 283 |
| Mashonaland West | 96.9 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 319 |
| Matabeleland North | 94.7 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 147 |
| Matabeleland South | 91.5 | 6.6 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 98 |
| Midlands | 96.8 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 461 |
| Masvingo | 97.5 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 377 |
| Harare | 96.9 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 546 |
| Bulawayo | 95.3 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 93.9 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 96 |
| Primary | 96.0 | 3.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,030 |
| Secondary | 97.0 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,840 |
| More than secondary | 99.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 133 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 96.6 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 496 |
| Second | 97.0 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 570 |
| Middle | 94.2 | 4.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 508 |
| Fourth | 97.7 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 786 |
| Highest | 97.0 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 738 |
| Total | 96.6 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 3,098 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Includes women who report use of male sterilisation or male condoms |  |  |  |  |  |

This chapter addresses the principal factors other than contraception that affect a woman's risk of becoming pregnant: nuptiality and sexual intercourse, postpartum amenorrhoea and abstinence from sexual relations, and menopause.

Marriage is a primary indication of the exposure of women to the risk of pregnancy and therefore is important for the understanding of fertility. Populations in which age at marriage is low tend to have high fertility and initiate childbearing at an early age. For this reason, there is an interest in age at marriage.

This chapter also includes information on more direct measures of the beginning of exposure to pregnancy and the level of exposure: age at first intercourse and the frequency of intercourse.

Finally, measures of several other proximate determinants of fertility that, like marriage and sexual intercourse, influence exposure to the risk of pregnancy are presented: duration of postpartum amenorrhoea, postpartum abstinence, and menopause.

### 6.1 Marital Status

Table 6.1 presents the percent distribution of women and men by current marital status. The proportion of never-married women declines sharply from 76 percent in the 15-19 year age group to 1 percent among women 45-49 years of age. Marriage is thus nearly universal in Zimbabwe. Fifty-six percent of women 15-49 and 43 percent of men 15-49 are currently married. These figures have remained fairly constant over the last decade.

Twenty-seven percent of women and 50 percent of men have never been married. One percent of women reported that they live with their partner, while 5 percent are divorced, 3 percent are separated, and 8 percent are widowed. Men reported that 2 percent live with their partner, while 2 percent are divorced, 2 percent are separated, and 1 percent are widowed.

| Table 6.1 Current marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women and men by current marital status, according to age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Marital status |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number |
| Age | Never married | Married | Living together | Divorced | Separated | Widowed |  |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 76.2 | 20.2 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 28.4 | 59.5 | 1.9 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 9.0 | 74.7 | 2.0 | 5.6 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 3.5 | 75.3 | 1.5 | 6.7 | 3.7 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 3.0 | 65.1 | 1.6 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 21.0 | 100.0 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 0.6 | 68.0 | 1.4 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 20.3 | 100.0 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 0.9 | 66.4 | 0.9 | 6.0 | 2.7 | 23.1 | 100.0 | 589 |
| Total women 15-49 | 27.0 | 56.3 | 1.4 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 7.5 | 100.0 | 8,907 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 99.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 75.5 | 19.7 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 29.0 | 60.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,082 |
| 30-34 | 6.6 | 81.1 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 882 |
| 35-39 | 4.5 | 83.8 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 663 |
| 40-44 | 2.0 | 84.3 | 4.1 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 469 |
| 45-49 | 1.3 | 86.1 | 4.1 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 409 |
| Total men 15-49 | 49.6 | 43.2 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 6,863 |
| Total men 15-54 | 47.5 | 45.1 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 7,175 |

### 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 in Zimbabwe was measured by asking all currently married female respondents the question: "Besides yourself, how many other wives does your husband have?" For currently married men, the question was: "How many wives do you have?"

## Number of Co-Wives and Wives

Table 6.2 shows the distribution of currently married women by the number of co-wives according to selected background characteristics. The majority of married women are in monogamous unions ( 84 percent), while 11 percent are in polygynous unions.

The proportion of women in polygynous unions increases with age, and rural women are almost three times as likely as urban women to be in a polygynous relationship ( 15 percent compared with 5 percent, respectively). There is substantial variation by province. Women in Mashonaland Central reported the highest prevalence of polygynous relationships (18 percent), while the lowest prevalence was reported in Bulawayo (2 percent).

| Table 6.2 Number of co-wives and wives |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Women: number of co-wives |  |  |  | Total | Number of women | Men: number of wives |  |  | Total | Number of men |
|  | 0 | 1 | $2+$ | Missing |  |  | 1 | $2+$ | Missing |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 90.9 | 4.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 448 | * | * | * | 100.0 | 8 |
| 20-24 | 85.9 | 5.9 | 3.1 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 1,200 | 97.5 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 311 |
| 25-29 | 85.6 | 6.3 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 1,125 | 97.2 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 692 |
| 30-34 | 82.5 | 7.9 | 5.8 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 933 | 95.5 | 4.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 755 |
| 35-39 | 82.9 | 7.4 | 3.4 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 556 | 94.6 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 581 |
| 40-44 | 78.9 | 10.7 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 485 | 94.3 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 414 |
| 45-49 | 76.5 | 11.0 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 396 | 91.7 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 369 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 89.0 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 1,742 | 97.0 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,271 |
| Rural | 81.4 | 9.1 | 5.7 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 3,401 | 94.1 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,861 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 83.1 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 599 | 93.6 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 335 |
| Mashonaland Central | 81.7 | 13.2 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 572 | 91.8 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 342 |
| Mashonaland East | 83.4 | 6.1 | 2.6 | 8.0 | 100.0 | 442 | 96.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 259 |
| Mashonaland West | 83.2 | 8.1 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 514 | 96.4 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 348 |
| Matabeleland North | 90.6 | 6.0 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 323 | 95.1 | 4.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 194 |
| Matabeleland South | 60.4 | 7.5 | 2.1 | 30.0 | 100.0 | 208 | 97.1 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 99 |
| Midlands | 83.1 | 10.8 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 728 | 93.7 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 446 |
| Masvingo | 83.1 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 697 | 96.5 | 3.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 352 |
| Harare | 90.4 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 760 | 96.3 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 574 |
| Bulawayo | 88.9 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 8.9 | 100.0 | 301 | 99.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 183 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 67.7 | 19.2 | 9.1 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 276 | 83.3 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 61 |
| Primary | 81.4 | 8.6 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 1,910 | 92.7 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 874 |
| Secondary | 86.9 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 2,788 | 96.4 | 3.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,941 |
| More than secondary | 90.2 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 169 | 99.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 255 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 77.3 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 1,034 | 91.9 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 526 |
| Second | 83.5 | 8.0 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 998 | 92.7 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 539 |
| Middle | 82.0 | 7.6 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 906 | 96.4 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 424 |
| Fourth | 88.3 | 4.4 | 2.0 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 1,183 | 96.2 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 948 |
| Highest | 87.7 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 1,023 | 97.9 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 695 |
| Total | 83.9 | 7.2 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 5,143 | 94.9 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,419 |
| Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

There is an inverse relationship between education and polygyny. A higher proportion of women with no education reported being in unions with co-wives ( 28 percent) compared with women who are educated. The difference is especially pronounced when compared with women with more than secondary education (2 percent). As expected, there is also an inverse relationship between wealth and polygyny. Women in the lowest wealth quintile are more likely to be in polygynous unions than women in the highest wealth quintile ( 20 percent compared with 6 percent, respectively).

The data for currently married men in Table 6.2 show that the majority of men age 15-49 reported they were in monogamous unions ( 95 percent), 5 percent of men are in polygynous unions. As with women, the proportion of men who reported that they were in polygynous unions increases with age.

There are substantial provincial variations in the distribution of men who are in polygynous unions, ranging from less than 1 percent in Bulawayo to 8 percent in Mashonaland Central. The differentials by province follow the same trends observed for women. Likewise, there is an inverse relationship between polygyny and education and wealth.

### 6.3 Age at First Marriage

For most societies, marriage marks the point in a woman's life when childbearing first becomes socially acceptable. Women who marry early will, on average, have longer exposure to pregnancy and a greater number of lifetime births. Information on age at first marriage was obtained by asking all evermarried respondents the month and year they started living together with their first spouse.

Table 6.3 presents the percentages of both women and men who have ever married by selected exact ages and the median age at first marriage, according to current age. The median age at first marriage in Zimbabwe has risen slowly from 18.8 years among women age 45-49 to 19.5 years among women age $20-24$ years (representing recent marital patterns). The proportion of women married by age 15 years declined from 10 percent among those age 45-49 years to 3 percent among women age 15-19 years. Overall, 58 percent of women in Zimbabwe currently age 25-49 years were married by age 20 years, and the median age of marriage for women in the same age group was 19.3 years. The same pattern was observed in the 1999 ZDHS.

| 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage first married by exact age: |  |  |  |  | Percentage never |  | Median age at first |
| Current age | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 | married | Number | marriage |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.6 | na | na | na | na | 76.2 | 2,152 | a |
| 20-24 | 4.6 | 33.6 | 56.0 | na | na | 28.4 | 1,952 | 19.5 |
| 25-29 | 5.4 | 29.4 | 54.1 | 73.1 | 86.6 | 9.0 | 1,466 | 19.6 |
| 30-34 | 9.0 | 33.3 | 56.8 | 74.3 | 87.5 | 3.5 | 1,216 | 19.4 |
| 35-39 | 8.0 | 31.9 | 52.7 | 71.5 | 84.6 | 3.0 | 834 | 19.7 |
| 40-44 | 9.3 | 43.2 | 67.4 | 81.6 | 91.3 | 0.6 | 699 | 18.5 |
| 45-49 | 10.4 | 38.0 | 64.3 | 80.1 | 91.5 | 0.9 | 589 | 18.8 |
| 20-49 | 7.0 | 33.8 | 57.2 | na | na | 11.3 | 6,755 | 19.4 |
| 25-49 | 7.9 | 33.9 | 57.7 | 75.2 | 87.7 | 4.3 | 4,803 | 19.3 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | na | na | na | na | na | 99.3 | 1,899 | a |
| 20-24 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 8.1 | na | na | 75.5 | 1,459 | a |
| 25-29 | 0.3 | 3.6 | 12.7 | 29.8 | 57.1 | 29.0 | 1,082 | 24.2 |
| 30-34 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 10.3 | 27.0 | 55.8 | 6.6 | 882 | 24.4 |
| 35-39 | 1.5 | 7.4 | 12.3 | 29.7 | 53.1 | 4.5 | 663 | 24.6 |
| 40-44 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 14.7 | 27.9 | 51.3 | 2.0 | 469 | 24.9 |
| 45-49 | 1.1 | 5.6 | 18.1 | 32.5 | 63.0 | 1.3 | 409 | 23.4 |
| 20-49 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 11.5 | 25.7 | 46.7 | 30.6 | 4,964 | 25.5 |
| 25-49 | 0.6 | 4.7 | 12.9 | 29.1 | 55.9 | 11.9 | 3,505 | 24.3 |
| 20-54 | 0.4 | 4.1 | 11.5 | na | na | 28.8 | 5,276 | a |
| 25-54 | 0.5 | 4.7 | 12.8 | 29.1 | 55.9 | 10.9 | 3,817 | 24.3 |
| 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 married for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Men tend to enter into marriage at a much later age than women. The median age at first marriage for men 25-49 years of age is 24.3 years, five years older than women in the same age group. Only 13 percent of men age 25-49 are married by the age of 20, compared with 58 percent of women in the same age group.

### 6.4 Median Age at First Marriage

Tables 6.4.1 and 6.4.2 examine the median age at first marriage for women and men age 20-49 years, by background characteristics. The overall median age at first marriage observed for women age $25-49$ is 19.3 years. Women in urban areas marry about one year later than those in rural areas. For women age 25-49, Mashonaland Central has the lowest median age at first marriage (18.4 years), while Bulawayo has the highest (20.9 years).

| Table 6.4.1 Median age at first marriage: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median age at first marriage among women age 20(25)-49, by current age, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Age |  |  |  |  |  | Women | Women |
| characteristic | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 20-49 | 25-49 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | a | 20.5 | 20.4 | 20.3 | 19.2 | 19.2 | a | 20.1 |
| Rural | 18.5 | 18.9 | 18.7 | 19.3 | 18.2 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 18.8 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 19.1 | 19.2 | 19.3 | 19.5 | 17.9 | 19.4 | 19.1 | 19.1 |
| Mashonaland Central | 17.8 | 18.6 | 18.1 | 18.3 | 18.8 | 17.8 | 18.2 | 18.4 |
| Mashonaland East | 19.2 | 18.8 | 19.3 | 20.0 | 18.3 | 18.1 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| Mashonaland West | 18.0 | 19.1 | 18.9 | 19.3 | 17.3 | 18.3 | 18.5 | 18.6 |
| Matabeleland North | a | 20.0 | 19.0 | 20.0 | 19.5 | 19.0 | 19.7 | 19.6 |
| Matabeleland South | a | 20.4 | 20.4 | 21.4 | 19.9 | 19.6 | a | 20.3 |
| Midlands | 19.0 | 19.6 | 19.3 | 19.7 | 18.4 | 18.5 | 19.2 | 19.2 |
| Masvingo | 18.6 | 19.1 | 18.4 | 18.3 | 18.1 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 18.6 |
| Harare | a | 20.7 | 20.3 | 19.9 | 19.4 | 18.6 | a | 20.1 |
| Bulawayo | a | 21.1 | 21.4 | 21.1 | 20.5 | 20.5 | a | 20.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.6 | 17.5 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.6 | 18.0 | 17.7 | 17.7 |
| Primary | 17.3 | 18.1 | 17.8 | 17.9 | 18.1 | 18.9 | 18.0 | 18.2 |
| Secondary | a | 20.1 | 20.0 | 20.7 | 19.8 | 19.8 | a | 20.2 |
| More than secondary | a | 23.1 | 21.9 | 24.8 | 21.6 | 23.3 | a | 22.7 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.7 | 18.6 | 18.2 | 18.5 | 18.4 | 18.6 | 18.2 | 18.5 |
| Second | 18.2 | 18.5 | 18.1 | 19.6 | 18.0 | 18.9 | 18.5 | 18.6 |
| Middle | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.3 | 19.6 | 17.9 | 18.5 | 19.1 | 18.9 |
| Fourth | 19.7 | 20.1 | 19.8 | 19.6 | 18.6 | 18.8 | 19.6 | 19.6 |
| Highest | a | 20.8 | 20.6 | 20.9 | 19.5 | 19.4 | a | 20.5 |
| Total | 19.5 | 19.6 | 19.4 | 19.7 | 18.5 | 18.8 | 19.4 | 19.3 |
| Note: The age at first marriage is defined as the age at which the respondent began living with her first spouse/partner. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. $a=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women married for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Among women, there is a marked relationship between education and the median age at first marriage. The median age at first marriage for women age 25-49 years with no formal education is 17.7 years, compared with 22.7 years for those with more than a secondary education. Within education groups, age at first marriage has remained virtually constant since the 1999 ZDHS, with the exception of women with more than a secondary education, where the median age has decreased by almost one year. There is a positive correlation between age at first marriage and wealth. Women age 25-49 years in the lowest quintile marry two years earlier than women in the highest wealth quintile (18.5 years compared with 20.5 years, respectively).

The median age at first marriage for men $25-49$ years is 24.3 years of age, which is five years later than women marry. Differences in the median age at first marriage among men by background characteristics are similar to those observed among women, as shown in Table 6.4.2.

Table 6.4.2 Median age at first marriage: men
Median age at first marriage among men age 25-49, by current age, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Age |  |  |  |  | Men age$25-49$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | a | 25.2 | 25.5 | 25.0 | 23.8 | a |
| Rural | 23.3 | 23.7 | 24.0 | 24.7 | 23.1 | 23.7 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 24.5 | 25.0 | 25.1 | 25.8 | 22.6 | 24.8 |
| Mashonaland Central | 22.5 | 23.3 | 22.7 | 23.7 | 22.9 | 22.8 |
| Mashonaland East | 24.3 | 23.6 | 26.0 | 22.9 | 23.9 | 24.1 |
| Mashonaland West | 22.9 | 24.4 | 24.2 | 23.5 | 21.7 | 23.4 |
| Matabeleland North | 24.0 | 23.6 | 24.8 | 25.0 | 24.5 | 24.2 |
| Matabeleland South | (4.9) | 25.8 | 24.6 | 25.4 | 24.9 | a |
| Midlands | 23.5 | 24.0 | 23.7 | 24.8 | 24.1 | 24.0 |
| Masvingo | 23.5 | 23.4 | 24.9 | 25.5 | 22.5 | 23.7 |
| Harare | 25.0 | 25.3 | 25.0 | 24.0 | 24.4 | 24.9 |
| Bulawayo | a | 25.2 | 27.9 | 25.8 | 24.3 | a |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | a | 23.6 | 29.1 | 24.9 | 22.7 | 23.9 |
| Primary | 22.5 | 23.2 | 22.3 | 23.4 | 23.2 | 22.9 |
| Secondary | 24.3 | 24.7 | 24.9 | 25.2 | 23.9 | 24.6 |
| More than secondary | a | 25.2 | 26.3 | 26.5 | 23.9 | a |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 22.2 | 23.1 | 23.3 | 23.4 | 22.2 | 22.7 |
| Second | 23.1 | 23.8 | 23.6 | 24.8 | 23.7 | 23.7 |
| Middle | 24.6 | 25.1 | 24.6 | 25.4 | 23.8 | 24.7 |
| Fourth | 24.4 | 24.8 | 24.6 | 24.9 | 23.1 | 24.5 |
| Highest | a | 25.0 | 26.4 | 25.2 | 24.1 | a |
| Total | 24.2 | 24.4 | 24.6 | 24.9 | 23.4 | 24.3 |

Note: The age at first marriage is defined as the age at which the respondent began living with his first spouse/partner. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. $\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the men married for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group

### 6.5 Age at First Sexual Intercourse

Age at first marriage is generally used as a proxy for the beginning of exposure to the risk of pregnancy. However, the two events may not occur at the same time. Given the fact that some women are sexually active before marriage, the age at which women initiate sexual intercourse more precisely marks the beginning of their exposure to reproductive risks.

The percentage of women and men who had sexual intercourse by specific exact ages is presented in Table 6.5. The median age at first intercourse for women is 18 years for those currently age 40-49 years and 19 years for women age 20-39 years. Among women age $25-49,9$ percent had sexual intercourse by age 15 and 42 percent by age 18. By age 20 more than six in ten Zimbabwean women have had sexual intercourse (66 percent).

Zimbabwean men begin having sexual intercourse at a later age than women. Among men age $25-49$, the median age at first intercourse is 20.2 years. In the same age group, 3 percent of men have had sexual intercourse by age 15 and 23 percent by age 18. By age 20 less than half of men have initiated sexual intercourse (47 percent).

| Table 6.5 Age at first sexual intercourse |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of respondents who had first sexual intercourse by specific exact ages, percentage who never had intercourse, and median age at first intercourse, according to current age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage who had first sexual intercourse by exact age: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who never had |  | Median age at first |
| Current age | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 | intercourse | Number | intercourse |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 4.9 | na | na | na | na | 67.9 | 2,152 | a |
| 20-24 | 5.8 | 37.0 | 65.7 | na | na | 16.5 | 1,952 | 18.8 |
| 25-29 | 6.8 | 38.2 | 61.6 | 78.3 | 89.3 | 3.4 | 1,466 | 18.9 |
| 30-34 | 8.5 | 38.4 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 87.2 | 0.6 | 1,216 | 18.9 |
| 35-39 | 10.3 | 42.4 | 65.4 | 80.8 | 88.9 | 0.6 | 834 | 18.6 |
| 40-44 | 9.9 | 51.3 | 78.1 | 88.6 | 93.9 | 0.1 | 699 | 17.9 |
| 45-49 | 12.3 | 49.6 | 72.6 | 85.5 | 91.2 | 0.2 | 589 | 18.0 |
| 20-49 | 8.0 | 40.8 | 66.1 | na | na | 5.7 | 6,755 | 18.7 |
| 25-49 | 9.0 | 42.3 | 66.3 | 81.3 | 89.6 | 1.3 | 4,803 | 18.6 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5.2 | na | na | na | na | 72.5 | 1,899 | a |
| 20-24 | 3.6 | 26.2 | 54.4 | na | na | 23.6 | 1,459 | 19.7 |
| 25-29 | 3.6 | 25.5 | 50.2 | 70.4 | 87.4 | 5.2 | 1,082 | 20.0 |
| 30-34 | 2.4 | 22.2 | 45.2 | 67.1 | 83.8 | 0.6 | 882 | 20.3 |
| 35-39 | 2.8 | 20.9 | 46.8 | 67.2 | 81.8 | 0.9 | 663 | 20.2 |
| 40-44 | 3.1 | 19.1 | 42.2 | 65.5 | 79.5 | 0.4 | 469 | 20.5 |
| 45-49 | 3.1 | 21.1 | 44.7 | 71.0 | 85.2 | 0.3 | 409 | 20.3 |
| 20-49 | 3.2 | 23.5 | 48.9 | na | na | 8.4 | 4,964 | a |
| 25-49 | 3.0 | 22.5 | 46.6 | 68.4 | 84.1 | 2.0 | 3,505 | 20.2 |
| 20-54 | 3.2 | 23.4 | 48.9 | na | na | 7.9 | 5,276 | a |
| 25-54 | 3.0 | 22.4 | 46.8 | 68.5 | 84.1 | 1.9 | 3,817 | 20.2 |
| $\mathrm{na}=$ Not applicable due to censoring <br> $\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of women (men) had sexual intercourse for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 6.6 Median Age at First Sexual Intercourse

Tables 6.6.1 and 6.6.2 present differentials in the median age at first sexual intercourse by background characteristics for women and men. Urban women age 25-49 have their first sexual intercourse about one year later than rural women. There is virtually no difference in when urban men and rural men in the same age group initiate sexual intercourse.

There are few differences by province among women and men. However, higher education is associated with delayed initiation of sexual intercourse among women age 25-49. Among women with no education, the median age for the initiation of sexual intercourse is much lower (16.8 years) than among women who have more than a secondary education (21.8 years). In contrast to women, educational attainment is not as strong of a factor for men. For men in all educational categories, the mean age at first sexual intercourse is about 20 years, with the exception of men who have more than a secondary education who delay first sexual intercourse by almost one year ( 20.9 years). As with education, wealth is more of a factor in delaying first sexual intercourse for women than it is for men.

Table 6.6.1 Median age at first intercourse: women
Median age at first sexual intercourse among women age 20(25)-49, by current age, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Age |  |  |  |  |  | Women age 20-49 | Women age 25-49 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 19.9 | 19.7 | 19.8 | 18.9 | 18.5 | 18.6 | 19.5 | 19.3 |
| Rural | 18.1 | 18.4 | 18.3 | 18.3 | 17.5 | 17.8 | 18.1 | 18.1 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 19.0 | 18.6 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 17.1 | 18.3 | 18.5 | 18.4 |
| Mashonaland Central | 17.4 | 18.2 | 18.1 | 18.2 | 17.2 | 17.6 | 17.8 | 17.9 |
| Mashonaland East | 18.8 | 18.5 | 19.4 | 19.5 | 18.2 | 17.3 | 18.7 | 18.7 |
| Mashonaland West | 18.0 | 19.0 | 18.7 | 18.3 | 17.3 | 17.9 | 18.2 | 18.3 |
| Matabeleland North | 18.0 | 18.1 | 17.2 | 17.8 | 17.2 | 17.0 | 17.7 | 17.6 |
| Matabeleland South | 17.9 | 17.8 | 18.1 | 18.8 | 17.7 | 17.2 | 17.9 | 17.9 |
| Midlands | 18.6 | 18.6 | 18.8 | 18.3 | 18.2 | 17.3 | 18.5 | 18.4 |
| Masvingo | 18.5 | 19.2 | 18.9 | 18.4 | 18.0 | 18.7 | 18.6 | 18.7 |
| Harare | a | 20.5 | 20.3 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 18.8 | 19.9 | 19.8 |
| Bulawayo | a | 19.3 | 19.3 | 18.5 | 18.8 | 18.2 | 19.3 | 18.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.2 | 17.5 | 16.3 | 16.6 | 16.7 | 17.2 | 16.9 | 16.8 |
| Primary | 17.1 | 17.5 | 17.6 | 17.2 | 17.6 | 17.9 | 17.5 | 17.6 |
| Secondary | 19.3 | 19.5 | 19.5 | 19.4 | 18.8 | 19.0 | 19.4 | 19.4 |
| More than secondary | a | 22.6 | 20.7 | 23.0 | 21.1 | 21.3 | a | 21.8 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.5 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 17.5 | 16.9 | 17.5 | 17.6 | 17.7 |
| Second | 17.9 | 18.1 | 17.9 | 18.4 | 17.2 | 18.1 | 17.9 | 18.0 |
| Middle | 19.0 | 18.8 | 18.7 | 18.5 | 17.7 | 17.6 | 18.5 | 18.3 |
| Fourth | 18.8 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 18.4 | 18.2 | 18.3 | 18.8 | 18.7 |
| Highest | a | 20.1 | 20.0 | 19.6 | 18.9 | 18.8 | 19.9 | 19.7 |
| Total | 18.8 | 18.9 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 17.9 | 18.0 | 18.7 | 18.6 |

$\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women had intercourse for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group

| Table 6.6.2 Median age at first intercourse: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median age at first sexual intercourse among men age 20(25)-49, by current age, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background | Age |  |  |  |  |  | Men age 20-49 | Men age 25-49 |
| characteristic | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 19.9 | 19.9 | 20.4 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.6 | a | 20.3 |
| Rural | 19.5 | 20.1 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 20.6 | 20.1 | a | 20.2 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | a | 20.5 | 20.7 | 20.0 | 21.9 | 20.2 | a | 20.6 |
| Mashonaland Central | 19.0 | 19.4 | 19.7 | 20.4 | 21.2 | 20.1 | 19.5 | 20.1 |
| Mashonaland East | a | 20.1 | 20.2 | 20.6 | 20.0 | 19.6 | a | 20.1 |
| Mashonaland West | 19.1 | 19.7 | 20.8 | 20.2 | 20.9 | 18.3 | 19.8 | 20.2 |
| Matabeleland North | 18.5 | 18.8 | 18.9 | 18.9 | 18.4 | 19.3 | 18.8 | 18.9 |
| Matabeleland South | 19.7 | 21.6 | 20.7 | 19.9 | 21.6 | 20.7 | a | 20.9 |
| Midlands | 19.8 | 20.1 | 20.8 | 20.6 | 20.3 | 20.7 | a | 20.5 |
| Masvingo | a | 20.0 | 20.3 | 21.0 | 20.6 | 20.4 | a | 20.4 |
| Harare | a | 20.1 | 20.2 | 20.1 | 20.5 | 20.5 | a | 20.2 |
| Bulawayo | 19.5 | 19.8 | 19.8 | 19.6 | 19.8 | 20.4 | 19.7 | 19.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.0 | 20.6 | 19.4 | 19.3 | 20.2 | 20.7 | a | 20.4 |
| Primary | 18.9 | 19.7 | 20.0 | 19.2 | 20.3 | 20.2 | 19.7 | 20.0 |
| Secondary | 19.8 | 20.0 | 20.4 | 20.2 | 20.7 | 20.1 | a | 20.2 |
| More than secondary | a | 22.2 | 20.3 | 21.5 | 20.6 | 20.7 | a | 20.9 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.2 | 19.5 | 19.9 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 19.1 | 19.6 | 19.7 |
| Second | 19.3 | 20.3 | 20.2 | 20.4 | 20.8 | 20.2 | a | 20.3 |
| Middle | 19.6 | 20.2 | 20.4 | 19.9 | 21.5 | 19.9 | a | 20.3 |
| Fourth | 19.5 | 20.0 | 20.3 | 20.2 | 20.5 | 20.9 | a | 20.4 |
| Highest | a | 19.9 | 20.5 | 20.7 | 20.1 | 20.2 | a | 20.3 |
| Total | 19.7 | 20.0 | 20.3 | 20.2 | 20.5 | 20.3 | a | 20.2 |
| $\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than 50 percent of the men had intercourse for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 6.7 Recent Sexual Activity

In the absence of effective contraception, the probability of becoming pregnant is highly dependent upon the frequency of intercourse. Information on sexual activity, therefore, can be used to refine measures of exposure to pregnancy. Men and women who have had sex were asked how long ago their last sexual activity occurred. Tables 6.7.1 and 6.7.2 show the distribution of women and men by recent sexual activity according to background characteristics.

Although eight in ten women age 15-49 years have ever had sexual intercourse (Table 6.5), not all those who have sex are currently sexually active. About half ( 48 percent) of all women age $15-49$ were sexually active in the four weeks preceding the survey. Eighteen percent of women had been sexually active within the 12 -month period prior to the survey, but not in the month prior to the interview, and 12 percent had not been sexually active for one or more years. Twenty-one percent of women had never had sexual intercourse. Recent sexual activity is higher among women between the ages of 25 and 34 years. Women in union are more likely to report recent sexual activity than women who are divorced, separated, widowed, or have never married. Women in rural areas and women with more than a secondary education are also more likely to report having sexual intercourse within the four weeks preceding the interview when compared with other subgroups. Among those who had sex within the four weeks preceding the survey there are variations by province, ranging from 36 percent among women in Bulawayo to 57 percent in Mashonaland Central.

## Table 6.7.1 Recent sexual activity: women

Percent distribution of women by timing of last sexual intercourse, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Timing of last sexual intercourse |  |  |  | Never had sexual intercourse | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Within the past 4 weeks | Within 1 year $^{1}$ | One or more years | Missing |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 17.0 | 11.3 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 67.9 | 100.0 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 49.6 | 23.3 | 7.8 | 2.8 | 16.5 | 100.0 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 65.9 | 19.1 | 9.6 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 64.4 | 20.2 | 13.1 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 54.2 | 20.4 | 22.5 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 56.1 | 18.0 | 24.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 51.1 | 16.7 | 30.1 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 589 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 3.7 | 11.3 | 7.4 | 0.9 | 76.7 | 100.0 | 2,404 |
| Married or living together | 78.5 | 18.2 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5,143 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 7.5 | 30.2 | 57.3 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,360 |
| Marital duration, married only once ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $0-4$ years | 75.8 | 20.9 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,348 |
| 5-9 years | 80.7 | 16.9 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,151 |
| 10-14 years | 81.0 | 15.6 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 677 |
| 15-19 years | 77.6 | 18.4 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 514 |
| 20-24 years | 80.8 | 15.1 | 3.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 322 |
| $25+$ years | 70.9 | 23.3 | 5.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 438 |
| Married more than once | 81.8 | 15.4 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 693 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 46.1 | 13.7 | 12.4 | 1.4 | 26.3 | 100.0 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 48.4 | 21.1 | 11.3 | 2.2 | 17.1 | 100.0 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 42.0 | 20.9 | 14.8 | 3.1 | 19.2 | 100.0 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 57.3 | 17.5 | 9.0 | 1.7 | 14.5 | 100.0 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 49.7 | 15.9 | 15.2 | 2.6 | 16.6 | 100.0 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 51.6 | 18.3 | 13.0 | 1.3 | 15.8 | 100.0 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 45.0 | 27.8 | 8.8 | 2.2 | 16.1 | 100.0 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 37.9 | 25.8 | 13.0 | 1.4 | 21.9 | 100.0 | 439 |
| Midlands | 53.5 | 14.6 | 9.8 | 1.3 | 20.9 | 100.0 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 45.8 | 21.9 | 10.0 | 2.5 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 48.1 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 1.5 | 27.5 | 100.0 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 36.1 | 20.4 | 12.1 | 1.5 | 29.9 | 100.0 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 48.3 | 25.5 | 23.0 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 380 |
| Primary | 51.2 | 21.1 | 13.6 | 2.3 | 11.8 | 100.0 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 44.8 | 16.3 | 9.8 | 1.7 | 27.4 | 100.0 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 60.3 | 12.2 | 12.8 | 1.3 | 13.5 | 100.0 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 49.0 | 23.0 | 11.2 | 3.4 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 1,552 |
| Second | 50.9 | 20.8 | 10.5 | 2.0 | 15.8 | 100.0 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 44.5 | 21.7 | 12.3 | 1.8 | 19.7 | 100.0 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 53.6 | 14.3 | 12.3 | 1.3 | 18.5 | 100.0 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 40.9 | 14.1 | 11.9 | 1.5 | 31.6 | 100.0 | 2,304 |
| Total | 47.5 | 18.2 | 11.7 | 1.9 | 20.7 | 100.0 | 8,907 |

[^6]Table 6.7.2 Recent sexual activity: men
Percent distribution of men by timing of last sexual intercourse, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Timing of last sexual intercourse |  |  |  | Never had sexual intercourse | Total | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Within the past 4 weeks | Within 1 year ${ }^{1}$ | One or more years | Missing |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5.6 | 12.4 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 72.5 | 100.0 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 30.0 | 28.5 | 17.8 | 0.0 | 23.6 | 100.0 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 63.5 | 20.9 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 1,082 |
| 30-34 | 77.9 | 17.0 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 882 |
| 35-39 | 76.8 | 16.4 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 663 |
| 40-44 | 78.6 | 13.9 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 469 |
| 45-49 | 75.8 | 17.8 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 409 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 9.8 | 21.2 | 16.3 | 0.0 | 52.7 | 100.0 | 3,404 |
| Married or living together | 86.0 | 13.1 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 24.4 | 44.1 | 31.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 327 |
| Marital duration, married only once ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 years | 85.6 | 13.3 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 761 |
| 5-9 years | 86.8 | 12.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 718 |
| 10-14 years | 89.0 | 9.9 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 458 |
| 15-19 years | 85.6 | 14.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 338 |
| 20-24 years | 85.7 | 12.9 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 218 |
| $25+$ years | 81.5 | 15.8 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 132 |
| Married more than once | 84.1 | 14.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 507 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 45.1 | 19.9 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 23.8 | 100.0 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 45.4 | 17.7 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 27.7 | 100.0 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 41.9 | 16.0 | 8.4 | 0.0 | 33.7 | 100.0 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 49.5 | 18.2 | 11.0 | 0.2 | 21.1 | 100.0 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 41.5 | 16.7 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 30.9 | 100.0 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 47.5 | 20.0 | 11.0 | 0.0 | 21.5 | 100.0 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 50.1 | 23.1 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 20.9 | 100.0 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 38.8 | 14.6 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 36.8 | 100.0 | 306 |
| Midlands | 46.6 | 16.1 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 27.7 | 100.0 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 45.0 | 19.5 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 28.1 | 100.0 | 771 |
| Harare | 45.7 | 18.1 | 13.4 | 0.1 | 22.8 | 100.0 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 42.4 | 27.2 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 21.3 | 100.0 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 61.1 | 17.0 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 88 |
| Primary | 48.4 | 18.2 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 24.1 | 100.0 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 42.3 | 19.0 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 28.5 | 100.0 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 61.7 | 16.3 | 10.1 | 0.3 | 11.5 | 100.0 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 52.4 | 16.2 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 22.6 | 100.0 | 1,042 |
| Second | 46.0 | 17.4 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 26.6 | 100.0 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 36.5 | 19.4 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 34.8 | 100.0 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 48.3 | 19.7 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 21.7 | 100.0 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 43.0 | 19.0 | 11.1 | 0.1 | 26.8 | 100.0 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 45.3 | 18.6 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 26.1 | 100.0 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | 46.7 | 18.4 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 7,175 |

[^7]Among men age 15-49, 45 percent had sex within the four weeks preceding the interview. Nineteen percent of men had been sexually active within the 12-month period prior to the survey, but not in the month prior to the interview, and 10 percent had not been sexually active for one or more years. Twenty-six percent of men had never had sexual intercourse. Recent sexual activity is high among men between 30 and 49 years of age. Provincial variations show that men in Matabeleland South reported the lowest percentage of recent sexual activity ( 39 percent), while men in Matabeleland North and Mashonaland Central reported the highest percentage of sexual activity ( 50 percent for both). More than six in ten men with no education (61 percent) and more than a secondary education (62 percent) reported recent sexual activity. Men in the lowest wealth quintile had a higher percentage of recent sexual activity (52 percent) compared with men in the highest wealth quintile (43 percent).

### 6.8 Postpartum Amenorrhoea, Abstinence, and Insusceptibility

Postpartum amenorrhoea refers to the interval between childbirth and the return of menstruation. During this period, the risk of pregnancy is greatly reduced. The duration of this protection from conception until after childbirth depends on the duration and intensity of breastfeeding and the length of time before the resumption of sexual intercourse. Women who gave birth during the three years prior to the survey were asked about their breastfeeding practices, the duration of amenorrhoea, and sexual abstinence. Women are considered insusceptible if they are not exposed to the risk of pregnancy, either because they are amenorrhoeic or are still abstaining from sex after birth. The results are shown in Table 6.8.

The period of postpartum amenorrhoea is considerably longer than the period of postpartum abstinence and is therefore the principal determinant of the length of postpartum insusceptibility (to the risk of pregnancy) in Zimbabwe. The median duration of amenorrhoea is 14.3 months, women abstain for a median of 2.3 months, and are insusceptible to pregnancy for a median of 15.6 months. All women are virtually insus-

| Table 6.8 Postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence, and insusceptibility |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage of births for which <br> Months the mother is: |  |  |  | Number of births |
| since birth | Amenorrhoeic | Abstaining | Insusceptible |  |
| < 2 | 87.9 | 81.8 | 97.6 | 138 |
| 2-3 | 68.2 | 45.5 | 80.7 | 195 |
| 4-5 | 72.8 | 22.5 | 77.8 | 196 |
| 6-7 | 70.6 | 21.4 | 73.4 | 202 |
| 8-9 | 64.2 | 17.9 | 67.9 | 178 |
| 10-11 | 64.3 | 14.2 | 68.1 | 167 |
| 12-13 | 61.0 | 12.0 | 65.2 | 200 |
| 14-15 | 45.5 | 12.0 | 54.1 | 225 |
| 16-17 | 41.0 | 13.2 | 44.8 | 170 |
| 18-19 | 28.5 | 7.6 | 34.2 | 164 |
| 20-21 | 10.6 | 9.3 | 19.2 | 177 |
| 22-23 | 13.5 | 11.0 | 19.2 | 157 |
| 24-25 | 7.8 | 6.4 | 14.2 | 169 |
| 26-27 | 1.8 | 8.5 | 10.3 | 178 |
| 28-29 | 2.6 | 7.0 | 8.5 | 159 |
| 30-31 | 6.0 | 2.3 | 8.3 | 143 |
| 32-33 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 6.1 | 183 |
| 34-35 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 6.1 | 174 |
| Total | 37.2 | 16.3 | 43.0 | 3,174 |
| Median | 14.3 | 2.3 | 15.6 | na |
| Mean | 13.3 | 6.3 | 15.4 | na |

Note: Estimates are based on status at the time of the survey.
na $=$ Not applicable ceptible to pregnancy during the first two months after a birth, and both amenorrhoea and abstinence are important factors in their insusceptibility. However, starting from the second month after birth, the contribution of abstinence to the period of insusceptibility is greatly reduced as more women resume sexual relations. At 12-13 months after birth, more than six in ten (61 percent) are still amenorrhoeic, while only about one in 10 ( 12 percent) are still abstaining. The proportion of amenorrhoeic women drops sharply from 29 percent at 18-19 months postpartum to 8 percent at 24-25 months postpartum.

### 6.9 Median Duration of Postpartum Insusceptibility by Background Characteristics

In the absence of contraception, variations in postpartum amenorrhoea and abstinence are the most important determinants of the interval between births and ultimately the completion of fertility.

Table 6.9 shows the median durations of postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence and insusceptibility by selected background characteristics. Although the median number of months of postpartum amenorrhoea for women age 30-49 is four months longer than that for women age 15-29 (16.4 months compared with 12.4 months, respectively), postpartum abstinence does not vary much by age ( 2.2 and 2.4 months, respectively). Postpartum insusceptibility is about two months longer for older women compared with younger women (16.6 and 14.9 months, respectively). Women in rural areas have longer periods of amenorrhoea, sexual abstinence, and insusceptibility than women in urban areas. By province, Bulawayo and Matabeleland South have the shortest duration of postpartum amenorrhoea ( 8.3 and 8.8 months, respectively), while Mashonaland Central and Mashonaland West have the longest periods (16.4 and 16.7 months, respectively). Postpartum abstinence is shortest in Harare (less than one month) compared with other provinces, which range from 1.8 to 5.5 months. Overall, women in Harare have the shortest insusceptibility ( 13.2 months), while those in Mashonaland West have the longest ( 17.6 months).

| Table 6.9 Median duration of amenorrhoea, postpartum abstinence, and postpartum insusceptibility |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median number of months of postpartum amenorrhoea, postpartum abstinence, and postpartum insusceptibility following births in the three years preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Postpartum amenorrhoea | Postpartum abstinence | Postpartum insusceptibility | Number of births |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-29 | 12.4 | 2.4 | 14.9 | 2,237 |
| 30-49 | 16.4 | 2.2 | 16.6 | 937 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.1 | 1.7 | 12.3 | 909 |
| Rural | 15.4 | 2.5 | 16.6 | 2,265 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 12.0 | 2.9 | 14.6 | 399 |
| Mashonaland Central | 16.4 | 1.8 | 16.8 | 349 |
| Mashonaland East | 14.3 | 2.2 | 14.8 | 260 |
| Mashonaland West | 16.7 | 2.3 | 17.6 | 306 |
| Matabeleland North | 12.7 | 5.5 | 15.6 | 204 |
| Matabeleland South | 8.8 | 3.1 | 15.3 | 146 |
| Midlands | 15.5 | 2.3 | 16.6 | 468 |
| Masvingo | 15.5 | 2.1 | 15.8 | 503 |
| Harare | 12.8 | 0.7 | 13.2 | 384 |
| Bulawayo | 8.3 | 2.3 | 16.6 | 155 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.3 | 2.8 | 17.9 | 124 |
| Primary | 15.2 | 2.4 | 16.1 | 1,137 |
| Secondary | 13.4 | 2.3 | 15.1 | 1,834 |
| More than secondary | 3.4 | 0.5 | 3.4 | 80 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 15.3 | 2.6 | 16.2 | 784 |
| Second | 16.2 | 2.6 | 16.9 | 669 |
| Middle | 15.2 | 2.4 | 17.4 | 555 |
| Fourth | 13.1 | 2.0 | 15.0 | 675 |
| Highest | 10.6 | 1.4 | 11.2 | 491 |
| Total | 14.3 | 2.3 | 15.6 | 3,174 |
| Note: Medians are based on current status. |  |  |  |  |

Postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence, and insusceptibility are inversely related to the mother's education. Postpartum amenorrhoea varies from 17.3 months for women with no education to 15.2 and 13.4 months, respectively, for those with only primary and secondary education, and 3.4 months for women with an educational level higher than secondary school. Similarly, the period of abstinence is 2.8 months for women with no education and 2.4 months each for those with a primary, and 2.3 months for those with secondary education, respectively. In contrast, it is less than one month ( 0.5 months) for women with more than secondary education. Women with no education have a median period of insusceptibility of 17.9 months, compared with 16.1 and 15.1 months for those with primary and secondary education, respectively, and 3.4 months for those with more than secondary education.

Women in the highest wealth quintile have shorter periods of postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence, and insusceptibility compared with women in the lower wealth quintiles.

### 6.10 Menopause

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

The percentage of women who have reached menopause refers to the population of women who are neither pregnant nor postpartum amenorrhoeic and have not had a menstrual period in the six months preceding the survey, or who report being menopausal. Table 6.10 shows that the proportion of menopausal women increases slightly with age from 4 percent among women age 30-34 to 38 percent among women age 48-49. Overall, 10 percent of women age 30-49 are menopausal.

| Table 6.10 Menopause |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 30-49 who are menopausal, by age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |
| Age | Percentage menopausal ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women |
| 30-34 | 4.0 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 5.9 | 834 |
| 40-41 | 10.1 | 280 |
| 42-43 | 10.0 | 311 |
| 44-45 | 16.9 | 246 |
| 46-47 | 26.7 | 255 |
| 48-49 | 37.6 | 195 |
| Total | 10.2 | 3,337 |
| ${ }^{1}$ 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 preferences is of considerable importance to family planning programme planners because it allows an assessment of the need for contraception, whether for spacing or limiting births, and the extent of unwanted and mistimed pregnancies. Data on fertility preferences can also be useful as an indicator of the direction that future fertility may take.

The 2005-2006 ZDHS respondents were asked about whether they wanted more children and, if so, how long they would prefer to wait before the next child, and if they could start afresh, how many children they would want.

Interpretation of data on fertility preferences has always been the subject of some controversy. Critics consider it misleading because information gathered from women does not take into account the effect of social pressures or attitudes of other family members, particularly the husband, who may exert a major influence on reproductive decisions. Although this argument is valid in principle, its importance is doubtful in practice because evidence from surveys in which both husbands and wives are interviewed suggests that there is no radical difference between the views of the two sexes.

### 7.1 Fertility Preferences by Number of Living Children

Table 7.1 presents fertility desires among currently married women and men by number of living children. The table takes the timing desired for the next birth into account in classifying women according to their fertility desires. Approximately half (49 percent) of married women in Zimbabwe would like to have another child. Among those women, 16 percent want a child within two years and 32 percent would prefer to wait two or more years before having their next birth. Forty-four percent of married women want no more children or have been sterilised. Thus, the majority of women ( 77 percent) want either to space their next birth or end childbearing altogether.

As expected, the desire for more children declines noticeably as the number of living children increases. Seventy-seven percent of married women with no children want to have a child soon (within two years), whereas only 2 percent of women with six or more children want to have another soon. Among women with three or more children, the desire to limit childbearing predominates with the proportion saying that they do not want another child increasing from 50 percent among women with three children to 77 percent among women with six or more children. Men's fertility preferences are similar to those of women.

Table 7.1 Fertility preferences by number of living children
Percent distribution of currently married women and currently married men by desire for children, according to number of living children, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Desire for children | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total$15-49$women $/ \mathrm{men}$ | Total men 15-54 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |  |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Have another soon ${ }^{2}$ | 77.1 | 19.0 | 14.1 | 10.6 | 6.5 | 8.6 | 2.4 | 15.6 | na |
| Have another later ${ }^{3}$ | 7.8 | 58.5 | 38.5 | 28.0 | 14.6 | 14.0 | 7.3 | 32.1 | na |
| Have another, undecided when | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.2 | na |
| Undecided | 5.3 | 4.3 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 5.1 | na |
| Want no more | 1.0 | 15.3 | 37.8 | 50.1 | 68.2 | 68.2 | 77.0 | 42.3 | na |
| Sterilised ${ }^{4}$ | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 2.1 | na |
| Declared infecund | 6.9 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 2.9 | 1.5 | na |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | na |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | na |
| Number of women | 276 | 1,228 | 1,299 | 825 | 585 | 398 | 532 | 5,143 | na |
| MEN ${ }^{5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Have another soon ${ }^{2}$ | 69.3 | 19.8 | 15.9 | 12.6 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 16.2 | 15.2 |
| Have another later ${ }^{3}$ | 14.4 | 65.9 | 43.0 | 38.5 | 25.6 | 24.9 | 21.0 | 40.5 | 38.0 |
| Have another, undecided when | 4.9 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| Undecided | 1.9 | 1.8 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| Want no more | 4.5 | 10.0 | 32.3 | 42.5 | 56.9 | 60.0 | 64.0 | 36.3 | 39.7 |
| Declared infecund | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Missing | 3.9 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of men | 130 | 717 | 768 | 583 | 353 | 260 | 322 | 3,132 | 3,419 |

na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy for women
${ }^{2}$ Wants next birth within 2 years
${ }^{3}$ Wants to delay next birth for 2 or more years
${ }^{4}$ Includes both female and male sterilisation
${ }^{5}$ Includes one additional child if any of the respondent's wives are currently pregnant

### 7.2 Desire to Limit Childbearing by Background Characteristics

Tables 7.2.1 and 7.2.2 present the percentage of currently married women and men who want no more children by number of living children and selected background characteristics. Table 7.2.1 shows a larger proportion of urban women ( 51 percent) than rural women ( 41 percent) want to stop childbearing. This is observed for all women with different numbers of living children. For example, 76 percent of urban women with three children say they do not want another child, compared with 42 percent of rural women with three children. The results suggest that urban women are more likely to begin to want to limit their family size at lower parities than rural women.

Differentials by province indicate that Bulawayo has the highest proportion of women who want no more children ( 63 percent), while Masvingo has the lowest ( 32 percent). It is interesting to note that women in Harare, an urban centre, did not show a strong preference for limiting childbearing; less than half of currently married women in Harare (48 percent) did not want another child, which is lower than some predominantly rural provinces.

| Table 7.2.1 Desire to limit childbearing: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of currently married women who want no more children, by number of living children and background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $6+$ |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.7 | 19.1 | 54.1 | 75.6 | 90.9 | 92.2 | 88.6 | 51.1 |
| Rural | 0.7 | 12.8 | 27.5 | 41.8 | 65.5 | 67.3 | 81.6 | 41.0 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 0.0 | 11.4 | 22.5 | 45.7 | 60.5 | 70.4 | 85.6 | 39.8 |
| Mashonaland Central | 0.0 | 13.4 | 31.0 | 48.2 | 71.4 | 63.4 | 88.0 | 40.5 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.0 | 21.0 | 41.6 | 60.9 | 75.2 | 83.5 | 90.7 | 49.6 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.0 | 12.1 | 42.8 | 47.0 | 73.8 | 83.3 | 75.7 | 44.0 |
| Matabeleland North | 4.2 | 21.7 | 39.4 | 49.3 | 81.3 | 83.2 | 81.8 | 50.8 |
| Matabeleland South | 0.0 | 15.2 | 41.1 | 60.9 | 79.9 | 77.4 | 85.2 | 54.8 |
| Midlands | 1.1 | 12.8 | 36.2 | 50.0 | 62.4 | 73.8 | 82.8 | 43.6 |
| Masvingo | 0.0 | 6.7 | 19.0 | 28.3 | 61.4 | 44.1 | 74.3 | 31.8 |
| Harare | 0.0 | 17.6 | 49.5 | 74.3 | 91.3 | 86.6 | 95.9 | 47.6 |
| Bulawayo | 10.0 | 29.7 | 72.0 | 81.5 | 93.2 | 91.5 | 87.5 | 62.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 43.1 | 30.9 | 22.7 | 52.5 | 66.7 | 67.3 | 54.8 |
| Primary | 1.5 | 8.4 | 27.8 | 39.8 | 68.4 | 66.9 | 86.7 | 45.7 |
| Secondary | 0.8 | 17.7 | 42.0 | 60.5 | 77.8 | 85.9 | 88.4 | 41.9 |
| More than secondary | 0.0 | 7.4 | 63.4 | 89.3 | 94.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 54.3 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.9 | 12.1 | 20.7 | 30.2 | 56.1 | 57.3 | 77.2 | 38.2 |
| Second | 0.0 | 8.1 | 28.3 | 39.4 | 60.9 | 64.2 | 77.9 | 38.4 |
| Middle | 0.7 | 17.8 | 27.3 | 45.6 | 72.1 | 79.5 | 89.0 | 42.6 |
| Fourth | 0.0 | 17.4 | 44.9 | 68.6 | 82.8 | 91.8 | 91.2 | 46.8 |
| Highest | 3.6 | 18.7 | 58.1 | 77.3 | 92.5 | 92.0 | 87.7 | 55.3 |
| Total | 1.0 | 15.4 | 38.8 | 53.0 | 72.4 | 72.4 | 82.6 | 44.4 |
| Note: Women who have been sterilised are considered to want no more children. ${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The percentage of women wanting no more children is positively associated with women's educational levels. More than six in ten women with more than a secondary education want to begin to limit childbearing when they have two children ( 63 percent), while the majority of women who never attended school do not express a desire to limit until they have four children ( 53 percent).

Fifty-eight percent of women in the highest wealth quintile want to begin to limit childbearing when they have two children, while a similar proportion in the lowest wealth quintile want to begin to limit childbearing when they have four children ( 56 percent).

Table 7.2.2 shows that 44 percent of men residing in urban areas want to limit their children, compared with 31 percent in rural areas. By province, Matabeleland South has the highest proportion of men who want no more children ( 54 percent), while Mashonaland Central has the lowest percentage (27 percent).

Table 7.2.2 Desire to limit childbearing: men
Percentage of currently married men who want no more children, by number of living children and background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.8 | 15.7 | 42.4 | 54.2 | 69.1 | 72.7 | 87.9 | 43.7 |
| Rural | 0.0 | 5.8 | 22.4 | 34.3 | 49.2 | 55.1 | 57.0 | 31.2 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 15.8 | 8.1 | 21.2 | 34.9 | 57.1 | 69.6 | 66.7 | 35.4 |
| Mashonaland Central | 0.0 | 4.3 | 19.3 | 31.1 | 61.1 | 59.8 | 53.4 | 27.4 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.0 | 1.7 | 32.8 | 51.8 | 53.3 | 78.8 | 75.8 | 39.9 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.0 | 6.0 | 29.3 | 39.4 | 58.2 | 64.6 | 52.6 | 32.1 |
| Matabeleland North | 0.0 | 11.0 | 33.5 | 40.1 | 44.3 | 50.5 | 43.8 | 32.9 |
| Matabeleland South | 0.0 | 50.4 | 41.1 | 48.7 | 58.0 | 87.3 | 76.7 | 54.4 |
| Midlands | 0.0 | 14.5 | 40.1 | 43.3 | 46.8 | 56.6 | 60.1 | 38.7 |
| Masvingo | 0.0 | 5.6 | 20.2 | 31.5 | 46.8 | 45.0 | 61.3 | 30.2 |
| Harare | 5.5 | 14.4 | 39.4 | 50.4 | 80.9 | 60.2 | 95.1 | 40.8 |
| Bulawayo | 15.4 | 10.6 | 43.8 | 59.6 | 53.6 | 49.3 | 85.3 | 42.2 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 61.7 | 71.2 | 58.9 | 31.2 | 34.4 | 68.3 | 56.4 |
| Primary | 10.7 | 6.1 | 24.3 | 24.5 | 51.0 | 58.9 | 61.3 | 36.1 |
| Secondary | 1.8 | 10.4 | 33.9 | 42.8 | 59.5 | 61.8 | 64.3 | 34.2 |
| More than secondary | 5.4 | 15.2 | 36.4 | 80.8 | 67.1 | 74.7 | 100.0 | 47.7 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.0 | 2.7 | 13.8 | 23.6 | 27.7 | 34.2 | 50.5 | 24.2 |
| Second | 0.0 | 7.3 | 16.4 | 33.9 | 48.5 | 62.7 | 44.2 | 28.5 |
| Middle | 0.0 | 4.6 | 28.0 | 29.9 | 55.5 | 63.4 | 65.5 | 31.9 |
| Fourth | 1.8 | 12.6 | 34.4 | 57.0 | 69.6 | 73.4 | 87.8 | 41.6 |
| Highest | 13.5 | 16.9 | 48.3 | 51.5 | 70.6 | 69.6 | 87.3 | 46.8 |
| Total men 15-49 | 4.5 | 10.0 | 32.3 | 42.5 | 56.9 | 60.0 | 64.0 | 36.3 |
| Total men 15-54 | 5.1 | 10.1 | 33.0 | 43.9 | 59.8 | 63.0 | 67.2 | 39.7 |

Note: Men who have been sterilised or who state in response to the question about desire for children that their wife has been sterilised are considered to want no more children.
${ }^{1}$ Includes one additional child if any of the respondent's wives are currently pregnant

Overall, more than half of men with no education would like to limit their children ( 56 percent). For men, as with women, the desire to limit childbearing is positively associated with wealth. Almost half of men in the highest wealth quintile want to limit childbearing after having two children ( 48 percent) compared with one in seven ( 14 percent) in the lowest quintile.

### 7.3 Need and Demand for Family Planning

The proportion of women who want to stop childbearing or who want to space their next birth is a crude measure of the extent of the need for family planning, given that not all of these women are exposed to the risk of pregnancy and some of them may already be using contraception. This section discusses the extent of need and the potential demand for family planning services. 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.

Tables 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 present data on unmet need, met need, and total demand for family planning for currently married women, all women, and women who are not currently married. These indicators help to evaluate the extent to which the family planning program in Zimbabwe is meeting the demand for services. The definitions of met need, unmet need, and total demand for family planning are further explained in Tables 7.3.1 and 7.3.2.

Table 7.3.1 Need and demand for family planning among currently married women
Percentage of currently married women with unmet need for family planning, percentage with met need for family planning, the total demand for family planning, and the percentage of demand for contraception that is satisfied, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 16.9 | 1.8 | 18.7 | 30.4 | 6.3 | 36.7 | 47.3 | 8.1 | 55.4 | 66.3 | 448 |
| 20-24 | 10.6 | 2.1 | 12.7 | 49.1 | 12.5 | 61.6 | 60.7 | 14.7 | 75.5 | 83.2 | 1,200 |
| 25-29 | 6.8 | 3.1 | 9.9 | 44.0 | 26.3 | 70.3 | 51.3 | 29.4 | 80.8 | 87.7 | 1,125 |
| 30-34 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 11.9 | 29.4 | 38.7 | 68.1 | 35.4 | 45.3 | 80.8 | 85.2 | 933 |
| 35-39 | 4.4 | 7.6 | 11.9 | 15.8 | 48.3 | 64.1 | 20.5 | 55.9 | 76.4 | 84.4 | 556 |
| 40-44 | 5.2 | 10.8 | 16.0 | 3.7 | 51.2 | 54.9 | 9.0 | 62.2 | 71.2 | 77.5 | 485 |
| 45-49 | 3.0 | 11.0 | 13.9 | 0.8 | 35.8 | 36.6 | 3.8 | 47.2 | 51.0 | 72.7 | 396 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.4 | 3.8 | 8.2 | 31.3 | 38.5 | 69.8 | 36.1 | 42.6 | 78.7 | 89.6 | 1,742 |
| Rural | 9.3 | 5.8 | 15.2 | 31.1 | 24.2 | 55.3 | 40.9 | 30.2 | 71.1 | 78.7 | 3,401 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 12.4 | 6.2 | 18.6 | 30.2 | 22.2 | 52.4 | 43.5 | 28.3 | 71.8 | 74.1 | 599 |
| Mashonaland Central | 8.3 | 3.7 | 12.0 | 33.9 | 27.5 | 61.4 | 42.2 | 31.4 | 73.6 | 83.7 | 572 |
| Mashonaland East | 5.8 | 5.4 | 11.2 | 31.1 | 32.9 | 64.0 | 37.5 | 38.3 | 75.8 | 85.2 | 442 |
| Mashonaland West | 6.4 | 4.1 | 10.5 | 32.1 | 29.9 | 62.0 | 39.3 | 34.0 | 73.3 | 85.6 | 514 |
| Matabeleland North | 7.7 | 13.0 | 20.7 | 19.1 | 26.6 | 45.7 | 27.3 | 39.9 | 67.2 | 69.2 | 323 |
| Matabeleland South | 9.8 | 10.7 | 20.5 | 18.0 | 29.2 | 47.2 | 28.9 | 39.8 | 68.8 | 70.3 | 208 |
| Midlands | 6.0 | 3.8 | 9.9 | 32.2 | 31.2 | 63.4 | 38.6 | 35.3 | 73.9 | 86.6 | 728 |
| Masvingo | 11.9 | 3.4 | 15.3 | 35.6 | 18.5 | 54.1 | 47.5 | 22.1 | 69.7 | 78.0 | 697 |
| Harare | 3.8 | 3.2 | 6.9 | 36.7 | 35.1 | 71.9 | 40.9 | 38.7 | 79.5 | 91.3 | 760 |
| Bulawayo | 4.2 | 7.0 | 11.2 | 21.7 | 45.3 | 67.0 | 26.7 | 52.3 | 79.0 | 85.8 | 301 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 10.8 | 12.0 | 22.8 | 13.9 | 20.8 | 34.7 | 25.2 | 33.3 | 58.5 | 60.9 | 276 |
| Primary | 8.9 | 6.0 | 14.9 | 27.5 | 26.4 | 53.9 | 36.8 | 32.6 | 69.4 | 78.5 | 1,910 |
| Secondary | 6.8 | 4.1 | 10.9 | 35.3 | 30.6 | 66.0 | 42.6 | 34.9 | 77.5 | 86.0 | 2,788 |
| More than secondary | 3.1 | 1.3 | 4.4 | 32.2 | 46.2 | 78.4 | 36.0 | 47.5 | 83.5 | 94.7 | 169 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 13.6 | 6.6 | 20.2 | 29.4 | 18.6 | 48.0 | 43.9 | 25.5 | 69.4 | 71.0 | 1,034 |
| Second | 8.8 | 6.1 | 14.8 | 33.8 | 23.3 | 57.1 | 42.9 | 29.4 | 72.3 | 79.5 | 998 |
| Middle | 6.2 | 6.3 | 12.5 | 31.0 | 25.1 | 56.1 | 37.5 | 31.4 | 68.9 | 81.8 | 906 |
| Fourth | 5.8 | 3.6 | 9.4 | 32.7 | 33.7 | 66.5 | 38.7 | 37.7 | 76.4 | 87.7 | 1,183 |
| Highest | 4.0 | 3.6 | 7.6 | 28.8 | 43.3 | 72.1 | 33.3 | 47.0 | 80.2 | 90.5 | 1,023 |
| Total | 7.7 | 5.1 | 12.8 | 31.2 | 29.1 | 60.2 | 39.3 | 34.4 | 73.7 | 82.6 | 5,143 |

${ }^{1}$ 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, and fecund women who are neither pregnant nor amenorrhoeic and who are not using any method of family planning and say they want to wait two 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 but are unsure when to have the birth unless they say it would not be a problem if they discovered they were pregnant in the next few weeks. Unmet need for limiting refers to pregnant women whose pregnancy was unwanted, amenorrhoeic women whose last child was unwanted, and fecund women who are neither pregnant nor amenorrhoeic and 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).

Table 7.3.1 shows that 13 percent of currently married women have an unmet need for family planning services ( 8 percent for spacing and 5 percent for limiting births). Combined with 60 percent of married women who are currently using a contraceptive method, the total demand for family planning comprises almost three-quarters of married women in Zimbabwe. At present, about four-fifths of the potential demand for family planning is being met. Thus, if all married women who said they want to space or limit their children were to use family planning methods, the contraceptive prevalence rate could be increased from 60 percent to 74 percent.

Table 7.3.2 Need and demand for family planning for all women and for women who are not currently married
Percentage of all women and not currently married women with unmet need for family planning, percentage with met need for family planning, and the total demand for family planning, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total |  |  |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 4.3 | 0.4 | 4.7 | 8.2 | 1.6 | 9.7 | 12.5 | 1.9 | 14.4 | 67.6 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 7.1 | 1.3 | 8.4 | 34.1 | 9.7 | 43.8 | 41.9 | 11.1 | 53.0 | 84.1 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 5.4 | 2.6 | 8.0 | 37.4 | 24.6 | 62.0 | 43.5 | 27.2 | 70.7 | 88.7 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 9.8 | 24.5 | 34.0 | 58.5 | 29.1 | 39.7 | 68.8 | 85.8 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 2.9 | 5.3 | 8.2 | 11.0 | 38.7 | 49.7 | 14.0 | 44.1 | 58.1 | 85.9 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 3.8 | 8.2 | 12.0 | 2.8 | 40.2 | 43.1 | 6.7 | 48.5 | 55.2 | 78.3 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 2.0 | 7.7 | 9.7 | 0.7 | 29.1 | 29.8 | 2.7 | 37.1 | 39.8 | 75.7 | 589 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.5 | 2.3 | 4.9 | 18.8 | 23.2 | 41.9 | 21.6 | 25.6 | 47.2 | 89.7 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 6.2 | 3.8 | 10.0 | 21.2 | 17.8 | 39.0 | 27.8 | 21.6 | 49.4 | 79.8 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 7.4 | 4.0 | 11.4 | 17.7 | 15.3 | 32.9 | 25.6 | 19.2 | 44.8 | 74.6 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 6.0 | 2.6 | 8.6 | 25.0 | 20.8 | 45.7 | 31.0 | 23.5 | 54.5 | 84.2 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 3.9 | 3.4 | 7.2 | 21.8 | 22.2 | 44.0 | 26.0 | 25.5 | 51.6 | 86.0 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 4.0 | 3.2 | 7.2 | 22.3 | 22.5 | 44.9 | 26.8 | 25.7 | 52.5 | 86.3 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 5.8 | 8.3 | 14.1 | 13.9 | 17.6 | 31.5 | 20.2 | 26.1 | 46.3 | 69.6 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 5.0 | 5.5 | 10.5 | 12.2 | 18.1 | 30.3 | 17.8 | 23.5 | 41.3 | 74.6 | 439 |
| Midlands | 4.2 | 2.4 | 6.6 | 21.5 | 21.6 | 43.1 | 26.0 | 24.2 | 50.2 | 86.8 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 7.4 | 2.2 | 9.6 | 23.7 | 14.5 | 38.3 | 31.3 | 16.8 | 48.1 | 80.2 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 2.2 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 21.6 | 22.2 | 43.8 | 24.0 | 24.2 | 48.2 | 91.6 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 2.4 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 13.9 | 24.1 | 38.0 | 16.6 | 27.3 | 43.9 | 87.2 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 7.9 | 8.9 | 16.8 | 10.1 | 19.2 | 29.3 | 18.3 | 28.5 | 46.8 | 64.0 | 380 |
| Primary | 6.1 | 4.1 | 10.2 | 19.6 | 20.7 | 40.3 | 26.1 | 24.9 | 51.0 | 79.9 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 3.9 | 2.4 | 6.3 | 21.1 | 18.8 | 39.9 | 25.4 | 21.3 | 46.6 | 86.4 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 2.4 | 0.8 | 3.2 | 24.0 | 33.7 | 57.7 | 26.8 | 34.5 | 61.3 | 94.7 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.5 | 4.5 | 14.0 | 21.5 | 14.3 | 35.8 | 31.7 | 19.1 | 50.8 | 72.5 | 1,552 |
| Second | 6.1 | 4.1 | 10.2 | 24.1 | 17.7 | 41.9 | 30.5 | 21.8 | 52.3 | 80.5 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 4.0 | 3.8 | 7.8 | 19.3 | 17.7 | 37.1 | 23.5 | 21.5 | 45.1 | 82.6 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 3.8 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 22.0 | 24.1 | 46.1 | 26.0 | 27.0 | 53.1 | 87.9 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 2.1 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 16.0 | 22.8 | 38.8 | 18.3 | 24.6 | 42.9 | 90.9 | 2,304 |
| Total | 4.8 | 3.2 | 8.0 | 20.3 | 19.9 | 40.1 | 25.3 | 23.2 | 48.5 | 83.6 | 8,907 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Continued... |  |

Table 7.3.2-Continued
Percentage of all women and not currently married women with unmet need for family planning, percentage with met need for family planning, and the total demand for family planning, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total |  |  |
| WOMEN NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 3.6 | 73.0 | 1,704 |
| 20-24 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 10.3 | 5.2 | 15.6 | 11.8 | 5.3 | 17.1 | 91.0 | 752 |
| 25-29 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 15.7 | 18.9 | 34.6 | 17.5 | 19.9 | 37.5 | 95.3 | 341 |
| 30-34 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 8.1 | 18.4 | 26.5 | 8.4 | 20.9 | 29.3 | 91.4 | 283 |
| 35-39 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 19.5 | 20.7 | 1.2 | 20.2 | 21.4 | 96.6 | 278 |
| 40-44 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 15.2 | 16.1 | 1.4 | 17.4 | 18.8 | 85.4 | 214 |
| 45-49 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 0.6 | 16.3 | 16.8 | 94.7 | 193 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 14.3 | 7.2 | 8.9 | 16.0 | 90.3 | 1,760 |
| Rural | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 4.4 | 6.8 | 11.2 | 5.4 | 7.1 | 12.5 | 90.6 | 2,004 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 1.4 | 7.0 | 8.4 | 80.1 | 444 |
| Mashonaland Central | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 10.4 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 11.3 | 91.6 | 253 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 6.7 | 4.7 | 11.4 | 7.4 | 4.7 | 12.1 | 94.4 | 272 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 6.4 | 10.6 | 16.9 | 6.4 | 12.3 | 18.6 | 90.9 | 315 |
| Matabeleland North | 2.9 | 1.1 | 4.1 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 10.2 | 9.5 | 5.2 | 14.7 | 72.4 | 214 |
| Matabeleland South | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 7.0 | 8.1 | 15.1 | 7.8 | 8.9 | 16.7 | 90.5 | 232 |
| Midlands | 1.4 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 4.6 | 6.6 | 11.3 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 13.2 | 88.1 | 465 |
| Masvingo | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 4.9 | 8.3 | 13.1 | 5.6 | 8.5 | 14.0 | 97.1 | 440 |
| Harare | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 5.8 | 8.8 | 14.6 | 6.5 | 9.1 | 15.6 | 93.6 | 732 |
| Bulawayo | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 15.9 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 17.3 | 92.0 | 396 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 14.8 | 14.8 | 0.0 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 94.9 | 104 |
| Primary | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 4.4 | 9.7 | 14.0 | 5.4 | 10.2 | 15.6 | 91.9 | 993 |
| Secondary | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 11.7 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 13.2 | 89.2 | 2,566 |
| More than secondary | 1.3 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 10.1 | 12.8 | 22.9 | 11.4 | 12.8 | 24.2 | 94.8 | 101 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.4 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 11.6 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 13.5 | 87.7 | 518 |
| Second | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 11.5 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 12.4 | 92.6 | 501 |
| Middle | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 7.3 | 10.2 | 3.8 | 7.6 | 11.4 | 89.3 | 640 |
| Fourth | 0.8 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 6.5 | 10.3 | 16.8 | 7.7 | 11.7 | 19.5 | 88.4 | 823 |
| Highest | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 12.2 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 13.1 | 93.0 | 1,281 |
| Total | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 5.3 | 7.4 | 12.7 | 6.3 | 7.9 | 14.2 | 90.4 | 3,764 |

${ }^{1}$ 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, and fecund women who are neither pregnant nor amenorrhoeic and 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 but are unsure when to have the birth unless they say it would not be a problem if they discovered they were pregnant in the next few weeks. Unmet need for limiting refers to pregnant women whose pregnancy was unwanted, amenorrhoeic women whose last child was unwanted, and fecund women who are neither pregnant nor amenorrhoeic and 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). Also excluded from the unmet need category for the all women panel are unmarried women who did not have sexual intercourse in the four weeks preceding the survey.
${ }^{2}$ 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).

As expected, unmet need for spacing is higher among younger women, while unmet need for limiting childbearing is higher among older women, as shown in Table 7.3.1. There is a striking difference in unmet need between rural and urban areas, with urban areas at 8 percent and rural areas at 15 percent. Among the provinces, Matabeleland North and Matabeleland South have the highest unmet need (21 percent for both) and Harare has the lowest ( 7 percent). Unmet need in other provinces ranges between 10 percent and 19 percent. Unmet need is negatively associated with a woman's education; it is lower among women with at least some secondary schooling (11 percent or less) than among those with primary education (15 percent) or uneducated women ( 23 percent). Unmet need is also inversely associated with a woman's wealth status. Among women in the lowest wealth quintile, unmet need is 20 percent, while it is 8 percent among their counterparts in the highest wealth quintile.

The level of wealth is usually positively associated with the use of family planning services. Married women in the highest wealth quintile use family planning services more than those in the lowest wealth quintile ( 72 and 48 percent, respectively).

The need for family planning services for all women and women not currently married are presented in Table 7.3.2. The section on all women follows the trends of currently married women. The total family planning demand for all women is high, between 84 and 89 percent for each age group between 20 and 39 years. These age groups constitute women of childbearing age. The low level of unmet need among unmarried women is due to the fact that many are younger women who have not yet started their families.

### 7.4 Ideal Number of Children

This section focuses on the respondent's ideal number of children, implicitly taking into account the number of children that the respondent already has. The women, regardless of marital status, were asked about the number of children they would choose to have if they could start afresh. Only currently married men were asked the same question. Respondents who had no children were asked, "If you could choose exactly the number of children to have in your whole life, how many would that be?" For respondents who had children the question was rephrased as follows: "If you could go back to the time when you did not have any children and could choose exactly the number of children to have in your whole life, how many would that be?" Responses to these questions are summarized in Table 7.4 for both women and men age 15-49.

The data in the top portion of Table 7.4 indicate that the majority of women were able to give a numeric answer to this hypothetical question. Only 1 percent gave a non-numeric answer such as, "it is up to God," "any number," or "I do not know." Table 7.4 shows that the total mean ideal number of children is 3.8 among all women. In general, men want slightly larger families than women. Among married women, the mean ideal number of children is 4.1 , compared with 4.5 for married men. Seventy-three percent of all women in Zimbabwe would like to have four or fewer children, while 26 percent would like to have five or more children. For married men, 62 percent would like to have four or fewer children, while 35 percent would like to have five or more children.

In interpreting the findings in Table 7.4 it is important to remember that the actual and ideal number of children tend to be related. There are several reasons for this. First, to the extent that women are able to implement their fertility desires, women who want large families would achieve large families. Second, because women with large families are, on average, older women, they may prefer a greater number of children because of the attitudes towards childbearing to which they were exposed during the early stages of their reproductive lives. Last, some women may have difficulty admitting that they would prefer fewer children than they currently have if they could begin childbearing again. Such women are likely to report their actual number as their preferred number. Indeed, women who have fewer children do
report a smaller ideal number of children than women with more children. The mean ideal family size is 3.2 for all women with one child, compared with 6.4 among all women with six or more children.

The relationship between the actual and ideal number of children is also presented for men in Table 7.4. Men who have fewer children report a smaller ideal number of children than men with more children. For example, the average ideal family size is 3.6 for married men with one child, compared with 7.6 for men with six or more children. Interestingly, men in polygynous marriages want a much larger family than men in monogamous marriages ( 6.5 children and 4.3 children, respectively).

| Table 7.4 Ideal number of children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of all women 15-49 and all currently married men 15-49 by ideal number of children, and mean ideal number of children for all respondents and for currently married respondents, according to number of living children, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Desire for children | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $6+$ |  |
| ALL WOMEN ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| 1 | 3.8 | 6.5 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 3.2 |
| 2 | 36.0 | 28.9 | 23.1 | 11.2 | 10.7 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 23.2 |
| 3 | 24.4 | 27.0 | 18.2 | 17.1 | 4.7 | 8.1 | 3.2 | 18.7 |
| 4 | 20.1 | 22.4 | 37.7 | 34.6 | 36.4 | 18.2 | 17.9 | 26.6 |
| 5 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 9.7 | 18.7 | 16.1 | 20.3 | 10.9 | 11.5 |
| 6+ | 4.2 | 4.9 | 7.8 | 15.3 | 29.0 | 43.0 | 57.6 | 14.5 |
| Non-numeric responses | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 3.9 | 1.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of respondents | 2,507 | 1,799 | 1,624 | 1,064 | 763 | 502 | 648 | 8,907 |
| Mean ideal number of child |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All women | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 3.8 |
| Number | 2,473 | 1,785 | 1,618 | 1,054 | 754 | 494 | 623 | 8,800 |
| Currently married women | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 4.1 |
| Number | 266 | 1,218 | 1,292 | 819 | 577 | 391 | 511 | 5,074 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED MEN ${ }^{2,4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| 1 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| 2 | 20.8 | 17.7 | 18.2 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 5.4 | 3.0 | 12.6 |
| 3 | 27.6 | 30.8 | 19.0 | 18.6 | 7.9 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 18.2 |
| 4 | 19.9 | 26.8 | 32.7 | 35.0 | 32.7 | 21.2 | 18.3 | 28.8 |
| 5 | 8.8 | 12.4 | 16.8 | 19.9 | 15.9 | 19.7 | 6.2 | 15.1 |
| 6+ | 10.1 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 15.4 | 30.2 | 43.9 | 60.5 | 20.1 |
| Non-numeric responses | 7.4 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 6.3 | 3.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of respondents | 130 | 717 | 768 | 583 | 353 | 260 | 322 | 3,132 |
| Mean ideal number of children for ${ }^{\mathbf{3}}$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Currently married men | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 4.5 |
| Number | 120 | 702 | 747 | 571 | 341 | 252 | 301 | 3,035 |
| Monogamous men | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 4.3 |
| Number | 116 | 677 | 703 | 527 | 306 | 210 | 219 | 2,759 |
| Polygynous men | 6.3 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.7 | 9.7 | 6.5 |
| Number | 4 | 25 | 43 | 44 | 34 | 42 | 82 | 275 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy for women <br> ${ }^{2}$ All women were asked questions about their ideal number of children; however, only married men were asked questions about their ideal number of children. <br> ${ }^{3}$ Means are calculated excluding the women and men giving non-numeric responses. <br> ${ }^{4}$ The number of living children includes one additional child if any of the respondent's wives are currently pregnant. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 7.5 Mean Ideal Number of Children by Background Characteristics

Table 7.5 shows the ideal number of children by age and background characteristics of all women and currently married men. Data in the table show that younger, better educated, and urban women are more likely to have fertility goals with fewer numbers of children. The mean ideal number of children increases with age from 3.1 among women age $15-19$ to 5.7 among women 45-49. Women in rural areas have higher family size norms than those in urban areas ( 4.2 and 3.1 children, respectively). This is further reflected in the fact that women in Harare and Bulawayo have the smallest ideal family size norms (3.1 each). The ideal number of children for women in the remaining provinces is between 3.7 and 4.6 children.

Differentials in the ideal number of children among currently married men are also presented in Table 7.5. As with women, younger, better-educated, and urban men are more likely to have fertility goals that include fewer numbers of children. Men in Masvingo, Mashonaland Central, and Manicaland tend to want larger families (4.8 or more children), while those in Harare, Bulawayo, and Matabeleland South want 4.0 or fewer children.

Women and men in the highest wealth quintile prefer to have fewer numbers of children (3.1 and 3.6, respectively), while those in the lowest wealth quintile prefer to have more children (4.8 and 6.0, respectively).

### 7.6 Fertility Planning Status

The issue of unplanned and unwanted fertility was further investigated in the 2005-06 ZDHS by asking women who had births during the five years before the survey whether the births were wanted at the time (planned), wanted at a later time (mistimed), or not wanted at all (unwanted). The responses to those questions provide a measure of the degree to which Zimbabwean couples have been successful in controlling childbearing. In addition, the information can be used to estimate the effect on period fertility if unwanted pregnancies had been prevented.

The questions on the planning status of recent births required the female respondent to recall accurately her wishes at one or more points in the past five years and report them honestly. These questions are subject to recall and accuracy bias in remembering how she felt about a particular pregnancy. She also may not be willing to admit that she had not wanted a child at its conception. Conversely, if the child has become an economic or health burden, she may now claim that it was unwanted. Despite these potential problems of comprehension, recall, and truthfulness, results from previous surveys have yielded plausible responses, with the most probable effect of biases in the answers being net underestimation of the level of unwanted fertility.

Table 7.6 shows the distribution of births in the five years before the survey by whether a birth was wanted then, wanted later, or not wanted. Overall, 67 percent of all births were wanted at the time of conception, 20 percent were reported as mistimed (wanted later), and 13 percent were unwanted. The proportion of unwanted births is greater for births that are fourth order or more ( 22 percent) than that of first births (10 percent). Similarly, a much larger proportion of births to older women are unwanted than are those to younger women. Whereas about 8 percent of births to women age 20-24 years are unwanted, 39 percent of births to women 40-49 years are unwanted.

| Table 7.6 Fertility planning status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of births in the five years preceding the survey (including current pregnancies), by fertility planning status, according to birth order and mother's age at birth, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Birth order and mother's age at birth | Planning status of birth |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Wanted then | Wanted later | Wanted no more | Missing | Total | Number of births |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 72.1 | 17.2 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,860 |
| 2 | 70.0 | 21.6 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,481 |
| 3 | 68.3 | 20.3 | 11.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 968 |
| 4+ | 55.1 | 22.8 | 21.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,511 |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 65.0 | 21.4 | 13.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,205 |
| 20-24 | 69.4 | 22.2 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,937 |
| 25-29 | 69.5 | 19.2 | 11.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,319 |
| 30-34 | 64.5 | 18.3 | 17.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 809 |
| 35-39 | 61.5 | 16.9 | 21.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 368 |
| 40-44 | 43.7 | 16.2 | 39.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 164 |
| 45-49 | 38.2 | 17.9 | 39.4 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 19 |
| Total | 66.5 | 20.3 | 12.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,820 |

### 7.7 Wanted Fertility Rates

Using information on whether births occurring in the five years before the survey were wanted or not, a total "wanted" fertility rate has been calculated. This measure is calculated in the same manner as the conventional total fertility rate, except that unwanted births are excluded from the numerator. A birth is considered as wanted if the number of living children at the time of conception was less than the current ideal number of children as reported by the respondent. Wanted fertility rates express the level of fertility that theoretically would result if all unwanted births were prevented. Comparison of the actual fertility rate with the wanted rate indicates the potential demographic impact of eliminating unwanted births.

Table 7.7 shows that the wanted fertility rate among women for the three years preceding the survey was 3.3 children, compared with the actual average of 3.8 children. In other words, Zimbabwean women are currently having an average of 0.5 children more than they actually want. The table also shows that regardless of place of residence, level of education, and wealth quintile, the wanted fertility rate is lower than the total fertility rate.

Women in Matabeleland South have the largest gap of slightly more than one child. Women in this province would have an average of just under three rather than four children if unwanted births were prevented. Women with higher levels of education as well as those in the highest wealth quintile seem to be the most successful in achieving their fertility goal.

Table 7.7 Wanted fertility rates
Total wanted fertility rates and total fertility rates for the three years preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Total wanted fertility rates | Total fertility rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Rural | 3.9 | 4.6 |
| Province |  |  |
| Manicaland | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| Mashonaland Central | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| Mashonaland East | 3.2 | 3.7 |
| Mashonaland West | 3.3 | 3.7 |
| Matabeleland North | 3.3 | 4.2 |
| Matabeleland South | 2.9 | 4.0 |
| Midlands | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| Masvingo | 4.3 | 4.9 |
| Harare | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| Bulawayo | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 5.2 | 5.8 |
| Primary | 3.8 | 4.5 |
| Secondary | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| More than secondary | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.8 | 5.5 |
| Second | 3.9 | 4.8 |
| Middle | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| Fourth | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| Highest | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Total | 3.3 | 3.8 |

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.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD MORTALITY

This chapter presents information on levels, trends, and differentials in neonatal, infant, and child mortality. This information is important to both the demographic assessment of the population and the evaluation of health policies and programmes. Estimates of infant and child mortality may be used as inputs into population projections, particularly if the level of adult mortality is known from another source or can be inferred with reasonable confidence. Information on mortality of children also serves the needs of agencies providing health services by identifying subgroups of the population that are at high risk of mortality.

### 8.1 Background and Assessment of Data Quality

The rates of childhood mortality presented in this chapter are defined as follows:

- Neonatal mortality: the probability of dying within the first month of life
- Postneonatal mortality: the arithmetic difference between infant and neonatal mortality
- Infant mortality: the probability of dying between birth and the first birthday
- Child mortality: the probability of dying between the exact age one and the fifth birthday
- Under-five mortality: the probability of dying between birth and the fifth birthday.

All rates are expressed as deaths per 1,000 live births, except child mortality, which is expressed as deaths per 1,000 children surviving to the first birthday.

Information drawn from the questions asked in the birth history section of the Women's Questionnaire is used to calculate the mortality rates presented in this chapter. First, the respondents were asked a series of questions about their childbearing experience. In particular, they were asked to report the number of sons and daughters who live with them, the number who live elsewhere, and the number who died. In the birth history, for each live birth, information was collected on sex, month, and year of birth; survivorship status and current age; and age at death if the child died.

The quality of mortality estimates calculated from retrospective birth histories depends on the mother's ability to recall all of the children she had given birth to, as well as their birth dates and age at death. The most potentially serious data quality problem is the selective omission from the birth histories of births that did not survive. If the problem of omission is serious, it can result in an overall underestimation of the level of childhood mortality. When selective omission of childhood deaths occurs, it is usually more severe for deaths occurring early in infancy. Generally, if there is substantial underreporting of deaths, the result is an abnormally low ratio of early neonatal deaths (deaths within the first week of life) to all neonatal deaths, and an abnormally low ratio of neonatal deaths to infant deaths.

Appendix Table C. 4 shows that the proportion of all neonatal deaths that took place within the first seven days of birth was 74 percent for the five-year period prior to the 2005-06 ZDHS. This proportion is within the expected range and similar to the proportions recorded for the five-year periods prior to the 1994 ZDHS ( 71 percent) and the 1999 ZDHS ( 76 percent). However, it is somewhat lower than proportions of early neonatal deaths recorded in the 2005-06 ZDHS for the periods 5-19 years before the survey, which ranged between 83 percent and 87 percent. Looking at the ratio of neonatal deaths to all deaths, Appendix Table C. 5 shows that the proportion was 41 percent for the five-year period prior to the

2005-06 survey. This is somewhat lower than the proportions recorded for the five-year periods prior to the 1994 ZDHS ( 49 percent) and the 1999 survey ( 47 percent), and it is also somewhat lower than the proportions reported in the 2005-06 ZDHS for the periods 5-19 years before the survey, which ranged between 47 percent and 52 percent.

Another potential data quality problem involves the displacement of birth dates, which may cause a distortion of mortality trends. This can occur if an interviewer knowingly records a death as occurring in a different year, which would happen if an interviewer is trying to cut down on their overall work, because births occurring during the five years preceding the interview are the subject of a lengthy set of additional questions. In the 2005-06 ZDHS questionnaire, the cutoff year for these questions was 2000. Appendix Table C. 6 shows little evidence of severe transference of deceased children from 2000 to earlier years.

A third factor that affects childhood mortality estimates is the quality of reporting of age at death. Misreporting of the child's age at death may distort the age pattern of mortality, especially if the net effect of the age misreporting is a transference of deaths from one age bracket to another. For example, a net transfer of deaths from under one month to a higher age will affect the estimates of neonatal and postneonatal mortality. To minimise errors in reporting of age at death, ZDHS interviewers were instructed to record age at death in days if the death took place in the month following the birth, in months if the child died before age two, and in years if the child was at least two years of age. They also were asked to probe for deaths reported at one year to determine a more precise age at death in terms of months.

Despite the emphasis during interviewer training and fieldwork monitoring on probing for accurate age at death, Appendix Table C. 5 shows that, for the five years preceding the survey, the number of reported deaths at age 12 months or one year of age is more than twice the number of deaths reported at 11 months and many times the number reported at 13 months. It is likely that some of these deaths actually occurred before one year of age but are not included in the infant mortality rate, thus distorting the age pattern of mortality. This problem is not, however, more severe in the 2005-06 survey than in the earlier rounds of the ZDHS.

Finally, it is important to note that any method of measuring childhood mortality that relies on the mothers' reports (e.g., birth histories) rests on the assumption that female adult mortality is not high, or if it is high, that there is little or no correlation between the mortality risks of the mothers and that of their children. In countries like Zimbabwe with high rates of female adult mortality, primarily due to the AIDS epidemic (see Chapter 15), these assumptions may not hold and the resulting childhood mortality rates will be understated to some degree.

### 8.2 Infant and Child Mortality Levels and Trends

Table 8.1 presents childhood mortality rates for the three five-year periods before the 2005-06 ZDHS. The data show that, for the five-year period immediately prior to the survey, the under-five mortality was 82 per 1,000 live births, that is, around one out of every 12 Zimbabwean children died before reaching their fifth birthday during the five-year period. The infant mortality rate was 60 deaths per 1,000 live births, and the neonatal mortality rate was 24 per 1,000 births. Thus, around three-quarters of the childhood deaths occurred during infancy, with more than one-quarter taking place during the first month of life.

| Table 8.1 Early childhood mortality rates |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Neonatal, postneonatal, infant, child, and under-five mortality rates for fiveyear periods preceding the survey, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Years preceding the survey | Neonatal mortality (NN) | Postneonatal mortality (PNN) | Infant mortality $\left({ }_{1} q_{0}\right)$ | Child mortality $\left(4 q_{1}\right)^{1}$ | Under-five mortality ${ }_{5} \mathrm{q}_{0}$ ) |
| 0-4 | 24 | 36 | 60 | 24 | 82 |
| 5-9 | 18 | 19 | 37 | 17 | 54 |
| 10-14 | 20 | 21 | 40 | 18 | 58 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Computed as the difference between the infant and neonatal mortality rates |  |  |  |  |  |

An examination of the mortality levels across the three successive five-year periods shown in Table 8.1 suggests that under-five mortality rose from a level of 58 deaths per 1,000 births during the early 1990s (circa 1991-92 to 1995-96) to 82 deaths per 1,000 births during the first half of this decade (circa 2001-02 to 2005-06). Most of the rise in mortality occurred outside of the neonatal period.

Trends in mortality in early childhood can also be explored by examining the mortality results from successive rounds of DHS surveys in Zimbabwe. Table 8.2 shows the infant and under-five mortality rates for two successive five-year periods preceding the 1988, 1994, 1999, and 2005-06 ZDHS surveys. The overall pattern suggests that mortality levels declined during the first half of the 1980s, remained relatively stable for the next 10 years, and then began rising in the latter half of the 1990s.

| Table 8.2 Trends in early childhood mortality |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trends in neonatal, infant, and under-five mortality from various selected surveys, Zimbabwe 1979-2006 |  |  |  |  |
| Reference period | Approximate midpoint | Survey | Infant mortality | Under-five mortality |
| 2001-02-2005-06 | 2003 | 2005-06 ZDHS | 60 | 82 |
| 1994-95-2000-01 | 1998 | 2005-06 ZDHS | 37 | 54 |
| 1995-1999 | 1997 | 1999 ZDHS | 65 | 102 |
| 1990-1994 | 1992 | 1999 ZDHS | 54 | 77 |
| 1990-1994 | 1992 | 1994 ZDHS | 53 | 77 |
| 1985-1989 | 1987 | 1994 ZDHS | 50 | 75 |
| 1984-1988 | 1986 | 1988 ZDHS | 53 | 75 |
| 1979-1983 | 1981 | 1988 ZDHS | 64 | 104 |

The direction of the trend in mortality during the first half of the current decade is, however, less certain. A comparison of the under-five mortality for the five-year period prior to the 2005-06 ZDHS with the rate for the five-year period prior to the 1999 ZDHS suggests that mortality has fallen, from the level of 102 deaths per 1,000 births at the time of the 1999 survey to 82 deaths at the time of 2005-06 ZDHS. Most of the difference in under-five mortality between the two most recent ZDHS surveys would appear to be the result of a decline in child mortality because the infant mortality rate at the time of the 2005-06 ZDHS was 60 deaths per 1,000 births, only slightly lower than the rate observed in the 1999 ZDHS (65 deaths per 1,000 ).

Further examination of the rates from the two most recent ZDHS surveys, however, raises questions about the comparability of the mortality results from the two surveys. For example, the 5-9 year rates from the 2005-2006 ZDHS (an infant mortality rate of 37 and under-five mortality rate of 54) and the $0-4$ year rates from the 1999 survey (an infant mortality rate of 54 and an under-five mortality rate
of 77) are not comparable although they refer to approximately the same time frame (i.e., circa 19971998). Additional analysis is, therefore, needed to investigate the recent pattern of early childhood mortality in Zimbabwe before a conclusion is reached that mortality has declined over the period between the 1999 and 2005-06 ZDHS surveys. As discussed above, possible factors that may be affecting the mortality estimates include reporting errors during the surveys and excess mortality among mothers. Sampling variability also should be considered.

### 8.3 Socioeconomic Differentials in Early Childhood Mortality

Table 8.3 shows differentials in infant and child mortality by residence, mother's level of education, and type of antenatal care and delivery assistance. The mortality estimates are calculated for the 10 -year period before the survey so that the rates are based on a sufficient number of cases in each category to ensure statistically reliable estimates.

Table 8.3 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 characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Neonatal mortality ( NN ) | Postneonatal mortality ${ }^{1}$ (PNN) | Infant mortality $\left({ }_{1} q_{0}\right)$ | Child mortality $\left(4 q_{1}\right)$ | Under-five mortality $\left({ }_{5} q_{0}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20 | 26 | 47 | 18 | 64 |
| Rural | 22 | 29 | 51 | 22 | 72 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 38 | 33 | 71 | 32 | 100 |
| Mashonaland Central | 15 | 30 | 45 | 29 | 73 |
| Mashonaland East | 27 | 20 | 47 | 25 | 71 |
| Mashonaland West | 17 | 39 | 56 | 23 | 77 |
| Matabeleland North | 11 | 35 | 46 | 22 | 67 |
| Matabeleland South | 12 | 20 | 32 | 14 | 45 |
| Midlands | 28 | 25 | 53 | 13 | 65 |
| Masvingo | 15 | 27 | 42 | 17 | 58 |
| Harare | 24 | 22 | 46 | 20 | 65 |
| Bulawayo | 5 | 29 | 34 | 11 | 45 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17 | 24 | 40 | 30 | 69 |
| Primary | 22 | 30 | 52 | 20 | 71 |
| Secondary | 22 | 27 | 49 | 20 | 68 |
| More than secondary | 17 | 27 | 44 | 13 | 57 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17 | 31 | 48 | 25 | 72 |
| Second | 25 | 34 | 59 | 15 | 73 |
| Middle | 24 | 25 | 48 | 29 | 76 |
| Fourth | 24 | 22 | 46 | 23 | 68 |
| Highest | 16 | 28 | 45 | 12 | 57 |

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

Child survival rates are higher in urban than in rural areas. For example, the under-five mortality rate is 64 deaths per 1,000 births in the urban areas, compared with 72 deaths per 1,000 births in rural areas. There is also substantial variation in the mortality level across provinces. Under-five mortality is highest in Manicaland (100 deaths per 1,000 births) and lowest in Matabeleland South and Bulawayo (45 deaths per 1,000 births).

Children whose mothers have more than a secondary education have somewhat lower mortality than children whose mothers have less education.

### 8.4 Biodemographic Differentials in Early Childhood Mortality

The relationship between early childhood mortality and various demographic variables is examined in Table 8.4. Although the pattern is not uniform at all ages, male children experience higher mortality than their female counterparts. Infant mortality for males and females is 51 and 48 deaths per 1,000 births, respectively, while under-five mortality rates for males and females are 71 and 68 deaths per 1,000 births, respectively.

The relationship between childhood mortality and mother's age at birth does not show the expected U-shape pattern, except for the postneonatal period. The childhood mortality rates generally rise with the child's birth order although not uniformly.

| Neonatal, postneonatal, infant, child, and under-five mortality rates for the 10-year period preceding the survey, by demographic characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Demographic characteristic | Neonatal mortality (NN) | Postneonatal mortality ${ }^{1}$ (PNN) | Infant mortality $\left({ }_{1} q_{0}\right)$ | Child mortality $\left(4 q_{1}\right)$ | Under-five mortality $\left({ }_{5} \mathrm{q}_{0}\right)$ |
| Child's sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 23 | 28 | 51 | 21 | 71 |
| Female | 19 | 29 | 48 | 21 | 68 |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 18 | 30 | 48 | 23 | 70 |
| 20-29 | 20 | 28 | 48 | 21 | 68 |
| 30-39 | 24 | 27 | 51 | 22 | 72 |
| 40-49 | 42 | 30 | 73 | 5 | 77 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 21 | 26 | 47 | 20 | 66 |
| 2-3 | 17 | 29 | 46 | 23 | 68 |
| 4-6 | 25 | 31 | 55 | 20 | 74 |
| 7+ | 39 | 25 | 65 | 16 | 80 |
| Previous birth interval ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<2$ years | 58 | 60 | 118 | 27 | 142 |
| 2 years | 16 | 28 | 44 | 24 | 66 |
| 3 years | 17 | 24 | 40 | 16 | 56 |
| $4+$ years | 18 | 22 | 40 | 22 | 60 |
| Birth size ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Small/very small | 42 | 41 | 83 | na | na |
| Average or larger | 19 | 36 | 55 | na | na |
| Don't know/missing | 93 | 56 | 149 | na | na |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Computed as the difference between the infant and neonatal mortality rates <br> ${ }^{2}$ Excludes first-order births |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3}$ Rates for the five-year period before the survey |  |  |  |  |  |

Studies have shown that a longer birth interval seems to increase a child's chance of survival. Data from the 2005-06 ZDHS support this observation. For example, children born less than two years after a preceding sibling are more than twice as likely to die in infancy as those born two to three years after a preceding sibling (118 compared with 44 per 1,000). This link between the pace of childbearing and child survival rates is observed in all age groups. These findings point out the potential for mortality reduction that could result from successful efforts to promote birth spacing in Zimbabwe.

A child's size at birth is an indicator of the risk of dying during infancy, particularly during the first months of life. In the 2005-06 ZDHS, in addition to recording the actual birth weight, interviewers asked mothers whether the reference child was very small, small, average size, large, or very large at birth. This type of subjective assessment has been shown to correlate closely with actual birth weight. Newborns perceived by their mothers to be very small or small were 50 percent more likely to die in their first year than those perceived as average or larger in size. As expected, the differential is especially large during the neonatal period.

### 8.5 Perinatal Mortality

Pregnancy losses occurring after seven completed months of gestation (stillbirths) plus deaths of live births within the first seven days of life (early neonatal deaths) constitute perinatal deaths. The distinction between a stillbirth and an early neonatal death (deaths in the first week after birth) is recognized as a fine one, often depending on observing and then remembering sometimes faint signs of life after delivery. Furthermore, the causes of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths are closely linked, and examining just one or the other can understate the true level of mortality around delivery. For this reason, deaths around delivery are combined into the perinatal mortality rate. Information on stillbirths is available for the five years preceding the survey and was collected using the calendar at the end of the Women's Questionnaire.

Table 8.5 indicates that the perinatal mortality for the country as a whole is 25 deaths per 1,000 pregnancies. Differentials in perinatal mortality across selected background characteristics of the mothers are generally similar to those observed for neonatal mortality. A particularly marked decline in perinatal mortality is associated with increased education of women.

## Table 8.5 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, Zimbabwe 20052006

| 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 | 12 | 18 | 28 | 1,082 |
| 20-29 | 14 | 50 | 22 | 2,953 |
| 30-39 | 12 | 15 | 25 | 1,069 |
| 40-49 | 2 | 6 | 47 | 166 |
| Previous pregnancy interval in months |  |  |  |  |
| First pregnancy | 12 | 28 | 25 | 1,598 |
| <15 | 4 | 1 | 27 | 203 |
| 15-26 | 1 | 19 | 36 | 573 |
| 27-38 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 994 |
| $39+$ | 19 | 30 | 26 | 1,902 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 15 | 28 | 28 | 1,528 |
| Rural | 25 | 61 | 23 | 3,743 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 7 | 18 | 36 | 687 |
| Mashonaland Central | 4 | 6 | 17 | 589 |
| Mashonaland East | 4 | 6 | 25 | 391 |
| Mashonaland West | 0 | 8 | 16 | 519 |
| Matabeleland North | 5 | 2 | 20 | 345 |
| Matabeleland South | 5 | 2 | 28 | 247 |
| Midlands | 5 | 19 | 31 | 779 |
| Masvingo | 1 | 12 | 17 | 791 |
| Harare | 8 | 14 | 32 | 674 |
| Bulawayo | 1 | 2 | 12 | 249 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3 | 4 | 30 | 215 |
| Primary | 17 | 30 | 24 | 1,939 |
| Secondary | 20 | 55 | 25 | 2,992 |
| More than secondary | 0 | 1 | 12 | 124 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6 | 15 | 16 | 1,302 |
| Second | 13 | 18 | 28 | 1,106 |
| Middle | 3 | 20 | 26 | 914 |
| Fourth | 6 | 24 | 27 | 1,097 |
| Highest | 12 | 13 | 29 | 851 |
| Total | 40 | 89 | 25 | 5,271 |

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### 8.6 High-Risk Fertility Behaviour

Typically, infants and young children have a higher risk of dying if they are born to very young mothers or older mothers, if they are born after a short interval, or if their mothers have already had many children. In the following analysis, mothers are classified as too young if they are less than 18 years old at the time of birth of the child and too old if they are age 35 years or more at the time of the birth. A short birth interval is defined as less than 24 months, and a high-order birth is defined as occurring after four or more previous births (i.e., birth order 5 or higher). A birth may be at an elevated risk of dying owing to a combination of characteristics.

The first column of Table 8.6 shows the percentage of births in the five years before the survey classified by various risk categories. Overall, 38 percent of births are in at least one high-risk category; 27 percent are in a single high-risk category and 11 percent have multiple high-risk characteristics.

The second column in Table 8.6 presents risk ratios, which represent the increased risk of mortality among births in various high-risk categories relative to births not having any high-risk characteristics. The primary factor leading to heightened mortality risk in Zimbabwe is short birth interval (2.20), followed by mother's age greater than 34 (1.55). The largest percentage of high-risk births in Zimbabwe are of high birth order (birth order $>3$ ) and have a comparatively modest increased risk of mortality (1.13). This acts to reduce the risk ratios in the overall single high-risk category (1.4) and in the overall multiple high-risk category (1.9).

The third column of Table 8.6 shows the distribution of currently married women by the risk category into which a birth conceived at the time of the survey would fall. The data in the table shows that 30 percent of women are not in any elevated mortality risk category and 6 percent have only given birth once, which is an unavoidable risk. Among those who are in an elevated mortality risk category (64 percent of women), 32 percent have a single high risk and 32 percent have multiple risks.

| Table 8.6 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |

## MATERNAL HEALTH CARE

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 her child. This chapter presents findings on several areas of importance to maternal health: antenatal, delivery, and postnatal care, and problems in accessing health care. 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.

Information on antenatal care (ANC) is of great value in identifying subgroups of women who do not utilise such services and is useful in planning improvements in the services. The data on ANC from the 2005-06 ZDHS provide details on the type of service provider, the number of ANC visits made, the stage of pregnancy at the time of the first and last visits, and the services and information provided during ANC including whether tetanus toxoid was received.

### 9.1 Antenatal Care

Proper care during pregnancy and delivery is important for the health of both the mother and the baby. Antenatal care from a trained provider is important in order to monitor the pregnancy and reduce the risks for the mother and child during pregnancy and at delivery. In the 2005-06 ZDHS, women who had given birth in the five years preceding the survey were asked a number of questions about maternal care. For the last live birth in that period, the mothers were asked whether they had obtained antenatal care during the pregnancy. For women with two or more live births during the five-year period, data refer to the most recent birth.

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 providers seen for antenatal care for their last birth. If a woman was seen by more than one provider, the provider with the highest qualification was recorded.

Ninety-four percent of women who gave birth in the five years preceding the survey received antenatal care from a trained health professional (doctor or nurse/midwife) at least once. The majority ( 84 percent) of women received antenatal care from a nurse or midwife, while 10 percent of women received antenatal care from a doctor. Less than 1 percent of women received antenatal care from a traditional birth attendant (trained or untrained).

The child's birth order is inversely associated with the use of antenatal care. Children of higher birth order are less likely to receive care from a trained professional. Table 9.1 indicates that 96 percent of women with one child received antenatal care from a doctor, nurse, or midwife, while 87 percent of women with six or more children received antenatal care from a trained health professional.

| 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Doctor | Nurse/ midwife | Trained traditional birth attendant | Untrained traditional birth attendant | Other | No one | Missing | Total | Number of women |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 9.2 | 83.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 766 |
| 20-34 | 10.3 | 84.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,905 |
| 35-49 | 9.5 | 82.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 6.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 428 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 11.8 | 83.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 3.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,236 |
| 2-3 | 11.2 | 84.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,764 |
| 4-5 | 5.9 | 87.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 715 |
| 6+ | 6.8 | 80.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 11.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 384 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.5 | 75.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,284 |
| Rural | 5.2 | 88.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 5.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,815 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 8.3 | 80.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 497 |
| Mashonaland Central | 5.1 | 89.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 457 |
| Mashonaland East | 4.2 | 92.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 319 |
| Mashonaland West | 10.6 | 83.9 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 413 |
| Matabeleland North | 10.1 | 82.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 263 |
| Matabeleland South | 11.7 | 83.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 184 |
| Midlands | 5.3 | 88.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 584 |
| Masvingo | 2.9 | 92.8 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 609 |
| Harare | 20.0 | 76.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 566 |
| Bulawayo | 38.6 | 56.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 207 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 6.1 | 87.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 166 |
| Primary | 4.9 | 86.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 7.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,443 |
| Secondary | 11.7 | 84.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,383 |
| More than secondary | 48.2 | 49.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 106 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.5 | 88.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 934 |
| Second | 4.1 | 88.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 7.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 823 |
| Middle | 7.1 | 87.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 714 |
| Fourth | 9.3 | 86.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 901 |
| Highest | 27.6 | 69.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 727 |
| Total | 10.0 | 84.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 4,099 |

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

Coverage of antenatal care from a provider who is a doctor, nurse, or midwife is slightly higher in urban areas than in rural areas ( 96 percent and 93 percent, respectively). Antenatal care coverage is lowest in Manicaland with 88 percent of women receiving ANC from a doctor, nurse, or midwife and 10 percent of women receiving no ANC at all. In all other provinces, ANC from a doctor, nurse, or midwife ranges between 93 and 97 percent of women.

Antenatal care does not vary much by education; however, ANC from a doctor, nurse, or midwife is more common among higher-educated women and is almost universal (at least 96 percent) for women with a secondary or higher education. What is most pronounced is that women with higher than a secondary education are much more likely to have received ANC from a doctor (48 percent), when compared with their counterparts with less education. As observed with higher levels of education, women in the highest wealth quintile (28 percent) are the most likely to have received antenatal care from a doctor.

### 9.2 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 28th week of pregnancy and every two weeks up to the 36th week (or until birth). Under normal circumstances, WHO recommends that a woman without complications have at least four ANC visits to provide sufficient care.

The ZDHS respondents were asked how many antenatal visits they made during the pregnancy preceding the last live birth in the five years before the survey and how many months pregnant they were at the time of the first visit. Information about this number and timing of visits made by pregnant women is presented in Table 9.2.

In the 2005-06 ZDHS, 94 percent of women who had a live birth in the five years preceding the survey had at least one antenatal

| Table 9.2 Number of antenatal care visits and timing of first visit |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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, and among women with ANC, median months pregnant at first visit, according to residence, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |
| Number and timing of ANC visits | Residence |  | Total |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| Number of ANC visits |  |  |  |
| None | 3.4 | 5.8 | 5.0 |
| 1 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| 2-3 | 16.9 | 22.4 | 20.7 |
| 4+ | 75.8 | 68.9 | 71.1 |
| Don't know/missing | 2.1 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of months pregnant at time of first ANC visit |  |  |  |
| No antenatal care | 3.4 | 5.8 | 5.0 |
| <4 | 28.6 | 26.6 | 27.2 |
| 4-5 | 40.2 | 43.7 | 42.6 |
| 6-7 | 24.3 | 21.2 | 22.2 |
| 8+ | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Median months pregnant at first visit (for those with ANC) | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| Number of women | 1,284 | 2,815 | 4,099 | care visit. Seventy-one percent of mothers had four or more antenatal care visits and 21 percent of mothers had two to three visits. Women in urban areas were more likely to have four or more visits than women living in rural areas ( 76 and 69 percent, respectively).

Table 9.2 also shows that 70 percent of women had their first ANC visit before their sixth month of pregnancy. Twenty-two percent had their first visit in the sixth or seventh month of pregnancy, and 3 percent had their first visit at eight months of pregnancy. Five percent of women received no antenatal care at all. The median duration of pregnancy at the first antenatal care visit was five months, which is identical to the timing of the first visit observed in the 1999 ZDHS.

### 9.3 Components of Antenatal Care

Observing the content of antenatal care is essential for assessing the quality of antenatal care services. Pregnancy complications are a primary source of maternal and child morbidity and mortality. Therefore, ensuring that pregnant women receive information on the signs of complications and testing them for complications should be routinely included in all antenatal care visits. To help assess ANC
services, respondents were asked about whether they had been advised of complications or received certain screening tests during at least one of the antenatal visits. Table 9.3 presents information on the percentage of women who took iron tablets or syrup, were informed of the signs of pregnancy complications, and received routine selected services during antenatal care visits for their most recent birth in the last five years.

Among women with a live birth in the five years preceding the survey, 43 percent took iron tablets or syrup during their pregnancy. There are few variations by age, birth order, residence, and wealth quintile; however, there are differentials by province and education. Women in Harare were least likely to take iron supplements ( 29 percent) and women in Masvingo were the most likely to take iron tablets ( 56 percent). Women with more than a secondary education were most likely to take iron supplements during pregnancy (54 percent).

Half of the women who received antenatal care were informed of the signs of pregnancy complications. Women over the age of 20 are more likely to receive information on pregnancy complications than younger women. Birth order is not strongly associated with receiving information on signs of pregnancy complications. However, women in urban areas were more likely to receive information than those in the rural areas ( 65 percent compared with 43 percent). More than half of women in Harare, Midlands, and Bulawayo were informed of pregnancy complications (68, 59, and 57 percent, respectively), contrasted to only one in four women who live in Matabeleland North and Matabeleland South (22 and 26 percent, respectively). Around half of the women in the remaining provinces were informed of pregnancy complications, with the exception of Masvingo (41 percent).

Education and wealth quintile have a marked positive association with receiving information of the signs of pregnancy complications. More than 6 in 10 women with higher than a secondary education or who are in the highest wealth quintile were informed of pregnancy complications, contrasted to about 4 in 10 women with no education or a primary education and who are in the second and lowest wealth quintiles.

Table 9.3 also indicates that 95 percent of women who received antenatal care for their most recent birth were weighed and 93 percent had their blood pressure measured. Few variations are observed among the background characteristics. With the exception of women who live in Masvingo and women in the lowest wealth quintile, more than nine in ten women among all background characteristics were weighed and had their blood pressure measured.

A urine sample was taken for 69 percent of women who received antenatal care, and 68 percent of women had a blood sample taken. The 2005-06 ZDHS indicates that there are greater differentials by background characteristics than what was observed in the 1999 ZDHS. Women residing in rural areas were less likely to have a urine sample taken ( 60 percent) than women in urban areas ( 86 percent). The same pattern by residence is also observed with respect to whether blood samples were taken (58 percent for rural women and 89 percent for urban women). Women who never attended school (49 percent) and women in the lowest wealth quintile ( 51 percent) are almost half as likely to have had a urine sample taken as women with more than a secondary education ( 90 percent) and those in the highest wealth quintile ( 91 percent). Likewise, a similar trend is observed with regards to whether a blood sample was taken. Fifty percent of women with no education had a blood sample taken, compared with 88 percent of women with more than secondary education. Fifty percent of women in the lowest wealth quintile had a blood sample taken, compared with 91 percent of women in the highest wealth quintile.

## 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 during the pregnancy of the most recent birth, and among women receiving antenatal care (ANC) for the most recent live birth in the five years preceding the survey, the percentage receiving specific antenatal services, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Among women with a live birth in the last five years, the percentage who during the pregnancy of their last birth: |  | Among women who received antenatal care for their most recent birth in the past five years, the percentage with selected services: |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Informed |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Took iron tablets or syrup | Number of women | of signs of pregnancy complications | Weighed | Blood pressure measured | Urine sample taken | Blood sample taken | Number of women |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 43.0 | 766 | 43.6 | 89.5 | 88.8 | 59.0 | 64.7 | 720 |
| 20-34 | 42.7 | 2,905 | 50.2 | 96.2 | 94.3 | 70.8 | 68.5 | 2,772 |
| 35-49 | 44.2 | 428 | 56.1 | 94.6 | 87.5 | 71.0 | 69.3 | 398 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 44.7 | 1,236 | 47.6 | 92.6 | 92.8 | 67.1 | 71.4 | 1,189 |
| 2-3 | 42.0 | 1,764 | 50.6 | 95.6 | 92.6 | 68.6 | 67.4 | 1,688 |
| 4-5 | 43.2 | 715 | 50.0 | 97.3 | 96.0 | 72.2 | 65.6 | 671 |
| $6+$ | 40.5 | 384 | 50.7 | 93.4 | 85.0 | 66.9 | 62.2 | 341 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 41.4 | 1,284 | 64.6 | 97.9 | 97.8 | 86.1 | 89.2 | 1,240 |
| Rural | 43.6 | 2,815 | 42.5 | 93.4 | 90.1 | 60.4 | 57.8 | 2,650 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 39.2 | 497 | 47.9 | 96.3 | 93.0 | 64.7 | 61.5 | 448 |
| Mashonaland Central | 40.1 | 457 | 46.8 | 95.8 | 92.3 | 59.9 | 56.4 | 434 |
| Mashonaland East | 31.5 | 319 | 49.7 | 97.4 | 94.0 | 64.1 | 55.1 | 309 |
| Mashonaland West | 44.0 | 413 | 51.5 | 92.9 | 94.0 | 69.2 | 74.5 | 394 |
| Matabeleland North | 51.0 | 263 | 21.8 | 95.4 | 91.2 | 74.7 | 67.9 | 245 |
| Matabeleland South | 53.4 | 184 | 25.9 | 97.8 | 92.5 | 76.7 | 79.1 | 176 |
| Midlands | 43.0 | 584 | 59.0 | 95.2 | 93.6 | 66.6 | 59.2 | 552 |
| Masvingo | 56.0 | 609 | 41.4 | 87.4 | 84.4 | 51.2 | 57.8 | 588 |
| Harare | 28.5 | 566 | 68.4 | 97.6 | 96.4 | 87.4 | 90.0 | 545 |
| Bulawayo | 54.5 | 207 | 57.1 | 98.7 | 99.5 | 92.8 | 96.4 | 200 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 47.1 | 166 | 39.8 | 91.6 | 75.2 | 48.8 | 49.8 | 156 |
| Primary | 41.8 | 1,443 | 40.5 | 91.4 | 88.6 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 1,333 |
| Secondary | 42.8 | 2,383 | 54.8 | 96.8 | 95.7 | 74.6 | 73.3 | 2,296 |
| More than secondary | 54.1 | 106 | 64.9 | 98.2 | 99.2 | 89.7 | 87.7 | 105 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 45.6 | 934 | 32.9 | 88.4 | 84.9 | 51.4 | 49.9 | 877 |
| Second | 42.8 | 823 | 42.8 | 96.5 | 92.0 | 61.2 | 57.4 | 764 |
| Middle | 40.0 | 714 | 49.2 | 95.3 | 92.4 | 65.3 | 61.8 | 677 |
| Fourth | 42.0 | 901 | 57.4 | 96.8 | 96.5 | 77.3 | 80.9 | 861 |
| Highest | 43.5 | 727 | 68.4 | 98.0 | 98.1 | 90.5 | 91.2 | 710 |
| Total | 42.9 | 4,099 | 49.6 | 94.8 | 92.6 | 68.6 | 67.8 | 3,890 |

### 9.4 Tetanus Toxoid

Tetanus toxoid (TT) injections are given during pregnancy to prevent neonatal tetanus, a major cause of early infant death in many developing countries that is often due to poor observance of hygienic procedures during delivery. 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.

Fifty-eight percent of women had the number of tetanus toxoid injections needed to ensure that their last-born child was protected against neonatal tetanus. Most of these women (55 percent) received two or more tetanus toxoid injections while pregnant with the last birth. The remaining 3 percent of women either had one TT injection during last pregnancy plus one additional TT injection in the 10 years prior to the last pregnancy, or they did not have a TT injection during the last pregnancy but had at least five lifetime TT injections. Births to women who are first-time mothers, those who reside in urban areas, and women who have a secondary education are slightly more protected than women with more children, those residing in rural areas, and mothers with less education.

### 9.5 Place of Delivery

Increasing the number of babies that are delivered in health facilities is an important factor in reducing the health risks to both the mother and the baby. Proper medical attention and

## Table 9.4 Tetanus toxoid injections

Among mothers with a live birth in the five years preceding the survey, the percentage receiving two or more tetanus toxoid injections during the pregnancy for the last live birth and the percentage whose last live birth was protected against neonatal tetanus, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 20052006

| Background characteristic | Percentage receiving two or more injections during last pregnancy | Percentage of last births protected against neonatal tetanus | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |
| <20 | 54.4 | 57.4 | 766 |
| 20-34 | 55.5 | 58.6 | 2,905 |
| 35-49 | 48.2 | 51.7 | 428 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |
| 1 | 59.0 | 61.4 | 1,236 |
| 2-3 | 54.7 | 58.0 | 1,764 |
| 4-5 | 51.8 | 55.3 | 715 |
| 6+ | 44.3 | 48.5 | 384 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 58.1 | 61.6 | 1,284 |
| Rural | 52.9 | 55.9 | 2,815 |
| Province |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 51.6 | 55.0 | 497 |
| Mashonaland Central | 58.2 | 61.2 | 457 |
| Mashonaland East | 69.4 | 70.5 | 319 |
| Mashonaland West | 56.6 | 59.3 | 413 |
| Matabeleland North | 45.7 | 48.0 | 263 |
| Matabeleland South | 48.2 | 56.7 | 184 |
| Midlands | 61.0 | 64.3 | 584 |
| Masvingo | 45.5 | 47.9 | 609 |
| Harare | 52.7 | 56.3 | 566 |
| Bulawayo | 56.3 | 59.6 | 207 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 39.9 | 42.5 | 166 |
| Primary | 47.3 | 49.8 | 1,443 |
| Secondary | 60.4 | 63.7 | 2,383 |
| More than secondary | 45.4 | 51.8 | 106 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 46.5 | 49.4 | 934 |
| Second | 53.1 | 56.4 | 823 |
| Middle | 57.7 | 60.5 | 714 |
| Fourth | 57.2 | 60.3 | 901 |
| Highest | 60.1 | 63.6 | 727 |
| Total | 54.5 | 57.6 | 4,099 | hygienic conditions during delivery can reduce the risks of complications and infections that can cause morbidity and mortality to either the mother or the baby. 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.

Table 9.5 shows that 68 percent of births occurred in health facilities. This figure is slightly lower than that recorded in the 1999 ZDHS ( 72 percent) and the 1994 ZDHS (69 percent). In the 2005-06 ZDHS, 55 percent of births occurred in public health facilities and 13 percent occurred in private health facilities. Thirty-one percent of births occurred at home in the 2005-06 ZDHS, compared with 23 percent in the 1999 ZDHS. Younger mothers are more likely to deliver in a health institution than older mothers ( 68 percent for women under 20 years old, compared with 56 percent for women 35 years and older). Higher-order births are associated with a greater likelihood of being delivered at home: 55 percent of mothers with six or more children had their last birth at home, compared with 21 percent of mothers with one child.

| Percent distribution of live births in the five years preceding the survey by place of delivery, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Health facility |  | Home | Other | Missing | Total | Number of births |
|  | Public sector | Private sector |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 56.9 | 11.2 | 31.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,070 |
| 20-34 | 56.7 | 12.8 | 29.4 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,668 |
| 35-49 | 42.6 | 13.4 | 43.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 492 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 65.7 | 12.6 | 21.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,654 |
| 2-3 | 56.1 | 13.7 | 29.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,207 |
| 4-5 | 45.7 | 11.2 | 41.9 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 886 |
| 6+ | 34.6 | 9.4 | 54.6 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 484 |
| Antenatal care visits ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 24.1 | 4.3 | 70.2 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 206 |
| 1-3 | 52.1 | 9.4 | 37.4 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 932 |
| 4+ | 60.1 | 14.7 | 24.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,914 |
| Don't know/missing | 69.4 | 7.5 | 15.6 | 2.0 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 46 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 80.0 | 12.7 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,513 |
| Rural | 45.3 | 12.4 | 41.2 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,718 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 49.6 | 10.4 | 38.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 679 |
| Mashonaland Central | 43.1 | 17.6 | 38.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 585 |
| Mashonaland East | 61.6 | 5.4 | 31.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 387 |
| Mashonaland West | 53.5 | 6.8 | 38.4 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 519 |
| Matabeleland North | 45.8 | 11.7 | 42.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 340 |
| Matabeleland South | 55.3 | 8.6 | 34.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 243 |
| Midlands | 43.5 | 20.4 | 35.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 774 |
| Masvingo | 53.3 | 13.4 | 31.6 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 790 |
| Harare | 79.5 | 12.1 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 666 |
| Bulawayo | 86.3 | 8.0 | 5.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 248 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 27.5 | 6.7 | 65.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 213 |
| Primary | 40.7 | 11.0 | 47.4 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,922 |
| Secondary | 67.0 | 12.5 | 19.4 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,972 |
| More than secondary | 52.0 | 45.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 124 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 35.0 | 10.6 | 53.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,296 |
| Second | 45.3 | 10.5 | 43.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,093 |
| Middle | 56.4 | 13.7 | 29.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 911 |
| Fourth | 73.8 | 10.7 | 14.5 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,091 |
| Highest | 75.0 | 18.9 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 839 |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 55.4 | 12.5 | 31.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,231 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Includes only the most recent birth in the five years preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Place of delivery varies by urban-rural residence, with 93 percent of births in urban areas and 58 percent of births in rural areas occurring in a health facility. The urban-rural differential recorded in the 2005-06 ZDHS is greater than that recorded in the 1999 ZDHS when 89 percent of urban births and 64 percent of rural births occurred in health facilities.

Ninety-four percent of births occurred in health facilities in Bulawayo and 92 percent of births occurred in health facilities in Harare. In all other provinces, this coverage ranges from 58 percent to 67 percent. Home deliveries are most prevalent in Matabeleland North (42 percent) and least prevalent in Bulawayo (5 percent) and Harare (8 percent).

Mothers with more than a secondary education are almost three times more likely to deliver in a health facility than mothers with no education ( 98 percent compared with 34 percent). While the percentage of births to mothers with more than secondary education that were delivered in a health facility has remained the same as in 1999, the proportion of births to mothers with less education occurring in a health facility over the same period has decreased. In the 2005-06 ZDHS, 34 percent of births to mothers with no education occurred in a health facility, compared with 43 percent of birth in the 1999 ZDHS. Likewise, a higher percentage of births to women with less education occurred at home in the latest ZDHS. Sixty-six percent of women with no education gave birth at home in the 2005-06 ZDHS, compared with 46 percent in the 1999 ZDHS. The percentage of women with more than a secondary education who gave birth at home remained constant between surveys (1 percent).

There is a marked association between the mother's wealth quintile and place of delivery. Figure 9.1 shows that the likelihood of births occurring in health facilities increases with each wealth quintile. Mothers in the highest wealth quintile are twice as likely to give birth in a health facility as mothers in the lowest wealth quintile ( 94 percent compared with 46 percent, respectively).

Figure 9.1 Delivery in Health Facility by Wealth Quintile


### 9.6 Assistance during Delivery

Obstetric care from a trained provider during delivery is recognized as a critical element 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.

Table 9.6 shows that 9 percent of births were assisted by a doctor, 60 percent by a nurse or midwife, 11 percent by a trained traditional birth attendant, 16 percent by an untrained traditional birth attendant, 2 percent by a relative, and 2 percent of births had no assistance at all. Overall, more births were attended by traditional birth attendants in the 2005-06 ZDHS than in 1999 (27 percent compared with 18 percent). Maternal age and child's birth order are associated with the type of assistance at delivery. Younger women and women with fewer children are more likely to receive assistance at delivery than their older counterparts or women with more children.

Of the births that took place in a health facility, 86 percent were assisted by a nurse or midwife, and 13 percent were assisted by a doctor. Ninety-four percent of births in urban areas were delivered by a doctor, nurse, or midwife. Eighty-five percent of births occurring outside of a health facility were assisted by a traditional birth attendant.

In urban areas, 94 percent of births were assisted by a health professional (doctor, nurse, or midwife) compared with 58 percent in rural areas. Doctors assisted 20 percent of births in urban areas, compared with 5 percent in rural areas.

More than nine in ten deliveries in Harare ( 94 percent) and Bulawayo ( 95 percent) were assisted by a health professional. In other provinces, the coverage ranges from 58 percent in Matabeleland North to 67 percent in Masvingo. Approximately 6 percent of births in Manicaland, Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland East, and Masvingo were assisted by a relative or were unattended.

Maternal education is strongly related to health professional assistance during delivery. Women with secondary and higher education are more likely to seek assistance from a health professional during delivery. A doctor, nurse, or midwife assisted 99 percent of births to women with higher than a secondary education, compared with only 35 percent of births to mothers with no education. Approximately half of women with a primary or no education had their births attended by a traditional birth attendant compared with 1 percent among women with more than a secondary education.

As with education, wealth quintile is strongly associated with professional assistance during delivery. Women in the highest wealth quintile were twice as likely as women in the lowest wealth quintile to have assistance from a health professional (95 percent compared with 46 percent). Furthermore, women in the highest wealth quintile were nine times more likely than women in the lowest wealth quintile to have their births attended by a doctor ( 26 percent compared to 3 percent).

Respondents were asked whether the delivery was by caesarean section (C-section). According to the 2005-06 ZDHS, 5 percent of babies were delivered by C-section. This figure is slightly less than what was recorded in the 1999 ZDHS ( 7 percent). Caesarean sections are most common among first births ( 6 percent), urban births ( 9 percent), births to women in urban provinces ( 9 percent for Bulawayo and 7 percent for Harare), births to higher-educated mothers (14 percent), and births to mothers in higher wealth quintiles ( 10 percent). The sharpest difference in C-section coverage is reflected in the mother's education. Women with higher than secondary education are 14 times more likely to have a C-section than women with no education, seven times more likely than women with a primary education, and more than twice as likely as women with a secondary education.

| 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 percentage delivered by caesarean section (C-section), according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Doctor | Nurse/ midwife | Trained traditional birth attendant | Untrained traditional birth attendant | Relative/ other | No one | Don't know/ missing | Total | Percentage delivered by Csection | Number of births |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 8.2 | 60.5 | 11.5 | 16.5 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 1,070 |
| 20-34 | 9.0 | 60.9 | 10.9 | 15.6 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 3,668 |
| 35-49 | 10.6 | 46.6 | 12.9 | 20.2 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 492 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 11.0 | 67.8 | 7.4 | 11.7 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 1,654 |
| 2-3 | 9.9 | 60.3 | 12.2 | 14.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 2,207 |
| 4-5 | 5.3 | 52.3 | 13.2 | 22.5 | 1.5 | 5.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 886 |
| 6+ | 4.6 | 40.7 | 15.6 | 27.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 484 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 13.1 | 86.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 3,551 |
| Elsewhere | 0.3 | 2.7 | 34.6 | 50.6 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 1,671 |
| Missing | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 10 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.1 | 73.7 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 1,513 |
| Rural | 4.5 | 53.7 | 14.7 | 21.9 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 3,718 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 4.5 | 56.9 | 11.8 | 20.1 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 679 |
| Mashonaland Central | 5.2 | 55.2 | 20.1 | 13.8 | 1.4 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 585 |
| Mashonaland East | 6.2 | 62.4 | 11.3 | 14.0 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 387 |
| Mashonaland West | 7.7 | 52.7 | 15.1 | 21.0 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 519 |
| Matabeleland North | 8.9 | 49.4 | 13.7 | 24.4 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 340 |
| Matabeleland South | 9.6 | 53.7 | 14.7 | 19.4 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 243 |
| Midlands | 4.8 | 59.1 | 12.5 | 22.1 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 774 |
| Masvingo | 3.7 | 63.1 | 8.2 | 18.8 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 790 |
| Harare | 20.4 | 73.3 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 666 |
| Bulawayo | 36.6 | 58.4 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 248 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.8 | 32.8 | 17.9 | 36.5 | 3.9 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 213 |
| Primary | 3.9 | 48.4 | 17.0 | 24.9 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 1,922 |
| Secondary | 11.3 | 68.8 | 7.4 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 2,972 |
| More than secondary | 45.3 | 53.3 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 124 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.3 | 42.8 | 18.3 | 29.9 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 1,296 |
| Second | 3.7 | 52.4 | 15.9 | 22.3 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 1,093 |
| Middle | 4.3 | 66.2 | 11.2 | 14.6 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 911 |
| Fourth | 12.1 | 73.3 | 5.5 | 6.7 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 1,091 |
| Highest | 25.8 | 69.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 839 |
| Total | 9.0 | 59.5 | 11.2 | 16.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 5,231 |

Note: If the respondent mentioned more than one person attending during delivery, only the most qualified person is considered in this tabulation. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

### 9.7 Postnatal Care

A large proportion of maternal and neonatal deaths occur during the first 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 recommend 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 checkup, and the type of health provider performing the postnatal checkup. This information is presented according to background characteristics in Tables 9.7 and 9.8.

Overall, 54 percent of mothers received a postnatal checkup for the most recent birth in the five years preceding the survey. Thirty percent of mothers received a postnatal checkup within the first 48 hours after delivery. Thirteen percent of mothers received a checkup less than four hours after delivery, 16 percent between four and 23 hours, and 24 percent had a postnatal checkup between three and 40 days after delivery. Forty-five percent of mothers had no postnatal checkup.

Women under 20 years old were less likely to have had a postnatal checkup within two days of delivery than their older counterparts. Women who are in the higest parity category were also less likely to have a postnatal checkup within two days after delivery than women with fewer children.

Urban residence and higher education and wealth quintiles are highly associated with obtaining a postnatal checkup within two days of delivery. Forty-eight percent of women living in urban areas had a postnatal checkup within two days, compared with 23 percent of women living in rural areas. Likewise, mothers living in Bulawayo ( 74 percent) and Harare ( 43 percent) were most likely to have a postnatal checkup within two days of delivery. Women living in Manicaland and Mashonaland East were least likely to have a postnatal checkup within the same period of time (16 and 17 percent, respectively). The percentage of postnatal checkups within two days of delivery for the remaining provinces ranges from 22 to 38 percent.

Mothers with more than a secondary education are three times as likely as mothers with no education to have had a postnatal checkup within two days of delivery ( 57 percent and 18 percent, respectively). Mothers in the highest wealth quintile are also three times as likely as mothers in the lowest quintile to have had a checkup within two days of delivery ( 52 percent and 16 percent, respectively).

| Table 9.7 Timing of first postnatal checkup |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among women giving birth in the five years preceding the survey, the percent distribution of the mother's first postnatal checkup for the last live birth by time after delivery, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Timing after delivery of mother's first postnatal checkup |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Less than 4 hours | $\begin{gathered} 4-23 \\ \text { hours } \end{gathered}$ | 2 days | $\begin{aligned} & 3-41 \\ & \text { days } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Don't know/ missing | No checkup | Total | Number of women |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 11.7 | 13.7 | 1.6 | 21.7 | 1.0 | 50.4 | 100.0 | 766 |
| 20-34 | 13.8 | 16.1 | 1.1 | 24.4 | 1.0 | 43.6 | 100.0 | 2,905 |
| 35-49 | 13.7 | 15.8 | 2.3 | 25.6 | 0.5 | 42.1 | 100.0 | 428 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 12.7 | 16.9 | 1.7 | 23.0 | 1.4 | 44.4 | 100.0 | 1,236 |
| 2-3 | 14.8 | 15.6 | 0.8 | 24.4 | 0.9 | 43.5 | 100.0 | 1,764 |
| 4-5 | 14.0 | 14.8 | 1.4 | 24.4 | 0.5 | 44.9 | 100.0 | 715 |
| 6+ | 8.2 | 13.1 | 2.4 | 24.4 | 0.6 | 51.3 | 100.0 | 384 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.2 | 24.0 | 1.3 | 25.9 | 1.6 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 1,284 |
| Rural | 9.4 | 11.8 | 1.3 | 23.1 | 0.7 | 53.7 | 100.0 | 2,815 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 5.5 | 10.2 | 0.7 | 22.5 | 1.8 | 59.4 | 100.0 | 497 |
| Mashonaland Central | 7.2 | 20.0 | 0.8 | 32.4 | 0.6 | 39.0 | 100.0 | 457 |
| Mashonaland East | 8.5 | 7.3 | 0.8 | 25.9 | 0.2 | 57.3 | 100.0 | 319 |
| Mashonaland West | 9.8 | 10.5 | 1.6 | 27.4 | 1.4 | 49.3 | 100.0 | 413 |
| Matabeleland North | 14.6 | 15.2 | 1.9 | 21.1 | 0.5 | 46.7 | 100.0 | 263 |
| Matabeleland South | 20.1 | 15.6 | 2.3 | 19.7 | 2.4 | 39.9 | 100.0 | 184 |
| Midlands | 20.8 | 11.7 | 1.2 | 17.7 | 0.2 | 48.4 | 100.0 | 584 |
| Masvingo | 8.5 | 13.6 | 1.9 | 23.7 | 0.0 | 52.3 | 100.0 | 609 |
| Harare | 20.5 | 21.1 | 1.0 | 30.3 | 1.2 | 26.1 | 100.0 | 566 |
| Bulawayo | 27.4 | 44.9 | 2.0 | 8.2 | 3.6 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 207 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 7.5 | 9.6 | 0.7 | 25.4 | 0.5 | 56.3 | 100.0 | 166 |
| Primary | 8.7 | 9.4 | 1.8 | 21.2 | 0.5 | 58.5 | 100.0 | 1,443 |
| Secondary | 16.2 | 19.0 | 1.0 | 25.4 | 1.3 | 37.0 | 100.0 | 2,383 |
| More than secondary | 23.5 | 32.4 | 1.5 | 28.5 | 0.0 | 14.1 | 100.0 | 106 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.7 | 8.7 | 1.0 | 20.2 | 0.5 | 62.9 | 100.0 | 934 |
| Second | 9.1 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 23.3 | 0.8 | 54.1 | 100.0 | 823 |
| Middle | 12.4 | 15.4 | 2.3 | 23.1 | 1.0 | 45.7 | 100.0 | 714 |
| Fourth | 15.5 | 18.5 | 1.2 | 26.9 | 1.2 | 36.7 | 100.0 | 901 |
| Highest | 25.3 | 25.2 | 1.4 | 26.9 | 1.4 | 19.8 | 100.0 | 727 |
| Total | 13.4 | 15.6 | 1.3 | 24.0 | 1.0 | 44.7 | 100.0 | 4,099 |

### 9.8 Postnatal Care Providers

Table 9.8 shows that 55 percent of women received their first postnatal checkup from a doctor, nurse, or midwife for the last live birth. Findings according to background characteristics for this indicator are consistent with findings observed for women who received a postnatal checkup within two days after delivery.

Table 9.8 Type of provider of first postnatal checkup
Among women giving birth in the five years preceding the survey, the percent distribution by type of provider of the mother's first postnatal health checkup for the last live birth, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Type of health provider of mother's first postnatal checkup |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor/ nurse/ midwife | Trained traditional birth attendant | Untrained traditional birth attendant | Other | No checkup |  |  |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 48.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 50.4 | 100.0 | 766 |
| 20-34 | 55.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 43.6 | 100.0 | 2,905 |
| 35-49 | 56.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 42.1 | 100.0 | 428 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 55.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 44.4 | 100.0 | 1,236 |
| 2-3 | 55.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 43.5 | 100.0 | 1,764 |
| 4-5 | 54.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 44.9 | 100.0 | 715 |
| $6+$ | 47.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 51.3 | 100.0 | 384 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 74.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 1,284 |
| Rural | 45.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 53.7 | 100.0 | 2,815 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 40.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 59.4 | 100.0 | 497 |
| Mashonaland Central | 60.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 39.0 | 100.0 | 457 |
| Mashonaland East | 42.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 57.3 | 100.0 | 319 |
| Mashonaland West | 49.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 49.3 | 100.0 | 413 |
| Matabeleland North | 50.8 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 46.7 | 100.0 | 263 |
| Matabeleland South | 57.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 39.9 | 100.0 | 184 |
| Midlands | 51.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 48.4 | 100.0 | 584 |
| Masvingo | 47.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 52.3 | 100.0 | 609 |
| Harare | 73.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 26.1 | 100.0 | 566 |
| Bulawayo | 85.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 207 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 42.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 56.3 | 100.0 | 166 |
| Primary | 40.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 58.5 | 100.0 | 1,443 |
| Secondary | 62.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 37.0 | 100.0 | 2,383 |
| More than secondary | 85.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.1 | 100.0 | 106 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 36.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 62.9 | 100.0 | 934 |
| Second | 44.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 54.1 | 100.0 | 823 |
| Middle | 54.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 45.7 | 100.0 | 714 |
| Fourth | 62.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 36.7 | 100.0 | 901 |
| Highest | 80.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.8 | 100.0 | 727 |
| Total | 54.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 44.7 | 100.0 | 4,099 |

### 9.9 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 2005-06 ZDHS, 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 transportation, 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 drugs available. Table 9.9 shows that 79 percent of women reported at least one of these concerns was a big problem when it came to accessing health care.

The most important concern impeding women from accessing health care for themselves is not having money for treatment; 58 percent of women shared this concern. The majority of women reporting this concern were either of high parity ( 73 percent); divorced, separated, or widowed ( 72 percent); resided in rural areas ( 67 percent); had no education ( 84 percent); or were in the lowest wealth quintile ( 75 percent). Approximately half ( 48 percent) of women also reported that they were concerned that no drugs would be available at the health facility. About four in ten women reported that transportation (42 percent) and distance to the health facility (41 percent) were a big problem.

Table 9.9 Problems in accessing health care
Percentage of women who reported that they have serious problems in accessing health care for themselves when they are sick, by type of problem, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Problems in accessing health care |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Getting permission to go for treatment | Getting money for treatment | Distance to health facility | Having to take transportation | Not wanting to go alone | Concern no female provider available | Concern no provider available | Concern no drug available | At least one problem accessing health care |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 8.6 | 53.2 | 38.3 | 40.1 | 24.6 | 12.1 | 24.5 | 44.2 | 78.0 | 2,152 |
| 20-34 | 6.1 | 56.0 | 40.6 | 41.2 | 21.9 | 8.7 | 21.5 | 47.4 | 78.1 | 4,634 |
| 35-49 | 5.5 | 66.3 | 45.7 | 46.0 | 22.8 | 9.9 | 23.2 | 51.2 | 83.3 | 2,121 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 7.6 | 50.5 | 34.5 | 36.7 | 23.3 | 11.4 | 24.7 | 43.9 | 75.6 | 2,724 |
| 1-2 | 6.4 | 54.6 | 39.4 | 40.2 | 20.7 | 7.9 | 20.5 | 46.6 | 76.8 | 3,295 |
| 3-4 | 4.7 | 65.1 | 45.9 | 45.6 | 22.7 | 8.9 | 21.1 | 51.6 | 83.9 | 1,775 |
| $5+$ | 7.3 | 73.2 | 56.2 | 55.5 | 28.0 | 12.9 | 26.5 | 52.6 | 88.8 | 1,113 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 6.5 | 50.5 | 33.5 | 36.1 | 23.0 | 11.8 | 26.3 | 46.2 | 75.7 | 2,404 |
| Married or living together | 7.0 | 57.5 | 44.5 | 43.9 | 23.1 | 9.3 | 21.6 | 48.1 | 79.6 | 5,143 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 5.0 | 71.6 | 43.0 | 45.7 | 21.1 | 8.0 | 20.0 | 47.6 | 84.7 | 1,360 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 6.4 | 60.8 | 43.6 | 43.5 | 23.4 | 10.9 | 24.8 | 49.7 | 80.9 | 5,033 |
| Employed for cash | 5.9 | 52.4 | 34.9 | 37.1 | 19.9 | 6.7 | 16.3 | 43.1 | 75.6 | 2,888 |
| Employed not for cash | 9.2 | 58.0 | 48.1 | 49.6 | 27.9 | 13.4 | 30.2 | 49.5 | 82.6 | 981 |
| Missing | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 6 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.3 | 42.9 | 15.8 | 18.8 | 13.9 | 7.6 | 20.4 | 39.7 | 65.0 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 8.0 | 67.4 | 57.8 | 57.2 | 28.6 | 11.2 | 24.1 | 52.6 | 88.7 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 8.5 | 67.9 | 53.7 | 50.4 | 23.4 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 33.8 | 82.5 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 10.1 | 70.1 | 61.7 | 57.2 | 26.1 | 6.6 | 20.4 | 53.2 | 90.1 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 3.6 | 64.3 | 43.5 | 43.6 | 15.0 | 7.8 | 11.6 | 61.6 | 81.7 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 7.0 | 59.8 | 50.7 | 51.5 | 21.4 | 11.7 | 24.8 | 50.5 | 83.3 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 8.0 | 66.5 | 56.7 | 57.2 | 39.0 | 25.1 | 38.0 | 46.8 | 84.9 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 6.4 | 46.8 | 46.5 | 46.6 | 31.3 | 16.2 | 56.9 | 73.7 | 87.2 | 439 |
| Midlands | 6.4 | 52.4 | 40.0 | 37.5 | 22.0 | 9.7 | 21.2 | 51.7 | 78.2 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 6.0 | 64.7 | 47.0 | 53.5 | 27.8 | 8.7 | 21.7 | 43.1 | 84.3 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 6.2 | 42.0 | 14.7 | 17.8 | 13.9 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 27.8 | 61.1 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 2.8 | 50.8 | 20.1 | 26.0 | 21.9 | 16.0 | 59.3 | 69.8 | 78.7 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 6.1 | 83.6 | 64.9 | 66.9 | 34.9 | 16.0 | 30.6 | 54.9 | 92.8 | 380 |
| Primary | 8.5 | 69.8 | 53.5 | 55.2 | 27.6 | 12.0 | 24.3 | 51.0 | 88.0 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 5.7 | 51.3 | 34.5 | 34.6 | 20.0 | 8.3 | 21.4 | 45.7 | 75.2 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 1.7 | 19.5 | 12.6 | 13.7 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 17.3 | 35.5 | 49.6 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 8.9 | 74.5 | 62.5 | 64.8 | 34.3 | 16.2 | 29.6 | 55.7 | 92.7 | 1,552 |
| Second | 8.8 | 72.6 | 61.3 | 59.8 | 30.4 | 11.8 | 27.4 | 53.8 | 91.8 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 8.1 | 66.5 | 58.0 | 54.0 | 26.1 | 8.5 | 19.4 | 50.9 | 87.9 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 5.5 | 53.6 | 29.6 | 32.4 | 16.8 | 6.4 | 19.7 | 46.0 | 76.9 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 3.3 | 34.6 | 12.9 | 15.7 | 13.0 | 8.0 | 19.6 | 37.0 | 58.7 | 2,304 |
| Total | 6.6 | 57.8 | 41.3 | 42.1 | 22.8 | 9.8 | 22.6 | 47.5 | 79.4 | 8,907 |

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## CHILD HEALTH

This chapter presents findings from several areas relating to child health and survival including characteristics of the neonate (birth weight and size at birth), the vaccination status of young children, and treatment practices-particularly contact with health services-among children suffering from three childhood illnesses: acute respiratory infection, fever, and diarrhoea. Because appropriate sanitary practices can help prevent and reduce the severity of diarrhoeal disease, information is also provided on the manner of disposal of children's faecal matter. These results from the 2005-06 ZDHS are expected to assist policymakers and program managers in the health sector to formulate appropriate strategies and interventions to improve the health situation of children in Zimbabwe. In particular, the results will be useful to assess coverage of current strategies such as Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), which seeks to prevent deaths from pneumonia, malaria, and diarrhoea, and plan for improvements in these initiatives.

Studies have shown that low birth weight, defined as a weight at birth of less than 2.5 kilogrammes, is associated with high rates of mortality. For births in the five years preceding the survey, birth weight was recorded in the ZDHS questionnaire if available from either a written record or the mother's recall. Because birth weight may not be known for many babies, the mother's estimate of the baby's size at birth was also obtained from all mothers.

### 10.1 Child's Weight and Size at Birth

Table 10.1 shows that birth weight information was available for 74 percent of the births in the five-year period before the survey. Among the babies for whom birth weight information was obtained in the survey, 10 percent had a low birth weight (less than 2.5 kg ). Mothers reported that 4 percent of babies were very small at birth, 11 percent smaller than average, and 84 percent average or larger size at birth.

In general, the proportions of women with low birth weight babies or babies they considered very small or smaller than average do not vary markedly across subgroups. Mothers under age 20 at the time of a birth are more likely than older mothers to report having a baby who weighed less than 2.5 kilograms or was very small or smaller than average. Low birth weight was somewhat more common among first births and births of order six or higher than among other babies. Mothers in urban areas are slightly more likely to have low birth weight babies than rural mothers. Bulawayo (14 percent), Harare (11 percent), and Midlands (11 percent) recorded the highest prevalence of low birth weight babies, and Matabeleland South the lowest (6 percent). Low birth weight is related to the mother's education status, with more low birth weight babies reported among women with no education or of lower educational status than among those who have more than a secondary education.

| Table 10.1 Child's weight and size at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of live births in the five years preceding the survey with a reported birth weight, by birth weight; and percent distribution of all live births in the five years preceding the survey by mother's estimate of baby's size at birth, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percent distribution of births with a reported birth weight ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Number of births | Percentage of all births with a reported birth weight | Percent distribution of all live births by size of child at birth |  |  |  | TotalNumber of <br> births |  |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Less } \\ \text { than } \\ 2.5 \mathrm{~kg} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $2.5 \mathrm{~kg}$ or more | Don't know/ missing | Total |  |  | Very <br> small | Smaller than average | Average or larger | Don't know/ missing |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 11.7 | 86.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 789 | 73.7 | 4.4 | 13.3 | 81.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,070 |
| 20-34 | 9.0 | 88.3 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 2,761 | 75.3 | 3.4 | 10.5 | 85.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 3,668 |
| 35-49 | 9.4 | 87.5 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 295 | 59.8 | 4.5 | 8.1 | 85.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 492 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 11.0 | 87.3 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 1,374 | 83.1 | 4.4 | 13.7 | 81.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,654 |
| 2-3 | 8.2 | 89.6 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1,649 | 74.7 | 3.5 | 9.7 | 85.4 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 2,207 |
| 4-5 | 8.9 | 86.2 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 575 | 65.0 | 2.9 | 9.7 | 86.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 886 |
| $6+$ | 12.1 | 84.2 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 247 | 51.0 | 3.9 | 7.9 | 85.5 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 484 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.4 | 87.7 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 1,460 | 96.5 | 4.0 | 10.7 | 84.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,513 |
| Rural | 9.0 | 88.1 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 2,385 | 64.2 | 3.6 | 10.8 | 84.1 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 3,718 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 9.0 | 88.9 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 449 | 66.1 | 2.1 | 9.7 | 86.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 679 |
| Mashonaland Central | 10.3 | 88.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 387 | 66.0 | 4.0 | 8.2 | 87.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 585 |
| Mashonaland East | 6.5 | 90.7 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 301 | 77.7 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 84.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 387 |
| Mashonaland West | 7.9 | 88.2 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 343 | 66.0 | 4.1 | 12.1 | 83.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 519 |
| Matabeleland North | 9.5 | 89.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 229 | 67.4 | 2.9 | 19.1 | 75.8 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 340 |
| Matabeleland South | 5.8 | 89.2 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 183 | 75.6 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 77.2 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 243 |
| Midlands | 10.8 | 88.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 515 | 66.6 | 3.4 | 9.7 | 86.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 774 |
| Masvingo | 8.2 | 86.9 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 550 | 69.6 | 2.3 | 13.3 | 83.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 790 |
| Harare | 11.3 | 86.6 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 645 | 96.9 | 4.7 | 10.7 | 84.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 666 |
| Bulawayo | 14.2 | 84.4 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 243 | 98.0 | 6.0 | 9.7 | 83.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 248 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 9.7 | 72.2 | 18.1 | 100.0 | 82 | 38.3 | 4.8 | 10.0 | 84.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 213 |
| Primary | 9.8 | 86.7 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 1,124 | 58.5 | 3.1 | 11.8 | 83.1 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1,922 |
| Secondary | 9.5 | 88.9 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 2,516 | 84.7 | 4.1 | 10.4 | 84.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 2,972 |
| More than secondary | 7.5 | 89.7 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 123 | 98.8 | 2.0 | 6.2 | 91.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 124 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.7 | 86.1 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 663 | 51.1 | 3.4 | 12.3 | 82.3 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1,296 |
| Second | 8.2 | 88.9 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 694 | 63.5 | 3.3 | 11.5 | 83.7 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,093 |
| Middle | 9.6 | 88.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 697 | 76.5 | 5.1 | 8.6 | 85.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 911 |
| Fourth | 10.2 | 88.2 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 973 | 89.2 | 3.3 | 11.0 | 85.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,091 |
| Highest | 9.8 | 87.7 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 818 | 97.5 | 3.7 | 9.8 | 85.6 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 839 |
| Total | 9.6 | 87.9 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 3,845 | 73.5 | 3.7 | 10.8 | 84.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 5,231 |

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### 10.2 Vaccination of Children

The induction of an immune response through vaccination is a widely accepted public health strategy for the prevention of vaccine-preventable infectious diseases. To enable evaluation of Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI), the 2005-06 ZDHS collected information on vaccine coverage for all children born since January 2000. To be fully vaccinated a child should have received one dose of BCG vaccine, three doses each of DPT and polio vaccines, and one dose of measles vaccine. Zimbabwe has defined a schedule for the administration of these vaccines. BCG protects against tuberculosis, and DPT protects against diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus. BCG should be given shortly after birth. DPT and polio require three vaccinations that should be given at approximately three, four, and five months of age, and measles should be given at or soon after reaching nine months of age.

## Sources of Information

Information on vaccination coverage was collected in two ways: from child health cards shown to the interviewer and from the mother's verbal reports. The majority of the health centres and clinics in Zimbabwe provide cards on which vaccinations are recorded. If a mother was able to present such a card to the interviewer, it was used as a source of information, with the interviewer recording vaccination dates directly from the card. In addition to collecting vaccination information from cards, there were two ways of collecting the information from the mother herself. If a vaccination card had been presented, but a vaccine had not been recorded on the card as being given, the mother was asked to recall whether that particular vaccine had been given. If the mother was not able to provide a card for the child at all, she was asked to recall whether the child had received BCG, polio, DPT (including the number of doses for each), and measles vaccinations.

## Vaccination Coverage

Table 10.2 provides information on the percentage of children age 12-23 months who had received specific vaccinations at the time of the survey according to the source of information. For 72 percent of the children the mother produced a vaccination card, and for 28 percent the information was based on the mother's recall.

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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Source of information | BCG | DPT |  |  | Polio |  |  | Measles | All basic vaccinations ${ }^{1}$ | No vaccinations | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccinated at any time before survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vaccination card | 69.6 | 70.4 | 67.0 | 58.7 | 71.0 | 68.0 | 61.5 | 60.6 | 49.8 | 0.4 | 737 |
| Mother's report | 6.1 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 2.8 | 20.6 | 282 |
| Either source | 75.7 | 76.9 | 71.8 | 62.0 | 77.0 | 73.5 | 65.7 | 65.6 | 52.6 | 21.0 | 1,019 |
| Vaccinated by 12 months of age ${ }^{2}$ | 74.9 | 75.3 | 69.9 | 55.0 | 76.0 | 71.8 | 59.1 | 55.9 | 41.0 | 22.0 | 1,019 |

${ }^{1}$ BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio vaccine (excluding polio vaccine given at birth)
${ }^{2}$ 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.

Fifty-three percent of children 12-23 months old had received all vaccinations: 50 percent according to information recorded on the child health card and 3 percent according to information provided by the mother. Forty-one percent of the children had been fully vaccinated by the time they turned one year old. With respect to specific vaccines, children were least likely to have received DPT 3, followed by measles and polio 3. The coverage of the first dose of DPT and polio is relatively high (77 percent each). However, only 62 percent of children received the third dose of DPT and 66 percent received the third dose of polio. this represents a dropout between the first and third dose of 19 percent for DPT and 15 percent for polio.

Table 10.3 presents differentials in the proportion of children 12-23 months who had received each vaccine by the time of the survey. Female children were more likely to be fully immunized than male children ( 54 percent and 51 percent, respectively). Twenty-three percent of male children had not received any vaccination, compared with 19 percent of female children.

| 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | BCG | DPT |  |  | Polio |  |  | Measles | All basic vaccinations ${ }^{1}$ | No vaccinations | Percentage with a vaccination card seen | Number of children |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 72.6 | 75.2 | 70.4 | 62.0 | 74.7 | 71.6 | 65.6 | 63.3 | 51.4 | 22.9 | 69.3 | 532 |
| Female | 79.2 | 78.7 | 73.4 | 62.0 | 79.6 | 75.7 | 65.9 | 68.2 | 53.8 | 18.9 | 75.5 | 487 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 78.8 | 79.5 | 74.0 | 63.3 | 80.4 | 76.2 | 69.0 | 72.8 | 57.5 | 18.4 | 73.7 | 330 |
| 2-3 | 78.5 | 79.1 | 75.9 | 65.8 | 80.0 | 77.4 | 68.6 | 67.3 | 54.7 | 18.9 | 74.9 | 443 |
| 4-5 | 69.0 | 68.8 | 66.1 | 57.6 | 69.5 | 66.8 | 60.1 | 61.3 | 49.5 | 28.4 | 68.3 | 157 |
| 6+ | 62.1 | 70.5 | 53.5 | 46.0 | 63.1 | 56.2 | 49.3 | 38.5 | 29.2 | 27.5 | 61.2 | 89 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 79.0 | 78.6 | 75.0 | 67.2 | 80.4 | 78.0 | 73.3 | 71.6 | 58.0 | 18.8 | 74.6 | 309 |
| Rural | 74.3 | 76.1 | 70.5 | 59.8 | 75.6 | 71.6 | 62.5 | 63.1 | 50.2 | 21.9 | 71.3 | 710 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 61.4 | 60.7 | 58.5 | 50.2 | 63.6 | 61.6 | 55.1 | 54.5 | 41.2 | 35.7 | 64.3 | 137 |
| Mashonaland Central | 81.3 | 78.6 | 68.4 | 60.8 | 80.8 | 71.4 | 64.6 | 72.0 | 56.6 | 17.8 | 78.4 | 111 |
| Mashonaland East | 94.6 | 93.8 | 91.0 | 84.5 | 94.6 | 91.7 | 84.5 | 87.3 | 79.6 | 5.4 | 68.7 | 77 |
| Mashonaland West | 70.5 | 70.5 | 68.9 | 63.7 | 70.5 | 69.8 | 65.8 | 64.9 | 56.3 | 27.0 | 71.0 | 90 |
| Matabeleland North | 84.9 | 90.2 | 86.7 | 68.2 | 90.2 | 86.7 | 71.9 | 70.1 | 49.9 | 9.8 | 81.8 | 54 |
| Matabeleland South | 75.0 | 77.8 | 72.9 | 59.2 | 77.8 | 75.5 | 64.2 | 63.2 | 49.5 | 21.0 | 79.0 | 46 |
| Midlands | 74.7 | 73.4 | 68.9 | 56.3 | 73.8 | 69.0 | 57.6 | 55.9 | 42.6 | 22.4 | 74.2 | 155 |
| Masvingo | 72.4 | 80.9 | 73.1 | 61.6 | 76.6 | 74.8 | 66.5 | 63.6 | 50.2 | 18.0 | 71.9 | 170 |
| Harare | 77.3 | 77.1 | 70.3 | 60.1 | 78.2 | 73.9 | 67.3 | 68.5 | 51.3 | 21.8 | 67.2 | 123 |
| Bulawayo | 83.1 | 83.1 | 81.9 | 77.2 | 83.1 | 81.9 | 80.5 | 76.5 | 71.8 | 16.9 | 79.0 | 56 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 54.6 | 73.1 | 52.5 | 43.6 | 54.6 | 54.6 | 44.7 | 30.3 | 21.0 | 26.9 | 50.5 | 41 |
| Primary | 76.1 | 74.9 | 70.6 | 59.9 | 76.1 | 71.4 | 62.8 | 59.8 | 49.9 | 21.7 | 71.9 | 348 |
| Secondary | 76.3 | 77.6 | 73.2 | 63.5 | 78.5 | 75.3 | 68.1 | 70.8 | 55.3 | 20.6 | 73.7 | 604 |
| More than secondary | (90.2) | (90.2) | (87.1) | (82.8) | (90.2) | (90.2) | (82.8) | (80.1) | (72.8) | (9.8) | (78.8) | 27 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 73.2 | 72.9 | 68.7 | 56.3 | 73.1 | 69.9 | 60.8 | 54.2 | 42.9 | 25.1 | 70.2 | 240 |
| Second | 72.0 | 76.6 | 67.3 | 58.0 | 74.3 | 68.3 | 60.0 | 66.1 | 52.3 | 21.1 | 69.8 | 228 |
| Middle | 76.9 | 79.2 | 76.6 | 61.5 | 79.2 | 77.0 | 63.7 | 67.1 | 50.9 | 19.9 | 72.8 | 159 |
| Fourth | 78.5 | 77.9 | 74.1 | 67.5 | 80.0 | 77.4 | 72.4 | 70.4 | 56.5 | 18.3 | 75.0 | 243 |
| Highest | 79.5 | 79.3 | 75.0 | 69.1 | 80.4 | 77.5 | 73.8 | 74.0 | 63.8 | 19.6 | 74.5 | 149 |
| Total | 75.7 | 76.9 | 71.8 | 62.0 | 77.0 | 73.5 | 65.7 | 65.6 | 52.6 | 21.0 | 72.3 | 1,019 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. <br> ${ }^{1}$ BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio vaccine (excluding polio vaccine given at birth) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Birth order is negatively associated with vaccination coverage; whereas 58 percent of first-order births had received all vaccinations, the percentage of children of the sixth or higher birth order fully vaccinated was 29 percent. Similarly, higher-order children were also more likely not to have received any vaccinations than first-born children ( 28 percent and 18 percent, respectively). There were also differences in the availability of vaccination cards according to birth order, 74 percent of first-born children had a card, compared with 61 percent of children of birth order six and above.

Children in urban areas have better vaccination coverage than those in rural areas. The ZDHS found that 58 percent of urban children were fully vaccinated compared with 50 percent of rural children, and children in urban areas were less likely than those in rural areas to have received no vaccinations (19 percent and 22 percent, respectively). Children in urban areas were more likely to have a health card than children in rural areas ( 75 percent and 71 percent, respectively).

Substantial differentials in vaccination coverage are observed by province. Mashonaland East (80 percent) had the highest overall coverage, followed by Bulawayo ( 72 percent). The lowest coverage was recorded in Manicaland (41 percent) and Midlands (43 percent). In the remaining provinces, vaccination coverage ranged from 50 percent in Matabeleland South, Matabeleland North, and Masvingo, to 57 percent in Mashonaland Central. The highest percentage of children who have not been vaccinated at all was found in Manicaland province ( 36 percent). The percentage of such children in the remaining provinces ranges from 5 percent in Mashonaland East to 27 percent in Mashonaland West. Notably, more than onefifth of the children in Harare ( 22 percent) have never received any vaccinations. The highest percentage of children with vaccination cards seen by the ZDHS interviewers was registered in Matabeleland North (82 percent) and the lowest in Manicaland (64 percent).

The mother's level of education relates to her children's vaccination status. More than half of children of mothers with a secondary or higher education have received all of the recommended vaccinations compared with one-fifth of children whose mothers have no education. Conversely, children whose mothers have no education are more likely to have received none of the recommended vaccinations than children whose mothers had secondary education ( 27 percent and 21 percent, respectively). Children of mothers with a secondary education are more likely to have a vaccination card than mothers of children who have no education ( 74 percent and 51 percent, respectively).

The proportion receiving all vaccinations rose from 43 percent among children in the lowest wealth quintile to 64 percent among those in the highest wealth quintile. As the wealth quintile rises, the proportion of children who have never been vaccinated declines; nevertheless, 20 percent of children in the highest wealth quintile have never been vaccinated.

## Trends in Vaccination Coverage

Table 10.4 shows trends in vaccination coverage among children age 12-23 months between the 1994 and 2005-2006 ZDHS surveys. Comparison of the 2005-2006 results with those of the earlier surveys shows there has been a sharp decline in vaccination coverage in Zimbabwe. Whereas in 1994 the coverage for all vaccines was 80 percent, it had dropped to 53 percent at the time of the 2005-06 ZDHS. The percentage of children age 12-23 months who had not received any vaccinations was more than five times higher in 2005-2006 than in 1994 (4 percent and 21 percent, respectively). The coverage of vaccination cards improved from 69 percent in the 1999 ZDHS to 72 percent in the 2005-2006 ZDHS, but was still considerably below the level achieved in 1994 (79 percent).

Table 10.4 Trends in vaccination coverage
Percentage of children age 12-23 months who received specific vaccines at any time prior to the survey, and percentage with a vaccination card, Zimbabwe 1994-2006

| Source | BCG | DPT |  |  | Polio |  |  | Measles | All basic vaccinations ${ }^{1}$ | No vaccinations | Percentage with a vaccination card seen | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1994 ZDHS | 95.7 | 94.2 | 91.5 | 85.2 | 94.5 | 91.9 | 85.4 | 86.3 | 80.1 | 4.1 | 79.1 | 691 |
| 1999 ZDHS | 88.1 | 87.5 | 85.0 | 80.9 | 87.7 | 85.1 | 80.7 | 79.1 | 74.8 | 11.6 | 68.6 | 699 |
| 2005-2006 ZDHS | 75.7 | 76.9 | 71.8 | 62.0 | 77.0 | 73.5 | 65.7 | 65.6 | 52.6 | 21.0 | 72.3 | 1,019 |

${ }^{1}$ BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio vaccine (excluding polio vaccine given at birth)

### 10.3 Prevalence and Treatment of Acute Respiratory Infection

Acute respiratory infections (ARI), primarily pneumonia, are a common cause of illness and death in infancy and childhood. Early diagnosis and treatment with antibiotics can prevent a large proportion of deaths from pneumonia. Thus, emphasis is placed on recognition of these signs of impending severity, both among mothers and primary health workers, so that help can be sought.

In the 2005-06 ZDHS, the prevalence of ARI was determined based on the mother's perception of the illness and was not validated by medical personnel. Mothers were asked whether their children under the age of five had been ill with a cough accompanied by short, rapid breathing that was chest-related in two weeks preceding the survey. Mothers who reported that their children had had ARI symptoms were asked about the actions they had taken to treat the illness. Previous DHS surveys in Zimbabwe did not include a probe as to whether or not cough and breathing problems were chest-related; consequently, the 2005-2006 ZDHS results relating to ARI prevalence and treatment are not directly comparable to the ARI findings in earlier ZDHS surveys.

Table 10.5 shows that the 6 percent of children experienced symptoms of an ARI during the two weeks prior to the ZDHS. A medical provider or health facility was consulted in the case of 25 percent of the children suffering from ARI symptoms, and 8 percent of the children were reported to have been given antibiotics.

Table 10.5 also shows differentials in the prevalence and treatment of ARI symptoms. Because the number of children experiencing ARI symptoms is small in many subgroups, caution should be used in interpreting the treatment differentials. Both the likelihood that treatment was sought and antibiotics were administered rises with a child's age, peaking among children age 36-47 months. Treatment was sought more often for girls than boys, while boys and girls were equally likely to receive antibiotics. Onethird of urban children ill with ARI symptoms were taken to a health provider or facility compared with one-quarter of rural children, and urban children were nearly five times as likely as rural children to receive antibiotics.

Table 10.5 Prevalence and treatment of symptoms of acute respiratory infection
Among children under age five, the percentage who had symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI) in the two weeks preceding the survey, and among children with symptoms of ARI, the percentage who received specific treatments, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

\left.|  |  |  |  | Children under age five with |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| symptoms of ARI |  |  |  |  |  |  |$\right]$

Note: Total includes 1 case for which information on type of cooking fuel is missing. 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 straw, shrubs, grass, and animal dung

### 10.4 Prevalence and Treatment of Fever

Fever is a manifestation of malaria, but it also frequently accompanies various other illnesses including pneumonia, common colds, and influenza. Because malaria is an important contributory cause of death in infancy and childhood in many developing countries, presumptive treatment of fever with antimalarial drugs is advocated in many countries where malaria is endemic.

Information was obtained from mothers in the 2005-06 ZDHS on the prevalence of fever among children under age five in the two weeks before the survey. For children with fever, mothers were also asked about the actions that were taken to treat fever, including whether or not the child had been given any drugs to treat the fever, and, if so, what type of drug the child was given, i.e., antimalarials, antibiotics, etc.

Table 10.6 provides basic information on the prevalence of fever and treatment practices. Additional information on the use of antimalarials for the treatment of fever is included in Chapter 12.

Overall, 8 percent of children under age five were reported to have had a fever during the two weeks prior to the survey. Treatment was sought from a health provider or facility for 27 percent of the children with fever. Children with fever were more than twice as likely to have received an antibiotic as an antimalarial ( 13 percent and 5 percent, respectively). The relatively small number of children with fever limits interpretation of the differentials in the treatment patterns associated with many of the characteristics in Table 10.6. Particularly noteworthy, however, are the differences in the way fever is managed between urban and rural areas. Rural children experiencing a fever were almost as likely to receive an antimalarial as an antibiotic, while virtually all urban children who were given any drug to treat their fever received an antibiotic.

## 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 among children with fever, the percentage of children with fever for whom treatment was sought from a health facility or provider, the percentage who took antimalarial drugs, and the percentage who took antibiotic drugs, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Children under age five |  | Children under age five with fever |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Percentage for whom treatment was sought from a health | Percentage who took | Percentage who took |  |
|  | Percentage with fever | Number of children | facility or provider ${ }^{1}$ | antimalarial drugs | antibiotic drugs | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 6.4 | 520 | (29.1) | (0.0) | (8.6) | 33 |
| 6-11 | 7.0 | 526 | (21.6) | (2.4) | (9.6) | 37 |
| 12-23 | 8.7 | 1,019 | 30.3 | 4.9 | 16.1 | 89 |
| 24-35 | 7.4 | 936 | 30.9 | 8.0 | 17.0 | 69 |
| 36-47 | 8.9 | 914 | 22.0 | 3.8 | 9.4 | 82 |
| 48-59 | 5.9 | 956 | 24.8 | 6.1 | 9.7 | 57 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 7.3 | 2,484 | 26.1 | 2.8 | 12.9 | 181 |
| Female | 7.8 | 2,387 | 27.4 | 6.6 | 12.1 | 186 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.3 | 1,417 | 25.7 | 0.7 | 26.6 | 103 |
| Rural | 7.6 | 3,454 | 27.2 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 263 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 8.9 | 610 | 22.5 | 0.9 | 7.9 | 54 |
| Mashonaland Central | 9.2 | 548 | 25.0 | 12.5 | 10.0 | 51 |
| Mashonaland East | 8.5 | 367 | 16.3 | (2.8) | (6.2) | 31 |
| Mashonaland West | 11.5 | 481 | 38.0 | 5.3 | 9.8 | 55 |
| Matabeleland North | 3.9 | 320 | 40.5 | * | * | 13 |
| Matabeleland South | 7.5 | 232 | 41.1 | (0.0) | (0.0) | 17 |
| Midlands | 6.6 | 722 | 20.8 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 48 |
| Masvingo | 3.8 | 738 | 33.3 | (7.6) | (21.6) | 28 |
| Harare | 9.8 | 620 | 22.4 | (0.0) | (30.7) | 61 |
| Bulawayo | 3.5 | 234 | 23.1 | * | * | 8 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 10.8 | 199 | 36.2 | (7.1) | (0.0) | 21 |
| Primary | 8.4 | 1,789 | 25.9 | 7.0 | 10.3 | 149 |
| Secondary | 6.9 | 2,764 | 26.6 | 2.8 | 16.0 | 191 |
| More than secondary | 4.2 | 119 | 19.5 | * | * | 5 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 7.6 | 1,205 | 21.6 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 92 |
| Second | 7.7 | 1,009 | 29.6 | 6.2 | 4.3 | 78 |
| Middle | 9.3 | 845 | 28.6 | 5.0 | 8.4 | 79 |
| Fourth | 6.2 | 1,024 | 27.2 | 2.6 | 15.5 | 63 |
| Highest | 7.0 | 787 | 28.3 | (1.4) | (37.8) | 55 |
| Total | 7.5 | 4,871 | 26.8 | 4.7 | 12.5 | 367 |

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.
${ }^{1}$ Excludes pharmacy, shop, and traditional practitioner

### 10.5 Prevalence and Treatment of Diarrhoea

Dehydration caused by severe diarrhoea is a major cause of morbidity and mortality among young children. A simple and effective response to dehydration is a prompt increase in fluid intake, i.e., oral rehydration therapy (ORT). In Zimbabwe, the use of a sugar-salt-water solution to combat dehydration from diarrhoea is the particular method of ORT promoted by the Control of Diarrhoeal Disease Programme in the Ministry of Health.

The 2005-06 ZDHS obtained information on the prevalence of diarrhoea among young children by asking mothers whether their children under age five had had diarrhoea during the two-week period prior to the survey. If a child had had diarrhoea, the mother was asked about whether there had been any blood in the child's stools. Diarrhoea with blood in the stools is indicative of cholera or other diseases that need to be treated differently than diarrhoea in which there is no blood in the stool. Mothers of children who were ill with any form of diarrhoea during the two-week period before the survey were asked about what actions they had taken to treat the diarrhoea and about feeding practices during the diarrhoeal episode.

Table 10.7 shows that 12 percent of children under age five were ill with some form of diarrhoea in the two weeks preceding the ZDHS interview, and 2 percent of the children had diarrhoea with bloody stools. Diarrhoeal episodes peaked among children age 6-35 months. Diarrhoea was somewhat less prevalent among children living in households with improved toilet and drinking water facilities. Rural children were more likely to have had diarrhoea than urban children, and the prevalence of diarrhoea was highest in Masvingo (16 percent) and lowest in Bulawayo (6 percent). Diarrhoeal prevalence generally declined with both the mother's education and the wealth quintile.

Table 10.7 Prevalence of diarrhoea
Percentage of children under five years with diarrhoea in the two weeks preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  | Diarrhoea in the two weeks <br> preceding the survey |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Background <br> characteristic | All <br> diarrhoea | Diarrhoea <br> with blood |


| Age in months |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $<6$ | 6.5 | 1.3 | 520 |
| $6-11$ | 21.9 | 3.4 | 526 |
| $12-23$ | 19.5 | 2.2 | 1,019 |
| $24-35$ | 13.4 | 2.7 | 936 |
| $36-47$ | 8.6 | 2.2 | 914 |
| $48-59$ | 5.6 | 0.8 | 956 |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Male | 13.1 | 2.2 | 2,484 |
| Female | 11.8 | 2.0 | 2,387 |


| Source of drinking water ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Improved | 11.2 | 1.7 | 3,506 |
| Not improved | 15.5 | 3.1 | 1,365 |
| Toilet facility ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| Improved, not shared | 10.3 | 1.3 | 1,700 |
| Non-improved | 13.5 | 2.5 | 3,159 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.1 | 1.1 | 1,417 |
| Rural | 13.8 | 2.5 |  |


| Rural | 13.8 | 2.5 | 3,454 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Region

| Manicaland | 14.9 | 2.0 | 610 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mashonaland Central | 10.8 | 1.2 | 548 |
| Mashonaland East | 12.6 | 1.3 | 367 |
| Mashonaland West | 14.1 | 3.2 | 481 |
| Matabeleland North | 9.7 | 3.0 | 320 |
| Matabeleland South | 14.6 | 2.6 | 232 |
| Midlands | 12.8 | 2.3 | 722 |
| Masvingo | 15.5 | 3.1 | 738 |
| Harare | 8.9 | 0.7 | 620 |
| Bulawayo | 6.1 | 1.2 | 234 |

Mother's education

| No education | 14.6 | 3.0 | 199 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Primary | 14.0 | 3.2 | 1,789 |
| Secondary | 11.4 | 1.4 | 2,764 |
| More than secondary | 8.7 | 0.8 | 119 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Lowest | 14.8 | 3.4 | 1,205 |
| Second | 13.4 | 1.8 | 1,009 |
| Middle | 14.5 | 2.3 | 845 |
| Fourth | 10.4 | 1.6 | 1,024 |
| Highest | 8.1 | 0.7 | 787 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total | 12.4 | 2.1 | 4,871 |

Note: Total includes 12 cases for which information on type of toilet facility is missing.
${ }^{1}$ See Table 2.6 for definition of categories.
${ }^{2}$ See Table 2.7 for definition of categories.

Table 10.8 shows that treatment was sought from a health facility/provider for 32 percent of the children suffering from diarrhoea. Some form of ORT was used to treat the diarrhoea in the majority of children ( 70 percent), with 61 percent given home fluids, 32 percent receiving increased amounts of other fluids, and 6 percent getting a solution made from an oral rehydration salts (ORS) packet or a prepackaged ORS solution. Home remedies were used in treating a considerable proportion of children (18 percent), while 6 percent were given an antibiotic and an insignificant proportion were treated with intravenous solutions. One in four children with diarrhoea did not receive any treatment.

Table 10.8 Diarrhoea treatment
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 who were given other treatments, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of children with diarrhoea taken to a health provider ${ }^{1}$ | Oral rehydration therapy (ORT) |  |  |  |  | Other treatments |  |  | Missing | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { treatment } \end{gathered}$ | Number <br> of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ORS packets | Recommended |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | or prepackaged liquid | home fluids (RHF) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Either } \\ \text { ORS or } \\ \text { RHF } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Increased fluids | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Any } \\ & \text { ORT } \end{aligned}$ | Antibiotic drugs | Intravenous solution | Home remedy/ other |  |  |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | (12.4) | (3.1) | (43.0) | (43.0) | (22.1) | (48.7) | (3.8) | (0.0) | (7.4) | (1.9) | (42.1) | 34 |
| 6-11 | 36.0 | 5.0 | 49.1 | 49.9 | 22.9 | 59.5 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 24.3 | 0.0 | 35.4 | 115 |
| 12-23 | 35.6 | 6.3 | 65.8 | 67.0 | 33.5 | 75.1 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 13.9 | 0.3 | 20.9 | 199 |
| 24-35 | 30.2 | 5.8 | 60.6 | 61.8 | 39.5 | 72.9 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 17.5 | 0.6 | 22.4 | 125 |
| 36-47 | 40.8 | 4.2 | 68.7 | 68.7 | 25.1 | 71.6 | 8.4 | 0.0 | 30.3 | 0.8 | 21.7 | 78 |
| 48-59 | 14.0 | 8.0 | 66.5 | 68.1 | 48.6 | 78.2 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 14.0 | 1.2 | 20.6 | 54 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 32.0 | 5.4 | 63.7 | 64.6 | 31.3 | 71.3 | 6.5 | 0.3 | 18.0 | 0.8 | 23.1 | 324 |
| Female | 32.1 | 5.9 | 57.2 | 58.2 | 33.6 | 68.5 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 18.8 | 0.2 | 27.7 | 281 |
| Type of diarrhoea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non bloody | 30.4 | 6.0 | 59.8 | 61.0 | 33.6 | 70.4 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 18.5 | 0.3 | 25.2 | 504 |
| Bloody | 40.0 | 3.7 | 65.4 | 65.4 | 26.0 | 68.4 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 17.6 | 1.3 | 25.7 | 101 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 39.1 | 10.2 | 70.5 | 71.8 | 46.7 | 80.6 | 14.7 | 0.6 | 18.8 | 0.0 | 16.5 | 129 |
| Rural | 30.1 | 4.4 | 58.0 | 58.9 | 28.4 | 67.1 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 18.2 | 0.7 | 27.6 | 476 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 24.2 | 14.7 | 66.3 | 67.3 | 31.6 | 70.7 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 28.0 | 91 |
| Mashonaland Central | 29.8 | 0.0 | 52.4 | 52.4 | 55.8 | 71.8 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 23.9 | 0.0 | 22.3 | 59 |
| Mashonaland East | (21.9) | (5.4) | (54.6) | (58.4) | (43.4) | (74.8) | (5.2) | (0.0) | (14.5) | (1.3) | (22.2) | 46 |
| Mashonaland West | 39.5 | 3.2 | 59.7 | 60.5 | 38.3 | 66.6 | 8.4 | 0.0 | 25.4 | 1.9 | 22.9 | 68 |
| Matabeleland North | (43.8) | (0.0) | (48.2) | (48.2) | (21.3) | (56.6) | (3.7) | (0.0) | (13.2) | (0.0) | (34.9) | 31 |
| Matabeleland South | 37.4 | 9.6 | 56.2 | 58.2 | 24.6 | 63.9 | 15.1 | 0.0 | 26.3 | 0.0 | 27.5 | 34 |
| Midlands | 27.9 | 2.2 | 60.4 | 60.4 | 15.6 | 66.6 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 15.6 | 0.7 | 30.3 | 93 |
| Masvingo | 36.4 | 2.5 | 63.7 | 63.7 | 24.0 | 72.5 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 25.3 | 0.7 | 23.4 | 115 |
| Harare | 30.7 | 9.9 | 68.0 | 69.1 | 49.9 | 75.1 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 20.2 | 55 |
| Bulawayo | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 14 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | (22.0) | (0.0) | (40.4) | (40.4) | (48.6) | (61.4) | (3.0) | (0.0) | (21.6) | (0.0) | (36.0) | 29 |
| Primary | 29.0 | 3.9 | 59.0 | 59.7 | 29.0 | 67.2 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 0.8 | 26.6 | 250 |
| Secondary | 34.4 | 6.5 | 63.8 | 64.4 | 32.5 | 72.3 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 20.1 | 0.4 | 23.6 | 316 |
| More than secondary | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 10 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 37.2 | 3.2 | 55.6 | 56.0 | 21.4 | 65.4 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 25.2 | 0.0 | 29.7 | 178 |
| Second | 18.4 | 5.0 | 57.0 | 58.2 | 33.0 | 67.2 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 12.7 | 0.9 | 27.5 | 135 |
| Middle | 33.6 | 5.1 | 64.1 | 64.8 | 34.3 | 71.4 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 13.0 | 0.6 | 23.8 | 122 |
| Fourth | 27.8 | 6.0 | 67.9 | 68.5 | 37.7 | 74.2 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 20.6 | 1.2 | 22.7 | 107 |
| Highest | 50.4 | 14.2 | 64.1 | 67.2 | 48.9 | 79.1 | 19.7 | 1.3 | 17.8 | 0.0 | 15.1 | 64 |
| Total | 32.0 | 5.6 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 32.3 | 70.0 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 18.4 | 0.5 | 25.2 | 606 |

Note: ORT includes solution prepared from oral rehydration salt (ORS) packets, recommended home fluids (RHF), or increased fluids. Total includes 1 case for which information on type of diarrhoea is missing. 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.
${ }^{1}$ Excludes pharmacy, shop, and traditional practitioner

Older children were more likely to receive some type of treatment than children under age one. The child's sex had little impact on the kind of treatment a child received. Children in urban areas were more likely to get some treatment than their rural counterparts, and the likelihood that a child with diarrhoea would receive some form of treatment generally increased with the mother's education.

Finally, it is recommended that a child with diarrhoea should be given more liquids to drink, and food should not be reduced. Table 10.9 shows that 32 percent of children with diarrhoea were given more fluids during the illness, 35 percent were given the same amount as usual, and 30 percent were given less to drink. More than half of those given less to drink-16 percent of all children with diarrhoea-were given much less to drink. With respect to food intake during diarrhoeal episodes, 9 percent of children were given more food and 34 percent maintained their food intake. One in four children was given less food than usual, and 6 percent were not given any food. Food and liquid intake were more likely to be curtailed if the child had bloody than non-bloody diarrhoea. Rural children appear to be more likely to be given less food and liquids during a diarrhoeal episode than urban children.

Table 10.9 Feeding practices 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, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Amount of liquids offered |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Amount of food offered |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of children with diarrhoea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | More | $\begin{gathered} \text { Same } \\ \text { as } \\ \text { usual } \end{gathered}$ | Somewhat less | Much less | None | Don't know/ missing |  | More | $\begin{gathered} \text { Same } \\ \text { as } \\ \text { usual } \end{gathered}$ | Somewhat less | Much less | None | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Never } \\ & \text { gave } \\ & \text { food }^{1} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Don't know/ missing |  |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<6$ | (22.1) | (32.7) | (1.9) | (28.1) | (15.3) | (0.0) | 100.0 | (3.1) | (40.3) | (21.5) | (12.6) | (0.0) | (22.5) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 34 |
| 6-11 | 22.9 | 30.3 | 24.6 | 18.1 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 28.5 | 24.1 | 25.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 115 |
| 12-23 | 33.5 | 35.8 | 13.8 | 15.2 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 28.5 | 28.7 | 28.1 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 199 |
| 24-35 | 39.5 | 33.8 | 12.8 | 13.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 14.6 | 36.3 | 20.1 | 18.6 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 125 |
| 36-47 | 25.1 | 46.8 | 10.9 | 15.1 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 45.0 | 19.9 | 23.9 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 78 |
| 48-59 | 48.6 | 28.0 | 2.2 | 16.2 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 13.3 | 36.5 | 18.8 | 31.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 54 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 31.3 | 35.6 | 16.3 | 12.8 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 33.6 | 26.2 | 22.2 | 7.1 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 324 |
| Female | 33.6 | 34.0 | 10.4 | 20.3 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 33.6 | 20.6 | 27.1 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 281 |
| Type of diarrhoea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non bloody | 33.6 | 35.8 | 13.3 | 14.4 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 10.5 | 34.7 | 24.2 | 23.1 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 504 |
| Bloody | 26.0 | 30.5 | 14.9 | 25.7 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 28.4 | 21.0 | 31.9 | 11.0 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 101 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 46.7 | 38.4 | 6.0 | 7.9 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12.3 | 40.1 | 20.0 | 26.1 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 129 |
| Rural | 28.4 | 34.0 | 15.6 | 18.6 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 31.9 | 24.6 | 24.1 | 7.4 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 476 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 31.6 | 35.9 | 7.2 | 23.4 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 28.3 | 25.6 | 31.8 | 0.5 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 91 |
| Mashonaland Central | 55.8 | 19.9 | 6.2 | 18.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 25.0 | 29.4 | 14.3 | 12.7 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 59 |
| Mashonaland East | (43.4) | (26.3) | (8.6) | (15.0) | (6.7) | (0.0) | 100.0 | (17.7) | (29.1) | (22.3) | (27.5) | (3.3) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 46 |
| Mashonaland West | 38.3 | 32.5 | 8.3 | 18.8 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 11.3 | 42.5 | 10.9 | 28.9 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 68 |
| Matabeleland North | (21.3) | (55.8) | (19.6) | (3.2) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 100.0 | (9.0) | (46.4) | (35.0) | (9.7) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 31 |
| Matabeleland South | 24.6 | 51.3 | 21.6 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 45.9 | 31.2 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 34 |
| Midlands | 15.6 | 25.4 | 14.9 | 37.7 | 5.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 28.5 | 19.8 | 34.8 | 11.5 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 93 |
| Masvingo | 24.0 | 39.9 | 26.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 34.8 | 25.1 | 17.1 | 11.5 | 5.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 115 |
| Harare | 49.9 | 36.0 | 5.5 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 37.8 | 23.2 | 26.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 55 |
| Bulawayo | 25.2 | 63.5 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 26.7 | 24.5 | 44.2 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 14 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | (48.6) | (15.9) | (5.0) | (30.5) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 100.0 | (15.1) | (29.5) | (23.5) | (17.5) | (11.2) | (3.3) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 29 |
| Primary | 29.0 | 37.5 | 13.7 | 16.0 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 33.7 | 24.4 | 23.8 | 8.8 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 250 |
| Secondary | 32.5 | 34.7 | 14.3 | 15.7 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 34.1 | 23.1 | 25.5 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 316 |
| More than secondary | * | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 10 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 21.4 | 33.4 | 16.5 | 24.8 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 28.9 | 26.8 | 26.0 | 10.7 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 178 |
| Second | 33.0 | 34.5 | 15.8 | 13.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 37.8 | 23.0 | 18.8 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 135 |
| Middle | 34.3 | 32.7 | 12.9 | 17.3 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 14.0 | 28.3 | 26.6 | 24.3 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 122 |
| Fourth | 37.7 | 37.3 | 9.7 | 12.2 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 37.9 | 17.8 | 29.6 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 107 |
| Highest | 48.9 | 40.1 | 8.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 13.7 | 40.9 | 20.1 | 24.3 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 64 |
| Total | 32.3 | 34.9 | 13.6 | 16.3 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 33.6 | 23.6 | 24.5 | 6.0 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 606 |

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### 10.6 Disposal of Children's Stools

The proper disposal of children's faeces is important in preventing the spread of disease. If faeces are left uncontained, disease may be spread by direct contact or through animal contact. The safe disposal of children's faeces is of particular importance because children's faeces are more likely to be the cause of faecal contamination to the household environment than other causes as they are often not disposed of properly and may be mistakenly considered less harmful than adult faeces. Table 10.10 presents information on the disposal of young children's most recent stools; children's stools are considered to be appropriately contained if the child used a toilet or latrine, the child's stool was put or rinsed into a toilet or latrine, or the stool was buried.

| Table 10.10 Disposal of children's stools |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of mothers whose youngest child under five years is living with her, by way in which child's faecal matter is disposed of, according to background characteristics and type of toilet facilities in household, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Children's stools contained |  |  | Children's stools uncontained |  |  |  | Missing | Total | Number of mothers |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Child used } \\ \text { toilet or } \\ \text { latrine } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Put/rinsed into toilet or latrine | Buried | Put/rinsed into drain or ditch | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Thrown } \\ & \text { into } \\ & \text { garbage } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Left in } \\ \text { the } \\ \text { open } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Other |  |  |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 5.7 | 51.2 | 9.8 | 13.7 | 12.8 | 5.4 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 513 |
| 6-11 | 5.5 | 53.0 | 14.2 | 9.8 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 509 |
| 12-23 | 10.5 | 47.9 | 16.6 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 10.1 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 975 |
| 24-35 | 37.9 | 28.3 | 12.0 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 15.2 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 726 |
| 36-47 | 49.4 | 15.4 | 8.5 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 15.3 | 6.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 548 |
| 48-59 | 61.1 | 11.4 | 11.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 9.9 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 438 |
| Toilet facility |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improved, not |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| shared ${ }^{1}$ | 39.2 | 52.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,334 |
| Non-improved | 18.9 | 27.0 | 18.6 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 16.0 | 5.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,364 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 46.2 | 50.9 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,109 |
| Rural | 17.7 | 29.8 | 17.9 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 15.4 | 5.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,599 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 24.1 | 49.2 | 7.6 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 454 |
| Mashonaland Central | 23.8 | 36.5 | 12.1 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 18.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 426 |
| Mashonaland East | 20.3 | 50.6 | 13.8 | 4.6 | 7.7 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 293 |
| Mashonaland West | 33.3 | 26.8 | 10.0 | 3.1 | 8.2 | 12.4 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 377 |
| Matabeleland North | 18.6 | 19.3 | 33.7 | 9.6 | 4.1 | 9.1 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 247 |
| Matabeleland South | 21.9 | 34.7 | 14.0 | 1.4 | 9.6 | 16.5 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 166 |
| Midlands | 21.9 | 30.5 | 14.0 | 9.1 | 4.9 | 18.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 528 |
| Masvingo | 13.0 | 18.2 | 22.2 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 17.4 | 14.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 548 |
| Harare | 49.5 | 47.9 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 487 |
| Bulawayo | 36.8 | 61.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 181 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 19.8 | 14.8 | 20.7 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 18.7 | 14.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 158 |
| Primary | 17.0 | 27.0 | 18.0 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 17.5 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,320 |
| Secondary | 31.8 | 42.8 | 9.2 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,140 |
| More than secondary | 41.1 | 47.2 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 90 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.5 | 12.2 | 26.0 | 7.4 | 9.5 | 24.6 | 10.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 868 |
| Second | 15.6 | 26.3 | 21.7 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 15.6 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 766 |
| Middle | 26.0 | 45.4 | 9.3 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 8.0 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 663 |
| Fourth | 36.4 | 56.0 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 789 |
| Highest | 50.0 | 46.5 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 622 |
| Total | 26.2 | 36.1 | 12.6 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 10.8 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,708 |

[^12]The table shows that, in the case of 75 percent of children, faecal matter was contained in one way or the other. Access to a toilet or latrine is clearly a factor in determining whether or not faecal matter was contained. For example, urban mothers were more likely to report that children's stools were contained than rural mothers. The proportion of mothers reporting that stools were disposed of in a contained manner also rose with mother's education and the wealth quintile.

## NUTRITIONAL STATUS

This chapter focuses on the nutritional status of children and women. The chapter first considers information from the ZDHS on infant and young child feeding practices. Results are also presented for both women and children on the diversity of foods consumed during the 24 -hour period before the survey, anaemia prevalence, micronutrient intake and supplementation, and on the anthropometric assessment of nutritional status. In addition to the findings for women and children, the chapter also presents information on anaemia prevalence among men.

### 11.1 Breastfeeding

ZDHS data can be used to evaluate infant feeding practices, including breastfeeding duration, introduction of complementary weaning foods, and use of feeding bottles. The pattern of infant feeding has important influences on both the child and the mother. Feeding practices are the principal determinants of a child's nutritional status. Poor nutritional status in young children exposes them to greater risks of morbidity. Biologically, breastfeeding also suppresses the mother's return to the fertile status and has an effect on both the length of the birth interval and the level of fertility. These effects are influenced by both the duration and frequency of breastfeeding and by the age at which the child receives foods and liquids to complement breast milk.

### 11.1.1 Breastfeeding Initiation

Early breastfeeding practices determine the successful establishment and duration of breastfeeding. Moreover, during the first three days after delivery, colostrum, an important source of nutrition and protection to the newborn, is produced and should be given to the newborn while awaiting the letdown of regular breast milk. Thus, it is recommended that children be put to the breast immediately or within one hour after birth and that prelacteal feeding, i.e., feeding newborns anything other than breast milk before breast milk is regularly given, be discouraged.

The Ministry of Health and Child Welfare promotes rooming-in of all new babies in maternity hospitals and breastfeeding within the first hour of birth to foster bonding and protect children from harsh external environments. Table 11.1 shows that 98 percent of children under five years of age were breastfed at some point in their life. Virtually all babies initiate breastfeeding within one day of birth ( 93 percent), and 69 percent of babies are breastfed during the initial hour after birth. The proportions breastfed within one hour of birth are higher among babies delivered in health facilities than those born at home. The likelihood that a baby will be breastfed within one hour of birth is greater in urban than rural areas and varies markedly by province, ranging from 56 percent in Mashonaland Central to 89 percent in Mashonaland East. The proportion of babies who begin breastfeeding within one hour of birth also increases with the wealth quintile.

The practice of giving prelacteal feeds limits the frequency of suckling by the infant and exposes the baby to the risk of infection. Table 11.1 shows that most infants are not given prelacteal feeds. Overall, around one in ten newborns receive prelacteal feeds, with the practice being most common in Matabeleland South and Mashonaland Central (16 percent each).

| Table 11.1 Initial breastfeeding |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children born in the five years preceding the survey who were ever breastfed, and among children ever breastfed, percentage who started breastfeeding within one hour and within one day of birth and percentage who received a prelacteal feed, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Among children under five: |  | Among last-born children ever breastfed: |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Percentage who started breastfeeding within 1 hour of birth | Percentage who started breastfeeding within 1 day of birth ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who received a prelacteal feed ${ }^{2}$ | Number of children |
| Background characteristic | Percentage ever breastfed | Number of children |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 98.2 | 2,668 | 70.3 | 93.6 | 9.3 | 2,074 |
| Female | 98.1 | 2,563 | 68.1 | 93.2 | 9.9 | 1,967 |
| Assistance at delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health professional ${ }^{3}$ | 98.1 | 3,583 | 73.2 | 94.3 | 8.3 | 2,827 |
| Traditional birth attendant | 98.2 | 1,434 | 60.7 | 92.5 | 13.2 | 1,056 |
| Other | 100.0 | 90 | 62.1 | 84.0 | 7.4 | 67 |
| No one | 97.2 | 113 | 46.0 | 81.4 | 11.9 | 85 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 98.1 | 3,551 | 73.2 | 94.3 | 8.2 | 2,804 |
| At home | 98.2 | 1,627 | 61.4 | 91.6 | 12.9 | 1,198 |
| Other | (96.8) | 44 | (25.8) | (90.5) | (10.7) | 34 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 97.6 | 1,513 | 74.7 | 94.7 | 7.0 | 1,258 |
| Rural | 98.3 | 3,718 | 66.7 | 92.8 | 10.8 | 2,783 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 98.2 | 679 | 65.2 | 91.6 | 12.5 | 492 |
| Mashonaland Central | 99.1 | 585 | 55.6 | 92.2 | 15.9 | 453 |
| Mashonaland East | 98.4 | 387 | 88.5 | 98.7 | 6.9 | 315 |
| Mashonaland West | 97.7 | 519 | 66.2 | 95.1 | 9.8 | 407 |
| Matabeleland North | 98.4 | 340 | 72.5 | 92.6 | 12.3 | 260 |
| Matabeleland South | 99.0 | 243 | 61.1 | 92.0 | 16.4 | 183 |
| Midlands | 97.9 | 774 | 61.5 | 88.4 | 10.1 | 577 |
| Masvingo | 98.4 | 790 | 75.2 | 96.0 | 5.0 | 602 |
| Harare | 97.3 | 666 | 73.8 | 94.5 | 5.9 | 550 |
| Bulawayo | 96.8 | 248 | 80.7 | 94.8 | 5.2 | 202 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 96.4 | 213 | 67.5 | 95.4 | 12.8 | 163 |
| Primary | 98.4 | 1,922 | 67.0 | 92.5 | 10.1 | 1,430 |
| Secondary | 98.0 | 2,972 | 70.8 | 93.9 | 9.2 | 2,342 |
| More than secondary | 99.4 | 124 | 68.2 | 93.0 | 7.7 | 105 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 98.5 | 1,296 | 63.7 | 91.4 | 10.9 | 925 |
| Second | 98.6 | 1,093 | 67.3 | 93.6 | 10.9 | 816 |
| Middle | 97.9 | 911 | 67.2 | 94.3 | 10.8 | 701 |
| Fourth | 97.2 | 1,091 | 72.3 | 93.2 | 7.6 | 886 |
| Highest | 98.2 | 839 | 76.9 | 95.3 | 7.8 | 713 |
| Total | 98.1 | 5,231 | 69.2 | 93.4 | 9.6 | 4,041 |
| Note: Table is based on all births whether the children are living or dead at the time of interview. Total includes 5 cases for which information is missing on assistance at delivery and place of delivery. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Includes children who started breastfeeding within one hour of birth <br> ${ }^{2}$ Children given something other than breast milk during the first three days of life before the mother started breastfeeding regularly <br> ${ }^{3}$ Doctor and nurse/midwife |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 11.1.2 Breastfeeding Status by the Child's Age

Breast milk contains all the nutrients needed by children in the first six months of life and is an uncontaminated nutritional source. Complementing breast milk before six months of age is unnecessary and is indeed discouraged because the likelihood of contamination and resulting risk of diarrhoeal disease are high. Early initiation of complementary feeding also reduces breast milk output because the production and release of breast milk is modulated by the frequency and intensity of suckling.

Table 11.2 shows breastfeeding practices by the child's age. A minority of babies are exclusively breastfed throughout the first six months of life, and, even among babies under age 2 months, the majority (58 percent) are given other liquids or foods in addition to breast milk. More than three-quarters of children age 6-9 months are receiving complementary foods, and 60 percent of children age 18-23 months have been weaned. Bottle feeding is not very common; 3 percent of babies under six months of age are fed with a bottle, and the proportion bottle-fed peaks at 10 percent among children 12-17 months.

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 children under three years using a bottle with a nipple, according to age in months, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Age in months | Percent distribution of youngest child under age three living with the mother by breastfeeding status |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of children | Percentage using a bottle with a nipple ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Breastfeeding and consuming: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Not breastfeeding | Exclusively breastfed | Plain <br> water only | Nonmilk liquids/ juice | Other milk | Complementary foods |  |  |  |  |
| $<2$ | 1.9 | 40.6 | 20.4 | 3.0 | 20.7 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 134 | 1.0 | 137 |
| 2-3 | 0.8 | 17.0 | 19.3 | 1.5 | 36.7 | 24.7 | 100.0 | 189 | 3.5 | 189 |
| 4-5 | 3.2 | 14.3 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 29.2 | 45.1 | 100.0 | 190 | 4.1 | 194 |
| 6-8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 15.5 | 76.6 | 100.0 | 279 | 7.6 | 289 |
| 9-11 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 87.5 | 100.0 | 230 | 6.3 | 237 |
| 12-17 | 13.1 | 0.8 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 2.9 | 79.3 | 100.0 | 547 | 10.2 | 564 |
| 18-23 | 60.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 38.3 | 100.0 | 428 | 4.1 | 455 |
| 24-35 | 95.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 726 | 1.8 | 936 |
| $<4$ | 1.7 | 24.1 | 17.7 | 1.7 | 29.2 | 25.6 | 100.0 | 403 | 2.8 | 407 |
| <6 | 2.0 | 22.2 | 15.5 | 1.4 | 29.7 | 29.3 | 100.0 | 513 | 3.1 | 520 |
| 6-9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 5.2 | 0.0 | 14.2 | 78.7 | 100.0 | 350 | 7.2 | 361 |
| 12-23 | 33.9 | 0.4 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 61.3 | 100.0 | 975 | 7.5 | 1,019 |

Note: Breastfeeding status refers to a "24-hour" period (yesterday and last night). Children classified as breastfeeding and consuming plain water only consume no supplements. The categories of not breastfeeding, exclusively breastfed, and breastfeeding and consuming plain water, water-based liquids/juice, other milk, or 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 water-based liquids and who do not receive complementary foods are classified in the water-based 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.
${ }^{1}$ Based on all children under three years

### 11.1.3 Median Duration and Frequency of Breastfeeding

Table 11.3 shows that the median breastfeeding duration, i.e., the length of time for which half of children are breastfed, is 18.8 months. Babies are breastfed two and a half months longer on average in rural than in urban areas. The median breastfeeding duration is shortest in Harare (16.9 months) and longest in Masvingo ( 21.1 months). Breastfeeding durations are substantially shorter for children whose
mothers have more than a secondary education and children in the highest wealth quintile than for other children.

On average, babies are exclusively breastfed for less than one month, with the highest durations of exclusive breastfeeding observed among babies in Harare ( 1.8 months). The median duration of predominant breastfeeding, i.e., the period in which a baby receives only water or other nonmilk liquids in addition to breast milk, is 1.6 months.

| 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Median duration (months) of breastfeeding among last-born children in the past three years ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Frequency of breastfeeding among children under six months ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Any breastfeeding | Exclusive breastfeeding | Predominant breastfeeding ${ }^{3}$ | Number of children | Percentage breastfed 6+ times in past 24 hours | Mean number of day feeds | Mean number of night feeds | Number of children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 18.7 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1,644 | 95.1 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 254 |
| Female | 18.9 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1,577 | 94.9 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 242 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 16.9 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 920 | 95.3 | 6.7 | 5.5 | 118 |
| Rural | 19.4 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 2,300 | 94.9 | 6.7 | 5.1 | 377 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 18.6 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 407 | 93.1 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 53 |
| Mashonaland Central | 20.0 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 355 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 5.0 | 47 |
| Mashonaland East | 17.2 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 265 | 94.2 | (8.1) | (6.3) | 44 |
| Mashonaland West | 18.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 310 | 97.2 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 61 |
| Matabeleland North | 17.6 | 0.6 | 2.8 | 207 | 98.9 | 7.0 | 3.8 | 47 |
| Matabeleland South | 18.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 147 | 86.8 | (6.8) | (5.6) | 25 |
| Midlands | 19.3 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 480 | 93.1 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 65 |
| Masvingo | 21.1 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 506 | 94.5 | 6.3 | 4.7 | 80 |
| Harare | 16.9 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 387 | 92.0 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 54 |
| Bulawayo | 18.3 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 156 | 100.0 | (6.7) | (4.8) | 20 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 20.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 125 | 100.0 | * | * | 13 |
| Primary | 19.4 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1,152 | 95.0 | 6.8 | 5.2 | 189 |
| Secondary | 18.4 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 1,862 | 94.6 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 283 |
| More than secondary | 12.5 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 81 | 100.0 | * | * | 11 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.7 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 794 | 95.1 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 130 |
| Second | 19.1 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 679 | 92.7 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 116 |
| Middle | 19.8 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 563 | 95.3 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 93 |
| Fourth | 18.4 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 688 | 98.6 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 91 |
| Highest | 15.5 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 496 | 93.4 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 65 |
| Total | 18.8 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 3,220 | 95.0 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 496 |
| Mean for all children | 18.7 | 2.1 | 3.5 | na | na | na | na | na |

Note: Median and mean durations are based on current status. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ It is assumed that non-last-born children or last-born child not 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, water-based liquids, and/or juice only (excludes other milk)

Except in Matabeleland South, more than nine in ten babies under six months of age were breastfed six or more times in the 24 hours preceding the survey interview. The mean number of day feeds was 6.7 and the mean number of night feeds was 5.2.

### 11.2 Dietary Diversity among Young Children and Women

In the 2005-06 ZDHS, women who had at least one child under the age of three living with them were asked questions about the types of foods and liquids they and their youngest child had consumed during a 24 -hour period prior to the survey. Mothers were also asked about the number of times the child had eaten solid or semi-solid food during the period.

The results of these questions are subject to a number of limitations. First, the results do not apply to the full universe of young children and women. Approximately 10 percent of all children under age three were excluded from consideration because they were not the youngest child under age three or because they were not living with the mother. Women who have at least one child under age three living with them represent 31 percent of all women age 15-49. The dietary data for both women and children also are subject to recall errors on the mother's part. In addition, the mother may not be able to report fully on the child's intake of food and liquids if the child was fed by other individuals during the period. Despite these problems, the information collected in the 2005-06 ZDHS on the types of foods and liquids mothers and young children are consuming is useful in assessing the diversity of children's and women's diets.

### 11.2.1 Foods and Liquids Consumed by Infants and Young Children

Appropriate nutrition includes feeding children a variety of foods to ensure that nutrient requirements are met. Vitamin-A rich fruits and vegetables should be consumed daily. Although eating a range of fruits and vegetables, especially those rich in vitamin A, is important, studies have shown that plant-based complementary foods by themselves are insufficient to meet the needs for certain micronutrients (WHO/UNICEF, 1998). Therefore, it has been advised that meat, poultry, fish, or eggs should be eaten daily, or as often as possible. Fat also is important in the diets of infants and young children because it provides essential fatty acids, facilitates absorption of fat-soluble vitamins (such as vitamin A), and enhances dietary energy density and palatability. Tea and coffee contain compounds that inhibit iron absorption and are not recommended for children. Sugary drinks and excessive juice consumption should be avoided because, other than energy, they contribute little to the diet and as a result decrease the child's appetite for more nutritious foods (PAHO/WHO, 2003).

Table 11.4 is based on information from women about the foods and liquids consumed by their youngest child during the 24 -hour period prior to the survey. As expected, the proportions of children who consumed foods or liquids included in the various food groups generally rise with the age of the child. Children who are still breastfed also are less likely to consume the various types of foods than children who are not being breastfed. For example, 68 percent of nonbreastfeeding children age 6-23 months consumed foods made from roots or tubers in the 24 -hour period prior to the survey, compared with 49 percent of breastfeeding children in that age group. Of particular concern is the fact that substantial proportions of children age 6-23 months, whether breastfeeding or not, did not consume any vitamin-A rich food during the 24 -hour period before the survey. Substantial proportions of children in the age group also did not consume meat, poultry, or fish; fats; or cheese, yogurt; and other milk products.

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 food groups in the day or night preceding the interview, by breastfeeding status and age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Age in months |  |  |  | Solid or semi-solid foods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Food made with oil/fat/ butter | Sugary foods | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Liquids |  |  | Fortified baby foods | Food made from grains ${ }^{3}$ | Fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin $\mathrm{A}^{4}$ | Other fruits and vegetables | Food made from roots/ tubers | Food made from legumes and nuts | Meat/ fish/ poultry/ eggs | Cheese, yogurt, other milk products | Any other solid or semisolid food |  |  |  |
|  | Infant formula | Other milk ${ }^{1}$ | Other liquids ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BREASTFEEDING CHILDREN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <2 | 15.0 | 8.7 | 8.4 |  | 1.9 | 7.7 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 132 |
| 2-3 | 44.1 | 13.5 | 7.9 | 2.6 | 12.9 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 4.1 | 1.3 | 187 |
| 4-5 | 53.9 | 9.4 | 12.6 | 2.6 | 24.9 | 10.4 | 1.9 | 10.1 | 7.0 | 4.5 | 9.9 | 12.5 | 9.8 | 2.3 | 183 |
| 6-8 | 68.0 | 17.3 | 28.1 | 12.4 | 30.1 | 24.3 | 4.9 | 27.3 | 7.0 | 18.2 | 21.4 | 30.1 | 25.7 | 5.6 | 276 |
| 9-11 | 65.6 | 25.6 | 40.2 | 28.5 | 32.1 | 31.4 | 9.1 | 50.5 | 12.8 | 34.7 | 32.2 | 31.2 | 30.2 | 6.3 | 221 |
| 12-17 | 59.4 | 22.2 | 38.6 | 23.7 | 26.1 | 43.8 | 11.9 | 58.0 | 10.8 | 39.4 | 37.9 | 40.2 | 37.3 | 9.3 | 475 |
| 18-23 | 64.0 | 13.4 | 49.3 | 27.5 | 18.7 | 48.4 | 10.3 | 60.1 | 14.0 | 37.1 | 36.2 | 45.1 | 43.7 | 9.1 | 169 |
| 24-35 | (43.9) | (22.6) | (59.3) | (34.4) | (21.6) | (63.2) | (16.9) | (77.5) | (14.3) | (38.5) | (26.8) | (46.0) | (30.2) | (11.7) | 34 |
| 6-23 | 63.4 | 20.3 | 37.9 | 22.5 | 27.1 | 37.4 | 9.4 | 49.4 | 10.7 | 33.0 | 32.6 | 36.8 | 34.1 | 7.8 | 1,142 |
| Total | 56.0 | 17.5 | 29.9 | 16.7 | 23.7 | 28.4 | 7.0 | 36.8 | 8.5 | 24.1 | 24.2 | 28.1 | 25.4 | 5.9 | 1,678 |
| NONBREASTFEEDING CHILDREN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12-17 | 69.1 | 30.1 | 53.5 | 49.2 | 36.1 | 56.8 | 26.2 | 70.2 | 32.5 | 63.7 | 47.2 | 59.6 | 48.9 | 36.7 | 72 |
| 18-23 | 58.7 | 25.0 | 54.8 | 38.2 | 34.9 | 57.4 | 15.6 | 69.4 | 21.6 | 51.6 | 42.0 | 44.5 | 40.4 | 18.2 | 259 |
| 24-35 | 52.1 | 26.1 | 60.9 | 38.6 | 26.5 | 53.7 | 14.5 | 71.3 | 15.5 | 49.1 | 38.1 | 42.0 | 40.7 | 14.8 | 692 |
| 6-23 | 59.7 | 26.6 | 53.2 | 39.6 | 34.7 | 56.9 | 17.5 | 68.2 | 23.5 | 54.0 | 42.6 | 47.6 | 42.2 | 21.7 | 342 |
| Total | 54.5 | 26.4 | 58.1 | 38.5 | 29.3 | 54.2 | 15.3 | 69.6 | 18.0 | 50.3 | 39.2 | 43.5 | 40.8 | 17.0 | 1,044 |

Note: Breastfeeding status and food consumed refer to a 24 -hour period (yesterday and last night). Figures for nonbreastfeeding children are not shown separately for age groups under 12 months due to the small numbers of nonbreastfeeding children in those age groups. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Other milk includes fresh, tinned, and powdered cow or other animal milk.
${ }^{2}$ Does not include plain water
${ }^{3}$ Includes fortified baby food and porridge or gruel
${ }^{4}$ Includes pumpkin; carrots; yellow or orange yams, squash, or sweet potatoes; dark green leafy vegetables; mangoes; and papayas

### 11.2.2 Appropriate Infant and Young Child Feeding

Appropriate infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices include timely initiation of feeding solid/semi-solid foods from age six months and increasing the amount of foods and frequency of feeding as the child gets older while maintaining frequent breastfeeding. Guidelines have been established with respect to appropriate IYCF practices for children age 6-23 months (PAHO/WHO, 2003; and WHO, 2005).

Table 11.5 and Figure 11.1 present a summary indicator of appropriate feeding practices that describes the quality of infant and young child feeding practices. The indicator takes into account the percentages of children age 6-23 months for whom feeding practices met minimum standards with respect to both food diversity (i.e., the number of food groups consumed) and feeding frequency (i.e., the number of times the child was fed) as well the consumption of breast milk, milk, and milk products. Breastfed children are considered as being fed appropriately if they consume at least three food groups and receive food or liquids other than breast milk at least twice per day in the case of infants 6-8 months and at least three times per day in the case of children 9-23 months. Non-breastfed children are considered to be fed appropriately if they consumed four food groups, including milk and milk products, and are fed at least four times per day.

Table 11.5 Infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices
Percentage of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother who are fed according to three IYCF practices based on breastfeeding status, number of food groups, and times they are fed during the day or night preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Among breastfed children 6-23 months, percentage fed: |  |  | Among nonbreastfed children 6-23 months, percentage fed: |  |  |  |  |  | Among all children 6-23 months, percentage fed: |  |  |  | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Both 3+ food groups |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3+ food groups ${ }^{1}$ | Minimum times or more $^{2}$ | and minimum times or more | Number of children | Milk or milk products ${ }^{3}$ | 4+ <br> food <br> groups | $\begin{gathered} \hline 4+ \\ \text { times } \\ \text { or } \\ \text { more } \end{gathered}$ | With 3 <br> IYCF practices ${ }^{4}$ |  | milk, milk, or milk products ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3+\text { or } \\ 4+ \\ \text { food } \\ \text { groups }^{5} \end{gathered}$ | Minimum times or more ${ }^{6}$ | With 3 IYCF practices |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-8 | 44.7 | 72.0 | 38.6 | 276 | * | * | * | * | 2 | 99.7 | 44.6 | 71.4 | 38.3 | 279 |
| 9-11 | 62.6 | 39.4 | 32.3 | 221 | * | * | * | * | 9 | 98.2 | 61.8 | 38.2 | 31.4 | 230 |
| 12-17 | 69.0 | 54.0 | 44.5 | 475 | 84.1 | 71.0 | 39.5 | 38.1 | 72 | 97.9 | 69.2 | 52.1 | 43.7 | 547 |
| 18-23 | 76.5 | 51.8 | 44.5 | 169 | 79.0 | 64.9 | 29.1 | 23.8 | 259 | 87.3 | 69.5 | 38.1 | 32.0 | 428 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 62.6 | 55.6 | 40.9 | 592 | 78.5 | 62.6 | 34.9 | 30.3 | 173 | 95.1 | 62.6 | 51.0 | 38.5 | 765 |
| Female | 63.4 | 54.7 | 40.5 | 549 | 80.1 | 68.1 | 26.1 | 22.2 | 169 | 95.3 | 64.5 | 48.0 | 36.2 | 718 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 82.4 | 60.4 | 54.3 | 287 | 82.5 | 79.2 | 39.6 | 35.6 | 136 | 94.4 | 81.4 | 53.7 | 48.3 | 424 |
| Rural | 56.5 | 53.4 | 36.2 | 855 | 77.1 | 56.1 | 24.5 | 20.0 | 205 | 95.6 | 56.4 | 47.9 | 33.0 | 1,060 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 47.0 | 56.1 | 32.1 | 152 | (82.7) | (54.7) | (21.4) | (17.6) | 48 | 95.8 | 48.9 | 47.7 | 28.6 | 200 |
| Mashonaland Central | 54.2 | 44.9 | 26.8 | 137 | (88.4) | (85.0) | (7.6) | (7.6) | 28 | 98.0 | 59.5 | 38.5 | 23.5 | 165 |
| Mashonaland East | 88.0 | 71.4 | 70.0 | 88 | (87.9) | (56.9) | (41.8) | (34.4) | 25 | 97.3 | 81.1 | 64.8 | 62.0 | 113 |
| Mashonaland West | 70.8 | 42.2 | 39.2 | 91 | (52.0) | (43.2) | (5.3) | (3.3) | 32 | 87.4 | 63.6 | 32.6 | 29.8 | 124 |
| Matabeleland North | 47.6 | 64.2 | 34.2 | 68 | (54.9) | (34.8) | (13.7) | (8.0) | 21 | 89.3 | 44.6 | 52.2 | 28.0 | 89 |
| Matabeleland South | 61.5 | 55.2 | 29.9 | 52 | (45.3) | (49.3) | (19.1) | (11.7) | 18 | 85.7 | 58.3 | 45.7 | 25.1 | 70 |
| Midlands | 69.4 | 63.5 | 53.3 | 180 | (89.0) | (70.6) | (43.5) | (43.5) | 41 | 98.0 | 69.6 | 59.8 | 51.5 | 221 |
| Masvingo | 49.3 | 50.4 | 30.9 | 204 | (94.4) | (59.7) | (36.0) | (28.4) | 46 | 99.0 | 51.2 | 47.7 | 30.4 | 250 |
| Harare | 82.1 | 51.2 | 46.0 | 117 | 92.9 | 86.3 | 49.8 | 49.8 | 57 | 97.7 | 83.5 | 50.7 | 47.2 | 174 |
| Bulawayo | 86.2 | 62.0 | 57.3 | 54 | (58.2) | (93.6) | (43.6) | (26.1) | 24 | 87.2 | 88.4 | 56.4 | 47.8 | 78 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | (32.3) | (15.8) | (11.4) | 44 | * | * | * | * | 11 | (94.7) | (26.6) | (12.5) | (9.1) | 56 |
| Primary | 57.6 | 51.1 | 37.0 | 432 | 73.1 | 47.1 | 26.7 | 22.4 | 101 | 94.9 | 55.6 | 46.5 | 34.3 | 533 |
| Secondary | 68.0 | 60.0 | 44.4 | 646 | 82.8 | 76.4 | 35.2 | 30.3 | 214 | 95.7 | 70.1 | 53.8 | 40.9 | 860 |
| More than secondary | * | * | * | 20 | * | * | * | * | 15 | (89.3) | (81.6) | (48.2) | (43.1) | 36 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 48.3 | 47.3 | 27.8 | 310 | 74.6 | 47.0 | 26.7 | 21.7 | 66 | 95.5 | 48.1 | 43.7 | 26.7 | 376 |
| Second | 56.4 | 47.8 | 32.1 | 237 | 77.3 | 54.7 | 21.8 | 15.2 | 76 | 94.5 | 56.0 | 41.5 | 28.0 | 313 |
| Middle | 62.3 | 64.8 | 44.7 | 221 | (79.1) | (72.9) | (28.8) | (25.8) | 31 | 97.5 | 63.6 | 60.4 | 42.4 | 252 |
| Fourth | 76.9 | 59.7 | 53.5 | 241 | 78.1 | 67.5 | 27.7 | 23.1 | 87 | 94.2 | 74.4 | 51.1 | 45.4 | 328 |
| Highest | 84.7 | 62.7 | 56.5 | 132 | 86.2 | 85.1 | 45.5 | 43.8 | 81 | 94.7 | 84.9 | 56.1 | 51.7 | 214 |
| Total | 63.0 | 55.2 | 40.7 | 1,142 | 79.3 | 65.3 | 30.5 | 26.3 | 342 | 95.2 | 63.5 | 49.5 | 37.4 | 1,483 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Food groups: a) infant formula, milk other than breast milk, cheese or yogurt or other milk products; b) foods made from grains, roots, and tubers, including porridge, gruel, and fortified baby food from grains; c) vitamin A-rich fruits and vegetables; d) other fruits and vegetables; e) eggs; f) meat, poultry, fish, and shellfish (and organ meats); g) legumes and nuts; h) foods made with oil, fat, butter
${ }^{2}$ At least twice a day for infants 6-8 months and at least three times a day for children 9-23 months
${ }^{3}$ Includes commercial infant formula; fresh, tinned, and powdered animal milk; and cheese, yogurt, and other milk products
${ }^{4}$ Nonbreastfed children ages 6-23 months are considered to be fed with three appropriate feeding practices if they receive appropriate breast milk substitutes and are fed at least the minimum number of times per day with at least the minimum number of food groups.
${ }^{5} 3+$ food groups for breastfed children and $4+$ food groups for nonbreastfed children
${ }^{6}$ Fed solid or semi-solid food at least twice a day for infants 6-8 months, $3+$ times for other breastfed children, and $4+$ times for nonbreastfed children

Figure 11.1 Infants and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Practices


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According to the results presented in Table 11.5, 95 percent of the youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother received breast milk, milk, or milk products during the 24 -hour period prior to the survey, 64 percent had an adequately diverse diet (i.e., they had been fed foods from the appropriate number of food groups depending on their age and breastfeeding status), and 50 percent had been fed the minimum standard number of times appropriate for their age and breastfeeding status. Feeding practices for just over one-third of children age 6-23 months met the minimum standard with respect to all three of these feeding practices.

Breastfed children were more likely to be fed appropriately than nonbreastfed children. Compliance with IYCF practices is greater among urban children than rural children. Looking at provincial differences, children in Mashonaland East were the most likely and children in Mashonaland Central the least likely to be fed according to the IYCF guidelines. The likelihood that a child is fed appropriately rises with the mother's education and the wealth quintile.

### 11.2.3 Foods and Liquids Consumed by Mothers

Adequate maternal nutrition is important for the health and reproductive outcomes of women and for child survival and development. Table 11.6 shows that foods made from roots or tubers are the staple for the majority of women. Seven in ten mothers consumed foods made from roots or tubers during the 24-hour period prior to the survey and one in four mothers consumed foods made from grains. Table 11.6 also shows that sources of important micronutrients are missing from many women's diets. More than half of women did not eat meat, fish (including shellfish), poultry, or eggs during the 24 -hour period prior to the survey. The consumption of meat, fish, poultry, and eggs is important because these foods are principal sources of protein and iron. A large majority of mothers also did not consume milk or milk products, which are important sources of calcium; nearly four-fifths of mothers of young children did not drink any milk and more than three-fifths did not consume milk products like cheese or yogurt. Half of mothers did not consume vitamin A-rich fruits and vegetables during the 24 -hour period prior to the survey interview.

There are substantial variations in the proportions of women consuming the various food groups. For example, 72 percent of urban women report consumption of meat, fish (including shellfish), poultry, or eggs, compared with 32 percent of rural residents. Urban residents also are much more likely to consume vitamin A-rich foods and milk or milk products than rural residents. Consumption of these food groups increases with the woman's education level and the wealth quintile.

Table 11.6 Foods consumed by mothers in the day or night preceding the interview
Among mothers age 15-49 of children under three years of age, the percentage who consumed specific types of foods in the day or night preceding the interview, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Foods <br> made <br> from <br> grains | Foods made from roots/ tubers | Foods <br> made from legumes | Meat/ fish/ shellfish/ poultry/ eggs | Cheese/ yogurt | Vitamin <br> A-rich fruits/ vegetables ${ }^{1}$ | Other <br> fruits/ vegetables | Foods <br> made <br> with <br> oil/fat/ <br> butter | Any other solid or semisolid food | Sugary foods | Milk | Tea/ coffee | Other liquids | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 26.5 | 67.3 | 9.6 | 39.5 | 32.8 | 51.5 | 13.3 | 32.6 | 46.9 | 10.5 | 14.1 | 48.7 | 94.3 | 286 |
| 20-29 | 24.2 | 70.3 | 9.7 | 45.9 | 39.7 | 50.2 | 12.5 | 40.0 | 48.8 | 12.8 | 18.6 | 56.0 | 94.1 | 1,615 |
| 30-39 | 23.0 | 69.4 | 7.7 | 41.7 | 35.6 | 54.9 | 15.5 | 42.1 | 48.4 | 8.3 | 23.4 | 53.7 | 94.6 | 705 |
| 40-49 | 17.4 | 59.4 | 12.5 | 29.9 | 19.3 | 32.5 | 8.3 | 39.6 | 44.8 | 4.4 | 15.1 | 33.8 | 91.8 | 116 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 40.1 | 68.1 | 12.1 | 71.8 | 51.5 | 61.3 | 23.8 | 46.7 | 67.4 | 23.6 | 27.8 | 78.9 | 93.7 | 771 |
| Rural | 17.4 | 69.8 | 8.2 | 32.3 | 31.3 | 46.7 | 9.0 | 37.0 | 40.8 | 6.1 | 15.8 | 43.7 | 94.3 | 1,951 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 10.3 | 83.7 | 8.6 | 26.8 | 27.7 | 41.2 | 9.3 | 27.5 | 19.6 | 7.4 | 15.9 | 58.9 | 90.7 | 334 |
| Mashonaland Central | 7.3 | 75.9 | 4.2 | 30.9 | 36.6 | 42.6 | 2.4 | 65.5 | 30.0 | 2.2 | 8.7 | 39.4 | 95.3 | 314 |
| Mashonaland East | 13.4 | 86.0 | 9.2 | 36.3 | 52.1 | 53.8 | 10.9 | 17.7 | 26.6 | 7.0 | 17.3 | 56.9 | 95.9 | 226 |
| Mashonaland West | 15.8 | 66.8 | 5.9 | 42.5 | 39.9 | 48.7 | 7.3 | 37.6 | 66.6 | 13.4 | 20.4 | 42.6 | 90.5 | 260 |
| Matabeleland North | 77.2 | 26.1 | 8.0 | 37.5 | 5.2 | 49.3 | 20.2 | 1.6 | 21.7 | 6.6 | 19.9 | 44.2 | 93.8 | 177 |
| Matabeleland South | 88.6 | 20.4 | 10.3 | 41.8 | 4.7 | 69.8 | 13.7 | 9.1 | 23.0 | 10.6 | 24.2 | 63.3 | 94.9 | 131 |
| Midlands | 8.8 | 71.4 | 11.9 | 50.5 | 40.5 | 53.5 | 16.4 | 54.1 | 60.2 | 8.3 | 31.8 | 47.8 | 94.6 | 399 |
| Masvingo | 1.9 | 78.9 | 5.9 | 31.4 | 34.3 | 42.9 | 5.6 | 46.9 | 63.8 | 10.1 | 11.2 | 39.7 | 96.6 | 429 |
| Harare | 32.0 | 82.1 | 15.1 | 73.1 | 72.3 | 55.2 | 23.9 | 52.8 | 73.6 | 25.8 | 23.0 | 81.1 | 93.6 | 319 |
| Bulawayo | 90.2 | 31.6 | 19.5 | 85.3 | 18.9 | 82.9 | 42.5 | 34.6 | 78.3 | 25.6 | 25.9 | 90.4 | 95.8 | 135 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 10.6 | 59.1 | 8.9 | 19.1 | 16.6 | 31.8 | 5.4 | 49.1 | 41.5 | 0.9 | 4.5 | 12.2 | 94.6 | 102 |
| Primary | 17.4 | 67.7 | 7.3 | 33.0 | 27.9 | 43.0 | 8.9 | 35.8 | 43.9 | 5.9 | 15.1 | 35.2 | 93.9 | 969 |
| Secondary | 27.5 | 71.2 | 10.4 | 50.1 | 43.3 | 56.6 | 15.4 | 41.0 | 50.7 | 14.0 | 21.9 | 66.5 | 94.2 | 1,584 |
| More than secondary | 49.8 | 62.7 | 12.7 | 76.5 | 52.1 | 56.0 | 34.1 | 50.8 | 67.0 | 30.7 | 36.7 | 81.0 | 95.9 | 67 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 18.3 | 61.8 | 5.8 | 26.7 | 24.6 | 44.5 | 7.7 | 37.2 | 46.6 | 4.4 | 11.1 | 26.1 | 95.0 | 658 |
| Second | 16.7 | 71.8 | 7.8 | 32.3 | 31.0 | 45.5 | 7.4 | 36.4 | 36.5 | 3.3 | 16.8 | 43.9 | 94.4 | 595 |
| Middle | 15.9 | 75.3 | 9.9 | 32.3 | 36.9 | 49.5 | 9.7 | 36.1 | 37.1 | 8.6 | 17.8 | 58.5 | 92.9 | 481 |
| Fourth | 29.5 | 71.5 | 10.6 | 60.1 | 45.0 | 55.0 | 16.7 | 43.5 | 54.8 | 16.7 | 22.2 | 71.1 | 93.5 | 574 |
| Highest | 44.2 | 67.4 | 14.5 | 76.3 | 54.8 | 64.0 | 29.4 | 47.5 | 71.9 | 27.9 | 32.9 | 82.1 | 94.6 | 414 |
| Total | 23.8 | 69.3 | 9.3 | 43.5 | 37.0 | 50.8 | 13.2 | 39.7 | 48.3 | 11.1 | 19.2 | 53.7 | 94.1 | 2,722 |

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### 11.3 Anaemia Prevalence

Anaemia is a condition that is marked by low levels of haemoglobin in the blood. Iron is a main component of haemoglobin, and iron deficiency is estimated to be responsible for half of all anaemia globally. Other causes of anaemia include malaria, hookworm and other helminths, other nutritional deficiencies, chronic infections, and genetic conditions depending on the region. Anaemia is a serious concern for children because it can impair cognitive development, stunt growth, and increase morbidity from infectious diseases.

The 2005-06 ZDHS included direct measurement of haemoglobin levels using the HemoCue system. This system consists of a battery-operated photometer and a disposable microcuvette ${ }^{1}$ coated with a dried reagent that serves as the blood-collection device. For the test, a drop of capillary blood taken from a person's fingertip or heel was drawn into a microcuvette. The blood in the microcuvette was analyzed using the photometer, which displayed the haemoglobin concentration.

Haemoglobin testing was carried out for three groups: children age 6-59 months, women age $15-49$, and men age 15-54. In the case of young children or youth age 15-17, the consent of an adult or other caretaker was obtained for the test. Information was obtained on haemoglobin levels for 85 percent of the children, 86 percent of the women age 15-49, and 79 percent of the men age 15-54 who were eligible for testing.

During the fieldwork, each respondent or parent/caretaker was given the results of the test immediately. In cases in which the haemoglobin reading was below $9.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ (grams per decilitre), the respondent or parent/caretaker was referred to MOH\&CW facilities for follow-up.

Anaemia is classified as mild, moderate, or severe based on the concentrations of haemoglobin in the blood. The cutoff values used in defining each of these levels vary according to age and, for women, pregnancy status. The following summarises the cutoffs used in the analysis of the anaemia data:

|  | Mild <br> $(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | Moderate <br> $(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | Severe <br> $(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | Any <br> $(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{dl})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Children age 6-59 months | $10.0-10.9$ | $7.0-9.9$ | $<7.0$ | $<11.0$ |
| Women age 15-49 |  |  |  |  |
| Not pregnant | $10.0-11.9$ | $7.0-9.9$ | $<7.0$ | $<12.0$ |
| $\quad$Pregnant | $10.0-10.9$ | $7.0-9.9$ | $<7.0$ | $<11.0$ |
| Men age 15-54 | $10.0-11.9$ | $7.0-9.9$ | $<7.0$ | $<12.0$ |

Table 11.7 presents anaemia levels for children 6-59 months at the time of the 2005-06 ZDHS by selected background characteristics. Overall, 58 percent of these children suffered from some degree of anaemia. A small proportion ( 1 percent) was classified as having severe anaemia, while three in ten children were moderately anaemic. Looking at the differentials in Table 11.7, anaemia was more prevalent among children under age 18 months than among older children, with a peak rate of 84 percent observed among children 9-11 months. Severe anaemia peaks at 3 percent among children age 12-17 months. Boys are slightly more likely to be anaemic than girls. Anaemia prevalence varies by province from 55 percent in Manicaland to 63 percent in Mashonaland East.

[^14]| Table 11.7 Prevalence of anaemia in children |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children age 6-59 months classified as having anaemia, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Anaemia status by haemoglobin level |  |  |  | Number of children |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Mild } \\ (10.0-10.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}) \end{gathered}$ | Moderate $(7.0-9.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Severe } \\ (<7.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}) \end{gathered}$ | Any anaemia $(<11.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl})$ |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-8 | 20.4 | 54.0 | 2.6 | 77.0 | 223 |
| 9-11 | 28.5 | 54.0 | 1.5 | 84.0 | 220 |
| 12-17 | 27.3 | 44.0 | 3.3 | 74.7 | 512 |
| 18-23 | 29.1 | 37.4 | 1.3 | 67.8 | 439 |
| 24-35 | 27.6 | 30.0 | 0.7 | 58.4 | 952 |
| 36-47 | 28.2 | 20.2 | 0.4 | 48.8 | 977 |
| 48-59 | 28.1 | 16.7 | 0.7 | 45.6 | 1,032 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 29.0 | 30.1 | 1.1 | 60.2 | 2,186 |
| Female | 26.3 | 28.9 | 1.2 | 56.4 | 2,168 |
| Mother's status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interviewed | 28.2 | 30.7 | 1.3 | 60.1 | 3,395 |
| Not interviewed but in household | 25.8 | 27.7 | 1.7 | 55.1 | 228 |
| Not interviewed, and not in the household ${ }^{1}$ | 25.9 | 24.6 | 0.6 | 51.1 | 731 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 25.8 | 30.0 | 2.2 | 58.0 | 1,025 |
| Rural | 28.2 | 29.3 | 0.9 | 58.4 | 3,329 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 29.0 | 25.5 | 0.8 | 55.4 | 568 |
| Mashonaland Central | 33.6 | 24.7 | 0.7 | 59.0 | 474 |
| Mashonaland East | 28.4 | 33.2 | 1.5 | 63.1 | 412 |
| Mashonaland West | 24.2 | 32.9 | 2.0 | 59.1 | 387 |
| Matabeleland North | 26.2 | 32.3 | 0.0 | 58.5 | 333 |
| Matabeleland South | 28.7 | 30.7 | 1.9 | 61.2 | 246 |
| Midlands | 28.6 | 27.8 | 1.3 | 57.7 | 753 |
| Masvingo | 26.3 | 31.5 | 0.7 | 58.5 | 570 |
| Harare | 25.2 | 29.7 | 1.3 | 56.3 | 421 |
| Bulawayo | 21.2 | 32.0 | 2.8 | 55.9 | 189 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 22.7 | 34.0 | 1.4 | 58.1 | 159 |
| Primary | 28.3 | 30.5 | 0.8 | 59.6 | 1,320 |
| Secondary | 28.4 | 30.3 | 1.6 | 60.3 | 2,072 |
| More than secondary | 23.9 | 27.5 | 0.0 | 51.4 | 71 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 29.0 | 30.5 | 0.7 | 60.2 | 1,080 |
| Second | 29.3 | 27.0 | 0.7 | 56.9 | 999 |
| Middle | 27.2 | 28.5 | 1.4 | 57.1 | 895 |
| Fourth | 26.0 | 32.5 | 1.8 | 60.3 | 812 |
| Highest | 25.4 | 29.3 | 1.6 | 56.3 | 567 |
| Total | 27.7 | 29.5 | 1.2 | 58.3 | 4,354 |
| Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household the night before the interview and were tested for anaemia. Prevalence is adjusted for altitude using formulas by CDC (1998). Haemoglobin in g/dl = grams per decilitre. Total includes 1 case for which information on the mother's education is missing. Includes children whose mothers are deceased <br> ${ }^{2}$ For women who are not interviewed, information is taken from the Household Questionnaire. Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the household schedule |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 11.8 shows anaemia levels among women age 15-49. More than one-third of women (38 percent) were anaemic, with the majority ( 27 percent) classified as mildly anaemic. Nine percent of the women were moderately anaemic and one percent were found to be severely anaemic. Women who were pregnant were more likely to be anaemic than either breastfeeding mothers or other women ( 47 percent, 36 percent, and 37 percent, respectively). Anaemia levels also varied by province. Manicaland had the lowest level of anaemia (31 percent). Rates were highest in Masvingo (48 percent) and in Matabeleland South (45 percent).

Table 11.8 Prevalence of anaemia in women
Percentage of women age 15-49 with anaemia, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  | Anaemia status by haemoglobin level |  |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mild anaemia | Moderate anaemia | Severe anaemia | Any anaemia |  |
| Background Not pregnant | $10.0-11.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $7.0-9.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $<7.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $<12.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ |  |
| characteristic Pregnant | $10.0-10.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $7.0-9.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $<7.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $<11.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ |  |
| Age ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 26.2 | 7.9 | 0.3 | 34.5 | 1,840 |
| 20-29 | 25.6 | 8.7 | 0.8 | 35.1 | 2,909 |
| 30-39 | 29.8 | 10.3 | 1.3 | 41.4 | 1,771 |
| 40-49 | 29.8 | 12.0 | 2.5 | 44.3 | 1,114 |
| Children ever born ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 26.0 | 9.4 | 0.7 | 36.1 | 2,200 |
| 1 | 26.2 | 8.6 | 1.1 | 36.0 | 1,382 |
| 2-3 | 28.5 | 9.2 | 1.0 | 38.6 | 2,244 |
| 4-5 | 25.7 | 10.3 | 2.0 | 38.0 | 1,091 |
| 6+ | 32.4 | 10.0 | 0.6 | 43.1 | 718 |
| Maternity status ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant | 27.4 | 18.1 | 1.5 | 47.0 | 525 |
| Breastfeeding | 28.0 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 36.3 | 1,491 |
| Neither | 27.1 | 8.9 | 1.2 | 37.3 | 5,618 |
| Smoking status ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Smokes cigarettes/tobacco | 28.5 | 6.3 | 1.6 | 36.4 | 69 |
| Does not smoke | 27.3 | 9.4 | 1.0 | 37.7 | 7,562 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 27.7 | 9.9 | 1.2 | 38.9 | 2,762 |
| Rural | 27.1 | 9.1 | 0.9 | 37.1 | 4,872 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 23.8 | 5.8 | 1.1 | 30.7 | 877 |
| Mashonaland Central | 29.6 | 5.8 | 1.6 | 37.1 | 652 |
| Mashonaland East | 23.8 | 9.0 | 0.8 | 33.6 | 657 |
| Mashonaland West | 25.2 | 11.2 | 1.4 | 37.8 | 696 |
| Matabeleland North | 27.2 | 7.5 | 0.9 | 35.7 | 470 |
| Matabeleland South | 32.9 | 10.0 | 2.1 | 45.0 | 367 |
| Midlands | 27.0 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 37.7 | 1,127 |
| Masvingo | 32.2 | 15.2 | 0.1 | 47.5 | 1,046 |
| Harare | 26.2 | 8.5 | 0.9 | 35.6 | 1,175 |
| Bulawayo | 27.3 | 9.2 | 1.4 | 38.0 | 567 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 29.5 | 9.2 | 3.4 | 42.1 | 342 |
| Primary | 28.3 | 9.7 | 1.3 | 39.3 | 2,546 |
| Secondary | 26.7 | 9.1 | 0.7 | 36.5 | 4,540 |
| More than secondary | 25.8 | 11.2 | 2.4 | 39.4 | 206 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 29.4 | 9.5 | 1.4 | 40.2 | 1,412 |
| Second | 24.0 | 9.7 | 0.4 | 34.1 | 1,347 |
| Middle | 27.2 | 8.2 | 0.9 | 36.3 | 1,398 |
| Fourth | 28.6 | 10.2 | 1.2 | 40.1 | 1,666 |
| Highest | 27.1 | 9.2 | 1.2 | 37.5 | 1,812 |
| Total | 27.3 | 9.4 | 1.0 | 37.8 | 7,634 |

Note: Table is based on women who were interviewed in the survey and consented to the anaemia test. Prevalence is adjusted for altitude using formulas by CDC (1998). The total includes 4 cases for which information on smoking status is missing.
${ }^{1}$ For women who were not interviewed, information is taken from the Household Questionnaire.
${ }^{2}$ Excludes women who were not interviewed.

In contrast to the levels among young children and women, anaemia rates among men are quite moderate. Table 11.9 shows that 11 percent of men were anaemic, with 2 percent classified as moderately anaemic and less than 1 percent considered to be severely anaemic. Anaemia levels were lowest among men age 20-29 ( 5 percent) and men living in Bulawayo and Matabeleland North (7 percent each). Anaemia rates were highest among men in Masvingo (16 percent) and Mashonaland West (14 percent). Anaemia levels generally decline as the man's educational level and the wealth quintile increase.

| Table 11.9 Prevalence of anaemia in men |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of men age 15-54 with anaemia, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Anaemia status by haemoglobin level |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mild anaemia } \\ & (10.0-11.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}) \end{aligned}$ | Moderate anaemia $(7.0-9.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Severe } \\ \text { anaemia } \\ (<7.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Any } \\ \text { anaemia } \\ (<12.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Number of men |
| Age ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 10.8 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 13.5 | 1,580 |
| 20-29 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 5.4 | 1,985 |
| 30-39 | 9.3 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 12.5 | 1,172 |
| 40-49 | 10.7 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 13.2 | 697 |
| 50-54 | 9.9 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 13.8 | 241 |
| Smoking status ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Smokes cigarettes/tobacco | 7.9 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 9.9 | 1,373 |
| Does not smoke | 8.2 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 10.6 | 4,298 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.9 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 9.0 | 2,072 |
| Rural | 8.9 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 11.3 | 3,603 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 7.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 8.2 | 682 |
| Mashonaland Central | 6.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 8.4 | 507 |
| Mashonaland East | 6.2 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 8.1 | 524 |
| Mashonaland West | 9.9 | 3.8 | 0.7 | 14.3 | 599 |
| Matabeleland North | 5.8 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 7.4 | 333 |
| Matabeleland South | 8.8 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 11.3 | 222 |
| Midlands | 7.9 | 2.7 | 0.6 | 11.2 | 920 |
| Masvingo | 13.8 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 635 |
| Harare | 7.7 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 9.8 | 915 |
| Bulawayo | 5.6 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 6.9 | 338 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 9.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 13.2 | 82 |
| Primary | 9.7 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 12.6 | 1,622 |
| Secondary | 7.6 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 9.7 | 3,687 |
| More than secondary | 5.5 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 7.8 | 284 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 10.4 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 12.9 | 934 |
| Second | 8.0 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 10.7 | 1,013 |
| Middle | 8.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 1,045 |
| Fourth | 8.9 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 11.3 | 1,505 |
| Highest | 5.7 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 7.5 | 1,178 |
| Total | 8.1 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 10.5 | 5,675 |
| Note: Table is based on men who were interviewed in the survey and consented to the anaemia test. Prevalence is adjusted for altitude using formulas by CDC (1998). The total includes 4 men for whom information on smoking status is missing. <br> ${ }^{1}$ For women who were not interviewed, information is taken from the Household Questionnaire. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Excludes women who were not interviewed |  |  |  |  |  |

### 11.4 Micronutrient Intake and Supplementation

Micronutrient deficiency is a serious contributor to childhood morbidity and mortality. Micronutrients are available in foods and can also be provided through direct supplementation. Breastfeeding children benefit from supplements given to the mother.

Iron deficiency is one of the primary causes of anaemia, which has serious health consequences for both women and 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 deficiency (VAD) can cause eye damage and is the leading cause of childhood blindness. VAD also increases severity of infections such as measles and diarrhoeal disease in children and slows recovery from illness. VAD is common in dry environments where fresh fruits and vegetables are not readily available. Vitamin A supplementation of young children is an important tool in addressing VAD.

Information on the foods mothers and young children under age three consumed in the 24 -hour period prior to the ZDHS is useful in assessing the extent to which women and children are consuming food groups rich in two key micronutrients-vitamin A and iron-in their daily diet. In addition, the ZDHS included several questions designed to ascertain whether young children or their mothers had received vitamin A supplements, and women were asked about iron supplementation during pregnancy.

### 11.4.1 Micronutrient Intake and Supplementation among Children

Table 11.10 looks at the intake of foods rich in vitamin A and iron by the youngest child under age three living with the mother, and at recent vitamin A supplementation among children age 6-59 months. The results in Table 11.10 indicate that children are more likely to consume vitamin A-rich foods than iron-rich foods. Sixty-one percent of young children consumed foods rich in vitamin A in the 24hour period prior to the survey, while 41 percent of these children consumed foods rich in iron. As expected, intake of both vitamin A- and iron-rich foods increases as children are weaned. Intake of foods rich in these two micronutrients is higher among urban than rural children and also varies considerably by province, with the lowest proportions of children consuming foods rich in vitamin A and iron observed in Masvingo, Mashonaland Central, and Manicaland. Consumption of iron-rich foods is also notably lower in Matabeleland North than in other provinces. The likelihood that a child consumed foods rich in vitamin A and iron increases with the mother's education and the wealth quintile.

Table 11.10 also provides information on the coverage of the programme of vitamin A supplementation among young children. Forty-seven percent of children age 6-59 months received a dose of vitamin A in the six months prior to the interview. The supplementation rate peaked at 55 percent among children age 18-23 months. Urban children were more likely to have received a vitamin A dose than rural children. The proportion of children who received a vitamin A dose was lowest in Manicaland and Midlands ( 29 percent and 32 percent, respectively) and highest in Matabeleland North and Matabeleland South ( 70 percent and 67 percent, respectively). The likelihood that a child was given a vitamin A dose rose with the mother's education and generally increased with the wealth quintile.

Table 11.10 Micronutrient intake among children
Percentage of youngest children under age three living with their mother who consumed vitamin A-rich and iron-rich foods in the day or night preceding the survey, and percentage of children age 6-59 months who received vitamin A supplements in the six months preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Among last-born children age 6-35 months: |  |  | Among children age 6-59 months: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage consumed foods rich in vitamin A in past 24 hours $^{1}$ | Percentage consumed foods rich in iron in past 24 hours $^{2}$ | Number of children | Percentage given vitamin A supplements in past 6 months | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-8 | 32.5 | 18.3 | 279 | 33.1 | 289 |
| 9-11 | 49.5 | 35.3 | 230 | 49.3 | 237 |
| 12-17 | 62.0 | 42.6 | 547 | 53.6 | 564 |
| 18-23 | 68.3 | 45.9 | 428 | 54.7 | 455 |
| 24-35 | 71.2 | 48.7 | 726 | 48.7 | 936 |
| 36-47 | na | na | na | 44.4 | 1,870 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 60.0 | 40.9 | 1,121 | 46.1 | 2,218 |
| Female | 62.5 | 42.0 | 1,089 | 48.2 | 2,133 |
| Breastfeeding status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breastfeeding | 52.8 | 33.2 | 1,176 | 47.6 | 1,213 |
| Not breastfeeding | 71.2 | 50.9 | 1,013 | 47.1 | 3,082 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 78.8 | 64.4 | 643 | 52.9 | 1,287 |
| Rural | 54.0 | 32.0 | 1,567 | 44.7 | 3,065 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 49.3 | 27.8 | 279 | 29.2 | 554 |
| Mashonaland Central | 48.9 | 30.5 | 267 | 39.6 | 501 |
| Mashonaland East | 67.6 | 37.3 | 179 | 44.8 | 320 |
| Mashonaland West | 67.1 | 50.2 | 194 | 50.5 | 414 |
| Matabeleland North | 55.0 | 28.8 | 129 | 70.4 | 272 |
| Matabeleland South | 73.4 | 37.0 | 106 | 66.6 | 207 |
| Midlands | 66.6 | 49.7 | 335 | 31.6 | 656 |
| Masvingo | 47.9 | 30.0 | 349 | 54.8 | 658 |
| Harare | 76.8 | 64.1 | 262 | 55.6 | 562 |
| Bulawayo | 85.0 | 69.3 | 110 | 61.3 | 208 |
| Mother's age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 60.5 | 39.0 | 404 | 46.4 | 885 |
| 20-29 | 61.6 | 43.4 | 1,248 | 47.6 | 2,436 |
| 30-39 | 64.7 | 40.4 | 477 | 47.6 | 890 |
| 40-49 | 37.8 | 27.3 | 80 | 40.7 | 141 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 35.4 | 22.5 | 89 | 37.6 | 186 |
| Primary | 51.1 | 30.2 | 775 | 43.5 | 1,591 |
| Secondary | 68.4 | 48.1 | 1,291 | 49.6 | 2,467 |
| More than secondary | 77.4 | 72.2 | 55 | 60.0 | 107 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 46.7 | 26.6 | 525 | 45.3 | 1,069 |
| Second | 54.3 | 32.6 | 478 | 39.9 | 891 |
| Middle | 59.0 | 31.1 | 387 | 48.4 | 750 |
| Fourth | 70.8 | 54.9 | 481 | 49.8 | 930 |
| Highest | 82.4 | 69.3 | 340 | 54.2 | 711 |
| Total | 61.2 | 41.4 | 2,210 | 47.1 | 4,351 |

Note: Information on vitamin A and iron supplements is based on the mother's recall. Total includes 56 cases in which information on breastfeeding status is missing.
na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Includes meat (and organ meat), fish, poultry, eggs, pumpkin, carrots, yellow or orange yams, squash or sweet potatoes, dark green leafy vegetables, mangoes, and papayas
${ }^{2}$ Includes meat (including organ meat), fish, poultry, and eggs

### 11.4.2 Micronutrient Intake among Mothers

Table 11.11 includes several measures of vitamin A and iron intake and supplementation among mothers of young children and also presents the proportion of women reporting night blindness during pregnancy, a condition that is associated with vitamin A deficiency.

The majority ( 68 percent) of mothers with a child under three years of age living with her consumed vitamin A-rich foods during the 24 hours preceding the survey, and 44 percent of women ate foods rich in iron. Women in the 40-49 year age range were less likely than younger women to have consumed vitamin A- or iron-rich foods. Intake of vitamin A- and iron-rich foods was highest among women in urban areas, those with more than secondary education, and those in the highest wealth quintile.

A single dose of vitamin A given within two months of childbirth treats night blindness and increases the vitamin A content of breast milk, reducing the risk of VAD among breastfed children. Table 11.11 shows that only 14 percent of women with a child born in the five years before the survey received a vitamin A dose in the first two months after the birth of the last child. Supplementation rates were highest among urban women (18 percent) and women living in Bulawayo (23 percent), Midlands (22 percent), and Mashonaland West (20 percent).

Five percent of women with a recent birth said that they had experienced night blindness during their pregnancy. After adjusting for women who also reported vision problems during daylight, 1 percent of women were estimated to have suffered night blindness during pregnancy.

As discussed earlier in the chapter, pregnant women are more likely to be anaemic than other women. Iron status among pregnant women can be improved by means of iron supplements as well as by increased consumption of iron-rich foods and control of parasites and malaria. Table 11.11 shows the percent distribution of women who gave birth during the five years prior to the survey by the number of days the woman took iron tablets during the pregnancy for her last-born child. The majority of women who took supplements took them for less than 60 days ( 32 percent), and 56 percent did not take iron supplements at all. Women living in Harare and Mashonaland East were least likely to have taken iron tablets or syrup during their last pregnancy ( 70 percent and 67 percent, respectively). Matabeleland North and Masvingo had the highest iron supplementation rates among pregnant women (49 percent and 50 percent, respectively).

## Table 11.11 Micronutrient intake among mothers

Percentage of women age 15-49 with a child under age three years living with her who consumed vitamin A-rich and iron-rich foods in the 24 hours preceding the survey; the percentage of women with a child born in the past 5 years who received a vitamin A dose in the first two months after the birth of the last child; the percentage of mothers who during the pregnancy of the last child born in the five years prior to the survey suffered from night blindness; and the percentage who took iron tablets or syrup for specific numbers of days, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Consumption of vitamin A-rich and iron-rich food in the 24 hours preceding the survey among women with a child under age three years |  |  | Percentage of women who received vitamin A dose postpartum ${ }^{3}$ | For the last child born in the past five years |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women with a child born in past five years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage consumed vitamin Arich foods ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage consumed iron-rich foods ${ }^{2}$ | Number with a child under 3 years |  | Percentage of women who suffered night blindness during pregnancy |  | Number of days women took iron tablets or syrup during pregnancy |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Don't know/ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Reported | Adjusted ${ }^{4}$ | None | <60 | 60-89 | 90+ | missing |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 66.1 | 39.5 | 286 | 15.4 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 58.0 | 31.7 | 1.4 | 6.9 | 2.0 | 329 |
| 20-29 | 68.5 | 45.9 | 1,615 | 15.1 | 4.8 | 1.4 | 56.8 | 32.1 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 2,354 |
| 30-39 | 70.7 | 41.7 | 705 | 13.3 | 6.3 | 1.2 | 55.3 | 31.0 | 2.1 | 5.2 | 6.5 | 1,148 |
| 40-49 | 48.7 | 29.9 | 116 | 11.7 | 8.0 | 3.1 | 48.7 | 32.0 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 11.4 | 269 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 85.7 | 71.8 | 771 | 18.1 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 57.2 | 29.8 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 1,285 |
| Rural | 61.0 | 32.3 | 1,951 | 12.7 | 6.2 | 2.0 | 55.3 | 32.6 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 2,815 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 53.5 | 26.8 | 334 | 12.2 | 6.3 | 1.0 | 58.8 | 27.0 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 8.8 | 497 |
| Mashonaland Central | 54.4 | 30.9 | 314 | 6.2 | 8.4 | 3.4 | 58.5 | 29.6 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 7.3 | 457 |
| Mashonaland East | 69.9 | 36.3 | 226 | 13.4 | 6.9 | 2.6 | 67.0 | 25.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 319 |
| Mashonaland West | 69.5 | 42.5 | 260 | 19.7 | 7.4 | 3.2 | 55.3 | 31.7 | 2.5 | 7.0 | 3.5 | 415 |
| Matabeleland North | 72.4 | 37.5 | 177 | 11.5 | 3.4 | 0.6 | 48.5 | 27.9 | 5.8 | 15.3 | 2.5 | 263 |
| Matabeleland South | 85.8 | 41.8 | 131 | 14.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 43.2 | 32.4 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 18.8 | 184 |
| Midlands | 71.7 | 50.5 | 399 | 21.7 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 56.9 | 39.5 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 584 |
| Masvingo | 55.0 | 31.4 | 429 | 8.6 | 5.6 | 1.2 | 43.2 | 40.9 | 1.0 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 609 |
| Harare | 84.5 | 73.1 | 319 | 16.8 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 69.9 | 22.8 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 4.4 | 566 |
| Bulawayo | 97.5 | 85.3 | 135 | 22.5 | 5.3 | 0.5 | 44.7 | 37.2 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 207 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 41.3 | 19.1 | 102 | 10.0 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 51.7 | 27.5 | 2.9 | 6.9 | 11.1 | 166 |
| Primary | 57.8 | 33.0 | 969 | 12.6 | 6.4 | 1.8 | 56.9 | 31.6 | 2.0 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 1,445 |
| Secondary | 75.2 | 50.1 | 1,584 | 15.8 | 4.7 | 1.1 | 56.2 | 32.3 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 2,383 |
| More than secondary | 85.1 | 76.5 | 67 | 14.7 | 3.7 | 0.6 | 44.0 | 28.8 | 4.7 | 12.3 | 10.3 | 106 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 56.8 | 26.7 | 658 | 12.6 | 6.6 | 2.2 | 53.3 | 33.3 | 1.6 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 934 |
| Second | 59.8 | 32.3 | 595 | 10.9 | 5.4 | 1.4 | 56.4 | 31.9 | 2.1 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 823 |
| Middle | 63.5 | 32.3 | 481 | 13.9 | 6.2 | 2.5 | 58.9 | 31.0 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 5.1 | 714 |
| Fourth | 76.9 | 60.1 | 574 | 16.8 | 5.6 | 0.9 | 56.7 | 30.5 | 2.1 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 902 |
| Highest | 90.3 | 76.3 | 414 | 18.2 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 55.0 | 31.8 | 2.3 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 727 |
| Total | 68.0 | 43.5 | 2,722 | 14.4 | 5.4 | 1.4 | 55.9 | 31.7 | 2.0 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 4,100 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes meat (and organ meat), fish, poultry, eggs, pumpkin, carrots, yellow or orange yams, squash or sweet potatoes, dark green leafy vegetables, mangoes, and papayas
${ }^{2}$ 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

### 11.5 Nutritional Status Of Children

Anthropometric data on height and weight collected in the 2005-06 ZDHS permit the measurement and evaluation of the nutritional status of young children in Zimbabwe. This evaluation allows identification of subgroups of the child population that are at increased risk of faltered growth, disease, impaired mental development, and death. Trends in child malnutrition can also be assessed by comparing the 2005-06 ZDHS results with those obtained during the 1994 and 1999 ZDHS surveys.

### 11.5.1 Measurement of Nutritional Status among Young Children

Evaluation of nutritional status is based on the rationale that in a well-nourished population, there is a statistically predictable distribution of the height and weight of children of a given age. Use of a standard reference population facilitates analysis of any given population over time, as well as comparison of subgroups of the population. One of the most commonly used reference populations, and the one used in this report, is the NCHS (U.S. National Centre for Health Statistics) standard.

Three standard indices of physical growth that describe the nutritional status of children are presented:

- height-for-age
- weight-for-height
- weight-for-age

Each of these indices gives different information about growth and body composition that can be used to assess nutritional status.

Height-for-age is a measure of linear growth. A child who is below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) from the median of the NCHS reference population in terms of height-for-age is considered short for his/her age, or stunted, a condition reflecting the cumulative effect of chronic malnutrition. If the child is below minus three standard deviations (-3 SD) from the reference mean, then the child is considered severely stunted. A child between -2 SD and -3 SD is considered moderately stunted. Stunting reflects malnutrition over a long time and is also affected by recurrent and chronic illnesses.

Weight-for-height describes current nutritional status. A child who is below -2 SD from the reference mean for weight-for-height is considered too thin for his/her height, or wasted, a condition reflecting acute or recent nutritional deficit. As with stunting, wasting is considered severe if the child is below -3 SD below the reference mean. The weight-for-height index gives information about children's recent experience with food intake. Wasting represents failure to receive adequate nutrition in the period immediately preceding the survey and may be the result of recent illness or of seasonal variations in the food supply. Severe wasting is closely linked to a child's mortality risk.

Weight-for-age is a composite index of weight-for-height and height-for-age and thus does not distinguish between acute malnutrition (wasting) and chronic malnutrition (stunting). A child can be underweight for her/his age because s/he is stunted, because s/he is wasted, or because $s / h e$ is wasted and stunted. Weight-for-age is a good overall indicator of a population's nutritional health and is often used to monitor nutritional status on a longitudinal basis. Similar to weight-for-height, this index is subject to seasonal variation.

### 11.5.2 Results of Data Collection

Measurements of height and weight were obtained for all children under age six living in the households selected for the 2005-2006 ZDHS sample. The results include children who were not biological offspring of the women interviewed in the survey.

Although data were collected for all children under age six, for purposes of comparability with prior ZDHS surveys, the analysis is limited to children under age five. Height and weight measurements were obtained for 92 percent of the 5,785 children under age five who were present in ZDHS households at the time of the survey. Of these children, 7 percent were considered to have implausibly high or low values for the height or weight measures or lacked data on the child's age in months (not shown in table). The following analysis focuses on the children for whom complete and plausible anthropometric and age data were collected.

### 11.5.3 Levels of Child Malnutrition

Table 11.12 presents the three nutritional status indices-height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for age-for children under five years according to selected background characteristics. Overall, 29 percent of children were stunted at the time of the 2005-06 ZDHS, 6 percent were wasted, and 17 percent were underweight.

All of the indices indicate that malnutrition increases with a child's age, with prevalence peaking in the age range 12-23 months, and declining again as children approach their fifth birthday. For example, stunting affects nearly half of children age 18-23 months, and 20 percent of children in that age range are severely stunted. Nine percent of children age 12-23 months are wasted, and the highest rate of severe acute malnutrition is found in the 12-17 month age group (2 percent).

Boys are slightly more likely to be malnourished than girls. The rates for children born to underweight mothers are generally higher on all malnutrition indices than those born to normal-weight or overweight mothers. Children reported as very small and small at birth also have higher chances of being stunted, wasted, and underweight.

Malnutrition levels vary by residence. All three indices are higher among rural children than urban children. Mashonaland East, Mashonaland Central, and Manicaland have the highest rates of stunting at 31 percent, 35 percent, and 35 percent, respectively. Mashonaland East ( 11 percent) has the highest prevalence of wasting, followed by Mashonaland West (9 percent) and Masvingo (7 percent). Malnutrition rates are lowest in children whose mothers have more than secondary education and children in the highest wealth quintile.

| Table 11.12 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Height-for-age |  | Weight-for-height |  | Weight-for-age |  | Number of children |
| Background characteristic | Percentage below -3 SD | Percentage below -2 SD $^{1}$ | Percentage below -3 SD | Percentage below -2 SD $^{1}$ | Percentage below -3 SD | Percentage below -2 SD $^{1}$ |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<6$ | 1.1 | 7.8 | 0.7 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 382 |
| 6-8 | 4.1 | 16.9 | 0.4 | 6.5 | 0.9 | 10.0 | 240 |
| 9-11 | 8.8 | 23.6 | 0.9 | 6.4 | 3.5 | 16.3 | 217 |
| 12-17 | 11.6 | 32.4 | 2.0 | 9.3 | 4.2 | 17.9 | 510 |
| 18-23 | 20.2 | 48.2 | 1.1 | 9.3 | 3.9 | 24.6 | 421 |
| 24-35 | 13.4 | 30.4 | 1.6 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 21.0 | 970 |
| 36-47 | 13.9 | 31.7 | 1.4 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 16.8 | 1,028 |
| 48-59 | 9.6 | 29.2 | 1.2 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 15.5 | 1,092 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 11.7 | 31.2 | 1.5 | 6.7 | 3.4 | 17.1 | 2,441 |
| Female | 11.2 | 27.6 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 16.2 | 2,419 |
| Birth interval in months ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First birth ${ }^{3}$ | 10.6 | 26.3 | 1.5 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 14.5 | 1,170 |
| $<24$ | 12.8 | 29.4 | 0.6 | 6.9 | 2.6 | 17.5 | 245 |
| 24-47 | 10.0 | 30.3 | 1.0 | 6.8 | 3.7 | 17.2 | 1,394 |
| 48+ | 10.4 | 29.2 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 1.9 | 15.3 | 1,071 |
| Size at birth ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Very small | 18.0 | 45.5 | 2.4 | 16.9 | 7.7 | 34.0 | 133 |
| Small | 13.1 | 33.2 | 1.0 | 8.9 | 5.0 | 23.7 | 409 |
| Average or larger | 9.9 | 27.5 | 1.0 | 5.3 | 2.5 | 14.1 | 3,293 |
| Mother's status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interviewed | 10.4 | 28.7 | 1.1 | 6.2 | 2.9 | 15.9 | 3,880 |
| Not interviewed but in household | 11.3 | 28.0 | 2.9 | 8.8 | 4.1 | 14.4 | 258 |
| Not interviewed, and not in the household ${ }^{4}$ | 16.7 | 33.8 | 2.0 | 6.8 | 4.5 | 21.5 | 722 |
| Mother's nutritional status ${ }^{2,5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight (BMI <18.5) | 12.3 | 34.7 | 1.7 | 10.3 | 5.4 | 27.5 | 308 |
| Normal (BMI 18.5-24.9) | 10.7 | 29.9 | 1.0 | 5.9 | 2.9 | 16.2 | 2,694 |
| Overweight ( $\mathrm{BMI} \geq 25$ ) | 9.3 | 23.2 | 1.2 | 5.4 | 2.2 | 10.6 | 827 |
| Missing | 3.3 | 19.1 | 0.0 | 8.9 | 2.5 | 12.1 | 51 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.9 | 23.8 | 0.8 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 11.3 | 1,186 |
| Rural | 11.9 | 31.2 | 1.5 | 7.0 | 3.6 | 18.4 | 3,674 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 14.7 | 34.9 | 0.8 | 5.4 | 2.8 | 16.2 | 643 |
| Mashonaland Central | 11.5 | 34.8 | 0.9 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 22.3 | 577 |
| Mashonaland East | 15.2 | 30.8 | 3.4 | 11.1 | 6.0 | 21.2 | 419 |
| Mashonaland West | 9.0 | 27.1 | 2.8 | 9.4 | 3.3 | 15.6 | 464 |
| Matabeleland North | 8.1 | 28.0 | 0.7 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 15.9 | 376 |
| Matabeleland South | 8.9 | 27.7 | 0.5 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 14.4 | 271 |
| Midlands | 10.2 | 27.3 | 0.4 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 16.9 | 764 |
| Masvingo | 12.6 | 28.9 | 2.2 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 16.7 | 653 |
| Harare | 11.4 | 25.1 | 0.4 | 3.9 | 2.8 | 10.2 | 490 |
| Bulawayo | 9.3 | 23.9 | 1.6 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 13.8 | 203 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Continued... |  |


|  | Height-for-age |  | Weight-for-height |  | Weight-for-age |  | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Percentage below -3 SD | Percentage below -2 SD $^{1}$ | Percentage below -3 SD | Percentage below -2 SD $^{1}$ | Percentage below -3 SD | Percentage below -2 SD $^{1}$ |  |
| Mother's education ${ }^{6}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 9.8 | 33.9 | 1.3 | 8.9 | 5.1 | 20.2 | 186 |
| Primary | 10.3 | 30.0 | 1.3 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 17.5 | 1,520 |
| Secondary | 10.9 | 28.0 | 1.1 | 5.7 | 2.8 | 14.9 | 2,339 |
| More than secondary | 3.7 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 91 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 13.8 | 33.4 | 1.1 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 20.7 | 1,183 |
| Second | 11.7 | 32.5 | 1.5 | 6.8 | 3.6 | 19.3 | 1,108 |
| Middle | 10.7 | 29.1 | 1.3 | 7.1 | 3.0 | 15.4 | 982 |
| Fourth | 9.7 | 25.6 | 1.9 | 6.6 | 2.9 | 14.8 | 920 |
| Highest | 10.2 | 22.9 | 0.7 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 9.3 | 667 |
| Total | 11.4 | 29.4 | 1.3 | 6.4 | 3.2 | 16.6 | 4,860 |
| 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) is 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 31 cases for which information is missing on the size at birth and 1 case for which information is missing for mother's education. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Includes children who are below -3 SD from the International Reference Population median <br> ${ }^{2}$ Excludes children whose mothers were not interviewed <br> ${ }^{3}$ First-born twins (triplets, etc.) are counted as first births because they do not have a previous birth interval. <br> ${ }^{4}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased <br> ${ }^{5}$ Mother's nutritional status in terms of BMI (body mass index) is presented in Table 11.13. <br> ${ }^{6}$ For women who are not interviewed, information is taken from the Household Questionnaire. Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the household schedule |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 11.5.4 Trends in Child Malnutrition

Trends in the nutritional status of children can be assessed for the period 1994 to 2006 using information from the three rounds of the ZDHS surveys carried out during that period. Because the 1994 survey obtained height and weight data only for children under three years of age of interviewed mothers, the trends presented in Figure 11.2 are limited to children in this group.

The results of the three surveys indicate that the nutritional status of young children in Zimbabwe has declined since 1994. In particular, the prevalence of stunting has risen steadily, from 21 percent in 1994 to 28 percent at the time of the 2005-06 ZDHS. Wasting remained at a comparatively high level (6-7 percent) throughout the period. The proportion underweight decreased somewhat between 1994 and 1999 and then rose to the present level of 17 percent.

Figure 11.2 Trends in the Nutritional Status of Children Under Age Three, ${ }^{1}$ Zimbabwe 1994-2006

${ }^{1}$ Of interviewed women

### 11.6 Women's Nutritional Status

Anthropometric data on height and weight were collected in the 2005-06 ZDHS for 98 percent of the women age 15-49 interviewed in the survey. These data are used to calculate several measures of the nutritional status of women, specifically maternal height and body mass index (BMI).

Maternal height is an outcome of nutrition during childhood and adolescence. It is useful in predicting the risk of difficult delivery, because small stature is frequently associated with small pelvis size. The risk of low birth weight babies is also higher for short women. The cutoff point, i.e., the height below which a woman is considered to be at nutritional risk, is defined as 145 centimetres. According to the results in Table 11.13, less than 1 percent of women age $15-49$ are shorter than this cutoff in Zimbabwe.

Information on BMI is also presented in Table 11.13. BMI is calculated by dividing the weight in kilograms by the height in metres squared $\left(\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$. Pregnant women and women who had a birth in the preceding two months are excluded from the calculation of BMI. For the BMI, a cutoff of 18.5 has been recommended for assessing chronic energy deficiency among nonpregnant women. At the other end of the BMI scale, women are considered overweight if their BMI ranges between 25.0 and 29.9 and obese if their BMI exceeds 30.0.

Overall, 66 percent of women have a BMI in the normal range, 25 percent are overweight, and 9 percent are thin. Seven percent of women are classified as mildly thin, while 2 percent are severely thin. Seven percent of women in Zimbabwe are classified as obese.Women in the 15-19 year age group, women from Matabeleland North, and women with no education are more likely than other women to have a BMI below 18.5. The proportion overweight or obese rises with age, education status, and the wealth quintile. Urban women are nearly twice as likely to be overweight or obese as rural women. Looking at the regional patterns, Bulawayo and Harare have the highest proportions of overweight or obese women, and Mashonaland Central the lowest proportion.

## Table 11.13 Nutritional status of women

Among women age 15-49, the percentage with height under 145 cm , mean body mass index (BMI), and the percentage with specific BMI levels, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Height |  | Body mass index ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Mean <br> body <br> mass <br> index <br> (BMI) | $\begin{gathered} \frac{\text { Normal }}{18.5-24.9} \\ \text { (total } \\ \text { normal) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & <18.5 \\ & \text { (total } \\ & \text { thin) } \end{aligned}$ | Thin17.0-18.4(mildlythin) | $\begin{gathered} \quad<17 \\ \text { (moder- } \\ \text { ately and } \\ \text { severely } \\ \text { thin) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Overweight/obese |  |  | Number of women |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \geq 25.0 \\ \text { (total } \\ \text { over- } \\ \text { weight } \\ \text { or } \\ \text { obese) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 25.0-29.9 \\ \text { (over- } \\ \text { weight) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \geq 30.0 \\ \text { (obese) } \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | Percent- <br> age below 145 cm | Number of women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.2 | 2,110 | 21.5 | 73.4 | 15.3 | 10.0 | 5.3 | 11.3 | 10.1 | 1.2 | 1,935 |
| 20-29 | 0.6 | 3,345 | 22.7 | 71.3 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 1.3 | 21.4 | 17.2 | 4.3 | 2,955 |
| 30-39 | 0.5 | 2,009 | 24.1 | 59.2 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 1.3 | 34.3 | 23.3 | 11.0 | 1,873 |
| 40-49 | 0.7 | 1,264 | 24.8 | 50.7 | 8.4 | 6.4 | 2.1 | 40.8 | 23.3 | 17.5 | 1,240 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.6 | 3,410 | 24.2 | 57.7 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 1.8 | 35.4 | 24.0 | 11.5 | 3,222 |
| Rural | 0.9 | 5,319 | 22.3 | 71.2 | 10.8 | 8.0 | 2.8 | 18.0 | 13.7 | 4.2 | 4,782 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 2.2 | 1,029 | 23.5 | 66.5 | 5.3 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 28.1 | 20.5 | 7.7 | 937 |
| Mashonaland Central | 0.3 | 815 | 21.8 | 75.3 | 12.0 | 8.5 | 3.5 | 12.7 | 10.2 | 2.6 | 737 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.4 | 708 | 22.8 | 69.4 | 9.3 | 7.8 | 1.5 | 21.4 | 14.8 | 6.6 | 638 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.7 | 820 | 22.7 | 67.7 | 9.7 | 7.2 | 2.5 | 22.6 | 17.7 | 4.9 | 735 |
| Matabeleland North | 0.5 | 534 | 21.9 | 66.9 | 16.9 | 10.8 | 6.1 | 16.2 | 12.1 | 4.1 | 489 |
| Matabeleland South | 0.3 | 435 | 22.9 | 62.6 | 12.4 | 10.1 | 2.4 | 25.0 | 17.9 | 7.1 | 405 |
| Midlands | 0.5 | 1,171 | 22.8 | 68.1 | 10.2 | 7.7 | 2.5 | 21.6 | 15.1 | 6.6 | 1,060 |
| Masvingo | 1.3 | 1,097 | 22.7 | 70.5 | 9.6 | 7.7 | 1.9 | 19.9 | 14.4 | 5.5 | 994 |
| Harare | 0.3 | 1,445 | 24.2 | 56.2 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 36.9 | 25.8 | 11.1 | 1,355 |
| Bulawayo | 0.3 | 674 | 24.2 | 58.2 | 6.0 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 35.7 | 23.5 | 12.2 | 654 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.2 | 373 | 23.0 | 59.0 | 15.8 | 12.8 | 3.0 | 25.1 | 15.2 | 10.0 | 360 |
| Primary | 1.2 | 2,839 | 22.7 | 68.2 | 9.9 | 6.8 | 3.1 | 21.9 | 16.2 | 5.8 | 2,561 |
| Secondary | 0.5 | 5,252 | 23.1 | 66.5 | 8.5 | 6.5 | 2.0 | 25.0 | 18.2 | 6.9 | 4,837 |
| More than secondary | 0.0 | 265 | 26.0 | 36.4 | 7.1 | 5.4 | 1.6 | 56.5 | 33.1 | 23.5 | 246 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.9 | 1,514 | 21.8 | 73.7 | 12.9 | 9.8 | 3.1 | 13.4 | 10.8 | 2.6 | 1,363 |
| Second | 0.8 | 1,480 | 22.0 | 72.1 | 12.5 | 8.8 | 3.7 | 15.4 | 12.6 | 2.8 | 1,298 |
| Middle | 1.1 | 1,527 | 22.4 | 71.6 | 10.0 | 7.4 | 2.5 | 18.4 | 13.6 | 4.8 | 1,388 |
| Fourth | 0.5 | 1,960 | 23.6 | 63.0 | 7.6 | 5.8 | 1.8 | 29.4 | 21.4 | 7.9 | 1,806 |
| Highest | 0.5 | 2,247 | 24.5 | 55.5 | 5.8 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 38.7 | 25.2 | 13.5 | 2,149 |
| Total | 0.7 | 8,729 | 23.1 | 65.8 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 2.4 | 25.0 | 17.8 | 7.2 | 8,004 |

Note: The body mass index (BMI) is expressed as the ratio of weight in kilograms 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

## MALARIA

Malaria is one of the leading causes of death in sub-Saharan Africa. While malaria is endemic throughout Zimbabwe and is a common cause of hospital admissions for all age groups, it is important to note that there is an ecological distribution of specific areas where malaria is found. In Zimbabwe, these areas are defined as "malaria-prone areas." This factor should be taken into account when reviewing the malaria prevalece and treatment data. The 2005-06 ZDHS obtained data on a number of topics related to the prevention and treatment of malaria, including the ownership of mosquito nets, use of mosquito nets by children and pregnant women, prophylactic use of antimalarial drugs by pregnant women, and the prevalence and prompt treatment of fever among young children. The survey also obtained information on the use of indoor residual spraying.

### 12.1 Ownership of Mosquito Nets

Insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) are a principal tool in efforts to reduce malaria transmission in Zimbabwe. All households in the 2005-06 ZDHS were asked whether they owned a mosquito net, and if so, how many of the various types of nets. Table 12.1 shows household ownership of nets by degree of protection offered by the net and selected background characteristics.

Table 12.1 Ownership of mosquito nets
Percentage of households with at least one and more than one mosquito net (treated or untreated), an ever-treated mosquito net, and an insecticidetreated net, and average number of nets of each type per household, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Any type of mosquito net |  |  | Ever-treated mosquito net ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITNs) ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Number of households |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Average |  |  |  |  |
|  | 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 | number of ever-treated nets per household | Percentage with at least one | Percentage with more than one | Average number of ITNs per household |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 34.4 | 12.3 | 0.5 | 11.6 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 11.0 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 3,201 |
| Rural | 12.8 | 3.4 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 6,084 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 13.0 | 5.0 | 0.2 | 9.1 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 8.8 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 1,166 |
| Mashonaland Central | 20.4 | 5.1 | 0.3 | 11.8 | 3.0 | 0.2 | 11.5 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 960 |
| Mashonaland East | 15.0 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 4.9 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 914 |
| Mashonaland West | 18.3 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 8.8 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 8.7 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 924 |
| Matabeleland North | 19.7 | 7.9 | 0.3 | 8.9 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 617 |
| Matabeleland South | 15.0 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 6.9 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 472 |
| Midlands | 22.8 | 8.1 | 0.3 | 12.5 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 12.4 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 1,268 |
| Masvingo | 9.7 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1,067 |
| Harare | 31.9 | 9.3 | 0.4 | 11.6 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 11.1 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 1,249 |
| Bulawayo | 37.6 | 12.0 | 0.5 | 7.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 648 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 8.8 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 5.8 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 1,744 |
| Second | 10.6 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 7.6 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 7.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1,661 |
| Middle | 11.1 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 6.3 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 6.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1,774 |
| Fourth | 23.3 | 5.2 | 0.3 | 8.7 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 2,258 |
| Highest | 44.9 | 19.2 | 0.7 | 15.6 | 6.3 | 0.2 | 15.0 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 1,848 |
| Total | 20.3 | 6.5 | 0.3 | 8.9 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 8.5 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 9,285 |

[^15]Twenty percent of all households interviewed during the survey had at least one mosquito net, while 7 percent had more than one. Nine percent of all households-fewer than half the households owning any net-had a net that had ever been treated with an insecticide. Most of the households owning an ever-treated net had at least one net meeting one of the ITN criteria, i.e., it was a factory-treated net that did not require retreatment, a pretreated net obtained within one year of the survey interview, or a net soaked in insecticide at some time during the year before the survey.

Urban areas, particularly the urban provinces of Harare and Bulawayo, had the highest percentage of households with at least one mosquito net (treated or untreated). About one-third of the nets owned by urban households were ITNs. Masvingo province had the lowest rates of ownership of all types of nets. Midlands province had the highest percentages of households owning an evertreated mosquito net and an ITN, followed closely by Mashonaland Central and Harare. Looking at the relationship with wealth, households in the highest wealth quintile were five times more likely to own at least one mosquito net (regardless of type) and three times more likely to own an ITN than the poorest households.

### 12.2 Use Of Mosquito Nets

The 2005-06 ZDHS asked about the use of mosquito nets by household members during the night before the survey. These data are used in Tables 12.2 and 12.3 to assess the usage of bednets among the two groups most vulnerable to malaria's effects-children under the age of five and pregnant women. Some caution must be exercised in interpreting these results. Use on the night before the survey is taken as typical of net usage. However, because the prevalence of mosquitoes varies within Zimbabwe according to season and other climatic conditions, usage of the nets on the night before the survey may not be representative of the patterns of net usage during high transmission periods.

### 12.2.1 Children under Age Five

Bednet usage among young children is especially important given their vulnerability to malaria. For about six months following birth, antibodies acquired from the

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, and an insecticide treated net (ITN) the night before the survey, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage who slept under any net last night | Percentage who slept under an evertreated net last night ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who slept under an ITN last night ${ }^{2}$ | Number <br> of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age in years |  |  |  |  |
| <1 | 7.7 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 1,113 |
| 1 | 8.5 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 1,112 |
| 2 | 8.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 1,121 |
| 3 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 1,149 |
| 4 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1,255 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 6.7 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2,899 |
| Female | 6.6 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2,852 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 16.1 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 1,537 |
| Rural | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 4,214 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 3.6 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 745 |
| Mashonaland Central | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 639 |
| Mashonaland East | 6.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 492 |
| Mashonaland West | 10.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 586 |
| Matabeleland North | 6.3 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 420 |
| Matabeleland South | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 309 |
| Midlands | 8.1 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 876 |
| Masvingo | 3.1 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 756 |
| Harare | 10.7 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 654 |
| Bulawayo | 15.2 | 4.2 | 2.1 | 275 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1,357 |
| Second | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1,289 |
| Middle | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1,111 |
| Fourth | 10.5 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 1,100 |
| Highest | 19.4 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 894 |
| Total | 6.7 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 5,751 |

${ }^{1}$ An ever-treated net is a pretreated net or a non-pretreated net that 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, 2) a pretreated net obtained within the past 12 months, or 3) a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.
mother during pregnancy protect children born in areas of endemic malaria. This immunity is gradually lost, and children start to develop their own immunity to malaria. The pace at which immunity is developed depends on their exposure to malaria infection, and in high malaria-endemic areas, children are thought to have attained a high level of immunity by their fifth birthday. Such children may experience episodes of malaria illness but usually do not suffer from severe, life-threatening malaria. Immunity in areas of low malaria transmission is acquired more slowly.

Table 12.2 looks at the extent to which children under age five in the ZDHS household sample slept under various types of nets on the night before the interview. Overall, 7 percent of children slept under any type of net, 4 percent under an ever-treated net, and 3 percent under an ITN. The likelihood of sleeping under a bednet generally declined with the child's age. Children slept under bednets more often in urban than rural areas ( 16 percent and 3 percent, respectively in the case of any net, and 5 percent and 2 percent, respectively, in the case of an ITN). Bulawayo had the highest rate of use of any net by young children (15 percent), and Mashonaland West had the highest rate of use of ITNs (5 percent). Net usage generally rose with the wealth quintile.

### 12.2.2 Women Age 15-49

In malaria-endemic areas, adults usually have acquired some degree of immunity to severe, lifethreatening malaria. However, pregnancy leads to a depression of the immune system so that pregnant women, especially those in their first pregnancy, have a higher risk to malaria. Moreover, malaria among pregnant women may be asymptomatic. Malaria during pregnancy is a major contributor to low birth weight, maternal anaemia, infant mortality, spontaneous abortion, and stillbirth. Pregnant women can reduce the risk of the adverse effects of malaria by sleeping under insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

Table 12.3 shows for all women age 15-49 years interviewed in the ZDHS and for currently pregnant respondents the percentage who slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated), an ever-treated mosquito net, and an ITN the night before the survey. Overall, 8 percent of women slept under some type of net, 4 percent slept under an ever-treated net, and 3 percent slept under an ITN. Net usage rates were somewhat lower among pregnant women than all women; 7 percent of pregnant women age 15-49 years slept under a mosquito net during the night before the survey, and 3 percent slept under an ever-treated net or an ITN.

Pregnant women in urban areas were around four times as likely to sleep under any net and three times as likely to sleep under an ITN as pregnant women in rural areas. Harare had the highest percentage of pregnant women sleeping under any type of net (13 percent), and Midlands the highest rate of ITN usage among pregnant women ( 5 percent). Net usage rates generally increased with the woman's education level and with the wealth quintile. For example, the proportion sleeping under an ITN varied from less than 1 percent among pregnant women in the lowest wealth quintile to 8 percent among pregnant women in the highest quintile.

Table 12.3 Use of mosquito nets by women
Percentage of all interviewed women age 15-49 and of pregnant women age 15-49 who slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated), an ever-treated mosquito net, and an insecticide-treated net (ITN) the night before the survey, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of all women age 15-49 who: |  |  |  | Percentage of pregnant women age 15-49 who: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Slept under any net last night | Slept under an evertreated net last night ${ }^{1}$ | Slept under an ITN last night ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women | Slept under any net last night | Slept under an evertreated net last night ${ }^{1}$ | Slept under an ITN last night ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 13.6 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 3,349 | 15.8 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 148 |
| Rural | 4.4 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 5,514 | 3.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 435 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 4.7 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 1,093 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 81 |
| Mashonaland Central | 8.3 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 862 | 7.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 74 |
| Mashonaland East | 8.9 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 717 | 6.5 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 55 |
| Mashonaland West | 11.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 813 | 6.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 55 |
| Matabeleland North | 4.9 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 570 | (1.1) | (1.1) | (1.1) | 35 |
| Matabeleland South | 4.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 444 | (9.0) | (4.5) | (4.5) | 24 |
| Midlands | 8.6 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 1,270 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 94 |
| Masvingo | 4.1 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 1,039 | 6.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 76 |
| Harare | 10.7 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 1,382 | 13.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 73 |
| Bulawayo | 10.8 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 673 | * | * | * | 16 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 5.0 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 281 | * | * | * | 23 |
| Primary | 6.3 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 2,831 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 210 |
| Secondary | 8.5 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 5,570 | 9.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 340 |
| More than secondary | 17.3 | 9.2 | 6.3 | 180 | * | * | * | 10 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1,502 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 123 |
| Second | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1,555 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 144 |
| Middle | 3.8 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1,623 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 116 |
| Fourth | 10.8 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 1,963 | 10.5 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 124 |
| Highest | 15.7 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 2,218 | 24.5 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 77 |
| Total | 7.9 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 8,863 | 6.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 584 |

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.
${ }^{1}$ An ever-treated net is a pretreated net or a non-pretreated net that 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, 2) a pretreated net obtained within the past 12 months, or 3) a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.

### 12.3 Use of Antimalarial Drugs during Pregnancy

As a protective measure, it is recommended that pregnant women should receive intermittent preventive treatment (IPT) with SP/Fansidar during antenatal care. To obtain information on the use of antimalarial drugs during pregnancy, women who gave birth during the five years before the survey were asked in the ZDHS whether they took any medications during pregnancy to keep them from getting malaria and, if so, which drugs were taken. They were also asked whether the drugs they received were received as part of an antenatal care visit. Women who received the drugs during an antenatal visit are considered to have received IPT. It should be noted that obtaining information about drugs can be difficult, and some respondents may not have known or remembered the name or even the type of drug that they received.

Table 12.4 shows the percentage of women who took any antimalarial drugs for prevention, who took SP/Fansidar, and who received IPT during the pregnancy for their last live birth in the two years preceding the survey, by background characteristics. Overall, 38 percent of women who had their last birth in the two years before the survey took an antimalarial drug during the pregnancy. Around one-third of pregnant women who took any antimalarial drug-12 percent of all pregnant women-took at least one dose of SP/Fansidar during their pregnancy. Seven percent reported taking two or more doses of SP/Fansidar. Almost all of the women who took SP/Fansidar were given the drug during an antenatal care visit and, thus, are considered to have had IPT.

Table 12.4 Prophylactic use of antimalarial drugs and use of intermittent-preventive treatment (IPT) by women during pregnancy

Percentages of women who took any antimalarial drugs for prevention, who took SP/Fansidar, and who received IPT during an antenatal care (ANC) visit during the pregnancy for their last live birth in the two years preceding the survey, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage who took any antimalarial drug | SP/Fansidar |  | Intermittent-preventive treatment ${ }^{1}$ |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Percentage who received | Percentage who received |  |
|  |  | Percentage who took any SP/Fansidar | Percentage who took $2+$ doses | any SP/Fansidar during an ANC visit | $2+$ doses, at least one during an ANC visit |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 21.7 | 8.3 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 3.2 | 607 |
| Rural | 44.7 | 13.6 | 7.8 | 13.0 | 7.5 | 1,537 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 46.2 | 8.5 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 3.9 | 283 |
| Mashonaland Central | 70.8 | 34.6 | 21.7 | 34.0 | 21.1 | 226 |
| Mashonaland East | 25.5 | 9.2 | 6.2 | 9.2 | 6.2 | 167 |
| Mashonaland West | 44.0 | 14.7 | 6.5 | 13.3 | 6.5 | 201 |
| Matabeleland North | 39.2 | 21.4 | 11.8 | 20.7 | 11.1 | 147 |
| Matabeleland South | 9.0 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 100 |
| Midlands | 49.5 | 14.4 | 7.0 | 13.9 | 7.0 | 310 |
| Masvingo | 43.6 | 6.1 | 2.9 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 344 |
| Harare | 7.1 | 3.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 259 |
| Bulawayo | 8.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 108 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 27.3 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 72 |
| Primary | 43.6 | 12.1 | 7.5 | 11.2 | 6.9 | 772 |
| Secondary | 36.3 | 12.5 | 6.5 | 11.6 | 6.0 | 1,249 |
| More than secondary | (18.8) | (11.4) | (5.8) | (9.6) | (5.8) | 51 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 43.2 | 11.9 | 7.1 | 11.5 | 6.7 | 542 |
| Second | 48.1 | 12.7 | 7.9 | 12.2 | 7.6 | 451 |
| Middle | 42.5 | 15.8 | 8.0 | 14.7 | 7.9 | 373 |
| Fourth | 33.8 | 13.2 | 8.0 | 11.7 | 6.5 | 464 |
| Highest | 16.6 | 5.6 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 1.4 | 313 |
| Total | 38.2 | 12.1 | 6.8 | 11.2 | 6.3 | 2,144 |

[^16]Overall, use of antimalarial drugs was twice as high among rural as urban women (45 percent and 22 percent, respectively). Among the provinces, Mashonaland Central (71 percent) had the highest rate of use of antimalarial drugs among pregnant women, and Harare had the lowest rate of use ( 7 percent). Women with a primary education were more likely to report antimalarial drugs were used during pregnancy than women with no education and those with a secondary or higher education. Although the pattern was not uniform, use of antimalarial drugs during pregnancy typically declined with the wealth quintile.

SP/Fansidar use and IPT were reported more often by rural than urban women. Pregnant women from Mashonaland Central had the highest rates of usage of SP/Fansidar ( 35 percent) and the highest IPT rate ( 34 percent). Around one in five pregnant women in Mashonaland Central said that they had taken at least two doses of SP/Fansidar and that at least one of the doses was received during an antenatal visit. In contrast, less than 1 percent of women giving birth in Harare in the two years prior to the survey received IPT with SP/Fansidar. Both the usage of SP/Fansidar and the IPT rate were markedly lower among women with higher education and among women in the highest wealth quintile than among other women.

### 12.4 Prevalence and Prompt Treatment of Fever among Young Children

Fever is a major manifestation of malaria in young children, although it also accompanies various illnesses. As discussed in Chapter 10, in the 2005-06 ZDHS, mothers were asked whether their children under five years had had a fever in the two weeks preceding the survey and, if so, what was done to treat the fever. Table 12.5 shows the percentage of children under five who had a fever in the two weeks preceding the survey, the percentage who took antimalarial drugs among those sick with fever, and the percentage receiving treatment soon after the onset of illness, by selected background characteristics. Table 12.6 shows the type of antimalarial drugs received by children with a fever in the two weeks before the survey and the proportion of children with fever who were given antimalarial drugs on the same day or the day after the fever developed.

Eight percent of children under age five had a fever in the two weeks preceding the survey. Among those sick with fever, 5 percent took antimalarial drugs, and 3 percent of the sick children received the drugs the same day or the day after the fever started. Around seven in ten children whose fever was treated with an antimalarial drug were given chloroquine (Table 12.6), and the drug was available in the home when the child became ill in 34 percent of all cases (not shown in table).

The differentials in treatment patterns in Table 12.5 and Table 12.6 must be interpreted with some caution because comparatively few children were suffering from fever in many subgroups. However, the results indicate that children with fever were most likely to be treated with antimalarials and to be given the drugs promptly if they lived in rural areas, if their mother had a primary education, and they were in the two lowest wealth quintiles.

Table 12.5 Prevalence and prompt treatment of fever
Percentage of children under age five with fever in the two weeks preceding the survey, and among children with fever, the percentage who took antimalarial drugs and the percentage who took the drugs the same/next day following the onset of fever, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Among children under age five: |  | Among children under age five with fever: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage with fever in the two weeks preceding the survey | Number of children |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Percentage who took antimalarial $\qquad$ drugs | Percentage who took antimalarial drugs same or next day | Number of children |
| Age (in months) |  |  |  |  |  |
| <12 | 6.7 | 1,046 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 70 |
| 12-23 | 8.7 | 1,019 | 4.9 | 2.4 | 89 |
| 24-35 | 7.4 | 936 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 69 |
| 36-47 | 8.9 | 914 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 82 |
| 48-59 | 5.9 | 956 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 57 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.3 | 1,417 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 103 |
| Rural | 7.6 | 3,454 | 6.3 | 4.5 | 263 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 8.9 | 610 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 54 |
| Mashonaland Central | 9.2 | 548 | 12.5 | 10.9 | 51 |
| Mashonaland East | 8.5 | 367 | (2.8) | (0.0) | 31 |
| Mashonaland West | 11.5 | 481 | 5.3 | 3.4 | 55 |
| Matabeleland North | 3.9 | 320 | * | * | 13 |
| Matabeleland South | 7.5 | 232 | (0.0) | (0.0) | 17 |
| Midlands | 6.6 | 722 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 48 |
| Masvingo | 3.8 | 738 | (7.6) | (7.6) | 28 |
| Harare | 9.8 | 620 | (0.0) | (0.0) | 61 |
| Bulawayo | 3.5 | 234 | * | * | 8 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 10.8 | 199 | * | * | 21 |
| Primary | 8.4 | 1,789 | 7.0 | 4.8 | 149 |
| Secondary | 6.9 | 2,764 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 191 |
| More than secondary | 4.2 | 119 | * | , | 5 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 7.6 | 1,205 | 6.7 | 4.5 | 92 |
| Second | 7.7 | 1,009 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 78 |
| Middle | 9.3 | 845 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 79 |
| Fourth | 6.2 | 1,024 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 63 |
| Highest | 7.0 | 787 | (1.4) | (1.4) | 55 |
| Total | 7.5 | 4,871 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 367 |

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.

| Table 12.6 Type and timing of antimalarial drugs taken by children with fever |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among children under five years of age with fever in the two weeks preceding the survey, percentage who took specific antimalarial drugs and percentage who took each type of drug the same/next day after developing the fever, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage of children who took drug: |  |  | Percentage took dr or | children who the same xt day: | Number of children with fever |
|  | SP/Fansidar | Chloroquine | Quinine | SP/Fansidar | Chloroquine |  |
| Age (in months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <12 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70 |
| 12-23 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 89 |
| 24-35 | 2.1 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 69 |
| 36-47 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 82 |
| 48-59 | 1.0 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 6.1 | 57 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 103 |
| Rural | 1.4 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 3.9 | 263 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 54 |
| Mashonaland Central | 1.7 | 10.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 9.1 | 51 |
| Mashonaland East | (2.8) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 31 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.0 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 55 |
| Matabeleland North | * | * | * | * | * | 13 |
| Matabeleland South | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 17 |
| Midlands | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 48 |
| Masvingo | (0.0) | (7.6) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (7.6) | 28 |
| Harare | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 61 |
| Bulawayo | * | * | , |  | - | 8 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | * | * | * | * | 21 |
| Primary | 2.1 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 3.8 | 149 |
| Secondary | 0.3 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 191 |
| More than secondary | * | * | * | * | * | 5 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.9 | 6.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 92 |
| Second | 2.6 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 78 |
| Middle | 1.1 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 79 |
| Fourth | 0.0 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 63 |
| Highest | (0.0) | (1.4) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (1.4) | 55 |
| Total | 1.0 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 367 |
| 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. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 12.5 Indoor Residual Spraying

Indoor residual spraying is another component of efforts to control malaria transmission in Zimbabwe. To obtain information on the prevalence of indoor residual spraying, all households interviewed in the ZDHS were asked if the interior walls of their dwelling had been sprayed against mosquitoes during the 12-month period before the survey and, if yes, who had sprayed the dwelling and how many months it had been since the dwelling had been sprayed.

Table 12.7 shows that 15 percent of households reported that the interior walls of their dwelling had been sprayed, principally as part of a government programme (11 percent). Among households reporting that the walls of their dwelling had been sprayed, 35 percent reported that it had been less than three months since the walls were sprayed, while 23 percent indicated that it had been at least nine months since the walls had been sprayed.

Indoor spraying rates vary markedly by residence. Rural households were more than twice as likely as urban households to report the interior walls of their dwelling had been sprayed (19 percent and 8 percent, respectively). By province, the prevalence of indoor spraying varied from 7 percent in Harare to 25 percent in Matebeleland North and Mashonaland Central. Households in the top two wealth quintiles were about half as likely as in the bottom two quintiles to report that their dwelling walls had been sprayed.

Among households reporting that spraying had taken place, there was also considerable variation in the length of time since the walls had last been sprayed. Urban households were more likely to report that the walls had last been sprayed within three months of the survey interview. Around seven in ten of the households in Bulawayo and Matebeleland South that reported any spraying had taken place indicated that the walls of their dwelling had last been sprayed within three months of the survey interview. The likelihood that spraying had taken place within the three-month period before the survey also generally increased with the wealth quintile.

Table 12.7 Interior walls of dwelling sprayed against mosquitoes
Percentage of households reporting interior walls were sprayed against mosquitoes, by the organisation or individual last spraying the walls, and percent distribution of households reporting walls were sprayed by the number of months since the walls were last sprayed, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of households reporting interior walls of dwelling sprayed against mosquitoes by: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of months since walls sprayed |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of households sprayed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Govern- <br> ment <br> pro- <br> gramme | Private company | Household member/ other | Don't know/ missing | Household not sprayed | Total | Number of households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Any |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0-2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | 9-11 | $12+$ |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.2 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 91.5 | 100.0 | 3,201 | 48.2 | 17.5 | 18.3 | 13.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 262 |
| Rural | 18.9 | 16.3 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 80.9 | 100.0 | 6,084 | 31.7 | 16.3 | 27.7 | 21.6 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 1,150 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 19.6 | 14.6 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 80.3 | 100.0 | 1,166 | 47.1 | 14.9 | 21.0 | 14.3 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 228 |
| Mashonaland Central | 25.2 | 22.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 74.7 | 100.0 | 960 | 41.9 | 13.0 | 11.0 | 29.3 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 241 |
| Mashonaland East | 9.7 | 8.0 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 89.9 | 100.0 | 914 | 26.9 | 11.0 | 24.7 | 34.3 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 89 |
| Mashonaland West | 15.9 | 12.2 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 83.5 | 100.0 | 924 | 44.1 | 13.1 | 24.5 | 15.9 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 147 |
| Matabeleland North | 25.3 | 23.2 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 74.4 | 100.0 | 617 | 9.4 | 18.2 | 52.6 | 16.7 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 156 |
| Matabeleland South | 18.2 | 15.2 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 81.8 | 100.0 | 472 | 71.5 | 8.1 | 12.2 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 86 |
| Midlands | 14.0 | 12.0 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 86.0 | 100.0 | 1,268 | 14.1 | 26.6 | 33.4 | 25.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 177 |
| Masvingo | 12.9 | 7.6 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 86.8 | 100.0 | 1,067 | 9.7 | 25.2 | 39.7 | 24.2 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 138 |
| Harare | 6.8 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 93.1 | 100.0 | 1,249 | 40.9 | 19.3 | 23.9 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 85 |
| Bulawayo | 10.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 9.0 | 0.1 | 89.9 | 100.0 | 648 | 68.8 | 8.7 | 10.6 | 3.8 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 65 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 21.7 | 20.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 78.1 | 100.0 | 1,744 | 19.2 | 18.2 | 33.8 | 25.0 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 378 |
| Second | 20.1 | 18.8 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 79.7 | 100.0 | 1,661 | 33.8 | 12.7 | 31.3 | 20.0 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 333 |
| Middle | 15.4 | 12.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 84.5 | 100.0 | 1,774 | 43.8 | 15.8 | 17.0 | 21.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 273 |
| Fourth | 10.1 | 4.9 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 89.6 | 100.0 | 2,258 | 37.9 | 20.7 | 22.2 | 17.4 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 228 |
| Highest | 10.7 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 6.5 | 0.4 | 89.0 | 100.0 | 1,848 | 50.1 | 16.1 | 18.4 | 12.8 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 198 |
| Total | 15.2 | 11.1 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 84.6 | 100.0 | 9,285 | 34.8 | 16.5 | 25.9 | 20.2 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,411 |

## HIV/AIDS-RELATED KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIOUR

Zimbabwe continues to experience one of the worst HIV infection rates in sub-Saharan Africa. Because of the increased burden of disease due to AIDS, Zimbabwe has not only continued to scale up prevention, care, and treatment programmes to combat the disease, but also to strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems for these prevention programmes. Measuring changes in HIV/AIDS risk behaviours is important for successful tracking of the drivers of the epidemic in generalized epidemic states like that in Zimbabwe.

The principal mode of HIV transmission in Zimbabwe is heterosexual contact, which accounts for an estimated 80-90 percent of all HIV infections in the country (Zimbabwe National AIDS Council, 2005). The second most important mode of HIV transmission in Zimbabwe is perinatal transmission in which the mother passes HIV to the child during pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding. The prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) programme is a priority in the fight against HIV/AIDS in children in Zimbabwe. The programme seeks to prevent paediatric HIV infection through primary prevention of HIV infection in the childbearing population; prevention of unintended pregnancies; PMTCT through a single-dose nevirapine regimen; and provision of care and follow-up psychosocial support.

The future course of Zimbabwe's AIDS epidemic depends on a number of variables including levels of HIV/AIDS-related knowledge among the general population; social stigmatisation; risk behaviour modification; access to high-quality services for sexually transmitted infections (STI); provision and uptake of HIV counselling and testing; and access to care and antiretroviral therapy (ART), including prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections. The principal objective of this chapter is to establish the prevalence of relevant knowledge, perceptions, and behaviours at the national level and also within geographic and socioeconomic subpopulations. In this way, the AIDS control programme in Zimbabwe can target those groups of individuals most in need of information and most at risk of HIV infection.

In this chapter, HIV/AIDS-related knowledge and behaviour indicators are presented first for the entire population of women and men interviewed in the survey. To facilitate comparisons between sexes, differentials in these results are limited to the age group 15-49. The chapter concludes with a discussion of the findings for youth age 15-24.

### 13.1 HIV/AIDS Knowledge, Transmission, and Prevention Methods

ZDHS respondents were asked whether they had heard of HIV or AIDS. Those who reported having heard of HIV or AIDS were asked a number of questions about whether and how HIV/AIDS could be avoided.

Table 13.1 provides information on overall HIV/AIDS knowledge in Zimbabwe. In the population age 15-49, the knowledge rate was 98 percent among women and 99 percent among men. Knowledge levels are high among both men and women in all subgroups for which information is presented in Table 13.1. The lowest knowledge level was recorded among women in Matabeleland South ( 89 percent).

| Table 13.1 Knowledge of HIV or AIDS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who have heard of HIV or AIDS, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  | Men |  |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Has heard } \\ & \text { of HIV } \\ & \text { or AIDS } \end{aligned}$ | Number of women | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Has heard } \\ \text { of HIV } \\ \text { or AIDS } \end{gathered}$ | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 97.2 | 4,104 | 98.6 | 3,358 |
| 15-19 | 96.5 | 2,152 | 97.9 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 97.9 | 1,952 | 99.5 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 98.6 | 1,466 | 99.7 | 1,082 |
| 30-39 | 98.5 | 2,050 | 99.8 | 1,545 |
| 40-49 | 98.5 | 1,287 | 99.9 | 878 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 97.2 | 2,404 | 98.6 | 3,404 |
| Ever had sex | 97.8 | 559 | 99.6 | 1,611 |
| Never had sex | 97.0 | 1,845 | 97.7 | 1,793 |
| Married/living together | 98.0 | 5,143 | 99.8 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 98.5 | 1,360 | 99.6 | 327 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.2 | 3,502 | 99.8 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 97.0 | 5,405 | 98.8 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 98.7 | 1,043 | 98.8 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 94.6 | 825 | 98.3 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 98.7 | 714 | 98.5 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 96.5 | 829 | 99.2 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 99.8 | 536 | 99.7 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 89.1 | 439 | 99.0 | 306 |
| Midlands | 98.8 | 1,193 | 99.2 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 99.6 | 1,137 | 99.4 | 771 |
| Harare | 98.4 | 1,492 | 99.7 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 99.9 | 697 | 100.0 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 95.5 | 380 | 96.6 | 88 |
| Primary | 96.2 | 2,902 | 97.9 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 98.9 | 5,355 | 99.7 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 99.5 | 270 | 100.0 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 96.6 | 1,552 | 98.9 | 1,042 |
| Second | 96.2 | 1,500 | 98.1 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 97.6 | 1,546 | 99.1 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 98.5 | 2,006 | 99.6 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 99.5 | 2,304 | 99.8 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 97.9 | 8,907 | 99.2 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | na | na | 99.2 | 7,175 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |

HIV/AIDS prevention programmes focus their messages and efforts on three important aspects of behaviour: use of condoms, limiting the number of sexual partners or staying faithful to one partner, and delaying sexual debut for young persons (i.e., abstinence). Table 13.2 shows that eight in ten or more women and men age 15-49 recognise that the risk of getting HIV can be reduced by limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner or by abstaining from sexual intercourse. Eighty-one percent of men also know that using condoms is a way to prevent HIV transmission and 71 percent agree that using condoms and limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner is a way to reduce the risk of getting HIV. Women are less likely than men to perceive using condoms, whether alone (76 percent) or in combination with limiting intercourse to one uninfected partner ( 65 percent), as a mode of prevention.

| Table 13.2 Knowledge of HIV prevention methods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who, in response to a prompted question, say that people can reduce the risk of getting HIV 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Using condoms ${ }^{1}$ | Limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner ${ }^{2}$ | Using condoms and limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner ${ }^{1,2}$ | Abstaining from sexual intercourse | Number of women | Using condoms ${ }^{1}$ | Limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner ${ }^{2}$ | Using condoms and limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner ${ }^{1,2}$ | Abstaining from sexual intercourse | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 72.4 | 78.5 | 61.5 | 78.7 | 4,104 | 79.0 | 82.8 | 68.2 | 85.7 | 3,358 |
| 15-19 | 67.8 | 76.7 | 57.7 | 77.7 | 2,152 | 75.9 | 81.3 | 65.1 | 84.4 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 77.5 | 80.5 | 65.7 | 79.9 | 1,952 | 83.0 | 84.7 | 72.2 | 87.4 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 80.6 | 84.3 | 70.6 | 83.0 | 1,466 | 82.7 | 86.6 | 72.9 | 90.1 | 1,082 |
| 30-39 | 80.2 | 82.9 | 69.4 | 83.5 | 2,050 | 85.1 | 86.0 | 75.3 | 89.6 | 1,545 |
| 40-49 | 73.6 | 80.4 | 64.2 | 79.6 | 1,287 | 82.5 | 87.6 | 74.1 | 87.7 | 878 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 71.9 | 79.6 | 61.9 | 80.8 | 2,404 | 79.6 | 82.8 | 68.8 | 86.6 | 3,404 |
| Ever had sex | 80.4 | 79.8 | 68.2 | 82.2 | 559 | 84.2 | 84.9 | 73.6 | 88.6 | 1,611 |
| Never had sex | 69.3 | 79.5 | 60.0 | 80.3 | 1,845 | 75.5 | 81.0 | 64.6 | 84.8 | 1,793 |
| Married/living together | 76.4 | 80.8 | 65.6 | 79.9 | 5,143 | 83.0 | 86.6 | 73.6 | 88.6 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 80.0 | 82.6 | 69.6 | 83.6 | 1,360 | 84.8 | 85.7 | 74.8 | 86.8 | 327 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 79.6 | 85.6 | 70.1 | 85.7 | 3,502 | 85.2 | 79.9 | 69.7 | 90.5 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 73.2 | 77.7 | 62.1 | 77.4 | 5,405 | 78.8 | 87.9 | 72.3 | 85.5 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 76.4 | 84.8 | 68.6 | 78.1 | 1,043 | 75.4 | 85.1 | 68.0 | 82.3 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 72.8 | 81.4 | 65.8 | 73.2 | 825 | 79.1 | 87.0 | 72.0 | 80.2 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 84.8 | 76.6 | 69.0 | 90.4 | 714 | 81.3 | 87.4 | 73.3 | 85.6 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 69.4 | 76.8 | 57.7 | 77.7 | 829 | 84.8 | 88.3 | 75.9 | 88.4 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 68.2 | 79.8 | 58.6 | 77.3 | 536 | 80.6 | 93.7 | 78.0 | 91.4 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 64.6 | 72.8 | 57.0 | 72.8 | 439 | 89.9 | 88.9 | 83.5 | 87.0 | 306 |
| Midlands | 82.8 | 77.7 | 67.7 | 83.2 | 1,193 | 76.2 | 88.3 | 71.3 | 87.6 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 71.7 | 77.3 | 59.2 | 73.1 | 1,137 | 83.8 | 92.0 | 78.8 | 91.2 | 771 |
| Harare | 74.6 | 85.1 | 64.6 | 85.7 | 1,492 | 84.0 | 65.1 | 55.3 | 90.3 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 86.0 | 90.4 | 81.7 | 91.8 | 697 | 85.1 | 93.5 | 81.8 | 91.6 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 62.8 | 68.9 | 51.4 | 70.2 | 380 | 71.6 | 79.5 | 62.0 | 78.4 | 88 |
| Primary | 69.9 | 74.7 | 58.1 | 74.2 | 2,902 | 76.3 | 83.9 | 68.2 | 82.4 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 79.5 | 84.6 | 69.8 | 84.5 | 5,355 | 83.0 | 84.9 | 72.2 | 89.1 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 80.9 | 85.4 | 70.7 | 90.0 | 270 | 87.5 | 86.7 | 76.7 | 94.4 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 66.9 | 73.1 | 54.7 | 73.5 | 1,552 | 76.4 | 87.6 | 69.6 | 84.6 | 1,042 |
| Second | 73.5 | 77.2 | 61.9 | 76.6 | 1,500 | 79.4 | 88.3 | 73.9 | 83.7 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 77.0 | 80.2 | 67.0 | 79.4 | 1,546 | 78.6 | 85.8 | 70.8 | 85.6 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 77.5 | 82.6 | 67.1 | 83.2 | 2,006 | 84.0 | 86.1 | 73.9 | 88.5 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 80.7 | 87.0 | 71.7 | 86.8 | 2,304 | 85.1 | 77.8 | 67.8 | 92.5 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 75.7 | 80.8 | 65.2 | 80.7 | 8,907 | 81.4 | 84.7 | 71.3 | 87.5 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | na | na | na | na | na | 81.3 | 84.7 | 71.2 | 87.4 | 7,175 |
| na $=$ Not applicable <br> ${ }^{1}$ Every time they have sexual intercourse <br> ${ }^{2}$ Who has no other partners |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 13.2 also presents differences in the levels of knowledge of these prevention methods by background characteristics. Youth age 15-24 generally have lower levels of knowledge than those in older age groups, and never-married respondents who have not yet had sex also are less likely to know about the prevention modes than those who have married or initiated sexual intercourse. As expected, urban residents are generally more knowledgeable about prevention modes than rural residents. There is considerable variation in knowledge levels by province; for example, 86 percent of women in Bulawayo recognise using condoms as a way to avoid getting HIV, compared with 65 percent of women in Matabeleland South. Women and men with higher levels of schooling are more likely than those with less schooling to be aware of the various prevention methods. Similarly, women and men in higher wealth quintiles are more likely than those in lower quintiles to know about actions that can be taken to reduce the risk of getting HIV.

As part of the effort to assess HIV/AIDS knowledge, the 2005-06 ZDHS obtained information on several common misconceptions about HIV transmission. Respondents were asked whether they think it is possible for a healthy-looking person to have the HIV and the chances of getting HIV from mosquito bites, from supernatural means, or from sharing food with a person who has HIV.

Tables 13.3.1 and 13.3.2 show the proportions of women and men who know that a healthy person can have HIV and who reject common misconceptions about HIV transmission. Eighty-six percent of women and 91 percent of men agreed that a healthy-looking person can have HIV. This represents an increase in the levels of women and men who recognise that people infected with HIV do not necessarily show signs of illness from the rates observed in the 1999 ZDHS ( 76 percent of women and 85 percent of men, respectively). With respect to the misconceptions about avenues of infection, 75 percent of women and men said HIV cannot be transmitted by mosquitoes. Eighty-seven percent of women and 90 percent of men know HIV cannot be transmitted by supernatural means. Eighty-two percent of women and 85 percent of men said a person cannot become infected by sharing food with a person who has HIV.

Two composite measures of HIV/AIDS knowledge are included in Tables 13.3.1 and 13.3.2. The first measure indicates that a majority ( 62 percent of women and 64 percent of men) know that the two most common misconceptions about HIV/AIDS (i.e., HIV can be transmitted by supernatural means or by sharing food) are incorrect and also are aware that a healthy-looking person can have HIV. The second measure shows that less than half of Zimbabwean women ( 44 percent) and men ( 47 percent) have what can be considered comprehensive knowledge about the modes of HIV transmission and prevention, i.e., they 1) know that both condom use and limiting sex partners to one uninfected partner are HIV prevention methods; 2 ) are aware that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and 3 ) reject the two most common local misconceptions-that HIV/AIDS can be transmitted through supernatural means or sharing food with a person who has HIV. The youngest (age 15-19) and oldest (age 40-49) respondents are least likely to have comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention methods. Those in urban areas are more likely than rural residents to have comprehensive knowledge. Among both women and men, the level of comprehensive knowledge is highest in Bulawayo. The proportion with comprehensive HIV/AIDS knowledge rises with education level and the wealth quintile among both women and men.

Table 13.3.1 Comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS: women
Percentage of women age 15-49 who say that a healthy-looking person can have HIV and who, in response to prompted questions, correctly reject local misconceptions about HIV transmission or prevention, and the percentage with a comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women who say that: |  |  |  | Percentage who say that a healthylooking person can have HIV and who reject the two most common local misconceptions ${ }^{1}$ | Percentagewith a compre-hensiveknowledgeaboutHIV/AIDS ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A healthylooking person can have HIV | HIV <br> cannot be transmitted by mosquito bites | HIV cannot be transmitted by supernatural means | A person cannot become infected by sharing food with a person who has HIV |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 83.7 | 78.5 | 88.3 | 84.8 | 64.2 | 43.7 | 4,104 |
| 15-19 | 81.0 | 78.7 | 88.7 | 83.4 | 64.3 | 41.4 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 86.6 | 78.3 | 87.8 | 86.4 | 64.1 | 46.3 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 89.1 | 77.3 | 88.3 | 82.9 | 65.3 | 49.0 | 1,466 |
| 30-39 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 86.9 | 81.7 | 60.7 | 45.2 | 2,050 |
| 40-49 | 84.6 | 65.7 | 82.3 | 75.1 | 53.0 | 38.7 | 1,287 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 84.8 | 81.7 | 89.9 | 86.1 | 68.8 | 46.3 | 2,404 |
| Ever had sex | 88.6 | 79.1 | 90.2 | 87.0 | 68.7 | 50.1 | 559 |
| Never had sex | 83.7 | 82.4 | 89.9 | 85.9 | 68.8 | 45.1 | 1,845 |
| Married/living together | 85.8 | 72.2 | 86.3 | 80.7 | 59.4 | 43.0 | 5,143 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 87.5 | 72.9 | 85.3 | 82.0 | 59.3 | 45.1 | 1,360 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 91.7 | 80.7 | 90.2 | 89.3 | 70.4 | 51.3 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 81.9 | 71.1 | 85.1 | 77.9 | 56.4 | 39.6 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 84.5 | 73.5 | 88.1 | 81.4 | 59.3 | 44.4 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 83.5 | 70.5 | 86.8 | 81.1 | 61.5 | 45.3 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 90.5 | 67.8 | 83.5 | 81.9 | 57.5 | 39.5 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 78.3 | 70.6 | 79.0 | 77.0 | 50.6 | 32.2 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 90.5 | 73.4 | 92.6 | 82.0 | 65.1 | 43.9 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 79.3 | 59.6 | 81.8 | 66.7 | 51.8 | 37.3 | 439 |
| Midlands | 89.1 | 86.1 | 89.9 | 88.1 | 73.1 | 52.8 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 76.4 | 72.4 | 83.6 | 75.5 | 49.3 | 35.1 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 88.9 | 77.1 | 90.7 | 89.1 | 67.0 | 43.9 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 97.7 | 85.5 | 91.8 | 89.6 | 78.9 | 67.2 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 74.9 | 53.4 | 77.4 | 66.2 | 39.8 | 25.8 | 380 |
| Primary | 78.4 | 66.2 | 80.9 | 71.9 | 49.1 | 32.8 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 90.0 | 80.5 | 90.9 | 88.6 | 69.6 | 51.0 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 96.3 | 87.7 | 91.7 | 94.3 | 78.7 | 58.6 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 75.8 | 70.4 | 83.3 | 74.2 | 51.0 | 34.1 | 1,552 |
| Second | 79.9 | 69.7 | 83.4 | 75.7 | 54.8 | 38.5 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 85.8 | 71.3 | 86.5 | 81.3 | 58.9 | 42.6 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 89.8 | 76.0 | 89.2 | 84.8 | 65.2 | 45.9 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 92.8 | 82.7 | 90.7 | 90.9 | 73.1 | 54.4 | 2,304 |
| Total | 85.8 | 74.9 | 87.1 | 82.4 | 61.9 | 44.2 | 8,907 |

${ }^{1}$ Two most common local misconceptions: (1) HIV can be transmitted by mosquito bites and (2) a person can become infected by sharing food with a person who has HIV.
${ }^{2}$ Comprehensive knowledge means knowing that use of condoms and having just one uninfected, faithful partner can reduce the chance of getting HIV, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and rejecting the two most common local misconceptions about HIV transmission or prevention.

Table 13.3.2 Comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS: men
Percentage of men age 15-49 who say that a healthy-looking person can have HIV and who, in response to prompted questions, correctly reject local misconceptions about HIV transmission or prevention, and the percentage with a comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of men who say that: |  |  |  | Percentage who say that a healthylooking person can have HIV and who reject the two most common local misconceptions ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage with a comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A healthylooking person can have HIV | HIV <br> cannot be transmitted by mosquito bites | HIV cannot be transmitted by supernatural means | A person cannot become infected by sharing food with a person who has HIV |  |  | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 88.6 | 76.9 | 90.6 | 86.0 | 64.6 | 45.6 | 3,358 |
| 15-19 | 85.0 | 78.2 | 90.0 | 84.3 | 63.8 | 43.5 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 93.3 | 75.2 | 91.4 | 88.3 | 65.7 | 48.4 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 92.5 | 73.3 | 91.5 | 86.7 | 65.3 | 49.3 | 1,082 |
| 30-39 | 95.4 | 73.5 | 91.7 | 85.7 | 66.4 | 50.8 | 1,545 |
| 40-49 | 93.9 | 69.0 | 85.1 | 80.2 | 58.8 | 44.2 | 878 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 88.8 | 78.0 | 90.4 | 86.6 | 65.4 | 46.7 | 3,404 |
| Ever had sex | 92.0 | 75.7 | 91.4 | 87.4 | 64.7 | 48.8 | 1,611 |
| Never had sex | 85.9 | 80.0 | 89.5 | 85.9 | 66.1 | 44.8 | 1,793 |
| Married/living together | 94.0 | 71.4 | 90.1 | 84.0 | 63.4 | 47.6 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 95.0 | 70.0 | 90.6 | 84.4 | 63.4 | 47.9 | 327 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 96.2 | 80.7 | 91.5 | 91.1 | 72.7 | 51.4 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 88.2 | 70.5 | 89.5 | 81.4 | 58.7 | 44.3 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 87.6 | 76.5 | 93.3 | 82.6 | 65.4 | 46.5 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 85.1 | 73.7 | 89.6 | 82.9 | 60.1 | 46.2 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 86.1 | 79.1 | 88.5 | 88.0 | 64.5 | 50.1 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 94.3 | 69.9 | 92.3 | 86.3 | 62.5 | 48.5 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 88.7 | 62.7 | 87.7 | 74.9 | 51.5 | 42.7 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 94.4 | 77.1 | 90.3 | 87.3 | 68.2 | 58.9 | 306 |
| Midlands | 93.3 | 77.3 | 86.0 | 82.6 | 64.3 | 47.5 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 90.2 | 64.1 | 88.5 | 80.7 | 55.2 | 45.1 | 771 |
| Harare | 95.2 | 79.8 | 92.3 | 92.6 | 72.1 | 39.3 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 98.2 | 81.1 | 94.2 | 91.2 | 75.9 | 64.2 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 84.9 | 49.9 | 64.3 | 57.6 | 35.4 | 21.8 | 88 |
| Primary | 84.4 | 60.9 | 86.5 | 73.4 | 47.9 | 35.5 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 93.6 | 79.1 | 92.0 | 89.6 | 69.8 | 50.7 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 98.7 | 88.9 | 92.6 | 95.5 | 81.6 | 63.7 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 85.5 | 66.9 | 87.8 | 77.5 | 53.1 | 38.8 | 1,042 |
| Second | 88.1 | 65.0 | 88.7 | 78.5 | 54.6 | 41.6 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 88.6 | 73.8 | 90.8 | 83.2 | 61.8 | 46.3 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 94.2 | 77.1 | 91.2 | 88.8 | 68.8 | 51.9 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 96.5 | 84.0 | 91.6 | 92.7 | 75.3 | 51.7 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 91.4 | 74.6 | 90.3 | 85.3 | 64.4 | 47.2 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | 91.4 | 74.0 | 90.1 | 84.9 | 63.9 | 46.9 | 7,175 |

${ }^{1}$ Two most common local misconceptions: 1) HIV can be transmitted by mosquito bites, and 2) a person can become infected by sharing food with a person who has AIDS.
${ }^{2}$ Comprehensive knowledge means knowing that use of condoms and having just one uninfected, faithful partner can reduce the chance of getting HIV, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and rejecting the two most common local misconceptions about HIV transmission or prevention.

### 13.2 Knowledge about Mother-to-Child Transmission

Increasing the level of general knowledge of transmission of HIV from mother to child and reducing the risk of transmission using antiretroviral drugs is critical to reducing mother-to-child transmission of HIV (MTCT). To assess MTCT knowledge, respondents were asked if the virus that causes AIDS can be transmitted from a mother to a child through breastfeeding and whether a mother with HIV can reduce the risk of transmission to the baby by taking certain drugs during pregnancy.

Table 13.4 shows that eight in ten women and men recognised that HIV can be transmitted through breastfeeding. This represents a substantial change from the situation at the time of the 1999 ZDHS when only 33 percent of women and 36 percent of men were aware that HIV could be transmitted from mother to child through breastfeeding. Although women and men are more aware than previously about mother-to-child transmission, knowledge about how this risk can be reduced remains comparatively low; only 57 percent of women and 46 percent of men knew that the risk of MTCT can be reduced by taking special drugs. Fifty-two percent of women and 39 percent of men were both aware that HIV can be transmitted through breastfeeding and that this risk can be reduced by taking special drugs.

MTCT knowledge levels increased with educational level and the wealth quintile, were higher among urban than rural residents, and were lowest in Midlands and highest in Bulawayo.

Table 13.4 Knowledge of prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV
Percentage of women and men who know that HIV can be transmitted from mother to child by breastfeeding and that the risk of mother-tochild transmission (MTCT) of HIV can be reduced by the mother taking special drugs during pregnancy, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who know that: |  |  |  | Percentage who know that: |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of } \\ \text { men } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 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 |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 76.4 | 54.4 | 48.0 | 4,104 | 78.1 | 43.8 | 36.7 | 3,358 |
| 15-19 | 72.0 | 48.7 | 41.7 | 2,152 | 76.5 | 40.0 | 33.2 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 81.2 | 60.6 | 55.0 | 1,952 | 80.1 | 48.8 | 41.4 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 84.0 | 62.5 | 57.8 | 1,466 | 80.5 | 48.2 | 40.4 | 1,082 |
| 30-39 | 84.2 | 60.0 | 55.6 | 2,050 | 83.1 | 47.3 | 41.5 | 1,545 |
| 40-49 | 79.7 | 55.0 | 49.5 | 1,287 | 80.9 | 47.0 | 40.9 | 878 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 73.5 | 53.0 | 46.0 | 2,404 | 78.0 | 44.1 | 36.9 | 3,404 |
| Ever had sex | 79.5 | 62.8 | 56.4 | 559 | 81.3 | 48.1 | 41.4 | 1,611 |
| Never had sex | 71.6 | 50.0 | 42.8 | 1,845 | 75.1 | 40.5 | 32.8 | 1,793 |
| Married/living together | 82.2 | 58.0 | 53.2 | 5,143 | 81.6 | 47.1 | 40.7 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 82.4 | 60.7 | 55.4 | 1,360 | 83.4 | 48.3 | 42.3 | 327 |
| Currently pregnant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant | 78.3 | 53.1 | 47.6 | 589 | na | na | na | 0 |
| Not pregnant or not sure | 80.0 | 57.4 | 51.9 | 8,318 | na | na | na | 0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 82.1 | 69.2 | 62.6 | 3,502 | 80.5 | 55.1 | 46.4 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 78.4 | 49.3 | 44.4 | 5,405 | 79.6 | 39.4 | 33.9 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 79.9 | 63.8 | 56.0 | 1,043 | 75.0 | 40.4 | 32.6 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 83.3 | 60.5 | 56.0 | 825 | 82.1 | 41.3 | 35.9 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 77.5 | 62.7 | 55.4 | 714 | 71.5 | 54.4 | 47.5 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 79.9 | 57.4 | 53.2 | 829 | 78.6 | 40.2 | 32.9 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 83.0 | 47.9 | 44.0 | 536 | 79.3 | 41.6 | 35.2 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 67.1 | 46.0 | 38.3 | 439 | 86.0 | 57.1 | 53.8 | 306 |
| Midlands | 84.6 | 35.6 | 33.6 | 1,193 | 86.2 | 26.3 | 23.2 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 76.8 | 52.6 | 47.8 | 1,137 | 81.0 | 45.1 | 38.3 | 771 |
| Harare | 78.0 | 63.1 | 55.1 | 1,492 | 79.9 | 52.1 | 44.0 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 85.0 | 82.2 | 77.7 | 697 | 79.3 | 79.2 | 66.2 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 77.9 | 39.2 | 37.8 | 380 | 74.5 | 28.9 | 28.9 | 88 |
| Primary | 76.2 | 46.7 | 42.5 | 2,902 | 80.3 | 37.9 | 34.1 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 81.5 | 62.5 | 56.0 | 5,355 | 79.7 | 48.0 | 40.0 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 90.6 | 86.5 | 80.5 | 270 | 82.0 | 58.1 | 49.5 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 76.3 | 39.9 | 36.6 | 1,552 | 80.9 | 35.6 | 32.1 | 1,042 |
| Second | 77.9 | 46.3 | 42.0 | 1,500 | 78.2 | 37.8 | 32.1 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 79.4 | 52.2 | 46.3 | 1,546 | 79.4 | 40.3 | 33.1 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 81.0 | 64.5 | 57.9 | 2,006 | 79.7 | 51.2 | 43.8 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 83.0 | 72.5 | 65.9 | 2,304 | 81.2 | 55.4 | 46.9 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 79.9 | 57.1 | 51.6 | 8,907 | 79.9 | 45.7 | 38.9 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | na | na | na | na | 80.2 | 45.7 | 39.1 | 7,175 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 13.3 Attitudes towards People Living with HIV/AIDS

Widespread stigma and discrimination in a population can adversely affect both people's willingness to be tested and adherence to antiretroviral therapy in young ART programmes such as the one currently being rolled out in Zimbabwe. Reduction of stigma and discrimination in a population is, thus, an important indicator of the success of programmes targeting HIV and AIDS prevention and control.

In the 2005-06 ZDHS, women and men who had heard of HIV or AIDS were asked a number of questions to assess the level of stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. Tables 13.5.1 and 13.5.2 present these results for women and men.

Although there was a considerable gender gap, attitudes were most positive with respect to caring for a relative with HIV in the respondent's home; 91 percent of women and 71 percent of men would be willing to care at home for a relative with HIV. The latter proportion represents a substantial reversal in attitude since the 1999 ZDHS when 88 percent of men said they would care for a relative with HIV in their home. In contrast, women were slightly more positive about caring for a sick relative at the time of the 2005-06 than at the time of the 1999 ZDHS ( 88 percent).

A majority expressed accepting attitudes towards a female teacher with HIV; 71 percent of women and 75 percent of men agreed that she should be allowed to continue teaching. Attitudes were somewhat less positive towards a shopkeeper with HIV, particularly among women; 57 percent of women would buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper with HIV, compared with 67 percent of men. Less than half of both women ( 49 percent) and men ( 46 percent) indicated that they would not keep secret that a family member was infected with HIV. Overall, only 17 percent of women and 11 percent of men expressed accepting attitudes with regard to all four situations, i.e., they would care for an HIV-positive family member in their own home, buy fresh food from a shopkeeper with HIV, allow an HIV-positive teacher to continue teaching, and would not keep the HIV-positive status of a family member a secret.

Stigma levels in the population are related to most of the defining characteristics shown in Tables 13.5.1 and 13.5.2. With the exception of the attitude towards keeping a family member's HIV status secret, accepting attitudes were generally more common among urban than rural residents. There were marked differences by province in the proportions of women and men expressing accepting attitudes, with men from Matabeleland South and men and women from Bulawayo being most likely to express accepting attitudes with respect to all four situations. The likelihood that accepting attitudes were expressed generally increased with the educational level and the wealth quintile.

Table 13.5.1 Accepting attitudes towards those living with HIV/AIDS: women
Among women who have heard of HIV or AIDS, percentage expressing specific accepting attitudes towards people with HIV/AIDS, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women who: |  |  |  | Percentage expressing acceptance attitudes on all four indicators | Number of women who have heard of HIV or AIDS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Are willing to care for a family member with HIV in the respondent's home | Would buy fresh vegetables from shopkeeper who has HIV | Say that a female teacher with HIV and is not sick should be allowed to continue teaching | Would not want to keep secret that a family member got infected with HIV |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 88.8 | 57.3 | 72.0 | 51.1 | 17.5 | 3,987 |
| 15-19 | 87.4 | 56.6 | 69.6 | 55.1 | 18.5 | 2,076 |
| 20-24 | 90.4 | 58.1 | 74.6 | 46.9 | 16.4 | 1,911 |
| 25-29 | 93.8 | 58.6 | 75.0 | 46.6 | 18.3 | 1,446 |
| 30-39 | 92.5 | 56.3 | 71.5 | 45.5 | 16.2 | 2,019 |
| 40-49 | 92.2 | 53.6 | 65.6 | 52.2 | 16.1 | 1,268 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 88.7 | 61.2 | 76.2 | 49.9 | 19.5 | 2,336 |
| Ever had sex | 91.1 | 59.4 | 79.8 | 51.3 | 21.1 | 547 |
| Never had sex | 88.0 | 61.7 | 75.0 | 49.5 | 19.0 | 1,790 |
| Married/living together | 91.6 | 54.3 | 69.3 | 49.2 | 16.0 | 5,043 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 92.6 | 58.5 | 71.1 | 48.0 | 17.3 | 1,340 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 91.2 | 64.5 | 83.6 | 40.3 | 18.7 | 3,476 |
| Rural | 90.8 | 51.7 | 63.4 | 55.2 | 16.1 | 5,243 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 93.2 | 56.2 | 76.3 | 50.0 | 19.5 | 1,029 |
| Mashonaland Central | 94.6 | 55.0 | 63.3 | 52.8 | 16.6 | 781 |
| Mashonaland East | 93.6 | 56.4 | 71.6 | 49.6 | 15.3 | 705 |
| Mashonaland West | 88.1 | 53.5 | 60.7 | 44.3 | 9.9 | 800 |
| Matabeleland North | 87.2 | 52.1 | 70.5 | 64.8 | 26.4 | 535 |
| Matabeleland South | 87.9 | 56.7 | 65.6 | 66.6 | 26.2 | 391 |
| Midlands | 94.2 | 58.2 | 69.2 | 41.6 | 12.1 | 1,179 |
| Masvingo | 90.2 | 49.1 | 57.6 | 58.9 | 14.3 | 1,133 |
| Harare | 91.0 | 61.8 | 86.6 | 35.5 | 14.9 | 1,469 |
| Bulawayo | 84.8 | 67.1 | 83.8 | 53.8 | 30.2 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 90.5 | 39.6 | 47.8 | 62.9 | 13.1 | 363 |
| Primary | 90.6 | 46.1 | 58.1 | 57.4 | 13.9 | 2,792 |
| Secondary | 91.4 | 62.4 | 79.0 | 45.0 | 19.0 | 5,296 |
| More than secondary | 88.7 | 80.8 | 93.6 | 30.4 | 19.5 | 268 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 88.1 | 45.3 | 55.2 | 61.8 | 14.3 | 1,499 |
| Second | 90.8 | 47.5 | 59.8 | 56.3 | 15.9 | 1,443 |
| Middle | 92.6 | 56.6 | 68.4 | 52.4 | 17.2 | 1,509 |
| Fourth | 92.5 | 59.6 | 78.5 | 46.3 | 18.3 | 1,975 |
| Highest | 90.6 | 67.8 | 85.3 | 37.0 | 18.7 | 2,293 |
| Total | 91.0 | 56.8 | 71.4 | 49.2 | 17.1 | 8,719 |

Table 13.5.2 Accepting attitudes towards those living with HIV/AIDS: men
Among men who have heard of HIV/AIDS, percentage expressing specific accepting attitudes towards people with HIV/AIDS, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of men who: |  |  |  | Percentage expressing acceptance attitudes on all four indicators | Number of men who have heard of HIV or AIDS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Are willing to care for a family member with HIV in the respondent's home | Would buy fresh vegetables from shopkeeper who has HIV | Say that a female teacher with HIV and is not sick should be allowed to continue teaching | Would not want to keep secret that a family member got infected with HIV |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 64.7 | 66.8 | 73.3 | 53.6 | 11.7 | 3,310 |
| 15-19 | 60.6 | 64.5 | 70.0 | 59.6 | 12.6 | 1,859 |
| 20-24 | 69.9 | 69.8 | 77.4 | 45.9 | 10.6 | 1,451 |
| 25-29 | 76.3 | 70.7 | 77.0 | 37.7 | 10.5 | 1,079 |
| 30-39 | 76.8 | 68.9 | 76.9 | 38.3 | 9.7 | 1,542 |
| 40-49 | 77.8 | 62.1 | 72.6 | 39.1 | 9.1 | 877 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 66.0 | 68.0 | 74.7 | 52.3 | 12.3 | 3,357 |
| Ever had sex | 68.4 | 67.0 | 74.4 | 50.4 | 12.3 | 1,605 |
| Never had sex | 63.8 | 68.9 | 75.0 | 54.1 | 12.3 | 1,752 |
| Married/living together | 76.2 | 66.7 | 75.2 | 38.3 | 9.1 | 3,125 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 71.1 | 65.9 | 67.6 | 49.1 | 10.9 | 326 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 75.7 | 74.3 | 87.3 | 38.9 | 12.5 | 2,761 |
| Rural | 67.6 | 62.5 | 65.9 | 50.4 | 9.6 | 4,047 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 59.7 | 65.7 | 70.4 | 52.0 | 7.6 | 783 |
| Mashonaland Central | 50.7 | 58.6 | 63.2 | 48.4 | 0.5 | 670 |
| Mashonaland East | 69.8 | 72.5 | 73.2 | 28.1 | 1.0 | 562 |
| Mashonaland West | 66.5 | 63.3 | 65.4 | 40.1 | 2.9 | 685 |
| Matabeleland North | 90.8 | 61.3 | 59.1 | 62.3 | 24.6 | 415 |
| Matabeleland South | 85.6 | 72.6 | 84.3 | 72.8 | 43.9 | 303 |
| Midlands | 72.9 | 61.0 | 75.6 | 43.2 | 5.9 | 948 |
| Masvingo | 78.3 | 69.6 | 71.2 | 55.2 | 19.3 | 766 |
| Harare | 68.2 | 75.4 | 88.9 | 29.3 | 2.5 | 1,215 |
| Bulawayo | 90.7 | 72.1 | 87.1 | 61.5 | 37.9 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 71.3 | 53.1 | 56.0 | 52.3 | 9.7 | 85 |
| Primary | 63.0 | 51.2 | 56.6 | 58.1 | 9.8 | 1,745 |
| Secondary | 73.1 | 72.0 | 80.0 | 42.2 | 10.9 | 4,573 |
| More than secondary | 80.0 | 86.7 | 95.4 | 31.5 | 13.6 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 65.3 | 56.6 | 58.8 | 59.5 | 12.3 | 1,031 |
| Second | 69.0 | 58.8 | 63.8 | 50.0 | 9.0 | 1,115 |
| Middle | 64.7 | 64.2 | 67.8 | 47.8 | 7.4 | 1,183 |
| Fourth | 74.5 | 71.4 | 81.2 | 41.6 | 10.7 | 1,884 |
| Highest | 76.4 | 77.7 | 89.6 | 37.3 | 13.5 | 1,596 |
| Total 15-49 | 70.9 | 67.3 | 74.6 | 45.7 | 10.7 | 6,808 |
| Total 15-54 | 71.0 | 67.1 | 74.4 | 45.8 | 10.8 | 7,119 |

### 13.4 Attitudes towards Negotiating for Safer Sexual Relations with Husbands

The high levels of sexual transmission of HIV make negotiating for safer sex indispensable, especially in marital unions where women's status is compromised by societal expectations, thereby increasing their vulnerability to HIV transmission. Table 13.6 shows that a substantial majority of both women and men in Zimbabwe acknowledge that, if a husband has a sexually transmitted infection, a wife can refuse to have sex with him (79 percent and 77 percent, respectively). A somewhat larger percentage
of women and men consider it appropriate for the wife to ask the husband to use a condom in this situation ( 83 percent and 86 percent, respectively). Overall, more than nine in ten women and men believe that a wife is justified in taking action to protect herself from infection. The lowest proportions agreeing that a wife can take action are observed among women and men who have no education (81 percent and 85 percent, respectively).

Table 13.6 Attitudes towards negotiating safer sexual relations with husband
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who believe that, if a husband has a sexually transmitted infection, his wife is justified in refusing to have sexual relations with him or asking that he use a condom, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Woman is justified in: |  |  |  | Woman is justified in: |  |  | Number of men |
|  | Refusing to have sexual relations | Asking that they use a condom | Refusing sexual relations or asking that he use a condom | Number of women | Refusing to have sexual relations | Asking that he use a condom | Refusing sexual relations or asking that he use a condom |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 77.2 | 80.8 | 90.7 | 4,104 | 74.0 | 81.4 | 90.5 | 3,358 |
| 15-19 | 73.4 | 76.9 | 88.1 | 2,152 | 72.9 | 78.2 | 89.8 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 81.5 | 85.0 | 93.5 | 1,952 | 75.4 | 85.5 | 91.4 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 82.1 | 84.7 | 93.7 | 1,466 | 74.8 | 86.7 | 93.3 | 1,082 |
| 30-39 | 82.1 | 87.2 | 94.6 | 2,050 | 82.9 | 91.0 | 96.5 | 1,545 |
| 40-49 | 78.9 | 79.8 | 89.6 | 1,287 | 84.0 | 90.3 | 96.6 | 878 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 79.0 | 80.4 | 90.5 | 2,404 | 75.3 | 82.4 | 91.6 | 3,404 |
| Ever had sex | 86.0 | 89.5 | 95.6 | 559 | 76.1 | 84.8 | 92.5 | 1,611 |
| Never had sex | 76.9 | 77.7 | 88.9 | 1,845 | 74.7 | 80.2 | 90.8 | 1,793 |
| Married/living together | 79.1 | 83.7 | 92.4 | 5,143 | 79.8 | 88.6 | 94.4 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 81.1 | 83.2 | 92.5 | 1,360 | 75.8 | 88.6 | 95.3 | 327 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 84.1 | 88.4 | 94.9 | 3,502 | 83.0 | 92.9 | 97.3 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 76.4 | 79.1 | 90.0 | 5,405 | 73.6 | 80.5 | 90.2 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 77.7 | 73.1 | 90.1 | 1,043 | 68.5 | 79.2 | 88.6 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 75.7 | 78.0 | 90.3 | 825 | 65.8 | 77.7 | 87.8 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 76.6 | 83.8 | 92.1 | 714 | 74.2 | 88.1 | 94.4 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 76.4 | 81.5 | 90.4 | 829 | 73.1 | 87.9 | 92.7 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 87.8 | 89.5 | 96.1 | 536 | 90.7 | 88.4 | 96.2 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 81.4 | 83.6 | 92.7 | 439 | 90.2 | 88.9 | 98.1 | 306 |
| Midlands | 86.5 | 88.6 | 94.8 | 1,193 | 73.9 | 80.4 | 91.3 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 67.1 | 75.5 | 85.0 | 1,137 | 77.2 | 82.4 | 91.1 | 771 |
| Harare | 79.4 | 84.7 | 93.3 | 1,492 | 84.0 | 92.8 | 97.0 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 93.0 | 95.3 | 98.0 | 697 | 89.9 | 92.9 | 98.0 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 68.7 | 67.7 | 80.6 | 380 | 72.1 | 74.0 | 84.7 | 88 |
| Primary | 72.4 | 77.6 | 88.7 | 2,902 | 73.1 | 75.7 | 87.5 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 83.3 | 86.1 | 94.2 | 5,355 | 78.4 | 88.7 | 94.9 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 91.1 | 93.5 | 96.5 | 270 | 86.0 | 95.4 | 98.5 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 71.6 | 75.4 | 86.5 | 1,552 | 74.1 | 76.5 | 87.9 | 1,042 |
| Second | 75.8 | 78.7 | 89.9 | 1,500 | 74.5 | 80.0 | 90.9 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 78.5 | 80.6 | 91.7 | 1,546 | 69.0 | 79.5 | 89.1 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 81.4 | 86.3 | 93.8 | 2,006 | 79.7 | 90.7 | 95.7 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 85.8 | 88.8 | 95.4 | 2,304 | 85.2 | 93.7 | 97.9 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 79.4 | 82.8 | 91.9 | 8,907 | 77.4 | 85.5 | 93.1 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | na | na | na | na | 77.5 | 85.6 | 93.2 | 7,175 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 13.5 Attitudes towards Condom Education for Youth

Condom use is one the main strategies for combating the spread of HIV. However, educating youth about condoms is sometimes controversial, with some saying it promotes early sexual experimentation. To gauge attitudes towards condom education, ZDHS respondents were asked if they thought that children age 1214 should be taught about using a condom to avoid HIV. Because the table focuses on adult opinion, results are tabulated for respondents age 18-49 in the table.

Less than half of adults support teaching children age 12-14 about condoms (Table 13.7). Men are slightly more likely than women to support education about condom use (48 percent and 41 percent, respectively). Support is highest among those living in Bulawayo, where six in ten women and men approve of condom education for children age 12-14. Women in Mashonaland East (28 percent) and men in Midlands ( 35 percent) are least likely to accept that children age $12-14$ should be educated about condoms.

### 13.6 Higher-Risk Sex

Given that most HIV infections in Zimbabwe are contracted through heterosexual contact, information on sexual behaviour is important in designing and monitoring intervention programmes to control the spread of the epidemic. The 2005-06 ZDHS included questions on respondents' sexual partners during their lifetimes and over the 12 months preceding the survey. For male respondents, an additional question was asked on whether they paid for sex during the 12 months

Table 13.7 Adult support of education about condom use to prevent HIV
Percentage of women and men age 18-49 who agree that children age 12-14 years should be taught about using a condom to avoid HIV, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women |  | Men |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who agree | Number of women | Percentage who agree | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 18-24 | 41.6 | 2,871 | 51.4 | 2,193 |
| 18-19 | 39.1 | 919 | 45.0 | 734 |
| 20-24 | 42.8 | 1,952 | 54.6 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 41.2 | 1,466 | 48.9 | 1,082 |
| 30-39 | 41.2 | 2,050 | 45.0 | 1,545 |
| 40-49 | 41.3 | 1,287 | 43.8 | 878 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 44.7 | 1,327 | 50.1 | 2,240 |
| Married or living together | 39.7 | 5,002 | 45.9 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 44.2 | 1,345 | 53.9 | 326 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 47.3 | 3,056 | 50.9 | 2,434 |
| Rural | 37.4 | 4,618 | 45.9 | 3,264 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 39.6 | 903 | 47.2 | 616 |
| Mashonaland Central | 39.0 | 680 | 53.0 | 575 |
| Mashonaland East | 27.7 | 634 | 49.2 | 478 |
| Mashonaland West | 41.5 | 721 | 49.6 | 605 |
| Matabeleland North | 44.7 | 461 | 50.9 | 336 |
| Matabeleland South | 50.9 | 360 | 45.8 | 237 |
| Midlands | 40.2 | 1,014 | 34.6 | 786 |
| Masvingo | 36.4 | 985 | 42.4 | 598 |
| Harare | 42.9 | 1,315 | 50.8 | 1,071 |
| Bulawayo | 59.6 | 600 | 64.2 | 396 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 37.7 | 377 | 51.2 | 86 |
| Primary | 36.6 | 2,525 | 42.9 | 1,396 |
| Secondary | 43.7 | 4,503 | 48.9 | 3,814 |
| More than secondary | 52.6 | 269 | 56.3 | 402 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 36.5 | 1,353 | 43.3 | 828 |
| Second | 36.4 | 1,277 | 46.8 | 925 |
| Middle | 36.6 | 1,291 | 44.8 | 881 |
| Fourth | 43.5 | 1,755 | 49.9 | 1,677 |
| Highest | 49.1 | 1,998 | 51.3 | 1,386 |
| Total 18-49 | 41.4 | 7,674 | 48.0 | 5,698 |
| Total 18-54 | na | na | 47.6 | 6,010 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  | preceding the interview. Information on the use of condoms at the last sexual encounter with each type of partner was collected for women and men. These questions are sensitive, and it is recognised that some respondents may have been reluctant to provide information on recent sexual behaviour.

Tables 13.8 .1 and 13.8.2 show, for those who had sexual intercourse, the percentages who had two or more partners in the 12 months preceding the survey and who had higher-risk intercourse during
that period, i.e., intercourse in the past 12 months with a partner who was neither a spouse nor lived with the respondent. Among those who had higher-risk intercourse, the tables also show the percentage of respondents who used a condom during the last higher-risk intercourse. Finally, Tables 13.8.1 and 13.8.2 provide information on the mean number of lifetime sexual partners among those who ever had intercourse.

| Table 13.8.1 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 in the past 12 months, 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 the mean number of sexual partners during her lifetime for women who ever had sexual intercourse, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Among women who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months: |  |  |  | Among women who had higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months: |  | Among women who ever had sexual intercourse: |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who had 2+ partners in the past 12 months | Percentage who had higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ | 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 | 1.8 | 16.4 | 2,031 | 42.4 | 333 | 1.4 | 2,308 |
| 15-19 | 2.8 | 24.3 | 609 | 40.7 | 148 | 1.3 | 691 |
| 20-24 | 1.3 | 13.0 | 1,423 | 43.7 | 185 | 1.5 | 1,617 |
| 25-29 | 1.2 | 8.2 | 1,247 | 54.1 | 102 | 1.6 | 1,414 |
| 30-39 | 1.2 | 9.3 | 1,651 | 53.1 | 154 | 1.7 | 2,028 |
| 40-49 | 0.7 | 7.3 | 917 | 42.3 | 67 | 1.8 | 1,282 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 6.1 | 91.5 | 360 | 46.2 | 330 | 2.1 | 553 |
| Married or living together | 0.4 | 0.6 | 4,972 | (24.9) | 29 | 1.4 | 5,126 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 6.4 | 57.8 | 513 | 49.4 | 297 | 2.2 | 1,354 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.1 | 16.7 | 2,095 | 55.3 | 349 | 1.7 | 2,571 |
| Rural | 0.9 | 8.2 | 3,751 | 36.9 | 306 | 1.6 | 4,463 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 0.7 | 8.4 | 655 | (48.5) | 55 | 1.4 | 834 |
| Mashonaland Central | 1.8 | 5.6 | 616 | (72.7) | 34 | 1.7 | 702 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.8 | 7.4 | 469 | (37.0) | 35 | 1.7 | 591 |
| Mashonaland West | 1.4 | 9.6 | 580 | (66.2) | 55 | 1.8 | 696 |
| Matabeleland North | 0.4 | 17.5 | 391 | 26.4 | 68 | 2.0 | 450 |
| Matabeleland South | 3.3 | 26.5 | 280 | 30.2 | 74 | 2.2 | 341 |
| Midlands | 0.9 | 7.4 | 812 | 35.1 | 60 | 1.6 | 943 |
| Masvingo | 0.9 | 6.1 | 769 | (44.2) | 47 | 1.3 | 910 |
| Harare | 2.2 | 14.0 | 880 | 51.3 | 124 | 1.5 | 1,078 |
| Bulawayo | 1.2 | 26.2 | 394 | 57.5 | 103 | 2.0 | 487 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.9 | 6.4 | 280 | * | 18 | 1.5 | 374 |
| Primary | 1.4 | 8.6 | 2,099 | 34.4 | 181 | 1.8 | 2,550 |
| Secondary | 1.4 | 13.2 | 3,271 | 51.7 | 432 | 1.6 | 3,876 |
| More than secondary | 0.3 | 12.4 | 195 | (58.5) | 24 | 1.5 | 233 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.8 | 8.2 | 1,116 | 27.5 | 92 | 1.6 | 1,341 |
| Second | 0.9 | 6.1 | 1,076 | 33.7 | 66 | 1.5 | 1,257 |
| Middle | 1.4 | 9.4 | 1,024 | 37.9 | 96 | 1.6 | 1,236 |
| Fourth | 1.9 | 12.8 | 1,361 | 53.8 | 175 | 1.8 | 1,630 |
| Highest | 1.4 | 17.9 | 1,268 | 56.5 | 227 | 1.6 | 1,570 |
| Total | 1.3 | 11.2 | 5,846 | 46.7 | 655 | 1.6 | 7,033 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was a spouse nor who lived with the respondent

Table 13.8.2 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 in the past 12 months, 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 the mean number of sexual partners during his lifetime for men who ever had sexual intercourse, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Among men who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months: |  |  | Among men who had higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months: |  | Among men who ever had sexual intercourse: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had 2+ partners in the past 12 months | Percentage who had higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ | 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 | 19.8 | 77.5 | 1,195 | 68.0 | 927 | 3.8 | 1,621 |
| 15-19 | 15.2 | 96.5 | 342 | 54.4 | 330 | 2.9 | 518 |
| 20-24 | 21.7 | 69.9 | 854 | 75.6 | 597 | 4.3 | 1,103 |
| 25-29 | 15.9 | 34.4 | 913 | 77.9 | 314 | 5.8 | 1,019 |
| 30-39 | 10.6 | 16.4 | 1,456 | 79.9 | 238 | 5.7 | 1,495 |
| 40-49 | 9.8 | 10.4 | 817 | 55.9 | 85 | 8.0 | 840 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 19.7 | 98.9 | 1,056 | 69.7 | 1,044 | 4.2 | 1,598 |
| Married or living together | 11.7 | 10.8 | 3,102 | 75.3 | 334 | 5.8 | 3,057 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 20.2 | 83.0 | 224 | 71.9 | 186 | 9.4 | 321 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.1 | 37.9 | 1,798 | 83.2 | 681 | 6.2 | 2,050 |
| Rural | 14.0 | 34.2 | 2,584 | 61.9 | 883 | 5.0 | 2,926 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 16.8 | 32.3 | 459 | 76.0 | 148 | 4.5 | 508 |
| Mashonaland Central | 16.8 | 35.3 | 462 | 77.1 | 163 | 5.0 | 535 |
| Mashonaland East | 4.2 | 26.4 | 332 | 72.1 | 88 | 5.9 | 389 |
| Mashonaland West | 15.8 | 34.7 | 466 | 80.2 | 162 | 6.7 | 537 |
| Matabeleland North | 13.2 | 44.0 | 305 | 43.1 | 134 | 5.0 | 318 |
| Matabeleland South | 2.4 | 42.3 | 164 | 64.2 | 69 | 5.7 | 189 |
| Midlands | 13.4 | 31.1 | 599 | 59.5 | 186 | 4.8 | 683 |
| Masvingo | 18.9 | 37.3 | 497 | 59.6 | 185 | 4.5 | 546 |
| Harare | 15.3 | 35.5 | 777 | 86.4 | 276 | 6.4 | 934 |
| Bulawayo | 11.5 | 47.5 | 321 | 78.4 | 152 | 6.4 | 336 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.7 | 16.6 | 69 | * | 11 | 5.7 | 76 |
| Primary | 13.5 | 32.2 | 1,186 | 51.0 | 382 | 5.0 | 1,333 |
| Secondary | 14.9 | 38.7 | 2,811 | 77.3 | 1,089 | 5.6 | 3,218 |
| More than secondary | 8.0 | 26.0 | 316 | 85.5 | 82 | 6.7 | 348 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 13.9 | 32.6 | 715 | 42.7 | 233 | 4.7 | 794 |
| Second | 14.9 | 31.5 | 720 | 62.6 | 227 | 5.4 | 828 |
| Middle | 15.5 | 41.2 | 668 | 71.6 | 275 | 5.1 | 768 |
| Fourth | 14.8 | 35.8 | 1,288 | 77.2 | 461 | 5.8 | 1,443 |
| Highest | 11.7 | 37.2 | 992 | 86.5 | 369 | 6.1 | 1,141 |
| Total 15-49 | 14.1 | 35.7 | 4,382 | 71.2 | 1,564 | 5.5 | 4,975 |
| Total 15-54 | 13.6 | 33.8 | 4,671 | 70.9 | 1,580 | 5.7 | 5,277 |

[^17]A much larger proportion of men than women reported both having had more than one sexual partner (14 percent and 1 percent, respectively) and engaging in higher-risk sex ( 36 percent and 11 percent, respectively) at some time in the past 12 months. Men were more likely to report using a condom at last high-risk intercourse than women (71 percent and 47 percent, respectively). On average, men have had 5.5 sexual partners over their lifetimes and women have had 1.6 partners.

Considering age patterns, the percentage with two or more sexual partners in the 12 months preceding the interview and the percentage engaging in risky sexual behaviour was highest among both women and men in the $15-24$ year age group. The percentages involved in risky sexual behaviours declined with age and were lowest in the 40-49 year age group among women and men. Condom use at last high-risk sex was lowest among those in the youngest and oldest age categories. The mean number of lifetime sexual partners increased with age, with men age 40-49 reporting an average of 8 lifetime partners and women in the same age group an average of 1.8 partners.

Higher-risk sexual behaviour was reported more often among those who were not married at the time of the interview than among currently married respondents. Married men who engaged in higher-risk sex were somewhat more likely to report condom use at last higher-risk sex than those who were not married. Divorced, separated, or widowed respondents had the highest average number of lifetime sexual partners (9.4 partners for men and 2.2 partners among women).

Urban residents were both more likely to report engaging in risky sexual behaviour and using a condom at last higher-risk sex than rural residents. Urban men reported an average of 6.2 lifetime sexual partners compared with 5 sexual partners among rural men.

Considering provincial patterns, higher-risk sexual behaviour was most prevalent among women in Matabeleland South (27 percent) and Bulawayo (26 percent) and among men in Bulawayo (48 percent). Men in Harare were twice as likely to report condom use at last high-risk sex as men in Matabeleland North ( 86 percent and 43 percent, respectively). Among men, the mean reported number of lifetime sex partners varied from 4.5 in Manicaland and Masvingo to 6.7 in Mashonaland West. Among women, the mean lifetime sex partners varied from 1.3 in Masvingo to 2.2 in Matabeleland South.

Among women, both the likelihood of having engaged in high-risk sexual behaviour and of using a condom at last high-risk sex generally increased with the education level and the wealth quintile. Among men, the percentages engaging in high-risk sexual behaviour did not vary in a consistent fashion with education or wealth; however, condom use at last high-risk sex rose sharply with educational level and wealth.

### 13.7 Paid Sex

The act of paying for sex introduces an uneven negotiating ground for safer sexual intercourse. Condom use is an important indicator in trying to ascertain the level of risk involved in sexual encounters involving payments. Table 13.9 presents information on the extent to which men engaged in paid sex in the 12 -month period before the survey and on the level of condom use during the last paid sexual encounter in the period.

Four percent of men reported paying for sexual intercourse at least once during the 12 months preceding the ZDHS. Nearly three-quarters of men who engaged in paid sex used a condom the last time they paid for sex. Divorced, widowed, and separated men (13 percent) had the highest rate of paid sex during the 12 months prior to the survey. Eight in ten divorced, separated, or widowed men who engaged in paid sex used a condom.

| Table 13.9 Payment for sexual intercourse and condom use at last paid sexual intercourse: men |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of men age 15-49 reporting payment for sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, and among them, the percentage reporting that a condom was used the last time they paid for sexual intercourse, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 20052006 |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who paid for sexual intercourse in the past 12 months | Number of men | Percentage reporting condom use at last paid sexual intercourse | Number of men who paid for sexual intercourse in the past 12 months |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 3.3 | 3,358 | 76.7 | 111 |
| 15-19 | 1.1 | 1,899 | (76.6) | 21 |
| 20-24 | 6.2 | 1,459 | 76.7 | 91 |
| 25-29 | 5.6 | 1,082 | 78.1 | 60 |
| 30-39 | 4.0 | 1,545 | 76.5 | 61 |
| 40-49 | 3.9 | 878 | (50.3) | 34 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 3.8 | 3,404 | 76.4 | 128 |
| Married or living together | 3.0 | 3,132 | 66.7 | 95 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 13.2 | 327 | (80.5) | 43 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.1 | 2,767 | 85.8 | 114 |
| Rural | 3.7 | 4,096 | 64.5 | 153 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 4.3 | 793 | (78.9) | 34 |
| Mashonaland Central | 4.8 | 681 | (64.1) | 33 |
| Mashonaland East | 2.8 | 570 | * | 16 |
| Mashonaland West | 5.3 | 691 | (95.8) | 37 |
| Matabeleland North | 4.0 | 416 | (24.6) | 17 |
| Matabeleland South | 1.7 | 306 | * | 5 |
| Midlands | 2.8 | 956 | * | 26 |
| Masvingo | 4.8 | 771 | (62.2) | 37 |
| Harare | 4.5 | 1,219 | (83.2) | 55 |
| Bulawayo | 1.8 | 460 | * | 8 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 8.8 | 88 | (64.2) | 8 |
| Primary | 4.4 | 1,782 | 57.2 | 78 |
| Secondary | 3.6 | 4,588 | 81.3 | 167 |
| More than secondary | 3.6 | 405 | * | 14 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.9 | 1,042 | (46.5) | 41 |
| Second | 3.3 | 1,137 | (74.0) | 37 |
| Middle | 4.0 | 1,194 | (69.1) | 47 |
| Fourth | 4.9 | 1,892 | 79.4 | 93 |
| Highest | 3.0 | 1,599 | (89.3) | 49 |
| Total 15-49 | 3.9 | 6,863 | 73.6 | 267 |
| Total 15-54 | 3.8 | 7,175 | 73.1 | 274 |

[^18]A comparison of the 2005-06 and 1999 ZDHS results suggests that, while Zimbabwean men may increasingly be avoiding the risks involved in paid sex, when they do engage in paid sex, they are less likely than previously to use a condom. In 1999, 7 percent paid for sex and 82 percent reported condom use during last paid intercourse while, in the 2005-06 ZDHS, 4 percent paid for sex and 74 percent used a condom the last time they paid for sex.

### 13.8 Coverage of HIV Testing Services

Knowledge of HIV status helps HIV-negative 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.

To assess the awareness and coverage of HIV testing services, ZDHS 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 and where they had been tested. If they had never been tested, they were asked if they knew a place where they could go to be tested. Tables 13.10.1 and 13.10.2 present the results of these questions.

Around three-quarters of women and men were aware of a place where they can get an HIV test. Younger and older respondents were somewhat less likely than those age 20-39 to know a place where they could go to be tested for HIV. Never-married women and men who had not yet initiated sexual activity were less likely than their sexually active counterparts or ever-married respondents to know a place to obtain an HIV test. Awareness of a place to obtain an HIV test increased with both education and the wealth quintile and was notably more common among urban than rural residents. Looking at provincial patterns, women from Matabeleland South and Masvingo were least likely to know a place to get tested for HIV while women from Harare were most likely to know about a place where testing was available. Among men, Matabeleland South also had the lowest level of knowledge of a source for testing and Harare the highest level.

Tables 13.10.1 and 13.10.2 also show the coverage of HIV testing services. A larger proportion of men ( 81 percent) than women ( 74 percent) have never been tested. Most of those who have been tested said that they had received the result of the last test they took. Overall, the percentage of those who were ever tested and received the result of the last test was 22 percent among women and 16 percent among men. Seven percent of women and men had been tested in the 12 -month period prior to the survey and were told the result of the last test they took.

Among women, the likelihood of having had an HIV test and receiving the results was highest in the 20-24 year age group while, among men, testing rates peaked in the $25-29$ year age group. Urban residents were more likely than rural residents to have been tested and received the result. Among women, the percentage who were ever tested for HIV and received the result of the last test varied from 14 percent in Midlands to 30 percent in Harare, while, among men, this percentage ranged from 8 percent in Matabeleland South to 25 percent in Bulawayo and Harare. Among both women and men, testing coverage rises markedly with education and wealth.

| Table 13.10.1 Coverage of HIV testing services: women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women by whether tested for HIV and by whether received the results of the last 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage | Percent distribution of women by testing status and whether they received the result of their last test |  |  |  |  | Percentage ever tested | Percentage tested and received results in past 12 months | Number of women |
| Background characteristic | who know where to get an HIV test | Received results |  | Never tested |  | Total |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 72.6 | 20.5 | 3.8 | 75.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 24.3 | 6.8 | 4,104 |
| 15-19 | 65.4 | 12.0 | 2.6 | 85.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 14.7 | 4.8 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 80.6 | 29.8 | 5.0 | 64.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 34.8 | 9.0 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 79.3 | 27.4 | 6.5 | 64.6 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 33.9 | 7.5 | 1,466 |
| 30-39 | 79.0 | 24.5 | 4.1 | 71.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 28.6 | 6.8 | 2,050 |
| 40-49 | 69.1 | 14.9 | 2.5 | 82.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 17.4 | 4.6 | 1,287 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 71.6 | 13.7 | 1.5 | 84.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 15.2 | 6.8 | 2,404 |
| Ever had sex | 79.3 | 26.5 | 2.7 | 69.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 29.2 | 11.3 | 559 |
| Never had sex | 69.2 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 88.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 5.5 | 1,845 |
| Married/living together | 75.8 | 25.2 | 5.5 | 68.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 30.7 | 6.4 | 5,143 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 76.0 | 22.9 | 3.6 | 72.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 26.5 | 7.1 | 1,360 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 88.3 | 28.5 | 3.5 | 67.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 32.0 | 9.9 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 65.9 | 17.4 | 4.5 | 77.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 21.9 | 4.5 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 76.4 | 26.6 | 5.4 | 67.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 31.9 | 8.9 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 69.5 | 19.6 | 3.5 | 76.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 23.1 | 4.9 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 72.0 | 20.2 | 3.8 | 75.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 7.5 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 76.1 | 23.1 | 4.8 | 71.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 27.9 | 4.4 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 66.9 | 18.3 | 4.6 | 76.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 22.9 | 4.8 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 61.5 | 16.9 | 4.5 | 78.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 4.7 | 439 |
| Midlands | 74.4 | 14.0 | 4.2 | 81.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 18.2 | 2.8 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 61.8 | 17.9 | 4.9 | 76.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 4.7 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 89.6 | 29.5 | 3.5 | 66.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 33.0 | 11.2 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 83.3 | 25.5 | 1.6 | 71.4 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 27.2 | 9.5 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 51.2 | 7.8 | 3.7 | 87.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 2.2 | 380 |
| Primary | 60.2 | 14.1 | 4.2 | 80.7 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 3.3 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 83.0 | 25.5 | 4.2 | 69.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 29.7 | 8.1 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 98.5 | 48.0 | 2.7 | 48.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 50.7 | 19.6 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 55.6 | 12.5 | 3.8 | 82.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 16.3 | 3.2 | 1,552 |
| Second | 61.3 | 16.5 | 5.0 | 78.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 3.6 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 73.2 | 19.6 | 4.2 | 75.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 4.8 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 83.1 | 25.4 | 5.2 | 68.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 30.6 | 7.3 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 89.9 | 29.6 | 2.7 | 66.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 32.4 | 11.4 | 2,304 |
| Total 15-49 | 74.7 | 21.7 | 4.1 | 73.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 25.8 | 6.6 | 8,907 |


| Table 13.10.2 Coverage of HIV testing services: men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of men by whether tested for HIV and by whether received the results of the last test, and the percentage of men who received their test results the last time they were tested for HIV in the past 12 months, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percent distribution of men by testing status and whether they received the result of their last test |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage ever tested | Percentage tested and received results in past 12 months | Number of men |
| Background characteristic | who know where to get an HIV test | Received results | Did not receive results | Never tested | Don't know/ missing | Total |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 68.9 | 11.6 | 2.0 | 84.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 5.4 | 3,358 |
| 15-19 | 60.8 | 6.9 | 1.5 | 89.4 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 2.9 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 79.4 | 17.7 | 2.7 | 79.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 8.6 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 82.8 | 22.5 | 2.3 | 74.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 24.8 | 9.8 | 1,082 |
| 30-39 | 80.8 | 20.6 | 2.4 | 76.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 23.0 | 7.3 | 1,545 |
| 40-49 | 73.4 | 19.7 | 2.5 | 77.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 22.1 | 6.6 | 878 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 69.5 | 12.5 | 1.8 | 84.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 6.2 | 3,404 |
| Ever had sex | 77.0 | 17.8 | 2.3 | 79.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 20.1 | 8.6 | 1,611 |
| Never had sex | 62.6 | 7.8 | 1.4 | 88.5 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 3.9 | 1,793 |
| Married/living together | 79.4 | 20.2 | 2.6 | 77.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 6.9 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 76.6 | 20.3 | 2.5 | 76.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 10.0 | 327 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.6 | 23.9 | 2.3 | 73.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 26.2 | 10.3 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 63.3 | 11.3 | 2.2 | 85.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 4.2 | 4,096 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 71.9 | 17.7 | 2.8 | 78.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 6.0 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 73.5 | 12.3 | 2.6 | 83.4 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 14.9 | 4.7 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 72.8 | 15.1 | 2.6 | 80.8 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 5.5 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 76.7 | 15.0 | 2.0 | 82.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 17.0 | 5.3 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 58.8 | 11.6 | 1.0 | 86.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 3.8 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 43.9 | 8.4 | 0.6 | 89.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 2.7 | 306 |
| Midlands | 62.1 | 10.9 | 1.3 | 87.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 5.2 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 75.0 | 15.2 | 3.5 | 80.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 18.7 | 6.4 | 771 |
| Harare | 92.2 | 24.6 | 2.2 | 72.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 26.8 | 10.5 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 89.2 | 24.9 | 2.7 | 72.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 12.6 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 41.9 | 6.4 | 0.9 | 89.4 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 1.8 | 88 |
| Primary | 52.4 | 7.7 | 2.0 | 88.2 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 2.7 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 81.4 | 18.0 | 2.4 | 79.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 20.4 | 7.6 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 98.1 | 38.2 | 1.7 | 60.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 39.9 | 14.8 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 52.4 | 8.7 | 1.7 | 88.5 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 10.4 | 2.8 | 1,042 |
| Second | 63.3 | 10.2 | 2.4 | 85.4 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 4.2 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 65.1 | 11.6 | 2.6 | 84.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 4.8 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 81.7 | 17.8 | 2.6 | 79.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 20.4 | 7.3 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 94.5 | 27.6 | 1.7 | 70.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 29.3 | 11.5 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 74.3 | 16.4 | 2.2 | 80.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 6.7 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | 74.3 | 16.4 | 2.2 | 80.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 6.6 | 7,175 |

Screening for HIV in pregnant women is a key tool in reducing transmission of HIV from a mother to her child. Table 13.11 shows that 46 percent of women who gave birth during the two years prior to the ZDHS received HIV counselling and 28 percent were offered, accepted, and received the result of an HIV test during antenatal care. Just over one-fifth of the women reported they had been both counselled about HIV and offered, accepted, and received the results of an HIV test during antenatal care. Women giving birth during the two years before the survey were most likely to have been counselled and tested for HIV if they had more than a secondary education (48 percent) or lived in Harare (42 percent) or Bulawayo (41 percent). Women were least likely to report receiving the full range of voluntary counselling and testing services during antenatal care if they were in the lowest wealth quintile ( 8 percent) or had no education (9 percent).

Table 13.11 Pregnant women counselled and tested for HIV
Among all 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 percentage who accepted an offer of HIV testing by whether they received their test results, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage who received HIV counselling during antenatal care ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who were offered and accepted an HIV test during antenatal care and who: ${ }^{2}$ |  | Percentage who were counselled, were offered and accepted an HIV test, and who received results | Number of women who gave birth in the past 2 years ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Received results | Did not receive results |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 45.5 | 30.5 | 6.9 | 24.3 | 1,017 |
| 15-19 | 37.1 | 28.8 | 8.3 | 20.2 | 272 |
| 20-24 | 48.6 | 31.1 | 6.4 | 25.7 | 745 |
| 25-29 | 44.8 | 24.1 | 7.1 | 20.8 | 531 |
| 30-39 | 49.5 | 27.3 | 6.9 | 22.5 | 520 |
| 40-49 | 31.5 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 11.9 | 76 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 62.4 | 43.2 | 6.9 | 37.2 | 607 |
| Rural | 39.3 | 21.3 | 7.3 | 16.8 | 1,537 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 58.2 | 30.8 | 10.6 | 26.2 | 283 |
| Mashonaland Central | 56.0 | 32.0 | 6.0 | 28.1 | 226 |
| Mashonaland East | 50.4 | 21.1 | 6.0 | 17.8 | 167 |
| Mashonaland West | 38.5 | 32.5 | 6.2 | 24.5 | 201 |
| Matabeleland North | 35.4 | 20.7 | 6.8 | 14.8 | 147 |
| Matabeleland South | 32.2 | 24.2 | 6.9 | 13.4 | 100 |
| Midlands | 28.7 | 15.3 | 6.6 | 12.5 | 310 |
| Masvingo | 33.5 | 16.6 | 7.8 | 11.6 | 344 |
| Harare | 64.4 | 46.6 | 8.0 | 41.8 | 259 |
| Bulawayo | 69.2 | 45.7 | 2.9 | 41.3 | 108 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 11.4 | 12.3 | 11.5 | 8.6 | 72 |
| Primary | 33.6 | 18.0 | 6.9 | 13.8 | 772 |
| Secondary | 54.2 | 33.3 | 7.1 | 27.7 | 1,249 |
| More than secondary | (74.0) | (51.8) | (7.5) | (48.2) | 51 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 25.4 | 12.4 | 4.8 | 8.2 | 542 |
| Second | 42.0 | 20.1 | 7.7 | 15.8 | 451 |
| Middle | 48.2 | 30.9 | 9.0 | 25.5 | 373 |
| Fourth | 55.2 | 37.9 | 7.2 | 31.8 | 464 |
| Highest | 70.0 | 44.7 | 8.2 | 39.9 | 313 |
| Total | 45.8 | 27.5 | 7.2 | 22.6 | 2,144 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ In this context, "counselled" means that someone talked with the respondent about all three of the following topics:1) babies getting HIV 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

### 13.9 Self-reporting of Sexually Transmitted Infections

In the 2005-06 ZDHS, respondents who had ever had sex were asked if they had had a disease they had gotten through sexual contact in the previous 12 months or if they had had either of two symptoms associated with STIs (a bad-smelling, abnormal discharge from the vagina/penis or a genital sore or ulcer). Table 13.12 shows the self-reported prevalence of STIs and STI symptoms in the
population for both men and women. Women were somewhat more likely than men to report having had an STI or having experienced STI symptoms. Among women, in the 12 months prior to the survey, 4 percent had an STI, 7 percent had a bad-smelling, abnormal discharge; and 5 percent had a genital sore or ulcer. Among men, in the 12 months prior to the survey, 3 percent reported that they had an STI, 4 percent had a bad-smelling, abnormal discharge; and 5 percent had a genital sore or ulcer. Taken together, 11 percent of women and 8 percent of men age 15-49 had either had an STI or symptoms of an STI during the 12-months prior to the survey.

## Table 13.12 Self-reported prevalence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and STI symptoms

Among women and men age 15-49 who ever had sexual intercourse, the percentage reporting having an STI and/or symptoms of an STI in the past 12 months, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  | Number of women who ever had sexual intercourse | Men |  |  |  | Number of men who ever had sexual intercourse |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of women who reported having in the past 12 months: |  |  |  |  | Percentage of men who reported having in the past 12 months: |  |  |  |  |
|  | STI | Badsmelling/ abnormal genital discharge | Genital sore/ ulcer | STI, genital discharge, sore or ulcer |  | STI | Badsmelling/ abnormal genital discharge | Genital sore/ ulcer | STI, genital discharge, sore or ulcer |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 3.2 | 7.1 | 5.0 | 10.8 | 2,320 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 6.2 | 1,636 |
| 15-19 | 3.4 | 6.9 | 3.6 | 9.9 | 691 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 522 |
| 20-24 | 3.2 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 11.2 | 1,630 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 1,114 |
| 25-29 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 11.0 | 1,416 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 5.4 | 8.0 | 1,025 |
| 30-39 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 10.4 | 2,037 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 8.2 | 1,534 |
| 40-49 | 3.8 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 10.0 | 1,286 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 3.9 | 8.0 | 875 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 3.8 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 8.6 | 559 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 5.3 | 1,611 |
| Married or living together | 3.8 | 6.7 | 4.7 | 10.2 | 5,141 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 7.9 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 6.3 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 13.1 | 1,360 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 10.2 | 13.7 | 327 |
| Male circumcision |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Circumcised | na | na | na | na | na | 2.8 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 8.8 | 601 |
| Not circumcised | na | na | na | na | na | 3.3 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 7.3 | 4,456 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.4 | 5.6 | 4.1 | 8.5 | 2,580 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 5.8 | 2,110 |
| Rural | 4.2 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 11.8 | 4,480 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 8.7 | 2,960 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 4.0 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 11.2 | 842 | 4.8 | 8.7 | 10.2 | 14.8 | 526 |
| Mashonaland Central | 3.9 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 12.2 | 705 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 6.9 | 8.9 | 538 |
| Mashonaland East | 4.8 | 9.4 | 5.5 | 12.9 | 596 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 394 |
| Mashonaland West | 3.9 | 7.5 | 3.9 | 10.1 | 698 | 2.9 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 9.2 | 542 |
| Matabeleland North | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 6.2 | 450 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 3.7 | 329 |
| Matabeleland South | 1.6 | 5.5 | 3.0 | 7.2 | 343 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 4.4 | 194 |
| Midlands | 4.8 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 10.8 | 944 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 691 |
| Masvingo | 5.5 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 14.0 | 911 | 4.9 | 3.6 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 554 |
| Harare | 5.0 | 7.8 | 4.5 | 10.5 | 1,082 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 941 |
| Bulawayo | 3.5 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 489 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 362 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 2.8 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 8.5 | 377 | 3.2 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 8.3 | 79 |
| Primary | 5.3 | 8.0 | 6.9 | 13.0 | 2,560 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 6.5 | 9.7 | 1,353 |
| Secondary | 4.0 | 6.3 | 4.7 | 9.7 | 3,890 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 3,280 |
| More than secondary | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 233 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 358 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.8 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 12.8 | 1,343 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 9.8 | 807 |
| Second | 3.6 | 8.8 | 5.1 | 12.1 | 1,263 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 9.5 | 834 |
| Middle | 5.5 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 11.6 | 1,241 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 6.4 | 9.3 | 778 |
| Fourth | 5.8 | 7.7 | 5.7 | 11.9 | 1,635 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 6.6 | 1,481 |
| Highest | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 1,577 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 1,171 |
| Total 15-49 | 4.3 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 10.6 | 7,059 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 7.5 | 5,070 |
| Total 15-54 | na | na | na | na | na | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 7.4 | 5,381 |

[^19]Among both women and men, the prevalence of STIs and STI symptoms was higher among the divorced, separated, or widowed than among those who were married or never-married but sexually active. Rural residents were more likely than urban residents to have had an STI or STI symptoms. Among women, the prevalence of STIs or STI symptoms was highest in Masvingo (14 percent) while, among men, self-reported STI prevalence peaked among Manicaland residents (15 percent).

Six in ten women and men who had an STI or STI symptoms sought advice or treatment from a clinic/hospital/private doctor or other health professional (Figure 13.1). Men were around three times as likely as women to seek treatment from a traditional healer ( 9 percent and 3 percent, respectively). Around one-third of women and one-quarter of men did not seek any treatment when they had an STI or STI symptoms.

Figure 13.1 Source for Treatment or Advice for STI or STI Symptoms


Note: Percentages do not total to 100 because more than one response allowed.
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### 13.10 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 prevent and control HIV/AIDS. To obtain data for this indicator, ZDHS respondents were asked if they had had any injections given by a health worker in the six months preceding the survey, and if so, 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.

Table 13.13 shows the reported prevalence of injections and of safe injection practices. Women were more than twice as likely as men to report receiving an injection from a health worker during the six months prior to the survey (14 percent and 6 percent, respectively). Looking at differentials, injection prevalence was highest among women from Matabeleland South (19 percent) and women with more than a secondary education ( 20 percent). The highest rates among men were observed in the 30-39 year age group (19 percent) and in Manicaland and Mashonaland West (9 percent each).

Table 13.13 Prevalence of injections
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who received at least one medical injection in the last 6 months, the average number of medical injections per person, and, among those who received an injection, the percentage of last medical injections for which the syringe and needle were taken from a new and unopened package for the last injection, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who received a medical injection in the past 6 months | Mean number of medical injections per year | Number of women | For last injection, syringe and needle taken from newly opened package | Number of women receiving injections from a health worker in the past 6 months | Percentage who received a medical injection in the past 6 months | Mean number of medical injections per year | Number of men | For last injection, syringe and needle taken from newly opened package | Number of men receiving injections from a health worker in the past 6 months |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 13.0 | 0.3 | 4,104 | 96.5 | 531 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 3,358 | 94.0 | 172 |
| 15-19 | 10.8 | 0.2 | 2,152 | 96.3 | 232 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 1,899 | 91.8 | 80 |
| 20-24 | 15.3 | 0.3 | 1,952 | 96.7 | 299 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 1,459 | 95.8 | 92 |
| 25-29 | 16.2 | 0.4 | 1,466 | 97.3 | 238 | 5.7 | 0.1 | 1,082 | 81.0 | 62 |
| 30-39 | 16.2 | 0.4 | 2,050 | 95.6 | 332 | 9.0 | 0.3 | 1,545 | 83.6 | 139 |
| 40-49 | 12.1 | 0.3 | 1,287 | 95.4 | 156 | 7.4 | 0.5 | 878 | 95.8 | 65 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.0 | 0.4 | 3,502 | 95.5 | 490 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 2,767 | 91.9 | 208 |
| Rural | 14.2 | 0.3 | 5,405 | 96.8 | 767 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 4,096 | 86.6 | 230 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 13.7 | 0.4 | 1,043 | 95.9 | 143 | 9.3 | 0.4 | 793 | 91.7 | 74 |
| Mashonaland Central | 16.2 | 0.4 | 825 | 95.0 | 133 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 681 | (91.7) | 48 |
| Mashonaland East | 14.9 | 0.3 | 714 | 97.4 | 106 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 570 | * | 17 |
| Mashonaland West | 15.3 | 0.2 | 829 | 93.1 | 127 | 8.5 | 0.3 | 691 | 91.1 | 59 |
| Matabeleland North | 13.6 | 0.3 | 536 | 99.2 | 73 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 416 | * | 13 |
| Matabeleland South | 19.3 | 0.5 | 439 | 92.8 | 85 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 306 | * | 6 |
| Midlands | 12.1 | 0.2 | 1,193 | 99.3 | 145 | 5.0 | 0.2 | 956 | (86.6) | 48 |
| Masvingo | 16.6 | 0.4 | 1,137 | 95.0 | 189 | 8.4 | 0.2 | 771 | 82.0 | 65 |
| Harare | 13.3 | 0.3 | 1,492 | 97.6 | 198 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 1,219 | 90.9 | 83 |
| Bulawayo | 8.4 | 0.2 | 697 | 98.8 | 59 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 460 | (89.1) | 26 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 8.2 | 0.1 | 380 | (89.7) | 31 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 88 | * | 2 |
| Primary | 14.0 | 0.3 | 2,902 | 96.2 | 405 | 7.4 | 0.2 | 1,782 | 80.2 | 131 |
| Secondary | 14.3 | 0.3 | 5,355 | 96.5 | 768 | 6.0 | 0.2 | 4,588 | 93.7 | 274 |
| More than secondary | 19.6 | 0.4 | 270 | (97.9) | 53 | 7.6 | 0.3 | 405 | (85.2) | 31 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.4 | 0.2 | 1,552 | 98.8 | 193 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 1,042 | 75.7 | 56 |
| Second | 14.8 | 0.3 | 1,500 | 96.6 | 222 | 6.3 | 0.2 | 1,137 | 89.3 | 72 |
| Middle | 14.4 | 0.4 | 1,546 | 95.3 | 222 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 1,194 | 92.1 | 50 |
| Fourth | 15.6 | 0.4 | 2,006 | 94.7 | 313 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 1,892 | 91.7 | 140 |
| Highest | 13.4 | 0.3 | 2,304 | 96.9 | 308 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 1,599 | 91.0 | 120 |
| Total 15-49 | 14.1 | 0.3 | 8,907 | 96.3 | 1,257 | 6.4 | 0.2 | 6,863 | 89.1 | 438 |
| Total 15-54 | na | na | na | na | na | 6.4 | 0.2 | 7,175 | 89.1 | 457 |

Note: Medical injections are those given by a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, dentist, or other health worker. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. na $=$ Not applicable

Ninety-six percent of recent injections among women were given with a syringe taken from a newly opened package while, among men, 89 percent reported the syringe used for the last injection they received was taken from a newly opened package. With respect to differentials, nine in ten or more women in all subgroups who had had a medical injection reported that the syringe used for the last injection came from an unopened package. Among men, there was greater variation across subgroups in the indicator. For example, only 76 percent of men in the lowest wealth quintile reported that the syringe used in the last injection came from a newly opened package, which was substantially less than for the population of men as a whole.

### 13.11 HIV/AIDS-related Knowledge and Behaviour among Youth

This section addresses HIV/AIDS-related knowledge among Zimbabwean youth age 15-24 and also assesses the extent to which Zimbabwean youth are engaged in behaviours that may place them at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.

### 13.11.1 Knowledge about HIV/AIDS and Source for Condoms

Knowledge of how HIV is transmitted is crucial to enabling people to avoid HIV, especially for young people, who are often at greater risk because they may have shorter relationships with more partners or engage in other risky behaviours. Table 13.14 shows the level of comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS among youth and the percentage of youth who know about a source for condoms. As discussed earlier in the chapter, comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS is defined as knowing that use of condoms and having just one uninfected faithful partner can reduce the chance of getting HIV, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and rejecting the two most common local misconceptions about HIV transmission.

Table 13.14 shows that less than half of youths have comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS. Among both sexes, the proportion with comprehensive knowledge tends to increase with increasing levels of education and increased wealth and to be higher among urban youth than rural youth. Among both young women and young men, the level of comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS is greatest in Bulawayo.

Although many youth lack comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS, knowledge of a source for condoms is relatively common. Seventy percent of young women and 73 percent of young men know a place where they can obtain a condom. Knowledge of a source for condoms is higher among urban than rural residents, especially among young women. Looking at provincial differentials, around nine in ten young women in Bulawayo know a source for condoms, compared with just half of young women in Manicaland. Among young men, those living in Harare ( 81 percent) are the most likely to know a condom source, while those living in Manicaland (61 percent) are the least likely to know where to go for a condom.

| Percentage of young women and young men age 15-24 with comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS and percentage with knowledge of a source of condoms, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Women 15-24 |  |  | Men 15-24 |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who know a condom source ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who know a condom source ${ }^{2}$ | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 41.4 | 62.5 | 2,152 | 43.5 | 73.5 | 1,899 |
| 15-17 | 39.2 | 56.1 | 1,233 | 41.2 | 69.2 | 1,165 |
| 18-19 | 44.3 | 71.0 | 919 | 47.0 | 80.4 | 734 |
| 20-24 | 46.3 | 78.2 | 1,952 | 48.4 | 73.3 | 1,459 |
| 20-22 | 46.4 | 76.7 | 1,212 | 46.3 | 74.5 | 928 |
| 23-24 | 46.2 | 80.6 | 740 | 51.9 | 71.3 | 531 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 45.5 | 63.9 | 2,195 | 45.7 | 71.8 | 2,988 |
| Ever had sex | 49.9 | 79.9 | 414 | 47.0 | 65.2 | 1,266 |
| Never had sex | 44.5 | 60.1 | 1,781 | 44.7 | 76.7 | 1,722 |
| Ever married | 41.7 | 77.0 | 1,909 | 44.9 | 86.5 | 370 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 49.9 | 75.6 | 1,711 | 51.1 | 76.9 | 1,279 |
| Rural | 39.3 | 65.9 | 2,392 | 42.2 | 71.3 | 2,079 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 47.9 | 50.0 | 457 | 42.2 | 60.9 | 407 |
| Mashonaland Central | 42.7 | 71.5 | 363 | 41.8 | 74.0 | 343 |
| Mashonaland East | 41.4 | 58.9 | 299 | 47.5 | 65.1 | 265 |
| Mashonaland West | 31.2 | 68.2 | 351 | 47.1 | 79.9 | 310 |
| Matabeleland North | 42.0 | 72.6 | 243 | 43.3 | 68.2 | 207 |
| Matabeleland South | 39.6 | 57.6 | 205 | 61.4 | 69.0 | 174 |
| Midlands | 51.2 | 85.3 | 546 | 45.4 | 77.0 | 479 |
| Masvingo | 35.3 | 73.6 | 534 | 43.9 | 78.8 | 392 |
| Harare | 39.9 | 67.3 | 758 | 36.4 | 81.3 | 547 |
| Bulawayo | 67.1 | 87.8 | 348 | 68.0 | 68.4 | 234 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | * | 19 | * | * | 10 |
| Primary | 30.1 | 60.3 | 1,077 | 33.0 | 67.0 | 852 |
| Secondary | 48.5 | 73.2 | 2,947 | 49.4 | 75.9 | 2,400 |
| More than secondary | 59.5 | 91.9 | 60 | 65.1 | 71.1 | 97 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 31.0 | 66.5 | 660 | 37.1 | 72.6 | 498 |
| Second | 38.6 | 66.2 | 679 | 40.6 | 70.3 | 550 |
| Middle | 44.0 | 63.7 | 715 | 42.2 | 70.4 | 710 |
| Fourth | 46.0 | 71.9 | 905 | 51.7 | 74.7 | 828 |
| Highest | 52.1 | 76.6 | 1,146 | 51.2 | 77.5 | 773 |
| Total 15-24 | 43.7 | 70.0 | 4,104 | 45.6 | 73.4 | 3,358 |
| Note: An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Comprehensive knowledge means knowing that use of condoms and having just one uninfected faithful partner can reduce the chance of getting HIV, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and rejecting the two most common local misconceptions about HIV transmission or prevention. The components of comprehensive knowledge are presented in Tables 13.2, 13.3.1, and 13.3.2 <br> ${ }^{2}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 13.11.2 First Sex

Age at first sex for both men and women is an important indicator of exposure to risk of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. Young people who initiate sex at an early age are typically at higher risk of becoming pregnant or contracting an STI than youth who initiate sex later and, thus, have a shorter duration of exposure to these risks. Consistent condom use can reduce these risks.

In Zimbabwe, comparatively few youth initiate sexual activity before age 15, with only 5 percent of women and men in the 15-24 year age group reporting having sex before the age of 15 years (Table 13.15). More than one-third of young women age $18-24$ and more than one-quarter of young men age 1824 indicate that they first had intercourse before their 18th birthday.

## Table 13.15 Age at first sexual intercourse among youth

Percentage of young women and young men age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse before age 15 and percentages of young women and young men age 18-24 who had sexual intercourse before age 18, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women 15-24 |  | Women 18-24 |  | Men 15-24 |  | Men 18-24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before age 15 | Number of women | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before age 18 | Number of women | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before age 15 | Number of men | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before age 18 | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 4.9 | 2,152 | 36.1 | 919 | 5.2 | 1,899 | 31.7 | 734 |
| 15-17 | 4.5 | 1,233 | na | na | 6.2 | 1,165 | na | na |
| 18-19 | 5.5 | 919 | 36.1 | 919 | 3.5 | 734 | 31.7 | 734 |
| 20-24 | 5.8 | 1,952 | 37.0 | 1,952 | 3.6 | 1,459 | 26.2 | 1,459 |
| 20-22 | 6.0 | 1,212 | 36.7 | 1,212 | 3.3 | 928 | 26.3 | 928 |
| 23-24 | 5.4 | 740 | 37.4 | 740 | 4.1 | 531 | 26.0 | 531 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 1.2 | 2,195 | 11.2 | 1,118 | 4.4 | 2,988 | 26.4 | 1,824 |
| Ever married | 10.0 | 1,909 | 53.0 | 1,753 | 5.3 | 370 | 36.1 | 369 |
| Knows condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 5.5 | 2,871 | 37.4 | 2,179 | 4.3 | 2,465 | 27.0 | 1,660 |
| No | 4.8 | 1,232 | 34.4 | 692 | 4.9 | 893 | 31.2 | 534 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.4 | 1,711 | 24.0 | 1,264 | 3.6 | 1,279 | 26.9 | 946 |
| Rural | 7.4 | 2,392 | 46.7 | 1,606 | 5.0 | 2,079 | 28.9 | 1,248 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 5.0 | 457 | 37.0 | 318 | 3.0 | 407 | 22.3 | 231 |
| Mashonaland Central | 14.9 | 363 | 57.1 | 218 | 9.1 | 343 | 33.5 | 237 |
| Mashonaland East | 3.2 | 299 | 36.9 | 219 | 1.0 | 265 | 19.2 | 173 |
| Mashonaland West | 7.6 | 351 | 50.2 | 243 | 5.4 | 310 | 34.5 | 224 |
| Matabeleland North | 7.0 | 243 | 51.6 | 168 | 4.6 | 207 | 40.0 | 127 |
| Matabeleland South | 5.7 | 205 | 47.1 | 126 | 2.6 | 174 | 22.3 | 104 |
| Midlands | 5.7 | 546 | 38.8 | 367 | 4.4 | 479 | 29.4 | 309 |
| Masvingo | 4.3 | 534 | 39.0 | 382 | 4.5 | 392 | 20.8 | 219 |
| Harare | 2.2 | 758 | 21.3 | 582 | 4.0 | 547 | 25.2 | 399 |
| Bulawayo | 1.4 | 348 | 19.3 | 250 | 5.4 | 234 | 36.4 | 170 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | 19 | * | 16 | * | 10 | * | 8 |
| Primary | 12.7 | 1,077 | 62.9 | 700 | 6.7 | 852 | 37.6 | 466 |
| Secondary | 2.6 | 2,947 | 28.5 | 2,096 | 3.7 | 2,400 | 25.6 | 1,626 |
| More than secondary | 0.0 | 60 | 6.2 | 59 | 2.6 | 97 | 22.1 | 94 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.9 | 660 | 58.5 | 461 | 6.8 | 498 | 30.8 | 283 |
| Second | 6.4 | 679 | 50.9 | 456 | 5.6 | 550 | 30.3 | 339 |
| Middle | 7.0 | 715 | 37.4 | 460 | 3.3 | 710 | 27.0 | 398 |
| Fourth | 4.5 | 905 | 35.4 | 654 | 4.4 | 828 | 28.2 | 614 |
| Highest | 1.6 | 1,146 | 17.7 | 840 | 3.3 | 773 | 25.8 | 560 |
| Total 15(18)-24 | 5.3 | 4,104 | 36.7 | 2,871 | 4.5 | 3,358 | 28.0 | 2,193 |

Note: An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
na $=$ Not available
${ }^{1}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms.

As expected, the proportion of youth initiating sex early is higher among ever-married youth than among those who were not yet married at the time of the survey. Rural youth are much more likely than urban youth to have initiated sex before age 15 or age 18 , a pattern that is partly owed to the greater prevalence of earlier marriage among rural than urban residents. Among women, Mashonaland Central had the highest proportions who began to have sex before age 15 and age 18 (15 percent and 57 percent, respectively) and Bulawayo had the lowest proportions (1 percent and 19 percent, respectively). Among men, the proportion initiating sexual intercourse before age 15 was also highest in Mashonaland Central (9 percent) and lowest in Mashonaland East (1 percent), while Matabeleland North had the highest proportion of young men initiating sexual intercourse before age 18 (40 percent) and Mashonaland East the lowest (19 percent). The likelihood of an early sexual debut declines with both education and wealth, especially among young women.

To assess the extent of condom use from the beginning of sexual exposure, sexually active youth were asked whether they had used condoms the first time they had sex. Table 13.16 shows that young men were nearly three times as likely as young women to have used a condom during the first sexual encounter (16 percent and 44 percent, respectively). Never-married young women were almost four times as likely as ever-married young women to have used a condom when they first had sex, while the difference in condom use between ever-married and never-married young men was considerably smaller ( 47 percent among never-married and 33 percent among ever-married). Urban youth were much more likely than rural youth to have used a condom the first time they had sex. Looking at provincial patterns, young women in Bulawayo and young men in Harare had the highest levels of condom use at first sex ( 40 percent and 60 percent, respectively). The likelihood that a condom was used the first time a respondent had sex increased with both educational level and wealth.

### 13.11.3 Premarital Sex

The period between age at first sex and age at marriage is often a time of sexual experimentation. Table 13.17 presents information on the patterns of sexual activity among never-married youth age 15-24 in Zimbabwe including the percentage of never-married youth who have never had sexual intercourse, the percentage who engaged in sexual intercourse in the 12 months before the survey, and, among the recently sexually active, the percentage who used condoms during last sex.

Table 13.17 Premarital sexual intercourse and condom use during premarital sexual intercourse 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 premarital sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage who used a condom at the last sexual intercourse, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Never-married women 15-24 |  |  |  |  | Never-married men 15-24 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who have never had sexual intercourse | Percentage who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months | Number of nevermarried women | Among wom had sex intercours past 12 m Percentage who used condom at last sexual intercourse | men who <br> ual <br> in the onths <br> Number of women | Percentage who have never had sexual intercourse | Percentage who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months | Number of nevermarried men | $\begin{gathered} \hline \begin{array}{c} \text { Among me } \\ \text { had se } \end{array} \\ \text { intercours } \\ \text { past } 12 \mathrm{~m} \\ \hline \text { Percentage } \\ \text { who used } \\ \text { condom at } \\ \text { last sexual } \\ \text { intercourse } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | en who xual in the months <br> Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 88.9 | 8.2 | 1,640 | 40.9 | 134 | 73.0 | 17.5 | 1,886 | 53.8 | 330 |
| 15-17 | 93.1 | 5.1 | 1,077 | 43.4 | 55 | 83.0 | 11.0 | 1,164 | 41.5 | 127 |
| 18-19 | 81.0 | 14.0 | 563 | 39.2 | 79 | 56.9 | 28.0 | 723 | 61.5 | 203 |
| 20-24 | 58.0 | 26.9 | 555 | 39.9 | 149 | 31.3 | 46.2 | 1,101 | 76.0 | 509 |
| 20-22 | 60.9 | 23.9 | 408 | 34.8 | 98 | 35.3 | 43.5 | 774 | 72.1 | 336 |
| 23-24 | 49.9 | 35.4 | 146 | 49.4 | 52 | 21.8 | 52.6 | 327 | 83.7 | 172 |
| Knows condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 76.4 | 16.9 | 1,402 | 46.7 | 237 | 61.5 | 21.5 | 2,145 | 47.3 | 462 |
| No | 89.5 | 5.8 | 793 | 8.1 | 46 | 47.7 | 44.8 | 843 | 91.7 | 377 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 80.3 | 13.8 | 1,098 | 52.0 | 151 | 54.0 | 28.4 | 1,153 | 83.3 | 328 |
| Rural | 82.0 | 12.0 | 1,097 | 27.1 | 132 | 59.9 | 27.8 | 1,835 | 57.0 | 511 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 89.3 | 6.9 | 215 | * | 15 | 69.3 | 21.7 | 372 | 77.8 | 81 |
| Mashonaland Central | 88.9 | 10.1 | 130 | * | 13 | 50.7 | 32.9 | 278 | 79.4 | 91 |
| Mashonaland East | 82.4 | 8.9 | 139 | * | 12 | 68.7 | 18.3 | 242 | (72.2) | 44 |
| Mashonaland West | 83.2 | 9.3 | 157 | * | 15 | 55.2 | 23.7 | 263 | 77.1 | 62 |
| Matabeleland North | 60.3 | 33.8 | 140 | 14.6 | 47 | 46.7 | 45.2 | 182 | 35.9 | 82 |
| Matabeleland South | 61.4 | 26.0 | 150 | 28.5 | 39 | 62.7 | 27.2 | 166 | 65.2 | 45 |
| Midlands | 86.3 | 8.7 | 281 | * | 25 | 59.4 | 25.7 | 431 | 53.0 | 111 |
| Masvingo | 86.9 | 5.4 | 258 | * | 14 | 58.9 | 29.9 | 359 | 47.5 | 108 |
| Harare | 84.3 | 10.3 | 453 | (48.2) | 47 | 54.7 | 24.8 | 476 | 89.1 | 118 |
| Bulawayo | 74.6 | 21.0 | 271 | 54.5 | 57 | 43.4 | 44.1 | 218 | 77.7 | 96 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | * | 7 | * | 2 | * | * | 10 | * | 1 |
| Primary | 81.6 | 13.5 | 415 | 26.5 | 56 | 55.8 | 30.4 | 744 | 44.9 | 226 |
| Secondary | 81.5 | 12.6 | 1,735 | 42.9 | 218 | 59.1 | 26.9 | 2,143 | 74.9 | 577 |
| More than secondary | (67.4) | (19.5) | 39 | * | 8 | 37.5 | 39.1 | 91 | (84.4) | 36 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 77.2 | 16.1 | 264 | (22.6) | 42 | 53.6 | 34.4 | 438 | 35.8 | 151 |
| Second | 82.6 | 11.5 | 283 | (27.3) | 32 | 62.2 | 24.6 | 467 | 51.4 | 115 |
| Middle | 83.9 | 10.3 | 354 | (28.0) | 37 | 62.3 | 25.7 | 650 | 71.3 | 167 |
| Fourth | 79.1 | 14.5 | 448 | 47.1 | 65 | 54.2 | 29.2 | 705 | 76.3 | 206 |
| Highest | 81.7 | 12.6 | 846 | 51.6 | 107 | 56.3 | 27.6 | 728 | 87.2 | 201 |
| Total 15-24 | 81.1 | 12.9 | 2,195 | 40.4 | 283 | 57.6 | 28.1 | 2,988 | 67.3 | 839 |

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

Never-married female youth are much more likely than never-married male youth to report that they have never engaged in sexual intercourse (81 percent and 58 percent, respectively). Among both women and men who have never married, abstinence is very common in the 15-19 year age group. Though the percentage of never-married youth who have never had sex declines rapidly with age, among 23-24 year olds, 50 percent of never-married women and 22 percent of never-married men reported that they had not yet had sexual intercourse.

Considering the pattern of recent sexual activity, 28 percent of never-married male youth reported that they had intercourse during the 12 months prior to the survey, compared with 13 percent of never-married female youth. Among never-married sexually active youth, condom use at last sex was more common among males than females ( 67 percent and 40 percent, respectively).

The largest differentials in Table 13.17 are observed in the percentages of sexually active never-married youth using condoms at last sex. Condom use is much more prevalent among urban than rural youth, and it increases with both the youth's educational level and the wealth quintile. For example, 87 percent of sexually active never-married male youth in the highest wealth quintile used a condom the last time they had sex in the 12 months before the survey, compared with 36 percent in the lowest quintile.

### 13.11.4 Higher-risk Sex

The most common means of transmission of HIV in Zimbabwe is through unprotected sex with an infected person. To prevent HIV transmission, it is important that young people practice safe sex. Tables 13.18.1 and 13.18.2 present data on the percentage of young people who had engaged in sexual intercourse during the 12-month period before the survey with at least one higher-risk partner, i.e., a nonmarital, noncohabiting partner, and the rate of condom use in these higher-risk sexual encounters.

Young men were much more likely than young women to report a recent higher-risk sexual activity ( 78 percent and 16 percent, respectively). This is at least in part due to the fact that young women are more likely than young men to be married or living together with a partner. Among youth who were ever-married, only 4 percent of women reported having a higher-risk sexual encounter, compared with 27 percent of men. The increasing proportion married with age also is a factor in the lower prevalence of higher-risk sex among both young women and men in their early twenties compared with those under age 20. Looking at the other differentials in Tables 13.8 .1 and 13.8.2, higher-risk sex is most prevalent among young women in Matabeleland South (49 percent) and among young men in Matabeleland South and Bulawayo (87 percent each).

Condom use during high-risk sex varied markedly between young women and men; 42 percent of women used a condom the last time they had sex with a high-risk partner, compared with 68 percent of young men. Among both young women and young men, the likelihood of a condom being used during higher-risk intercourse generally increased with education and the wealth quintile and was more common among urban than rural residents.

Table 13.18.1 Higher-risk sexual intercourse among youth and condom use at last higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months: women

Among young women age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage who had higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, 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, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women 15-24 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months |  | Women 15-24 who had higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women | Percentage who reported using a condom at last higher-risk intercourse | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.3 | 609 | 40.7 | 148 |
| 15-17 | 26.0 | 205 | 47.1 | 53 |
| 18-19 | 23.4 | 404 | 37.0 | 95 |
| 20-24 | 13.0 | 1,423 | 43.7 | 185 |
| 20-22 | 14.1 | 830 | 37.8 | 117 |
| 23-24 | 11.6 | 592 | 53.9 | 69 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 91.6 | 283 | 43.8 | 259 |
| Ever married | 4.2 | 1,748 | 37.3 | 74 |
| Knows condom source ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 17.8 | 1,589 | 48.1 | 283 |
| No | 11.3 | 442 | 9.7 | 50 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 25.6 | 705 | 51.2 | 180 |
| Rural | 11.5 | 1,326 | 31.9 | 153 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 8.2 | 226 | * | 18 |
| Mashonaland Central | 8.6 | 234 | * | 20 |
| Mashonaland East | 8.4 | 159 | * | 13 |
| Mashonaland West | 8.8 | 197 | * | 17 |
| Matabeleland North | 29.0 | 142 | (17.4) | 41 |
| Matabeleland South | 48.8 | 90 | 31.0 | 44 |
| Midlands | 11.8 | 270 | (25.6) | 32 |
| Masvingo | 8.3 | 261 | * | 22 |
| Harare | 19.6 | 319 | 49.5 | 63 |
| Bulawayo | 47.7 | 131 | 56.1 | 63 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | 10 | * | 2 |
| Primary | 11.8 | 662 | 26.5 | 78 |
| Secondary | 18.4 | 1,333 | 46.7 | 246 |
| More than secondary | (28.2) | 27 | (65.8) | 8 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 13.2 | 398 | 23.8 | 52 |
| Second | 9.9 | 402 | (36.4) | 40 |
| Middle | 10.9 | 372 | (31.8) | 40 |
| Fourth | 15.7 | 488 | 49.0 | 76 |
| Highest | 33.4 | 371 | 51.5 | 124 |
| Total 15-24 | 16.4 | 2,031 | 42.4 | 333 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was a spouse nor who lived with the respondent
${ }^{2}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms.

| Table 13.18.2 Higher-risk sexual intercourse among youth and condom use at last higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months: men |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among young men age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, the percentage who had higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, 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, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Men 15-24 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months |  | Men 15-24 who had higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who had higher-risk intercourse in the past 12 months $^{1}$ | Number of men | Percentage who reported using a condom at last higher-risk intercourse | Number men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 96.5 | 342 | 54.4 | 330 |
| 15-17 | 100.0 | 129 | 41.5 | 129 |
| 18-19 | 94.4 | 213 | 62.6 | 201 |
| 20-24 | 69.9 | 854 | 75.6 | 597 |
| 20-22 | 76.5 | 484 | 71.1 | 371 |
| 23-24 | 61.2 | 369 | 83.0 | 226 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 98.9 | 839 | 67.8 | 830 |
| Ever married | 27.2 | 356 | 70.0 | 97 |
| Knows condom source ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 69.5 | 770 | 50.7 | 535 |
| No | 92.0 | 426 | 91.7 | 392 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 81.1 | 448 | 84.0 | 363 |
| Rural | 75.3 | 748 | 57.7 | 563 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 76.4 | 117 | 79.3 | 89 |
| Mashonaland Central | 68.3 | 153 | 79.3 | 105 |
| Mashonaland East | 71.5 | 65 | (68.8) | 47 |
| Mashonaland West | 70.9 | 108 | 78.7 | 77 |
| Matabeleland North | 79.7 | 107 | 38.7 | 85 |
| Matabeleland South | 86.9 | 53 | 64.3 | 46 |
| Midlands | 79.0 | 158 | 53.4 | 125 |
| Masvingo | 83.4 | 139 | 46.8 | 116 |
| Harare | 76.6 | 183 | 91.0 | 140 |
| Bulawayo | 86.7 | 112 | 75.4 | 97 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | 1 | * | 1 |
| Primary | 74.5 | 330 | 47.0 | 246 |
| Secondary | 78.2 | 823 | 74.9 | 644 |
| More than secondary | 87.4 | 42 | (87.4) | 36 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 75.2 | 209 | 36.0 | 157 |
| Second | 68.4 | 195 | 52.9 | 133 |
| Middle | 79.9 | 226 | 73.4 | 181 |
| Fourth | 75.4 | 321 | 76.2 | 242 |
| Highest | 87.2 | 246 | 87.1 | 214 |
| Total 15-24 | 77.5 | 1,195 | 68.0 | 927 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was a spouse nor who lived with the respondent <br> ${ }^{2}$ Friends, family members, and home are not considered sources for condoms. |  |  |  |  |

### 13.11.5 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, this can introduce the virus into a younger, uninfected cohort. To investigate this practice, in the 2005-06 ZDHS women age 15-19 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 10 years older or 10 or more years older. The results show that in the year prior to the survey, 5 percent of women age $15-19$ who had higher-risk sex had intercourse with a man 10 or more years older than themselves (not shown in table).

### 13.11.6 Drunkenness during Sexual Intercourse

Sexual intercourse when one or both partners are under the influence of alcohol is more likely than otherwise to be unplanned, and couples are therefore less likely to use condoms. Respondents who had sex during the preceding 12 months were asked if they or their partners drank alcohol the last time they had sex, and if so, whether they or their partners were drunk. Table 13.19 shows the prevalence of sexual intercourse while drunk. Less than 1 percent of female youth and 4 percent of male youth reported that they themselves were drunk at least once when they had intercourse during the 12 months prior to the survey. Five percent of youth reported that they and/or their partner had been drunk when they had intercourse during the year before the survey.

Table 13.19 Drunkenness during sexual intercourse among youth
Among all young women and young men age 15-24, the percentages who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months while being drunk, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women 15-24 |  |  | Men 15-24 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months when drunk | Percentage who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months when drunk or with a partner who was drunk | Number of women | Percentage who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months when drunk | Percentage who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months when drunk or with a partner who was drunk | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 2,152 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1,899 |
| 15-17 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1,233 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1,165 |
| 18-19 | 0.5 | 3.9 | 919 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 734 |
| 20-24 | 0.7 | 6.8 | 1,952 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 1,459 |
| 20-22 | 0.9 | 6.1 | 1,212 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 928 |
| 23-24 | 0.4 | 7.8 | 740 | 10.9 | 11.2 | 531 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 0.3 | 1.3 | 2,195 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 2,988 |
| Ever married | 0.6 | 8.3 | 1,909 | 10.9 | 11.3 | 370 |
| Knows condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 0.7 | 5.3 | 2,871 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 2,465 |
| No | 0.0 | 2.8 | 1,232 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 893 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.7 | 4.5 | 1,711 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 1,279 |
| Rural | 0.3 | 4.6 | 2,392 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 2,079 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 0.0 | 2.9 | 457 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 407 |
| Mashonaland Central | 1.0 | 4.7 | 363 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 343 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.7 | 5.6 | 299 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 265 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.0 | 3.3 | 351 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 310 |
| Matabeleland North | 0.3 | 1.6 | 243 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 207 |
| Matabeleland South | 0.6 | 3.0 | 205 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 174 |
| Midlands | 0.3 | 5.8 | 546 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 479 |
| Masvingo | 0.2 | 7.1 | 534 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 392 |
| Harare | 1.1 | 4.1 | 758 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 547 |
| Bulawayo | 0.2 | 4.8 | 348 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 234 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | * | 19 | * | * | 10 |
| Primary | 0.4 | 6.0 | 1,077 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 852 |
| Secondary | 0.4 | 3.9 | 2,947 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 2,400 |
| More than secondary | 5.5 | 8.3 | 60 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 97 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 6.4 | 660 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 498 |
| Second | 0.4 | 4.4 | 679 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 550 |
| Middle | 0.1 | 3.0 | 715 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 710 |
| Fourth | 0.5 | 5.7 | 905 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 828 |
| Highest | 0.8 | 3.5 | 1,146 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 773 |
| Total 15-24 | 0.5 | 4.5 | 4,104 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3,358 |

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### 13.11.7 Coverage of HIV Testing Services

Seeking an HIV test may be more difficult for youth than adults, because many youth lack experience in accessing health services for themselves and because there are often barriers to youth obtaining services. Table 13.20 presents data on the percentage of sexually active youth being tested and receiving the results within the past year.

Overall, there was very low uptake of HIV testing among men and women in the $15-24$ year age range. Female youth are slightly more likely than male youth to have been tested for HIV and received the results of the test ( 7 percent and 5 percent, respectively). Urban youth, particularly those living in Bulawayo and Harare, youth with more than secondary education, and youth in the highest wealth quintile were more likely than other youth to have had a test and received the results. There is an increase in the percentage of young women and men who got tested for HIV and received the results in the past 12 months with age, education, and wealth.

Table 13.20 Coverage of HIV testing services among youth
Among young women and young 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women 15-24 |  | Men 15-24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who have been tested for HIV and received results in the past 12 months | Number of women | Percentage who have been tested for HIV and received results in the past 12 months | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 4.7 | 2,206 | 2.8 | 1,935 |
| 15-17 | 3.1 | 1,251 | 2.0 | 1,186 |
| 18-19 | 6.8 | 954 | 4.2 | 750 |
| 20-24 | 8.5 | 2,084 | 8.0 | 1,574 |
| 20-22 | 8.4 | 1,286 | 8.1 | 984 |
| 23-24 | 8.6 | 798 | 7.7 | 590 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 6.4 | 2,223 | 5.2 | 3,097 |
| Ever married | 6.6 | 2,067 | 5.0 | 412 |
| Knows condom source ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 7.7 | 3,023 | 5.1 | 2,551 |
| No | 3.6 | 1,267 | 5.2 | 959 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.6 | 1,788 | 8.4 | 1,349 |
| Rural | 3.6 | 2,502 | 3.1 | 2,161 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 8.7 | 471 | 4.4 | 426 |
| Mashonaland Central | 6.0 | 380 | 2.6 | 367 |
| Mashonaland East | 4.8 | 315 | 2.8 | 272 |
| Mashonaland West | 3.2 | 362 | 4.0 | 316 |
| Matabeleland North | 5.6 | 247 | 2.3 | 211 |
| Matabeleland South | 4.2 | 211 | 2.2 | 175 |
| Midlands | 2.5 | 577 | 4.4 | 498 |
| Masvingo | 4.8 | 572 | 5.4 | 413 |
| Harare | 10.8 | 789 | 8.4 | 583 |
| Bulawayo | 11.0 | 364 | 12.2 | 248 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | * | 21 | * | 10 |
| Primary | 1.7 | 1,142 | 1.6 | 882 |
| Secondary | 7.9 | 3,062 | 5.8 | 2,514 |
| More than secondary | 26.5 | 65 | 20.0 | 104 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.1 | 702 | 1.7 | 518 |
| Second | 4.1 | 708 | 3.0 | 561 |
| Middle | 3.2 | 737 | 3.3 | 749 |
| Fourth | 6.7 | 956 | 5.3 | 880 |
| Highest | 11.9 | 1,186 | 10.4 | 802 |
| Total 15-24 | 6.5 | 4,290 | 5.1 | 3,510 |

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

Much of the current information on national HIV prevalence in Zimbabwe derives from surveillance of HIV in special populations, such as women attending antenatal clinics, individuals enrolled in research studies and youth. However, these surveillance data results do not provide an estimate of the HIV prevalence among the general population. It was therefore decided to test a representative sample of women age 15-49 years and men 15-54 years in the 2005-06 ZDHS. The methodology used in conducting HIV testing as part of the ZDHS survey is described in detail in the first chapter of the report. This chapter addresses the results of the testing and provides information on the coverage rates of HIV testing among eligible survey respondents. The chapter then discusses levels and differentials in HIV prevalence among those who were tested.

### 14.1 Coverage Rates for the HiV Testing

Table 14.1 shows the distribution of women age 15-49 years and men 15-54 years eligible for HIV testing by the outcome of the testing. Overall, a test result was obtained for 70 percent of all ZDHS respondents who were eligible for testing. Coverage rates were higher for women than for men (76 percent and 63 percent, respectively). Among all respondents who were eligible for testing, nonresponse was nearly evenly divided between those who refused consent ( 15 percent) and those who were absent during the ZDHS survey visits (14 percent). Among women, refusals were a somewhat larger component of the nonresponse than absence, while the opposite pattern was observed among men.

Coverage of HIV testing was higher in rural areas (78 percent) than in urban areas (58 percent). Considering provincial patterns, coverage rates varied from 55 percent among all eligible respondents in Harare to 87 percent in Midlands. Respondents from Harare (46 percent for men and 62 percent for women) had the lowest coverage rate, while women from Midlands had the highest rate ( 52 percent and 91 percent).

Table 14.2 shows generally uniform coverage rates for HIV testing across all age groups among women. Age differentials in testing coverage were greater among men, with men age 15-19 (71 percent) being markedly more likely than older men to have a test result. Among older men, the highest coverage was in the 40-44 year age group ( 64 percent) and the lowest was in the $35-39$ year age group (58 percent).

Among both women and men, coverage levels were lowest among those who had no education and those with higher than a secondary education. Both women and men in the two highest wealth quintiles had lower coverage rates than those in the three lowest wealth quintiles.

Additional tables describing the relationship between participation in the HIV testing and characteristics related to HIV risk are presented in Appendix A (see Tables A.3-A.6). Overall, the results in those tables do not show a systematic relationship between participation in the test and variables associated with higher risk of HIV infection.

Table 14.1 Coverage of HIV testing by residence and province
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 and men age 15-54 eligible for HIV testing by testing status, according to residence and province (unweighted), Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | $\begin{gathered} \text { DBS } \\ \text { tested }^{1} \end{gathered}$ | Refused to provide blood | Other ${ }^{2}$ | Respondent not interviewed | Total | Number of respondents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 65.1 | 18.8 | 1.2 | 14.9 | 100.0 | 3,763 |
| Rural | 82.6 | 9.8 | 1.0 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 6,107 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 77.8 | 14.4 | 1.5 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 1,108 |
| Mashonaland Central | 72.2 | 20.2 | 0.6 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 807 |
| Mashonaland East | 80.7 | 6.8 | 1.9 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 778 |
| Mashonaland West | 74.4 | 13.6 | 0.2 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 880 |
| Matabeleland North | 80.5 | 12.7 | 1.7 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 708 |
| Matabeleland South | 76.1 | 13.3 | 0.9 | 9.7 | 100.0 | 698 |
| Midlands | 90.6 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 1,185 |
| Masvingo | 83.9 | 9.0 | 0.9 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 1,039 |
| Harare | 62.2 | 19.0 | 1.7 | 17.1 | 100.0 | 1,683 |
| Bulawayo | 68.3 | 16.6 | 1.0 | 14.1 | 100.0 | 984 |
| Total | 75.9 | 13.2 | 1.1 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 9,870 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 49.4 | 21.7 | 0.8 | 28.1 | 100.0 | 3,421 |
| Rural | 72.4 | 14.6 | 1.3 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 5,340 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 69.2 | 15.1 | 0.8 | 15.0 | 100.0 | 929 |
| Mashonaland Central | 58.8 | 27.6 | 3.2 | 10.3 | 100.0 | 804 |
| Mashonaland East | 71.0 | 11.1 | 1.4 | 16.5 | 100.0 | 692 |
| Mashonaland West | 67.7 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 19.5 | 100.0 | 830 |
| Matabeleland North | 67.8 | 20.5 | 1.5 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 609 |
| Matabeleland South | 56.3 | 25.2 | 0.4 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 567 |
| Midlands | 82.0 | 6.6 | 0.2 | 11.2 | 100.0 | 1,077 |
| Masvingo | 71.1 | 18.9 | 1.2 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 852 |
| Harare | 46.4 | 19.5 | 0.8 | 33.3 | 100.0 | 1,547 |
| Bulawayo | 52.3 | 21.5 | 1.1 | 25.1 | 100.0 | 854 |
| Total | 63.4 | 17.4 | 1.1 | 18.1 | 100.0 | 8,761 |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 57.6 | 20.2 | 1.0 | 21.2 | 100.0 | 7,184 |
| Rural | 77.8 | 12.1 | 1.1 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 11,447 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 73.9 | 14.7 | 1.2 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 2,037 |
| Mashonaland Central | 65.5 | 23.9 | 1.9 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 1,611 |
| Mashonaland East | 76.1 | 8.8 | 1.7 | 13.3 | 100.0 | 1,470 |
| Mashonaland West | 71.2 | 12.8 | 0.5 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 1,710 |
| Matabeleland North | 74.6 | 16.3 | 1.6 | 7.4 | 100.0 | 1,317 |
| Matabeleland South | 67.2 | 18.7 | 0.6 | 13.5 | 100.0 | 1,265 |
| Midlands | 86.5 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 2,262 |
| Masvingo | 78.2 | 13.4 | 1.0 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 1,891 |
| Harare | 54.6 | 19.2 | 1.2 | 24.9 | 100.0 | 3,230 |
| Bulawayo | 60.9 | 18.9 | 1.0 | 19.2 | 100.0 | 1,838 |
| Total | 70.0 | 15.2 | 1.1 | 13.7 | 100.0 | 18,631 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes all dried blood spot (DBS) samples tested at the lab and for which there is a result, i.e., positive, negative, or indeterminate. Indeterminate means that the sample went through the entire algorithm, but the final result was inconclusive.
${ }^{2}$ Includes: 1) specimens not collected due to technical problem in the field), 2) lost specimens, 3) specimens with bar code identification numbers that could not be matched to respondents, and 4) specimens not tested in the laboratory for technical reasons.

| Table 14.2 Coverage of HIV testing by selected background characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women age 15-49 and men age 15-54 eligible for HIV testing by testing status, according to selected background characteristics (unweighted), Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{gathered} \text { DBS } \\ \text { tested }{ }^{1} \end{gathered}$ | Refused to provide blood | Other ${ }^{2}$ | Respondent not interviewed | Total | Number of respondents |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 76.5 | 13.1 | 1.0 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 2,350 |
| 20-24 | 74.8 | 14.5 | 0.8 | 9.9 | 100.0 | 2,157 |
| 25-29 | 76.2 | 12.3 | 1.2 | 10.3 | 100.0 | 1,605 |
| 30-34 | 76.3 | 13.6 | 1.1 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 1,331 |
| 35-39 | 75.4 | 12.4 | 0.9 | 11.1 | 100.0 | 948 |
| 40-44 | 76.2 | 14.4 | 1.0 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 785 |
| 45-49 | 76.4 | 10.8 | 2.0 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 694 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 74.7 | 11.0 | 1.6 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 435 |
| Primary | 79.2 | 12.3 | 1.0 | 7.5 | 100.0 | 3,212 |
| Secondary | 75.2 | 13.5 | 1.0 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 5,899 |
| More than secondary | 60.1 | 20.3 | 1.6 | 18.0 | 100.0 | 316 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 82.2 | 10.1 | 1.0 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 1,741 |
| Second | 83.8 | 9.4 | 1.2 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 1,710 |
| Middle | 82.4 | 9.3 | 0.9 | 7.4 | 100.0 | 1,747 |
| Fourth | 73.7 | 14.9 | 0.8 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 2,129 |
| Highest | 63.7 | 19.3 | 1.4 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 2,543 |
| Total | 75.9 | 13.2 | 1.1 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 9,870 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 71.4 | 14.8 | 1.0 | 12.7 | 100.0 | 2,266 |
| 20-24 | 62.8 | 18.1 | 1.1 | 18.0 | 100.0 | 1,751 |
| 25-29 | 59.5 | 19.4 | 0.6 | 20.5 | 100.0 | 1,300 |
| 30-34 | 58.7 | 19.0 | 0.9 | 21.5 | 100.0 | 1,118 |
| 35-39 | 57.8 | 18.7 | 1.3 | 22.2 | 100.0 | 829 |
| 40-44 | 63.5 | 17.6 | 1.1 | 17.8 | 100.0 | 550 |
| 45-49 | 62.5 | 16.7 | 1.5 | 19.3 | 100.0 | 528 |
| 50-54 | 59.4 | 16.0 | 2.4 | 22.2 | 100.0 | 419 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 45.0 | 14.1 | 5.8 | 35.1 | 100.0 | 191 |
| Primary | 69.7 | 15.5 | 1.2 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 2,446 |
| Secondary | 62.8 | 17.5 | 0.9 | 18.8 | 100.0 | 5,591 |
| More than secondary | 48.1 | 26.6 | 0.8 | 24.5 | 100.0 | 526 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 72.7 | 13.7 | 1.3 | 12.2 | 100.0 | 1,415 |
| Second | 73.4 | 13.6 | 1.7 | 11.3 | 100.0 | 1,532 |
| Middle | 71.7 | 14.8 | 0.7 | 12.8 | 100.0 | 1,505 |
| Fourth | 59.6 | 19.9 | 1.0 | 19.5 | 100.0 | 2,229 |
| Highest | 47.8 | 21.9 | 0.8 | 29.5 | 100.0 | 2,080 |
| Total | 63.4 | 17.4 | 1.1 | 18.1 | 100.0 | 8,761 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes all dried blood spot (DBS) samples tested at the lab and for which there is a result, i.e., positive, negative, or indeterminate. Indeterminate means that the sample went through the entire algorithm, but the final result was inconclusive.
${ }^{2}$ Includes: 1) specimens not collected due to technical problem in the field), 2) lost specimens, 3) specimens with bar code identification numbers that could not be matched to respondents, and 4) specimens not tested in the laboratory for technical reasons.

### 14.2 HIV Prevalence

### 14.2.1 HIV Prevalence by Age and Sex

The adult HIV prevalence observed in the 2005-06 ZDHS is 18 percent (Table 14.3). Among women age 15-49, the HIV rate was 21 percent, compared with 15 percent among men age 15-49. Using data from antenatal clinic surveillance and mathematical modelling, the estimated adult prevalence of HIV was 20.1 percent in 2005.

Table 14.3 HIV prevalence by age
Percentage HIV positive among women age 15-49 and men age 15-54 who were tested, by age,
Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Age | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number |
| 15-19 | 6.2 | 1,682 | 3.1 | 1,692 | 4.6 | 3,374 |
| 20-24 | 16.3 | 1,518 | 5.8 | 1,247 | 11.6 | 2,766 |
| 25-29 | 28.8 | 1,149 | 13.1 | 907 | 21.8 | 2,056 |
| 30-34 | 35.5 | 956 | 29.5 | 716 | 32.9 | 1,672 |
| 35-39 | 34.5 | 656 | 32.1 | 546 | 33.4 | 1,201 |
| 40-44 | 25.7 | 529 | 32.9 | 404 | 28.9 | 934 |
| 45-49 | 18.0 | 458 | 26.0 | 335 | 21.4 | 793 |
| 50-54 | na | na | 20.0 | 253 | 20.0 | 253 |
| Total age 15-49 | 21.1 | 6,947 | 14.5 | 5,848 | 18.1 | 12,796 |
| Total age 15-54 | na | na | 14.8 | 6,102 | na | na |

na $=$ Not applicable

Figure 14.1 describes the age pattern of HIV prevalence for women and men. Among women, HIV prevalence peaks at 36 percent in the 30-34 year age group, which is six times the rate among women 15-19 and around twice the rate observed among women age 45-49. HIV prevalence increases from 3 percent among men in the 15-19 year age group to 33 percent in the $40-44$ year age range, and then decreases to 20 percent among men age 50-54.

Figure 14.1 HIV Prevalence by Age and Sex


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### 14.2.2 HIV Prevalence by Other Socioeconomic Characteristics

Table 14.4 shows the variation in HIV prevalence with a number of socioeconomic characteristics. HIV prevalence is similar in urban and rural areas (19 percent and 18 percent, respectively). In general, the differentials by province also are not extremely large. Matabeleland South had the highest prevalence rate (21 percent), followed closely by Manicaland (20 percent). Masvingo ( 15 percent) and Midlands (16 percent) had the lowest prevalence.

Among men, HIV prevalence declined as the educational level increased, from 23 percent among those with no education to 13 percent among those with more than a secondary education. Among women, HIV prevalence does not vary in a consistent fashion, with the lowest rate found among those with more than a secondary education (16 percent) and the highest among those with a primary education (22 percent).

HIV prevalence is higher among individuals who are employed (20 percent) than among those not employed ( 16 percent). The differential is particularly large among men, with men who are employed more than twice as likely to be HIV positive as unemployed men (17 percent and 8 percent, respectively).

Among women, HIV prevalence increases from 18 percent in the lowest wealth quintile to a peak of 27 percent in the fourth quintile before falling back to 17 percent. Among men, the variation in HIV prevalence by the wealth quintile does not exhibit a clear pattern, with the lowest rate found in the middle quintile (12 percent) and the highest observed in the fourth quintile (17 percent).

Women and men who say they do not practice any religion (21 percent) have the highest HIV prevalence, while the small number of Muslims have the lowest rate ( 15 percent).

Table 14.4 HIV prevalence by socioeconomic characteristics
Percentage HIV positive among interviewed women and men age 15-49 who were tested, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 21.6 | 2,670 | 15.7 | 2,319 | 18.9 | 4,990 |
| Rural | 20.8 | 4,277 | 13.8 | 3,529 | 17.6 | 7,806 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 22.3 | 823 | 16.6 | 693 | 19.7 | 1,516 |
| Mashonaland Central | 22.9 | 665 | 13.8 | 617 | 18.5 | 1,282 |
| Mashonaland East | 21.3 | 560 | 14.4 | 488 | 18.0 | 1,048 |
| Mashonaland West | 22.5 | 666 | 15.4 | 604 | 19.1 | 1,270 |
| Matabeleland North | 22.8 | 421 | 14.4 | 349 | 19.0 | 770 |
| Matabeleland South | 24.6 | 345 | 15.6 | 259 | 20.8 | 604 |
| Midlands | 20.1 | 935 | 11.5 | 809 | 16.1 | 1,744 |
| Masvingo | 17.3 | 898 | 12.1 | 654 | 15.1 | 1,552 |
| Harare | 21.1 | 1,169 | 17.3 | 1,052 | 19.3 | 2,221 |
| Bulawayo | 19.6 | 466 | 12.8 | 324 | 16.8 | 789 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 20.0 | 301 | 23.4 | 61 | 20.6 | 362 |
| Primary | 22.4 | 2,263 | 15.0 | 1,550 | 19.4 | 3,813 |
| Secondary | 20.7 | 4,194 | 14.3 | 3,936 | 17.6 | 8,131 |
| More than secondary | 15.8 | 189 | 12.8 | 302 | 14.0 | 490 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 18.9 | 3,949 | 8.3 | 1,785 | 15.6 | 5,733 |
| Employed | 24.0 | 2,994 | 17.3 | 4,048 | 20.2 | 7,042 |
| Missing | * | 4 | * | 16 | * | 21 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.7 | 1,223 | 13.4 | 898 | 15.9 | 2,121 |
| Second | 21.1 | 1,183 | 15.1 | 997 | 18.4 | 2,180 |
| Middle | 22.7 | 1,240 | 12.2 | 1,041 | 17.9 | 2,281 |
| Fourth | 26.8 | 1,579 | 17.1 | 1,618 | 21.9 | 3,197 |
| Highest | 17.1 | 1,722 | 13.5 | 1,296 | 15.6 | 3,018 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Roman Catholic | 20.1 | 725 | 18.1 | 599 | 19.2 | 1,324 |
| Protestant | 19.5 | 1,767 | 10.6 | 1,001 | 16.3 | 2,769 |
| Pentecostal | 20.6 | 1,228 | 10.4 | 762 | 16.7 | 1,991 |
| Apostolic Sect | 21.3 | 2,086 | 12.8 | 1,305 | 18.0 | 3,391 |
| Other Christian | 22.9 | 389 | 12.2 | 213 | 19.1 | 602 |
| Muslim | (20.1) | 44 | (11.9) | 65 | 15.2 | 109 |
| Traditional | 13.9 | 150 | 21.2 | 441 | 19.3 | 591 |
| Other | * | 13 | * | 9 | * | 22 |
| None | 28.5 | 546 | 18.0 | 1,452 | 20.9 | 1,998 |
| Total | 21.1 | 6,947 | 14.5 | 5,848 | 18.1 | 12,796 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

### 14.2.3 HIV Prevalence by Other Sociodemographic and Health Characteristics

Table 14.5 shows that marital status and HIV prevalence are related, with the highest infection rates among widows ( 58 percent) and widowers ( 67 percent). More than one-third of women and of men who were divorced or separated were HIV positive, compared with around one-fifth of those who were currently married or living with a partner. Among never-married women who reported that they were ever sexually active, 23 percent were HIV positive compared with 6 percent among sexually active, nevermarried men. A sizeable proportion (3 percent) of respondents who said they had never had sex were HIV positive, indicating that some women and men failed to report sexual activity or that there is some degree of nonsexual transmission of HIV, e.g., through blood transfusions or unsterile injections.

Table 14.5 HIV prevalence by demographic characteristics
Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-49 who were tested, by demographic characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Demographic characteristic | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 8.4 | 1,846 | 4.3 | 2,976 | 5.9 | 4,822 |
| Ever had sex | 23.2 | 431 | 6.2 | 1,399 | 10.2 | 1,830 |
| Never had sex | 3.9 | 1,415 | 2.7 | 1,577 | 3.2 | 2,992 |
| Married/living together | 20.2 | 4,027 | 23.1 | 2,593 | 21.4 | 6,620 |
| Divorced or separated | 35.8 | 559 | 35.5 | 205 | 35.7 | 764 |
| Widowed | 57.7 | 515 | 66.7 | 75 | 58.8 | 590 |
| Type of union |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In polygynous union | 24.3 | 439 | 33.7 | 108 | 26.2 | 547 |
| Not in polygynous union | 19.3 | 3,402 | 22.7 | 2,479 | 20.7 | 5,881 |
| Not currently in union | 22.3 | 2,921 | 7.7 | 3,255 | 14.6 | 6,175 |
| Don't know/missing | 27.6 | 185 | * | 7 | 26.8 | 192 |
| Times slept away from home in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 20.1 | 2,952 | 14.4 | 2,638 | 17.4 | 5,591 |
| 1-2 | 21.8 | 2,226 | 11.2 | 1,269 | 18.0 | 3,494 |
| 3-4 | 21.4 | 843 | 14.6 | 649 | 18.5 | 1,492 |
| 5+ | 22.7 | 905 | 18.1 | 1,198 | 20.1 | 2,103 |
| Missing | (7.0) | 21 | 16.4 | 94 | 14.6 | 115 |
| Time away in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Away for more than 1 month | 20.2 | 1,564 | 15.5 | 1,118 | 18.3 | 2,682 |
| Away for less than 1 month | 23.2 | 2,370 | 14.3 | 2,051 | 19.1 | 4,421 |
| Not away | 20.1 | 2,952 | 14.4 | 2,638 | 17.4 | 5,591 |
| Missing | 12.2 | 61 | (4.6) | 41 | 9.1 | 102 |
| Currently pregnant |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant | 17.5 | 474 | na | na | na | na |
| Not pregnant or not sure | 21.4 | 6,473 | na | na | na | na |
| ANC for last birth in the past 3 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ANC in a public health facility | 20.5 | 2,123 | na | na | na | na |
| ANC but not in a public health facility | 19.2 | 222 | na | na | na | na |
| No ANC/no birth in past 3 years | 21.5 | 4,602 | na | na | na | na |
| Total | 21.1 | 6,947 | 14.5 | 5,848 | 18.1 | 12,796 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
na $=$ Not applicable

Women and men in polygynous unions were more likely to be HIV positive than those not in a polygynous union.

The likelihood of HIV infection generally increased, although only modestly among women, with the number of times an individual slept away from home in the 12-month period before the survey. HIV prevalence was slightly higher among men who had spent more than one month away in the 12 -month period compared with men who had been away for a shorter period or not away at all. Among women, HIV prevalence was highest among those who were away for less than one month.

Women who were pregnant at the time of the survey had a slightly lower HIV infection rate than those who were not pregnant or who were unsure of their pregnancy status (18 percent and 21 percent, respectively). HIV prevalence did not vary greatly according to whether or not a woman had received antenatal care during the three-year period prior to the survey, with the highest level found among those who had no ANC or did not give birth in the period (22 percent).

### 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. Nor is it possible to know the sequence of events, e.g., whether any reported condom use occurred before or after HIV transmission.

Table 14.6 shows only a very modest and inconsistent variation in the level of HIV infection with the age at first sexual intercourse among women. However, there is a marked increase in the infection rate with increasing age at sexual debut among men who initiated sexual intercourse before age 20.

ZDHS 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 higher-risk intercourse is related to HIV prevalence levels among women but not men. Ever sexually active women who had a higher-risk sexual partner in the 12 -month period before the survey were almost twice as likely to be HIV-infected as those who were sexually active but did not have sex with a higher-risk partner.

HIV prevalence tended to increase with the number of sexual partners and with the number of higher-risk partners among the small number of women who reported more than one partner in the 12 -month period before the survey. The opposite pattern was true among men. For both women and men, however, there was a marked increase in the likelihood of being HIV infected with an increasing number of lifetime partners. For example, 7 percent of men who had had only one sexual partner in their lifetime were HIV positive compared with 31 percent of men with 10 or more lifetime sexual partners

Table 14.6 also shows that ever use of condoms was related to a higher risk of HIV infection among both women and men. A similar relationship was observed among women with respect to condom use with any sexual partner and with a higher-risk partner during the 12 -month period before the survey. Among men, the relationship between recent condom use and HIV risk was less consistent. Men who used a condom at last sex during the 12 -month period before the survey with any sexual partner regardless of the partner's risk status were less likely to be infected than men who did not use a condom (15 percent and 21 percent, respectively). Men who used a condom in the last intercourse with a higherrisk partner were, however, only slightly more likely to be HIV-infected than men who did not use a condom (13 percent and 12 percent, respectively). Among men involved in a paid sexual encounter during the period, those who used a condom had a lower HIV infection rate than those who did not use a condom (10 percent and 19 percent, respectively).

## Table 14.6 HIV prevalence by sexual behaviour

Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-49 who ever had sex and were tested for HIV, by sexual behaviour characteristic, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Sexual behaviour characteristic | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number |
| Age at first sexual intercourse |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <16 | 26.9 | 1,078 | 16.4 | 554 | 23.3 | 1,633 |
| 16-17 | 25.0 | 1,504 | 18.2 | 826 | 22.6 | 2,330 |
| 18-19 | 25.9 | 1,474 | 20.4 | 1,120 | 23.5 | 2,593 |
| 20+ | 24.7 | 1,220 | 18.9 | 1,722 | 21.3 | 2,942 |
| Missing | 25.8 | 248 | (30.4) | 34 | 26.4 | 282 |
| Higher-risk intercourse in past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had higher-risk intercourse | 38.7 | 537 | 12.4 | 1,362 | 19.8 | 1,899 |
| Had sexual intercourse, not higher risk | 20.6 | 4,088 | 23.9 | 2,310 | 21.8 | 6,398 |
| No sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 40.2 | 900 | 14.3 | 584 | 30.0 | 1,484 |
| Number of sexual partners in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 40.2 | 897 | 14.3 | 584 | 30.0 | 1,480 |
| 1 | 22.3 | 4,561 | 20.5 | 3,113 | 21.6 | 7,674 |
| 2 | 54.3 | 58 | 15.2 | 470 | 19.5 | 528 |
| $3+$ | * | 6 | 14.8 | 81 | 14.4 | 87 |
| Number of higher-risk partners in past 12 months ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 24.1 | 4,988 | 21.9 | 2,883 | 23.3 | 7,870 |
| 1 | 37.6 | 501 | 13.7 | 1,064 | 21.3 | 1,565 |
| 2 | (60.6) | 32 | 8.2 | 222 | 14.8 | 255 |
| $3+$ | * | 4 | 10.7 | 87 | 10.8 | 91 |
| Condom use |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever used a condom | 32.1 | 1,441 | 20.9 | 2,920 | 24.6 | 4,361 |
| Never used a condom | 23.1 | 4,057 | 14.6 | 1,327 | 21.0 | 5,384 |
| Missing | (47.3) | 27 | * | 8 | (38.6) | 35 |
| Condom use at last sexual intercourse in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | 39.1 | 375 | 15.1 | 977 | 21.7 | 1,352 |
| Did not use condom | 21.3 | 4,250 | 21.3 | 2,694 | 21.3 | 6,944 |
| No sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 40.2 | 900 | 14.3 | 584 | 30.0 | 1,484 |
| Condom use at last higher-risk intercourse in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | 39.9 | 234 | 12.9 | 986 | 18.1 | 1,220 |
| Did not use condom | 37.9 | 303 | 11.8 | 387 | 23.2 | 691 |
| No higher-risk intercourse/no sexual intercourse past 12 months | 24.1 | 4,988 | 21.9 | 2,883 | 23.3 | 7,870 |
| Number of lifetime partners |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 18.1 | 3,612 | 6.6 | 757 | 16.1 | 4,369 |
| 2 | 37.1 | 1,201 | 14.8 | 778 | 28.3 | 1,979 |
| 3-4 | 42.2 | 567 | 20.3 | 1,160 | 27.5 | 1,727 |
| 5-9 | 43.9 | 106 | 22.1 | 931 | 24.3 | 1,037 |
| 10+ | * | 20 | 31.1 | 552 | 32.5 | 572 |
| Missing | * | 19 | 34.8 | 78 | 39.5 | 97 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months $^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paid for sexual intercourse | na | na | 12.5 | 209 | na | na |
| Used condom | na | na | 10.2 | 152 | na | na |
| Did not use condom | na | na | (18.6) | 58 | na | na |
| No paid sex/no sexual intercourse in past 12 months | na | na | 19.2 | 4,046 | na | na |
| Total | 25.6 | 5,525 | 18.9 | 4,256 | 22.7 | 9,780 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. The total includes 12 cases for which information is missing on the number of sexual partners in the past 12 months and 1 case where information is missing on condom use at last sex in the past 12 months.
na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was a spouse nor who lived with the respondent
${ }^{2}$ A partner who neither was a spouse nor who lived with the respondent, among the last three partners in the past 12 months
${ }^{3}$ Includes men who report having a prostitute for at least one of their last three sexual partners in the past 12 months

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 other factors, such as age, martial status, and residence, 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 much higher rates of HIV infection than those with no history or symptoms.

Table 14.7 HIV prevalence by other characteristics
Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-49 who ever had sex and who were tested for HIV, by whether they had an STI in the past 12 months and by prior testing for HIV, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Characteristic | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage <br> HIV positive | Number |
| Sexually transmitted infection in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had STI or STI symptoms | 39.7 | 627 | 32.4 | 342 | 37.2 | 970 |
| No STI, no symptoms | 23.7 | 4,866 | 17.7 | 3,902 | 21.1 | 8,768 |
| Don't know/missing | (23.5) | 31 | * | 12 | (23.1) | 43 |
| Prior HIV testing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever tested | 26.1 | 1,674 | 20.0 | 913 | 23.9 | 2,587 |
| Received result of last test | 27.2 | 1,402 | 20.1 | 798 | 24.6 | 2,201 |
| Did not receive result of last test | 20.8 | 272 | 18.9 | 114 | 20.2 | 387 |
| Never tested | 25.4 | 3,805 | 18.7 | 3,335 | 22.3 | 7,140 |
| Missing | (17.9) | 45 | * | 8 | 15.3 | 53 |
| Total | 25.6 | 5,525 | 18.9 | 4,256 | 22.7 | 9,780 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

The table also shows that individuals who had been tested for HIV were only slightly more likely to be HIV positive than those who had never been tested. Among those who have been tested, the HIV infection rate was higher for those who reported getting their result from the last test than for those who said they did not receive the result.

Table 14.8 provides further information about the relationship between prior HIV testing and the actual HIV status of respondents. The results show that the majority of individuals who are HIV positive have not been tested and do not know their status. Seventy-six percent of infected respondents ( 73 percent of infected women and 81 percent of infected men) do not know their HIV status, either because they never had an HIV test or because they were tested but did not receive the result of the test.

| Table 14.8 Prior HIV testing by HIV status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women and men age 15-49 who tested HIV positive and who tested HIV negative, by HIV testing status prior to the survey, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women |  | Men |  | Total |  |
| HIV testing prior to the survey | HIV positive | HIV negative | HIV positive | HIV negative | HIV positive | HIV negative |
| Previously tested, received result of last test | 26.3 | 21.0 | 19.3 | 15.2 | 23.7 | 18.2 |
| Previously tested, did not receive result of last test | 4.1 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| Not previously tested | 69.0 | 74.0 | 78.2 | 81.8 | 72.4 | 77.7 |
| Missing | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of respondents | 1,467 | 5,480 | 850 | 4,999 | 2,317 | 10,479 |

### 14.3 HIV Prevalence among Young People

The 15-24 year age range is an important group for monitoring reduction of HIV incidence in the population as specified in the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on HIV and AIDS whose principal objective is to decrease the infection rate in men and women age 15-24 years.

Table 14.9 shows that, among young persons $15-24$ years, 8 percent were HIV positive. The proportion HIV positive among young women was 11 percent while, among young men, it was 4 percent. The proportion HIV positive among young adults who have never had sex (3 percent) suggests that there may be other underlying determinants of HIV transmission that will need targeting in order to reduce the incidence of HIV in the population. It may also reflect underreporting of sexual activity among youth.

Urban youth—both female and male-are somewhat more likely to be infected than those in rural areas. Looking at the variation among young women by province, Manicaland and Matabeleland North (13 percent) had the highest rates of infection. Among young men, the infection rate was highest in Mashonaland Central (7 percent).

Looking at the variation by marital status, HIV infection was greatest among the comparatively small numbers of young women and men who were widowed, divorced, or separated. The lowest infection rates were found among youth who had not yet married. However, the rate of infection among sexually active, never-married young women was somewhat higher than the rate among their married counterparts (17 percent and 15 percent, respectively).

| Table 14.9 HIV prevalence among young people by background characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-24 who were tested for HIV, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Women 15-24 |  | Men 15-24 |  | Total 15-24 |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 6.2 | 1,682 | 3.1 | 1,692 | 4.6 | 3,374 |
| 15-17 | 3.4 | 958 | 2.9 | 1,045 | 3.1 | 2,004 |
| 18-19 | 9.9 | 723 | 3.3 | 647 | 6.8 | 1,371 |
| 20-24 | 16.3 | 1,518 | 5.8 | 1,247 | 11.6 | 2,765 |
| 20-22 | 12.6 | 936 | 3.2 | 801 | 8.3 | 1,738 |
| 23-24 | 22.3 | 582 | 10.6 | 445 | 17.2 | 1,027 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.2 | 1,303 | 4.4 | 1,136 | 8.0 | 2,439 |
| Rural | 10.9 | 1,898 | 4.1 | 1,803 | 7.6 | 3,700 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 12.8 | 353 | 3.4 | 359 | 8.0 | 712 |
| Mashonaland Central | 11.7 | 294 | 7.3 | 313 | 9.4 | 607 |
| Mashonaland East | 8.4 | 237 | 4.5 | 231 | 6.5 | 468 |
| Mashonaland West | 10.1 | 291 | 5.7 | 271 | 8.0 | 563 |
| Matabeleland North | 13.3 | 187 | 3.7 | 182 | 8.6 | 370 |
| Matabeleland South | 11.9 | 157 | 3.0 | 151 | 7.6 | 308 |
| Midlands | 10.9 | 426 | 3.0 | 410 | 7.1 | 836 |
| Masvingo | 9.6 | 432 | 3.0 | 352 | 6.6 | 785 |
| Harare | 11.4 | 593 | 5.0 | 487 | 8.5 | 1,081 |
| Bulawayo | 10.6 | 229 | 2.7 | 182 | 7.1 | 411 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 6.2 | 1,693 | 3.0 | 2,643 | 4.3 | 4,336 |
| Ever had sex | 17.2 | 323 | 3.5 | 1,123 | 6.6 | 1,446 |
| Never had sex | 3.6 | 1,370 | 2.6 | 1,519 | 3.1 | 2,890 |
| Married/living together | 14.7 | 1,285 | 12.8 | 253 | 14.4 | 1,538 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 26.1 | 222 | (29.3) | 43 | 26.7 | 266 |
| Currently pregnant |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant | 12.9 | 272 | na | na | na | na |
| Not pregnant or not sure | 10.8 | 2,928 | na | na | na | na |
| Total | 11.0 | 3,200 | 4.2 | 2,939 | 7.8 | 6,139 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 14.10 shows that women whose first sexual partner was 10 years older were at greater risk of HIV infection than young women who did not engage in "intergenerational" sex at the time they first had sex ( 23 percent and 16 percent, respectively).

As was the case in the reproductive age population as a whole, the variations in HIV prevalence with the other measures of sexual behaviour included in Table 14.10 are difficult to interpret. Among young women, those who had higher-risk sex are slightly more likely to be HIV positive than those who had non-higher-risk sex. The opposite is true for young men. Similarly, there is some evidence that having more sexual partners and more higher-risk sexual partners is related to higher infection rates among young women. However, the relationships are inconsistent among young men. Condom use also has an inconsistent relationship with HIV prevalence among young people.

Table 14.10 HIV prevalence among young people by sexual behaviour
Percentage HIV positive among women and men age 15-24 who ever had sex and were tested for HIV, by sexual behaviour, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Sexual behaviour characteristic | Women 15-24 |  | Men 15-24 |  | Total 15-24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number | Percentage HIV positive | Number |
| Relative age of first sexual partner |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10+$ years older | 23.4 | 136 | na | na | na | na |
| $<10$ years older, same age, younger/don't know | 16.0 | 1,648 | na | na | na | na |
| Missing | (15.4) | 44 | na | na | na | na |
| Higher-risk intercourse in past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Had higher-risk intercourse | 21.9 | 272 | 4.7 | 836 | 8.9 | 1,108 |
| Had sexual intercourse, not higher risk | 15.0 | 1,329 | 12.5 | 210 | 14.7 | 1,539 |
| No sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 19.1 | 227 | 5.3 | 374 | 10.5 | 601 |
| Number of sexual partners in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 18.7 | 225 | 5.3 | 374 | 10.3 | 599 |
| 1 | 15.9 | 1,568 | 6.4 | 825 | 12.7 | 2,393 |
| 2 | 31.8 | 30 | 5.6 | 179 | 9.4 | 209 |
| $3+$ | * | 3 | * | 40 | (5.0) | 43 |
| Number of higher-risk partners in past 12 months ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 15.6 | 1,556 | 7.7 | 577 | 13.5 | 2,133 |
| 1 | 20.9 | 253 | 5.6 | 638 | 9.9 | 891 |
| 2 | * | 18 | 1.9 | 136 | 5.9 | 154 |
| $3+$ | * | 1 | (3.2) | 69 | (3.1) | 70 |
| Condom use |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever used a condom | 20.3 | 495 | 7.5 | 1,005 | 11.7 | 1,500 |
| Never used a condom | 15.2 | 1,325 | 2.3 | 414 | 12.1 | 1,739 |
| Condom use at first sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | 16.2 | 292 | 6.0 | 625 | 9.3 | 917 |
| Did not use condom | 16.4 | 1,497 | 5.9 | 768 | 12.8 | 2,265 |
| Missing | (28.7) | 35 | * | 24 | 19.8 | 59 |
| Condom use at last sexual intercourse in past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used condom | 22.4 | 135 | 4.5 | 573 | 7.9 | 708 |
| Did not use condom | 15.6 | 1,466 | 8.3 | 472 | 13.8 | 1,939 |
| No sexual intercourse in past 12 months | 19.1 | 227 | 5.3 | 374 | 10.5 | 601 |
| Total | 16.6 | 1,829 | 6.0 | 1,420 | 11.9 | 3,248 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. The total includes 4 cases for which information is missing on the number of sexual partners in the past 12 months, 11 cases for which information is missing on ever use of condoms, and 1 case for which information is missing on condom use at last sexual intercourse during the past 12 months.
na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was a spouse nor who lived with the respondent
${ }^{2}$ A partner who neither was a spouse nor who lived with the respondent, among the last three partners in the past 12 months

### 14.4 Male Circumcision and HIV Prevalence

Male circumcision is assumed to reduce the risk of HIV infection, in part because of physiological differences that decrease the susceptibility to HIV infection among circumcised men. Several recent studies in sub-Saharan Africa, including clinical trials conducted in South Africa, Kenya, and Uganda (Auvert et al., 2005; and NIAID, 2006), have documented that the protective effect of male circumcision is significant.

The 2005-06 ZDHS obtained information on the prevalence of male circumcision. In order to investigate the relationship between male circumcision and HIV status, men were asked about whether or not they had been circumcised during the ZDHS interview.

### 14.4.1 Male Circumcison among ZDHS Respondents

Table 14.11 presents information on the male circumcision rate for all men interviewed during the survey. The results in Table 14.11 indicate that relatively few men in the reproductive ages in Zimbabwe are circumcised. Nine in ten men interviewed in the ZDHS survey reported that they had not been circumcised. The greatest variations in the proportion circumcised are observed by province. The lowest proportion of ZDHS male respondents reporting that they were circumcised is found in Mashonaland Central (5 percent) and the highest proportion in Matabeleland North (19 percent).

| Table 14.11 Male circumcision status |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of all men interviewed in the ZDHS by circumcision status, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Circumcised | Not circumcised | Missing | Total | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 9.1 | 90.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,358 |
| 15-19 | 7.9 | 91.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 10.6 | 89.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 12.5 | 87.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,082 |
| 30-39 | 11.1 | 88.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,545 |
| 40-49 | 10.8 | 88.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 878 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 9.0 | 90.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,404 |
| Married or living together | 11.4 | 88.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 12.7 | 87.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 327 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.8 | 90.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 10.6 | 89.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 10.5 | 89.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 5.3 | 94.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 13.1 | 86.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 11.2 | 88.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 18.8 | 80.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 11.4 | 86.7 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 306 |
| Midlands | 10.6 | 89.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 9.4 | 90.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 771 |
| Harare | 7.0 | 92.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 13.7 | 86.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 7.8 | 92.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 88 |
| Primary | 11.3 | 88.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 10.0 | 89.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 9.5 | 90.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 13.6 | 85.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,042 |
| Second | 8.9 | 91.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 9.9 | 89.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 11.0 | 88.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 8.5 | 91.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 10.3 | 89.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 6,863 |
| Total men 15-54 | 10.5 | 89.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 7,175 |

### 14.4.2 Male Circumcision and HIV Status

Table 14.12 examines the relationship between HIV prevalence and male circumcision among the 5,832 men age 15-49 who were tested for HIV in the survey and who responded to the question about their circumcision status. The table shows that the men who were circumcised had a slightly higher infection rate than uncircumcised men (17 percent and 14 percent, respectively). An examination of the age pattern suggests that male circumcision has a small protective effect among men under age 25 , but that this effect disappears among men age 25 and over. In general, the relationship between male circumcision and HIV prevalence conforms to the national pattern, i.e., circumcised men are more likely to be HIV-infected than uncircumcised men, in the other subgroups shown in Table 14.12.

### 14.5 HIV Prevalence among Couples

More than 2,000 cohabiting couples were tested for HIV in the 2005-06 ZDHS. Results shown in Table 14.13 indicate that, among 72 percent of cohabiting couples, both partners tested negative for HIV. Both partners were HIV positive among 15 percent of cohabiting couples while 13 percent were discordant, that is, one partner was infected and the other was not. In 8 percent of couples, the male partner was infected and the woman was not, while in another 5 percent of couples, the woman was infected and the man was not.

The fact that there are almost as many cohabiting couples who are discordant for HIV than there are cohabiting couples who are both infected represents an unmet HIV prevention need for the country. This is because the majority of cohabiting couples do not mutually know their HIV status and, therefore, are not empowered to take action to prevent further spread of the disease.

Table 14.12 HIV prevalence by male circumcision
Among men age 15-49 who were tested for HIV, the percentage HIV positive by whether circumcised, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  | Circumcised |  |  | Not circumcised |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Background <br> characteristic | Percentage | PIV positive | Number |  |  |
| HIV positive | Number |  |  |  |  |

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| $15-19$ | 2.1 | 125 | 3.1 | 1,562 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $20-24$ | 3.5 | 128 | 6.1 | 1,117 |
| $25-29$ | 13.9 | 111 | 12.9 | 795 |
| $30-34$ | 27.2 | 107 | 29.8 | 607 |
| $35-39$ | $(40.8)$ | 44 | 31.1 | 499 |
| $40-44$ | $(40.8)$ | 45 | 31.8 | 358 |
| $45-49$ | $(29.9)$ | 37 | 25.7 | 297 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Urban | 15.9 | 222 | 15.6 | 2,094 |
| Rural | 17.0 | 375 | 13.4 | 3,141 |

Province

| Mashonaland Central | $*$ | 35 | 13.7 | 582 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mashonaland East | 19.4 | 68 | 13.6 | 418 |
| Mashonaland West | 11.6 | 68 | 15.8 | 534 |
| Matabeleland North | 16.8 | 66 | 13.4 | 281 |
| Matabeleland South | $(17.5)$ | 24 | 15.4 | 230 |
| Midlands | 16.6 | 89 | 10.8 | 720 |
| Masvingo | $(15.1)$ | 62 | 11.8 | 592 |
| Harare | $(17.3)$ | 71 | 17.1 | 978 |
| Bulawayo | 15.0 | 46 | 12.5 | 278 |



| No education | $*$ | 6 | 23.0 | 55 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Primary | 19.1 | 176 | 14.3 | 1,365 |
| Secondary | 15.1 | 391 | 14.2 | 3,537 |
| More than secondary | $*$ | 24 | 12.2 | 278 |


| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Lowest | 17.4 | 120 | 12.4 | 774 |
| Second | 18.6 | 85 | 14.8 | 911 |
| Middle | 15.3 | 103 | 11.9 | 933 |
| Fourth | 15.1 | 188 | 17.4 | 1,424 |
| Highest | 18.2 | 101 | 13.0 | 1,194 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |
| Roman Catholic | 23.1 | 61 | 17.5 | 534 |
| Protestant | 15.8 | 109 | 10.0 | 890 |
| Pentecostal | 5.4 | 51 | 10.8 | 711 |
| Apostolic Sect | 12.5 | 129 | 12.8 | 1,175 |
| Other Christian | $*$ | 17 | 12.9 | 196 |
| Muslim | $*$ | 25 | 15.8 | 40 |
| Traditional | $(27.5$ | 36 | 20.4 | 402 |
| Other | $*$ | 2 | $*$ | 6 |
| None | 22.1 | 165 | 17.3 | 1,282 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 16.6 | 597 | 14.2 | 5,235 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. Five cases for which information on circumcision status is missing were excluded from the table.

| Table 14.13 HIV prevalence among couples |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of couples living in the same household, both of whom were tested for HIV, by the HIV status, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Both HIV positive | Man <br> HIV positive, woman HIV negative | Woman HIV positive, man HIV negative | Both HIV negative | Total | Number of respondents |
| Woman's age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 13.0 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 82.6 | 100.0 | 174 |
| 20-29 | 14.9 | 7.7 | 5.3 | 72.0 | 100.0 | 957 |
| 30-39 | 17.6 | 8.7 | 6.1 | 67.7 | 100.0 | 599 |
| 40-49 | 8.6 | 11.0 | 5.2 | 75.2 | 100.0 | 276 |
| Man's age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | * | * | * | 100.0 | 100.0 | 3 |
| 20-29 | 8.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 83.8 | 100.0 | 606 |
| 30-39 | 21.5 | 8.0 | 4.9 | 65.5 | 100.0 | 782 |
| 40-49 | 12.4 | 13.0 | 7.8 | 66.8 | 100.0 | 470 |
| 50-54 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 4.0 | 74.9 | 100.0 | 145 |
| Age difference between partners |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Woman older | 27.0 | 1.7 | 7.6 | 63.6 | 100.0 | 83 |
| Same age/man older by 0-4 years | 13.4 | 6.8 | 3.7 | 76.1 | 100.0 | 810 |
| Man older by 5-9 years | 12.3 | 7.7 | 4.7 | 75.3 | 100.0 | 739 |
| Man older by 10-14 years | 16.6 | 12.9 | 9.4 | 61.2 | 100.0 | 266 |
| Man older by $15+$ years | 26.7 | 13.2 | 7.3 | 52.9 | 100.0 | 107 |
| Type of union |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monogamous | 14.6 | 8.1 | 4.8 | 72.4 | 100.0 | 1,760 |
| Polygynous | 11.4 | 9.6 | 10.5 | 68.5 | 100.0 | 164 |
| Don't know/missing | 22.5 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 71.7 | 100.0 | 81 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 15.3 | 10.7 | 5.5 | 68.5 | 100.0 | 654 |
| Rural | 14.4 | 6.8 | 5.0 | 73.8 | 100.0 | 1,351 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 14.5 | 13.7 | 4.1 | 67.8 | 100.0 | 218 |
| Mashonaland Central | 14.5 | 8.3 | 4.2 | 73.0 | 100.0 | 258 |
| Mashonaland East | 14.8 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 75.5 | 100.0 | 161 |
| Mashonaland West | 13.2 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 74.4 | 100.0 | 230 |
| Matabeleland North | 15.7 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 70.2 | 100.0 | 115 |
| Matabeleland South | 19.4 | 9.2 | 4.9 | 66.5 | 100.0 | 77 |
| Midlands | 14.5 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 76.8 | 100.0 | 318 |
| Masvingo | 12.6 | 9.1 | 5.7 | 72.6 | 100.0 | 247 |
| Harare | 16.0 | 10.7 | 4.8 | 68.5 | 100.0 | 298 |
| Bulawayo | 16.3 | 3.4 | 11.4 | 68.8 | 100.0 | 84 |
| Woman's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 9.3 | 6.9 | 2.2 | 81.6 | 100.0 | 78 |
| Primary | 11.9 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 76.6 | 100.0 | 774 |
| Secondary | 17.7 | 10.3 | 4.8 | 67.2 | 100.0 | 1,104 |
| More than secondary | 0.0 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 94.1 | 100.0 | 49 |
| Man's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 12.9 | 8.6 | 12.0 | 66.4 | 100.0 | 44 |
| Primary | 12.4 | 7.8 | 5.3 | 74.5 | 100.0 | 671 |
| Secondary | 16.4 | 7.9 | 5.1 | 70.5 | 100.0 | 1,173 |
| More than secondary | 11.3 | 10.6 | 2.7 | 75.4 | 100.0 | 118 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.4 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 78.8 | 100.0 | 427 |
| Second | 16.1 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 71.6 | 100.0 | 429 |
| Middle | 13.3 | 8.7 | 5.6 | 72.4 | 100.0 | 306 |
| Fourth | 19.6 | 10.0 | 4.4 | 65.9 | 100.0 | 507 |
| Highest | 9.6 | 10.0 | 7.3 | 73.1 | 100.0 | 336 |
| Total | 14.7 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 72.1 | 100.0 | 2,005 |

Note: Table based on couples for which a valid test result (positive or negative) is available for both partners. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

## ADULT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY

Earlier in this report, estimates of mortality during the first years of life were presented and discussed. Early childhood mortality varies substantially as an index of social and economic development and thus tends to be predictably high in disadvantaged settings. Mortality during later childhood and adolescence is, on the other hand, relatively low in all societies, but begins to rise with age starting in the late teenage years. The pattern and pace of the rise in adult mortality with increasing age is tied closely to the occupational profile, fertility pattern, and epidemiological characteristics of a population. Two aspects of adult mortality dynamics are of particular interest in the Zimbabwean context. First, given tremendous rises in the prevalence of HIV infection and AIDS (discussed in the previous chapter) over the last decade, Zimbabwe is expected to continue to suffer increases in both female and male adult mortality in the near term. Second, mortality related to pregnancy and childbearing (maternal mortality) is an important indicator for women's and reproductive health programmes in the country.

The 2005-06 ZDHS questionnaire included a sibling history, which is a detailed account of the survivorship of all of the live-born children of the respondent's mother (i.e., maternal siblings). These data allow direct estimation of overall adult mortality by sex, as well as maternal mortality in particular. The direct approach to estimating adult and maternal mortality maximises use of the available data, using information on the age of surviving siblings, the age at death of siblings who died, and the number of years ago the sibling died. This approach allows the data to be aggregated to determine the number of person-years of exposure to mortality risk and the number of sibling deaths occurring in defined calendar periods. Rates of maternal mortality are obtained by dividing maternal deaths in a calendar period by person-years of exposure to death. Similarly, adult mortality rates are obtained by dividing female or male adult deaths in a calendar period by person-years of exposure to death.

### 15.1 Data

To obtain the sibling history, each respondent was first asked to give the total number of her mother's live births. The respondent was next asked to provide a list of all of the children born to her mother starting with the first-born. Then the respondent was asked whether each of these siblings was still alive at the survey date. For living siblings, current age was collected; for deceased siblings, age at death and years since death were collected. Interviewers were instructed that when a respondent could not provide precise information on age at death or years since death, approximate but quantitative answers were acceptable. For sisters who died at ages 12 years or above, three questions were used to determine whether the death was maternity-related: "Was [NAME OF SISTER] pregnant when she died?" and if negative, "Did she die during childbirth?" and if negative, "Did she die within two months after the end of a pregnancy or childbirth?" An additional question determined whether the death was due to an accident or other violent act.

The estimation of adult and maternal mortality by either direct or indirect means requires reasonably accurate reporting of the number of sisters and brothers the respondent ever had, the number who have died, and (for maternal mortality) the number of sisters who have died of maternity-related causes. There is no definitive procedure for establishing the completeness or accuracy of retrospective data on sibling survivorship. However, the 2005-06 ZDHS sibling history data do not show any obvious defects that would indicate poor data quality or systematic underreporting.

Table 15.1 shows the number of siblings reported by the respondents and the completeness of the data reported on current age, age at death, and years since death. Of the 47,069 siblings reported in the sibling histories of ZDHS respondents, survival status was not reported for 24 (less than 0.1 percent). Among surviving siblings, current ages (used to estimate exposure to death) were not reported for less than 1 percent of siblings. Among deceased siblings, complete reporting of age at death and years since death was nearly universal. For 98 percent of deceased siblings, both age at death and years since the death (or year of death) were reported. In 2 percent of cases, either the age at death or the years since death (or year of death) was missing, while for 1 percent of deceased siblings both of these items were missing. Rather than exclude siblings with missing data from further analysis, information on the birth order of siblings in conjunction with other information was used to impute the missing data. ${ }^{1}$ The sibling survivorship data, including cases with imputed values, were used in the direct estimation of adult and maternal mortality.

| Table 15.1 Data on siblings |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of siblings reported by survey respondents and completeness of the reported data on age, age at death (AD), and years since death (YSD), Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Females |  | Males |  | Total |  |
|  | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage | Number | Percentage |
| All siblings | 23,720 | 100.0 | 23,349 | 100.0 | 47,069 | 100.0 |
| Surviving | 20,383 | 85.9 | 19,778 | 84.7 | 40,161 | 85.3 |
| Deceased | 3,327 | 14.0 | 3,557 | 15.2 | 6,884 | 14.6 |
| Missing information | 10 | 0.0 | 14 | 0.1 | 24 | 0.1 |
| Surviving siblings | 20,383 | 100.0 | 19,778 | 100.0 | 40,161 | 100.0 |
| Age reported | 20,256 | 99.4 | 19,665 | 99.4 | 39,920 | 99.4 |
| Age missing | 127 | 0.6 | 114 | 0.6 | 240 | 0.6 |
| Deceased siblings | 3,327 | 100.0 | 3,557 | 100.0 | 6,884 | 100.0 |
| AD and YSD reported | 3,246 | 97.6 | 3,464 | 97.4 | 6,710 | 97.5 |
| Missing only AD | 45 | 1.3 | 50 | 1.4 | 95 | 1.4 |
| Missing only YSD | 14 | 0.4 | 17 | 0.5 | 31 | 0.4 |
| Missing both AD and YSD | 23 | 0.7 | 26 | 0.7 | 49 | 0.7 |

### 15.2 Direct Estimates of Adult Mortality

One way to assess the quality of the data used to estimate maternal mortality is to evaluate the plausibility and stability of overall adult mortality. It is reasoned that if estimated rates of overall adult mortality are implausible, rates based on a subset of deaths-i.e., maternal deaths in particular-are unlikely to be free of serious problems. As described above, levels and trends in overall adult mortality have very important implications in their own right for health and social programmes in Zimbabwe, especially given the AIDS epidemic.

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### 15.2.1 Levels of Adult Mortality

Table 15.2 shows age-specific mortality rates for men and women age 15-49 for the period zero to six years before the 2005-06 ZDHS. These results allow an assessment of the recent level of mortality in the reproductive age population in Zimbabwe. Because the number of deaths on which the agespecific rates are based is not very large (between 100 and 700 deaths per age group for the total population), the estimated age-specific rates are subject to considerable sampling variation.

The results in Table 15.2 indicate that, overall, male mortality is slightly higher than female mortality in the repro-ductive-age population (13.3 and 12.7 deaths per 1,000 years of exposure, respectively). Mortality levels rise rapidly with age among both women and men. Rates plateau for women in the 35-49 year age group, while a levelling off in the rise for men is observed in the 40-49 year age group.

| Table 15.3 Trends in adult mortality rates |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age-specific mortality rates for women and men age 15-49 based on the survivorship of sisters and brothers of survey respondents, Zimbabwe 19852006 |  |  |  |
| Age | $\begin{gathered} 1994 \\ \text { ZDHS } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { ZDHS } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2005-06 } \\ \text { ZDHS } \end{gathered}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.87 | 2.82 | 2.69 |
| 20-24 | 2.51 | 6.01 | 5.47 |
| 25-29 | 3.63 | 11.17 | 12.25 |
| 30-34 | 3.99 | 14.72 | 20.42 |
| 35-39 | 4.75 | 15.73 | 25.04 |
| 40-44 | 4.62 | 12.85 | 25.23 |
| 45-49 | 5.18 | 13.16 | 25.48 |
| 15-49 | 3.34 | 9.14 | $12.66{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| MEN |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.44 | 1.49 | 1.74 |
| 20-24 | 2.59 | 4.63 | 3.36 |
| 25-29 | 3.78 | 9.63 | 9.03 |
| 30-34 | 5.26 | 19.81 | 20.06 |
| 35-39 | 5.41 | 22.36 | 27.74 |
| 40-44 | 9.56 | 23.50 | 37.10 |
| 45-49 | 11.9 | 29.05 | 36.46 |
| 15-49 | 4.17 | 11.35 | $13.30^{\text {a }}$ |

[^22]| Table 15.2 Adult mortality rates |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age-specific mortality rates for women and men age |  |  |  |
| 15-49 based on the survivorship of sisters and brothers of survey respondents for the period 0-6 years preceding the survey, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |
| Age | Deaths | Exposure | Mortality rates |
|  |  | MEN |  |
| 15-19 | 62 | 23,130 | 2.69 |
| 20-24 | 138 | 25,229 | 5.47 |
| 25-29 | 264 | 21,517 | 12.25 |
| 30-34 | 346 | 16,921 | 20.42 |
| 35-39 | 314 | 12,535 | 25.04 |
| 40-44 | 211 | 8,374 | 25.23 |
| 45-49 | 130 | 5,102 | 25.48 |
| 15-49 | 1,464 | 112,807 | $12.66{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 37 | 21,374 | 1.74 |
| 20-24 | 80 | 23,983 | 3.36 |
| 25-29 | 195 | 21,567 | 9.03 |
| 30-34 | 338 | 16,867 | 20.06 |
| 35-39 | 324 | 11,664 | 27.74 |
| 40-44 | 266 | 7,176 | 37.10 |
| 45-49 | 158 | 4,320 | 36.46 |
| 15-49 | 1,398 | 106,951 | $13.30^{\text {a }}$ |
| ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Rates are age-standardised. |  |  |  |

### 15.2.2 Trends in Adult Mortality

Table 15.3 shows the adult mortality rates observed in the 1994 ZDHS, the 1999 ZDHS, and the 2005-06 ZDHS. The table highlights the substantial rise that has occurred in adult deaths over the past 20 years in Zimbabwe. Mortality rates more than tripled among adults between 1994 and 2005-06. The rate of increase was extremely rapid between the 1994 and 1999 surveys when the impact of the AIDS epidemic was first being experienced. However, the comparison of the 2005-06 and 1999 rates suggests that adult mortality has continued to rise during the first half of this decade, by around 40 percent among women and 20 percent among men.

Figures 15.1 and 15.2 present the increases in the age-specific adult mortality between the 1994 ZDHS and the 2005-06 ZDHS. The largest increases in mortality rates are observed among women age 25 and over and among men age 30 and over. These age patterns are consistent with the age pattern of HIV infection in Zimbabwe (i.e., higher infection rates among women under age 30 than among men).

Figure 15.1 Trends in Age-specific Mortality among
Women 15-49, Zimbabwe 1985-2006

-1994 ZDHS $\because 1999$ ZDHS -2005-06 ZDHS

Figure 15.2 Trends in Age-specific Mortality among
Men 15-49, Zimbabwe 1985-2006

-1994 ZDHS $¥ 1999$ ZDHS -2005-06 ZDHS

### 15.3 Direct Estimates of Maternal Mortality

Maternal deaths are a subset of all female deaths and are associated with pregnancy and childbearing. Two survey methods are generally used to estimate maternal mortality in developing countries: the indirect sisterhood method (Graham et al., 1989) and a direct variant of the sisterhood method (Rutenberg and Sullivan, 1991). In this report, the direct estimation procedure is applied.

Age-specific estimates of maternal mortality from the reported survivorship of sisters are shown in Table 15.4 for the 10 -year period before the survey. These rates were calculated by dividing the number of maternal deaths by woman-years of exposure. To remove the effect of truncation bias (the upper boundary for eligibility for women interviewed in the survey is 49 years), the overall rate for women age 15-49 was standardised by the age distribution of survey respondents. Maternal deaths were defined as any death that was reported as occurring during pregnancy, childbirth, or within two months after the birth or termination of a pregnancy. ${ }^{2}$ Estimates of maternal mo the death in relationship to pregnancy.

The results in Table 15.4 indicate that the rate of mortality associated with pregnancy and childbearing is 0.76 maternal deaths per 1,000 woman-years of exposure. The estimated age-specific mortality rates display a plausible pattern, being generally higher during the peak childbearing ages than at the younger and older age groups. However, the age-specific pattern should be interpreted with caution because of the small number of events-only 122 maternal deaths for women of all ages. Maternal deaths represent 7 percent of all deaths to women age 15-49 during the 10-year period preceding the survey (122 maternal deaths $/ 1,704$ female deaths). The low proportion of maternal deaths could be due to an increase in nonmaternal deaths (e.g., AIDS-related deaths) or to underreporting of maternal deaths in the survey.

The maternal mortality rate can be converted to a maternal mortality ratio by dividing the rate by the general fertility rate during the 10 -year period prior to the 2005-06 ZDHS. The maternal mortality ratio is expressed per 100,000 live births in order to emphasise the obstetrical risk of pregnancy and childbearing. The estimate of the maternal mortality ratio for the 10 -year period prior to the 2005-06 ZDHS is 555 deaths per 100,000 live births, i.e., for every 1,000 births in Zimbabwe, there are just under six maternal deaths.

It should be noted that maternal mortality is a difficult indicator to measure because of the large sample sizes required to calculate an accurate estimate. (This is evidenced by the fact that the maternal mortality ratio is expressed per 100,000 live births, demonstrating that it is a relatively rare event.) As a result, the maternal mortality estimates are subject to large sampling errors. Thus, although the 2005-06 ZDHS maternal mortality ratio is somewhat lower than the 1999 estimate of 578 , the difference between the two figures is not statistically significant. Thus, it is not possible to conclude that there has been any change in maternal mortality in Zimbabwe.

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## WOMEN'S STATUS AND HEALTH OUTCOMES

In this chapter we explore women's status in terms of earnings, women's control over cash earnings, and the magnitude of their earnings relative to their partners. In addition, specific questions were posed to determine women's roles 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 status: 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 status 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.

### 16.1 Employment and Form of Earnings

Table 16.1 shows the percent distribution of currently married women and men 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 and men receive earnings for the work they do, and among those who do receive earnings, not all receive cash.

Table 16.1 Employment and cash earnings of currently married women and men
Percentage of currently married women and men who were employed at any time in the past 12 months and the percent distribution of currently married women and men employed in the past 12 months by type of earnings, according to age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Age | Currently married respondents: |  | Percent distribution of currently married respondents employed in the past 12 months, by type of earnings |  |  |  |  | Total | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage employed | Number of women/men | Cash only | Cash and in-kind | In-kind only | Not paid | Missing |  |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 35.1 | 448 | 53.4 | 12.0 | 2.0 | 32.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 157 |
| 20-24 | 39.8 | 1,200 | 60.5 | 8.8 | 1.7 | 28.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 478 |
| 25-29 | 45.1 | 1,125 | 62.5 | 10.1 | 2.5 | 24.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 507 |
| 30-34 | 48.4 | 933 | 61.3 | 10.4 | 1.4 | 26.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 451 |
| 35-39 | 52.0 | 556 | 60.5 | 13.9 | 2.8 | 22.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 289 |
| 40-44 | 50.3 | 485 | 60.3 | 12.4 | 0.9 | 26.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 244 |
| 45-49 | 44.4 | 396 | 46.7 | 16.2 | 4.1 | 33.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 176 |
| Total 15-49 | 44.8 | 5,143 | 59.5 | 11.2 | 2.1 | 27.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,303 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | * | 8 | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 4 |
| 20-24 | 86.9 | 311 | 70.3 | 6.3 | 1.8 | 21.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 270 |
| 25-29 | 90.2 | 692 | 68.0 | 9.4 | 1.5 | 20.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 625 |
| 30-34 | 92.2 | 755 | 67.4 | 10.6 | 0.3 | 21.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 696 |
| 35-39 | 91.2 | 581 | 71.9 | 10.1 | 1.4 | 16.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 530 |
| 40-44 | 90.5 | 415 | 70.3 | 9.7 | 1.2 | 18.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 375 |
| 45-49 | 86.6 | 369 | 65.2 | 12.3 | 0.9 | 21.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 320 |
| Total 15-49 | 90.1 | 3,132 | 68.8 | 9.9 | 1.1 | 19.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,821 |
| Total 15-54 | 89.5 | 3,419 | 68.5 | 10.2 | 1.1 | 19.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,062 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Forty-five percent of currently married women reported being employed. Six in ten women receive their payment in cash ( 60 percent), 11 percent receive both cash and payment in-kind, 2 percent receive in-kind payment only, and 27 percent do not receive any form of payment for their work. The percent of currently married women who are employed increases with age, peaking in the age group 35-39 (52 percent) and then declining in the two older age groups.

Nine in ten currently married men were employed during the 12-month period prior to the survey. Among employed men, more than three-quarters were paid at least some cash for the work they did.

### 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. Women who earned cash for their work were also asked the relative magnitude of their earnings compared with those of their husband or partner. 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.

Table 16.2.1 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 one-third of currently married women who receive cash earnings reported that they alone decide how their earnings are used, while 62 percent said they decide jointly with their husband or partner. Only 6 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 has decreased from what was observed in 1999 (49 percent in 1999 compared with 32 percent in 2006). The percentage of currently married women who said that they jointly decide with their husband or partner increased from 37 percent to 62 percent over the same period.

Women in the 40-44 year age group are more likely to make independent decisions on their earnings than women in the other age groups. Also, women who do not have any children or who have five or more children are more likely to decide on their own how to use their earnings than women with one to four children. This same group of women is also more likely to have their husband or partner decide how to use their earnings; 10 percent of women with no children and 7 percent of women with five or more children reported that their husband or partner decides how to use their earnings.

There is little variance by residence; one-third of both urban and rural currently married women reported that they make independent decisions on how they spend their earnings. However, the provincial data vary greatly in the way decisions are made on how women's earnings are used. The percentage of women who make independent decisions ranges from 13 percent in Midlands to 46 percent in Mashonaland Central. Furthermore, women in Midlands (79 percent) are most likely to decide jointly with their husband or partner on how to spend the money they earn while women in Mashonaland Central are least likely to do so.

About six in ten women with no education decide independently on how to spend their earnings ( 58 percent), compared with one in five women with more than a secondary education. Women in the latter group are most likely to jointly decide with their husband or partner how to spend their earnings (78 percent), while women with no education are least likely to do so ( 57 percent).

Table 16.2.1 Control over women's cash earnings and relative magnitude of women's earnings
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 used and by whether she earned more or less than her husband/partner, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Person who decides how woman's cash earnings are used: |  |  |  |  |  | Woman's cash earnings compared to husband/partner's cash earnings: |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mainly respondent | Respondent and husband/ partner jointly | Mainly husband/ partner | Other | Missing | Total | More | Less | About the same | Husband/ partner has no earnings | Don't know/ missing |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 31.9 | 61.0 | 5.3 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 75.4 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 103 |
| 20-24 | 32.6 | 61.0 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12.4 | 75.0 | 11.0 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 331 |
| 25-29 | 29.5 | 64.3 | 5.2 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 64.0 | 19.0 | 3.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 368 |
| 30-34 | 30.7 | 63.2 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 64.2 | 18.4 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 324 |
| 35-39 | 32.0 | 62.0 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 59.3 | 24.4 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 215 |
| 40-44 | 41.4 | 55.4 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 16.1 | 59.8 | 18.5 | 4.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 177 |
| 45-49 | 28.1 | 63.8 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 56.9 | 24.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 111 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 34.3 | 55.3 | 9.5 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 11.9 | 74.0 | 12.9 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 129 |
| 1-2 | 31.3 | 63.0 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 13.8 | 66.7 | 15.3 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 827 |
| 3-4 | 29.6 | 65.8 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 11.8 | 62.4 | 21.5 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 421 |
| 5+ | 37.5 | 55.2 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 61.7 | 20.6 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 253 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.6 | 64.6 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 66.7 | 16.1 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 787 |
| Rural | 33.4 | 59.3 | 6.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 11.9 | 64.2 | 18.9 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 842 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 28.8 | 70.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 75.9 | 13.3 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 223 |
| Mashonaland Central | 45.9 | 44.8 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 65.3 | 8.8 | 11.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 181 |
| Mashonaland East | 44.9 | 51.9 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 51.9 | 34.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 105 |
| Mashonaland West | 35.4 | 55.3 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 14.4 | 63.7 | 17.3 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 188 |
| Matabeleland North | 34.6 | 63.6 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 16.1 | 66.2 | 13.0 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 56 |
| Matabeleland South | 39.8 | 53.6 | 4.5 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 14.5 | 58.0 | 23.5 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 58 |
| Midlands | 13.3 | 78.9 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 65.5 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 228 |
| Masvingo | 41.8 | 54.4 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 69.8 | 18.6 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 111 |
| Harare | 31.3 | 61.6 | 6.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 62.8 | 16.6 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 375 |
| Bulawayo | 23.4 | 70.3 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 68.3 | 18.9 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 102 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 58.4 | 36.6 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 64.7 | 18.6 | 3.1 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 59 |
| Primary | 35.0 | 56.8 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 13.6 | 63.0 | 19.9 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 508 |
| Secondary | 30.6 | 63.9 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 67.4 | 14.9 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 921 |
| More than secondary | 19.9 | 77.7 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 61.8 | 25.6 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 140 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 30.6 | 55.8 | 12.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 61.7 | 20.3 | 4.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 192 |
| Second | 38.8 | 52.6 | 8.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 15.5 | 59.5 | 16.0 | 8.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 225 |
| Middle | 26.4 | 69.1 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 68.3 | 19.3 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 241 |
| Fourth | 35.1 | 59.6 | 4.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 11.9 | 71.2 | 14.1 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 476 |
| Highest | 29.4 | 67.2 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 14.6 | 62.6 | 19.6 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 495 |
| Total | 32.0 | 61.9 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 12.7 | 65.4 | 17.5 | 3.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,629 |

Regarding relative magnitude of their earnings compared with those of their husband or partner, 65 percent of women believe that they earn less than their husband or partner, 18 percent believe that they earn about the same as their husband or partner, and 13 percent believe that they earn more. The majority of younger women believe they earn less than their husband or partner. Women with no children ( 74 percent), those who reside in urban areas ( 67 percent), those who reside in Manicaland ( 76 percent), and women with a secondary education ( 67 percent) are most likely to believe they earn less than their husband or partner. Table 16.2.1 shows that 3 percent of women say that their husband or partner did not receive any earnings.

A cross-tabulation by the person in the household who decides how the woman's cash earnings are used and how her husband or partner's cash earnings are used, by the woman's earnings relative to her husband or partner, may provide some insight into a woman's status in the family and the extent of her control over decisionmaking in the household.

Table 16.2.2 shows that currently married women who believe they earn more than their husband are more likely to decide how their husband's or partner's earnings are used (16 percent) than those who earn less ( 12 percent) or the same as their husband ( 9 percent). Women who earn the same as their husband or partner are most likely to make joint decisions on how their earnings ( 78 percent) and their husband's or partner's earnings ( 82 percent) are used. Husbands and partners are the most likely to make sole decisions on the use of their earnings among the group of women who reported that they earn more than their husband or partner (18 percent).

Table 16.2.2 Woman's control over her own earnings and over those of her husband/partner
Percent distribution of currently married women with cash earnings in the past 12 months by person who decides how a woman's cash earnings are used and the percent distribution by person who decides how the husband/partner's earnings are used, according to the relation between woman's and husband's earnings in past 12 months, if any, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Woman's earnings relative to husband/partner's earnings | Person who decides how woman's cash earnings are used: |  |  |  |  | Person who decides how husband/partner's cash earnings are used: |  |  |  |  |  |  Number <br> of <br> Total  <br> women  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mainly respondent | Respondent and husband/ partner jointly | Mainly husband/ partner | Other | Missing | Total | Mainly respondent | Respondent and husband/ partner jointly | Mainly husband/ partner | Other | Missing |  |  |
| More than husband/partner | 32.9 | 57.3 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 15.8 | 66.7 | 17.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 207 |
| Less than husband/partner | 34.6 | 59.8 | 5.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12.1 | 73.1 | 14.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,065 |
| Same as husband/partner | 16.6 | 78.2 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 82.3 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 286 |
| Husband/partner has no cash earnings/did not work | 51.6 | 48.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | na | na | na | na | na | na | 49 |
| Woman has no cash earnings | na | na | na | na | na | na | 9.7 | 55.4 | 13.9 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 80.8 | 3,515 |
| Don't know/missing | (58.9) | (25.8) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (15.2) | 100.0 | (4.2) | (36.0) | (50.0) | (0.0) | (9.8) | 100.0 | 22 |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 10.1 | 19.6 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 31.7 | 10.3 | 60.4 | 13.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 85.9 | 5,143 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Excludes cases where a woman or her husband/partner has no earnings and includes cases where a woman does not know whether she earned more or less than her husband/partner

### 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 to their status in the household and in society.

In order to assess women's decisionmaking autonomy, the 2005-06 ZDHS sought information on women's participation in four types of household decisions: respondent's own health care; making major household purchases; making household purchases for daily needs; and visits to family or relatives. Table 16.3.1 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.

Table 16.3.1 Women's participation in decisionmaking
Percent distribution of currently married women by person who usually makes decisions about four specific issues, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Decision | Mainly respondent | Respondent and husband/ partner jointly | Mainly husband/ partner | Someone else | Other | Missing | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Own health care | 18.6 | 63.1 | 17.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,143 |
| Major household purchases | 23.7 | 66.7 | 8.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,143 |
| Daily household purchases | 32.1 | 55.9 | 10.4 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,143 |
| Visits to her family or relatives | 12.6 | 76.6 | 9.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,143 |

The strength of the role of women in decisionmaking varies with the type of decision. In Zimbabwe, the majority of currently married women reported that most decisions in the household are made jointly between husband and wife. Thirty-two percent of currently married women reported that they alone make the final decision about daily household purchases, and 24 percent said that they mainly make the decision on major household purchases. Approximately one in five women reported that they solely make decisions on their own health care. Thirteen percent of women reported that they alone decide on the issue of visits to her relatives.

Table 16.3.2 shows the percentage of women who report that they alone or jointly participate in specific household decisions, according to background characteristics. The results indicate that 72 percent of currently married women participate in all of the four specified decisions. Only 4 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 major household purchases ( 90 percent), visits to her relatives (89 percent), daily household purchases ( 88 percent), and her own health care ( 82 percent).

Younger women are least likely to have participated in all of the specified decisions as are women who are employed but do not earn cash, women with no children, women who reside in rural areas, those who reside in Mashonaland Central, women with no education, and women in the lowest wealth quintile.

| Percentage of currently married women who usually make decisions on four specific decisions either by themselves or jointly with their husband/partner, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Own health care | Making major household purchases | Making daily household purchases | Deciding when to visit her family or relatives | Percentage who participate in all specified decisions | Percentage who participate in none of the specified decisions | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 78.6 | 87.3 | 82.0 | 85.6 | 63.8 | 5.6 | 448 |
| 20-24 | 82.7 | 90.3 | 87.6 | 88.9 | 72.1 | 4.5 | 1,200 |
| 25-29 | 81.8 | 91.5 | 87.2 | 89.4 | 71.8 | 3.8 | 1,125 |
| 30-34 | 81.5 | 91.2 | 89.2 | 89.3 | 73.0 | 3.8 | 933 |
| 35-39 | 82.2 | 90.9 | 91.5 | 90.9 | 73.5 | 2.6 | 556 |
| 40-44 | 83.3 | 88.5 | 90.0 | 90.3 | 73.5 | 3.6 | 485 |
| 45-49 | 79.8 | 89.9 | 87.9 | 89.4 | 69.9 | 2.4 | 396 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 81.8 | 88.9 | 87.6 | 87.7 | 71.3 | 5.2 | 2,841 |
| Employed for cash | 82.3 | 93.5 | 91.1 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 1.7 | 1,629 |
| Employed not for cash | 79.9 | 88.8 | 82.1 | 88.0 | 66.3 | 3.8 | 671 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 79.0 | 87.7 | 83.8 | 86.2 | 67.0 | 4.5 | 463 |
| 1-2 | 82.8 | 91.8 | 88.3 | 89.8 | 72.4 | 3.4 | 2,422 |
| 3-4 | 81.6 | 89.8 | 88.4 | 89.3 | 71.8 | 4.6 | 1,363 |
| $5+$ | 80.3 | 88.5 | 88.6 | 89.0 | 71.5 | 3.7 | 896 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 84.2 | 92.8 | 92.3 | 92.5 | 76.2 | 2.6 | 1,742 |
| Rural | 80.5 | 89.1 | 85.7 | 87.5 | 69.2 | 4.5 | 3,401 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 91.3 | 94.7 | 90.7 | 94.0 | 81.3 | 1.3 | 599 |
| Mashonaland Central | 63.3 | 87.7 | 80.3 | 79.3 | 49.8 | 5.8 | 572 |
| Mashonaland East | 85.3 | 87.9 | 89.7 | 89.3 | 77.5 | 6.2 | 442 |
| Mashonaland West | 79.4 | 92.9 | 88.7 | 89.3 | 70.2 | 3.4 | 514 |
| Matabeleland North | 87.8 | 83.7 | 88.5 | 85.5 | 76.1 | 6.4 | 323 |
| Matabeleland South | 74.4 | 80.4 | 78.7 | 80.8 | 57.4 | 7.1 | 208 |
| Midlands | 77.1 | 89.0 | 86.3 | 89.8 | 69.7 | 5.7 | 728 |
| Masvingo | 88.2 | 93.6 | 88.9 | 93.4 | 77.2 | 0.8 | 697 |
| Harare | 81.1 | 91.6 | 90.3 | 91.7 | 71.9 | 3.1 | 760 |
| Bulawayo | 92.5 | 92.5 | 95.1 | 90.2 | 82.7 | 2.6 | 301 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 79.6 | 86.6 | 85.8 | 85.3 | 67.7 | 5.0 | 276 |
| Primary | 78.5 | 89.4 | 86.3 | 87.5 | 68.3 | 4.2 | 1,910 |
| Secondary | 83.7 | 91.0 | 88.8 | 90.2 | 73.4 | 3.7 | 2,788 |
| More than secondary | 88.4 | 97.3 | 96.1 | 97.1 | 85.3 | 0.5 | 169 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 79.8 | 85.8 | 83.6 | 85.2 | 66.0 | 5.3 | 1,034 |
| Second | 79.1 | 90.0 | 86.3 | 87.6 | 68.9 | 4.6 | 998 |
| Middle | 82.4 | 89.9 | 85.4 | 87.6 | 71.1 | 4.1 | 906 |
| Fourth | 83.3 | 93.4 | 91.2 | 92.2 | 74.9 | 2.6 | 1,183 |
| Highest | 83.8 | 92.1 | 92.5 | 92.7 | 76.5 | 2.9 | 1,023 |
| Total | 81.7 | 90.3 | 88.0 | 89.2 | 71.6 | 3.9 | 5,143 |

Note: Total includes 3 cases that are missing employment information on earnings for the 12-month period prior to the survey.

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 status. The number of decisions in which a woman jointly with her husband or partner has the final say is assumed to be directly related to the woman's status and reflects the degree of decisionmaking control the woman is able to exercise in areas that affect her life and environment. Figure 16.1 shows the distribution of currently married women according to the number of decisions in which they participate. Seventy-two percent of currently married women participate in all four household decisions, 16 percent participate in three decisions, and 6 percent participate in two decisions. Seven percent of women participate in one decision or no decision at all.

Figure 16.1 Number of Household Decisions in Which Currently Married Women Participate


### 16.4 Attitude towards Wife Beating

The critical problems that women face are many and diverse. One of these, and among 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. If violence against women is tolerated and accepted in a society, its eradication is made more difficult.

To assess women's and men's 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, is associated with a higher sense of empowerment. The results are summarised in Tables 16.4.1 and 16.4.2.

Slightly less than half of women (48 percent) believe that a husband is justified in beating his wife for at least one of the specified reasons. Thirty-three percent of women believe that a husband is justified in beating his wife if she goes out without telling him, 30 percent for neglecting the children, 26 percent for arguing with him, 24 percent for refusing to have sexual intercourse with him, and 12 percent if she burns the food. Table 16.4.2 shows that men are less likely to report that they find violence against women justifiable compared with women. Overall, 37 percent of men age 15-49 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 (23 percent), neglects the children (22 percent), or argues with him ( 21 percent). Like women, men are least likely to say that burning food ( 7 percent) is grounds for wife beating.

Table 16.4 . 1 shows that the highest percentages of women who are most likely to agree with the statements about wife beating are among women who are in the 15-19 and 45-49 year age groups; women who are employed, but do not earn cash; married women; women with five or more children; women with no education, and women in the lowest wealth quintile

Table 16.4 .2 shows that the percentage of men who agree with all the statements is highest among younger men, never married men, men with no children, men with no education, and men in the lowest wealth quintile. Women and men who are employed but do not get paid in cash are most likely to agree with the statements, except with regard to burning food.

Rural women and men are generally around twice as likely to agree with the statements compared with their counterparts who reside in urban areas. Considerable variation in attitudes about wife beating is also observed by province. Bulawayo has the lowest percentage of women agreeing that wife beating is justified in at least one of the circumstances mentioned in the ZDHS questionnaire and Masvingo has the highest percentage ( 14 percent and 71 percent, respectively). Among men, Bulawayo and Matabeleland South have the lowest proportions agreeing that a husband is justified in beating his wife for at least one of the specified reasons ( 21 percent each) and Mashonaland Central has the highest ( 54 percent).

Table 16.4.1 Attitude towards wife beating: women
Percentage of all women 15-49 who agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for specific reasons, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who agree with at least one specified reason | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Burns the food | Argues with him | Goes out without telling him | Neglects the children | Refuses to have sexual intercourse with him |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 14.1 | 28.4 | 38.0 | 34.6 | 21.3 | 54.5 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 11.5 | 25.5 | 33.7 | 30.8 | 25.1 | 47.9 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 11.5 | 25.8 | 30.9 | 28.1 | 23.9 | 45.1 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 10.6 | 22.5 | 27.9 | 26.5 | 23.0 | 42.8 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 10.3 | 24.2 | 28.5 | 25.4 | 23.9 | 41.9 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 12.8 | 24.8 | 32.1 | 27.7 | 29.0 | 44.3 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 14.8 | 30.0 | 36.1 | 34.2 | 32.2 | 50.3 | 589 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 11.6 | 25.6 | 33.3 | 30.4 | 23.9 | 48.2 | 5,027 |
| Employed for cash | 11.7 | 24.4 | 29.7 | 27.6 | 23.4 | 44.1 | 2,888 |
| Employed not for cash | 16.9 | 32.1 | 41.4 | 36.6 | 29.8 | 55.6 | 981 |
| Missing | * | * | * | * | * | * | 11 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 11.4 | 22.1 | 28.9 | 28.2 | 15.4 | 44.5 | 2,404 |
| Married or living together | 12.5 | 28.0 | 35.0 | 31.4 | 27.9 | 49.5 | 5,143 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 12.4 | 25.1 | 32.7 | 29.1 | 26.5 | 46.5 | 1,360 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 11.7 | 23.9 | 31.6 | 29.3 | 18.4 | 47.1 | 2,724 |
| 1-2 | 11.3 | 25.7 | 33.2 | 29.5 | 24.6 | 46.6 | 3,295 |
| 3-4 | 12.6 | 25.7 | 31.4 | 29.7 | 27.4 | 46.1 | 1,775 |
| $5+$ | 15.5 | 32.2 | 38.4 | 35.0 | 33.3 | 54.6 | 1,113 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.8 | 14.3 | 20.4 | 19.3 | 13.9 | 31.6 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 15.1 | 33.5 | 41.2 | 37.2 | 31.1 | 58.0 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 12.6 | 31.3 | 40.8 | 35.8 | 36.3 | 59.5 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 18.5 | 37.4 | 47.3 | 42.3 | 32.9 | 62.8 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 14.2 | 22.6 | 34.3 | 26.2 | 25.8 | 45.3 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 16.9 | 28.1 | 32.3 | 29.3 | 23.9 | 42.5 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 12.7 | 39.1 | 29.1 | 45.6 | 31.8 | 55.6 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 7.3 | 29.1 | 27.0 | 34.0 | 8.5 | 49.2 | 439 |
| Midlands | 12.4 | 22.0 | 30.1 | 25.5 | 19.9 | 38.8 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 13.0 | 36.2 | 51.2 | 38.0 | 36.6 | 71.4 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 8.5 | 14.4 | 23.0 | 22.0 | 15.6 | 36.2 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 5.8 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 10.9 | 5.9 | 14.4 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 24.8 | 46.8 | 49.3 | 45.4 | 47.5 | 64.4 | 380 |
| Primary | 16.1 | 35.4 | 42.8 | 38.3 | 33.8 | 59.7 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 9.7 | 20.4 | 27.9 | 25.8 | 18.5 | 41.8 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 2.2 | 4.7 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 5.2 | 9.9 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.9 | 39.1 | 44.5 | 42.3 | 36.6 | 64.2 | 1,552 |
| Second | 17.7 | 39.3 | 46.7 | 42.0 | 36.1 | 64.1 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 13.1 | 27.6 | 37.6 | 32.2 | 26.3 | 52.5 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 8.9 | 20.6 | 28.8 | 26.4 | 18.6 | 42.1 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 7.1 | 11.9 | 17.0 | 16.2 | 12.2 | 27.4 | 2,304 |
| Total | 12.2 | 26.0 | 33.0 | 30.2 | 24.3 | 47.7 | 8,907 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

| Percentage of all men 15-49 who agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for specific reasons, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who agree with at least one specified reason | Number of men |
|  | Burns the food | Argues with him | Goes out without telling him | Neglects the children | Refuses to have sexual intercourse with him |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 12.0 | 27.8 | 30.3 | 30.7 | 11.6 | 49.6 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 6.3 | 22.9 | 24.6 | 24.2 | 7.9 | 40.7 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 4.4 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 22.0 | 5.7 | 37.9 | 1,082 |
| 30-34 | 4.0 | 17.0 | 17.3 | 13.9 | 5.5 | 29.4 | 882 |
| 35-39 | 3.3 | 13.1 | 13.9 | 13.4 | 6.3 | 22.2 | 663 |
| 40-44 | 2.5 | 10.8 | 14.5 | 11.0 | 5.5 | 21.4 | 469 |
| 45-49 | 1.9 | 14.3 | 15.7 | 10.0 | 4.4 | 23.3 | 409 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 8.6 | 21.4 | 24.6 | 24.1 | 8.6 | 39.6 | 2,070 |
| Employed for cash | 4.7 | 18.8 | 19.9 | 18.5 | 6.6 | 32.9 | 3,638 |
| Employed not for cash | 8.3 | 27.9 | 28.1 | 26.1 | 9.8 | 46.0 | $1,109$ |
| Missing | (6.1) | (40.9) | (28.9) | (28.9) | (7.9) | (50.0) | 46 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 9.1 | 24.3 | 26.5 | 26.2 | 9.4 | 43.6 | 3,404 |
| Married or living together | 3.7 | 17.7 | 18.5 | 16.2 | 5.9 | 29.9 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 5.7 | 22.8 | 23.1 | 23.7 | 8.6 | 38.6 | 327 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 8.7 | 24.2 | 25.9 | 26.2 | 9.1 | 43.2 | 3,685 |
| 1-2 | 4.4 | 18.8 | 19.7 | 18.1 | 6.2 | 32.2 | 1,675 |
| 3-4 | 2.7 | 16.1 | 17.5 | 13.6 | 5.0 | 27.9 | 944 |
| 5+ | 4.2 | 17.3 | 19.2 | 14.7 | 7.8 | 27.3 | 560 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.5 | 12.4 | 14.2 | 15.2 | 4.9 | 25.5 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 9.1 | 27.2 | 28.5 | 25.8 | 9.7 | 45.0 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 8.9 | 22.4 | 23.8 | 24.1 | 10.8 | 41.1 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 12.6 | 32.3 | 34.5 | 33.5 | 12.1 | 53.8 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 5.8 | 14.6 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 8.1 | 27.5 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 5.5 | 23.3 | 19.9 | 14.4 | 6.9 | 33.9 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 7.5 | 24.9 | 28.0 | 28.7 | 8.2 | 41.7 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 8.3 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 9.5 | 2.9 | 20.8 | 306 |
| Midlands | 5.7 | 26.3 | 26.5 | 22.3 | 8.7 | 41.2 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 8.4 | 30.4 | 37.9 | 32.8 | 6.8 | 53.4 | 771 |
| Harare | 2.6 | 11.1 | 15.7 | 17.5 | 6.3 | 26.8 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 1.7 | 13.1 | 9.3 | 11.1 | 3.1 | 21.0 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 12.9 | 32.6 | 27.4 | 26.9 | 11.7 | 45.7 | 88 |
| Primary | 11.0 | 31.7 | 31.0 | 26.8 | 11.7 | 48.3 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 5.1 | 18.3 | 20.7 | 20.7 | 6.7 | 34.8 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 0.5 | 5.6 | 8.1 | 6.6 | 1.1 | 12.7 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.4 | 35.2 | 34.6 | 31.1 | 12.4 | 53.6 | 1,042 |
| Second | 8.8 | 28.6 | 29.7 | 27.6 | 9.6 | 47.1 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 9.2 | 23.6 | 26.7 | 23.7 | 10.0 | 43.4 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 4.1 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 18.6 | 6.2 | 31.4 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 1.7 | 9.2 | 11.2 | 12.7 | 3.6 | 21.4 | 1,599 |
| Total 15-49 | 6.5 | 21.2 | 22.7 | 21.5 | 7.7 | 37.1 | 6,863 |
| Total 15-54 | 6.3 | 20.8 | 22.1 | 20.9 | 7.6 | 36.3 | 7,175 |
| Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 16.5 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 (STIs). It is also an indicator of women's status because it measures women's level of acceptance of norms in certain societies that socialise 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 2005-06 ZDHS 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 an STI; she knows her husband has sexual intercourse with other women; and when she is tired or not in the mood. These three circumstances have been chosen because they combine issues of women's rights and consequences for women's health. Tables 16.5.1 and 16.5.2 show the responses of all women and all men, respectively.

Overall, the majority of women and men agreed with each specified reason for refusing to have sex. More than half of women ( 54 percent) and men ( 51 percent) agreed that all of the above reasons are justification for a woman to refuse to have sexual relations with her husband. Women were almost three times more likely than men to disagree with all of the reasons for refusing intercourse with her husband; 13 percent of women and 5 percent of men did not agree with any of the specified reasons. The most accepted reason for refusing to have sex, among women ( 79 percent) and men ( 86 percent), was if the wife knows her husband has a sexually transmitted infection.

Women in the older age groups, those with no education, employed women who are not paid in cash, married women, those with more than five children, women in rural areas, and women in the lowest wealth quintile are least likely to agree with all of the reasons for refusing sex. Among men, those who are age 15-19, unemployed, employed but not paid in cash, never married, have no children, have no education, and are in the lowest wealth quintile are least likely to agree with all the reasons for a wife refusing sex from her husband.

Differences are notable by urban-rural residence. Sixty-two percent of urban women and 58 percent of urban men agree with all the specified reasons for a wife refusing sex with her husband, compared with 50 percent of rural women and 46 percent of rural men. Provincial results vary greatly, with women residing in Bulawayo being the most likely to agree with all of the specified reasons a wife is justified in refusing sex with her husband, and women from Masvingo being the least likely (83 percent and 39 percent, respectively). Men in Matabeleland South were the most likely to agree with all the reasons, while men in Manicaland were the least likely ( 75 percent and 39 percent, respectively).

Table 16.5.1 Attitude towards refusing sexual intercourse with husband: women
Percentage of all 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, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Wife is justified in refusing intercourse with her husband if she: |  |  | Percentage who agree with all of the specified reasons | Percentage who agree with none of the specified reasons | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Knows husband has a sexually transmitted infection | Knows husband has intercourse with other women | Is tired or not in the mood |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 73.4 | 70.6 | 61.1 | 51.6 | 17.3 | 2,152 |
| 20-24 | 81.5 | 72.2 | 68.6 | 55.8 | 10.8 | 1,952 |
| 25-29 | 82.1 | 72.4 | 69.0 | 57.1 | 10.6 | 1,466 |
| 30-34 | 81.9 | 73.1 | 69.1 | 56.5 | 10.0 | 1,216 |
| 35-39 | 82.3 | 70.9 | 66.5 | 55.5 | 10.7 | 834 |
| 40-44 | 81.4 | 68.9 | 66.1 | 53.0 | 11.7 | 699 |
| 45-49 | 75.9 | 66.2 | 59.8 | 48.9 | 16.9 | 589 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 78.9 | 70.9 | 65.3 | 54.9 | 13.8 | 5,027 |
| Employed for cash | 81.6 | 73.3 | 67.0 | 55.4 | 11.1 | 2,888 |
| Employed not for cash | 75.5 | 66.0 | 65.8 | 48.8 | 12.1 | 981 |
| Missing | * | * | * | * | * | 11 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 79.0 | 75.2 | 65.6 | 57.8 | 14.3 | 2,404 |
| Married or living together | 79.1 | 69.4 | 66.0 | 53.0 | 12.4 | 5,143 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 81.1 | 70.5 | 66.3 | 53.9 | 11.2 | 1,360 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 77.4 | 72.8 | 63.4 | 55.0 | 15.1 | 2,724 |
| 1-2 | 81.0 | 72.2 | 68.5 | 55.7 | 10.9 | 3,295 |
| 3-4 | 80.3 | 69.7 | 67.2 | 53.9 | 11.4 | 1,775 |
| $5+$ | 78.3 | 66.3 | 62.5 | 49.9 | 14.3 | 1,113 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 84.1 | 78.8 | 70.2 | 61.6 | 9.5 | 3,502 |
| Rural | 76.4 | 66.3 | 63.2 | 49.7 | 14.8 | 5,405 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 77.7 | 57.5 | 56.9 | 45.1 | 17.1 | 1,043 |
| Mashonaland Central | 75.7 | 67.7 | 65.1 | 51.9 | 16.0 | 825 |
| Mashonaland East | 76.6 | 69.1 | 65.1 | 54.2 | 15.9 | 714 |
| Mashonaland West | 76.4 | 64.7 | 67.3 | 51.5 | 13.8 | 829 |
| Matabeleland North | 87.8 | 84.4 | 63.3 | 58.1 | 8.1 | 536 |
| Matabeleland South | 81.4 | 82.1 | 74.1 | 64.4 | 9.7 | 439 |
| Midlands | 86.5 | 73.1 | 72.7 | 61.0 | 7.7 | 1,193 |
| Masvingo | 67.1 | 60.0 | 57.3 | 39.0 | 18.0 | 1,137 |
| Harare | 79.4 | 76.2 | 63.7 | 53.1 | 11.5 | 1,492 |
| Bulawayo | 93.0 | 92.8 | 83.7 | 82.6 | 5.9 | 697 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 68.7 | 55.1 | 52.1 | 39.1 | 23.2 | 380 |
| Primary | 72.4 | 62.3 | 61.5 | 45.8 | 16.9 | 2,902 |
| Secondary | 83.3 | 76.3 | 68.7 | 59.1 | 10.0 | 5,355 |
| More than secondary | 91.1 | 87.4 | 78.3 | 74.6 | 6.2 | 270 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 71.6 | 62.1 | 60.3 | 44.5 | 17.4 | 1,552 |
| Second | 75.8 | 64.6 | 61.1 | 48.7 | 16.6 | 1,500 |
| Middle | 78.5 | 67.8 | 65.2 | 51.7 | 12.9 | 1,546 |
| Fourth | 81.4 | 74.0 | 68.3 | 57.1 | 10.9 | 2,006 |
| Highest | 85.8 | 81.3 | 71.3 | 64.3 | 8.5 | 2,304 |
| Total | 79.4 | 71.2 | 65.9 | 54.4 | 12.7 | 8,907 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table 16.5.2 Attitude towards refusing sexual intercourse with husband: men
Percentage of all men 15-49 who believe that a wife is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband in specific circumstances, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Wife is justified in refusing intercourse with her husband if she: |  |  | Percentage who agree with all of the specified reasons | Percentage who agree with none of the specified reasons | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Knows husband has a sexually transmitted infection | Knows husband has intercourse with other women | Is tired or not in the mood |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 78.2 | 67.0 | 62.8 | 40.8 | 7.6 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 85.5 | 69.5 | 69.4 | 51.0 | 5.9 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 86.7 | 71.2 | 72.0 | 51.9 | 3.2 | 1,082 |
| 30-34 | 89.5 | 77.2 | 74.8 | 57.2 | 2.6 | 882 |
| 35-39 | 92.9 | 78.1 | 73.3 | 58.0 | 2.3 | 663 |
| 40-44 | 93.8 | 83.4 | 77.2 | 65.2 | 1.1 | 469 |
| 45-49 | 86.2 | 76.2 | 71.1 | 54.7 | 4.5 | 409 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 83.2 | 71.8 | 68.9 | 48.2 | 5.2 | 2,070 |
| Employed for cash | 87.6 | 73.1 | 71.1 | 53.4 | 4.1 | 3,638 |
| Employed not for cash | 82.9 | 70.6 | 66.8 | 48.1 | 5.7 | 1,109 |
| Missing | (85.5) | (64.0) | (63.3) | (46.9) | (9.1) | 46 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 82.4 | 69.9 | 67.1 | 47.1 | 6.1 | 3,404 |
| Married or living together | 88.6 | 75.0 | 71.9 | 54.9 | 3.4 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 88.6 | 70.4 | 74.7 | 53.1 | 4.1 | 327 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 82.7 | 69.5 | 67.4 | 47.5 | 6.1 | 3,685 |
| 1-2 | 89.1 | 74.2 | 72.2 | 55.0 | 3.4 | 1,675 |
| 3-4 | 88.9 | 76.9 | 71.2 | 54.0 | 2.6 | 944 |
| $5+$ | 87.7 | 76.5 | 74.4 | 56.2 | 3.3 | 560 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 92.9 | 78.1 | 72.4 | 57.9 | 2.0 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 80.5 | 68.3 | 67.8 | 46.2 | 6.6 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 79.2 | 63.4 | 61.0 | 38.9 | 8.3 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 77.7 | 61.5 | 64.5 | 39.5 | 7.9 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 88.1 | 70.8 | 72.1 | 53.6 | 4.4 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 87.9 | 68.1 | 67.1 | 47.5 | 4.9 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 88.4 | 83.0 | 82.7 | 65.9 | 2.1 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 88.9 | 87.3 | 89.1 | 74.6 | 0.4 | 306 |
| Midlands | 80.4 | 67.2 | 71.1 | 47.0 | 6.8 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 82.4 | 69.8 | 64.3 | 43.5 | 4.8 | 771 |
| Harare | 92.8 | 80.1 | 67.1 | 56.0 | 2.4 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 92.9 | 85.4 | 81.6 | 68.6 | 1.1 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 74.0 | 66.4 | 72.7 | 40.9 | 5.6 | 88 |
| Primary | 75.7 | 66.2 | 63.4 | 41.6 | 9.5 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 88.7 | 73.7 | 70.9 | 52.9 | 3.2 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 95.4 | 84.0 | 83.3 | 71.7 | 1.4 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 76.5 | 66.2 | 64.9 | 42.1 | 8.7 | 1,042 |
| Second | 80.0 | 68.9 | 67.5 | 46.5 | 6.1 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 79.5 | 65.8 | 65.4 | 42.4 | 7.2 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 90.7 | 73.6 | 72.8 | 54.5 | 3.0 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 93.7 | 81.7 | 73.8 | 62.0 | 1.4 | 1,599 |
| Total men 15-49 | 85.5 | 72.2 | 69.7 | 51.0 | 4.7 | 6,863 |
| Total men 15-54 | 85.6 | 72.4 | 69.9 | 51.3 | 4.7 | 7,175 |

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

To assess men's attitudes towards a husband's right to take specific actions when his wife refuses sexual intercourse, men were asked if the following behaviours were justified: getting angry and reprimanding her; refusing her financial support; using force to have sex; and having sex with another woman. Table 16.5.3 shows the percentage of men age $15-49$ who consider that a husband has a right to certain behaviours when a woman refuses to have sex with him when he wants her to.

| Percentage of men age 15-49 who consider that a husband has the right to certain behaviours when a woman refuses to have sex with him when he wants her to, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | When a woman refuses to have sex with her husband, he has the right to: |  |  |  | Percentage who agree with all of the specified behaviours | Percentage who agree with none of the specified behaviours | Number of men |
| Background characteristic | Get angry and reprimand her | Refuse her financial support | Use force to have sex | Have sex with another woman |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 25.4 | 12.9 | 5.5 | 11.5 | 1.9 | 66.1 | 1,899 |
| 20-24 | 22.2 | 8.8 | 3.6 | 9.7 | 1.3 | 71.5 | 1,459 |
| 25-29 | 26.4 | 8.5 | 3.2 | 11.6 | 0.9 | 66.9 | 1,082 |
| 30-34 | 22.2 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 9.0 | 1.7 | 71.6 | 882 |
| 35-39 | 21.9 | 7.4 | 3.5 | 9.6 | 2.2 | 72.3 | 663 |
| 40-44 | 21.4 | 7.9 | 3.2 | 5.9 | 1.2 | 74.3 | 469 |
| 45-49 | 23.3 | 5.7 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 1.0 | 72.6 | 409 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 21.4 | 10.2 | 3.9 | 10.1 | 1.4 | 71.0 | 2,070 |
| Employed for cash | 23.9 | 8.5 | 3.8 | 10.6 | 1.6 | 69.8 | 3,638 |
| Employed not for cash | 27.4 | 10.5 | 5.5 | 7.8 | 1.6 | 66.7 | 1,109 |
| Missing | (23.3) | (17.2) | (11.0) | (7.1) | (0.0) | (63.7) | 46 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 23.7 | 10.6 | 4.3 | 10.6 | 1.4 | 68.9 | 3,404 |
| Married or living together | 23.8 | 7.8 | 3.9 | 8.8 | 1.4 | 70.7 | 3,132 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 23.9 | 11.6 | 4.6 | 13.7 | 3.7 | 67.4 | 327 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 23.7 | 10.8 | 4.5 | 10.6 | 1.6 | 68.9 | 3,685 |
| 1-2 | 23.7 | 7.9 | 3.7 | 10.1 | 1.3 | 69.8 | 1,675 |
| 3-4 | 23.6 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 8.3 | 1.1 | 70.1 | 944 |
| 5+ | 24.1 | 8.6 | 4.3 | 8.1 | 2.5 | 73.4 | 560 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.9 | 6.8 | 2.1 | 9.3 | 1.0 | 72.9 | 2,767 |
| Rural | 25.6 | 11.1 | 5.5 | 10.4 | 1.9 | 67.5 | 4,096 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 33.7 | 11.7 | 6.5 | 10.4 | 2.7 | 60.0 | 793 |
| Mashonaland Central | 29.4 | 14.4 | 5.8 | 10.1 | 1.7 | 65.4 | 681 |
| Mashonaland East | 19.8 | 13.0 | 8.0 | 10.3 | 2.7 | 69.6 | 570 |
| Mashonaland West | 13.1 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 12.4 | 1.3 | 78.7 | 691 |
| Matabeleland North | 12.5 | 6.2 | 1.6 | 9.8 | 0.5 | 81.6 | 416 |
| Matabeleland South | 4.9 | 5.4 | 3.7 | 7.5 | 0.7 | 86.6 | 306 |
| Midlands | 24.5 | 7.8 | 3.9 | 8.7 | 1.4 | 69.8 | 956 |
| Masvingo | 34.4 | 10.8 | 4.7 | 10.2 | 1.4 | 60.3 | 771 |
| Harare | 27.6 | 9.2 | 2.4 | 12.0 | 1.3 | 64.8 | 1,219 |
| Bulawayo | 12.0 | 5.7 | 0.8 | 3.6 | 0.7 | 85.0 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 26.7 | 11.2 | 5.7 | 9.2 | 1.4 | 68.5 | 88 |
| Primary | 27.5 | 12.2 | 5.7 | 10.4 | 1.8 | 65.8 | 1,782 |
| Secondary | 22.8 | 8.6 | 3.6 | 10.0 | 1.4 | 70.5 | 4,588 |
| More than secondary | 17.0 | 5.9 | 2.8 | 8.1 | 1.7 | 76.6 | 405 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 27.4 | 12.5 | 5.3 | 10.3 | 1.1 | 64.9 | 1,042 |
| Second | 25.3 | 12.1 | 5.4 | 10.0 | 2.7 | 68.5 | 1,137 |
| Middle | 28.1 | 11.0 | 5.8 | 11.3 | 2.0 | 65.2 | 1,194 |
| Fourth | 22.0 | 7.7 | 3.9 | 9.9 | 1.3 | 71.2 | 1,892 |
| Highest | 19.0 | 6.2 | 1.4 | 8.8 | 0.7 | 75.0 | 1,599 |
| Total men 15-49 | 23.7 | 9.4 | 4.1 | 10.0 | 1.5 | 69.6 | 6,863 |
| Total men 15-54 | 23.3 | 9.1 | 4.0 | 9.7 | 1.5 | 70.1 | 7,175 |

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

Overall, 70 percent of men did not agree that a man was justified to react according to any of the specified behaviours, and only 2 percent of men agreed that all of the specified behaviours were justified. Twenty-four percent said that a husband had the right to get angry and reprimand his wife if she refuses sex, 10 percent said a husband had the right to have sex with another woman, 9 percent said a husband had the right to refuse her financial support, and 4 percent said that a husband had the right to use force to have sex. The percentage who agree with none of the specified behaviours exceeds 60 percent in all population subgroups. Men in Matabeleland South ( 87 percent) and Bulawayo ( 85 percent) are most likely to say that a man would not be justified in reacting with any of the specified behaviours to a wife's refusal to have sex.

### 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 do not depend on her husband's cooperation. Table 16.6 presents the distribution of currently married women by contraceptive method use, according to the three status indicators.

The data indicate that there is a positive relationship between women's status and use of contraception. Use of any contraceptive method and any modern method is highest among women who participate in three to four 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 any of the five specified reasons.

## Table 16.6 Current use of contraception by women's status

Percent distribution of currently married women by current contraceptive method, according to selected indicators of women's status, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Empowerment indicator | Any method | Any modern method | Modern methods |  |  |  | Any traditional method | Not currently using | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Female sterilisation | $\qquad$ <br> Male sterilisation | Temporary female methods ${ }^{1}$ | Male condom |  |  |  |  |
| Number of decisions in which participate ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 51.8 | 49.7 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 48.1 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 48.2 | 100.0 | 199 |
| 1-2 | 48.3 | 46.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 42.7 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 51.7 | 100.0 | 419 |
| 3-4 | 61.7 | 60.0 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 56.4 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 38.3 | 100.0 | 4,526 |
| Number of reasons given for refusing to have sexual intercourse with husband ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 52.4 | 50.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 48.5 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 47.6 | 100.0 | 635 |
| 1-2 | 58.1 | 56.3 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 52.4 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 41.9 | 100.0 | 1,785 |
| 3 | 63.4 | 61.7 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 58.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 36.6 | 100.0 | 2,723 |
| Number of reasons for which wife beating is justified ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 64.2 | 62.6 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 58.1 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 35.8 | 100.0 | 2,599 |
| 1-2 | 56.7 | 55.2 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 52.4 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 43.3 | 100.0 | 1,232 |
| 3-4 | 55.6 | 53.8 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 51.8 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 44.4 | 100.0 | 942 |
| 5 | 55.6 | 51.9 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 48.7 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 44.4 | 100.0 | 369 |
| Total | 60.2 | 58.4 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 54.9 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 39.8 | 100.0 | 5,143 |

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### 16.7 Widows Dispossessed of Property

Table 16.7 presents information on the percentage of women who have been widowed and the percentage of women who have been dispossessed of property, by background characteristics. Nine percent of women interviewed in the 2005-06 ZDHS were currently widowed or reported being widowed at some time. These women were asked questions about the disposal of their late husband's property after he died. Six in ten widowed women received their late husband's property ( 61 percent). If a widow did not receive her husband's property, it most often went to members of his family. Twenty-eight percent of widows reported that their husband's property went to his family, 7 percent to his children, 3 percent to other people, and 1 percent to another wife.

Table 16.7 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 background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristics | Percentage of everwidowed women | Number of women | Percentage of widows who were dispossessed of property ${ }^{1}$ | Who received most of late husband's property |  |  |  | Number of everwidowed women whose property was received by someone after husband's death |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Other wife | Spouse's children | Spouse's family | Other |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.3 | 2,152 | * | * | * | * | * | 6 |
| 20-29 | 4.1 | 3,418 | 54.4 | 1.8 | 5.7 | 45.7 | 1.2 | 131 |
| 30-39 | 16.7 | 2,050 | 41.1 | 1.5 | 8.5 | 27.8 | 3.2 | 321 |
| 40-49 | 24.8 | 1,287 | 30.9 | 0.9 | 6.7 | 19.8 | 3.4 | 295 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Married | 2.5 | 5,143 | 70.4 | 3.0 | 12.0 | 51.1 | 4.2 | 114 |
| Widowed | 100.0 | 671 | 32.9 | 1.0 | 6.3 | 22.9 | 2.7 | 630 |
| Age of youngest child |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No children | 0.8 | 2,628 | * | * | * | * | * | 19 |
| <18 years | 12.2 | 6,097 | 39.4 | 1.4 | 7.9 | 27.0 | 3.2 | 695 |
| 18+ years | 25.1 | 182 | (36.7) | (1.2) | (0.0) | (35.5) | (0.0) | 40 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.3 | 3,502 | 25.9 | 0.2 | 5.8 | 19.0 | 0.9 | 289 |
| Rural | 9.5 | 5,405 | 47.4 | 2.0 | 8.2 | 33.0 | 4.1 | 465 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 12.3 | 1,043 | 51.3 | 0.8 | 9.4 | 36.8 | 4.3 | 116 |
| Mashonaland Central | 8.0 | 825 | 55.5 | 3.4 | 8.3 | 39.7 | 4.1 | 63 |
| Mashonaland East | 12.5 | 714 | 33.8 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 29.3 | 1.0 | 81 |
| Mashonaland West | 12.0 | 829 | 37.6 | 1.1 | 7.2 | 27.9 | 1.3 | 98 |
| Matabeleland North | 7.2 | 536 | (21.3) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (17.8) | (3.5) | 35 |
| Matabeleland South | 7.9 | 439 | (34.3) | (1.4) | (0.0) | (27.1) | (5.8) | 31 |
| Midlands | 6.8 | 1,193 | 32.0 | 2.7 | 6.1 | 21.4 | 1.7 | 79 |
| Masvingo | 9.2 | 1,137 | 54.2 | 2.1 | 16.6 | 28.5 | 7.1 | 88 |
| Harare | 7.9 | 1,492 | 33.2 | 0.0 | 7.9 | 23.8 | 1.4 | 115 |
| Bulawayo | 6.7 | 697 | (14.6) | (1.4) | (1.6) | (11.6) | (0.0) | 47 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 22.5 | 380 | 48.2 | 0.8 | 13.9 | 29.4 | 4.2 | 62 |
| Primary | 12.1 | 2,902 | 41.4 | 1.3 | 7.5 | 29.1 | 3.6 | 330 |
| Secondary | 6.6 | 5,355 | 35.9 | 1.5 | 5.6 | 26.6 | 2.2 | 344 |
| More than secondary | 6.4 | 270 | 27.6 | * | * | * | * | 17 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.5 | 1,552 | 50.4 | 2.3 | 10.4 | 29.7 | 8.1 | 126 |
| Second | 8.6 | 1,500 | 51.8 | 3.8 | 7.1 | 36.1 | 4.7 | 114 |
| Middle | 10.2 | 1,546 | 47.2 | 0.6 | 7.8 | 37.5 | 1.3 | 149 |
| Fourth | 9.9 | 2,006 | 34.3 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 24.6 | 1.8 | 193 |
| Highest | 7.5 | 2,304 | 21.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 15.5 | 0.6 | 172 |
| Total | 9.1 | 8,907 | 39.1 | 1.3 | 7.3 | 27.6 | 2.9 | 753 |

Note: Table is based on de facto women, i.e., women who slept in household the night preceding the interview. 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.
${ }^{1}$ Dispossessed of property indicates that none of late husband's assets went to the respondent.

Women between the ages of 20 and 29 represent the age group with the highest proportion who have been dispossessed of their late husband's property. Rural women are almost twice as likely as urban women to be dispossessed of property ( 47 percent and 26 percent, respectively). More than half of widows in Mashonaland Central (56 percent), Masvingo ( 54 percent), and Manicaland ( 51 percent) did not receive their husband's property. Less than one-quarter of widows in Bulawayo and Matabeleland North were dispossessed of property ( 15 percent and 21 percent, respectively).

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The 2005-06 ZDHS represents the first time Zimbabwe has included information on domestic violence in the survey. Domestic violence against women has been acknowledged worldwide as a violation of basic human rights, and an increasing amount of research highlights the health burdens, intergenerational effects, and demographic consequences of such violence (United Nations General Assembly, 1991; Heise et al., 1994, 1998; Jejeebhoy, 1998). The inclusion of the domestic violence module in the 2005-06 ZDHS is in recognition of the presence of gender-based violence as an economic, human right, and health issue in Zimbabwe. Gender-based violence is defined as any act of violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivations of liberty, where occurring in public or private life (United Nations, 1993, 1995). Domestic violence includes physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, or economic abuse committed by a person against a spouse, child, or any other person who is a member of the household, dependent, or parent of a child of that household. Domestic violence has negative health consequences on the victims and especially on the reproductive health of women.

Despite ongoing efforts to protect women and vulnerable populations against violence, there is still much to be done to protect victims and to further inform and educate the population about the problem. Moreover, in addition to baseline indicators presented in this chapter, a mechanism is needed to keep a database with locally updated statistics (United Nations Development Fund for Women, 2005).

The 2005-06 ZDHS included a special module designed to obtain information on the extent to which women in Zimbabwe experience domestic violence. The domestic violence module was administered to one eligible woman randomly selected in each household with the use of the Kish-grid technique.

Questions were included in the module to obtain information from ever-married women as to whether or not they had ever experienced various forms of emotional, physical or sexual violence at the hands of their current (most recent) husband/partner. Marital emotional violence was assessed by asking the woman whether or not her husband had ever said or done something to humiliate her in front of others; threatened to hurt or harm her or someone close to her; or insulted her or made her feel bad about herself. To assess the extent of marital physical violence, women were asked if the husband/partner had ever done any of the following: (1) pushed her, shaken her, thrown something at her, twisted her arm or pulled her hair; (2) slapped her; (3) punched her with his fist or with something that could hurt her, kicked her, dragged her, or beaten her up; (4) tried to choke her or burn her; (5) threatened her with a knife, gun, or other type of weapon; and attacked her with a knife, gun, or other type of weapon. The extent of marital sexual violence was assessed by asking whether or not the husband or partner had ever physically forced her to have sexual intercourse or forced her to perform any other sexual acts. Women who reported that they had ever experienced any form of violence were asked about the frequency with which each of the specific acts had occurred during the 12 months prior to the survey.

Although the module focused on the extent of marital violence, information also was obtained on any physical violence involving perpetrators other than the woman's current (last) husband that a woman may have experienced since her fifteenth birthday. Women who reported recent marital violence were asked about assistance they may have sought at the time the most recent episode of violence occurred.

The collection of data on domestic violence is challenging because women may not disclose issues of domestic violence. Collection of such sensitive information requires the establishment of rapport between the interviewer and the respondent. To prepare field staff in collecting data on domestic violence, they received special training on gender-based violence, focusing on domestic violence. Interviewers were instructed that interviews could only proceed when maximum privacy had been ensured. If privacy was not assured, the questions in the domestic violence module were not to be asked.

### 17.1 Women Experiencing Physical Violence

There were 6,293 women who were asked questions on domestic violence in the 2005-06 ZHDS. In Zimbabwe, domestic violence occurs across all socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Table 17.1 presents the percent distribution of women age 15-49 who ever experienced any form of physical violence since the age 15, by background characteristics. The data show that over one-third of all women (36 percent) have experienced physical violence since they were 15.

Socioeconomic background has an impact on whether a woman has experienced physical violence in the past. There are many variations observed when reviewing the data by background characteristics. Forty percent of women in the 20-24 year age group have experienced physical violence at some point since age 15. They represent the age group with the highest prevalence of domestic violence experienced since the age of 15 .

Fifty-five percent of divorced and separated women reported experiencing violence since age 15, compared with 39 percent for married women. Twenty-five percent of women who have never been married reported that they have experienced violence since age 15 . One-third of divorced and separated women have experienced recent physical violence, compared with 24 percent of women who are married.

Twenty-eight percent of women with no children reported experience with violence since age 15; however, the percentages of reported violence in the same reference period for women with one or more children are between 39 and 41 percent.

Rural women were more likely than their urban counterparts to report having ever experienced violence ( 39 percent compared with 32 percent). The highest proportion of women ever subjected to physical violence is in Midlands where 55 percent of women reported that they had experienced physical violence since age 15 . Women in Bulawayo reported the lowest percentages for ever experiencing physical violence since age 15 (18 percent).

Women who are employed but do not receive their payment in cash reported the highest percentage of ever experiencing violence since 15 years of age ( 50 percent).

| Table 17.1 Experience of physical violence |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-49 who have ever experienced physical violence since age 15 , by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who have ever experienced physical violence since age $15^{1}$ | Number of women |
| Current age |  |  |
| 15-19 | 29.4 | 1,387 |
| 20-24 | 40.3 | 1,467 |
| 25-29 | 38.3 | 1,023 |
| 30-39 | 37.4 | 1,485 |
| 40-49 | 35.4 | 931 |
| Marital status |  |  |
| Never married | 25.1 | 1,635 |
| Married or living together | 38.8 | 3,694 |
| Divorced/separated | 55.0 | 495 |
| Widowed | 34.2 | 469 |
| Number of living children |  |  |
| 0 | 27.6 | 1,881 |
| 1-2 | 39.8 | 2,369 |
| 3-4 | 40.5 | 1,292 |
| 5+ | 38.6 | 751 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 31.7 | 2,489 |
| Rural | 39.1 | 3,804 |
| Province |  |  |
| Manicaland | 32.2 | 745 |
| Mashonaland Central | 41.4 | 515 |
| Mashonaland East | 46.8 | 553 |
| Mashonaland West | 39.7 | 555 |
| Matabeleland North | 26.1 | 347 |
| Matabeleland South | 35.1 | 326 |
| Midlands | 54.6 | 797 |
| Masvingo | 32.5 | 836 |
| Harare | 29.8 | 1,159 |
| Bulawayo | 18.3 | 460 |
| Employment |  |  |
| Not employed | 31.4 | 3,454 |
| Employed for cash | 39.3 | 2,120 |
| Employed not for cash | 49.6 | 716 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 39.6 | 251 |
| Primary | 39.7 | 1,974 |
| Secondary | 34.6 | 3,848 |
| More than secondary | 28.3 | 220 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 37.9 | 1,013 |
| Second | 42.2 | 1,048 |
| Middle | 41.1 | 1,096 |
| Fourth | 36.3 | 1,510 |
| Highest | 27.7 | 1,627 |
| Total | 36.2 | 6,293 |
| Note: Total includes 2 cases missing employment information. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Includes women who experienced physical violence in the past 12 months |  |  |

Experience of violence decreases with increasing education. For example, 40 percent of uneducated women and women with only a primary education reported that they have experienced some physical violence since age 15 , compared with 28 percent of women with more than a secondary education.

Among wealth quintiles, there is no clear pattern with regard to experience with violence since age 15; however, women in the highest wealth quintile reported the lowest prevalence of violence (28 percent).

| Table 17.2 Persons committing physical violence |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among women age 15-49 who have experienced physical |  |  |  |
| violence since age 15, percentage who report specific persons |  |  |  |
| who committed the violence, according to the respondent's |  |  |  |
| marital status, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |
| Marital status |  |  |  |
|  | Ever | Never |  |
| Person | married | married | Total |
| Current husband/partner | 56.9 | na | 46.7 |
| Former husband/partner | 21.3 | na | 17.5 |
| Current boyfriend | 0.2 | 3.4 | 0.8 |
| Former boyfriend | 0.8 | 8.5 | 2.2 |
| Father/stepfather | 7.0 | 12.4 | 8.0 |
| Mother/stepmother | 9.6 | 21.2 | 11.7 |
| Sister/brother | 6.6 | 18.0 | 8.7 |
| Daughter/son | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Other relative | 7.0 | 14.2 | 8.3 |
| Mother-in-law | 2.8 | na | 2.3 |
| Father-in-law | 0.3 | na | 0.3 |
| Other in-law | 3.6 | na | 3.0 |
| Teacher | 4.8 | 21.9 | 7.9 |
| Employer/someone at work | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| Police/soldier | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Other | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.2 |
| Number of women | 1,864 | 411 | 2,275 |
|  |  |  |  |

### 17.2 Perpetrators of Physical Violence

Table 17.2 shows the percent distribution of women reporting any physical violence since age 15 by the person or persons who committed the acts of violence against them, according to marital status. Among women who experienced violence since age 15, a total of 47 percent reported that their current husband or partner was the perpetrator and 18 percent reported that the perpetrator was a former husband or partner. Twelve percent of all women who have experienced physical violence since age 15 reported that the perpetrator was their mother or stepmother.

Among ever-married women, 57 percent reported that their current husband was the perpetrator. For never-married women, 22 percent reported that a teacher was the perpetrator and 21 percent reported that their mother or stepmother was the perpetrator.

### 17.3 Force at Sexual Initiation

Table 17.3 presents the percentage of women age $15-49$ who have ever had sexual intercourse and reported that their first sexual intercourse experience was forced against their will. Among women who have ever had sexual intercourse, 21 percent reported that their first sexual intercourse was forced against their will. Among the 453 women who reported that their first sexual intercourse occurred at age 15 or younger, 24 percent reported that sexual intercourse was forced against their will.

| Table 17.3 Force at sexual initiation |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-49 who have ever had sexual intercourse who say that their first experience of sexual intercourse was forced against their will, by age at first sexual intercourse and whether the first sexual intercourse was at the time of first marriage or before first marriage, Zimbabwe 20052006 |  |  |
|  | Percentage whose first sexual intercourse was forced against their will | Number of women who ever had sex |
| Age at first sexual intercourse |  |  |
| <15 | 23.7 | 453 |
| 15-19 | 22.0 | 3,192 |
| 20-24 | 19.3 | 1,063 |
| 25-29 | 6.4 | 108 |
| 30-49 | * | 9 |
| Missing | 16.1 | 205 |
| First sexual intercourse was: |  |  |
| At the time of first marriage/ first cohabitation | 21.3 | 2,923 |
| Before first marriage/ first cohabitation ${ }^{1}$ | 21.0 | 1,903 |
| Missing | 16.1 | 205 |
| Total | 21.0 | 5,031 |
| Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Includes never-married women |  |  |

### 17.4 Experience of Sexual Violence

Overall, 25 percent of women reported that they have experienced sexual violence at some point in their lives (Table 17.4). Twenty-eight percent of women age 20-39 reported experience with sexual violence.

Women who are employed were more likely than unemployed women to report sexual violence experience: 30 percent for women who were employed for cash and 33 percent for women who were employed but did not receive payment in cash. In comparison, 20 percent of unemployed women reported ever experiencing sexual violence. Divorced and separated women reported the highest percentage of sexual violence ( 44 percent), married women reported 29 percent, widows reported 27 percent, and nevermarried women reported 10 percent.

| Table 17.4 Experience of sexual violence |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-49 who have ever experienced sexual violence, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who have ever experienced sexual violence ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women |
| Current age |  |  |
| 15-19 | 15.5 | 1,387 |
| 20-24 | 27.6 | 1,467 |
| 25-29 | 27.9 | 1,023 |
| 30-39 | 28.4 | 1,485 |
| 40-49 | 26.7 | 931 |
| Employment |  |  |
| Not employed | 20.4 | 3,454 |
| Employed for cash | 29.9 | 2,120 |
| Employed not for cash | 32.9 | 716 |
| Marital status |  |  |
| Never married | 9.8 | 1,635 |
| Married or living together | 29.0 | 3,694 |
| Divorced/separated | 44.1 | 495 |
| Widowed | 27.2 | 469 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 20.8 | 2,489 |
| Rural | 27.8 | 3,804 |
| Province |  |  |
| Manicaland | 25.3 | 745 |
| Mashonaland Central | 32.8 | 515 |
| Mashonaland East | 34.4 | 553 |
| Mashonaland West | 32.3 | 555 |
| Matabeleland North | 10.0 | 347 |
| Matabeleland South | 14.7 | 326 |
| Midlands | 31.2 | 797 |
| Masvingo | 23.9 | 836 |
| Harare | 23.7 | 1,159 |
| Bulawayo | 9.4 | 460 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 27.7 | 251 |
| Primary | 29.0 | 1,974 |
| Secondary | 22.8 | 3,848 |
| More than secondary | 26.0 | 220 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 28.0 | 1,013 |
| Second | 29.8 | 1,048 |
| Middle | 27.3 | 1,096 |
| Fourth | 25.8 | 1,510 |
| Highest | 17.9 | 1,627 |
| Total | 25.0 | 6,293 |

Note: Total includes 2 cases missing employment information.
${ }^{1}$ Includes those whose sexual initiation was forced against their will

Rural women reported a higher percentage of experience with sexual violence than their counterparts in urban areas (28 percent compared with 21 percent, respectively). Women in Mashonaland East were almost four times more likely to report sexual violence than women in Bulawayo ( 34 percent and 9 percent, respectively).

Education and wealth do not have a great impact on ever-experience with sexual violence. Women in each education group and wealth quintile are similarly affected with the exception of women in the highest wealth quintile, who reported the lowest percentage of experience with sexual violence (18 percent).

Table 17.5 presents information on the women age 15-49 who have experienced sexual violence, by age at first experience of sexual violence according to current age. Six percent of women were age 14 or younger when they were first sexually assaulted, and 32 percent were between 15 and 19 years of age. Sixty-two percent of women who are currently 15-19 years of age reported that they have experienced their first sexual violence assault against them.

| Table 17.5 Age at first experience of sexual violence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women age 15-49 who have experienced sexual violence by age at first experience of sexual violence, according to current age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Age at first experience of sexual violence |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| Current age | Less than 10 years | $\begin{aligned} & 10-14 \\ & \text { years } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 15-19 \\ & \text { years } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 20-49 \\ & \text { years } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Don't know ${ }^{1}$ | Missing |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.7 | 9.4 | 62.1 | na | 15.3 | 12.4 | 100.0 | 215 |
| 20-24 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 31.5 | 14.4 | 23.3 | 27.6 | 100.0 | 405 |
| 25-29 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 23.9 | 13.6 | 25.4 | 27.6 | 100.0 | 285 |
| 30-39 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 24.6 | 16.2 | 29.6 | 24.7 | 100.0 | 421 |
| 40-49 | 0.3 | 3.8 | 27.4 | 8.7 | 32.9 | 26.9 | 100.0 | 248 |
| Total | 1.1 | 4.8 | 31.8 | 11.9 | 25.8 | 24.6 | 100.0 | 1,575 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes women who report having ever experienced sexual violence committed only by their current husband if currently married or by most recent husband if divorced, separated, or widowed, and whose sexual initiation was not forced against their will. For these women, the age at first experience of sexual violence is not known.
na $=$ Not applicable

Table 17.6 presents information on women age 15-49 who have experienced sexual violence, and the percentage who reported specific persons committing sexual violence, according to age at first experience of sexual violence and marital status. Overall, the majority ( 65 percent) of women reported that their current or former husband, partner, or boyfriend committed the act of sexual violence. It is important to highlight that among women who were less than 15 years old when their first experience of sexual violence occurred, 7 percent reported that the perpetrators were a relative, 7 percent reported that the person was a family friend, and 4 percent reported that the person was a stepfather. Overall, 18 percent of the sexual violence against children is perpetrated by people who are probably trusted by the child's family.

Table 17.6 Persons committing sexual violence
Among women age 15-49 who have experienced sexual violence, percentage who report specific persons committing sexual violence according to age at first experience of sexual violence and current marital status,
Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Person | Age at first experience of sexual violence |  |  |  | Marital status |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $<15$ years | 15 years older | Don't know ${ }^{1}$ | Missing | Ever married | Never married |  |
| Current husband/partner | 21.6 | 40.5 | 71.3 | 0.8 | 41.7 | na | 37.5 |
| Former husband/partner | 17.7 | 23.7 | 20.6 | 0.2 | 18.6 | na | 16.7 |
| Current/former boyfriend | 8.9 | 23.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 60.3 | 10.8 |
| Stepfather | 3.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Other relative | 7.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 3.9 | 1.4 |
| In-law | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Own friend/acquaintance | 3.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Family friend | 7.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.7 |
| Teacher | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Employer/someone at work | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Police/soldier | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Priest/religious leader | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Stranger | 9.2 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 5.4 | 1.8 |
| Other | 19.6 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 24.1 | 8.6 | 14.7 | 9.3 |
| Missing | 0.7 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 74.8 | 21.0 | 12.0 | 20.1 |
| Number of women | 92 | 689 | 406 | 388 | 1,416 | 160 | 1,575 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes women who report having ever experienced sexual violence committed only by their current husband if currently married or by most recent husband if divorced, separated, or widowed, and whose sexual initiation was not forced against their will. For these women, the age of first experience of sexual violence is not known.
na $=$ Not applicable

### 17.5 Experience of Different Forms of Violence

Table 17.7 shows information on the percentage of women age $15-49$ who reported having experienced forms of physical violence, sexual violence, or both, by current age. Overall, 47 percent of women reported that they have experienced a form of physical or sexual violence whether it was physical abuse only, sexual abuse only, or both physical and sexual abuse. Almost two-fifths of women age 15-19 reported that they have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence ( 37 percent). Half of women between the ages of 20 and 39 years reported that they have experienced one or both forms of violence.

| Table 17.7 Experience of different forms of violence |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-49 who have experienced different forms of violence by current age, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | Physical violence only ${ }^{1}$ | Sexual violence only ${ }^{2}$ | Both physical and sexual violence ${ }^{3}$ | Total percentage of women who reported physical and/or sexual violence ${ }^{4}$ | Number of women |
| 15-19 | 21.6 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 37.1 | 1,387 |
| 15-17 | 23.5 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 35.4 | 806 |
| 18-19 | 19.1 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 39.6 | 581 |
| 20-24 | 21.9 | 9.2 | 18.4 | 49.5 | 1,467 |
| 25-29 | 21.0 | 10.7 | 17.2 | 48.9 | 1,023 |
| 30-39 | 22.8 | 13.7 | 14.6 | 51.1 | 1,485 |
| 40-49 | 20.6 | 11.9 | 14.8 | 47.3 | 931 |
| Total | 21.7 | 10.6 | 14.4 | 46.7 | 6,293 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Women who reported physical violence only <br> ${ }^{2}$ Women who reported sexual violence only. Includes forced sexual initiation. <br> ${ }^{3}$ Women who reported that they were both physically and sexually abused. <br> Includes forced sexual initiation. <br> ${ }^{4}$ Total women who reported physical abuse, sexual abuse, or physical and sexual abuse. |  |  |  |  |  |
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### 17.6 Violence during Pregnancy

Women experience violence in all stages of their life. In the 2005-06 ZDHS, women who had had a pregnancy (whether it resulted in a live birth or not) and those who were currently pregnant at the time of the survey were asked whether they experienced any type of physical violence during any of their pregnancies and who administered that violence. Table 17.8 presents these findings according to selected background characteristics. Eight percent of women reported that they experienced violence when they were pregnant.

Violence during pregnancy occurs at all ages. Women in the 20-24 year age group reported the highest prevalence of experiencing violence while pregnant ( 11 percent). Divorced or separated women were more likely than married women to have experienced violence during pregnancy (18 percent and 7 percent, respectively). However, it is interesting that never-married women are also more likely than married women to have experienced violence during pregnancy ( 10 percent compared with 7 percent, respectively).

There is not much difference between women in rural and urban areas with respect to their risk of facing physical violence during pregnancy; 9 percent of rural women and 8 percent of urban women reported experiencing violence during pregnancy. However, there are notable variations by province. Women in Midlands (16 percent), Mashonaland West (11 percent), and Bulawayo (11 percent) reported the highest prevalence of violence during pregnancy.

Looking at education and wealth, women with a primary education and women in the second, middle, and fourth wealth quintiles reported the highest level of violence during pregnancy; 9 percent of women in each of these groups experienced physical violence when they were pregnant. Women with more than a secondary education and women in the highest wealth quintile were least likely to have experienced violence when they were pregnant ( 6 percent each).

| Table 17.8 Violence during pregnancy |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among women age 15-49 who have ever been pregnant, percentage who have ever experienced physical violence during pregnancy, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage <br> who have ever experienced physical violence during pregnancy | Number of women who have ever been pregnant |
| Current age |  |  |
| 15-19 | 7.1 | 296 |
| 20-24 | 11.2 | 1,074 |
| 25-29 | 7.0 | 945 |
| 30-39 | 8.4 | 1,444 |
| 40-49 | 6.5 | 914 |
| Marital status |  |  |
| Never married | 9.8 | 201 |
| Married or living together | 7.3 | 3,553 |
| Divorced/separated | 18.0 | 461 |
| Widowed | 5.8 | 459 |
| Number of living children |  |  |
| 0 | 2.2 | 262 |
| 1-2 | 8.6 | 2,369 |
| 3-4 | 9.2 | 1,292 |
| $5+$ | 7.9 | 751 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 7.6 | 1,652 |
| Rural | 8.7 | 3,022 |
| Province |  |  |
| Manicaland | 5.4 | 580 |
| Mashonaland Central | 8.1 | 419 |
| Mashonaland East | 6.1 | 470 |
| Mashonaland West | 10.6 | 431 |
| Matabeleland North | 6.7 | 268 |
| Matabeleland South | 9.3 | 243 |
| Midlands | 16.2 | 605 |
| Masvingo | 5.8 | 632 |
| Harare | 5.8 | 745 |
| Bulawayo | 10.5 | 280 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 7.8 | 242 |
| Primary | 9.3 | 1,676 |
| Secondary | 7.9 | 2,589 |
| More than secondary | 6.0 | 167 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 8.3 | 837 |
| Second | 9.4 | 870 |
| Middle | 8.9 | 820 |
| Fourth | 8.6 | 1,158 |
| Highest | 6.4 | 989 |
| Total | 8.3 | 4,674 |

### 17.7 Marital Control by Husband or Partner

Marital violence refers to violence perpetuated by partners in a marital union. A series of questions were included in the 2005-06 ZDHS to elicit the degree of marital control exercised by the spouse or partner over the respondent. Attempts by male spouses/partners to closely control and monitor their female counterparts have been found to be among the most important early warning signs, as well as correlates of violence in a relationship. Controlling behaviours most often manifest themselves in terms of extreme possessiveness, jealousy, and attempts to isolate the woman from her family and friends. Because the accumulation of such behaviours is more significant than the display of any single behaviour, the proportion of women whose husbands display at least three of the specified behaviours is highlighted.

In order to determine the degree of marital control by husbands of their wives, women were asked whether they experienced any of a list of specific acts of controlling behaviours by their husbands, such as the husband is jealous or gets angry if she talks to other men, accuses her of being unfaithful, does not permit meetings with female friends, tries to limit contact with her family, insists on knowing where she is at all times, and does not trust her with any money. Table 17.9 presents the percentage of ever-married women whose husbands or partners display each of the listed behaviours, by selected background characteristics.

Table 17.9 shows that the main controlling behaviours women experienced from their husbands were being jealous or angry if she talks to other men and her husband's insistence on knowing where she is at all times ( 57 percent and 44 percent, respectively). Just under one-quarter of ever-married women said that their husbands frequently accuse them of being unfaithful ( 23 percent), 17 percent said their husbands do not permit them to meet their female friends, 14 percent report that their husbands do not trust them with money, and 13 percent said that their husbands try to limit their contact with their families. One in four women reported that their spouses display three or more of the specific behaviours, while one-third of women reported that their spouses do not display any of the behaviours.

Overall, differences in the proportions reporting various controlling behaviours are not extremely large across the demographic and socioeconomic categories shown in Table 17.9. Divorced or separated women are, however, noticeably more likely to report that their last husband or partner displayed three or more controlling behaviours.

Table 17.9 Degree of marital control exercised by husbands
Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 whose husband/partner ever demonstrates specific types of controlling behaviours, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women whose husband: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Is jealous or angry if she talks to other men | Frequently accuses her of being unfaithful | Does not permit her to meet her female friends | Tries to limit her contact with her family | Insists on knowing where she is at all times | Does not trust her with any money | Displays 3 or more of the specific behaviours | Displays none of the specific behaviours |  |
| Current age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 55.6 | 23.3 | 19.4 | 10.2 | 44.2 | 10.6 | 27.8 | 31.8 | 317 |
| 20-24 | 60.5 | 24.6 | 19.1 | 15.7 | 47.9 | 15.2 | 29.1 | 29.2 | 1,053 |
| 25-29 | 59.1 | 23.1 | 16.7 | 13.6 | 44.9 | 13.7 | 26.9 | 31.2 | 928 |
| 30-39 | 57.0 | 21.8 | 16.5 | 12.3 | 41.8 | 13.0 | 24.1 | 33.1 | 1,436 |
| 40-49 | 53.5 | 22.5 | 14.9 | 12.0 | 39.9 | 14.1 | 23.6 | 39.3 | 923 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 55.8 | 22.7 | 15.9 | 12.6 | 41.9 | 12.2 | 24.7 | 35.0 | 2,337 |
| Employed for cash | 60.9 | 23.8 | 19.1 | 14.6 | 46.3 | 15.5 | 28.0 | 29.4 | 1,707 |
| Employed not for cash | 53.6 | 21.3 | 15.3 | 11.0 | 42.4 | 14.5 | 24.5 | 35.2 | 612 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 53.6 | 22.6 | 16.2 | 11.0 | 41.8 | 9.8 | 22.9 | 35.2 | 413 |
| 1-2 | 60.2 | 22.5 | 17.7 | 14.1 | 46.0 | 14.2 | 27.9 | 30.2 | 2,218 |
| 3-4 | 57.9 | 24.0 | 17.3 | 12.1 | 40.9 | 13.9 | 24.7 | 33.4 | 1,279 |
| 5+ | 50.3 | 22.4 | 14.9 | 13.0 | 41.8 | 14.1 | 23.8 | 39.5 | 748 |
| Marital status and duration |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Currently married | 55.2 | 21.1 | 14.4 | 11.2 | 42.3 | 12.0 | 23.5 | 34.6 | 3,694 |
| Married only once | 53.8 | 19.7 | 13.3 | 10.3 | 41.5 | 11.4 | 22.2 | 35.7 | 3,180 |
| 0-4 years | 55.4 | 19.7 | 14.9 | 10.8 | 43.4 | 11.8 | 25.1 | 33.6 | 968 |
| 5-9 years | 56.7 | 19.5 | 15.1 | 10.6 | 44.1 | 12.0 | 23.4 | 32.7 | 792 |
| 10+ years | 51.1 | 19.8 | 11.3 | 9.6 | 38.7 | 10.8 | 19.6 | 38.8 | 1,420 |
| Married more than once | 63.6 | 30.1 | 21.2 | 17.2 | 47.2 | 15.7 | 31.3 | 27.3 | 514 |
| Divorced/separated | 71.9 | 38.0 | 35.4 | 28.0 | 54.8 | 26.4 | 46.1 | 21.3 | 495 |
| Widowed | 59.7 | 21.1 | 18.0 | 12.6 | 41.9 | 13.8 | 23.7 | 33.0 | 469 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 58.8 | 21.0 | 16.9 | 12.1 | 43.4 | 13.8 | 25.8 | 33.0 | 1,638 |
| Rural | 56.6 | 24.0 | 17.1 | 13.7 | 43.7 | 13.7 | 26.0 | 33.0 | 3,020 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 64.7 | 27.7 | 23.6 | 21.0 | 42.8 | 17.3 | 32.5 | 28.8 | 585 |
| Mashonaland Central | 60.4 | 28.8 | 21.4 | 16.2 | 49.1 | 16.1 | 29.7 | 29.4 | 430 |
| Mashonaland East | 49.7 | 22.3 | 16.8 | 14.1 | 38.7 | 15.8 | 26.7 | 39.0 | 475 |
| Mashonaland West | 63.7 | 25.3 | 16.9 | 13.7 | 40.4 | 10.8 | 24.3 | 28.4 | 429 |
| Matabeleland North | 54.1 | 25.7 | 9.5 | 4.8 | 44.4 | 10.2 | 21.7 | 33.6 | 246 |
| Matabeleland South | 45.5 | 18.8 | 10.3 | 8.0 | 47.0 | 7.3 | 20.3 | 35.5 | 222 |
| Midlands | 57.4 | 19.6 | 14.7 | 8.5 | 52.8 | 12.7 | 22.8 | 27.4 | 614 |
| Masvingo | 57.4 | 22.1 | 18.4 | 16.5 | 42.8 | 12.7 | 26.4 | 35.6 | 645 |
| Harare | 58.0 | 19.3 | 14.4 | 9.1 | 38.1 | 13.4 | 24.3 | 35.8 | 753 |
| Bulawayo | 51.2 | 21.2 | 17.8 | 14.3 | 42.7 | 17.4 | 25.8 | 40.9 | 259 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 52.3 | 23.4 | 20.5 | 14.7 | 44.3 | 17.4 | 27.7 | 39.0 | 243 |
| Primary | 55.3 | 24.3 | 17.3 | 13.3 | 44.5 | 13.9 | 26.2 | 33.9 | 1,692 |
| Secondary | 60.1 | 22.2 | 16.7 | 13.2 | 43.1 | 13.2 | 25.7 | 31.1 | 2,549 |
| More than secondary | 45.3 | 20.1 | 13.7 | 9.1 | 41.0 | 14.2 | 23.1 | 43.0 | 173 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 55.7 | 26.8 | 17.1 | 13.8 | 45.0 | 15.3 | 26.8 | 33.6 | 827 |
| Second | 58.7 | 24.8 | 18.4 | 12.2 | 44.3 | 14.2 | 27.5 | 30.6 | 865 |
| Middle | 55.8 | 21.5 | 16.4 | 15.5 | 44.4 | 13.0 | 25.8 | 34.1 | 827 |
| Fourth | 61.6 | 23.6 | 18.5 | 14.9 | 47.5 | 14.5 | 28.0 | 29.4 | 1,168 |
| Highest | 53.9 | 18.4 | 14.4 | 9.3 | 36.4 | 11.6 | 21.4 | 38.1 | 971 |
| Total | 57.4 | 22.9 | 17.0 | 13.1 | 43.6 | 13.7 | 25.9 | 33.0 | 4,658 |

Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. Total includes 2 cases missing employment information.

### 17.8 FORMS OF Spousal Violence

Table 17.10 shows the percentage of ever-married women by their experience of physical, sexual, and emotional spousal violence. It should be noted that different types of violence are not mutually exclusive and women may report multiple forms of violence. Research suggests that physical violence in intimate relationships is often accompanied by psychological abuse and, in one-third to over half of cases, by sexual abuse (Krug et al., 2002). The data show that 30 percent of ever-married women reported having ever experienced any form of physical violence, 19 percent reported any sexual violence, and 27 percent reported any emotional violence.

| Table 17.10 Forms of spousal violence |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 who have experienced various forms of violence, ever or in the 12 months preceding the survey, committed by their husband/partner, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ever | In the past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Often | Sometimes | Often or sometimes |
| Physical violence |  |  |  |  |
| Any | 29.5 | 7.1 | 18.2 | 25.3 |
| Pushed her, shook her, threw something at her, twisted her arm, or pulled her hair | 12.0 | 3.2 | 7.1 | 10.3 |
| Slapped her | 25.3 | 5.3 | 16.2 | 21.6 |
| Punched her with his fist or with something that could hurt her; kicked, dragged, or beat her | 12.1 | 3.6 | 6.9 | 10.5 |
| Tried to choke her or burn her on purpose | 7.5 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 6.7 |
| Threatened her or attacked her with a knife, gun, or any other weapon | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| Sexual violence |  |  |  |  |
| Any | 18.9 | 4.8 | 7.9 | 12.7 |
| Physically forced her to have sexual intercourse with him even when she did not want to | 10.5 | 3.9 | 6.0 | 10.0 |
| Forced her to perform any sexual acts she did not want to | 10.9 | 4.0 | 6.2 | 10.1 |
| Sexual initiation was with current or most recent husband and was forced ${ }^{2}$ | 8.1 | na | na | na |
| Emotional violence |  |  |  |  |
| Any | 27.3 | 8.2 | 19.7 | 27.9 |
| Said or did something to humiliate her in front of others | 10.7 | 3.6 | 7.2 | 10.8 |
| Threatened to hurt or harm her or someone close to her | 9.7 | 3.5 | 6.2 | 9.7 |
| Insulted her or made her feel bad about herself | 23.0 | 6.7 | 16.8 | 23.6 |
| Any form of physical and/or sexual violence | 38.2 | 9.9 | 20.5 | 30.5 |
| Any form of physical and sexual violence | 10.2 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 9.3 |
| Any form of emotional, physical, and/or sexual violence | 47.1 | 13.7 | 27.5 | 41.2 |
| Any form of emotional, physical, and sexual violence | 6.5 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 6.8 |
| Number of ever-married women | 4,658 | 4,188 | 4,188 | 4,188 |
| Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. <br> na $=$ Not applicable <br> ${ }^{1}$ Excludes widows <br> ${ }^{2}$ Excludes women who have been married more than once because their sexual initiation could not have been with the current/most recent partner |  |  |  |  |

The most common forms of spousal physical violence are slapping ( 25 percent), followed by punching, kicking, dragging, or beating (12 percent), and pushing, shaking, throwing, twisting arm, or pulling hair (12 percent). Twenty-two percent of women reported that they had been slapped within 12 months preceding the survey.

With respect to spousal sexual violence, 11 percent of women reported their spouse or partner forced them to have sexual intercourse and the same percentage said they were made to perform other sexual acts against their will. Ten percent of ever-married women reported experiencing both acts of spousal sexual violence during the 12 months preceding the survey.

The most common form of emotional spousal violence is a spouse insulting or making his wife feel bad about herself ( 23 percent), followed by humiliating her in front of others (11 percent) and threatening to harm her or someone close to her (10 percent). The percentages are similar for wives experiencing all three of these forms of emotional violence during the 12 months preceding the survey.

During the past year, 41 percent of ever-married women reported that they had experienced some form of spousal emotional, physical, and/or sexual violence. Thirty-one percent reported experiencing any form of physical and/or sexual violence within the same period.

Figure 17.1 shows the proportion of ever-married women who have ever experienced different forms of violence by their current or last husbands and experienced violence during the 12 months preceding the survey.

## Figure 17.1 Percentage of Ever-married Women Who Have Experienced Violence by Their Current or Last Husband (Ever and in the Past 12 Months)



Table 17.11 presents the percentage of ever-married women by their experience of emotional, physical, or sexual spousal violence, according to selected background characteristics. Women age 15-24 are more likely than older women to have experienced emotional, physical, or sexual violence (51 percent). Sixty-two percent of women who are employed but do not receive payment in cash reported that they have ever experienced any form of spousal abuse. Women with five or more children are more likely than women with fewer children to experience any form of spousal abuse ( 50 percent). Divorced and separated women reported the largest percentage of all three forms of spousal violence ( 64 percent). There is little variation by duration of marriage.

Rural women are more likely than their urban counterparts to have experienced emotional, physical, or sexual violence (50 percent and 41 percent, respectively). There is much variation by province, with women in Midlands reporting the highest percentage of spousal abuse ( 64 percent) and women in Bulawayo (28 percent) reporting the lowest percentage.

Overall, women with a secondary or higher education reported a lower percentage of spousal violence than uneducated women or those with a primary education. While a higher wealth status is also associated with a lower occurrence of spousal violence, it is important to note that over one-third of women in the highest wealth quintile have experienced some form of spousal emotional, physical, or sexual violence. Over half of ever-married women who reported experiencing any form of spousal abuse also reported that their father beat their mother ( 54 percent).

| Table 17.11 Spousal violence by background characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 by whether they have ever experienced emotional, physical, or sexual violence committed by their husband/partner, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Emotional violence | Physical violence | Sexual violence | Physical or sexual violence | Emotional, physical, or sexual violence | Number of women |
| Current age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 25.1 | 25.9 | 30.3 | 44.0 | 50.7 | 317 |
| 20-24 | 30.9 | 33.2 | 20.9 | 41.5 | 50.5 | 1,053 |
| 25-29 | 30.9 | 30.3 | 17.2 | 37.1 | 47.3 | 928 |
| 30-39 | 25.2 | 27.2 | 17.1 | 35.0 | 44.3 | 1,436 |
| 40-49 | 23.5 | 29.3 | 17.2 | 38.7 | 46.0 | 923 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 22.9 | 27.5 | 15.6 | 34.5 | 42.0 | 2,337 |
| Employed for cash | 28.3 | 30.5 | 21.4 | 40.4 | 48.6 | 1,707 |
| Employed not for cash | 41.4 | 34.6 | 24.8 | 46.3 | 62.4 | 612 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 21.1 | 23.1 | 21.8 | 34.7 | 42.3 | 413 |
| 1-2 | 28.7 | 28.9 | 19.1 | 37.2 | 46.9 | 2,218 |
| 3-4 | 26.2 | 31.9 | 17.2 | 39.3 | 47.2 | 1,279 |
| 5+ | 28.4 | 30.8 | 19.8 | 41.3 | 50.0 | 748 |
| Marital status and duration |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Currently married | 28.2 | 28.0 | 18.2 | 36.9 | 46.7 | 3,694 |
| Married only once | 26.9 | 27.7 | 18.6 | 37.0 | 46.2 | 3,180 |
| 0-4 years | 24.5 | 24.8 | 20.2 | 35.6 | 43.6 | 968 |
| 5-9 years | 28.3 | 31.2 | 18.5 | 38.8 | 47.6 | 792 |
| $10+$ years | 27.8 | 27.8 | 17.6 | 37.0 | 47.1 | 1,420 |
| Married more than once | 36.3 | 29.7 | 15.3 | 36.1 | 49.9 | 514 |
| Divorced/separated | 46.0 | 44.6 | 26.8 | 53.7 | 63.8 | 495 |
| Widowed | 0.3 | 25.3 | 16.6 | 32.4 | 32.4 | 469 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 23.8 | 26.1 | 14.5 | 32.8 | 41.2 | 1,638 |
| Rural | 29.2 | 31.4 | 21.3 | 41.2 | 50.3 | 3,020 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 23.2 | 22.1 | 25.0 | 35.9 | 42.8 | 585 |
| Mashonaland Central | 24.3 | 34.7 | 24.3 | 45.9 | 49.2 | 430 |
| Mashonaland East | 24.4 | 38.5 | 22.9 | 47.7 | 54.9 | 475 |
| Mashonaland West | 31.5 | 33.6 | 18.6 | 40.5 | 51.0 | 429 |
| Matabeleland North | 26.1 | 24.9 | 4.2 | 26.6 | 39.4 | 246 |
| Matabeleland South | 27.0 | 26.6 | 9.7 | 30.9 | 43.1 | 222 |
| Midlands | 46.3 | 33.9 | 27.8 | 47.6 | 64.2 | 614 |
| Masvingo | 26.2 | 29.8 | 15.3 | 35.9 | 44.0 | 645 |
| Harare | 21.1 | 27.1 | 16.3 | 34.9 | 41.0 | 753 |
| Bulawayo | 17.1 | 17.0 | 7.2 | 19.8 | 27.6 | 259 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 28.4 | 34.5 | 19.1 | 42.1 | 47.2 | 243 |
| Primary | 27.3 | 32.5 | 19.6 | 41.9 | 49.9 | 1,692 |
| Secondary | 27.4 | 28.0 | 18.8 | 36.5 | 45.9 | 2,549 |
| More than secondary | 23.7 | 16.3 | 13.7 | 23.1 | 36.7 | 173 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 31.1 | 32.7 | 21.0 | 42.3 | 51.0 | 827 |
| Second | 31.8 | 35.6 | 21.3 | 44.9 | 53.9 | 865 |
| Middle | 28.7 | 29.3 | 24.2 | 41.1 | 52.4 | 827 |
| Fourth | 25.0 | 28.9 | 17.8 | 37.3 | 44.9 | 1,168 |
| Highest | 21.6 | 22.2 | 11.8 | 27.5 | 35.8 | 971 |
| Respondent's father beat her mother |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 32.5 | 36.2 | 22.8 | 44.9 | 54.3 | 1,562 |
| No | 24.1 | 26.1 | 15.9 | 34.0 | 42.6 | 2,645 |
| Don't know | 28.6 | 27.4 | 23.9 | 41.5 | 49.7 | 424 |
| Total | 27.3 | 29.5 | 18.9 | 38.2 | 47.1 | 4,658 |

Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. Total includes 2 cases missing employment information.

### 17.9 Violence by Spousal Characteristics and Women's Indicators

Because the most frequent perpetrator of spousal violence is the woman's husband, it is important to observe the husband's characteristics to help understand their relationship with the violence. Table 17.12 presents information on ever-married women's spousal violence by husband's characteristics and empowerment indicators. Although differentials vary somewhat by the plethora of characteristics presented in the table, there is no clear pattern among the characteristics. Spousal violence in Zimbabwe is universal in that it cuts across all socioeconomic groups. As expected, alcohol consumption is highly associated with spousal violence.

| Table 17.12 Spousal violence by husband's characteristics and empowerment indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 who have ever suffered emotional, physical, or sexual violence committed by their husband/partner, according to husband's/partner's characteristics, marital characteristics, and empowerment indicators, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Emotional violence | Physical violence | Sexual violence | Physical or sexual violence | Emotional, physical, or sexual violence | Number of women |
| Husband's/partner's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 24.1 | 29.6 | 17.2 | 38.3 | 42.3 | 178 |
| Primary | 30.2 | 34.1 | 20.3 | 43.8 | 52.3 | 1,281 |
| Secondary+ | 26.4 | 27.5 | 18.5 | 36.1 | 45.3 | 3,099 |
| Don't know/missing | 23.5 | 32.8 | 16.4 | 34.1 | 42.5 | 99 |
| Husband's/partner's alcohol consumption |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Does not drink | 20.4 | 16.0 | 13.2 | 24.2 | 35.0 | 3,777 |
| Drinks/never gets drunk | 41.8 | 88.5 | 32.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 43 |
| Gets drunk sometimes | 50.8 | 87.3 | 42.9 | 98.9 | 99.1 | 504 |
| Gets drunk very often | 69.2 | 88.4 | 46.4 | 97.8 | 98.4 | 317 |
| Don't know/missing | * | * | * | * | * | 16 |
| Spousal age difference ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wife older | 26.1 | 34.7 | 16.2 | 42.5 | 48.1 | 116 |
| Wife same age | 30.4 | 37.6 | 14.0 | 41.1 | 48.9 | 101 |
| Wife' 1-4 years younger | 28.5 | 28.2 | 18.5 | 37.4 | 47.3 | 1,245 |
| Wife' 5-9 years younger | 25.9 | 28.0 | 18.7 | 37.4 | 45.7 | 1,362 |
| Wife' $10+$ years younger | 31.2 | 25.8 | 17.4 | 34.2 | 46.9 | 854 |
| Missing | * | , | * | * | * | 17 |
| Spousal education difference |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband better educated | 27.2 | 30.4 | 19.5 | 39.5 | 47.5 | 2,134 |
| Wife better educated | 31.3 | 31.9 | 20.4 | 41.7 | 51.4 | 884 |
| Both equally educated | 25.7 | 27.0 | 17.5 | 35.0 | 44.6 | 1,441 |
| Neither is educated | 19.7 | 26.1 | 20.1 | 38.3 | 40.7 | 69 |
| Don't know/missing | 23.7 | 28.5 | 14.3 | 29.5 | 40.6 | 130 |
| Number of marital control behaviours displayed by husband/partner |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 12.0 | 14.3 | 10.3 | 21.8 | 28.0 | 1,537 |
| 1-2 | 24.5 | 25.1 | 16.5 | 34.8 | 45.3 | 1,914 |
| 3-4 | 45.0 | 50.5 | 31.0 | 59.7 | 71.0 | 796 |
| 5-6 | 63.0 | 66.3 | 39.1 | 74.2 | 80.3 | 411 |
| Number of decisions in which wife participates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 34.2 | 33.2 | 19.0 | 40.8 | 49.7 | 132 |
| 1-2 | 31.1 | 36.4 | 23.4 | 47.0 | 54.3 | 289 |
| 3-4 | 27.7 | 27.1 | 17.7 | 35.9 | 45.9 | 3,273 |
| Number of reasons given for refusing to have sexual intercourse with husband |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 23.4 | 29.1 | 18.9 | 38.5 | 44.8 | 532 |
| 1-2 | 28.8 | 30.6 | 19.1 | 39.3 | 48.6 | 1,655 |
| 3 | 27.2 | 28.9 | 18.8 | 37.5 | 46.5 | 2,470 |
| Number of reasons for which wife beating is justified |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 24.2 | 24.4 | 14.8 | 32.2 | 41.5 | 2,431 |
| 1-2 | 29.6 | 33.6 | 22.2 | 43.6 | 51.9 | 1,082 |
| 3-4 | 30.8 | 34.0 | 21.7 | 42.6 | 52.0 | 824 |
| 5 | 33.7 | 42.5 | 31.7 | 54.9 | 60.2 | 321 |
| Total | 27.3 | 29.5 | 18.9 | 38.2 | 47.1 | 4,658 |
| Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. An sterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Includes only currently married women |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 17.10 Frequency Of Spousal Violence

The frequency of spousal violence is an indicator of the prevalence of domestic violence. Table 17.13 shows the percent distribution of ever-married women reporting any kind of emotional, physical, or sexual violence by how often it occurred in the 12 months prior to the survey, according to their background characteristics. The data show that 8 percent of ever-married women who have ever experienced emotional violence by their husband/partner did not experience any at all during the past 12 months, while 65 percent experienced emotional violence sometimes and 27 percent experienced it often. Among ever-married women who have experienced physical or sexual violence by their husband/partner, 13 percent reported that this did not happen within the past year, 59 percent reported that it occurred sometimes, and 28 percent reported that physical or sexual violence occurred often during the past year.

| Table 17.13 Frequency of spousal violence among those who report violence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of ever-married women age 15-49 (excluding widows) who have ever suffered emotional violence committed by their husband/partner, by frequency of violence in the 12 months preceding the survey, and percent distribution of those who have ever suffered physical or sexual violence committed by their husband/partner, by frequency of violence in the 12 months preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Frequency of emotional violence in the past 12 months |  |  |  |  | Frequency of physical or sexual violence in the past 12 months |  |  |  |  |
|  | Often | Sometimes | Not at all | Total | Number of women | Often | Sometimes | Not at all | Total | Number of women |
| Current age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 23.0 | 64.2 | 12.8 | 100.0 | 80 | 22.4 | 70.9 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 105 |
| 20-24 | 27.8 | 65.5 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 326 | 25.8 | 65.2 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 391 |
| 25-29 | 26.4 | 68.3 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 287 | 26.5 | 64.5 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 307 |
| 30-39 | 26.9 | 63.3 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 363 | 33.0 | 50.3 | 16.7 | 100.0 | 409 |
| 40-49 | 28.4 | 62.4 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 215 | 29.2 | 49.0 | 21.9 | 100.0 | 254 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 29.8 | 62.9 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 535 | 30.2 | 56.9 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 671 |
| Employed for cash | 30.0 | 61.3 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 481 | 30.5 | 56.5 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 563 |
| Employed not for cash | 15.6 | 75.6 | 8.8 | 100.0 | 254 | 17.6 | 67.8 | 14.6 | 100.0 | 233 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 24.8 | 69.7 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 87 | 22.6 | 72.5 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 108 |
| 1-2 | 27.7 | 62.8 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 637 | 25.8 | 61.3 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 709 |
| 3-4 | 27.1 | 66.5 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 335 | 33.6 | 54.9 | 11.5 | 100.0 | 406 |
| $5+$ | 25.6 | 66.9 | 7.5 | 100.0 | 211 | 29.4 | 49.8 | 20.8 | 100.0 | 242 |
| Marital status and duration |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Currently married | 24.9 | 69.6 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 1,043 | 26.3 | 62.9 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 1,223 |
| Married only once | 22.8 | 71.7 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 856 | 25.2 | 63.8 | 11.0 | 100.0 | 1,038 |
| 0-4 years | 29.4 | 65.4 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 238 | 20.5 | 73.4 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 282 |
| 5-9 years | 24.5 | 71.6 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 224 | 27.9 | 64.9 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 284 |
| 10+ years | 17.9 | 75.5 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 395 | 26.5 | 57.3 | 16.1 | 100.0 | 471 |
| Married more than once | 34.6 | 59.8 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 186 | 32.1 | 57.9 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 186 |
| Divorced/separated | 36.7 | 43.5 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 227 | 38.5 | 36.4 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 243 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 26.9 | 65.2 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 388 | 29.7 | 57.5 | 12.8 | 100.0 | 439 |
| Rural | 27.1 | 64.8 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 882 | 27.7 | 58.9 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 1,028 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 34.8 | 64.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 136 | 43.1 | 55.5 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 154 |
| Mashonaland Central | 33.3 | 55.5 | 11.1 | 100.0 | 105 | 21.6 | 61.5 | 17.0 | 100.0 | 161 |
| Mashonaland East | 44.2 | 52.0 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 116 | 36.5 | 50.4 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 187 |
| Mashonaland West | 20.8 | 70.6 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 135 | 21.5 | 63.1 | 15.4 | 100.0 | 151 |
| Matabeleland North | 13.7 | 58.1 | 28.2 | 100.0 | 64 | 7.0 | 59.8 | 33.2 | 100.0 | 61 |
| Matabeleland South | 5.6 | 79.1 | 15.4 | 100.0 | 60 | 5.0 | 67.4 | 27.6 | 100.0 | 59 |
| Midlands | 15.9 | 81.5 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 284 | 21.2 | 75.3 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 248 |
| Masvingo | 30.4 | 52.2 | 17.4 | 100.0 | 169 | 26.3 | 50.8 | 22.9 | 100.0 | 194 |
| Harare | 40.5 | 54.2 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 157 | 41.3 | 48.8 | 9.9 | 100.0 | 204 |
| Bulawayo | 20.8 | 76.1 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 44 | 38.3 | 47.7 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 48 |


| Table 17.13-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frequency of emotional violence in the past 12 months |  |  |  |  | Frequency of physical or sexual violence in the past 12 months |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Often | Sometimes | Not at all | Total | Number of women | Often | Sometimes | Not at all | Total | Number of women |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 23.1 | 70.6 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 69 | 28.9 | 53.0 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 81 |
| Primary | 29.6 | 62.0 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 461 | 28.1 | 56.3 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 578 |
| Secondary | 26.4 | 65.9 | 7.7 | 100.0 | 699 | 28.4 | 60.9 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 781 |
| More than secondary | (14.7) | (70.6) | (14.7) | 100.0 | 41 | (29.3) | (52.5) | (18.1) | 100.0 | 27 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 25.8 | 66.6 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 258 | 26.2 | 60.0 | 13.8 | 100.0 | 292 |
| Second | 29.9 | 63.2 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 275 | 26.0 | 61.1 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 331 |
| Middle | 23.2 | 66.8 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 237 | 32.1 | 52.2 | 15.7 | 100.0 | 272 |
| Fourth | 25.9 | 64.8 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 291 | 25.7 | 61.1 | 13.2 | 100.0 | 353 |
| Highest | 30.6 | 63.0 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 210 | 34.0 | 56.2 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 218 |
| Total | 27.0 | 64.9 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 1,270 | 28.3 | 58.5 | 13.2 | 100.0 | 1,466 |

Note: Table excludes widows who were not asked about spousal violence in the past 12 months. Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. Total of women who have experienced emotional violence in the past 12 months includes 1 case missing employment information. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

### 17.11 Onset of Spousal Violence

To study the timing of the onset of marital violence, the 2005-06 ZDHS asked ever-married women who experienced physical or sexual spousal violence when the first episode of violence took place after marriage. Table 17.14 shows the interval between marriage and the first episode of spousal physical or sexual violence.

Table 17.14 Onset of spousal violence
Percent distribution of ever-married women by number of years between marriage and first experience of physical or sexual violence by their husband/partner, if ever, according to marital status and duration, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Marital status and duration | Years between marriage and first experience of violence ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Experienced <br> no violence | Before marriage | $<1$ year | 1-2 years | 3-5 years | 6-9 years | 10+ years | Don't know/ missing ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| Currently married | 63.1 | 0.7 | 8.7 | 11.7 | 8.6 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 3,694 |
| Married only once | 63.0 | 0.7 | 9.1 | 11.6 | 8.4 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 3,180 |
| <1 year | 73.2 | 2.7 | 20.9 | na | na | na | na | 3.2 | 100.0 | 256 |
| 1-2 years | 65.6 | 1.8 | 17.0 | 14.5 | na | na | na | 1.0 | 100.0 | 396 |
| 3-5 years | 55.7 | 0.6 | 9.0 | 22.3 | 11.0 | na | na | 1.4 | 100.0 | 502 |
| 6-9 years | 62.9 | 0.2 | 6.1 | 13.2 | 12.4 | 4.4 | na | 0.8 | 100.0 | 606 |
| $10+$ years | 63.0 | 0.3 | 6.0 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,420 |
| Married more than once | 63.9 | 0.4 | 6.1 | 12.2 | 10.3 | 4.2 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 514 |
| Divorced/separated | 46.3 | 1.8 | 15.3 | 21.6 | 9.8 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 495 |
| Widowed | 67.6 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 12.1 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 469 |
| Total | 61.8 | 0.7 | 9.0 | 12.3 | 9.1 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 4,658 |

Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women.
na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ For couples who are not married but are living together as if married, the time of marriage refers to the time when the respondent first started living together with her partner.
${ }^{2}$ Includes women for whom the timing of the first experience of violence and duration of marriage are inconsistent

The results indicate that the majority of ever-married women experienced no violence (62 percent). However, for those who did experience spousal violence, 12 percent of women reported that violence began to occur one to two years after marriage. Nine percent of women reported that violence initiated less than a year into the marriage and the same proportion said that violence began three to five years after marriage. Less than 1 percent reported that violence began prior to marriage.

### 17.12 Types of Injuries to Women due to Spousal Violence

Table 17.15 presents information on the types of injuries ever-married women have endured as a result of spousal violence, and whether they have experienced them in the 12 months preceding the survey. The data show that the percentages of ever-married women who report having ever suffered from any of the types of injuries are very similar to the percentages of women who reported enduring the same injuries within the 12 months preceding the survey. More than one-third of women suffered cuts, bruises, or aches as a result of physical and/or sexual violence. Among women who experienced physical violence, 12 percent suffered from eye injuries, sprains, dislocations, or burns within the 12 months prior to the survey. Nine percent of women who experienced sexual violence in the past year suffered from the same types of injuries in the past 12 months. Seven percent of women reported having ever suffered from deep wounds, broken bones, broken teeth, or any other serious injury, and the same proportion reported that these types of injuries occurred during the 12 months preceding the survey.

| Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 who have experienced specific types of spousal violence by types of injuries resulting from what their husband/partner did to them, according to the type of violence and whether they have experienced the violence ever and in the 12 months preceding the survey, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Violence experienced | Cuts, bruises, or aches | Eye injuries, sprains, dislocations, or burns | Deep wounds, broken bones, broken teeth, or any other serious injury | Any of these injuries | Number of ever-married women |
| Experienced physical violence ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever ${ }^{2}$ | 38.0 | 10.8 | 6.9 | 41.4 | 1,374 |
| In the past 12 months ${ }^{3}$ | 39.3 | 11.5 | 7.3 | 43.1 | 1,060 |
| Experienced sexual violence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever ${ }^{2}$ | 35.8 | 9.8 | 6.6 | 38.2 | 628 |
| In the past 12 months $^{3}$ | 35.6 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 38.0 | 532 |
| Experienced physical or sexual violence ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever ${ }^{2}$ | 34.2 | 9.3 | 6.0 | 37.2 | 1,602 |
| In the past 12 months $^{3}$ | 34.9 | 9.7 | 6.3 | 38.1 | 1,276 |
| Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Excludes women who experienced physical violence only during pregnancy |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{2}$ Includes in the past 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3}$ Excludes widows |  |  |  |  |  |

### 17.13 Violence by Women against Their Spouse

In cases of domestic violence, either person can be the instigator of violent behaviour. Evermarried women who reported that they experienced some form of spousal violence were also asked about instances when they said or did something to physically or emotionally harm their spouse at times when he was not already emotionally or physically hurting them. Table 17.16 presents the percentage of evermarried women who have committed physical violence against their husband or partner when he was not already harming them, by selected characteristics.

| Table 17.16 Violence by women against their spouse |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 who have committed physical violence against their husband/partner when he was not already beating or physically hurting them, ever and in the past 12 months, according to women's own experience of spousal violence and their own and husband's/partner's characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of women who have committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband/partner |  |  | Number of ever-married women (excluding widows) |
|  | Ever | Number of ever-married women | In the past 12 months $^{1}$ |  |
| Woman's experience of spousal physical violence |  |  |  |  |
| Ever | 6.2 | 1,261 | 4.6 | 1,255 |
| In the past 12 months | 6.0 | 1,060 | 5.3 | 1,057 |
| Not in past 12 months/widow/missing | 7.3 | 200 | 0.8 | 199 |
| Never | 1.3 | 3,397 | 0.7 | 2,933 |
| Current age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.4 | 317 | 1.4 | 315 |
| 20-24 | 2.7 | 1,053 | 1.7 | 1,030 |
| 25-29 | 2.7 | 928 | 2.0 | 881 |
| 30-39 | 1.7 | 1,436 | 1.3 | 1,248 |
| 40-49 | 4.2 | 923 | 2.9 | 713 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 2.4 | 2,337 | 1.7 | 2,149 |
| Employed for cash | 3.3 | 1,707 | 2.3 | 1,487 |
| Employed not for cash | 1.7 | 612 | 1.3 | 551 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 4.4 | 413 | 3.3 | 393 |
| 1-2 | 2.3 | 2,218 | 1.7 | 2,057 |
| 3-4 | 2.4 | 1,279 | 1.6 | 1,094 |
| 5+ | 2.8 | 748 | 1.7 | 644 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.6 | 1,638 | 2.3 | 1,454 |
| Rural | 2.1 | 3,020 | 1.6 | 2,735 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 1.3 | 585 | 0.8 | 504 |
| Mashonaland Central | 1.3 | 430 | 1.4 | 401 |
| Mashonaland East | 4.9 | 475 | 3.0 | 422 |
| Mashonaland West | 2.2 | 429 | 1.4 | 384 |
| Matabeleland North | 2.8 | 246 | 2.8 | 230 |
| Matabeleland South | 2.0 | 222 | 1.1 | 201 |
| Midlands | 3.6 | 614 | 3.0 | 572 |
| Masvingo | 1.3 | 645 | 0.5 | 577 |
| Harare | 3.7 | 753 | 2.2 | 669 |
| Bulawayo | 2.1 | 259 | 2.4 | $228$ <br> Continued... |


| Table 17.16-Continued |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of women who have committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband/partner |  |  | Number of ever-married women (excluding widows) |
|  | Ever | Number of ever-married women | In the past 12 months $^{1}$ |  |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.5 | 827 | 1.2 | 752 |
| Second | 2.6 | 865 | 2.0 | 794 |
| Middle | 2.3 | 827 | 1.4 | 741 |
| Fourth | 2.3 | 1,168 | 2.0 | 1,045 |
| Highest | 4.2 | 971 | 2.3 | 857 |
| Marital status and duration |  |  |  |  |
| Currently married | 2.6 | 3,694 | 1.8 | 3,694 |
| Married only once | 2.4 | 3,180 | 1.6 | 3,180 |
| 0-4 years | 2.4 | 968 | 1.5 | 968 |
| 5-9 years | 1.6 | 792 | 1.2 | 792 |
| 10+ years | 2.8 | 1,420 | 1.9 | 1,420 |
| Married more than once | 4.2 | 514 | 2.8 | 514 |
| Divorced/separated | 3.3 | 495 | 2.3 | 495 |
| Widowed | 1.6 | 469 | na | na |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 2.1 | 243 | 1.7 | 197 |
| Primary | 2.2 | 1,692 | 1.8 | 1,493 |
| Secondary | 2.7 | 2,549 | 1.7 | 2,344 |
| More than secondary | 5.0 | 173 | 4.4 | 155 |
| Husband's/partner's education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 2.5 | 178 | 2.3 | 145 |
| Primary | 2.1 | 1,281 | 1.3 | 1,143 |
| Secondary+ | 2.9 | 3,099 | 2.0 | 2,826 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.8 | 99 | 1.1 | 74 |
| Husband's/partner's alcohol consumption |  |  |  |  |
| Does not drink | 1.7 | 3,777 | 1.2 | 3,308 |
| Drinks/never gets drunk | (7.6) | 43 | (5.9) | 43 |
| Gets drunk sometimes | 6.0 | 504 | 4.1 | 504 |
| Gets drunk very often | 6.8 | 317 | 4.4 | 317 |
| Spousal age difference ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Wife older | 3.3 | 116 | 2.8 | 116 |
| Wife same age | 1.7 | 101 | 1.7 | 101 |
| Wife 1-4 years younger | 3.2 | 1,245 | 2.1 | 1,245 |
| Wife 5-9 years younger | 2.7 | 1,362 | 1.7 | 1,362 |
| Wife 10+ years younger | 1.7 | 854 | 1.4 | 854 |
| Spousal education difference |  |  |  |  |
| Husband better educated | 3.1 | 2,134 | 2.2 | 1,914 |
| Wife better educated | 2.9 | 884 | 2.2 | 793 |
| Both equally educated | 2.0 | 1,441 | 1.3 | 1,320 |
| Neither is educated | 0.0 | 69 | 0.0 | 60 |
| Don't know/missing | 1.3 | 130 | 0.8 | 102 |
| Total | 2.6 | 4,658 | 1.8 | 4,188 |
| Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. Total includes 2 cases for which information on employment is missing, 16 cases for which information on the husband's or partner's alcohol consumption is missing, and 17 cases for which the spousal age difference is missing. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Excludes widows <br> ${ }^{2}$ Currently married women |  |  |  |  |

Three percent of ever-married women reported that they have committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband. Women who are 40-49 years old (4 percent), employed for cash ( 3 percent), do not have any children ( 4 percent), live in urban areas ( 4 percent), live in Mashonaland East ( 5 percent), are in the highest wealth quintile ( 4 percent), have been married more than once ( 4 percent), have more than a secondary education ( 5 percent), and have husbands who drink without getting drunk (8 percent) are most likely to have reported committing physical violence against their husband.

### 17.14 Women Who Experienced Violence and Sought Help

Table 17.17 presents information on women who reported they have ever experienced violence and whether they have sought help to stop the violence, by selected characteristics. More than one-third of women have sought some source of help ( 36 percent). Among women who have never sought help, 21 percent have told someone that they were victims of violence and 35 percent have never told anyone that they were victims of violence.

Women who experienced both physical and sexual violence (42 percent) were more likely to seek help than women who experienced only physical ( 34 percent) or sexual violence ( 26 percent). Divorced or separated women were also most likely to seek help ( 50 percent). With regard to residence, urban women reported a slightly higher percentage of seeking help than their rural counterparts ( 38 percent compared with 35 percent, respectively). Women living in Bulawayo and Harare, the two urban areas, had the highest percentages of seeking assistance to end domestic violence ( 45 percent and 44 percent, respectively). Although there is no strong pattern when considering wealth status, women in the fourth wealth quintile reported the highest percentage of help-seeking behaviour (41 percent).

| Table 17.17 Seeking help to stop violence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women age 15-49 who have ever experienced physical or sexual violence by whether they have told anyone about the violence and whether they have ever sought help from any source to end the violence, according to type of violence and background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never sought help |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Never told anyone | Percentage who told someone | Have sought help from any source | Missing/ don't know | Total | Number of women |
| Type of violence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical only | 33.5 | 22.1 | 34.1 | 10.3 | 100.0 | 1,321 |
| Sexual only | 47.4 | 16.5 | 25.5 | 10.6 | 100.0 | 314 |
| Both physical and sexual | 31.9 | 21.3 | 42.1 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 889 |
| Current age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 36.8 | 24.9 | 29.0 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 452 |
| 20-24 | 36.2 | 18.2 | 37.0 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 627 |
| 25-29 | 27.8 | 22.3 | 39.2 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 434 |
| 30-39 | 34.6 | 19.6 | 38.4 | 7.4 | 100.0 | 638 |
| 40-49 | 37.8 | 23.0 | 33.8 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 373 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 35.3 | 21.5 | 35.1 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 1,190 |
| Employed for cash | 32.1 | 19.7 | 38.1 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 943 |
| Employed not for cash | 39.1 | 23.6 | 32.5 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 390 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 36.8 | 21.8 | 31.5 | 9.9 | 100.0 | 591 |
| 1-2 | 34.0 | 18.3 | 38.6 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 1,031 |
| 3-4 | 32.7 | 23.1 | 36.5 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 582 |
| $5+$ | 36.7 | 25.8 | 33.7 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 320 |
| Marital status and duration |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 36.1 | 22.2 | 30.4 | 11.3 | 100.0 | 446 |
| Currently married woman | 35.6 | 22.2 | 34.2 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 1,604 |
| Married only once | 36.6 | 22.4 | 33.0 | 8.0 | 100.0 | 1,354 |
| 0-4 years | 36.7 | 19.5 | 36.8 | 7.1 | 100.0 | 410 |
| 5-9 years | 34.3 | 23.3 | 32.8 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 359 |
| 10+ years | 37.9 | 23.8 | 30.6 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 585 |
| Married more than once | 30.5 | 21.4 | 40.6 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 250 |
| Divorced/separated | 26.0 | 16.4 | 49.8 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 301 |
| Widowed | 37.2 | 16.8 | 40.6 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 173 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 32.2 | 17.2 | 37.9 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 877 |
| Rural | 36.0 | 23.3 | 34.7 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 1,647 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 34.2 | 31.6 | 31.2 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 280 |
| Mashonaland Central | 34.1 | 20.7 | 39.9 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 240 |
| Mashonaland East | 37.1 | 14.1 | 41.0 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 295 |
| Mashonaland West | 25.8 | 21.8 | 38.4 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 251 |
| Matabeleland North | 36.5 | 24.1 | 37.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 90 |
| Matabeleland South | 35.2 | 35.4 | 25.1 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 123 |
| Midlands | 44.8 | 20.3 | 31.0 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 479 |
| Masvingo | 35.2 | 25.6 | 28.1 | 11.1 | 100.0 | 296 |
| Harare | 29.1 | 11.8 | 44.0 | 15.1 | 100.0 | 390 |
| Bulawayo | 18.8 | 18.6 | 45.0 | 17.6 | 100.0 | 79 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 39.5 | 22.9 | 34.6 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 103 |
| Primary | 36.7 | 22.2 | 35.2 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 877 |
| Secondary | 34.3 | 20.2 | 36.0 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 1,466 |
| More than secondary | 14.0 | 25.0 | 42.6 | 18.4 | 100.0 | 78 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 36.4 | 21.3 | 36.3 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 418 |
| Second | 37.3 | 24.6 | 32.9 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 487 |
| Middle | 38.7 | 23.6 | 32.1 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 502 |
| Fourth | 30.7 | 19.8 | 40.7 | 8.8 | 100.0 | 610 |
| Highest | 31.4 | 17.0 | 36.1 | 15.4 | 100.0 | 506 |
| Total | 34.7 | 21.1 | 35.8 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 2,524 |

Note: Women who experienced forced sexual initiation but not other forms of physical or sexual violence were not asked the questions about seeking help and are, thus, excluded from this table. Total includes 1 case missing employment information.

Table 17.18 presents information on the sources of help by type of violence. The majority of women who have experienced any form of violence and sought help did so from a family member ( 50 percent). One-third of women sought assistance from their in-laws, and 10 percent sought help from a friend, neighbour, or the police.

| Table 17.18 Sources from where help was sought |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-49 who have ever experienced physical or sexual violence and sought help according to source from which help was sought, by type of violence experienced, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Type of violence |  |  |  |
| Sought help from | Physical only | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sexual } \\ \text { only } \end{gathered}$ | Both physical and sexual | Total |
| Own family | 52.9 | 56.7 | 45.8 | 50.3 |
| In-laws | 28.0 | 9.3 | 42.8 | 32.5 |
| Husband/partner/boyfriend | 0.8 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 |
| Friend/neighbour | 10.3 | 12.4 | 8.4 | 9.7 |
| Religious leader | 3.5 | 10.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Doctor/medical personnel | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| Police | 11.3 | 4.4 | 9.7 | 10.0 |
| Lawyer | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Social service organization | 2.3 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Other | 3.5 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 2.8 |
| Number of women | 450 | 80 | 374 | 904 |

One of the outcomes of the AIDS epidemic has been an increased number of children who have been orphaned or whose social and economic vulnerability has been increased because of the serious illness of a parent or other adult in the family. This chapter looks first at the prevalence of orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) in Zimbabwe. The chapter next examines the extent to which children who are orphaned and vulnerable are disadvantaged in comparison to other children on several key measures of children's welfare, including school attendance. The chapter then reviews information on the care and support given to households in which there are orphaned and vulnerable children.

In reviewing the 2005-06ZDHS results, it is important to remember that the survey obtained information only for OVCs living in households. Children who are living in institutions or other nonhousehold settings, including children living on the street, are not included in the ZDHS OVC results. Thus, the ZDHS results should be considered as a minimum estimate of the problem of OVCs in Zimbabwe.

### 18.1 Orphans and Vulnerable Children

### 18.1.1 Children's Living Arrangements and Orphanhood

Information was collected in the household questionnaire on the living arrangements and survival status of all children under age 18 resident in the households included in the ZDHS sample. These data are presented in Table 18.1.

Around six in ten Zimbabwean children under age 18 in the households sampled for the ZDHS surveyed were not living with both parents. More than one-quarter of children were not living with either parent. Just under one-quarter of children under age 18 were orphaned, that is, one or both parents were dead.

The percentage of children who were not living with both parents increased with age, from just under half of children age $0-4$ years to around 70 percent of children age 15-17 years. Looking just at children who were orphaned, the percentage rises rapidly with age, from 9 percent of children under age 5 to 36 percent of children age 15-17. Rural children ( 26 percent) were more likely to be orphaned than urban children (19 percent). Harare (18 percent) and Bulawayo (17 percent) had the lowest proportions of children orphaned, and Manicaland and Mashonaland East ( 28 percent each) had the highest. The percentage of children with one or both parents dead decreased with the wealth quintile.

Earlier ZDHS surveys obtained information on orphanhood only for children under age 15. A comparison of the results from the 1994 and 2005-2006 surveys for this age group indicates that there has been a dramatic increase in orphanhood. The proportion of children orphaned, i.e., with one or both parents dead, more than doubled between the two surveys from 9 percent to 22 percent. The proportion of paternal orphans, i.e., those whose father had died, increased from 7 percent to 19 percent during this period, while the proportion of maternal orphans rose from 3 percent to 9 percent between the 1994 and 2005-2006 surveys. The proportion of children with both parents dead increased from less than 1 percent to 6 percent.

| Table 18.1 Children's living arrangements and orphanhood |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of de jure children under age 18 by children's living arrangements and survival status of parents, and the percentage of children with one or both parents dead, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Living with both parents | Living with mother but not father |  | Living with father but not mother |  | Not living with either parent |  |  |  | Missing information on father/ mother ${ }^{1}$ | Total | Percentage with one or both parents dead | Number of children |
|  |  |  |  |  | Only | Only |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Father alive | Father dead |  |  | Mother alive | Mother dead | Both alive | father alive |  |  |  |  | mother alive | Both dead |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 53.0 | 27.4 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 9.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 8.5 | 5,809 |
| <2 | 57.7 | 33.4 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 2,265 |
| 2-4 | 50.1 | 23.6 | 5.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 12.8 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 3,544 |
| 5-9 | 39.8 | 17.6 | 7.6 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 15.6 | 2.0 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 22.0 | 6,283 |
| 10-14 | 33.1 | 13.9 | 11.8 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 13.4 | 2.7 | 7.2 | 10.7 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 35.0 | 6,083 |
| 15-17 | 28.3 | 11.5 | 11.7 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 16.8 | 3.1 | 7.4 | 11.3 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 36.4 | 2,734 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 40.5 | 18.3 | 8.7 | 2.8 | 1.3 | 12.7 | 1.9 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 24.1 | 10,561 |
| Female | 39.6 | 18.6 | 8.2 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 13.9 | 2.2 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 23.6 | 10,344 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 48.8 | 14.6 | 7.9 | 4.6 | 1.4 | 11.5 | 1.7 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 5,413 |
| Rural | 36.9 | 19.8 | 8.7 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 13.9 | 2.2 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 25.6 | 15,495 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 34.6 | 21.5 | 10.6 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 11.8 | 2.0 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 28.2 | 2,751 |
| Mashonaland Central | 45.4 | 17.0 | 7.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 10.4 | 2.8 | 4.9 | 8.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 24.7 | 2,305 |
| Mashonaland East | 33.8 | 20.7 | 10.7 | 3.0 | 0.8 | 13.5 | 2.6 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 1,949 |
| Mashonaland West | 45.1 | 13.1 | 9.6 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 11.6 | 1.7 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 2,126 |
| Matabeleland North | 36.6 | 19.8 | 7.3 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 16.0 | 1.9 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 21.3 | 1,653 |
| Matabeleland South | 24.3 | 24.8 | 7.3 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 19.9 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 1,214 |
| Midlands | 42.2 | 18.3 | 6.7 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 14.9 | 2.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 20.8 | 3,037 |
| Masvingo | 35.4 | 21.0 | 9.7 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 12.6 | 2.1 | 5.6 | 7.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 27.3 | 2,610 |
| Harare | 54.5 | 12.9 | 7.4 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 10.2 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 2,183 |
| Bulawayo | 42.1 | 16.2 | 7.0 | 4.7 | 1.0 | 17.9 | 1.2 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 17.1 | 1,079 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 41.1 | 19.1 | 9.0 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 11.2 | 1.9 | 4.6 | 6.4 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 24.5 | 4,758 |
| Second | 39.2 | 20.1 | 7.0 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 13.7 | 2.5 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 4,625 |
| Middle | 29.1 | 20.4 | 10.0 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 17.0 | 2.6 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 30.4 | 4,495 |
| Fourth | 44.9 | 16.6 | 9.2 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 11.8 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 3,609 |
| Highest | 48.9 | 14.7 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 1.4 | 12.4 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 17.1 | 3,421 |
| Total $<15$ | 41.8 | 19.5 | 8.0 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 12.8 | 1.9 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 22.0 | 18,174 |
| Total <18 | 40.0 | 18.5 | 8.5 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 13.3 | 2.1 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 23.9 | 20,908 |

Note: Total includes 3 children for whom information on sex is missing.
${ }^{1}$ Includes children whose mother or father may have died but who were missing information on living arrangements

### 18.1.2 Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

Children whose parents are ill for an extended period or who live in households where other adults suffer from chronic illness can experience significant hardships, as serious illness may limit the resources available to feed, clothe, and educate a family's youngest members. The ZDHS included several questions to determine if any adults in the household (including the child's parents) had been chronically ill during the 12 -month period before the survey. Members of a household were considered to be chronically ill if they had been very sick, i.e., too sick to work or do normal activities, for a period of at least three months during the 12-month period before the survey. Questions were included for children whose parents were not living in the same household at the time of the survey to determine if the parent(s) had been chronically ill in the 12 -month period before the survey.

Table 18.2 presents the proportion of children considered vulnerable because of chronic illness of a parent or other adult during the 12 -month period prior to the ZDHS. The table also shows the overall proportion of children identified in the ZDHS as orphaned or vulnerable. As Table 18.2 shows, among children under age 18, 4 percent had a parent who was chronically ill during the year prior to the survey, 6 percent lived in a household in which at least one adult (a parent or other household member) was chronically ill during the period, and 4 percent lived in a household where at least one adult who had been chronically ill had died during the 12 months preceding the survey. Overall, 1 in 10 children under age 18 was considered as vulnerable, i.e., they lived in a household in which at least one adult had been chronically ill during the year before the survey or they had at least one parent living in the household or elsewhere who had suffered from a chronic illness.

| Percentage of de jure children under age 18 years who are orphans or made vulnerable due to illness among adult household members, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Percentage of children who are considered vulnerable: |  |  |  | OVC children |  |
|  | Orphaned children | Have a very sick parent for at least 3 months in the past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ | Live in a household | Live in a household where at least 1 adult | Have a very sick parent or live in a household where an adult has been very sick or died in the past 12 months $^{2}$ |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage of children with one or both parents dead |  | where at least 1 adult has been very sick for at least 3 months in the past 12 months $^{2}$ | died in the past 12 months and had been very sick for at least 3 months before he/she died ${ }^{2}$ |  | Percentage of children who are orphans and/or vulnerable | Number <br> of children |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 8.5 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 8.8 | 15.2 | 5,809 |
| <2 | 4.4 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 7.8 | 11.0 | 2,265 |
| 2-4 | 11.1 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 9.4 | 17.9 | 3,544 |
| 5-9 | 22.0 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 10.6 | 28.9 | 6,283 |
| 10-14 | 35.0 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 11.0 | 40.7 | 6,083 |
| 15-17 | 36.4 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 10.4 | 42.0 | 2,734 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 24.1 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 10.2 | 30.4 | 10,561 |
| Female | 23.6 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 10.2 | 30.0 | 10,344 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 19.1 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 6.6 | 23.2 | 5,413 |
| Rural | 25.6 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 4.6 | 11.4 | 32.7 | 15,495 |
| Province ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 28.2 | 5.3 | 7.4 | 3.7 | 11.6 | 35.4 | 2,751 |
| Mashonaland Central | 24.7 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 2.7 | 9.4 | 31.2 | 2,305 |
| Mashonaland East | 27.6 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 7.3 | 31.3 | 1,949 |
| Mashonaland West | 25.0 | 5.3 | 6.9 | 5.9 | 12.2 | 32.6 | 2,126 |
| Matabeleland North | 21.3 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 11.3 | 29.1 | 1,653 |
| Matabeleland South | 25.2 | 5.0 | 7.4 | 3.5 | 11.0 | 32.9 | 1,214 |
| Midlands | 20.8 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 9.1 | 27.0 | 3,037 |
| Masvingo | 27.3 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 12.2 | 33.7 | 2,610 |
| Harare | 17.9 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 9.5 | 24.1 | 2,183 |
| Bulawayo | 17.1 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 6.1 | 20.6 | 1,079 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 24.5 | 6.0 | 7.9 | 5.5 | 13.5 | 33.4 | 4,758 |
| Second | 23.9 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 4.5 | 11.1 | 31.0 | 4,625 |
| Middle | 30.4 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 11.7 | 37.3 | 4,495 |
| Fourth | 21.4 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 7.4 | 25.9 | 3,609 |
| Highest | 17.1 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 5.2 | 20.2 | 3,421 |
| Total <15 | 22.0 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 10.1 | 28.5 | 18,174 |
| Total <18 | 23.9 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 4.0 | 10.2 | 30.2 | 20,908 |
| Note: Table is based on de jure household members, i.e., usual household members. Very sick means person was too sick to work or do normal activities. Total includes 3 children for whom information on sex was missing. <br> ${ }^{1}$ Whether or not lives in same household as child <br> ${ }^{2}$ Person age $18-59$ years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 18.2 also shows that, taken together, three in ten Zimbabwean children are orphaned or vulnerable. The percentage of children under age 18 who were orphaned or vulnerable increased markedly with age, from 11 percent of children under age 2 years to 42 percent of children age 15-17 years. Rural children ( 33 percent) were more likely to be orphaned or vulnerable than urban children (23 percent). Bulawayo (21 percent) had the lowest proportions of children orphaned and vulnerable and Manicaland (35 percent) had the highest. The percentage of orphaned or vulnerable children decreased with the wealth quintile.

### 18.2 Social and Economic Situation of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

Information collected in the ZDHS household questionnaire can be used to look at several important aspects of the social and economic situation of orphaned and vulnerable children including information on school attendance, possession of items considered basic for meeting a child's material needs, residence with siblings, and nutritional status. These results provide a means for assessing the impact on children's welfare of the chronic illness and/or death of parents or other adult household members and of monitoring and evaluating OVC programmes (UNICEF, 2005).

### 18.2.1 School Attendance

Orphaned and vulnerable children may be at greater risk of dropping out of school. This can happen for many reasons, such as the inability to pay school fees, the need to help with household labour, or to stay at home to care for sick parents or younger siblings. Table 18.3 presents data on school attendance rates among children age 10-14. The first several columns of the table contrast the situation among the two groups of children at the extremes of the orphanhood continuum-children whose parents are both dead and children whose parents are both alive and the child is living with at least one parent. The final columns compare school attendance for the entire population of OVCs to that of children who are neither orphaned nor vulnerable.

The results in the table indicate that, in general, orphaned and vulnerable children are only very slightly disadvantaged with respect to school attendance in comparison to other children; 89 percent of OVCs were currently attending school, compared with 91 percent of the other children. Double orphans (i.e., children whose father and mother are dead) are also only slightly less likely than children whose parents are both alive and who live with at least one parent to be currently in school ( 88 percent and 92 percent, respectively).

Table 18.3 School attendance by survivorship of parents and by OVC status
For children 10-14 years of age, the percentage attending school by parental survival and by OVC status, and the ratios of the percentages attending school for parental survival and OVC status, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage attending school by survivorship of parents |  |  |  |  |  |  | Not OVC |  | Ratio ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Both parents dead | Number | Both parents alive and living with at least one parent | Number | Ratio ${ }^{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { OV } \\ \begin{array}{c} \text { Percentage } \\ \text { attending } \\ \text { school } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | C Number | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \text { Percentage } \\ \text { attending } \\ \text { school } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | VC Number |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 84.6 | 311 | 92.5 | 1,520 | 0.92 | 87.3 | 1,243 | 90.6 | 1,774 | 0.96 |
| Female | 90.9 | 342 | 92.3 | 1,544 | 0.98 | 89.8 | 1,232 | 92.2 | 1,833 | 0.97 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 88.9 | 103 | 96.8 | 839 | 0.92 | 93.1 | 466 | 96.3 | 985 | 0.97 |
| Rural | 87.7 | 550 | 90.7 | 2,224 | 0.97 | 87.5 | 2,010 | 89.6 | 2,622 | 0.98 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 89.2 | 107 | 94.2 | 364 | 0.95 | 91.3 | 388 | 93.3 | 408 | 0.98 |
| Mashonaland Central | 74.7 | 92 | 85.6 | 346 | 0.87 | 78.4 | 282 | 83.8 | 383 | 0.93 |
| Mashonaland East | 94.5 | 67 | 94.8 | 311 | 1.00 | 93.7 | 293 | 94.0 | 371 | 1.00 |
| Mashonaland West | 85.7 | 75 | 89.6 | 306 | 0.96 | 85.2 | 268 | 86.9 | 345 | 0.98 |
| Matabeleland North | (89.0) | 39 | 85.2 | 265 | 1.04 | 85.0 | 183 | 84.7 | 326 | 1.00 |
| Matabeleland South | (85.6) | 41 | 94.6 | 159 | 0.91 | 87.3 | 156 | 93.4 | 226 | 0.93 |
| Midlands | 91.8 | 83 | 94.1 | 472 | 0.98 | 87.0 | 313 | 93.1 | 559 | 0.94 |
| Masvingo | 89.5 | 89 | 92.9 | 361 | 0.96 | 90.1 | 330 | 92.6 | 419 | 0.97 |
| Harare | (95.7) | 41 | 97.4 | 311 | 0.98 | 97.0 | 177 | 97.2 | 333 | 1.00 |
| Bulawayo | * | 18 | 96.7 | 167 | 0.94 | 95.4 | 85 | 96.1 | 237 | 0.99 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 83.6 | 152 | 86.1 | 727 | 0.97 | 82.5 | 603 | 86.2 | 809 | 0.96 |
| Second | 90.9 | 160 | 92.1 | 682 | 0.99 | 89.5 | 604 | 90.0 | 777 | 0.99 |
| Middle | 86.4 | 202 | 92.8 | 558 | 0.93 | 90.0 | 651 | 92.3 | 716 | 0.97 |
| Fourth | 86.4 | 89 | 94.0 | 499 | 0.92 | 89.7 | 366 | 91.1 | 595 | 0.98 |
| Highest | (100.0) | 49 | 98.5 | 597 | 1.02 | 95.6 | 252 | 98.3 | 709 | 0.97 |
| Total | 87.9 | 653 | 92.4 | 3,063 | 0.95 | 88.6 | 2,476 | 91.4 | 3,607 | 0.97 |

Note: Table is based on de jure household members, i.e., usual household members. 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.
${ }^{1}$ Ratio of the percentage with both parents deceased to the percentage with both parents alive and living with a parent
${ }^{2}$ Ratio of the percentage for OVC to the percentage for not OVC

### 18.2.2 Basic Material Needs

The ZDHS obtained information as to whether or not the minimum basic material needs of children age 5-17 were being met. Basic material needs were considered to have been met if the child had a pair of shoes, two sets of clothes, and a blanket. Table 18.4 shows that basic minimum material needs were met in the case of only 61 percent of all children age 5-17. In terms of the basic items, children were least likely to have a pair of shoes ( 64 percent) and most likely to have two sets of clothes ( 85 percent).

Table 18.4 Possession of basic material needs by orphans and vulnerable children
Among children age 5-17 years, the percentage possessing three minimum basic material needs, the percentages of OVC and non-OVC who possess all three basic material needs, and the ratio of the percentage for OVC to the percentage for not OVC, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Among children 5-17 years of age, percentage possessing: |  |  |  |  | OVC |  | Not OVC |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shoes | Two sets of clothing | Blanket | All three basic needs ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children | possessing all three basic needs ${ }^{1}$ | Number | possessing all three basic needs ${ }^{1}$ | Number | Ratio ${ }^{2}$ |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5-9 | 63.0 | 85.3 | 83.1 | 59.9 | 6,283 | 47.0 | 1,817 | 65.1 | 4,465 | 0.72 |
| 10-14 | 61.5 | 85.7 | 83.2 | 59.0 | 6,083 | 50.5 | 2,476 | 64.8 | 3,607 | 0.78 |
| 15-17 | 69.5 | 84.9 | 83.1 | 66.7 | 2,734 | 62.0 | 1,147 | 70.1 | 1,587 | 0.89 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 62.8 | 84.9 | 83.0 | 60.0 | 7,650 | 50.3 | 2,771 | 65.6 | 4,879 | 0.77 |
| Female | 64.4 | 85.8 | 83.2 | 61.5 | 7,446 | 53.3 | 2,666 | 66.0 | 4,780 | 0.81 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.1 | 92.4 | 90.6 | 87.8 | 3,855 | 84.7 | 1,102 | 89.1 | 2,753 | 0.95 |
| Rural | 54.5 | 83.0 | 80.6 | 51.5 | 11,244 | 43.4 | 4,338 | 56.5 | 6,906 | 0.77 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 62.4 | 92.3 | 90.6 | 60.4 | 1,998 | 54.7 | 832 | 64.5 | 1,167 | 0.85 |
| Mashonaland Central | 64.5 | 92.4 | 91.9 | 63.3 | 1,641 | 56.0 | 620 | 67.7 | 1,021 | 0.83 |
| Mashonaland East | 54.4 | 73.2 | 67.8 | 51.5 | 1,465 | 44.1 | 548 | 55.9 | 917 | 0.79 |
| Mashonaland West | 56.7 | 78.5 | 74.7 | 51.7 | 1,523 | 38.9 | 579 | 59.6 | 944 | 0.65 |
| Matabeleland North | 50.6 | 76.6 | 77.0 | 47.4 | 1,221 | 39.3 | 408 | 51.4 | 813 | 0.77 |
| Matabeleland South | 51.7 | 65.7 | 62.1 | 45.4 | 908 | 31.6 | 340 | 53.7 | 568 | 0.59 |
| Midlands | 73.9 | 94.0 | 92.1 | 72.2 | 2,169 | 64.7 | 705 | 75.9 | 1,464 | 0.85 |
| Masvingo | 46.1 | 84.4 | 81.4 | 42.7 | 1,863 | 36.2 | 753 | 47.1 | 1,110 | 0.77 |
| Harare | 87.6 | 89.9 | 87.7 | 85.1 | 1,504 | 81.2 | 456 | 86.9 | 1,049 | 0.93 |
| Bulawayo | 94.8 | 95.2 | 95.0 | 93.1 | 807 | 90.1 | 200 | 94.1 | 607 | 0.96 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 39.6 | 79.2 | 75.9 | 36.5 | 3,375 | 30.8 | 1,317 | 40.1 | 2,058 | 0.77 |
| Second | 51.8 | 81.0 | 79.9 | 48.2 | 3,322 | 38.7 | 1,227 | 53.7 | 2,096 | 0.72 |
| Middle | 62.5 | 86.0 | 82.4 | 60.1 | 3,376 | 53.5 | 1,475 | 65.2 | 1,901 | 0.82 |
| Fourth | 83.8 | 91.0 | 88.9 | 80.4 | 2,512 | 75.4 | 817 | 82.8 | 1,694 | 0.91 |
| Highest | 92.6 | 93.2 | 92.4 | 91.2 | 2,514 | 87.5 | 605 | 92.4 | 1,910 | 0.95 |
| Total | 63.6 | 85.4 | 83.1 | 60.7 | 15,099 | 51.7 | 5,440 | 65.8 | 9,659 | 0.79 |

Note: Table is based on de jure household members, i.e., usual household members. Total includes three children for whom information on sex is missing.
${ }^{1}$ Shoes, two sets of clothing,, and a blanket
${ }^{2}$ Ratio of the percentage for OVC to the percentage for not OVC.

Table 18.4 shows that rural OVCs were much less likely than urban OVCs to have all three minimum basic material needs met ( 43 percent and 85 percent, respectively). There was also a very marked difference by province in the likelihood that basic needs of OVCs were being met. Matabeleland South ( 32 percent) had the lowest proportion of OVCs whose needs were being met, and Bulawayo had the highest proportion ( 90 percent). Wealth clearly determined whether or not the basic needs of OVCs were met; the percentage with all three basic needs met increased from 31 percent among those in the lowest quintile to 88 percent in the highest quintile.

Orphaned and vulnerable children were more disadvantaged than other children; all three basic material needs were being met for 66 percent of non-OVCs compared with 52 percent of OVCs. Looking at the ratios in Table 18.4, the gap between OVCs and other children was greatest in Matabeleland South.

### 18.2.3 Orphans Living with Siblings

Sibling connections are particularly close in situations where a parent dies, and maintaining these bonds can be particularly helpful in assisting children to deal with the loss of a parent. Table 18.5 assesses the success of families and communities in keeping orphaned siblings together. Overall, 27 percent of orphans were not living with all their siblings under age 18. Maternal orphans and double orphans were much less likely than paternal orphans to be living with all siblings under age 18. The likelihood that an orphan was not living with all other siblings under age 18 increased with the child's age, was somewhat greater among urban than rural children, and tended to increase with the wealth quintile although the pattern was not uniform. Matabeleland South (16 percent) had the lowest proportion of orphans living apart from other siblings under age 18, and Bulawayo and Mashonaland East had the highest proportion (35 percent each).

### 18.2.4 Nutritional Status

Table 18.6 considers the effect of orphanhood on the nutritional status of children under age five. Twentyone percent of OVCs were underweight, compared with 16 percent of other children. Urban OVCs, particularly those living in Harare, were particularly disadvantaged with respect to their nutritional status compared with rural children. Looking just at the status of OVCs, the percentage underweight was greatest in Mashonaland Central (33 percent).

Table 18.5 Orphans not living with siblings
Among orphans under age 18 years who have one or more siblings under age 18 years, the percentage who do not live with all their siblings under age 18, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of orphans not living with all siblings | Number of orphans living with one or more siblings |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |
| 0-4 | 19.5 | 338 |
| 5-9 | 23.9 | 956 |
| 10-14 | 28.1 | 1,436 |
| 15-17 | 34.9 | 654 |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 27.8 | 1,703 |
| Female | 26.9 | 1,681 |
| Orphanhood status |  |  |
| Maternal orphan | 36.7 | 471 |
| Paternal orphan | 21.7 | 2,125 |
| Both parents dead | 37.1 | 788 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 30.1 | 679 |
| Rural | 26.7 | 2,706 |
| Province |  |  |
| Manicaland | 27.0 | 520 |
| Mashonaland Central | 31.9 | 382 |
| Mashonaland East | 34.5 | 364 |
| Mashonaland West | 26.5 | 381 |
| Matabeleland North | 32.9 | 260 |
| Matabeleland South | 15.9 | 191 |
| Midlands | 24.4 | 433 |
| Masvingo | 24.6 | 500 |
| Harare | 22.2 | 246 |
| Bulawayo | 34.9 | 107 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 23.7 | 832 |
| Second | 28.1 | 769 |
| Middle | 25.6 | 888 |
| Fourth | 31.1 | 532 |
| Highest | 33.0 | 364 |
| Total | 27.4 | 3,384 |

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

Table 18.6 Underweight orphans and vulnerable children
Percentage of de jure children under age five years who slept in the household the night before who are underweight, total and by OVC status, according to background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Children under age 5 |  | OVC |  | Not OVC |  | Ratio ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of children under 5 who are underweight ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Percentage underweight ${ }^{1}$ | Number of OVC | Percentage underweight ${ }^{1}$ | Number of non-OVC |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <1 year | 8.2 | 823 | 9.1 | 79 | 8.1 | 744 | 1.13 |
| 1-2 years | 21.1 | 1,851 | 24.9 | 281 | 20.4 | 1,570 | 1.22 |
| 3-4 years | 16.2 | 2,082 | 21.4 | 376 | 15.0 | 1,706 | 1.43 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 17.2 | 2,386 | 21.8 | 367 | 16.3 | 2,019 | 1.34 |
| Female | 16.2 | 2,370 | 21.0 | 369 | 15.3 | 2,001 | 1.37 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.3 | 1,160 | 18.5 | 123 | 10.5 | 1,036 | 1.77 |
| Rural | 18.4 | 3,596 | 22.0 | 613 | 17.7 | 2,984 | 1.25 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 16.1 | 627 | 17.8 | 115 | 15.8 | 512 | 1.13 |
| Mashonaland Central | 22.5 | 569 | 33.4 | 87 | 20.6 | 482 | 1.63 |
| Mashonaland East | 21.1 | 408 | 28.4 | 53 | 20.0 | 356 | 1.42 |
| Mashonaland West | 15.4 | 454 | 21.4 | 82 | 14.0 | 372 | 1.53 |
| Matabeleland North | 15.7 | 371 | 22.7 | 63 | 14.3 | 308 | 1.59 |
| Matabeleland South | 14.7 | 265 | 18.1 | 51 | 13.9 | 214 | 1.30 |
| Midlands | 17.2 | 748 | 19.0 | 99 | 17.0 | 648 | 1.12 |
| Masvingo | 16.8 | 636 | 14.3 | 108 | 17.3 | 527 | 0.83 |
| Harare | 10.0 | 480 | 22.3 | 59 | 8.3 | 421 | 2.70 |
| Bulawayo | 13.7 | 198 | * | 19 | 12.6 | 179 | 1.94 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 20.9 | 1,162 | 24.9 | 219 | 19.9 | 943 | 1.25 |
| Second | 19.3 | 1,090 | 18.1 | 172 | 19.6 | 917 | 0.92 |
| Middle | 15.4 | 962 | 22.8 | 177 | 13.7 | 785 | 1.67 |
| Fourth | 14.8 | 892 | 18.7 | 98 | 14.3 | 793 | 1.31 |
| Highest | 9.3 | 651 | 19.0 | 69 | 8.1 | 581 | 2.34 |
| Total | 16.7 | 4,756 | 21.4 | 736 | 15.8 | 4,020 | 1.35 |

Note: Table is based on de jure household members who slept in household the night preceding the interview. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Two or more standard deviations below mean on WHO/CDC/NCHS reference standard for weight by age
${ }^{2}$ Ratio of the percentage for OVC to the percentage for non-OVC

### 18.2.5 Sex before Age 15

Teenage orphans and vulnerable children frequently may be at high risk of early sexual activity because they lack adult guidance to help them to protect themselves. Table 18.7 shows that OVCs were somewhat more likely than non-OVC children in the 15-17 year age group to have initiated sexual activity before age 15 . This gap was somewhat greater among young women than young men.

| Table 18.7 Sexual intercourse before age 15 of orphans and vulnerable children |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of de jure children age 15-17 who had sexual intercourse before exact age 15, total and by OVC status, and ratio of the percentage for OVC to the percentage for non-OVC, by sex, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Wom |  |  |  |
| OVC status | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before exact age 15 | Number | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before exact age 15 | Numb |
| OVC | 6.0 | 478 | 7.2 | 48 |
| Non-OVC | 3.4 | 717 | 5.5 | 655 |
| Total | 4.4 | 1,195 | 6.2 | 1,144 |
| Ratio ${ }^{1}$ | 1.74 | na | 1.30 |  |
| Note: Table is based on de jure household members who slept in household the night preceding the interview <br> na $=$ Not applicable <br> ${ }^{1}$ Ratio of the percentage for OVC to the percentage for not OVC |  |  |  |  |

### 18.3 Care and Support for OVCs

One of the important challenges in countries like Zimbabwe that have greatly increased OVC populations, principally due to the AIDS epidemic, is the need to assist families to care for these children. The ZDHS obtained several indicators of the extent to which families and communities are recognising and addressing the need to care for young children.

### 18.3.1 Succession Planning

Succession planning is important in ensuring that children will receive appropriate care and support in the event of the death of a parent or primary caregiver. Table 18.8 looks at the extent to which women and men who identified themselves as primary caregivers for at least one child under age 18 had identified a guardian for the child(ren). Overall, 4 in 10 respondents age $15-49$ said that they were a primary caregiver for a child under the age of 18 . Table 18.8 shows that, among these primary caregivers, 22 percent had made arrangements for care to be provided to a child in the event they were unable to provide care due to illness or death. There was little difference by age and sex in the proportions of caregivers who had made succession arrangements. However, urban caregivers were more likely than those in rural areas to have a succession plan ( 27 percent and 18 percent, respectively). Matabeleland South (33 percent) had the highest proportion of caregivers who had made succession arrangements, followed by Bulawayo (29 percent).

## Table 18.8 Succession planning

Among de facto women and men age 15-49 who were primary caregivers of children under age 18, the percentage who have made arrangements for someone else to care for the children in the event of their own inability to do so due to illness or death, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women and men who are primary caregivers of children under age 18 | Number of women and men 15-49 | Percentage of caregivers of children under age 18 who have made succession arrangements | Number of primary caregivers of children under age 18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 6.7 | 4,051 | 22.3 | 272 |
| 20-29 | 42.2 | 5,959 | 21.8 | 2,516 |
| 30-39 | 66.6 | 3,595 | 21.4 | 2,393 |
| 40-49 | 68.3 | 2,166 | 21.0 | 1,479 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 37.3 | 6,863 | 21.5 | 2,561 |
| Female | 46.0 | 8,907 | 21.5 | 4,100 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 59.1 | 468 | 13.6 | 276 |
| Primary | 46.2 | 4,685 | 17.0 | 2,164 |
| Secondary | 38.8 | 9,943 | 22.6 | 3,854 |
| More than secondary | 54.4 | 675 | 43.1 | 367 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 44.0 | 6,270 | 27.0 | 2,762 |
| Rural | 41.0 | 9,500 | 17.7 | 3,899 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 29.4 | 1,835 | 17.3 | 540 |
| Mashonaland Central | 53.0 | 1,507 | 12.4 | 798 |
| Mashonaland East | 39.6 | 1,285 | 18.6 | 509 |
| Mashonaland West | 45.6 | 1,520 | 23.7 | 693 |
| Matabeleland North | 45.7 | 952 | 13.7 | 435 |
| Matabeleland South | 41.1 | 746 | 32.7 | 306 |
| Midlands | 36.3 | 2,149 | 22.0 | 780 |
| Masvingo | 40.8 | 1,908 | 22.0 | 778 |
| Harare | 51.0 | 2,711 | 25.5 | 1,383 |
| Bulawayo | 37.8 | 1,158 | 28.9 | 437 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 44.1 | 2,594 | 14.9 | 1,145 |
| Second | 43.9 | 2,636 | 15.8 | 1,158 |
| Middle | 36.0 | 2,740 | 20.6 | 987 |
| Fourth | 44.5 | 3,897 | 22.7 | 1,734 |
| Highest | 42.0 | 3,903 | 29.6 | 1,637 |
| Total | 42.2 | 15,770 | 21.5 | 6,661 |

Note: Table is based on de facto household members, i.e., who slept in the household the night preceding the interview

### 18.3.2 External Support for Households with OVCs

The ZDHS collected information on the extent to which free external care and support services are reaching OVC. Table 18.9 first shows the percentage of adults age 18 - 59 who were chronically ill or died after a chronic illness during the year before the survey whose households had received certain types of free external support during the month prior to the survey (or to person's death). The table shows that medical support was received in the case of 18 percent of these individuals, 23 percent received emotional support, and 19 percent received social or material support. Only 3 percent got all three types of support, and 59 percent did not receive any medical, emotional, or social or material support. Support was somewhat more likely to have been received in the case of women than men. Support was also somewhat more common in rural than urban areas.

| Percentage of women and men age 18-59 who have been either very sick or who died within the past 12 months after being very sick whose households received certain free basic external support to care for them within the past year, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of very sick persons whose households received: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Medical support at least once a month during illness | Emotional support in the past 30 days | Social/ material support in the past 30 days $^{2}$ | At least one type of support in the past 30 days | All three types of support in the past 30 days | None of the three types of support | Number of persons |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18-29 | 15.2 | 21.3 | 17.5 | 36.1 | 2.9 | 63.9 | 177 |
| 30-39 | 19.1 | 25.5 | 15.7 | 42.0 | 2.8 | 58.0 | 264 |
| 40-49 | 21.9 | 22.5 | 19.9 | 43.3 | 2.8 | 56.7 | 199 |
| 50-59 | 15.4 | 21.8 | 23.5 | 41.8 | 2.9 | 58.2 | 164 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 18.9 | 18.7 | 14.5 | 35.6 | 1.7 | 64.4 | 316 |
| Female | 17.7 | 26.0 | 21.5 | 44.5 | 3.5 | 55.5 | 488 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 13.9 | 25.3 | 16.1 | 38.6 | 2.9 | 61.4 | 188 |
| Rural | 19.5 | 22.4 | 19.5 | 41.7 | 2.8 | 58.3 | 616 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 18.8 | 25.9 | 23.3 | 45.2 | 3.5 | 54.8 | 123 |
| Mashonaland Central | 11.5 | 15.3 | 24.5 | 39.5 | 1.5 | 60.5 | 82 |
| Mashonaland East | 19.1 | 17.1 | 22.2 | 34.2 | 3.5 | 65.8 | 60 |
| Mashonaland West | 15.9 | 31.3 | 17.0 | 42.0 | 3.1 | 58.0 | 96 |
| Matabeleland North | 24.5 | 22.3 | 17.2 | 38.5 | 5.7 | 61.5 | 60 |
| Matabeleland South | 25.9 | 17.0 | 11.8 | 42.4 | 3.5 | 57.6 | 51 |
| Midlands | 18.7 | 28.8 | 18.5 | 45.5 | 2.9 | 54.5 | 95 |
| Masvingo | 25.3 | 23.3 | 22.7 | 46.1 | 4.0 | 53.9 | 106 |
| Harare | 13.9 | 24.8 | 12.1 | 39.8 | 0.0 | 60.2 | 95 |
| Bulawayo | 3.6 | 10.0 | 8.0 | 17.6 | 0.0 | 82.4 | 37 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.9 | 22.0 | 16.2 | 40.8 | 2.2 | 59.2 | 208 |
| Second | 19.0 | 20.0 | 20.5 | 39.8 | 2.9 | 60.2 | 178 |
| Middle | 16.8 | 25.0 | 24.1 | 44.2 | 3.0 | 55.8 | 201 |
| Fourth | 19.7 | 19.5 | 13.0 | 35.6 | 3.4 | 64.4 | 141 |
| Highest | 12.1 | 35.2 | 18.0 | 45.8 | 2.7 | 54.2 | 76 |
| Total | 18.2 | 23.1 | 18.7 | 41.0 | 2.8 | 59.0 | 805 |

[^25]Table 18.10 looks at the extent to which free external care and support was received by households that included at least one OVC member. The table shows that around seven in ten orphaned and vulnerable children lived in households that did not receive any type of support. Among those households that did receive some type of support, the household was most likely to have received schooling support for the children, followed by social/material support.

Table 18.10 External support for orphans and vulnerable children
Percentage of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) under age 18 years whose household received certain free basic external support to care for the child in the past 12 months, by background characteristics, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| Background characteristic | Percentage of orphans and vulnerable children whose households received: |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of OVC children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Medical support in the past 12 months ${ }^{1}$ | Emotional support in the past 3 months ${ }^{2}$ | Social/ material support in the past 3 months $^{3}$ | School- related assistance in the past 12 months $^{4}$ | Al least one type of support | All of the types of support ${ }^{5}$ | None of the types of support |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 8.2 | 4.8 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 18.4 | 0.0 | 81.6 | 882 |
| 5-9 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 12.1 | 13.3 | 28.0 | 0.1 | 72.0 | 1,817 |
| 10-14 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 15.1 | 24.9 | 38.6 | 0.0 | 61.4 | 2,476 |
| 15-17 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 14.3 | 16.0 | 30.3 | 0.0 | 69.7 | 1,147 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 6.2 | 5.7 | 13.2 | 16.0 | 30.6 | 0.0 | 69.4 | 3,212 |
| Female | 6.7 | 6.3 | 13.3 | 17.0 | 31.7 | 0.1 | 68.3 | 3,107 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.6 | 8.7 | 10.7 | 12.6 | 23.9 | 0.1 | 76.1 | 1,254 |
| Rural | 7.5 | 5.3 | 13.9 | 17.4 | 33.0 | 0.0 | 67.0 | 5,068 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 4.3 | 7.0 | 17.1 | 18.1 | 36.0 | 0.0 | 64.0 | 974 |
| Mashonaland Central | 14.0 | 5.8 | 7.4 | 18.8 | 35.5 | 0.0 | 64.5 | 718 |
| Mashonaland East | 5.5 | 4.8 | 8.2 | 17.7 | 27.3 | 0.0 | 72.7 | 609 |
| Mashonaland West | 1.9 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 12.6 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 78.9 | 693 |
| Matabeleland North | 8.4 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 9.4 | 22.6 | 0.0 | 77.4 | 482 |
| Matabeleland South | 6.9 | 3.7 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 22.9 | 0.0 | 77.1 | 399 |
| Midlands | 3.9 | 6.9 | 15.2 | 18.3 | 33.0 | 0.1 | 67.0 | 819 |
| Masvingo | 11.1 | 4.8 | 32.5 | 26.2 | 49.5 | 0.0 | 50.5 | 880 |
| Harare | 3.2 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 18.7 | 0.1 | 81.3 | 525 |
| Bulawayo | 2.8 | 9.4 | 7.0 | 12.3 | 22.9 | 0.0 | 77.1 | 222 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 7.3 | 3.7 | 13.4 | 15.9 | 29.1 | 0.0 | 70.9 | 1,589 |
| Second | 8.1 | 7.3 | 12.7 | 18.4 | 35.1 | 0.1 | 64.9 | 1,436 |
| Middle | 7.8 | 4.1 | 15.2 | 18.2 | 34.5 | 0.0 | 65.5 | 1,674 |
| Fourth | 2.4 | 8.6 | 13.2 | 16.0 | 29.7 | 0.0 | 70.3 | 933 |
| Highest | 3.6 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 22.3 | 0.1 | 77.7 | 690 |
| Total | 6.5 | 6.0 | 13.3 | 16.5 | 31.2 | 0.0 | 68.8 | 6,322 |

Note: Table is based on de jure household members, i.e., usual household members. Total includes three children for whom information on sex is missing.
${ }^{1}$ Medical care, supplies, or medicine
${ }^{2}$ Companionship, counselling from a trained counsellor, or spiritual support for which there was no payment
${ }^{3}$ Help with household work, training for a caregiver, legal services, clothing, food, or financial support for which there was no payment
${ }^{4}$ Allowance, free admission, books, or supplies for which there was no payment. Percentage calculated for ages 5-17 years
${ }^{5}$ Four types of support for those age 5-17, three types of support (i.e., excluding school support) received by those age 0-4

The percentage receiving some form of assistance increased with the age of the child, which likely reflects in part the fact that school-related assistance was the most common form of care and support. Rural OVCs were more likely than urban OVCs to live in a household that received some form of support. Orphaned and vulnerable children in Harare were the least likely to be living in a household receiving external support, while OVCs in Masvingo were the most likely to be in a household that had been given some type of support.

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## SAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION

Table A. 1 Sample implementation: women
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, Zimbabwe 2006

| Result | Residence |  | Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Manicaland | Mashonaland Central | Mashona-landEast | Mashonaland West | Matabeleland North | Matabeleland South | Mid- <br> lands | Masvingo | Harare | Bula- <br> wayo |  |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selected households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (C) | 88.5 | 85.4 | 86.1 | 81.8 | 80.5 | 80.9 | 88.6 | 85.1 | 89.7 | 86.2 | 90.2 | 94.7 | 86.4 |
| Household present but no competent respondent at home HP) | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 1.8 |
| Postponed ( P ) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Refused (R) | 2.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 0.9 |
| Dwelling not found (DNF) | 0.8 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| Household absent (HA) | 2.0 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 3.3 |
| Dwelling vacant/address not a dwelling (DV) | 2.4 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 4.4 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 6.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 4.8 |
| Dwelling destroy (DD) | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Other (O) | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 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 |
| Number of sampled households | 3,455 | 7,297 | 1,258 | 1,022 | 1,082 | 1,102 | 821 | 805 | 1,246 | 1,152 | 1,407 | 857 | 10,752 |
| Household response rate (HRR) | 94.1 | 95.4 | 97.1 | 91.9 | 92.3 | 93.6 | 96.5 | 93.6 | 96.5 | 97.8 | 93.4 | 96.8 | 95.0 |
| Eligible women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (EWC) | 85.1 | 93.4 | 93.8 | 93.1 | 89.5 | 88.3 | 94.9 | 90.3 | 95.2 | 93.7 | 82.9 | 85.9 | 90.2 |
| Not at home (EWNH) | 9.2 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 8.9 | 8.0 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 11.9 | 7.7 | 6.4 |
| Postponed (EWP) | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Refused (EWR) | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 1.9 |
| Partly completed (EWPC) | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Incapacitated (EWI) | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| Other (EWO) | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 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 |
| Number of women | 3,763 | 6,107 | 1,108 | 807 | 778 | 880 | 708 | 698 | 1,185 | 1,039 | 1,683 | 984 | 9,870 |
| Eligible women response rate (EWRR) | 85.1 | 93.4 | 93.8 | 93.1 | 89.5 | 88.3 | 94.9 | 90.3 | 95.2 | 93.7 | 82.9 | 85.9 | 90.2 |
| Overall response rate (ORR) | 80.1 | 89.1 | 91.1 | 85.5 | 82.5 | 82.6 | 91.6 | 84.5 | 91.8 | 91.7 | 77.4 | 83.1 | 85.7 |

${ }^{1}$ 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 women falling into specific response categories, the eligible woman response rate (EWRR) is calculated as:

$$
100 \text { * EWC }
$$

$$
\mathrm{EWC}+\mathrm{EWNH}+\mathrm{EWP}+\mathrm{EWR}+\mathrm{EWPC}+\mathrm{EWI}+\mathrm{EWO}
$$

${ }^{3}$ The overall response rate (ORR) is calculated as:

$$
\mathrm{ORR}=\mathrm{HRR} * E W R R / 100
$$

Table A. 2 Sample implementation: men
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, Zimbabwe 2006

| Result | Residence |  | Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Manicaland | Mashonaland Central | Mashona-landEast | Mashonaland West | Matabeleland North | Matabele- <br> land <br> South | Midlands | Mas- <br> vingo | Harare | Bula- <br> wayo |  |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selected households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (C) | 88.5 | 85.4 | 86.1 | 81.8 | 80.5 | 80.9 | 88.6 | 85.1 | 89.7 | 86.2 | 90.2 | 94.7 | 86.4 |
| Household present but no competent respondent at home (HP) | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 1.8 |
| Postponed (P) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Refused (R) | 2.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 0.9 |
| Dwelling not found (DNF) | 0.8 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| Household absent (HA) | 2.0 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 3.3 |
| Dwelling vacant/address not a dwelling (DV) | 2.4 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 4.4 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 6.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 4.8 |
| Dwelling destroy (DD) | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Other (O) | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 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 |
| Number of sampled households | 3,455 | 7,297 | 1,258 | 1,022 | 1,082 | 1,102 | 821 | 805 | 1,246 | 1,152 | 1,407 | 857 | 10,752 |
| Household response rate (HRR) | 94.1 | 95.4 | 97.1 | 91.9 | 92.3 | 93.6 | 96.5 | 93.6 | 96.5 | 97.8 | 93.4 | 96.8 | 95.0 |
| Eligible men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (EMC) | 71.9 | 88.3 | 85.0 | 89.7 | 83.5 | 80.5 | 89.8 | 81.8 | 88.8 | 91.4 | 66.7 | 74.9 | 81.9 |
| Not at home (EMNH) | 19.4 | 8.8 | 12.5 | 8.7 | 12.7 | 15.9 | 5.7 | 12.5 | 8.3 | 6.3 | 23.8 | 12.8 | 12.9 |
| Postponed (EMP) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Refused (EMR) | 6.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 7.7 | 9.0 | 3.2 |
| Partly completed (EMPC) | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| Incapacitated (EMI) | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.6 |
| Other (EMO) | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 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 |
| Number of men | 3,421 | 5,340 | 929 | 804 | 692 | 830 | 609 | 567 | 1,077 | 852 | 1,547 | 854 | 8,761 |
| Eligible mAen response rate (EMRR) | 71.9 | 88.3 | 85.0 | 89.7 | 83.5 | 80.5 | 89.8 | 81.8 | 88.8 | 91.4 | 66.7 | 74.9 | 81.9 |
| Overall response rate (ORR) | 67.6 | 84.2 | 82.6 | 82.4 | 77.1 | 75.3 | 86.7 | 76.6 | 85.6 | 89.5 | 62.3 | 72.5 | 77.8 |

${ }^{1}$ 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:

$$
O R R=H R R * E M R R / 100
$$

## ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERRORS

The estimates from a sample survey are affected by two types of errors: (1) non-sampling errors, and (2) sampling errors. Non-sampling 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 2005-06 Zimbabwe Demographic and Health Survey (ZDHS) to minimize this type of error, non-sampling 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 2005-06 DHS 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 2005-06 ZDHS 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 2005-06 DHS 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 $h \quad$ 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,
$y_{h i} \quad$ is the sum of the weighted values of variable $y$ in the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum,
$x_{h i} \quad$ is the sum of the weighted number of cases in the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum, and
$f \quad$ 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. Pseudoindependent replications are thus created. In the 2005-06 DHS, there were 398 non-empty clusters. Hence, 398 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 398 clusters,
$r_{(i)} \quad$ is the estimate computed from the reduced sample of 397 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 2005-06 DHS are calculated for selected variables considered to be of primary interest for woman's survey and for 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 eleven regions. 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. 15 present the value of the statistic (R), its standard error (SE), the number of unweighted (N-UNWE) and weighted (N-WEIG) 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 child-bearing.

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 5.236 and its standard error is 0.117. Therefore, to obtain the 95 percent confidence limits, one adds and subtracts twice the standard error to the sample estimate, i.e., $5.236 \pm 2 \times 0.117$. 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 5.002 and 5.470.

Sampling errors are analyzed for two separate groups of estimates: (1) means and proportions, and (2) complex demographic rates. At the national level, mostly relative standard error values (SE/R) for the means and proportions are below 10 percent, however the highest relative standard error values are for indicators with very low values (i.e. less than 2 percent). So in general, the relative standard errors for most estimates for the country as a whole are small, except for indicators with very small values, i.e. for estimates which are rare in the population. For example, the relative standard error for the total fertility rate (TFR 0-3 years) is small ( 2.9 percent) since births are a fairly common event. However, for the mortality rates which are rarer events, the average relative standard error value is higher; for example, the relative standard error for the 0-4 year estimate of infant mortality is 7.2 .

The relative standard error varies across sub-populations. For example, for the variable children ever born to women aged 40-49, the relative standard errors as a percent of the estimated mean for the whole country, for the urban areas and for the rural areas are 2.2 percent, 2.8 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively.

For the total sample, the value of the design effect (DEFT), averaged over all selected variables, is 1.43 which means that, due to multi-stage clustering of the sample, the average standard error is increased by a factor of 1.43 over that in an equivalent simple random sample.

| Variable | Estimate | Base population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WOMEN |  |  |
| Urban residence | Proportion | All women |
| Literate | Proportion | All women |
| No education | Proportion | All women |
| Secondary education or higher | Proportion | All women |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | Ratio | Children with primary school |
| Never married | Proportion | All women |
| Currently married/in union | Proportion | All women |
| Married before age 20 | Proportion | All women 20 years or more |
| Currently pregnant | Proportion | All women |
| Children ever born | Mean | All women |
| Children surviving | Mean | All women |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | Mean | All women 40-49 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | Proportion | Currently married women |
| Ever using contraceptive method | Proportion | Currently married women |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | Proportion | Currently married women |
| Currently using pill | Proportion | Currently married women |
| Currently using IUD | Proportion | Currently married women |
| Currently using female sterilisation | Proportion | Currently married women |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | Proportion | Currently married women |
| Obtained method from public sector source | Proportion | Currently users modern method |
| Want no more children | Proportion | Currently married women |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | Proportion | Currently married women |
| Ideal family size | Proportion | All women |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | Proportion | Last birth in last 5 years |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | Proportion | Births in last 5 years |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | Proportion | Children under age 5 years |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | Proportion | Child with diarrhoea in last two weeks |
| Taken to a health provider | Proportion | Child with diarrhoea in last 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 immunised | Proportion | Children age 12-23 months |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | Proportion | Children 0-59 months measured |
| Weight-for-height (below-2SD) | Proportion | Children 0-59 months measured |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | Proportion | Children 0-59 months measured |
| Any anaemia for children | Proportion | Children 6-59 months |
| Any anaemia for women | Proportion | All women |
| $\mathrm{BMI}<18.5$ for women | Proportion | All women |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | Proportion | Women having high-risk sex last year |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | Proportion | Women 15-24 having high-risk sex last year |
| Had high risk Intercourse | Proportion | All women |
| Abstinence among youth | Proportion | Women 15-24 who never had sex |
| Sexually active in last 12 months (youth) | Proportion | Women 15-24 who had sex in last months |
| Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for last three years | Mean | All women |
| Neonatal mortality last 5 (10) years ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | All births last 5(10) years |
| Post-neonatal mortality last 5(10) years ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | All births last 5(10) years |
| Infant mortality last 5(10) years ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | All births last 5(10) years |
| Child mortality last 5(10) years ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | All births last 5(10) years |
| Under 5 mortality last 5(10) years ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | All births last 5(10) years |
| HIV prevalence rate | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| MEN |  |  |
| Urban residence |  | All men 15-54 |
| Literate | Proportion | All men 15-54 |
| No education | Proportion | All men 15-54 |
| Secondary education or higher | Proportion | All men 15-54 |
| Never married | Proportion | All men 15-54 |
| Currently married/in union | Proportion | All men 15-54 |
| Married before age 20 | Proportion | All men 20-54 |
| Want no more children | Proportion | Currently married men 15-49 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | Proportion | Currently married men 15-49 |
| Ideal family size | Proportion | Currently married men 15-49 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Knows about condoms | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Knows about limiting partners | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | Proportion | All men 15-49 |
| Condom use in last higher-risk intercourse | Proportion | Men 15-49 having high-risk sex last year |
| Condom use in last higher-risk intercourse (youth) | Proportion | Men 15-24 having high-risk sex last year |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | Proportion | Men 15-24 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | Proportion | Never married men 15-24 |
| HIV prevalence rate | Proportion | All men 15-49 |


| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.393 | 0.015 | 8907 | 8907 | 2.875 | 0.038 | 0.363 | 0.423 |
| Literate | 0.912 | 0.006 | 8907 | 8907 | 2.162 | 0.007 | 0.899 | 0.925 |
| No education | 0.043 | 0.004 | 8907 | 8907 | 1.964 | 0.099 | 0.034 | 0.051 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.631 | 0.014 | 8907 | 8907 | 2.812 | 0.023 | 0.603 | 0.660 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.914 | 0.006 | 7379 | 7267 | 1.589 | 0.007 | 0.902 | 0.927 |
| Never married | 0.270 | 0.006 | 8907 | 8907 | 1.341 | 0.023 | 0.257 | 0.283 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.577 | 0.007 | 8907 | 8907 | 1.433 | 0.013 | 0.562 | 0.592 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.572 | 0.010 | 6777 | 6755 | 1.639 | 0.017 | 0.552 | 0.592 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.066 | 0.003 | 8907 | 8907 | 1.164 | 0.046 | 0.060 | 0.072 |
| Children ever born | 2.153 | 0.030 | 8907 | 8907 | 1.288 | 0.014 | 2.092 | 2.213 |
| Children surviving | 1.993 | 0.029 | 8907 | 8907 | 1.325 | 0.014 | 1.935 | 2.050 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.236 | 0.117 | 1338 | 1287 | 1.705 | 0.022 | 5.002 | 5.470 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.993 | 0.001 | 5118 | 5143 | 1.139 | 0.001 | 0.991 | 0.996 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.872 | 0.009 | 5118 | 5143 | 1.820 | 0.010 | 0.855 | 0.889 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.602 | 0.011 | 5118 | 5143 | 1.583 | 0.018 | 0.581 | 0.624 |
| Currently using pill | 0.430 | 0.011 | 5118 | 5143 | 1.585 | 0.026 | 0.408 | 0.452 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.003 | 0.001 | 5118 | 5143 | 1.135 | 0.291 | 0.001 | 0.005 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.020 | 0.002 | 5118 | 5143 | 1.137 | 0.111 | 0.016 | 0.025 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.002 | 0.001 | 5118 | 5143 | 0.992 | 0.310 | 0.001 | 0.003 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.678 | 0.013 | 3399 | 3446 | 1.632 | 0.019 | 0.652 | 0.705 |
| Want no more children | 0.423 | 0.010 | 5118 | 5143 | 1.422 | 0.023 | 0.404 | 0.443 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.321 | 0.008 | 5118 | 5143 | 1.175 | 0.024 | 0.305 | 0.336 |
| Ideal family size | 3.800 | 0.052 | 8792 | 8800 | 2.488 | 0.014 | 3.696 | 3.904 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | 0.545 | 0.012 | 4073 | 4099 | 1.482 | 0.021 | 0.522 | 0.568 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.685 | 0.014 | 5246 | 5231 | 1.914 | 0.021 | 0.657 | 0.713 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.124 | 0.007 | 4875 | 4871 | 1.340 | 0.053 | 0.111 | 0.138 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.056 | 0.011 | 614 | 606 | 1.110 | 0.192 | 0.035 | 0.078 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.320 | 0.026 | 614 | 606 | 1.286 | 0.081 | 0.269 | 0.372 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.723 | 0.015 | 989 | 1019 | 1.050 | 0.021 | 0.693 | 0.753 |
| Received BCG | 0.757 | 0.015 | 989 | 1019 | 1.094 | 0.020 | 0.727 | 0.787 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.620 | 0.019 | 989 | 1019 | 1.257 | 0.031 | 0.582 | 0.659 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.657 | 0.017 | 989 | 1019 | 1.159 | 0.026 | 0.623 | 0.692 |
| Received measles | 0.656 | 0.018 | 989 | 1019 | 1.214 | 0.028 | 0.620 | 0.693 |
| Fully immunised | 0.526 | 0.019 | 989 | 1019 | 1.218 | 0.036 | 0.487 | 0.564 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.294 | 0.009 | 4914 | 4860 | 1.327 | 0.031 | 0.276 | 0.313 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.064 | 0.004 | 4914 | 4860 | 1.083 | 0.061 | 0.056 | 0.072 |
| Weight-for-age (below-2SD) | 0.166 | 0.007 | 4914 | 4860 | 1.184 | 0.040 | 0.153 | 0.180 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.583 | 0.011 | 4378 | 4354 | 1.407 | 0.018 | 0.562 | 0.605 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.378 | 0.009 | 7636 | 7634 | 1.604 | 0.024 | 0.360 | 0.395 |
| $\mathrm{BMI}<18.5$ for women | 0.092 | 0.004 | 8020 | 8004 | 1.123 | 0.039 | 0.085 | 0.100 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.467 | 0.023 | 680 | 655 | 1.225 | 0.050 | 0.420 | 0.514 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.424 | 0.030 | 352 | 333 | 1.143 | 0.071 | 0.363 | 0.484 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.811 | 0.010 | 2233 | 2195 | 1.258 | 0.013 | 0.790 | 0.832 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.125 | 0.008 | 2233 | 2195 | 1.181 | 0.066 | 0.108 | 0.142 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 3.798 | 0.111 | na | 24853 | 1.579 | 0.029 | 3.576 | 4.021 |
| Neonatal mortality last 5 years | 23.781 | 2.476 | 5286 | 5271 | 1.106 | 0.104 | 18.828 | 28.733 |
| Postneonatal mortality last 5 years | 36.083 | 3.110 | 5296 | 5282 | 1.078 | 0.086 | 29.863 | 42.304 |
| Infant mortality last 5 years | 59.864 | 4.299 | 5297 | 5283 | 1.158 | 0.072 | 51.266 | 68.461 |
| Child mortality last 5 years | 23.216 | 2.476 | 5329 | 5311 | 1.138 | 0.107 | 18.264 | 28.168 |
| Under 5 mortality last 5 years | 81.690 | 5.077 | 5341 | 5323 | 1.212 | 0.062 | 71.537 | 91.843 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.405 | 0.013 | 7175 | 7175 | 2.200 | 0.032 | 0.379 | 0.430 |
| Literate | 0.951 | 0.003 | 7175 | 7175 | 1.197 | 0.003 | 0.945 | 0.957 |
| No education | 0.015 | 0.002 | 7175 | 7175 | 1.166 | 0.110 | 0.012 | 0.019 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.712 | 0.010 | 7175 | 7175 | 1.950 | 0.015 | 0.691 | 0.733 |
| Never married | 0.475 | 0.007 | 7175 | 7175 | 1.203 | 0.015 | 0.460 | 0.489 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.477 | 0.007 | 7175 | 7175 | 1.209 | 0.015 | 0.462 | 0.491 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.163 | 0.008 | 4871 | 4964 | 1.563 | 0.051 | 0.146 | 0.179 |
| Want no more children | 0.363 | 0.011 | 3067 | 3132 | 1.217 | 0.029 | 0.342 | 0.384 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.405 | 0.012 | 3067 | 3132 | 1.404 | 0.031 | 0.380 | 0.430 |
| Ideal family size | 4.541 | 0.080 | 2968 | 3035 | 1.399 | 0.018 | 4.381 | 4.700 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.992 | 0.001 | 6849 | 6863 | 1.015 | 0.001 | 0.990 | 0.994 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.814 | 0.006 | 6849 | 6863 | 1.319 | 0.008 | 0.802 | 0.826 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.847 | 0.007 | 6849 | 6863 | 1.707 | 0.009 | 0.832 | 0.862 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.141 | 0.007 | 4311 | 4373 | 1.230 | 0.046 | 0.128 | 0.154 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.555 | 0.049 | 234 | 233 | 1.498 | 0.088 | 0.457 | 0.652 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.281 | 0.012 | 3050 | 2988 | 1.468 | 0.043 | 0.257 | 0.305 |



| Variable | Value <br> (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 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 5704 | 5405 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Literate | 0.871 | 0.009 | 5704 | 5405 | 2.072 | 0.011 | 0.852 | 0.889 |
| No education | 0.064 | 0.006 | 5704 | 5405 | 1.893 | 0.096 | 0.052 | 0.076 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.493 | 0.019 | 5704 | 5405 | 2.831 | 0.038 | 0.455 | 0.530 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.907 | 0.007 | 5702 | 5490 | 1.498 | 0.007 | 0.894 | 0.921 |
| Never married | 0.218 | 0.007 | 5704 | 5405 | 1.280 | 0.032 | 0.204 | 0.232 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.629 | 0.010 | 5704 | 5405 | 1.502 | 0.015 | 0.610 | 0.648 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.645 | 0.012 | 4353 | 4102 | 1.630 | 0.018 | 0.621 | 0.668 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.080 | 0.004 | 5704 | 5405 | 1.128 | 0.051 | 0.072 | 0.088 |
| Children ever born | 2.538 | 0.039 | 5704 | 5405 | 1.206 | 0.015 | 2.460 | 2.616 |
| Children surviving | 2.336 | 0.036 | 5704 | 5405 | 1.232 | 0.016 | 2.263 | 2.409 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.832 | 0.144 | 959 | 878 | 1.754 | 0.025 | 5.544 | 6.119 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.991 | 0.002 | 3547 | 3401 | 1.220 | 0.002 | 0.987 | 0.995 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.851 | 0.011 | 3547 | 3401 | 1.877 | 0.013 | 0.829 | 0.874 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.553 | 0.013 | 3547 | 3401 | 1.599 | 0.024 | 0.527 | 0.580 |
| Currently using pill | 0.406 | 0.014 | 3547 | 3401 | 1.743 | 0.035 | 0.377 | 0.434 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 3547 | 3401 | 0.813 | 0.631 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.013 | 0.002 | 3547 | 3401 | 1.154 | 0.167 | 0.009 | 0.018 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.002 | 0.001 | 3547 | 3401 | 0.993 | 0.377 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.811 | 0.015 | 2106 | 2016 | 1.794 | 0.019 | 0.780 | 0.841 |
| Want no more children | 0.396 | 0.012 | 3547 | 3401 | 1.510 | 0.031 | 0.371 | 0.421 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.351 | 0.009 | 3547 | 3401 | 1.178 | 0.027 | 0.332 | 0.370 |
| Ideal family size | 4.234 | 0.067 | 5621 | 5334 | 2.388 | 0.016 | 4.099 | 4.369 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | 0.529 | 0.014 | 2938 | 2815 | 1.551 | 0.027 | 0.501 | 0.557 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.582 | 0.016 | 3906 | 3718 | 1.791 | 0.028 | 0.550 | 0.614 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.138 | 0.008 | 3616 | 3454 | 1.386 | 0.060 | 0.121 | 0.154 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.044 | 0.010 | 503 | 476 | 1.068 | 0.236 | 0.023 | 0.065 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.301 | 0.029 | 503 | 476 | 1.320 | 0.097 | 0.243 | 0.359 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.713 | 0.018 | 718 | 710 | 1.056 | 0.025 | 0.677 | 0.748 |
| Received BCG | 0.743 | 0.017 | 718 | 710 | 1.037 | 0.023 | 0.709 | 0.776 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.598 | 0.024 | 718 | 710 | 1.332 | 0.040 | 0.550 | 0.646 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.625 | 0.022 | 718 | 710 | 1.246 | 0.036 | 0.580 | 0.669 |
| Received measles | 0.631 | 0.022 | 718 | 710 | 1.240 | 0.035 | 0.586 | 0.675 |
| Fully immunised | 0.502 | 0.023 | 718 | 710 | 1.254 | 0.046 | 0.456 | 0.548 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.312 | 0.011 | 3805 | 3674 | 1.340 | 0.035 | 0.291 | 0.334 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.070 | 0.005 | 3805 | 3674 | 1.081 | 0.067 | 0.061 | 0.079 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.184 | 0.008 | 3805 | 3674 | 1.193 | 0.043 | 0.168 | 0.199 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.584 | 0.013 | 3415 | 3329 | 1.496 | 0.022 | 0.558 | 0.610 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.371 | 0.012 | 5101 | 4872 | 1.846 | 0.034 | 0.346 | 0.396 |
| BMI <18.5 for women | 0.108 | 0.005 | 5072 | 4782 | 1.102 | 0.044 | 0.099 | 0.118 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.369 | 0.032 | 356 | 306 | 1.257 | 0.087 | 0.305 | 0.434 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.319 | 0.038 | 178 | 153 | 1.079 | 0.119 | 0.243 | 0.395 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.820 | 0.012 | 1190 | 1097 | 1.087 | 0.015 | 0.796 | 0.844 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.113 | 0.009 | 1190 | 1097 | 1.025 | 0.083 | 0.094 | 0.132 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 4.584 | 0.130 | na | 14997 | 1.469 | 0.028 | 4.323 | 4.844 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 21.627 | 2.172 | 7284 | 6932 | 1.172 | 0.100 | 17.283 | 25.970 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 28.929 | 2.438 | 7286 | 6933 | 1.123 | 0.084 | 24.053 | 33.804 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 50.555 | 3.731 | 7287 | 6934 | 1.277 | 0.074 | 43.093 | 58.017 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 22.126 | 2.256 | 7311 | 6954 | 1.193 | 0.102 | 17.615 | 26.637 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 71.563 | 4.831 | 7315 | 6957 | 1.410 | 0.068 | 61.901 | 81.225 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 4716 | 4271 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Literate | 0.926 | 0.005 | 4716 | 4271 | 1.186 | 0.005 | 0.917 | 0.935 |
| No education | 0.025 | 0.003 | 4716 | 4271 | 1.206 | 0.110 | 0.019 | 0.030 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.589 | 0.015 | 4716 | 4271 | 2.042 | 0.025 | 0.560 | 0.618 |
| Never married | 0.476 | 0.009 | 4716 | 4271 | 1.263 | 0.019 | 0.457 | 0.494 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.473 | 0.009 | 4716 | 4271 | 1.306 | 0.020 | 0.454 | 0.492 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.193 | 0.011 | 3057 | 2803 | 1.541 | 0.057 | 0.171 | 0.215 |
| Want no more children | 0.312 | 0.012 | 2013 | 1861 | 1.206 | 0.040 | 0.288 | 0.337 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.456 | 0.016 | 2013 | 1861 | 1.474 | 0.036 | 0.424 | 0.489 |
| Ideal family size | 5.083 | 0.114 | 1949 | 1804 | 1.427 | 0.023 | 4.854 | 5.312 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.988 | 0.002 | 4513 | 4096 | 1.057 | 0.002 | 0.985 | 0.991 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.788 | 0.009 | 4513 | 4096 | 1.481 | 0.011 | 0.770 | 0.806 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.879 | 0.006 | 4513 | 4096 | 1.339 | 0.007 | 0.866 | 0.892 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.141 | 0.009 | 2785 | 2580 | 1.380 | 0.065 | 0.123 | 0.159 |
| Condom use last higher-risk intercourse | 0.498 | 0.027 | 949 | 883 | 1.674 | 0.055 | 0.443 | 0.552 |
| Condom use last higher-risk intercourse (youth) | 0.533 | 0.041 | 587 | 563 | 2.008 | 0.078 | 0.451 | 0.616 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.420 | 0.065 | 140 | 136 | 1.562 | 0.156 | 0.289 | 0.550 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.278 | 0.017 | 2054 | 1835 | 1.710 | 0.061 | 0.245 | 0.312 |


| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | R+2SE |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.218 | 0.039 | 1039 | 1043 | 3.072 | 0.180 | 0.140 | 0.297 |
| Literate | 0.915 | 0.020 | 1039 | 1043 | 2.321 | 0.022 | 0.875 | 0.955 |
| No education | 0.044 | 0.015 | 1039 | 1043 | 2.304 | 0.333 | 0.015 | 0.073 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.575 | 0.029 | 1039 | 1043 | 1.894 | 0.051 | 0.517 | 0.633 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.904 | 0.023 | 975 | 992 | 2.101 | 0.026 | 0.857 | 0.950 |
| Never married | 0.225 | 0.020 | 1039 | 1043 | 1.506 | 0.087 | 0.186 | 0.264 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.574 | 0.023 | 1039 | 1043 | 1.475 | 0.039 | 0.529 | 0.619 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.609 | 0.020 | 804 | 812 | 1.168 | 0.033 | 0.568 | 0.649 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.074 | 0.008 | 1039 | 1043 | 1.024 | 0.112 | 0.058 | 0.091 |
| Children ever born | 2.483 | 0.079 | 1039 | 1043 | 1.046 | 0.032 | 2.324 | 2.642 |
| Children surviving | 2.247 | 0.066 | 1039 | 1043 | 0.957 | 0.029 | 2.115 | 2.379 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.489 | 0.248 | 185 | 185 | 1.244 | 0.045 | 4.993 | 5.985 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.991 | 0.007 | 603 | 599 | 1.818 | 0.007 | 0.977 | 1.005 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.832 | 0.023 | 603 | 599 | 1.533 | 0.028 | 0.785 | 0.879 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.524 | 0.032 | 603 | 599 | 1.579 | 0.061 | 0.460 | 0.588 |
| Currently using pill | 0.377 | 0.030 | 603 | 599 | 1.523 | 0.080 | 0.317 | 0.437 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.004 | 0.003 | 603 | 599 | 1.298 | 0.855 | 0.000 | 0.010 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.013 | 0.004 | 603 | 599 | 0.958 | 0.335 | 0.004 | 0.022 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.001 | 0.001 | 603 | 599 | 0.783 | 1.003 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.705 | 0.039 | 328 | 334 | 1.550 | 0.055 | 0.627 | 0.783 |
| Want no more children | 0.385 | 0.023 | 603 | 599 | 1.168 | 0.060 | 0.338 | 0.431 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.306 | 0.023 | 603 | 599 | 1.201 | 0.074 | 0.261 | 0.351 |
| Ideal family size | 4.220 | 0.119 | 1015 | 1017 | 1.772 | 0.028 | 3.982 | 4.458 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | 0.516 | 0.026 | 508 | 497 | 1.154 | 0.050 | 0.464 | 0.568 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | y 0.613 | 0.031 | 704 | 679 | 1.372 | 0.051 | 0.551 | 0.675 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.149 | 0.016 | 633 | 610 | 1.056 | 0.105 | 0.118 | 0.180 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.147 | 0.047 | 87 | 91 | 1.159 | 0.318 | 0.053 | 0.240 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.242 | 0.054 | 87 | 91 | 1.175 | 0.225 | 0.133 | 0.351 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.643 | 0.047 | 140 | 137 | 1.119 | 0.072 | 0.550 | 0.736 |
| Received BCG | 0.614 | 0.044 | 140 | 137 | 1.033 | 0.071 | 0.527 | 0.701 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.502 | 0.053 | 140 | 137 | 1.219 | 0.105 | 0.396 | 0.607 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.551 | 0.049 | 140 | 137 | 1.139 | 0.089 | 0.453 | 0.649 |
| Received measles | 0.545 | 0.053 | 140 | 137 | 1.241 | 0.098 | 0.438 | 0.652 |
| Fully immunised | 0.412 | 0.053 | 140 | 137 | 1.252 | 0.129 | 0.306 | 0.518 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.349 | 0.015 | 641 | 643 | 0.728 | 0.044 | 0.319 | 0.380 |
| Weight-for-height (below-2SD) | 0.054 | 0.010 | 641 | 643 | 1.072 | 0.178 | 0.035 | 0.074 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.162 | 0.017 | 641 | 643 | 1.032 | 0.105 | 0.128 | 0.196 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.554 | 0.032 | 555 | 568 | 1.419 | 0.057 | 0.490 | 0.617 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.307 | 0.020 | 881 | 877 | 1.250 | 0.064 | 0.268 | 0.346 |
| BMI < 18.5 for women | 0.053 | 0.010 | 935 | 937 | 1.336 | 0.184 | 0.034 | 0.073 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.485 | 0.063 | 45 | 55 | 0.839 | 0.130 | 0.359 | 0.612 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.375 | 0.098 | 15 | 18 | 0.755 | 0.261 | 0.179 | 0.570 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.893 | 0.016 | 225 | 215 | 0.793 | 0.018 | 0.861 | 0.926 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.060 | 0.012 | 225 | 215 | 0.781 | 0.207 | 0.035 | 0.084 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 4.220 | 0.275 | na | 2922 | 1.377 | 0.065 | 3.671 | 4.770 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 38.081 | 5.289 | 1269 | 1231 | 0.876 | 0.139 | 27.503 | 48.659 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 32.589 | 6.167 | 1269 | 1231 | 1.015 | 0.189 | 20.255 | 44.924 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 70.670 | 7.969 | 1269 | 1231 | 0.874 | 0.113 | 54.733 | 86.607 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 31.974 | 5.339 | 1277 | 1238 | 0.990 | 0.167 | 21.297 | 42.652 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years 1 | 100.385 | 8.388 | 1277 | 1238 | 0.805 | 0.084 | 83.609 | 117.161 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.229 | 0.041 | 790 | 829 | 2.761 | 0.181 | 0.146 | 0.311 |
| Literate | 0.926 | 0.011 | 790 | 829 | 1.176 | 0.012 | 0.904 | 0.948 |
| No education | 0.018 | 0.004 | 790 | 829 | 0.939 | 0.247 | 0.009 | 0.027 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.655 | 0.036 | 790 | 829 | 2.144 | 0.055 | 0.583 | 0.728 |
| Never married | 0.504 | 0.020 | 790 | 829 | 1.113 | 0.039 | 0.465 | 0.544 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.443 | 0.019 | 790 | 829 | 1.081 | 0.043 | 0.405 | 0.482 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.137 | 0.027 | 488 | 541 | 1.751 | 0.199 | 0.083 | 0.192 |
| Want no more children | 0.354 | 0.035 | 305 | 335 | 1.284 | 0.099 | 0.283 | 0.424 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.401 | 0.036 | 305 | 335 | 1.272 | 0.089 | 0.330 | 0.473 |
| Ideal family size | 4.767 | 0.159 | 294 | 322 | 0.964 | 0.033 | 4.448 | 5.085 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.988 | 0.004 | 753 | 793 | 0.978 | 0.004 | 0.980 | 0.996 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.754 | 0.021 | 753 | 793 | 1.325 | 0.028 | 0.712 | 0.796 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.851 | 0.018 | 753 | 793 | 1.369 | 0.021 | 0.816 | 0.887 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.168 | 0.015 | 419 | 459 | 0.810 | 0.088 | 0.138 | 0.198 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.711 | 0.110 | 16 | 20 | 0.940 | 0.155 | 0.491 | 0.931 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.217 | 0.023 | 368 | 372 | 1.057 | 0.105 | 0.172 | 0.263 |

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| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.070 | 0.023 | 751 | 825 | 2.492 | 0.332 | 0.024 | 0.116 |
| Literate | 0.828 | 0.018 | 751 | 825 | 1.314 | 0.022 | 0.791 | 0.864 |
| No education | 0.098 | 0.014 | 751 | 825 | 1.328 | 0.147 | 0.069 | 0.127 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.489 | 0.042 | 751 | 825 | 2.281 | 0.085 | 0.406 | 0.573 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.865 | 0.024 | 622 | 755 | 1.468 | 0.028 | 0.816 | 0.914 |
| Never married | 0.166 | 0.023 | 751 | 825 | 1.703 | 0.139 | 0.120 | 0.213 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.693 | 0.033 | 751 | 825 | 1.947 | 0.047 | 0.627 | 0.758 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.703 | 0.029 | 580 | 624 | 1.515 | 0.041 | 0.646 | 0.761 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.086 | 0.009 | 751 | 825 | 0.919 | 0.109 | 0.067 | 0.105 |
| Children ever born | 2.375 | 0.091 | 751 | 825 | 1.143 | 0.038 | 2.193 | 2.558 |
| Children surviving | 2.167 | 0.073 | 751 | 825 | 1.010 | 0.034 | 2.021 | 2.314 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.119 | 0.411 | 112 | 117 | 1.753 | 0.080 | 4.296 | 5.941 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.992 | 0.004 | 513 | 572 | 0.960 | 0.004 | 0.985 | 1.000 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.855 | 0.041 | 513 | 572 | 2.632 | 0.048 | 0.773 | 0.937 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.614 | 0.023 | 513 | 572 | 1.066 | 0.037 | 0.568 | 0.660 |
| Currently using pill | 0.488 | 0.029 | 513 | 572 | 1.291 | 0.058 | 0.431 | 0.545 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 513 | 572 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.011 | 0.007 | 513 | 572 | 1.490 | 0.629 | 0.000 | 0.024 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.004 | 0.003 | 513 | 572 | 0.948 | 0.627 | 0.000 | 0.010 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.789 | 0.030 | 338 | 366 | 1.366 | 0.039 | 0.728 | 0.849 |
| Want no more children | 0.395 | 0.030 | 513 | 572 | 1.375 | 0.075 | 0.335 | 0.454 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.376 | 0.025 | 513 | 572 | 1.154 | 0.066 | 0.327 | 0.425 |
| Ideal family size | 4.049 | 0.093 | 740 | 815 | 1.295 | 0.023 | 3.863 | 4.234 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | 0.582 | 0.029 | 426 | 457 | 1.204 | 0.050 | 0.524 | 0.640 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.604 | 0.041 | 533 | 585 | 1.725 | 0.067 | 0.523 | 0.685 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.108 | 0.028 | 499 | 548 | 1.990 | 0.260 | 0.052 | 0.165 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.000 | 0.000 | 65 | 59 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.298 | 0.062 | 65 | 59 | 0.977 | 0.207 | 0.175 | 0.422 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.784 | 0.041 | 94 | 111 | 1.001 | 0.052 | 0.702 | 0.866 |
| Received BCG | 0.813 | 0.038 | 94 | 111 | 0.974 | 0.046 | 0.738 | 0.889 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.608 | 0.056 | 94 | 111 | 1.152 | 0.092 | 0.496 | 0.720 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.646 | 0.068 | 94 | 111 | 1.428 | 0.105 | 0.510 | 0.782 |
| Received measles | 0.720 | 0.053 | 94 | 111 | 1.186 | 0.074 | 0.614 | 0.826 |
| Fully immunised | 0.566 | 0.056 | 94 | 111 | 1.144 | 0.100 | 0.453 | 0.679 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.348 | 0.043 | 501 | 577 | 1.883 | 0.125 | 0.261 | 0.435 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.062 | 0.006 | 501 | 577 | 0.547 | 0.102 | 0.049 | 0.074 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.223 | 0.026 | 501 | 577 | 1.433 | 0.117 | 0.171 | 0.275 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.590 | 0.058 | 392 | 474 | 2.418 | 0.099 | 0.474 | 0.707 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.371 | 0.018 | 584 | 652 | 0.898 | 0.048 | 0.335 | 0.406 |
| BMI < 18.5 for women | 0.120 | 0.014 | 669 | 737 | 1.136 | 0.119 | 0.091 | 0.148 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.727 | 0.069 | 36 | 34 | 0.913 | 0.094 | 0.590 | 0.865 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.701 | 0.092 | 22 | 20 | 0.926 | 0.132 | 0.516 | 0.886 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.889 | 0.025 | 121 | 130 | 0.867 | 0.028 | 0.839 | 0.939 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.092 | 0.023 | 121 | 130 | 0.873 | 0.251 | 0.046 | 0.137 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 4.561 | 0.235 | na | 2245 | 1.097 | 0.052 | 4.090 | 5.031 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 15.090 | 5.242 | 954 | 1052 | 1.255 | 0.347 | 4.606 | 25.574 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 30.392 | 4.161 | 954 | 1052 | 0.735 | 0.137 | 22.070 | 38.713 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 45.482 | 5.990 | 954 | 1052 | 0.821 | 0.132 | 33.501 | 57.463 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 29.189 | 7.058 | 957 | 1055 | 1.098 | 0.242 | 15.073 | 43.306 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 73.344 | 6.711 | 957 | 1055 | 0.700 | 0.091 | 59.922 | 86.765 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.083 | 0.013 | 721 | 702 | 1.287 | 0.159 | 0.057 | 0.110 |
| Literate | 0.925 | 0.008 | 721 | 702 | 0.824 | 0.009 | 0.909 | 0.941 |
| No education | 0.023 | 0.007 | 721 | 702 | 1.340 | 0.325 | 0.008 | 0.038 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.597 | 0.026 | 721 | 702 | 1.411 | 0.043 | 0.546 | 0.649 |
| Never married | 0.446 | 0.025 | 721 | 702 | 1.360 | 0.056 | 0.396 | 0.497 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.517 | 0.023 | 721 | 702 | 1.255 | 0.045 | 0.470 | 0.564 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.246 | 0.044 | 518 | 502 | 2.313 | 0.178 | 0.159 | 0.334 |
| Want no more children | 0.276 | 0.025 | 357 | 342 | 1.050 | 0.090 | 0.226 | 0.326 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.489 | 0.050 | 357 | 342 | 1.895 | 0.103 | 0.388 | 0.589 |
| Ideal family size | 5.275 | 0.350 | 354 | 340 | 1.404 | 0.066 | 4.576 | 5.975 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.983 | 0.005 | 696 | 681 | 1.082 | 0.005 | 0.973 | 0.994 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.791 | 0.022 | 696 | 681 | 1.408 | 0.027 | 0.747 | 0.834 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.870 | 0.018 | 696 | 681 | 1.374 | 0.020 | 0.835 | 0.905 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.168 | 0.023 | 469 | 462 | 1.355 | 0.140 | 0.121 | 0.214 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.556 | 0.149 | 20 | 18 | 1.308 | 0.268 | 0.258 | 0.854 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.329 | 0.044 | 278 | 278 | 1.561 | 0.134 | 0.240 | 0.417 |


| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.159 | 0.031 | 696 | 714 | 2.223 | 0.194 | 0.097 | 0.220 |
| Literate | 0.907 | 0.010 | 696 | 714 | 0.869 | 0.011 | 0.888 | 0.926 |
| No education | 0.030 | 0.009 | 696 | 714 | 1.343 | 0.291 | 0.012 | 0.047 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.632 | 0.024 | 696 | 714 | 1.305 | 0.038 | 0.584 | 0.680 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.937 | 0.009 | 685 | 715 | 0.871 | 0.009 | 0.920 | 0.955 |
| Never married | 0.212 | 0.019 | 696 | 714 | 1.217 | 0.089 | 0.175 | 0.250 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.619 | 0.023 | 696 | 714 | 1.246 | 0.037 | 0.573 | 0.665 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.611 | 0.030 | 545 | 562 | 1.419 | 0.048 | 0.552 | 0.671 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.077 | 0.013 | 696 | 714 | 1.323 | 0.174 | 0.050 | 0.104 |
| Children ever born | 2.281 | 0.104 | 696 | 714 | 1.289 | 0.046 | 2.072 | 2.489 |
| Children surviving | 2.127 | 0.098 | 696 | 714 | 1.289 | 0.046 | 1.932 | 2.323 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.073 | 0.271 | 118 | 114 | 1.303 | 0.053 | 4.530 | 5.615 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.995 | 0.003 | 423 | 442 | 1.027 | 0.003 | 0.988 | 1.002 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.897 | 0.021 | 423 | 442 | 1.452 | 0.024 | 0.854 | 0.940 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.640 | 0.029 | 423 | 442 | 1.259 | 0.046 | 0.581 | 0.699 |
| Currently using pill | 0.459 | 0.032 | 423 | 442 | 1.307 | 0.069 | 0.396 | 0.523 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.003 | 0.002 | 423 | 442 | 0.834 | 0.748 | 0.000 | 0.007 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.008 | 0.004 | 423 | 442 | 0.958 | 0.517 | 0.000 | 0.016 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 423 | 442 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.842 | 0.026 | 301 | 308 | 1.231 | 0.031 | 0.790 | 0.894 |
| Want no more children | 0.488 | 0.020 | 423 | 442 | 0.829 | 0.041 | 0.448 | 0.528 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.317 | 0.024 | 423 | 442 | 1.074 | 0.077 | 0.268 | 0.365 |
| Ideal family size | 3.735 | 0.087 | 694 | 712 | 1.235 | 0.023 | 3.561 | 3.909 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| last birth | 0.694 | 0.027 | 308 | 319 | 1.030 | 0.039 | 0.641 | 0.748 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.686 | 0.043 | 376 | 387 | 1.583 | 0.063 | 0.599 | 0.772 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.126 | 0.016 | 355 | 367 | 0.844 | 0.128 | 0.093 | 0.158 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.054 | 0.031 | 46 | 46 | 0.923 | 0.578 | 0.000 | 0.117 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.219 | 0.058 | 46 | 46 | 0.916 | 0.266 | 0.103 | 0.336 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.687 | 0.061 | 79 | 77 | 1.132 | 0.089 | 0.564 | 0.810 |
| Received BCG | 0.946 | 0.026 | 79 | 77 | 0.994 | 0.028 | 0.894 | 0.998 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.845 | 0.045 | 79 | 77 | 1.060 | 0.053 | 0.756 | 0.934 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.845 | 0.045 | 79 | 77 | 1.060 | 0.053 | 0.756 | 0.934 |
| Received measles | 0.873 | 0.045 | 79 | 77 | 1.167 | 0.052 | 0.783 | 0.963 |
| Fully immunised | 0.796 | 0.055 | 79 | 77 | 1.164 | 0.069 | 0.687 | 0.905 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.308 | 0.023 | 402 | 419 | 0.917 | 0.075 | 0.262 | 0.354 |
| Weight-for-height (below-2SD) | 0.111 | 0.019 | 402 | 419 | 1.139 | 0.174 | 0.072 | 0.150 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.212 | 0.020 | 402 | 419 | 0.936 | 0.094 | 0.172 | 0.252 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.631 | 0.031 | 399 | 412 | 1.228 | 0.049 | 0.569 | 0.693 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.336 | 0.024 | 641 | 657 | 1.302 | 0.072 | 0.288 | 0.385 |
| BMI <18.5 for women | 0.093 | 0.013 | 626 | 638 | 1.102 | 0.139 | 0.067 | 0.118 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.370 | 0.080 | 30 | 35 | 0.888 | 0.215 | 0.211 | 0.529 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.245 | 0.131 | 11 | 13 | 0.965 | 0.535 | 0.000 | 0.508 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.824 | 0.031 | 139 | 139 | 0.965 | 0.038 | 0.761 | 0.887 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.080 | 0.025 | 139 | 139 | 1.064 | 0.306 | 0.031 | 0.130 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 3.690 | 0.280 | na | 2030 | 1.360 | 0.076 | 3.131 | 4.249 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 26.879 | 5.491 | 782 | 799 | 0.863 | 0.204 | 15.896 | 37.861 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 20.318 | 5.221 | 782 | 799 | 1.052 | 0.257 | 9.876 | 30.759 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 47.196 | 6.527 | 782 | 799 | 0.810 | 0.138 | 34.143 | 60.249 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 24.854 | 5.251 | 788 | 805 | 0.888 | 0.211 | 14.352 | 35.356 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 70.877 | 8.834 | 788 | 805 | 0.904 | 0.125 | 53.208 | 88.545 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.146 | 0.029 | 578 | 598 | 1.958 | 0.197 | 0.089 | 0.204 |
| Literate | 0.953 | 0.011 | 578 | 598 | 1.289 | 0.012 | 0.930 | 0.976 |
| No education | 0.020 | 0.005 | 578 | 598 | 0.926 | 0.267 | 0.009 | 0.031 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.765 | 0.023 | 578 | 598 | 1.276 | 0.029 | 0.720 | 0.810 |
| Never married | 0.460 | 0.023 | 578 | 598 | 1.128 | 0.051 | 0.413 | 0.507 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.473 | 0.025 | 578 | 598 | 1.187 | 0.052 | 0.424 | 0.522 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.173 | 0.025 | 399 | 418 | 1.299 | 0.143 | 0.123 | 0.222 |
| Want no more children | 0.399 | 0.026 | 248 | 259 | 0.841 | 0.066 | 0.347 | 0.452 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.388 | 0.026 | 248 | 259 | 0.846 | 0.068 | 0.335 | 0.440 |
| Ideal family size | 4.194 | 0.120 | 243 | 253 | 1.095 | 0.029 | 3.954 | 4.433 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.985 | 0.006 | 550 | 570 | 1.177 | 0.006 | 0.973 | 0.997 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.813 | 0.020 | 550 | 570 | 1.190 | 0.024 | 0.773 | 0.852 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.874 | 0.019 | 550 | 570 | 1.322 | 0.021 | 0.836 | 0.911 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.042 | 0.016 | 315 | 331 | 1.375 | 0.369 | 0.011 | 0.074 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 1.000 | 0.000 | 4 | 5 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.183 | 0.033 | 232 | 242 | 1.302 | 0.181 | 0.117 | 0.250 |


| Variable | Value <br> (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.361 | 0.037 | 777 | 829 | 2.140 | 0.102 | 0.287 | 0.434 |
| Literate | 0.846 | 0.017 | 777 | 829 | 1.327 | 0.020 | 0.812 | 0.881 |
| No education | 0.075 | 0.014 | 777 | 829 | 1.472 | 0.186 | 0.047 | 0.103 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.560 | 0.032 | 777 | 829 | 1.810 | 0.058 | 0.496 | 0.625 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.863 | 0.017 | 754 | 748 | 1.153 | 0.019 | 0.829 | 0.896 |
| Never married | 0.210 | 0.015 | 777 | 829 | 1.050 | 0.073 | 0.180 | 0.241 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.620 | 0.020 | 777 | 829 | 1.148 | 0.032 | 0.580 | 0.660 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.668 | 0.029 | 615 | 655 | 1.512 | 0.043 | 0.610 | 0.725 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.067 | 0.010 | 777 | 829 | 1.093 | 0.146 | 0.047 | 0.087 |
| Children ever born | 2.316 | 0.070 | 777 | 829 | 0.912 | 0.030 | 2.176 | 2.455 |
| Children surviving | 2.127 | 0.052 | 777 | 829 | 0.747 | 0.024 | 2.023 | 2.231 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.306 | 0.232 | 124 | 126 | 1.069 | 0.044 | 4.843 | 5.770 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.992 | 0.005 | 498 | 514 | 1.099 | 0.005 | 0.983 | 1.001 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.911 | 0.017 | 498 | 514 | 1.301 | 0.018 | 0.877 | 0.944 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.620 | 0.031 | 498 | 514 | 1.413 | 0.050 | 0.558 | 0.681 |
| Currently using pill | 0.485 | 0.024 | 498 | 514 | 1.075 | 0.050 | 0.436 | 0.533 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 498 | 514 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.011 | 0.005 | 498 | 514 | 1.104 | 0.470 | 0.001 | 0.021 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.001 | 0.001 | 498 | 514 | 0.695 | 1.007 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.705 | 0.045 | 344 | 362 | 1.819 | 0.063 | 0.616 | 0.795 |
| Want no more children | 0.429 | 0.028 | 498 | 514 | 1.254 | 0.065 | 0.373 | 0.485 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.313 | 0.024 | 498 | 514 | 1.176 | 0.078 | 0.264 | 0.362 |
| Ideal family size | 3.842 | 0.089 | 766 | 817 | 1.217 | 0.023 | 3.663 | 4.020 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth 0.566 | 0.036 | 389 | 413 | 1.437 | 0.064 | 0.493 | 0.638 |  |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.605 | 0.039 | 498 | 519 | 1.550 | 0.064 | 0.527 | 0.682 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.141 | 0.027 | 459 | 481 | 1.534 | 0.189 | 0.088 | 0.194 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.032 | 0.025 | 66 | 68 | 1.156 | 0.805 | 0.000 | 0.083 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.395 | 0.091 | 66 | 68 | 1.402 | 0.231 | 0.213 | 0.578 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.710 | 0.051 | 87 | 90 | 1.032 | 0.072 | 0.608 | 0.812 |
| Received BCG | 0.705 | 0.055 | 87 | 90 | 1.106 | 0.078 | 0.595 | 0.815 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.637 | 0.063 | 87 | 90 | 1.203 | 0.099 | 0.510 | 0.763 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.658 | 0.054 | 87 | 90 | 1.034 | 0.081 | 0.551 | 0.765 |
| Received measles | 0.649 | 0.048 | 87 | 90 | 0.920 | 0.074 | 0.553 | 0.745 |
| Fully immunised | 0.563 | 0.056 | 87 | 90 | 1.027 | 0.099 | 0.452 | 0.675 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.271 | 0.030 | 449 | 464 | 1.342 | 0.110 | 0.212 | 0.330 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.094 | 0.014 | 449 | 464 | 0.981 | 0.147 | 0.066 | 0.121 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.156 | 0.016 | 449 | 464 | 0.873 | 0.102 | 0.124 | 0.187 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.591 | 0.027 | 367 | 387 | 1.094 | 0.046 | 0.536 | 0.645 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.378 | 0.016 | 657 | 696 | 0.865 | 0.043 | 0.345 | 0.411 |
| BMI <18.5 for women | 0.097 | 0.011 | 686 | 735 | 0.954 | 0.111 | 0.075 | 0.118 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.662 | 0.098 | 45 | 55 | 1.368 | 0.147 | 0.467 | 0.857 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.718 | 0.151 | 15 | 17 | 1.253 | 0.210 | 0.417 | 1.019 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.832 | 0.056 | 140 | 157 | 1.761 | 0.067 | 0.720 | 0.944 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.085 | 0.032 | 140 | 157 | 1.367 | 0.381 | 0.020 | 0.149 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 3.739 | 0.291 | na | 2320 | 1.264 | 0.078 | 3.158 | 4.321 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 17.176 | 5.028 | 964 | 997 | 1.051 | 0.293 | 7.119 | 27.232 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 38.561 | 6.839 | 965 | 999 | 0.929 | 0.177 | 24.883 | 52.238 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 55.736 | 9.758 | 965 | 999 | 1.099 | 0.175 | 36.221 | 75.251 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 22.893 | 6.155 | 967 | 1001 | 1.086 | 0.269 | 10.583 | 35.202 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 77.353 | 11.571 | 968 | 1003 | 1.113 | 0.150 | 54.211 | 100.496 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.297 | 0.039 | 668 | 726 | 2.183 | 0.130 | 0.219 | 0.374 |
| Literate | 0.947 | 0.009 | 668 | 726 | 1.011 | 0.009 | 0.929 | 0.964 |
| No education | 0.016 | 0.004 | 668 | 726 | 0.919 | 0.277 | 0.007 | 0.025 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.682 | 0.025 | 668 | 726 | 1.409 | 0.037 | 0.631 | 0.733 |
| Never married | 0.400 | 0.021 | 668 | 726 | 1.103 | 0.052 | 0.358 | 0.442 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.523 | 0.021 | 668 | 726 | 1.105 | 0.041 | 0.480 | 0.566 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.230 | 0.029 | 480 | 528 | 1.488 | 0.125 | 0.172 | 0.287 |
| Want no more children | 0.321 | 0.039 | 312 | 348 | 1.466 | 0.121 | 0.243 | 0.398 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.412 | 0.043 | 312 | 348 | 1.543 | 0.105 | 0.326 | 0.498 |
| Ideal family size | 4.284 | 0.155 | 293 | 328 | 1.257 | 0.036 | 3.975 | 4.593 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.992 | 0.003 | 637 | 691 | 1.000 | 0.003 | 0.986 | 0.999 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.848 | 0.025 | 637 | 691 | 1.787 | 0.030 | 0.798 | 0.899 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.883 | 0.017 | 637 | 691 | 1.320 | 0.019 | 0.849 | 0.917 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.160 | 0.026 | 417 | 462 | 1.424 | 0.160 | 0.108 | 0.211 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.615 | 0.101 | 15 | 15 | 0.780 | 0.165 | 0.413 | 0.818 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.237 | 0.034 | 255 | 263 | 1.291 | 0.145 | 0.168 | 0.306 |


| Variable | Value (R) | Stand- <br> ard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.142 | 0.033 | 672 | 536 | 2.451 | 0.233 | 0.076 | 0.208 |
| Literate | 0.883 | 0.014 | 672 | 536 | 1.167 | 0.016 | 0.854 | 0.912 |
| No education | 0.068 | 0.012 | 672 | 536 | 1.260 | 0.179 | 0.044 | 0.093 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.472 | 0.031 | 672 | 536 | 1.617 | 0.066 | 0.410 | 0.534 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.916 | 0.012 | 733 | 618 | 0.945 | 0.013 | 0.892 | 0.939 |
| Never married | 0.292 | 0.018 | 672 | 536 | 1.002 | 0.060 | 0.257 | 0.328 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.602 | 0.019 | 672 | 536 | 1.027 | 0.032 | 0.563 | 0.640 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.528 | 0.027 | 496 | 393 | 1.197 | 0.051 | 0.474 | 0.581 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.061 | 0.010 | 672 | 536 | 1.070 | 0.162 | 0.041 | 0.081 |
| Children ever born | 2.505 | 0.120 | 672 | 536 | 1.194 | 0.048 | 2.265 | 2.745 |
| Children surviving | 2.302 | 0.113 | 672 | 536 | 1.231 | 0.049 | 2.077 | 2.527 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.891 | 0.253 | 115 | 87 | 0.957 | 0.043 | 5.384 | 6.397 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.998 | 0.002 | 402 | 323 | 0.904 | 0.002 | 0.994 | 1.002 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.815 | 0.029 | 402 | 323 | 1.471 | 0.035 | 0.758 | 0.872 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.457 | 0.040 | 402 | 323 | 1.615 | 0.088 | 0.376 | 0.537 |
| Currently using pill | 0.244 | 0.043 | 402 | 323 | 1.995 | 0.175 | 0.159 | 0.330 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.006 | 0.006 | 402 | 323 | 1.523 | 1.021 | 0.000 | 0.017 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.039 | 0.011 | 402 | 323 | 1.108 | 0.275 | 0.017 | 0.060 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 402 | 323 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.775 | 0.040 | 197 | 160 | 1.329 | 0.051 | 0.696 | 0.855 |
| Want no more children | 0.463 | 0.027 | 402 | 323 | 1.102 | 0.059 | 0.408 | 0.518 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.265 | 0.025 | 402 | 323 | 1.153 | 0.096 | 0.215 | 0.316 |
| Ideal family size | 3.863 | 0.118 | 670 | 534 | 1.632 | 0.030 | 3.627 | 4.098 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | 0.457 | 0.031 | 336 | 263 | 1.123 | 0.067 | 0.396 | 0.519 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.583 | 0.056 | 439 | 340 | 2.101 | 0.095 | 0.472 | 0.694 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.097 | 0.019 | 414 | 320 | 1.233 | 0.194 | 0.059 | 0.134 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.000 | 0.000 | 40 | 31 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.438 | 0.091 | 40 | 31 | 1.088 | 0.208 | 0.256 | 0.621 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.818 | 0.043 | 68 | 54 | 0.925 | 0.053 | 0.732 | 0.905 |
| Received BCG | 0.849 | 0.030 | 68 | 54 | 0.684 | 0.035 | 0.790 | 0.909 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.682 | 0.066 | 68 | 54 | 1.177 | 0.097 | 0.549 | 0.815 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.719 | 0.054 | 68 | 54 | 0.983 | 0.074 | 0.612 | 0.826 |
| Received measles | 0.701 | 0.062 | 68 | 54 | 1.124 | 0.089 | 0.577 | 0.826 |
| Fully immunised | 0.499 | 0.062 | 68 | 54 | 1.019 | 0.124 | 0.375 | 0.622 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.280 | 0.024 | 457 | 376 | 1.039 | 0.085 | 0.233 | 0.328 |
| Weight-for-height (below-2SD) | 0.059 | 0.018 | 457 | 376 | 1.503 | 0.296 | 0.024 | 0.095 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.159 | 0.019 | 457 | 376 | 0.990 | 0.118 | 0.121 | 0.196 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.585 | 0.036 | 401 | 333 | 1.408 | 0.062 | 0.512 | 0.657 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.357 | 0.024 | 592 | 470 | 1.217 | 0.067 | 0.309 | 0.405 |
| $\mathrm{BMI}<18.5$ for women | 0.169 | 0.016 | 615 | 489 | 1.075 | 0.096 | 0.137 | 0.202 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.264 | 0.077 | 82 | 68 | 1.568 | 0.291 | 0.110 | 0.417 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.174 | 0.065 | 49 | 41 | 1.192 | 0.375 | 0.043 | 0.304 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.603 | 0.036 | 173 | 140 | 0.964 | 0.060 | 0.531 | 0.674 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.294 | 0.028 | 173 | 140 | 0.793 | 0.094 | 0.239 | 0.349 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 4.227 | 0.308 | na | 1494 | 1.162 | 0.073 | 3.611 | 4.843 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 11.176 | 4.210 | 801 | 628 | 1.036 | 0.377 | 2.757 | 19.596 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 35.022 | 5.692 | 802 | 628 | 0.867 | 0.163 | 23.638 | 46.405 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 46.198 | 6.756 | 802 | 628 | 0.912 | 0.146 | 32.686 | 59.710 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 21.564 | 7.238 | 806 | 630 | 1.330 | 0.336 | 7.088 | 36.039 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 66.765 | 8.966 | 807 | 631 | 0.960 | 0.134 | 48.834 | 84.697 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.146 | 0.030 | 547 | 434 | 2.016 | 0.209 | 0.085 | 0.207 |
| Literate | 0.891 | 0.018 | 547 | 434 | 1.338 | 0.020 | 0.855 | 0.926 |
| No education | 0.038 | 0.010 | 547 | 434 | 1.201 | 0.258 | 0.019 | 0.058 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.475 | 0.039 | 547 | 434 | 1.819 | 0.082 | 0.398 | 0.553 |
| Never married | 0.461 | 0.034 | 547 | 434 | 1.579 | 0.073 | 0.393 | 0.528 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.487 | 0.030 | 547 | 434 | 1.395 | 0.061 | 0.427 | 0.547 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.162 | 0.021 | 355 | 286 | 1.057 | 0.128 | 0.121 | 0.204 |
| Want no more children | 0.329 | 0.045 | 239 | 194 | 1.469 | 0.136 | 0.240 | 0.419 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.431 | 0.039 | 239 | 194 | 1.213 | 0.090 | 0.353 | 0.509 |
| Ideal family size | 4.632 | 0.155 | 223 | 182 | 0.864 | 0.033 | 4.322 | 4.941 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.997 | 0.002 | 525 | 416 | 0.911 | 0.002 | 0.992 | 1.001 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.806 | 0.022 | 525 | 416 | 1.275 | 0.027 | 0.762 | 0.850 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.937 | 0.013 | 525 | 416 | 1.236 | 0.014 | 0.910 | 0.963 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.132 | 0.022 | 378 | 304 | 1.281 | 0.169 | 0.087 | 0.177 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.336 | 0.156 | 31 | 22 | 1.811 | 0.465 | 0.024 | 0.649 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.452 | 0.035 | 235 | 182 | 1.085 | 0.078 | 0.381 | 0.522 |


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|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.193 | 0.019 | 630 | 439 | 1.177 | 0.096 | 0.156 | 0.230 |
| Literate | 0.928 | 0.013 | 630 | 439 | 1.247 | 0.014 | 0.902 | 0.954 |
| No education | 0.036 | 0.008 | 630 | 439 | 1.024 | 0.211 | 0.021 | 0.051 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.575 | 0.040 | 630 | 439 | 2.048 | 0.070 | 0.494 | 0.655 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.919 | 0.018 | 679 | 454 | 1.419 | 0.020 | 0.882 | 0.955 |
| Never married | 0.389 | 0.028 | 630 | 439 | 1.444 | 0.072 | 0.333 | 0.445 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.473 | 0.023 | 630 | 439 | 1.175 | 0.049 | 0.426 | 0.519 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.451 | 0.036 | 461 | 317 | 1.550 | 0.080 | 0.379 | 0.523 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.053 | 0.008 | 630 | 439 | 0.852 | 0.143 | 0.038 | 0.068 |
| Children ever born | 2.236 | 0.148 | 630 | 439 | 1.550 | 0.066 | 1.940 | 2.532 |
| Children surviving | 2.125 | 0.143 | 630 | 439 | 1.572 | 0.067 | 1.840 | 2.410 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 4.995 | 0.214 | 123 | 82 | 0.922 | 0.043 | 4.566 | 5.424 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.978 | 0.011 | 311 | 208 | 1.343 | 0.011 | 0.956 | 1.001 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.840 | 0.028 | 311 | 208 | 1.359 | 0.034 | 0.784 | 0.897 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.472 | 0.024 | 311 | 208 | 0.862 | 0.052 | 0.423 | 0.521 |
| Currently using pill | 0.211 | 0.033 | 311 | 208 | 1.442 | 0.158 | 0.144 | 0.278 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 311 | 208 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.031 | 0.013 | 311 | 208 | 1.356 | 0.432 | 0.004 | 0.057 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 311 | 208 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.761 | 0.057 | 174 | 121 | 1.764 | 0.075 | 0.646 | 0.875 |
| Want no more children | 0.517 | 0.042 | 311 | 208 | 1.466 | 0.080 | 0.434 | 0.600 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.255 | 0.027 | 311 | 208 | 1.107 | 0.108 | 0.200 | 0.309 |
| Ideal family size | 3.681 | 0.097 | 604 | 422 | 1.174 | 0.026 | 3.488 | 3.874 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | 0.482 | 0.035 | 274 | 184 | 1.149 | 0.073 | 0.412 | 0.553 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.632 | 0.035 | 371 | 243 | 1.216 | 0.055 | 0.563 | 0.702 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.146 | 0.016 | 353 | 232 | 0.806 | 0.109 | 0.114 | 0.178 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.096 | 0.045 | 53 | 34 | 1.072 | 0.476 | 0.005 | 0.187 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.374 | 0.062 | 53 | 34 | 0.857 | 0.167 | 0.249 | 0.499 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.790 | 0.057 | 72 | 46 | 1.109 | 0.071 | 0.677 | 0.904 |
| Received BCG | 0.750 | 0.059 | 72 | 46 | 1.086 | 0.078 | 0.633 | 0.867 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.592 | 0.085 | 72 | 46 | 1.400 | 0.144 | 0.422 | 0.763 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.642 | 0.070 | 72 | 46 | 1.179 | 0.109 | 0.502 | 0.782 |
| Received measles | 0.632 | 0.062 | 72 | 46 | 1.038 | 0.098 | 0.508 | 0.756 |
| Fully immunised | 0.495 | 0.094 | 72 | 46 | 1.523 | 0.190 | 0.307 | 0.683 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.277 | 0.023 | 412 | 271 | 1.011 | 0.085 | 0.230 | 0.324 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.039 | 0.012 | 412 | 271 | 1.213 | 0.298 | 0.016 | 0.063 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.144 | 0.018 | 412 | 271 | 0.943 | 0.123 | 0.109 | 0.179 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.612 | 0.035 | 381 | 246 | 1.289 | 0.057 | 0.543 | 0.682 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.450 | 0.020 | 529 | 367 | 0.916 | 0.044 | 0.410 | 0.490 |
| BMI <18.5 for women | 0.124 | 0.014 | 579 | 405 | 1.033 | 0.114 | 0.096 | 0.152 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.302 | 0.066 | 104 | 74 | 1.459 | 0.219 | 0.170 | 0.434 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.310 | 0.065 | 61 | 44 | 1.095 | 0.211 | 0.179 | 0.441 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.614 | 0.056 | 202 | 150 | 1.621 | 0.091 | 0.503 | 0.726 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.263 | 0.037 | 202 | 150 | 1.207 | 0.143 | 0.188 | 0.338 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 4.046 | 0.233 | na | 1194 | 0.923 | 0.058 | 3.579 | 4.513 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 11.533 | 4.406 | 716 | 465 | 1.075 | 0.382 | 2.722 | 20.345 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 20.460 | 6.015 | 717 | 466 | 0.973 | 0.294 | 8.431 | 32.489 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 31.993 | 8.024 | 717 | 466 | 1.060 | 0.251 | 15.944 | 48.042 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 13.764 | 4.518 | 718 | 467 | 0.990 | 0.328 | 4.729 | 22.799 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 45.317 | 9.908 | 719 | 467 | 1.111 | 0.219 | 25.502 | 65.132 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.256 | 0.043 | 464 | 325 | 2.114 | 0.168 | 0.170 | 0.341 |
| Literate | 0.971 | 0.007 | 464 | 325 | 0.925 | 0.007 | 0.956 | 0.985 |
| No education | 0.019 | 0.008 | 464 | 325 | 1.245 | 0.411 | 0.003 | 0.035 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.604 | 0.032 | 464 | 325 | 1.395 | 0.053 | 0.541 | 0.667 |
| Never married | 0.595 | 0.026 | 464 | 325 | 1.144 | 0.044 | 0.543 | 0.647 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.359 | 0.026 | 464 | 325 | 1.182 | 0.073 | 0.306 | 0.412 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.109 | 0.035 | 260 | 190 | 1.788 | 0.317 | 0.040 | 0.178 |
| Want no more children | 0.544 | 0.044 | 140 | 99 | 1.033 | 0.080 | 0.457 | 0.632 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.228 | 0.044 | 140 | 99 | 1.246 | 0.194 | 0.140 | 0.317 |
| Ideal family size | 3.990 | 0.194 | 133 | 94 | 0.792 | 0.049 | 3.603 | 4.378 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.990 | 0.005 | 437 | 306 | 1.107 | 0.005 | 0.979 | 1.000 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.899 | 0.014 | 437 | 306 | 0.966 | 0.016 | 0.871 | 0.927 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.889 | 0.013 | 437 | 306 | 0.879 | 0.015 | 0.862 | 0.915 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.024 | 0.013 | 232 | 164 | 1.313 | 0.547 | 0.000 | 0.051 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.688 | 0.127 | 20 | 16 | 1.198 | 0.185 | 0.434 | 0.943 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.272 | 0.042 | 242 | 166 | 1.478 | 0.156 | 0.188 | 0.357 |


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|  |  |  |  | Weight- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.308 | 0.023 | 1128 | 1193 | 1.663 | 0.074 | 0.262 | 0.353 |
| Literate | 0.936 | 0.012 | 1128 | 1193 | 1.691 | 0.013 | 0.911 | 0.960 |
| No education | 0.034 | 0.009 | 1128 | 1193 | 1.676 | 0.266 | 0.016 | 0.052 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.645 | 0.027 | 1128 | 1193 | 1.896 | 0.042 | 0.591 | 0.699 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.927 | 0.016 | 952 | 1069 | 1.623 | 0.018 | 0.894 | 0.960 |
| Never married | 0.253 | 0.011 | 1128 | 1193 | 0.858 | 0.044 | 0.231 | 0.275 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.610 | 0.019 | 1128 | 1193 | 1.302 | 0.031 | 0.572 | 0.648 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.596 | 0.026 | 864 | 913 | 1.554 | 0.044 | 0.544 | 0.648 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.073 | 0.010 | 1128 | 1193 | 1.238 | 0.131 | 0.054 | 0.093 |
| Children ever born | 2.265 | 0.065 | 1128 | 1193 | 0.954 | 0.029 | 2.136 | 2.394 |
| Children surviving | 2.106 | 0.060 | 1128 | 1193 | 0.959 | 0.029 | 1.985 | 2.226 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 5.652 | 0.213 | 158 | 160 | 1.150 | 0.038 | 5.227 | 6.077 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.990 | 0.003 | 698 | 728 | 0.785 | 0.003 | 0.985 | 0.996 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.874 | 0.014 | 698 | 728 | 1.144 | 0.016 | 0.846 | 0.903 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.634 | 0.020 | 698 | 728 | 1.100 | 0.032 | 0.594 | 0.674 |
| Currently using pill | 0.449 | 0.023 | 698 | 728 | 1.217 | 0.051 | 0.403 | 0.495 |
| Currently using lUD | 0.002 | 0.002 | 698 | 728 | 1.129 | 0.994 | 0.000 | 0.006 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.027 | 0.007 | 698 | 728 | 1.077 | 0.245 | 0.014 | 0.040 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.006 | 0.003 | 698 | 728 | 1.078 | 0.519 | 0.000 | 0.013 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.677 | 0.044 | 458 | 485 | 2.023 | 0.065 | 0.588 | 0.765 |
| Want no more children | 0.409 | 0.027 | 698 | 728 | 1.435 | 0.065 | 0.355 | 0.462 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.349 | 0.022 | 698 | 728 | 1.198 | 0.062 | 0.305 | 0.392 |
| Ideal family size | 3.832 | 0.110 | 1121 | 1187 | 1.925 | 0.029 | 3.612 | 4.051 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | 0.610 | 0.032 | 566 | 584 | 1.560 | 0.053 | 0.545 | 0.675 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.639 | 0.036 | 761 | 774 | 1.779 | 0.057 | 0.566 | 0.712 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.128 | 0.014 | 705 | 722 | 1.117 | 0.112 | 0.100 | 0.157 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.022 | 0.014 | 97 | 93 | 0.916 | 0.653 | 0.000 | 0.051 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.279 | 0.056 | 97 | 93 | 1.168 | 0.202 | 0.166 | 0.392 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.742 | 0.036 | 148 | 155 | 0.972 | 0.048 | 0.671 | 0.813 |
| Received BCG | 0.747 | 0.047 | 148 | 155 | 1.281 | 0.062 | 0.654 | 0.841 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.563 | 0.050 | 148 | 155 | 1.203 | 0.088 | 0.464 | 0.663 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.576 | 0.043 | 148 | 155 | 1.057 | 0.075 | 0.489 | 0.663 |
| Received measles | 0.559 | 0.052 | 148 | 155 | 1.269 | 0.094 | 0.454 | 0.664 |
| Fully immunised | 0.426 | 0.052 | 148 | 155 | 1.278 | 0.123 | 0.321 | 0.531 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.273 | 0.022 | 701 | 764 | 1.237 | 0.081 | 0.228 | 0.317 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.053 | 0.009 | 701 | 764 | 1.040 | 0.171 | 0.035 | 0.071 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.169 | 0.013 | 701 | 764 | 0.896 | 0.080 | 0.142 | 0.196 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.577 | 0.023 | 688 | 753 | 1.156 | 0.040 | 0.531 | 0.622 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.377 | 0.019 | 1076 | 1127 | 1.257 | 0.049 | 0.340 | 0.414 |
| BMI < 18.5 for women | 0.102 | 0.009 | 1001 | 1060 | 0.928 | 0.087 | 0.084 | 0.120 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.351 | 0.074 | 62 | 60 | 1.217 | 0.212 | 0.202 | 0.500 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.256 | 0.090 | 31 | 32 | 1.133 | 0.353 | 0.075 | 0.436 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.863 | 0.022 | 253 | 281 | 1.032 | 0.026 | 0.818 | 0.908 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.085 | 0.018 | 253 | 281 | 1.029 | 0.212 | 0.049 | 0.121 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 4.235 | 0.252 | na | 3324 | 1.373 | 0.060 | 3.730 | 4.740 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 28.041 | 4.057 | 1398 | 1422 | 0.831 | 0.145 | 19.927 | 36.155 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 25.113 | 4.244 | 1399 | 1423 | 0.947 | 0.169 | 16.625 | 33.600 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 53.154 | 6.625 | 1399 | 1423 | 0.976 | 0.125 | 39.903 | 66.404 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 13.030 | 3.314 | 1401 | 1424 | 0.949 | 0.254 | 6.402 | 19.658 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 65.491 | 8.430 | 1402 | 1425 | 1.099 | 0.129 | 48.631 | 82.351 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.349 | 0.033 | 956 | 1003 | 2.156 | 0.095 | 0.283 | 0.416 |
| Literate | 0.948 | 0.009 | 956 | 1003 | 1.251 | 0.009 | 0.930 | 0.966 |
| No education | 0.013 | 0.003 | 956 | 1003 | 0.805 | 0.229 | 0.007 | 0.019 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.682 | 0.029 | 956 | 1003 | 1.926 | 0.043 | 0.624 | 0.740 |
| Never married | 0.476 | 0.018 | 956 | 1003 | 1.143 | 0.039 | 0.439 | 0.513 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.486 | 0.017 | 956 | 1003 | 1.074 | 0.036 | 0.451 | 0.521 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.179 | 0.021 | 631 | 669 | 1.380 | 0.118 | 0.137 | 0.221 |
| Want no more children | 0.387 | 0.029 | 427 | 446 | 1.229 | 0.075 | 0.329 | 0.446 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.421 | 0.032 | 427 | 446 | 1.338 | 0.076 | 0.357 | 0.485 |
| Ideal family size | 4.724 | 0.153 | 417 | 434 | 1.129 | 0.032 | 4.417 | 5.030 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.992 | 0.003 | 910 | 956 | 0.875 | 0.003 | 0.986 | 0.997 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.762 | 0.021 | 910 | 956 | 1.519 | 0.028 | 0.719 | 0.805 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.883 | 0.021 | 910 | 956 | 1.968 | 0.024 | 0.841 | 0.925 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.134 | 0.019 | 573 | 599 | 1.325 | 0.141 | 0.096 | 0.171 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.343 | 0.091 | 28 | 27 | 0.994 | 0.265 | 0.161 | 0.525 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.257 | 0.033 | 408 | 431 | 1.506 | 0.127 | 0.192 | 0.322 |


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|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.077 | 0.017 | 974 | 1137 | 1.947 | 0.217 | 0.043 | 0.110 |
| Literate | 0.875 | 0.033 | 974 | 1137 | 3.101 | 0.038 | 0.809 | 0.941 |
| No education | 0.050 | 0.018 | 974 | 1137 | 2.534 | 0.354 | 0.015 | 0.086 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.459 | 0.063 | 974 | 1137 | 3.960 | 0.138 | 0.332 | 0.585 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.936 | 0.014 | 838 | 874 | 1.449 | 0.015 | 0.908 | 0.964 |
| Never married | 0.234 | 0.012 | 974 | 1137 | 0.856 | 0.050 | 0.211 | 0.257 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.613 | 0.017 | 974 | 1137 | 1.109 | 0.028 | 0.578 | 0.648 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.647 | 0.035 | 721 | 822 | 1.961 | 0.054 | 0.578 | 0.717 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.080 | 0.010 | 974 | 1137 | 1.129 | 0.123 | 0.060 | 0.100 |
| Children ever born | 2.463 | 0.102 | 974 | 1137 | 1.265 | 0.042 | 2.258 | 2.667 |
| Children surviving | 2.280 | 0.109 | 974 | 1137 | 1.455 | 0.048 | 2.063 | 2.497 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 6.462 | 0.431 | 140 | 168 | 2.096 | 0.067 | 5.601 | 7.323 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.997 | 0.002 | 597 | 697 | 0.921 | 0.002 | 0.993 | 1.001 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.848 | 0.031 | 597 | 697 | 2.092 | 0.036 | 0.787 | 0.910 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.541 | 0.047 | 597 | 697 | 2.290 | 0.086 | 0.448 | 0.635 |
| Currently using pill | 0.390 | 0.044 | 597 | 697 | 2.195 | 0.112 | 0.302 | 0.478 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.000 | 0.000 | 597 | 697 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.011 | 0.004 | 597 | 697 | 0.932 | 0.355 | 0.003 | 0.020 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 597 | 697 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.851 | 0.034 | 359 | 411 | 1.813 | 0.040 | 0.783 | 0.919 |
| Want no more children | 0.307 | 0.025 | 597 | 697 | 1.302 | 0.080 | 0.258 | 0.356 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.381 | 0.019 | 597 | 697 | 0.960 | 0.050 | 0.343 | 0.419 |
| Ideal family size | 4.554 | 0.216 | 964 | 1127 | 2.942 | 0.047 | 4.123 | 4.985 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| last birth | 0.455 | 0.033 | 501 | 609 | 1.530 | 0.073 | 0.388 | 0.522 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.669 | 0.055 | 662 | 790 | 2.596 | 0.082 | 0.559 | 0.778 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.155 | 0.018 | 608 | 738 | 1.158 | 0.117 | 0.119 | 0.192 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.025 | 0.015 | 92 | 115 | 0.952 | 0.597 | 0.000 | 0.056 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.364 | 0.079 | 92 | 115 | 1.418 | 0.216 | 0.207 | 0.522 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.719 | 0.034 | 123 | 170 | 0.903 | 0.048 | 0.651 | 0.787 |
| Received BCG | 0.724 | 0.032 | 123 | 170 | 0.837 | 0.044 | 0.661 | 0.787 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.616 | 0.059 | 123 | 170 | 1.451 | 0.096 | 0.498 | 0.735 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.665 | 0.042 | 123 | 170 | 1.071 | 0.064 | 0.580 | 0.750 |
| Received measles | 0.636 | 0.044 | 123 | 170 | 1.086 | 0.069 | 0.548 | 0.723 |
| Fully immunised | 0.502 | 0.056 | 123 | 170 | 1.337 | 0.111 | 0.391 | 0.614 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.289 | 0.021 | 609 | 653 | 1.101 | 0.073 | 0.247 | 0.332 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.071 | 0.013 | 609 | 653 | 1.152 | 0.177 | 0.046 | 0.096 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.167 | 0.017 | 609 | 653 | 1.099 | 0.100 | 0.134 | 0.200 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.585 | 0.019 | 535 | 570 | 0.877 | 0.032 | 0.547 | 0.623 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.475 | 0.031 | 884 | 1046 | 1.831 | 0.064 | 0.413 | 0.536 |
| BMI <18.5 for women | 0.096 | 0.010 | 851 | 994 | 0.975 | 0.102 | 0.076 | 0.116 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.442 | 0.106 | 40 | 47 | 1.337 | 0.241 | 0.229 | 0.655 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.433 | 0.175 | 15 | 22 | 1.324 | 0.405 | 0.082 | 0.784 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.869 | 0.020 | 219 | 258 | 0.879 | 0.023 | 0.829 | 0.909 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.072 | 0.023 | 219 | 258 | 1.302 | 0.317 | 0.026 | 0.117 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 4.897 | 0.554 | na | 3162 | 2.058 | 0.113 | 3.790 | 6.004 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 15.494 | 5.592 | 1209 | 1447 | 1.470 | 0.361 | 4.309 | 26.678 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 26.751 | 8.857 | 1208 | 1446 | 1.746 | 0.331 | 9.036 | 44.465 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 42.244 | 13.336 | 1209 | 1447 | 2.132 | 0.316 | 15.573 | 68.916 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 16.541 | 5.877 | 1211 | 1449 | 1.414 | 0.355 | 4.786 | 28.295 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 58.086 | 17.930 | 1212 | 1450 | 2.447 | 0.309 | 22.226 | 93.947 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.123 | 0.023 | 779 | 800 | 1.932 | 0.185 | 0.078 | 0.169 |
| Literate | 0.945 | 0.011 | 779 | 800 | 1.305 | 0.011 | 0.923 | 0.966 |
| No education | 0.021 | 0.008 | 779 | 800 | 1.633 | 0.398 | 0.004 | 0.038 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.636 | 0.049 | 779 | 800 | 2.832 | 0.077 | 0.539 | 0.734 |
| Never married | 0.495 | 0.023 | 779 | 800 | 1.259 | 0.046 | 0.449 | 0.540 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.473 | 0.026 | 779 | 800 | 1.456 | 0.055 | 0.421 | 0.525 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.156 | 0.018 | 504 | 511 | 1.084 | 0.112 | 0.121 | 0.191 |
| Want no more children | 0.302 | 0.026 | 338 | 352 | 1.047 | 0.087 | 0.250 | 0.354 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.447 | 0.037 | 338 | 352 | 1.348 | 0.082 | 0.374 | 0.520 |
| Ideal family size | 5.452 | 0.354 | 332 | 347 | 1.440 | 0.065 | 4.744 | 6.161 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.994 | 0.002 | 754 | 771 | 0.880 | 0.003 | 0.989 | 0.999 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.838 | 0.014 | 754 | 771 | 1.037 | 0.017 | 0.810 | 0.866 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.920 | 0.007 | 754 | 771 | 0.669 | 0.007 | 0.906 | 0.933 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.189 | 0.024 | 461 | 497 | 1.307 | 0.126 | 0.141 | 0.236 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.291 | 0.135 | 23 | 36 | 1.395 | 0.464 | 0.021 | 0.561 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.299 | 0.055 | 352 | 359 | 2.256 | 0.184 | 0.189 | 0.410 |


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|  |  |  | (N) | (WN) |  |  | R-2SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 1.000 | 0.000 | 1395 | 1492 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Literate | 0.979 | 0.004 | 1395 | 1492 | 1.101 | 0.004 | 0.971 | 0.988 |
| No education | 0.005 | 0.001 | 1395 | 1492 | 0.615 | 0.229 | 0.003 | 0.008 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.874 | 0.007 | 1395 | 1492 | 0.784 | 0.008 | 0.860 | 0.888 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.953 | 0.011 | 700 | 698 | 1.236 | 0.011 | 0.931 | 0.974 |
| Never married | 0.338 | 0.017 | 1395 | 1492 | 1.364 | 0.051 | 0.303 | 0.372 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.509 | 0.015 | 1395 | 1492 | 1.116 | 0.029 | 0.480 | 0.539 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.475 | 0.020 | 1067 | 1142 | 1.326 | 0.043 | 0.434 | 0.515 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.053 | 0.006 | 1395 | 1492 | 1.022 | 0.116 | 0.040 | 0.065 |
| Children ever born | 1.491 | 0.044 | 1395 | 1492 | 1.012 | 0.030 | 1.402 | 1.580 |
| Children surviving | 1.394 | 0.040 | 1395 | 1492 | 0.977 | 0.029 | 1.314 | 1.475 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 4.080 | 0.153 | 137 | 146 | 1.013 | 0.038 | 3.774 | 4.386 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.996 | 0.001 | 709 | 760 | 0.545 | 0.001 | 0.994 | 0.999 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.918 | 0.011 | 709 | 760 | 1.031 | 0.012 | 0.897 | 0.939 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.719 | 0.016 | 709 | 760 | 0.974 | 0.023 | 0.686 | 0.752 |
| Currently using pill | 0.538 | 0.021 | 709 | 760 | 1.103 | 0.038 | 0.496 | 0.579 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.008 | 0.004 | 709 | 760 | 1.087 | 0.459 | 0.001 | 0.015 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.018 | 0.005 | 709 | 760 | 1.106 | 0.311 | 0.007 | 0.028 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.003 | 0.002 | 709 | 760 | 0.849 | 0.599 | 0.000 | 0.006 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.448 | 0.025 | 592 | 637 | 1.236 | 0.056 | 0.398 | 0.499 |
| Want no more children | 0.458 | 0.019 | 709 | 760 | 1.022 | 0.042 | 0.420 | 0.497 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.302 | 0.020 | 709 | 760 | 1.176 | 0.067 | 0.262 | 0.343 |
| Ideal family size | 3.123 | 0.033 | 1384 | 1482 | 0.901 | 0.011 | 3.056 | 3.190 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | 0.527 | 0.028 | 521 | 566 | 1.297 | 0.053 | 0.471 | 0.583 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.937 | 0.012 | 610 | 666 | 1.171 | 0.013 | 0.912 | 0.961 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.089 | 0.015 | 572 | 620 | 1.217 | 0.164 | 0.060 | 0.118 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.099 | 0.050 | 52 | 55 | 1.198 | 0.504 | 0.000 | 0.200 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.307 | 0.067 | 52 | 55 | 1.037 | 0.218 | 0.173 | 0.442 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.672 | 0.046 | 113 | 123 | 1.060 | 0.069 | 0.579 | 0.765 |
| Received BCG | 0.773 | 0.050 | 113 | 123 | 1.291 | 0.065 | 0.672 | 0.874 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.601 | 0.053 | 113 | 123 | 1.158 | 0.088 | 0.495 | 0.707 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.673 | 0.048 | 113 | 123 | 1.100 | 0.071 | 0.577 | 0.769 |
| Received measles | 0.685 | 0.056 | 113 | 123 | 1.294 | 0.082 | 0.573 | 0.797 |
| Fully immunised | 0.513 | 0.057 | 113 | 123 | 1.233 | 0.112 | 0.398 | 0.628 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.251 | 0.019 | 487 | 490 | 0.939 | 0.075 | 0.213 | 0.288 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.039 | 0.009 | 487 | 490 | 1.098 | 0.241 | 0.020 | 0.058 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.102 | 0.013 | 487 | 490 | 0.941 | 0.127 | 0.076 | 0.128 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.563 | 0.021 | 420 | 421 | 0.846 | 0.037 | 0.521 | 0.604 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.356 | 0.020 | 1104 | 1175 | 1.413 | 0.057 | 0.315 | 0.396 |
| BMI <18.5 for women | 0.069 | 0.008 | 1265 | 1355 | 1.145 | 0.118 | 0.053 | 0.085 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.513 | 0.056 | 113 | 124 | 1.190 | 0.110 | 0.401 | 0.625 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.495 | 0.080 | 59 | 63 | 1.215 | 0.161 | 0.336 | 0.655 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.843 | 0.017 | 434 | 453 | 0.986 | 0.020 | 0.808 | 0.877 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.099 | 0.016 | 434 | 453 | 1.094 | 0.158 | 0.068 | 0.131 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 2.533 | 0.131 | na | 4203 | 1.172 | 0.052 | 2.271 | 2.795 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 23.526 | 5.081 | 1159 | 1264 | 1.067 | 0.216 | 13.365 | 33.687 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 22.329 | 5.932 | 1159 | 1264 | 1.167 | 0.266 | 10.464 | 34.194 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 45.855 | 8.623 | 1159 | 1264 | 1.267 | 0.188 | 28.609 | 63.101 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 19.543 | 5.704 | 1159 | 1264 | 1.354 | 0.292 | 8.135 | 30.950 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 64.502 | 8.832 | 1159 | 1264 | 1.143 | 0.137 | 46.838 | 82.166 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 1.000 | 0.000 | 1032 | 1274 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Literate | 0.990 | 0.004 | 1032 | 1274 | 1.236 | 0.004 | 0.982 | 0.998 |
| No education | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1032 | 1274 | 1.079 | 1.007 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.914 | 0.012 | 1032 | 1274 | 1.315 | 0.013 | 0.891 | 0.937 |
| Never married | 0.458 | 0.017 | 1032 | 1274 | 1.110 | 0.038 | 0.423 | 0.492 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.493 | 0.017 | 1032 | 1274 | 1.115 | 0.035 | 0.458 | 0.527 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.129 | 0.021 | 775 | 968 | 1.709 | 0.160 | 0.088 | 0.170 |
| Want no more children | 0.410 | 0.028 | 461 | 574 | 1.230 | 0.069 | 0.353 | 0.466 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.346 | 0.027 | 461 | 574 | 1.195 | 0.077 | 0.293 | 0.399 |
| Ideal family size | 3.870 | 0.105 | 446 | 556 | 0.916 | 0.027 | 3.659 | 4.081 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 0.997 | 0.002 | 978 | 1219 | 1.075 | 0.002 | 0.993 | 1.001 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.840 | 0.012 | 978 | 1219 | 0.990 | 0.014 | 0.817 | 0.864 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.651 | 0.028 | 978 | 1219 | 1.808 | 0.042 | 0.596 | 0.706 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.154 | 0.014 | 624 | 775 | 0.997 | 0.094 | 0.125 | 0.182 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.698 | 0.065 | 31 | 39 | 0.780 | 0.094 | 0.567 | 0.829 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.248 | 0.024 | 386 | 476 | 1.108 | 0.098 | 0.199 | 0.297 |


| 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 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 845 | 697 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Literate | 0.983 | 0.004 | 845 | 697 | 0.844 | 0.004 | 0.975 | 0.990 |
| No education | 0.017 | 0.004 | 845 | 697 | 0.963 | 0.250 | 0.009 | 0.026 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.868 | 0.011 | 845 | 697 | 0.976 | 0.013 | 0.845 | 0.891 |
| Net attendance ratio for primary school | 0.942 | 0.014 | 441 | 345 | 1.210 | 0.015 | 0.914 | 0.970 |
| Never married | 0.440 | 0.017 | 845 | 697 | 0.991 | 0.038 | 0.406 | 0.474 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.432 | 0.015 | 845 | 697 | 0.869 | 0.034 | 0.402 | 0.461 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.353 | 0.019 | 624 | 514 | 0.999 | 0.054 | 0.315 | 0.392 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.024 | 0.004 | 845 | 697 | 0.769 | 0.168 | 0.016 | 0.032 |
| Children ever born | 1.465 | 0.051 | 845 | 697 | 0.861 | 0.035 | 1.364 | 1.567 |
| Children surviving | 1.406 | 0.050 | 845 | 697 | 0.876 | 0.036 | 1.306 | 1.506 |
| Children ever born to women age 40-49 | 3.632 | 0.216 | 126 | 102 | 1.269 | 0.060 | 3.200 | 4.065 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.997 | 0.003 | 364 | 301 | 1.067 | 0.003 | 0.990 | 1.003 |
| Ever using contraceptive method | 0.893 | 0.023 | 364 | 301 | 1.393 | 0.025 | 0.848 | 0.939 |
| Currently using any contraceptive method | 0.670 | 0.029 | 364 | 301 | 1.167 | 0.043 | 0.613 | 0.728 |
| Currently using pill | 0.408 | 0.034 | 364 | 301 | 1.307 | 0.083 | 0.340 | 0.475 |
| Currently using IUD | 0.009 | 0.005 | 364 | 301 | 1.053 | 0.594 | 0.000 | 0.019 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.069 | 0.014 | 364 | 301 | 1.085 | 0.208 | 0.041 | 0.098 |
| Currently using periodic abstinence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 364 | 301 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Obtained method from public sector source | 0.455 | 0.033 | 308 | 260 | 1.145 | 0.072 | 0.389 | 0.520 |
| Want no more children | 0.556 | 0.026 | 364 | 301 | 0.989 | 0.046 | 0.505 | 0.608 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.210 | 0.016 | 364 | 301 | 0.763 | 0.078 | 0.177 | 0.242 |
| Ideal family size | 3.093 | 0.043 | 834 | 688 | 0.789 | 0.014 | 3.006 | 3.179 |
| Mothers received tetanus $2+$ injection for last birth | 0.563 | 0.035 | 244 | 207 | 1.111 | 0.062 | 0.494 | 0.633 |
| Mothers received medical assistance at delivery | 0.951 | 0.012 | 292 | 248 | 0.976 | 0.013 | 0.926 | 0.975 |
| Had diarrhoea in two weeks before survey | 0.061 | 0.015 | 277 | 234 | 1.054 | 0.246 | 0.031 | 0.092 |
| Treated with oral rehydration salts (ORS) | 0.171 | 0.083 | 16 | 14 | 0.913 | 0.482 | 0.006 | 0.336 |
| Taken to a health provider | 0.455 | 0.128 | 16 | 14 | 1.071 | 0.281 | 0.199 | 0.711 |
| Vaccination card seen | 0.790 | 0.061 | 65 | 56 | 1.224 | 0.077 | 0.668 | 0.912 |
| Received BCG | 0.831 | 0.060 | 65 | 56 | 1.315 | 0.072 | 0.711 | 0.952 |
| Received DPT (3 doses) | 0.772 | 0.072 | 65 | 56 | 1.404 | 0.093 | 0.628 | 0.916 |
| Received polio (3 doses) | 0.805 | 0.065 | 65 | 56 | 1.345 | 0.081 | 0.675 | 0.936 |
| Received measles | 0.765 | 0.071 | 65 | 56 | 1.364 | 0.093 | 0.623 | 0.906 |
| Fully immunised | 0.718 | 0.077 | 65 | 56 | 1.393 | 0.107 | 0.564 | 0.872 |
| Height-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.239 | 0.025 | 255 | 203 | 0.898 | 0.107 | 0.188 | 0.290 |
| Weight-for-height (below -2SD) | 0.054 | 0.015 | 255 | 203 | 1.075 | 0.282 | 0.023 | 0.084 |
| Weight-for-age (below -2SD) | 0.138 | 0.027 | 255 | 203 | 1.102 | 0.196 | 0.084 | 0.193 |
| Any anaemia for children | 0.559 | 0.037 | 240 | 189 | 1.080 | 0.065 | 0.486 | 0.632 |
| Any anaemia for women | 0.380 | 0.016 | 688 | 567 | 0.887 | 0.043 | 0.347 | 0.412 |
| BMI <18.5 for women | 0.060 | 0.006 | 793 | 654 | 0.727 | 0.102 | 0.048 | 0.073 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex | 0.575 | 0.035 | 123 | 103 | 0.781 | 0.061 | 0.505 | 0.645 |
| Use condom at last high-risk sex (youth) | 0.561 | 0.036 | 74 | 63 | 0.619 | 0.064 | 0.489 | 0.633 |
| Abstinence among youth | 0.746 | 0.044 | 327 | 271 | 1.811 | 0.059 | 0.658 | 0.833 |
| Sexually active last (youth) | 0.210 | 0.040 | 327 | 271 | 1.769 | 0.190 | 0.131 | 0.290 |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) for last 3 years | 2.326 | 0.191 | na | 1960 | 1.347 | 0.082 | 1.945 | 2.708 |
| Neonatal mortality in past 10 years | 5.057 | 2.932 | 569 | 480 | 1.001 | 0.580 | 0.000 | 10.920 |
| Postneonatal mortality in past 10 years | 29.316 | 8.278 | 570 | 481 | 0.989 | 0.282 | 12.759 | 45.872 |
| Infant mortality in past 10 years | 34.372 | 8.334 | 570 | 481 | 0.944 | 0.242 | 17.705 | 51.039 |
| Child mortality in past 10 years | 11.349 | 5.489 | 569 | 480 | 1.183 | 0.484 | 0.371 | 22.327 |
| Under-five mortality in past 10 years | 45.331 | 9.246 | 570 | 481 | 0.909 | 0.204 | 26.839 | 63.822 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 1.000 | 0.000 | 640 | 483 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Literate | 0.987 | 0.004 | 640 | 483 | 0.883 | 0.004 | 0.979 | 0.995 |
| No education | 0.003 | 0.002 | 640 | 483 | 1.041 | 0.721 | 0.000 | 0.008 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.895 | 0.015 | 640 | 483 | 1.272 | 0.017 | 0.864 | 0.926 |
| Never married | 0.537 | 0.021 | 640 | 483 | 1.056 | 0.039 | 0.495 | 0.578 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.423 | 0.024 | 640 | 483 | 1.212 | 0.056 | 0.376 | 0.471 |
| Married before age 20 | 0.072 | 0.009 | 461 | 351 | 0.764 | 0.128 | 0.054 | 0.090 |
| Want no more children | 0.422 | 0.019 | 240 | 183 | 0.589 | 0.045 | 0.384 | 0.460 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.396 | 0.042 | 240 | 183 | 1.313 | 0.105 | 0.313 | 0.480 |
| Ideal family size | 3.770 | 0.119 | 233 | 178 | 1.080 | 0.032 | 3.531 | 4.008 |
| Has heard of HIV/AIDS | 1.000 | 0.000 | 609 | 460 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Knows about condoms | 0.851 | 0.014 | 609 | 460 | 0.955 | 0.016 | 0.823 | 0.878 |
| Knows about limiting partners | 0.935 | 0.011 | 609 | 460 | 1.075 | 0.011 | 0.914 | 0.957 |
| Multiple partners in past 12 months | 0.115 | 0.016 | 423 | 321 | 1.058 | 0.143 | 0.082 | 0.148 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months (youth) | 0.738 | 0.034 | 46 | 33 | 0.519 | 0.046 | 0.670 | 0.806 |
| Sexually active in past 12 months | 0.441 | 0.029 | 294 | 218 | 1.011 | 0.066 | 0.383 | 0.500 |


| Table B. 15 Sampling errors for HIV prevalence rates by sex, urban-rural residence, and province, Zimbabwe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 15-49 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.216 | 0.009 | 2448 | 2670 | 1.138 | 0.044 | 0.197 | 0.235 |
| Rural | 0.208 | 0.011 | 5046 | 4277 | 1.856 | 0.051 | 0.187 | 0.229 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 0.223 | 0.018 | 862 | 823 | 1.291 | 0.082 | 0.186 | 0.260 |
| Mashonaland Central | 0.229 | 0.036 | 583 | 665 | 2.079 | 0.158 | 0.157 | 0.302 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.213 | 0.018 | 628 | 560 | 1.112 | 0.085 | 0.176 | 0.249 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.225 | 0.022 | 655 | 666 | 1.346 | 0.098 | 0.181 | 0.269 |
| Matebeleland North | 0.228 | 0.016 | 570 | 421 | 0.927 | 0.072 | 0.195 | 0.260 |
| Matebeleland South | 0.246 | 0.021 | 531 | 345 | 1.134 | 0.086 | 0.204 | 0.289 |
| Midlands | 0.201 | 0.018 | 1074 | 935 | 1.472 | 0.090 | 0.165 | 0.237 |
| Masvingo | 0.173 | 0.025 | 872 | 898 | 1.980 | 0.147 | 0.122 | 0.223 |
| Harare | 0.211 | 0.013 | 1047 | 1169 | 1.010 | 0.060 | 0.186 | 0.237 |
| Bulawayo | 0.196 | 0.017 | 672 | 466 | 1.083 | 0.085 | 0.163 | 0.229 |
| Total | 0.211 | 0.007 | 7494 | 6947 | 1.589 | 0.035 | 0.196 | 0.226 |
| MEN 15-49 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.157 | 0.011 | 1609 | 2319 | 1.265 | 0.073 | 0.134 | 0.180 |
| Rural | 0.138 | 0.008 | 3697 | 3529 | 1.452 | 0.060 | 0.121 | 0.154 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 0.166 | 0.022 | 613 | 693 | 1.454 | 0.132 | 0.122 | 0.210 |
| Mashonaland Central | 0.138 | 0.025 | 460 | 617 | 1.580 | 0.185 | 0.087 | 0.188 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.144 | 0.021 | 468 | 488 | 1.321 | 0.149 | 0.101 | 0.186 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.154 | 0.017 | 535 | 604 | 1.083 | 0.110 | 0.120 | 0.188 |
| Matebeleland North | 0.144 | 0.021 | 395 | 349 | 1.193 | 0.146 | 0.102 | 0.187 |
| Matebeleland South | 0.156 | 0.035 | 298 | 259 | 1.648 | 0.222 | 0.087 | 0.226 |
| Midlands | 0.115 | 0.017 | 838 | 809 | 1.519 | 0.146 | 0.081 | 0.148 |
| Masvingo | 0.121 | 0.019 | 589 | 654 | 1.413 | 0.157 | 0.083 | 0.159 |
| Harare | 0.173 | 0.016 | 683 | 1052 | 1.107 | 0.093 | 0.141 | 0.205 |
| Bulawayo | 0.128 | 0.021 | 427 | 324 | 1.322 | 0.167 | 0.085 | 0.171 |
| Total | 0.145 | 0.007 | 5306 | 5848 | 1.388 | 0.046 | 0.132 | 0.159 |
| WOMEN AND MEN 15-49 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.189 | 0.009 | 4057 | 4990 | 1.384 | 0.045 | 0.172 | 0.206 |
| Rural | 0.176 | 0.008 | 8743 | 7806 | 2.025 | 0.047 | 0.160 | 0.193 |
| Province |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manicaland | 0.197 | 0.017 | 1475 | 1516 | 1.620 | 0.085 | 0.164 | 0.231 |
| Mashonaland Central | 0.185 | 0.030 | 1043 | 1282 | 2.510 | 0.163 | 0.125 | 0.246 |
| Mashonaland East | 0.180 | 0.016 | 1096 | 1048 | 1.365 | 0.088 | 0.149 | 0.212 |
| Mashonaland West | 0.191 | 0.016 | 1190 | 1270 | 1.401 | 0.084 | 0.159 | 0.223 |
| Matebeleland North | 0.190 | 0.014 | 965 | 770 | 1.128 | 0.075 | 0.161 | 0.218 |
| Matebeleland South | 0.208 | 0.023 | 829 | 604 | 1.652 | 0.112 | 0.161 | 0.254 |
| Midlands | 0.161 | 0.016 | 1912 | 1744 | 1.900 | 0.099 | 0.129 | 0.193 |
| Masvingo | 0.151 | 0.019 | 1461 | 1552 | 2.077 | 0.129 | 0.112 | 0.190 |
| Harare | 0.193 | 0.010 | 1730 | 2221 | 1.093 | 0.054 | 0.172 | 0.214 |
| Bulawayo | 0.168 | 0.012 | 1099 | 789 | 1.045 | 0.070 | 0.145 | 0.192 |
| Total | 0.181 | 0.006 | 12800 | 12796 | 1.771 | 0.033 | 0.169 | 0.193 |


| Table C. 1 Household age distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single-year age distribution of the de facto household population by sex (weighted), Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | Female |  | Male |  | Age | Female |  | Male |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 0 | 578 | 2.7 | 579 | 3.0 | 36 | 194 | 0.9 | 147 | 0.8 |
| 1 | 545 | 2.5 | 549 | 2.8 | 37 | 184 | 0.9 | 195 | 1.0 |
| 2 | 569 | 2.7 | 567 | 2.9 | 38 | 172 | 0.8 | 146 | 0.8 |
| 3 | 569 | 2.7 | 577 | 3.0 | 39 | 149 | 0.7 | 138 | 0.7 |
| 4 | 600 | 2.8 | 635 | 3.3 | 40 | 159 | 0.7 | 113 | 0.6 |
| 5 | 601 | 2.8 | 651 | 3.3 | 41 | 147 | 0.7 | 105 | 0.5 |
| 6 | 614 | 2.9 | 689 | 3.5 | 42 | 184 | 0.9 | 110 | 0.6 |
| 7 | 555 | 2.6 | 611 | 3.1 | 43 | 165 | 0.8 | 130 | 0.7 |
| 8 | 605 | 2.8 | 668 | 3.4 | 44 | 110 | 0.5 | 98 | 0.5 |
| 9 | 598 | 2.8 | 585 | 3.0 | 45 | 156 | 0.7 | 130 | 0.7 |
| 10 | 620 | 2.9 | 639 | 3.3 | 46 | 137 | 0.6 | 99 | 0.5 |
| 11 | 610 | 2.9 | 633 | 3.3 | 47 | 133 | 0.6 | 88 | 0.5 |
| 12 | 548 | 2.6 | 504 | 2.6 | 48 | 122 | 0.6 | 103 | 0.5 |
| 13 | 665 | 3.1 | 632 | 3.3 | 49 | 101 | 0.5 | 84 | 0.4 |
| 14 | 582 | 2.7 | 599 | 3.1 | 50 | 175 | 0.8 | 73 | 0.4 |
| 15 | 409 | 1.9 | 415 | 2.1 | 51 | 165 | 0.8 | 106 | 0.5 |
| 16 | 545 | 2.6 | 461 | 2.4 | 52 | 156 | 0.7 | 75 | 0.4 |
| 17 | 420 | 2.0 | 464 | 2.4 | 53 | 154 | 0.7 | 101 | 0.5 |
| 18 | 483 | 2.3 | 475 | 2.4 | 54 | 102 | 0.5 | 42 | 0.2 |
| 19 | 476 | 2.2 | 403 | 2.1 | 55 | 128 | 0.6 | 104 | 0.5 |
| 20 | 425 | 2.0 | 377 | 1.9 | 56 | 122 | 0.6 | 106 | 0.5 |
| 21 | 463 | 2.2 | 377 | 1.9 | 57 | 86 | 0.4 | 82 | 0.4 |
| 22 | 452 | 2.1 | 340 | 1.7 | 58 | 111 | 0.5 | 92 | 0.5 |
| 23 | 456 | 2.1 | 344 | 1.8 | 59 | 76 | 0.4 | 62 | 0.3 |
| 24 | 337 | 1.6 | 304 | 1.6 | 60 | 92 | 0.4 | 74 | 0.4 |
| 25 | 360 | 1.7 | 321 | 1.7 | 61 | 56 | 0.3 | 58 | 0.3 |
| 26 | 357 | 1.7 | 276 | 1.4 | 62 | 64 | 0.3 | 60 | 0.3 |
| 27 | 290 | 1.4 | 211 | 1.1 | 63 | 106 | 0.5 | 82 | 0.4 |
| 28 | 301 | 1.4 | 271 | 1.4 | 64 | 70 | 0.3 | 51 | 0.3 |
| 29 | 331 | 1.5 | 250 | 1.3 | 65 | 87 | 0.4 | 97 | 0.5 |
| 30 | 315 | 1.5 | 241 | 1.2 | 66 | 60 | 0.3 | 59 | 0.3 |
| 31 | 266 | 1.2 | 219 | 1.1 | 67 | 61 | 0.3 | 57 | 0.3 |
| 32 | 263 | 1.2 | 214 | 1.1 | 68 | 48 | 0.2 | 49 | 0.3 |
| 33 | 274 | 1.3 | 274 | 1.4 | 69 | 50 | 0.2 | 43 | 0.2 |
| 34 | 230 | 1.1 | 158 | 0.8 | 70+ | 702 | 3.3 | 550 | 2.8 |
| 35 | 255 | 1.2 | 219 | 1.1 | Don't know/ missing | 9 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Total | 21,361 | 100.0 | 19,441 | 100.0 |

## Table C.2.1 Age distribution of eligible and interviewed women

De facto household population of women age 10-54, number and percent distribution of interviewed women age 15-49, and percent of eligible women who were interviewed (weighted), by five-year age groups, Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  | Household <br> population <br> of women <br> age 10-54 | Interviewed women <br> age 15-49 |  | Percent of <br> eligible <br> women inter- |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group | 3,024 | Number | Percent | viewed |
| $10-14$ | 2,335 | 2,125 | na | na |
| $15-19$ | 2,134 | 1,926 | 24.0 | 91.0 |
| $20-24$ | 1,639 | 1,467 | 16.6 | 90.3 |
| $25-29$ | 1,348 | 1,219 | 13.7 | 89.5 |
| $30-34$ | 954 | 848 | 9.6 | 90.4 |
| $35-39$ | 765 | 697 | 7.9 | 88.9 |
| $40-44$ | 649 | 582 | 6.6 | 91.1 |
| $45-49$ | 751 | na | na | 89.6 |
| $50-54$ |  |  |  | na |
|  | 9,824 | 8,863 | 100.0 | 90.2 |

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, number and percent distribution of interviewed men age 15-54 and percent of eligible men who were interviewed (weighted), by five-year age groups, Zimbabwe 20052006

|  | Household <br> population <br> of men <br> age 10-64 | Interviewed men <br> age 15-54 |  | Percent of <br> eligible |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group | Number | Percent | inter- <br> viewed |  |
| $10-14$ | 3,007 | na | na | na |
| $15-19$ | 2,219 | 1,938 | 27.2 | 87.4 |
| $20-24$ | 1,742 | 1,438 | 20.1 | 82.5 |
| $25-29$ | 1,329 | 1,063 | 14.9 | 80.0 |
| $30-34$ | 1,106 | 864 | 12.1 | 78.2 |
| $35-39$ | 844 | 665 | 9.3 | 78.8 |
| $40-44$ | 556 | 455 | 6.4 | 81.9 |
| $45-49$ | 504 | 406 | 5.7 | 80.6 |
| $50-54$ | 397 | 308 | 4.3 | 77.6 |
| $55-59$ | 445 | na | na | na |
| $60-64$ | 325 | na | na | na |
| $15-59$ |  |  |  |  |

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 observations missing information for selected demographic and health questions (weighted), Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |
| Subject | Reference group | Percentage with missing information | Number of cases |
| Birth date | Births in the 15 years preceding the survey |  |  |
| Month only |  | 0.4 | 13,409 |
| Month and year |  | 0.1 | 13,409 |
| Age at death | Deceased children born in the 15 years preceding the survey | 1.6 | 888 |
| Age/date at first union ${ }^{1}$ | Ever-married interviewed women age 15-49 | 0.4 | 6,503 |
| Respondent's education | All interviewed women age 15-49 | $<.01$ | 8,907 |
| Diarrhoea in last 2 weeks | Living children age 0-59 months of interviewed women | 2.9 | 4,871 |
| Anthropometry | Living children age 0-59 months in household |  |  |
| Height |  | 7.8 | 5,729 |
| Weight |  | 6.8 | 5,729 |
| Height or weight |  | 8.0 | 5,729 |
| Anaemia |  |  |  |
| Children | Living children age 0-59 months in household | 15.8 | 5,174 |
| Women | Interviewed women age 15-49 | 22.8 | 9,824 |

## Table C. 4 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 of birth preceding the survey (weighted), Zimbabwe 2005-2006

|  | Number of years preceding survey |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (days) | $0-4$ | $5-9$ | $10-14$ | $15-19$ | $0-19$ |
| $<1$ | 50 | 37 | 25 | 33 | 145 |
| 1 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 48 |
| 2 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 24 |
| 3 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 21 |
| 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 14 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 7 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 27 |
| 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 14 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 14 |
| 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 17 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 20 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 21 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 16 |
| 29 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total 0-30 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent early neonatal ${ }^{1}$ | 74.1 | 82.5 | 79.9 | 86.6 | 79.5 |
| $10-6$ days /0-30 days |  |  |  |  |  |


| Table C. 5 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 to occur at age under one month, for five-year periods of birth preceding the survey, Zimbabwe 2005-2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Number of years preceding survey |  |  |  |  |
| (months) | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 | 0-19 |
| $<1^{\text {a }}$ | 121 | 85 | 69 | 52 | 327 |
| 1 | 30 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 55 |
| 2 | 11 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 43 |
| 3 | 40 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 66 |
| 4 | 22 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 37 |
| 5 | 15 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 34 |
| 6 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 38 |
| 7 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 32 |
| 8 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 18 |
| 9 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 36 |
| 10 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 17 |
| 12 | 20 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 55 |
| 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 14 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 17 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 18 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 20 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Missing | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 1 year | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 34 |
| Total 0-11 | 293 | 177 | 133 | 111 | 713 |
| Percent neonatal ${ }^{1}$ | 41.2 | 48.2 | 51.9 | 47.4 | 45.9 |
| ${ }^{a}$ Includes deaths under one month reported in days <br> ${ }^{1}$ Under one month/under one year |  |  |  |  |  |

## Table C. 6 Births by calendar years

Number of births, percentage with complete birth date, sex ratio at birth, and calendar year ratio by calendar year, according to living (L), dead (D), and total (T) children (weighted), Zimbabwe 2005-2006

| 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 |
| 2006 | 27 | 1 | 28 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 105.8 | na | na | na | na | na |
| 2005 | 904 | 41 | 945 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 111.8 | 119.8 | 112.1 | na | na | na |
| 2004 | 1,004 | 72 | 1,077 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 121.4 | 101.5 | 108.6 | 111.9 | 108.8 |
| 2003 | 946 | 89 | 1,035 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 104.9 | 83.5 | 102.9 | 96.5 | 123.3 | 98.4 |
| 2002 | 955 | 72 | 1,027 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 97.5 | 133.2 | 99.6 | 102.9 | 88.2 | 101.8 |
| 2001 | 910 | 74 | 984 | 99.9 | 97.9 | 99.8 | 107.3 | 89.4 | 105.8 | 96.6 | 96.2 | 96.6 |
| 2000 | 928 | 81 | 1,010 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 112.9 | 124.5 | 113.7 | 98.1 | 116.9 | 99.4 |
| 1999 | 983 | 66 | 1,048 | 99.7 | 96.8 | 99.5 | 107.3 | 131.5 | 108.7 | 110.8 | 104.7 | 110.4 |
| 1998 | 846 | 44 | 890 | 98.8 | 98.6 | 98.8 | 97.0 | 134.5 | 98.6 | 94.1 | 78.5 | 93.2 |
| 1997 | 815 | 47 | 861 | 99.4 | 98.8 | 99.4 | 110.9 | 68.8 | 108.1 | 102.7 | 98.1 | 102.4 |
| 2002-2006 | 3,836 | 275 | 4,111 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 103.3 | 111.0 | 103.8 | na | na | na |
| 1997-2001 | 4,481 | 311 | 4,793 | 99.6 | 98.4 | 99.5 | 107.0 | 107.7 | 107.1 | na | na | na |
| 1992-1996 | 3,547 | 245 | 3,792 | 99.3 | 98.6 | 99.3 | 101.1 | 147.9 | 103.6 | na | na | na |
| 1987-1991 | 2,632 | 198 | 2,829 | 99.6 | 95.0 | 99.3 | 100.4 | 119.1 | 101.6 | na | na | na |
| < 1986 | 3,253 | 395 | 3,648 | 98.8 | 95.5 | 98.4 | 96.9 | 94.7 | 96.6 | na | na | na |
| All | 17,749 | 1,424 | 19,173 | 99.5 | 97.5 | 99.3 | 102.1 | 111.8 | 102.8 | na | na | na |

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HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE
CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE



HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE
Now we would like some information about the people who usually live in your household or who are staying with you now.







38 LOOK AT THE LAST DIGIT OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE NUMBER ON THE COVER PAGE. THIS IS THE NUMBER OF THE ROW YOU SHOULD GO TO.
CHECK THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE WOMEN ON THE COVER SHEET OF THE HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. THIS IS THE NUMBER OF THE COLUMN YOU SHOULD GO TO.
FIND THE BOX WHERE THE ROW AND THE COLUMN MEET AND CIRCLE THE NUMBER THAT APPEARS IN THE BOX. THIS NUMBER IS USED TO IDENTIFY WHETHER THE FIRST ('1'), SECOND ('2'), THIRD ('3'), ETC. ELIGIBLE WOMAN LISTED IN THE HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE WILL BE ASKED THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE QUESTIONS.
CIRCLE THE LINE NUMBER FOR THIS WOMAN IN COLUMN 10.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE QUESTIONNAIRE NUMBER IS ' 36716 ', GO TO ROW ' 6 ',
IF THERE ARE THREE ELIGIBLE WOMEN IN THE HOUSEHOLD, GO TO COLUMN ' 3 '.
FIND THE BOX WHERE ROW '6' AND COLUMN '3' MEET. THE NUMBER IN THAT BOX ('2') INDICATES
THAT THE SECOND ELIGIBLE WOMAN IN THE HOUSEHOLD LISTING SHOULD BE ASKED THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE QUESTIONS.
SUPPOSE THE LINE NUMBERS OF THE THREE WOMEN ARE ‘02', ‘03', AND ‘07’. THE WOMAN
TO BE ASKED THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE QUESTIONS IS THE SECOND ONE, I.E., THE WOMAN ON LINE '03'.

|  | TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE WOMEN IN HOUSEHOLD (COLUMN) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| QUESTIONNAIRE NUMBER (ROW) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | What is the main source of drinking and cooking water for members of your household? |  |  |
| 102 | What is the main source of water used by your household for other purposes such as handwashing or bathing? |  |  |
| 103 | Where is the water source located? | IN OWN DWELLING $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> IN OWN YARD/PLOT $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> ELSEWHERE $\ldots \ldots . . . . . .$. 3 | $106$ |
| 104 | How long does it take to go there, get water, and come back? |  |  |
| 105 | Who usually goes to this source to fetch the water for your your household? | ADULT WOMAN $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> ADULT MAN $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br> FEMALE CHILD $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$   <br> UNDER 15 YEARS OLD $\ldots$ 3  <br> MALE CHILD    <br> UNDER 15 YEARS OLD $\ldots$. 4  <br> OTHER   6 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 106 | Do you treat your water in any way to make it safer to drink? |  | $\xrightarrow{\rightarrow} 108$ |
| 107 | What do you usually do to the water to make it safer to drink? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 108 | What kind of toilet facility do members of your household usually use? |  | $\rightarrow 111$ |
| 109 | Do you share this facility with other households? |  | $\rightarrow 111$ |
| 110 | Including this household, how many households use this toilet facility? |  |  |
| 111 | Does your dwelling unit/household have: <br> Electricity? <br> A radio? <br> A television? <br> A mobile telephone? <br> A non-mobile telephone? <br> A refrigerator? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 112 | What type of fuel does your household mainly use for cooking? |  | $\begin{aligned} & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \rightarrow 114 \\ & 116 \end{aligned}$ |
| 113 | In this household, is food cooked on a stove or an open fire? <br> PROBE FOR TYPE. | OPEN FIRE OR STOVE   <br> WITHOUT CHIMNEY/HOOD $\ldots$. 1 <br> OPEN FIRE OR STOVE   <br> WITH CHIMNEY/HOOD $\ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> CLOSED STOVE WITH CHIMNEY  3 <br>    <br> OTHER   <br>    <br>  (SPECIFY)  |  |
| 114 | Is the cooking usually done in the same building where people sleep, in a separate building, or outdoors? |  | $\rightarrow 116$ |
| 115 | Do you have a separate room which is used as a kitchen? |  |  |
| 116 | TYPE OF DWELLING UNIT. <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. |  |  |
| 117 | MAIN MATERIAL OF THE FLOOR. RECORD OBSERVATION. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 118 | MAIN MATERIAL OF THE ROOF. RECORD OBSERVATION. | NATURAL ROOFING <br> NO ROOF <br> THATCH <br> RUDIMENTARY ROOFING <br> RUSTIC MAT <br> WOOD PLANKS <br> FINISHED ROOFING <br> METAL <br> WOOD <br> ASBESTOS <br> TILES <br> CEMENT <br> OTHER | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 12 \\ & 21 \\ & 23 \\ & \\ & 31 \\ & 32 \\ & 33 \\ & 34 \\ & 35 \\ & 96 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 119 | MAIN MATERIAL OF THE WALLS. RECORD OBSERVATION. | NATURAL WALLS CANE/TRUNKS MUD <br> RUDIMENTARY WALLS <br> STONE WITH MUD <br> PLYWOOD <br> CARTON <br> REUSED WOOD <br> FINISHED WALLS <br> CEMENT <br> STONE WITH LIME/CEMENT BRICKS <br> CEMENT BLOCKS <br> WOOD PLANKS <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | 11 <br> 12 <br> 22 <br> 23 <br> 24 <br> 25 <br> 31 <br> 32 <br> 33 <br> 34 <br> 35 <br> 96 |  |
| 120 | TYPE OF WINDOWS. RECORD OBSERVATION. |   YES  <br> ANY WINDOWS $\ldots \ldots .$. 1  <br> WINDOWS WITH GLASS 1   <br> WINDOWS WITH SCREENS 1   <br> WINDOWS WITH CURTAINS/    <br> SHUTTERS $\ldots . . . .$. 1  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { NO } \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{array}$ |  |
| 121 | How many rooms in this household are used for sleeping? | ROOMS ................. |  |  |
| 122 | Does any member of this household own: <br> A watch? <br> A bicycle? <br> A motorcycle or motor scooter? <br> An animal-drawn cart? <br> A car or truck? <br> A boat with a motor? |  | NO 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 |  |
| 123 | Do any members of this household have access to use land for agricultural purposes? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ & \text { NO } \quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{aligned}$ |  | $\rightarrow 125$ |
| 124 | How many acres of land are used by household members for agricultural purposes? <br> IF MORE THAN 97, ENTER '97'. <br> IF UNKNOWN, ENTER '98'. | ACRES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS |  | CODING CATEGORIES |  |  | SKIP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 125 | Does this household own any livestock, herds, or animals? |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 127$ |  |
| 126 | How many of the following animals does this hou <br> IF NONE, ENTER '00'. <br> IF MORE THAN 97, ENTER '97'. <br> IF UNKNOWN, ENTER ' 98 '. <br> Cattle? <br> Horses, donkeys, or mules? <br> Goats? <br> Sheep? <br> Chickens or other poultry? <br> Pigs? | Id have? | CATTLE <br> HORSES/D <br> GOATS <br> SHEEP <br> POULTRY <br> PIGS | ONKEYS/MULES |  |  |  |
| 127 | Does any member of this household have a bank account? |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 128 | During the past 12 months, has anyone sprayed the interior walls of your dwelling against mosquitoes? <br> IF NOT SPRAYED, RECORD 95. <br> IF YES: How many months ago was the house sprayed? RECORD 'OO' IF LESS THAN ONE MONTH. |  | MONTHS AGO <br> NOT SPRAYED |  |  | $\rightarrow 130$ |  |
| 129 | Who sprayed the house? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 130 | Does your household have any mosquito nets that can be used while sleeping? |  |  |  |  | $\rightarrow 201$ |  |
| 131 | How many mosquito nets does your household have? <br> IF 7 OR MORE NETS, RECORD '7'. |  | NUMBER OF NETS |  |  |  |  |
| 132 | ASK THE RESPONDENT TO SHOW YOU THE NET (S) IN THE HOUSEHOLD. IF MORE THAN 3 NETS, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). | NET \#1 |  | NET \#2 |  | NET \#3 |  |
|  |  |     <br> OBSERVED $\ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NOT OBSERVED .  2 |  | OBSERVED NOT OBSERVED |  | BSERVED OT OBSERVED |  |
| 133 | How many months ago did your household obtain the mosquito net? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE MONTH, RECORD '00'. | MOS <br> AGO <br> MORE THAN MONTHS AG NOT SURE | $\begin{aligned} & \ldots \\ & \ldots .96 \\ & \ldots .98 \end{aligned}$ | MOS AGO $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 37 MONTHS AGO <br> NOT SURE | MO AG <br> MOR MON <br> NO | S $\square$ <br> RE THAN 37 NTHS AGO T SURE | 96 <br> 98 |
| 134 | What type of mosquito net do you have? | 'PERMANET/L LASTING' NE <br> (SKIP TO 1 <br> 'ORDINARY' OTHER $\qquad$ NOT SURE | G- <br> 21 <br> .... 31 <br> ... 98 | 'PERMANET/LONG LASTING' NET <br> (SKIP TO 138) <br> 'ORDINARY' NET OTHER $\overline{(\text { SPECIFY })}$ <br> NOT SURE | 'PER <br> LAS <br> (S <br> 'OR <br> OT <br> (S <br> NO | RMANET/LONG TING' NET <br> SKIP TO 138) <br> DINARY' NET HER $\overline{\text { PPECIFY) }}$ <br> T SURE | 11 <br> 21 <br> 31 <br> 98 |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS |  | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 135 | When you got the net, was it treated with an insecticide to kill or repel mosquitos? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> NOT SURE $\ldots \ldots$ 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> NOT SURE $\ldots \ldots$ 8 | YES <br> NO <br> NOT SURE | 2 8 |
| 136 | Since you got the mosquito net, was it ever soaked or dipped in a liquid or chemical to repel mosquitos? | YES <br> 1 <br> NO . . <br> (SKIP to 138) <br> NOT SURE | YES 1 <br> NO ...  <br> (SKIP to 138) <br> NOT SURE $\longleftarrow$ <br> 8  | YES <br> NO ... <br> (SKIP to 138) <br> NOT SURE | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \left.\leftarrow\right\|_{8} ^{2} \end{array}$ |
| 137 | How many months ago was the net last soaked or dipped? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE MONTH, RECORD '00'. | MOS AGO $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 37 <br> MONTHS AGO ... 96 <br> NOT SURE ...... 98 | MOS <br> AGO $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 37 <br> MONTHS AGO ... 96 <br> NOT SURE ..... 98 | MOS <br> AGO $\square$ <br> MORE THAN 37 MONTHS AGO <br> NOT SURE | 96 <br> 98 |
| 138 | Did anyone sleep under this mosquito net last night? |  |  | YES <br> NO <br> (SKIP TO 140) NOT SURE | - $\left.\right\|_{8} ^{1}$ |
| 139 | Who slept under this mosquito net last night? <br> RECORD THE RESPECTIVE LINE NUMBER FROM THE HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE. | 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 NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE NO. $\square$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE NO. $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. |  |
| 140 |  | GO BACK TO 132 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 201. | GO BACK TO 132 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 201. | GO BACK TO 132 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 201. |  |

SECTION 2: SUPPORT FOR SICK PEOPLE


|  |  | $1^{\circ 1}$ SICK PERSON <br> NAME | $2^{\text {IVU }}$ SICK PERSON <br> NAME | $3^{\pi \nu}$ SICK PERSON <br> NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 213 | Now I would like to ask about health problems (NAME) may have recently had. <br> In the last 30 days, has (NAME) had severe pain, mild pain, or no pain at all? | SEVERE $\quad \ldots$. 1 <br> MILD $\ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> NOT AT ALL 3 <br> (SKIP TO 215 )  | SEVERE $\quad \ldots .$. 1 <br> MILD $\ldots .$. 2 <br> NOT AT ALL 3 <br> (SKIP TO 215 )  | SEVERE $\ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> MILD $\ldots .$. 2 <br> NOT AT ALL 3 <br> (SKIP TO 215 ) $\boxed{ }$ |
| 214 | When (NAME) was in pain, was he/she able to reduce or stop the pain most of the time, some of the time, or not at all? | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MOST TIME } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MOST TIME } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MOST TIME } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ |
| 215 | In the last 30 days, did (NAME) suffer from nausea, coughing, diarrhea, or constipation? <br> IF YES: <br> Was this problem (were any of these problems) ever severe? | YES, SEVERE . 1 <br> YES, NEVER   <br> SEVERE $\ldots$ 2 <br> NO $\ldots . . .$. 3  <br> (SKIP TO 217$)$   | YES, SEVERE . 1 <br> YES, NEVER   <br> SEVERE $\ldots$ 2 <br> NO $\ldots . . .$. 3  <br> (SKIP TO 217$)$   | YES, SEVERE . 1 <br> YES, NEVER   <br> SEVERE $\ldots$ 2 <br> NO $\ldots . . .$. 3  <br> (SKIP TO 217$)$   |
| 216 | Was (NAME) able to reduce or stop the (nausea/coughing/diarrhea/constipation) most of the time, some of the time or not at all? | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MOST TIME } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MOST TIME } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MOST TIME } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ |
| 217 |  | GO BACK TO 205 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE SICK PEOPLE, GO TO 301. |  |  |

SECTION 3: SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS |  | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 301 | Now I would like to ask you a few more questions about your household. Think back over the past 12 months. Has any member of your household died in the last 12 months? | YES <br> NO DON' | NOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow 401 \\ & \rightarrow 401 \end{aligned}$ |
| 302 | How many household members died in the last 12 months? | NO. OF | PERSONS |  |  |
| 303 | ASK 304-322 FOR ONE PERSON AT A TIME. IF MORE THAN 3 PEOPLE HAVE DIED, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE. |  |  |  |  |
| 304 | What was the name of the person who died (most recently/before him/her)? | NAME 1ST DEATH | NAME 2ND DEATH | NAME 3 | DEATH |
| 305 | Was (NAME) male or female? | $\begin{array}{lccl}\text { MALE } & \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & \ldots & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lcl}\text { MALE } & \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & \ldots & 2\end{array}$ | MALE FEMAL | $\begin{array}{cc}\text {. . } & 1 \\ \text {. } & 2\end{array}$ |
| 306 | How old was (NAME) when (he/she) died? | AGE | AGE | AGE |  |
| 307 | Was (NAME) very sick for at least three of the 12 months before (he/she) died? By very sick, I mean that (NAME) was too sick to work or do normal activities around the house for at least three months. | YES $\quad \ldots .$. 1 <br> NO ......... 2 <br> (SKIP TO 322) 4 <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8 | YES $\ldots .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots .$. 2  <br> (SKIP TO 322 ) 4  <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8  | YES <br> NO .. <br> (SKIP <br> DK | $\begin{array}{lr} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \\ 322) & -1 \\ \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |
| 308 | CHECK 306: <br> AGE OF PERSON AT DEATH | $<18 / 60+$ <br> (SKIP TO 322) 18-59 | <18/60+ $\square$ <br> (SKIP TO 322) 18-59 | <18/60+ <br> (SKIP $18-59$ | 322) |
| 309 | I would like to ask you about any formal, organized help or support that your household may have received for [NAME] before (he/she) died, for which you did not have to pay. By formal, organized support I mean help provided by someone working for a program. This program could be government, private, religious, charity, or community based. |  |  |  |  |
| 310 | In the last 12 months, did your household receive any medical support for (NAME), such as medical care, supplies or medicine, for which you did not have to pay? | YES $\quad \ldots .$. 1 <br> NO . . . . . . 2 <br> (SKIP TO 312) 4 <br> DK . . . . . . . 8 | YES $\quad \ldots .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots$. 2 <br> (SKIP TO 312 ) H <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8 | YES <br> NO ... <br> (SKIP T <br> DK | $\begin{array}{lr} \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots . & 2 \\ 312) & 4 \\ \ldots . & 8 \end{array}$ |
| 311 | Did your household receive any of this support at least once a month while (NAME) was sick? | YES $\ldots .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots .$. 2  <br> DK $\ldots . . .$. 8  | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { YES } & \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & . & 2 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots . . & . & 8\end{array}$ | YES <br> NO <br> DK | $\begin{array}{ll}\text {. } & 1 \\ \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots . & 8\end{array}$ |
| 312 | In the last 12 months, did your household receive any emotional or psychological support for (NAME), such as companionship, counseling from a trained counselor, or spiritual support for which you did not have to pay? | YES $\ldots$. 1 <br> NO . . . . . . 2  <br> (SKIP TO 314) 4  <br> DK . . . . . . . 8  | YES $\ldots$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br> (SKIP TO 314 ) 4  <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8  | YES <br> NO .. <br> (SKIP <br> DK | $\begin{array}{lr} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots . & 2 \\ 314) & -1 \\ \ldots . & 8 \end{array}$ |
| 313 | Did your household receive any of this support in the last 30 days before (NAME)'s death? | YES $\ldots .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . .$. 2 <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8 | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { YES } & \ldots & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots\end{array}$ | YES <br> NO <br> DK | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots . & 8 \end{array}$ |
| 314 | In the last 12 months, did your household receive any material support for (NAME), such as clothing, food, or financial support, for which you did not have to pay? | YES $\ldots$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . .$. 2  <br> (SKIP TO 316) 4  <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8  | YES $\ldots$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br> (SKIP TO 316 ) 4  <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8  | YES <br> NO .. <br> (SKIP <br> DK | $\begin{array}{lr} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \\ 316) & -1 \\ \ldots . & 8 \end{array}$ |
| 315 | Did your household receive any of this support in the last 30 days before (NAME)'s death? | YES $\ldots .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . .$. 2 <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8 | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { YES } & \ldots\end{array}$ | YES <br> NO . <br> DK | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots . & 8 \end{array}$ |
| 316 | In the last 12 months, did your household receive any social support for (NAME), such as help in household work, training for a caregiver, or legal services, for which you did not have to pay? | YES $\ldots$. 1 <br> NO . . . . . . 2  <br> (SKIP TO 318) 4  <br> DK . . . . . . . 8  | YES $\ldots$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . .$. 2  <br> (SKIP TO $318)$ 4 <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8  | YES <br> NO . <br> (SKIP <br> DK | $\begin{array}{lr} \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots . & 2 \\ 318) & 4 \\ \ldots . & 8 \end{array}$ |
| 317 | Did your household receive any of this support in the last 30 days before (NAME)'s death? | YES $\ldots .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . .$. 2 <br> DK $\ldots . . . .$. 8 | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { YES } & \ldots & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & \ldots & \\ \text { DK } & \ldots & \ldots & \\ \end{array}$ | YES NO . . DK . | $\begin{array}{ll}\ldots & 1 \\ \ldots . . & 2 \\ \ldots . . & 8\end{array}$ |


|  |  | NAME 1ST DEATH | NAME 2ND DEATH | NAME 3RD DEATH |
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| 318 | Now I would like to ask about health problems (NAME) may have recently had. In the 30 days before (NAME) died, did he/she have severe pain, mild pain, or no pain at all? | SEVERE $\ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> MILD ........ 2 <br> NOT AT ALL 3 <br> (SKIP TO 320 )  | SEVERE $\ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> MILD ........ 2 <br> NOT AT ALL 3 <br> (SKIP TO 320 )  | SEVERE $\ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> MILD $\ldots . .$. 2 <br> NOT AT ALL 3 <br> (SKIP TO 320 )  |
| 319 | When (NAME) was in pain, was he/she able to reduce or stop the pain most of the time, some of the time, or not at all? | MOST TIME 1 <br> SOME TIME 2 <br> NOT AT ALL 3 | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { MOST TIME } & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & 3\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { MOST TIME } & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & 3\end{array}$ |
| 320 | In the 30 days before (NAME) died, did he/she suffer from nausea, coughing, diarrhea, or constipation? <br> IF YES: <br> Was this problem (were any of these problems) ever severe? | YES, SEVERE 1 <br> YES, NEVER  <br> SEVERE 2 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots$. 3 <br> (SKIP TO 322 )  | YES, SEVERE 1 <br> YES, NEVER  <br> SEVERE 2 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots$. 3 <br> (SKIP TO 322 )  | YES, SEVERE 1 <br> YES, NEVER  <br> SEVERE 2 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots .$. 3 <br> (SKIP TO 322) er |
| 321 | Was (NAME) able to reduce or stop the (nausea/coughing/diarrhea/constipation) most of the time, some of the time or not at all? | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MOST TIME } & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & 3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MOST TIME } & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & 3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MOST TIME } & 1 \\ \text { SOME TIME } & 2 \\ \text { NOT AT ALL } & 3 \end{array}$ |
| 322 |  | GO BACK TO 304 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE PEOPLE HAVE DIED, GO TO 401. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 401 | CHECK COLUMN 7 IN THE HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE: ANY CHILD AGE 0-17? <br> AT LEAST ONE NO CHILD CHILD AGE 0-17 AGE 0-17 $\square$ | $\rightarrow$ END |
| 402 | CHECK Q36 IN HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE: ANY VERY SICK ADULTS 18-59? <br> NO SICK ADULT <br> AT LEAST ONE SICK <br> GO TO Q405 AND LIST AGE 18-59 ADULT AGE 18-59 <br> ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-17 <br> IN HOUSEHOLD |  |
| 403 | CHECK 306 IN SECTION 3: ANY ADULT AGE 18-59 WHO DIED IN PAST 12 MONTHS? |  |
| 404 | CHECK Q37 IN HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE: ANY CHILD WHOSE MOTHER AND/OR FATHER HAS DIED OR WHOSE MOTHER AND/OR FATHER IS NOT LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND IS SICK? <br> AT LEAST ONE CHILD <br> NO CHILD WITH WHOSE MOTHER <br> MOTHER OR FATHER WHO <br> AND/OR FATHER WHO <br> HAS DIED OR IS VERY SICK $\square$ HAS DIED OR IS SICK <br> GO TO 405 AND LIST ALL <br> CHILDREN WHOSE LINE NUMBERS <br> ARE RECORDED IN COLUMN 20 | $\rightarrow 501$ |




## SECTION 5：WEIGHT AND HEIGHT MEASUREMENT－ALL CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5 HEMOGLOBIN MEASUREMENT－CHILDREN 6－60 MONTHS

CHECK COLUMN（12）：RECORD THE LINE NUMBER，NAME AND AGE OF ALL CHILDREN AGE 0－60 MONTHS．
FOR CHILDREN NOT INCLUDED IN ANY BIRTH HISTORY，ASK DAY，MONTH AND YEAR．FOR ALL OTHER CHILDREN，COMPARE MONTH AND YEAR FROM 215 IN MOTHER＇S BIRTH HISTORY AND ASK DAY．

BEFORE CONDUCTING ANMEIA TESTING，OBTAIN CONSENT FROM PARENT，GUARDIAN，OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE ADULT．

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## CONSENT STATEMENT

As part of this survey, we are trying to find out more about anaemia, that is, low blood levels, in men, women, and children.

To know more about this problem in Zimbabwe, we are asking in this survey that young children all over the country take a test for low blood levels. We would like (NAME OF CHILD[REN] BORN IN 2000 OR LATER, AND AT LEAST 6 MONTHS OF AGE) to take part in this test by giving a few drops of blood from his (her) finger or heel.

The test uses clean and completely safe equipment that is used only once and then thrown away. The blood will be tested with new equipment. The result(s) for (NAME OF CHILD[REN]) will be given to you right after the test is done

We will not tell anyone else the results of the test.

Do you have any questions?

You can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it will help the country to develop programs to fight the problem of anaemia.

Do you agree that (NAME) may give blood for the anaemia test?
CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN.

| HEMOGLOBIN MEASUREMENT OF CHILDREN 6-60 MONTHS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RECORD NAME OF PARENT/ RESPONSIBLE ADULT. | 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 REFUSED <br> 3 NOT PRESENT <br> 6 OTHER |
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## INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS

TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW

## COMMENTS ABOUT RESPONDENT:

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CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE


## INTRODUCTION AND CONSENT

INFORMED CONSENT

Hello. My name is $\qquad$ and I am working with the Central Statistical Organization. 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 between 45 and 60 minutes to complete. Whatever information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shown to other persons.

Participation in this survey is voluntary and you can choose not to answer any individual question or all of the questions. However, we hope that you will participate in this survey since your views are important.

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. | HOUR <br> MINUTES |  |
| 102 | How long have you been living continuously in (NAME OF CURRENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE)? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE MONTH, RECORD '00' MONTHS. |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 104$ |
| 103 | Just before you moved here, where did you live? RECORD NAME AND CODE TYPE OF AREA. PROBE: Is that a city, town, communal land or resettlement area? <br> NAME OF PLACE |  |  |
| 104 | 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 | $\longrightarrow 106$ |
| 105 | In the last 12 months, have you been away from your home community for more than one month at a time? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 106 | In what month and year were you born? |  |  |
| 107 | How old were you at your last birthday? <br> COMPARE AND CORRECT 106 AND/OR 107 IF INCONSISTENT. | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS $\quad \square$ |  |
| 108 | Have you ever attended school? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 112$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 109 | What is the highest level of school you attended? |  |  |
| 110 | What is the highest grade (number of years) you completed at that level? | GRADE/YEARS |  |
| 111 | CHECK 109: <br> PRIMARY <br> SECONDARY OR HIGHER |  | 115 |
| 112 | Now I would like you to read this sentence to me. <br> SHOW CARD TO RESPONDENT. <br> IF RESPONDENT CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, <br> PROBE: Can you read any part of the sentence to me? | CANNOT READ AT ALL ............. 1 ABLE TO READ ONLY PARTS OF SENTENCE ...................... 2 <br> ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE 3 NO CARD WITH REQUIRED LANGUAGE $\qquad$ (SPECIFY LANGUAGE) BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED $\qquad$ 5 |  |
| 113 | Have you ever participated in a literacy program or any other program that involves learning to read or write (not including primary school)? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 114 | CHECK 112: |  | 116 |
| 115 | Do you read a newspaper or magazine almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? |  |  |
| 116 | Do you listen to the radio almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? |  |  |
| 117 | Do you watch television almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? |  |  |
| 118 | What is your religion? |  | $\longrightarrow 201$ |
| 119 | How often have you attended religious services in the past month? RECORD '00' IF DID NOT ATTEND DURING MONTH. | NUMBER OF TIMES DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE 98 |  |

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? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 202 | Do you have any sons or daughters to whom you have given birth who are currently living with you? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 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 to whom you have given birth who are alive but do not live with you? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 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 |  |
| 206 | Sometimes babies are born alive and die shortly after birth. 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 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 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 ____ births during your life. Is that correct? <br> PROBE AND <br> YES CORRECT <br> 201-208 AS <br> NECESSARY. |  |  |
| 210 | CHECK 208: <br> ONE OR MORE <br> NO BIRTHS BIRTHS |  | 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.



| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
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| 225 | FOR EACH BIRTH SINCE JANUARY 1, 2000, ENTER 'B' IN THE CALENDAR. FOR EACH BIRTH, ASK THE NUMBER OF MONTH 'P' IN EACH OF THE PRECEDING MONTHS ACCORDING TO TH NUMBER OF 'P's MUST BE ONE LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF WRITE THE NAME OF THE CHILD TO THE LEFT OF THE 'B' COD | NTH OF BIRTH IN COLUMN 1 OF THE HE PREGNANCY LASTED AND RECORD URATION OF PREGNANCY. (NOTE: THE NTHS THAT THE PREGNANCY LASTED.) |  |
| 226 | Are you pregnant now? |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 229$ |
| 227 | How many months pregnant are you? <br> RECORD NUMBER OF COMPLETED MONTHS. ENTER 'P's IN COLUMN 1 OF CALENDAR, BEGINNING WITH THE MONTH OF INTERVIEW AND FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETED MONTHS. | MONTHS ................ |  |
| 228 | At the time you became pregnant 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? |  |  |
| 229 | Have you ever had a pregnancy that miscarried, was aborted, or ended in a stillbirth? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO 2  | $\longrightarrow 237$ |
| 230 | When did the last such pregnancy end? | MONTH <br> YEAR |  |
| 231 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CHECK 230: } \\ & \text { LAST PREGNANCY } \\ & \text { ENDED IN } \\ & \end{aligned} \begin{array}{r} \text { LAST PREGNANCY } \\ \text { JANUARY } 2000 \text { OR LATER } \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} \text { ENDED BEFORE } \end{array} \text { JANUARY } 2000$ |  | $\rightarrow 237$ |
| 232 | How many months pregnant were you when the last such pregnancy ended? <br> RECORD NUMBER OF COMPLETED MONTHS. ENTER 'T' IN COLUMN 1 OF CALENDAR IN THE MONTH THAT THE PREGNANCY TERMINATED AND 'P' FOR THE REMAINING NUMBER OF COMPLETED MONTHS. | MONTHS ................. |  |
| 233 | Have you ever had any other pregnancies that did not result in a live birth? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO 2 | $\longrightarrow 237$ |
| 234 | ASK THE DATE AND THE DURATION OF PREGNANCY FOR EA BACK TO JANUARY 2000. <br> ENTER 'T' IN COLUMN 1 OF CALENDAR IN THE MONTH THAT FOR THE REMAINING NUMBER OF COMPLETED MONTHS. | EARLIER NON-LIVE BIRTH PREGNANCY <br> H PREGNANCY TERMINATED AND 'P' |  |
| 235 | Did you have any pregnancies that terminated before 2000 that did not result in a live birth? |  | $\longrightarrow 237$ |
| 236 | When did the last such pregnancy that terminated before 2000 end? | MONTH <br> YEAR |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 237 | When did your last menstrual period start? <br> (DATE, IF GIVEN) | DAYS AGO $\ldots . . . . .$. 1  <br>     <br> WEEKS AGO $\ldots . . . .$. 2  <br>     <br> MONTHS AGO $\ldots . .$. 3  <br>     <br> IN MENOPAUSE/ <br> HAS HAD HYSTERECTOMY <br> BEFORE LAST BIRTH <br> NEVER MENSTRUATED | $\begin{array}{lll} Y & . & 994 \\ \ldots & \\ \ldots & 995 \\ \ldots & \\ \ldots & 996 \end{array}$ |  |
| 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 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 240$ |
| 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 <br> TWO PERIODS <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{ll}  & \\ \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 2 \\ & \\ \ldots \ldots . & 3 \\ \ldots \ldots . . & 4 \\ & \\ \ldots & 6 \\ \ldots \ldots . . & 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 240 | Are you the primary care giver for any children? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $1$ $2$ | $\longrightarrow 301$ |
| 241 | Are any of these children for whom you are the primary caregiver under the age of 18 ? | YES NO | $\begin{aligned} & \ldots . . . . \quad 1 \\ & \ldots . . . . \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 301$ |
| 242 | 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

> 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 CIRCLE CODE 1 IN 301 FOR EACH METHOD MENTIONED SPONTANEOUSLY. 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 .


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 304 | Have you ever used anything or tried in any way to delay or avoid getting pregnant? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 306$ |
| 305 | ENTER '0' IN COLUMN 1 OF CALENDAR IN EACH BLANK MONTH. |  | 330 |
| 306 | What have you used or done? <br> CORRECT 302 AND 303 (AND 301 IF NECESSARY). |  |  |
| 307 | Now I would like to ask you about the first time that you did something or used a method to avoid getting pregnant. <br> How many living children did you have at that time, if any? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | NUMBER OF CHILDREN ... $\square$ |  |
| 308 | CHECK 302 (01): |  | 311A |
| 309 | CHECK 226: <br> NOT PREGNANT <br> PREGNANT OR UNSURE |  | 322 |
| 310 | Are you currently doing something or using any method to delay or avoid getting pregnant? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 NO . . . . . . . . . . | $\rightarrow 322$ |
| 311 | Which method are you using? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. <br> IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD MENTIONED, FOLLOW SKIP INSTRUCTION FOR HIGHEST METHOD ON LIST. <br> CIRCLE 'A' FOR FEMALE STERILIZATION. |  | $\left[\begin{array}{ll}  \\ & \\ \rightarrow & 316 \\ \rightarrow & 315 \\ \rightarrow & 319 \mathrm{~A} \end{array}\right.$ |
| 312 | May I see the package of pills you are using? <br> RECORD NAME OF BRAND. | PACKAGE SEEN $\ldots . . . . . . . . . .$. <br> PACKAGE NOT SEEN 01 <br> . . . . . . . . . . 02  | $\rightarrow 313 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 313 | MARK CODE FOR BRAND NAME. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 313A | Do you know the brand name of the pills you are using? <br> RECORD NAME OF BRAND. |  |  |
| 314 | How many pill cycles did you get the last time? | NUMBER OF CYCLES/PACKAGES |  |
| 315 | The last time you obtained (CURRENT METHOD IN 311), how much did you pay in total, including the cost of the method and any consultation you may have had? | COST . . .CI <br>  <br> FREE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9999995 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . . . . 999998 | $] \rightarrow$ 319A |
| 316 | In what facility did the sterilization 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. |  |  |
| 317 | CHECK 311/311A: |  |  |
| 318 | How much did you (your husband/partner) pay in total for the sterilization, including any consultation you (he)may have had? | COST ...C. <br> FREE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9999995 <br> DON'T KNOW <br> D. . . . . . . . . 999998 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 319 | In what month and year was the sterilization performed? | MONTH YEAR |  | $\rightarrow 320$ |
| 319A | 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 |  |  |
| 320 | CHECK 319/319A, 215, 230 AND CALENDAR: <br> ANY BIRTH OR PREGNANCY TERMINATION AFTER MONTH AND YEAR OF START OF USE OF CONTRACEPTION IN 319/319A <br> GO BACK TO 319/319A, PROBE AND RECORD MONTH AND YEAR USE OF CURRENT METHOD (MUST BE AFTER LAST BIRTH OR P | YES <br> AT START OF CONTINUOUS EGNANCY TERMINATION). |  |  |
| 321 | CHECK 319/319A: <br> YEAR IS 2000 OR LATER $\square$ <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> ASK ABOUT SOURCE OF METHOD AT THE START OF USE AND ENTER METHOD SOURCE CODE IN COLUMN 2 OF CALENDAR IN MONTH USE STARTED. <br> THEN CONTINUE WITH 322. | EAR IS 1999 OR EARLIER <br> ER CODE FOR METHOD US RVIEW IN COLUMN 1 OF T H MONTH BACK TO JANUA <br> N SKIP TO $\qquad$ | MONTH OF ENDAR AND 0. <br> 328 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 322 | I would like to ask you some questions about the times you or your getting pregnant during the last few years. <br> USE CALENDAR TO PROBE FOR EARLIER PERIODS OF USE A RECENT USE, BACK TO JANUARY 2000. <br> USE NAMES OF CHILDREN, DATES OF BIRTH, AND PERIODS <br> IN COLUMN 1, ENTER METHOD USE CODE OR '0' FOR NONUS <br> ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS: <br> COLUMN 1: * When was the last time you used a met <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 MON <br> ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS: <br> COLUMN 2: * Where did you obtain the method when <br> * Where did you get advice on how to use <br> IN COLUMN 3, ENTER CODES FOR DISCONTINUATION NEXT NUMBER OF CODES IN COLUMN 3 MUST BE SAME AS NUMBE IN COLUMN 1. <br> ASK WHY SHE STOPPED USING THE METHOD. IF A PREGNAN SHE BECAME PREGNANT UNINTENTIONALLY WHILE USING T STOPPED TO GET PREGNANT. <br> ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS: <br> COLUMN 3: * Why did you stop using the (METHOD)? <br> * Did you become pregnant while using (M 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 AND ENTER 'O' IN EACH SUCH MONT | ner may have used a method to avoid <br> NONUSE, STARTING WITH MOST <br> PREGNANCY AS REFERENCE POINTS. <br> EACH BLANK MONTH. <br> Which method was that? long after the birth of (NAME)? <br> OF EACH USE. <br> started using it? <br> method [for LAM, rhythm, or withdrawal] <br> AST MONTH OF USE. <br> F INTERRUPTIONS OF METHOD USE <br> FOLLOWED, ASK WHETHER <br> METHOD OR DELIBERATELY <br> HOD), or did you stop to get pregnant, or <br> nant after you stopped using (METHOD)? COLUMN 1. |  |
| 323 | 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. |  | $\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow & 330 \\ & 332 \\ & 329 \\ & \\ \longrightarrow & 326 \end{aligned}$ |
| 324 | You obtained (CURRENT METHOD) from (SOURCE OF METHOD FROM CALENDAR) in (DATE). <br> At the time you obtained the method, were you told about side effects or problems you might have with the method? | YES $\ldots$. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow 326$ |
| 325 | Were you told what to do if you experienced side effects or problems? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 326 | CHECK 324: |  | $\rightarrow 328$ |
| 327 | Were you ever told by a health or family planning worker about other methods of family planning that you could use? |  |  |
| 328 | CHECK 311/311A: <br> CIRCLE METHOD CODE: |  | 332 |
| 329 | Where did you (or your partner) 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. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \\ & \rightarrow 332 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 330 | Do you know of a place where you can obtain a method of family planning? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 332$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 331 | 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. |  |  |
| 332 | In the last 12 months, were you visited by a CBD who talked to you about family planning? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 333 | In the last 12 months, have you visited a health facility for care for yourself (or your children)? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 NO . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow 335$ |
| 334 | Did any staff member at the health facility speak to you about family planning methods? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 335 | CHECK 301 (07) KNOWS MALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO |  | 337 |
| 336 | If a male condom is used correctly, do you think that it protects against pregnancy most of the time, only sometimes, or not at all? | MOST OF THE TIME . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> SOMETIMES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> NOT AT ALL . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 337 | CHECK 301 (08) KNOWS FEMALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO | $\longrightarrow$ | 401 |
| 338 | If a female condom is used correctly, do you think that it protects against pregnancy most of the time, only sometimes, or not at all? |  |  |

SECTION 4 PREGNANCY, POSTNATAL CARE AND NUTRITION

| 401 | CHECK 224: <br> ONE OR MORE BIRTHS <br> IN 2000 OR LATER |  |  | $\rightarrow 601$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 402 | ENTER IN THE TABLE THE LINE NUMBER, NAME, AND SURVIVAL STATUS OF EACH BIRTH IN 2000 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 <br> BIRTH <br> LINE <br> NUMBER | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> LINE NUMBER $\square$ | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> LINE <br> NUMBER |
| 404 | FROM 212 AND 216 | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LIVING $\square$ DEAD $\square$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LIVING $\square$ DEAD $\square$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LIVING $\square$ DEAD |
| 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? |  |  |  |
| 406 | How much longer would you like to have waited? | MONTHS <br> YEARS <br> DON'T KNOW <br> 998 |     <br> MONTHS 1   <br>     <br> YEARS 2   |  |
| 407 | Did you see anyone for antenatal care for this pregnancy? <br> IF YES: Whom did you see? Anyone else? <br> PROBE FOR THE TYPE OF PERSON AND RECORD ALL PERSONS SEEN. |  |  |  |
| 408 | Where did you receive antenatal care for this pregnancy? <br> Anywhere else? <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> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. <br> (NAME OF PLACE(S)) |  |  |  |



|  |  | LAST BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 421 | During this pregnancy, were you given or did you buy any iron/ folic acid tablets or iron syrup? <br> SHOW TABLETS/SYRUP. |  |  |  |
| 422 | During the whole pregnancy, for how many days did you take the tablets or syrup? <br> IF ANSWER IS NOT NUMERIC, PROBE FOR APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS. | NUMBER <br> OF DAYS $\square$ |  |  |
| 423 | During this pregnancy, did you have difficulty with your vision during the daylight? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1   <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ $\ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots .$. 8  |  |  |
| 424 | During this pregnancy, did you suffer from night blindness? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots .$. 8 |  |  |
| 425 | During this pregnancy, did you take any drugs to prevent you from getting malaria? |  |  |  |
| 426 | What drugs did you take? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. IF TYPE OF DRUG IS NOT DETERMINED, SHOW TYPICAL ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS TO RESPONDENT. | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { SP/FANSIDAR } & \ldots . . & \text { A } \\ \text { CHLOROQUINE } & \ldots & \text { B } \\ \text { DELTAPRIM } & \ldots . . & \text { C } \\ \text { OTHER } & & & \\ & \text { (SPECIFY) } & \\ \text { DON'T KNOW . ...... } & \text { Z }\end{array}$ |  |  |
| 427 | CHECK 426: <br> DRUGS TAKEN FOR MALARIA PREVENTION. |  |  |  |
| 428 | How many times did you take SP/Fansidar during this pregnancy? | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |  |
| 429 | CHECK 407: <br> ANTENATAL CARE FROM HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DURING PREGNANCY | CODES OTHER A' OR 'B' CIRCLED $\square$ <br> (SKIP TO 431) |  |  |
| 430 | Did you get the SP/Fansidar during an antenatal visit, during another visit to a health facility or from some other source? | ANTENATAL VISIT 1 <br> OTHER FACILITY  <br> VISIT ........ 2 <br> OTHER SOURCE . 3 |  |  |
| 431 | 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 $\ldots .$. 2 <br> AVERAGE $\ldots .$. 3 <br> SMALLER THAN   <br> AVERAGE $\ldots .$. 4 <br> VERY SMALL $\ldots$. 5 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots .$. 8 |  |  |
| 432 | Was (NAME) weighed at birth? |  |  |  |


|  |  | NAMELAST <br> BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 433 | How much did (NAME) weigh? <br> ASK FOR HEALTH CARD. <br> RECORD WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS FROM HEALTH CARD, IF AVAILABLE. | KG FROM CARD <br> 1 $\square$ $\square$ <br> KG FROM RECALL <br> 2 $\square$ $\square$ | KG FROM CARD <br> KG FROM RECALL <br> 2 $\square$   | KG FROM CARD <br> KG FROM RECALL <br> 2 $\square$   |
| 434 | 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 PROFESSIONAL DOCTOR .......... A NURSE/MIDWIFE B TRADITIONAL MIDWIFE TRAINED .......... C UNTRAINED ..... D UNSURE ABOUT TRAINING ........ E OTHER $\qquad$ X (SPECIFY) $\square$ | HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DOCTOR .......... A NURSE/MIDWIFE B TRADITIONAL MIDWIFE TRAINED .......... C UNTRAINED ...... D UNSURE ABOUT TRAINING ........ E OTHER $\qquad$ X (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ |  |
| 435 | 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 THE TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) |  |  |  |
| 436 | How many hours after your labor pains began, did you get to the facility? <br> IF MORE THAN 24 HOURS RECORD '25'. <br> RECORD '00' IF LESS THAN ONE HOUR. <br> How long after you arrived at the facility, did a health professional check on you? <br> IF MORE THAN 24 HOURS <br> RECORD '25'. <br> RECORD '00' IF LESS THAN ONE HOUR. | HOURS $\square$ <br> 25 HOURS OR |  |  |
| 438 | Was (NAME) delivered by caesarean section? |  | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots . . . & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ & 2 \end{array}$ |



|  |  | LAST BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 447 | Who checked on your health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. | HEALTH PERSONNEL DOCTOR ........ 11 NURSE/MIDWIFE .. 12 TRADITIONAL MIDWIFE TRAINED ......... 21 UNTRAINED 22 UNSURE ABOUT TRAINING OTHER $\qquad$ |  |  |
| 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) |  |  |  |
| 448A | CHECK 443: |  |  |  |
| 449 | In the two months after (NAME) was born, did a health care provider or traditional birth attendant check on his/her health? |  |  |  |
| 450 | 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 . 1 DAYS DON'T KNOW 998 |  |  |
| 451 | Who checked on (NAME)'s health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. | HEALTH PERSONNEL DOCTOR ........ 11 NURSE/MIDWIFE .. 12 TRADITIONAL MIDWIFE TRAINED ......... 21 UNTRAINED 22 UNSURE ABOUT TRAINING OTHER $\qquad$ (SPECIFY) |  |  |



|  |  | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 462 | In the first three days after delivery, was (NAME) given anything to drink other than breast milk? |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$1 <br> $($ SKIP TO 464$)$. | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\begin{gathered}\text { (SKIP TO 464) }\end{gathered}{ }^{2} \ldots$ |
| 463 | What was (NAME) given to drink? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL LIQUIDS MENTIONED. |  |  |  |
| 464 | CHECK 404: <br> IS CHILD LIVING? |  |  |  |
| 465 | Are you still breastfeeding (NAME)? |  |  |  |
| 466 | For how many months did you breastfeed (NAME)? | MONTHS <br> DON'T KNOW | MONTHS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW | MONTHS <br> DON'T KNOW |
| 467 | CHECK 404: <br> IS CHILD LIVING? |  |  |  |
| 468 | 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 |  |  |
| 469 | How many times did you breastfeed yesterday during the daylight hours? <br> IF ANSWER IS NOT NUMERIC, PROBE FOR APPROXIMATE NUMBER. | NUMBER OF DAYTIME FEEDINGS |  |  |
| 470 | Did (NAME) drink anything from a feeding bottle yesterday or last night? | YES . . . . . ......... 1 <br> NO ............ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW..... 8 | YES . . . . . . ....... 1 <br> NO ............ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW.... 8 | YES . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO ............ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW..... 8 |
| 471 |  | GO BACK TO 405 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 472. | GO BACK TO 405 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 472. | GO BACK TO 405 IN NEXT-TO-LAST COLUMN OF NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 472. |




SECTION 5. IMMUNIZATION AND CHILD HEALTH


|  |  | LAST <br> BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 509 | Has (NAME) received any vaccinations that are not recorded on this card, including vaccinations received in a national immunization day campaign? <br> RECORD 'YES' ONLY IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS BCG, POLIO 1-3, DPT 1-4, HEPATITIS B 1-3 AND/OR MEASLES 1-2 VACCINES |  |  | YES. <br> (PROBE FOR $\qquad$ VACCINATIONS AND WRITE '66' IN THE CORRESPONDING DAY COLUMN IN 508) (SKIP TO 520) $\square$ NO (SKIP TO 520) DON'T KNOW $\square$ |
| 510 | Did (NAME) ever receive any vaccinations to prevent him/her from getting diseases, including vaccinations received in a national immunization day campaign? |  |  |  |
| 511 $511 A$ | Please tell me if (NAME) received any of the following vaccinations: <br> A BCG vaccination against tuberculosis, that is, an injection in the arm that usually causes a scar? | YES $\quad \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .$. 2 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots .$. 8 |
| 512 | Polio vaccine, that is, drops in the mouth? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 515) $\ldots$  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$ 8 | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \text { (SKIP TO 515) } & \leftarrow \\ \text { DON'T KNOW } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \begin{array}{l} \text { SKIP TO } 515) \end{array} & \leftarrow \\ \text { DON'T KNOW } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |
| 514 | How many times was the polio vaccine received? | NUMBER <br> OF TIMES | NUMBER <br> OF TIMES | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ |
| 515 | A DPT vaccination, that is, an injection given in the right thigh, sometimes at the same time as polio drops? |  |  |  |
| 516 | How many times? | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ |
| 517 | A hepatitis $B$ vaccination, that is, an injection given in the left thigh? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 519)  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 8 |  |  |
| 518 | How many times? | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ |
| 519 | An injection to prevent measles? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots .$. 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$. 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2   <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$. 8  |
| 520 | Were any of the vaccinations (NAME) received during the last two years given as part of a national immunization day campaign? | YES $\quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> NO VACCINATION IN  <br> THE LAST 2 YRS. 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots .$. 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> NO VACCINATION IN  <br> THE LAST 2 YRS. 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . . .$. 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br> NO VACCINATION IN   <br> THE LAST 2 YRS. 3  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$. 8 |


|  |  | NAME $\quad$LAST <br> BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 522 | Has (NAME) had diarrhea in the last 2 weeks? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 535) $\longleftarrow$  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$. 8 |  |  |
| 523 | Was there any blood in the stools? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> NO .......................... 2 <br> DON'T KNOW....... 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO ............................... 2 <br> DON'T KNOW........ 8 |  |
| 524 | Now I would like to know how much (NAME) was given to drink during the diarrhea. Was he/she offered less than usual to drink, about the same amount, or more than usual to drink? <br> IF LESS, PROBE: Was he/she offered much less than usual to drink or somewhat less? | MUCH LESS $\ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE $\ldots . . . . . . . .$. 4  <br> NOTHING TO DRINK 5  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { MUCH LESS } & \ldots . . . & 1 \\ \text { SOMEWHAT LESS } & . & 2 \\ \text { ABOUT THE SAME } & . & 3 \\ \text { MORE } \ldots . . . . . . . . . & 4 \\ \text { NOTHING TO DRINK } & 5 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW } & \ldots . . . . & 8\end{array}$ | MUCH LESS $\ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME . 3 <br> MORE ............. 4  <br> NOTHING TO DRINK 5  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 |
| 525 | 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 offered much less than usual to eat or somewhat less? | MUCH LESS $\ldots \ldots$. 1  <br> SOMEWHAT LESS $\ldots$ 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME $\ldots$ 3 <br> MORE .............. 4  <br> STOPPED FOOD . 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD  6 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 | MUCH LESS $\ldots .$. 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS $\ldots$ 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME $\ldots$ 3 <br> MORE .............. 4  <br> STOPPED FOOD . 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD 6  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . . .$. 8 | MUCH LESS $\ldots .$. 1 <br> SOMEWHAT LESS $\ldots$ 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME $\ldots$ 3 <br> MORE .............. 4  <br> STOPPED FOOD . 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD 6  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . . .$. 8 |
| 526 | Did you seek advice or treatment for the diarrhea from any source? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$(SKIP TO 531$)$ |  |  |
| 527 | Where did you seek advice or treatment? <br> Anywhere else? <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> RECORD ALL PLACES MENTIONED. | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> CENTRAL HSP........ A <br> PROVINCIAL HSP .. B <br> DIST/RURAL HSP. . C <br> RURAL HLTH CNTR. . D <br> MUNCPL CLINIC E <br> VILLAGE COMMNITY/ <br> HEALTH WORKER F <br> OTHER PUBLIC $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> MISSION FACILITY . . H <br> PRIVATE SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HSP/CLC. I <br> PRIVATE DOCTOR. H <br> PHARMACY <br> OTHER PRIVATE <br> MED. $\qquad$ (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER SOURCE SHOP .............. L TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONER . . M OTHER $\qquad$ X <br> (SPECIFY) | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> CENTRAL HSF........ A <br> PROVINCIAL HSP .. B DIST/RURAL HSP. . C <br> RURAL HLTH CNTR. . <br> MUNCPL CLINIC <br> VILLAGE COMMNITY/ <br> HEALTH WORKER F <br> OTHER PUBLIC $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> MISSION FACILITY <br> . . H <br> PRIVATE SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HSP/CLC <br> PRIVATE DOCTOR. <br> PHARMACY <br> OTHER PRIVATE <br> MED. $\qquad$ (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER SOURCE SHOP .............. L TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONER OTHER $\qquad$ X <br> (SPECIFY) |  |


|  |  | LAST BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 528 | CHECK 527: |  |  |  |
| 529 | Where did you first seek advice or treatment? <br> USE LETTER CODE FROM 527. | FIRST PLACE $\quad . . . . \square$ | FIRST PLACE $\ldots . . . \square$ | FIRST PLACE ..... $\square$ |
| 530 | How many days after the diarrhea began did you first seek advice or treatment for (NAME)? <br> IF THE SAME DAY, RECORD '00'. | DAYS .... $\quad \square$ | DAYS | DAYS .... $\quad \square$ |
| 531 | Does (NAME) still have diarrhea? |  |  |  |
| 532 | Was he/she given any of the following to drink at any time since he/she started having the diarrhea: <br> a. An ORS satchet <br> b. A homemade sugar-saltwater solution (SSS)? <br> c. Any other liquid? |  YES NO DK <br> ORS 1 2 8 <br> SUGAR-SALT- <br> WATER $\ldots 1$ 2 8  <br> OTHER <br> LIQUID $\ldots 1$ 2 8  |  YES NO DK <br> ORS 1 2 8 <br> SUGAR-SALT- <br> WATER $\ldots 1$ 2 8  <br> OTHER <br> LIQUID $\ldots 1$ 2 8  |  YES NO DK <br> ORS 1 2 8 <br> SUGAR-SALT- <br> WATER  1 2 |
| 533 | Was anything (else) given to treat the diarrhea? |  |  |  |
| 534 | What (else) was given to treat the diarrhea? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL TREATMENTS GIVEN. |  |  |  |
| 535 | Has (NAME) been ill with a fever at any time in the last 2 weeks? |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DON'T KNOW. ....... 8 |  |


|  |  | LAST BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 536 | Has (NAME) had an illness with a cough at any time in the last 2 weeks? |  |  |  |
| 537 | When (NAME) had an illness with a cough, did he/she breathe faster than usual with short, rapid breaths or have difficulty breathing? |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . . } \\ & \begin{array}{l} 2 \\ \text { (SKIP TO 540) } \\ \text { DON'T KNOW. . . . . . . } \end{array} 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 538 | When (NAME) had this illness, did he/she have a problem in the chest or a blocked or runny nose? |  |  |  |
| 539 | CHECK 535: HAD FEVER? |  |  |  |
| 540 | Now I would like to know how much (NAME) was given to drink during the (fever/cough/ rapid breathing). Was he/she offered less than usual to drink, about the same amount, or more than usual to drink? <br> IF LESS, PROBE: Was he/she offered much less than usual to drink or somewhat less? |  | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { MUCH LESS } \ldots . . . . . . & 1 \\ \text { SOMEWHAT LESS } & . & 2 \\ \text { ABOUT THE SAME } & . & 3 \\ \text { MORE . . . . . . . . ..... } & 4 \\ \text { NOTHING TO DRINK } & 5 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW. . . . . . . . } & 8\end{array}$ | MUCH LESS . ......... 1  <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME $\cdot$ 3 <br> MORE . . . . . . . ..... 4  <br> NOTHING TO DRINK 5  <br> DON'T KNOW......... 8  |
| 541 | When (NAME) had (fever/cough/ rapid breathing), was he/she given less than usual to eat, about the same amount, more than usual, or nothing to eat? IF LESS, PROBE: Was he/she offered much less than usual to eat or somewhat less? |    <br> MUCH LESS . ......... 1  <br> SOMEWHAT LESS . 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME $\cdot$ 3 <br> MORE ............... 4  <br> STOPPED FOOD . 5 <br> NEVER GAVE FOOD  6 <br> DON'T KNOW. ........ 8  | MUCH LESS .......... 1  <br> SOMEWHAT LESS $\cdot$ 2 <br> ABOUT THE SAME $\cdot$ 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  |
| 542 | Did you seek advice or treatment for the illness from any source? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ (SKIP TO 547 ) $\ldots$ | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 547 ) $\ldots$  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 547 )  |


|  |  | LAST <br> BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 543 | Where did you seek advice or treatment? <br> Anywhere else? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |  |
| 544 | CHECK 543: |  |  |  |
| 545 | Where did you first seek advice or treatment? <br> USE LETTER CODE FROM 543. | FIRST PLACE $\ldots \ldots . \square$ | FIRST PLACE $\quad . . . . \square$ | FIRST PLACE $\quad . . . . \square$ |
| 546 | How many days after the illness began did you first seek advice or treatment for (NAME)? <br> IF THE SAME DAY, RECORD '00'. | DAYS $\ldots \ldots . \square$ | DAYS $\ldots \ldots . \square$ | DAYS .... $\quad \square$ |
| 547 | Is (NAME) still sick with a (fever/ cough)? | FEVER ONLY $\ldots \ldots$. 1 <br> COUGH ONLY $\ldots \ldots$. 2 <br> BOTH COUGH AND   <br> FEVER .......... 3  <br> NO, NEITHER $\ldots . .$. 4 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 | FEVER ONLY $\ldots \ldots$. 1 <br> COUGH ONLY $\ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> BOTH COUGH AND   <br> FEVER $\ldots . . . . .$. 3  <br> NO, NEITHER $\ldots \ldots$. 4 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 | FEVER ONLY $\ldots \ldots$. 1 <br> COUGH ONLY $\ldots \ldots$. 2 <br> BOTH COUGH AND   <br> FEVER $\ldots . . . .$.   <br> NO, NEITHER $\ldots .$. 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. 8 |
| 548 | At any time during the illness, did (NAME) take any drugs for the illness? | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & \ldots \\ \text { (SKIP TO 557) } & \leftarrow & 4 \\ \text { DON'T KNOW } \ldots \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |  |  |


|  |  | LAST BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 549 | What drugs did (NAME) take? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS <br> SP/FANSIDAR ..... A <br> CHLOROQUINE . . B <br> QUININE ........... C <br> COMBINATION <br> WITH <br> ARTEMISININ <br> D <br> OTHER ANTI- <br> MALARIAL ......... E <br> ANTIBIOTIC <br> COTRAMOXAZOLE F <br> ERYTHROMYCINE <br> AMOXICILLIN <br> AMPICILLIN <br> CHLORAMPHENOCOL OTHER ANTIBIOTIC <br> OTHER DRUGS <br> ASPIRIN ............. L <br> ACETAMINOPHEN M IBUPROFEN ....... N <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X <br> DON'T KNOW <br> Z | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS <br> SP/FANSIDAR ..... A <br> CHLOROQUINE . . B <br> QUININE <br> COMBINATION <br> WITH <br> ARTEMISININ <br> D <br> OTHER ANTI- <br> MALARIAL ....... E <br> ANTIBIOTIC <br> COTRAMOXAZOLE F <br> ERYTHROMYCINE <br> AMOXICILLIN <br> AMPICILLIN <br> CHLORAMPHENOCOL OTHER ANTIBIOTIC <br> OTHER DRUGS <br> ASPIRIN ............ L <br> ACETAMINOPHEN M <br> IBUPROFEN ....... N <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X <br> DON'T KNOW | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS <br> SP/FANSIDAR ..... A <br> CHLOROQUINE . . B <br> QUININE <br> COMBINATION <br> WITH <br> ARTEMISININ <br> OTHER ANTI- <br> MALARIAL ....... E <br> ANTIBIOTIC <br> COTRAMOXAZOLE <br> ERYTHROMYCINE <br> AMOXICILLIN <br> AMPICILLIN <br> CHLORAMPHENOCOL <br> OTHER ANTIBIOTIC <br> OTHER DRUGS <br> ASPIRIN ............ L <br> ACETAMINOPHEN M <br> IBUPROFEN ....... N <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X <br> (SPECIFY) <br> DON'T KNOW <br> Z |
| 550 | Did you already have (NAME OF DRUG FROM 549) at home when the child became ill? <br> IF YES, CIRCLE CODE FOR THAT DRUG. <br> ASK SEPARATELY FOR EACH DRUG GIVEN IN 549. | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS <br> SP/FANSIDAR ..... A <br> CHLOROQUINE . . B <br> QUININE ............. C <br> COMBINATION <br> WITH <br> ARTEMISININ <br> OTHER ANTI- <br> MALARIAL ......... E <br> ANTIBIOTIC <br> Cotramoxazole <br> ERYTHROMYCINE <br> AMOXICILLIN <br> AMPICILLIN <br> CHLORAMPHENOCOL <br> OTHER ANTIBIOTIC <br> OTHER DRUGS <br> ASPIRIN ............. L <br> ACETAMINOPHEN M <br> IBUPROFEN ......... N <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X <br> (SPECIFY) <br> DON'T KNOW |  |  |
| 551 | CHECK 549: <br> SP/FANISDAR |  | $\begin{array}{lr}\text { CODE 'A' } & \text { CODE 'A' } \\ \text { CIRCLED } \\ \square & \text { NOT } \\ \square & \text { (SKIP TO } \\ \square & \square 54)\end{array}$ |  |
| 552 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take SP/Fansidar? |  |  | SAME DAY . .......... <br> NEXT DAY .......... 1 |


|  |  | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 553 | For how many days did (NAME) take the SP/Fansidar? <br> IF 7 OR MORE DAYS, RECORD ' 7 '. | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ 8 | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW . $\qquad$ 8 | DAYS $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ 8 |
| 554 | CHECK 549: <br> CHLOROQUINE | $\begin{array}{lr}\text { CODE 'B' } & \text { CODE 'B' } \\ \text { CIRCLED } \\ \begin{array}{lr}\text { NOT }\end{array} \\ \square & \text { (SKIP TO } \\ \square & \text { CIRCLED } \\ \square\end{array}$ | CODE 'B' CODE 'B'  <br> CIRCLED NOT  <br> $\square$ CIRCLED  <br> $\square$ (SKIP TO  <br> $\square$ $\square 57)$  |  |
| 555 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take chloroquine? | SAME DAY .......... 0 NEXT DAY .......... 1 TWO DAYS AFTER THE FEVEF ......... 2 THREE OR MORE DAYS AFTER THE FEVER .......... 3 DON'T KNOW......... 8 |  |  |
| 556 | For how many days did (NAME) take 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 $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ 8 |
| 557 | CHECK 535: HAD FEVER |  |  |  |
| 558 | Did (NAME) get any injection or suppository for the (fever/cough/ rapid breathing)? | INJECTION $\ldots \ldots$. $\ldots$ A <br> SUPPOSITORY $\ldots$. B <br> NONE $\ldots \ldots .$. $\ldots$ Y <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. Z | INJECTION $\ldots . . .$. A <br> SUPPOSITORY $\ldots$. B <br> NONE $\ldots . . . . . . .$. Y  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. Z | INJECTION $\ldots . .$. A <br> SUPPOSITORY $\ldots$. B <br> NONE $\ldots . . . . . .$. Y <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots . .$. Z |
| 559 | Was anything else done about (NAME'S) fever? |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 561)  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$. 8 |  |
| 560 | What was done about (NAME'S) fever? | CONSULTED <br> TRADITIONAL <br> HEALER ............ A <br> GAVE TEPID <br> SPONGING ....... B <br> GAVE HERBS ........ C <br> OTHER $\qquad$ Y <br> (SPECIFY) <br> DON'T KNOW ....... Z <br> (GO BACK TO 503 IN <br> NEXT COLUMN; IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 561) | CONSULTED <br> TRADITIONAL <br> HEALER ............. A <br> GAVE TEPID <br> SPONGING ....... B <br> GAVE HERBS ........ C <br> OTHER $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> DON'T KNOW ........ Z <br> (GO BACK TO 503 IN <br> NEXT COLUMN; IF NO <br> MORE BIRTHS, GO TO <br> 561) | CONSULTED <br> TRADITIONAL <br> HEALER ............. A <br> GAVE TEPID <br> SPONGING ....... B <br> GAVE HERBS ........ C <br> OTHER $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) DON'T KNOW ........ Z <br> (GO BACK TO 503 IN NEXT COLUMN; IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 561) |
| 561 | CHECK 215 AND 218, ALL ROW <br> ONE OR MOR | NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH THE RESPONDENT <br> NON | N IN 2000 OR LATER LIVING $\square$ |  |
| 562 | The last time (NAME OF YOUN what was done to dispose of the | CHILD) passed stools, | CHILD USED TOILET OR LA PUT/RINSED <br> INTO TOILET OR LATRINE PUT/RINSED <br> INTO DRAIN OR DITCH THREW INTO GARBAGE BURIED LEFT IN THE OPEN OTHER $\qquad$ (SPECIF DON'T KNOW . |  . <br>  01 <br> $\ldots$. 02 <br>  01 <br> $\ldots \ldots$. 03 <br> $\ldots \ldots$. 04 <br> $\ldots .$. 05 <br> $\ldots .$. 06$\qquad$ 96 <br> 98 |

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 $\ldots . .$. 1   <br> YES, LIVING WITH A MAN $\ldots$ . . <br> NO, NOT IN UNIOI . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2   | $\longrightarrow 605$ |
| 602 | Have you ever been married or lived together with a man as if married? | YES, FORMERLY MARRIED $\ldots$ $\ldots$ 1 <br> YES, LIVED WITH A MAN $\ldots$ . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3   | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 604$ |
| 603 | ENTER '0' IN COLUMN 4 OF CALENDAR IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2000. | RVIEW, AND IN EACH MONTH BACK TO | 619 |
| 604 | What is your marital status now: are you widowed, divorced, or separated? | WIDOWED . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 DIVORCED . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 |  |
| 605 | Is your husband/partner living with you now or is he staying elsewhere? | LIVING WITH HER . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 STAYING ELSEWHERE . . . . . . . |  |
| 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, does he live with other women as if married, or does he maintain a small house? |  |  |
| 608 | How many other wives or partners does your husband live with now? | NUMBER OF OTHER WIVES AND LIVE-IN PARTNERS $\square$ DON'T KNOW |  |
| 609 | Are you the first, second, ... wife? | RANK . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 610 | Have you been married or lived with a man only once or more than once? | ONLY ONCE ........................... 1 MORE THAN ONCE . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 611 | CHECK 610: | MONTH $\qquad$ <br> DON'T KNOW MONTH 98 <br> YEAR $\qquad$ <br> DON'T KNOW YEAR $\qquad$ 9998 | $\rightarrow 613$ |
| 612 | How old were you when you first started living with him? | AGE |  |
| 613 | DETERMINE MONTHS MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A MAN S IN COLUMN 4 OF CALENDAR FOR EACH MONTH MARRIED FOR EACH MONTH NOT MARRIED/NOT LIVING WITH A MA <br> FOR WOMEN WITH MORE THAN ONE UNION: PROBE FOR IF APPROPRIATE, FOR STARTING AND TERMINATION DAT <br> FOR WOMEN NOT CURRENTLY IN UNION: PROBE FOR DA TERMINATION DATE AND, IF APPROPRIATE, FOR THE STA PREVIOUS UNIONS. | JANUARY 2000. ENTER 'X' LIVING WITH A MAN, AND ENTER 'O' NCE JANUARY 2000. <br> E WHEN CURRENT UNION STARTED AND, F ANY PREVIOUS UNIONS. <br> HEN LAST UNION STARTED AND FOR NG AND TERMINATION DATES OF ANY |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 614 | NOT ASKED OR <br> NOT WIDOWED <br> WIDOWED |  |  | 617 |
| 615 | CHECK 610. MARRIED MORETHAN ONCE$\square$$\quad$ MARRIED $\square$ ONLY ONCE $\square$ |  |  | 619 |
| 616 | How did your previous marriage or union end? | DEATH/WIDOWHOOD ........  <br> DIVORCE/SEPARATION  1 <br> I. . . . . . 2  |  | $\rightarrow 619$ |
| 617 | To whom did most of your late husband's property go? |  |  | $\rightarrow 619$ |
| 618 | Did you receive any of your late husband's assets or valuables? | YES NO |  |  |
| 619 | CHECK FOR THE PRESENCE OF OTHERS. <br> BEFORE CONTINUING, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE PRIVACY. |  |  |  |
| 620 | 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? | NEVER . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 00 <br> AGE IN YEARS $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> FIRST TIME WHEN STARTED LIVING WITH (FIRST) HUSBAND/PARTNER . ................ 95 |  | $\begin{array}{r} \longrightarrow 622 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ 622 \end{array}$ |
| 621 | Do you intend to wait until you get married to have sexual intercourse for the first time? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  | $\longrightarrow 647$ |
| 622 | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { CHECK 107: } \begin{array}{r} 25-49 \\ \text { YEARS OLD } \\ \square \end{array} \quad \square \quad \text { YEARS OLD } \end{array}$ |  |  | $\rightarrow 627$ |
| 623 | The first time you had sexual intercourse, was a condom used? |  |  |  |
| 624 | How old was the person you first had sexual intercourse with? |  |  | $\longrightarrow 627$ |
| 625 | Was this person older than you, younger than you, or about the same age as you? |  |  |  |
| 626 | 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 . 2 <br> OLDER, UNSURE HOW MUCH $\ldots$ 3 |  |  |
| 627 | 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. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} \\ \longrightarrow 629 \\ \longrightarrow 641 \end{aligned}$ |


|  |  | LAST SEXUAL PARTNER | SECOND-TO-LAST SEXUAL PARTNER | THIRD-TO-LAST SEXUAL PARTNER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 628 | When was the last time you had sexual intercourse with this (second or third) person? |  | DAYS MONTHS . YEARS $\square$ | DAYS MONTHS . YEARS $\square$ |
| 629 | The last time you had sexual intercourse with this (second/ third) person, was a condom used? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 631$)$  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 631 )  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ (SKIP TO 631 ) |
| 630 | What was the main reason you used a condom on that occasion? | PREVENT STD/HIV . . 1 PREVENT <br> PREGNANCY PREVENT BOTH $\quad 3$ PARTNER INSISTED 4 OTHER $\qquad$ 6 <br> (SPECIFY) DON'T KNOW | PREVENT STD/HIV . . 1 PREVENT <br> PREGNANCY ... 2 <br> PREVENT BOTH ... 3 <br> PARTNER INSISTED 4 OTHER $\qquad$ DON'T KNOW | PREVENT STD/HIV . . 1 PREVENT <br> PREGNANCY ... 2 <br> PREVENT BOTH ... 3 <br> PARTNER INSISTED 4 OTHER $\qquad$ $\qquad$ DON'T KNOW |
| 631 | The last time you had sexual intercourse with this (second/ third) person, did you or this person drink alcohol? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ <br> $($ SKIP TO 633$)$ | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 633 )  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 633 )  |
| 632 | Were you or your partner drunk at that time? <br> IF YES: Who was drunk? |    <br> RESPNDNT ONLY 1  <br> PARTNER ONLY . 2 <br> RESPONDENT AND   <br> PARTNER BOTH. 3  <br> NEITHER $\ldots . . . .$. 4 | RESPNDNT ONLY 1  <br> PARTNER ONLY .. 2 <br> RESPONDENT AND   <br> PARTNER BOTH. 3  <br> NEITHER $\ldots . . . .$. 4 |    <br> RESPNDNT ONLY 1  <br> PARTNER ONLY . 2 <br> RESPONDENT AND   <br> PARTNER BOTH. 3  <br> NEITHER ....... 4 |
| 633 | What was your relationship to this person with whom you had sexual intercourse? <br> IF RESPONDENT IS GIRLFRIEND: <br> Were you living together as if married? <br> IF YES, CIRCLE '02' <br> IF NO, CIRCLE '03' |  |  |  |
| 634 | For how long (have you had/did you have) sexual relations with this person? <br> IF ONLY HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH THIS PERSON ONCE, RECORD '01' DAYS. | DAYS MONTHS YEARS $\square$ | DAYS MONTHS <br> YEARS | DAYS MONTHS YEARS |
| 635 | CHECK 107: | $\begin{array}{lc} 15-24 & \begin{array}{r} 25-49 \\ \text { Y. OLD } \\ \square \\ \square \end{array} \\ \text { (SKIP TO } 639) \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 636 | How old is this person? | AGE OF PARTNER (SKIP TO 639) $\square$ DONTKNOW ..... 98 DON'T KNOW | AGE OF PARTNER (SKIP TO 639) $\square$ DON'T KNOW ..... 98 | AGE OF PARTNER $\square$ (SKIP TO 639) DON'T KNOW |
| 637 | Is this person older than you, younger than you, or about the same age? | OLDER $\ldots \ldots$. 1 <br> YOUNGER $\ldots .$. 2 <br> SAME AGE $\ldots$. 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots$ 8 <br> (SKIP TO 639$)$  | OLDER $\ldots \ldots$. 1 <br> YOUNGER $\ldots .$. 2 <br> SAME AGE $\ldots .$. 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots$ 8 <br> (SKIP TO 639)  | OLDER $\ldots \ldots$. 1 <br> YOUNGER $\ldots .$. 2 <br> SAME AGE $\ldots .$. 3 <br> DON'T KNOW ... 8 <br> (SKIP TO 639)  |
| 638 | 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 . 1 LESS THAN TEN <br> YEARS OLDER . 2 OLDER, UNSURE HOW MUCH ... 3 | TEN OR MORE <br> YEARS OLDER . 1 LESS THAN TEN <br> YEARS OLDER . 2 OLDER, UNSURE HOW MUCH ... 3 | TEN OR MORE <br> YEARS OLDER . 1 LESS THAN TEN <br> YEARS OLDER . 2 OLDER, UNSURE HOW MUCH ... 3 |
| 639 | Apart from [this person/these two people], have you had sexual intercourse with any other person in the last 12 months? |  | YES ............. (GO BACK TO 628) IN NEXT COLUMN) NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ (SKIP TO 641 ) |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 640 | 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 |  |
| 641 | In total, how many different people have you had sexual intercourse with in your lifetime? <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. IF NUMBER OF PARTNERS IS GREATER THAN 95, WRITE '95.' | NUMBER OF PARTNERS IN LIFETIME $\qquad$ $\square$ DON'T KNOW |  |
| 642 | CHECK 629 COLUMN 1 (CONDOM USE WITH LAST SEXUAL P <br> NO OR <br> YES $\square$ BLANK | TNER) | 647 |
| 643 | You told me you used a condom the last time you had sexual intercourse. <br> What brand of condom did you use that time? |  |  |
| 644 | How many condoms did you (your spouse/partner) get that time? | NUMBER <br> DON'T KNOW <br> 98 |  |
| 645 | How much did the condom(s) cost? |  |  |
| 646 | From where was the condom obtained? <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. |  | $651$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 647 | CHECK 301 (07) KNOWS MALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO |  | 651 |
| 648 | Do you know of any place where a person can get a male condom? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 651$ |
| 649 | Where is that? <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. <br> (NAME OF PLACE(S)) <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 650 | If you wanted to, could you yourself get a male condom? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 651 | CHECK 301 (08) KNOWS FEMALE CONDOM <br> YES NO |  | 701 |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 652 | Do you know of any place where a person can get a female condom? |  | $\longrightarrow 701$ |
| 653 | Where is that? <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. <br> (NAME OF PLACE(S)) <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 654 | If you wanted to, could you yourself get a female condom? |  |  |

SECTION 7. FERTILITY PREFERENCES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 701 | CHECK 311/311A: <br> HE OR SHE STERILIZED |  | 713 |
| 702 | CHECK 226: |  | $\longrightarrow 704$ $\longrightarrow 713$ $\longrightarrow 709$ $\longrightarrow 708$ |
| 703 | CHECK 226: |  |  |
| 704 | CHECK 226 <br> NOT PREGNANT <br> PREGNANT OR UNSURE |  | $\rightarrow 709$ |
| 705 | CHECK 310: | V | $\rightarrow 713$ |
| 706 | CHECK 703: <br> NOT <br> 24 OR MORE MONTHS <br> ASKED OR 02 OR MORE YEARS | 23 MONTHS 00-01 YEAR $\square$ | $\longrightarrow 709$ |


| 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: | YES, <br> TLY USING | $\longrightarrow 713$ |
| 709 | Do you think you will use a contraceptive method to delay or avoid pregnancy at any time in the future? |  | $\rightarrow 711$ |
| 710 | Which contraceptive method would you prefer to use? | FEMALE STERILIZATION $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$   <br> MALE STERILIZATION $\ldots$ $\ldots$ $\ldots$  | $[]^{\square}$ |


| 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? |  |  |
| 712 | Would you ever use a contraceptive method if you were married? |  |  |
| 713 | CHECK 216: <br> HAS LIVING CHILDREN 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. |  | $\longrightarrow 715$ <br> $\longrightarrow 715$ |
| 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? |   YES NO   <br> RADIO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2   <br> TELEVISION $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2   <br> NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE 1 2   |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 716 | CHECK 601: |  | $\rightarrow 722$ |
| 717 | CHECK 311/311A: <br> NEITHER CODE B, G, <br> CODE B, G, OR L <br> NOR L CIRCLED, <br> CIRCLED <br> BUT ANY OTHER <br> CODE(S) <br> NO CODE <br> CIRCLED CIRCLED |  | $\begin{aligned} & 719 \\ & 721 \end{aligned}$ |
| 718 | Does your husband/partner know that you are using a method of family planning? |  | $\rightarrow 720$ |
| 719 | Would you say that using contraception is mainly your decision, mainly your husband's decision, or did you both decide together? |  |  |
| 720 | CHECK 311/311A: <br> HE OR SHE STERILIZED |  | $\rightarrow 722$ |
| 721 | 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? |  |  |
| 722 | 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 sexually transmitted disease? She knows her husband has sex with other women? She is tired or not in the mood? |  YES NO   DK <br> HAS STD $\ldots \ldots \ldots .$. 1 2 8  <br> OTHER WOMEN $\ldots \ldots .$. 1 2 8  <br> TIRED/NOT IN MOOD . 1 2 8 |  |
| 723 | When a wife knows her husband has a sexually transmitted disease, is she justified in asking that he use a condom? |  |  |
| 724 | CHECK 601: <br> CURRENTLY MARRIED/ NOT IN UNION <br> LIVING WITH A MAN | $\square$ | $\rightarrow 801$ |
| 725 | Can you say no to your husband/partner if you do not want to have sexual intercourse? |  |  |
| 726 | Could you ask your husband/partner to use a condom it you wanted him to? |  |  |

SECTION 8. HUSBAND'S BACKGROUND AND WOMAN'S WORK

| 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\begin{tabular}{\|l|l|}
\hline
\end{tabular} |  |
| 803 | Did your (last) husband/partner ever attend school? |  | $\longrightarrow 806$ |
| 804 | What was the highest level of school he attended: primary, secondary, or higher? |  | $\longrightarrow 806$ |
| 805 | What was the highest (grade/form/year) he completed at that level? |  |  |
| 806 | CHECK 801: |  |  |
| 807 | Aside from your own housework, have you done any work in the last seven days? |  | $\longrightarrow 811$ |
| 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. <br> In the last seven days, have you done any of these things or any other work? |  | $\longrightarrow 811$ |
| 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 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 811$ |
| 810 | Have you done any work in the last 12 months? |  | $\longrightarrow 818$ |
| 811 | What is your occupation, that is, what kind of work do you mainly do? |  |  |
| 812 | CHECK 811: <br> WORKS IN <br> DOES NOT WORK AGRICULTURE IN AGRICULTURE $\square$ |  | $\rightarrow 814$ |
| 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 $\ldots \ldots \ldots .$. 1 <br> FOR SOMEONE ELSE $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> SELF-EMPLOYED $\ldots \ldots . . .$. 3 |  |
| 815 | Do you usually work at home or away from home? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 816 | Do you usually work throughout the year, or do you work seasonally, or only once in a while? | THROUGHOUT THE YEAR SEASONALLY/PART OF THE YEAR 2 ONCE IN A WHILE |  |
| 817 | Are you paid in cash or kind for this work or are you not paid at all? | CASH ONLY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> CASH AND KIND $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> IN KIND ONLY $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$ | $\xrightarrow{\rightarrow} 823$ |
| 818 |  |  | $\rightarrow 824$ |
| 819 | CHECK 817: CODE 1 OR 2 CIRCLED <br> OTHER |  | 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? |  | $\rightarrow 823$ |
| 822 | Who decides how your husband's/partner's earnings will be used: mainly you, mainly your husband/partner, or you and your husband/partner jointly? |  |  |
| 823 | Who usually makes the following decisions: mainly you, mainly your husband/partner, you and you husband/partner jointly, or someone else? <br> Who usually makes decisions about health care for yourself? <br> Who usually makes decisions about making major household purchases? <br> Who usually makes decisions about making purchases for daily household needs? <br> Who usually makes decisions about visits to your family or relatives? | RESPONDENT = 1 <br> HUSBAND/PARTNER = 2 <br> RESPONDENT \& HUSBAND/PARTNER JOINTLY $=3$ <br> SOMEONE ELSE $=4$ <br> OTHER $=5$ |  |
| 824 | PRESENCE OF OTHERS AT THIS POINT (PRESENT AND LISTENING, PRESENT BUT NOT LISTENING, OR NOT PRESENT) |   PRES/ PRES/ NOT  <br>   LISTEN. NOT PRES <br> LISTEN.     |  |
| 825 | Now I would like your opinion about married couples. Sometimes a husband is annoyed or angered by things that his wife does. In your opinion, is a husband justified in hitting or beating his wife in the following situations: <br> If she goes out without telling him? <br> If she neglects the children? <br> If she argues with him? <br> If she refuses to have sex with him? <br> If she burns the food? |   YES NO DK  <br>       <br> GOES OUT $\ldots \ldots .$. 1 2 8   <br> NEGL. CHILDREN $\ldots$ 1 2 8  <br> ARGUES $\ldots . . . . .$. 1 2 8   <br> REFUSES SEX $\ldots .$. 1 2 8  <br> BURNS FOOD $\ldots .$. 1 2 8  |  |

SECTION 9. HIVIAIDS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 901 | Now I would like to talk about something else. Have you ever heard of HIV or an illness called AIDS? |  | $\rightarrow 1001$ |
| 902 | Can people reduce their chances of getting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, by having just one sex partner who is not infected and who has no other partners? |  |  |
| 903 | Can people get HIV from mosquito bites? |  |  |
| 904 | Can people reduce their chances of getting HIV by using a condom every time they have sex? |  |  |
| 905 | Can people get HIV by sharing food with a person who has AIDS? |  |  |
| 906 | Can people reduce their chance of getting HIV by abstaining from sexual intercourse? |  |  |
| 907 | Can people get HIV because of witchcraft or other supernatural means? |  |  |
| 908 | Is there anything (else) a person can do to avoid or reduce the chances of getting HIV? |  | $\longrightarrow 910$ |
| 909 | What can a person do? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL WAYS MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 910 | Do you think your risk of getting infected with HIV is low, medium or high, or do you have no risk at all? |  |  |
| 911 | Is it possible for a healthy-looking person to have HIV? |  |  |
| 912 | Can HIV be transmitted from a mother to her baby: <br> During pregnancy? <br> During delivery? <br> By breastfeeding? |   YES NO DK <br> DURING PREG. $\ldots \ldots$. 1 2 8  <br> DURING DELIVERY $\ldots$ 1 2 8 <br> BREASTFEEDING $\ldots$ 1 2 8 |  |



| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 928 | 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 $\ldots \ldots . .$. 1  <br> OFFERED AND ACCEPTED $\ldots .$. 2 <br> REQUIRED $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ 3  |  |
| 929 | Did you get the results of the test? |  |  |
| 930 | 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. |  |  |
| 931 | CHECK 921 AND 929: GOT THE RESULTS OF HIV TEST <br> YES $\square$ | NO | $\rightarrow 936$ |
| 932 | Did you tell your husband/partner the result of your test? |  | $] \rightarrow 936$ |
| 933 | What is the main reason you have not been tested for HIV? | CAN'T AFFORD IT $\qquad$ DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO ..... 02 TESTING SITE DIFFICULT TO GET TO 03 AFRAID OF TEST RESULT .......... 04 FATALISTIC/NOTHING CAN BE DONE 05 CONCERNED ABOUT <br> CONFIDENTIALIT. . . . . . . . . . . . . 06 <br> NO RISK/NOT SEXUALLY ACTIVE 07 OTHER $\qquad$ 96 | $\rightarrow 936$ |
| 934 | Do you know of a place where people can go to get tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS? |  | $\rightarrow 936$ |
| 935 | Where is that? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. <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. <br> (NAME OF PLACE(S)) <br> Any other place? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 936 | CHECK 601: CURRENTLY MARITAL STATUS CURRENTLY MARRIED/ LIVING WITH A MAN $\square$ | HER | $\longrightarrow 939$ |
| 937 | Did your husband/partner ever have a test for HIV? |  | $\xrightarrow[\longrightarrow]{\longrightarrow} 939$ |
| 938 | Did he tell you the result of his test? |  |  |
| 939 | Would you buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor if you knew that this person had HIV? |  |  |
| 940 | If a member of your family got infected with HIV, would you want others to know about it? |  |  |
| 941 | If a relative of yours became sick with HIV, would you be willing to care for her or him in your own household? |  |  |
| 942 | If a female teacher has HIV 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 $\ldots . . .$. 8 |  |
| 942A | If a male teacher has HIV but is not sick, should he be allowed to continue teaching in the school? | SHOULD BE ALLOWED $\ldots \ldots . . .$. 1 <br> SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED $\ldots \ldots$. 2 <br> DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS $\ldots \ldots .$. 8 |  |
| 943 | Do you personally know someone who has been denied health services in the last 12 months because he or she is suspected to have HIV or AIDS? |  | $\longrightarrow 948$ |
| 944 | 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 HIV or AIDS? |  |  |
| 945 | 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 HIV or AIDS? |  |  |
| 946 | CHECK 943, 944, AND 945 <br> OTHER |  | $\rightarrow 948$ |
| 947 | Do you personally know someone who is suspected to have HIV or who has AIDS? |  |  |
| 948 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People with HIV should be ashamed of themselves. |  |  |
| 949 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People with HIV should be blamed for bringing the disease into the community. |  |  |
| 950 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In a marriage, it is possible for one partner to be infected with HIV and the other person not be infected. |  |  |
| 951 | Should children age 12-14 be taught about using a condom to avoid HIV infection? |  |  |
| 952 | Should children age 12-14 be taught to wait until they get married to have sexual intercourse in order to avoid HIV infection? |  |  |

SECTION 10. OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1001 |  | YES $1$ <br> NO $2$ |  |
| 1002 |  |  | $\longrightarrow 1010$ |
| 1003 |  | UT <br> ED $\square$ <br> CT | $\rightarrow 1005$ |
| 1004 | 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? |  |  |
| 1005 | Sometimes women experience a bad smelling abnormal genital discharge. <br> During the last 12 months, have you had a bad-smelling, abnormal genital discharge? |  |  |
| 1006 | Sometimes women have a genital sore or ulcer. <br> During the last 12 months, have you had a genital sore or ulcer? |  |  |
| 1007 |  <br> HAS NOT HAD AN INFECTION OR DOES NOT KNOW |  | $\rightarrow 1010$ |
| 1008 | The last time you had (PROBLEM FROM 1004/1005/1006), did you seek any kind of advice or treatment? |  | $\rightarrow 1010$ |
| 1009 | Where did you go? <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1010 | CHECK 901 AND 1001 <br> KNOWS ABOUT AIDS AND/OR OTHER STI |  | $\longrightarrow 1015$ |
| 1011 | CHECK 301 (07) KNOWS MALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO |  | $\longrightarrow 1013$ |
| 1012 | Some people use male condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. If a male condom is used correctly, do you think that it protects against these diseases most of the time, only sometimes, or not at all? |  |  |
| 1013 | CHECK 301 (08) KNOWS FEMALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO $\square$ |  | $\rightarrow 1015$ |
| 1014 | Some people use female condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. If a female condom is used correctly, do you think that it protects against these diseases most of the time, only sometimes, or not at all? |  |  |
| 1015 | Now I would like to ask some questions about medical care for 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> Having to take 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> Concern that there may not be drugs available. |   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 |  |
| 1016 | Do you have medical aid? |  | $\longrightarrow 1018$ |
| 1017 | What type of medical aid do you have? | PRIVATELY PURCHASED <br> BY INDIVIDUAL ...... ............. 1 <br> THROUGH EMPLOYER ONLY ..... 2 <br> PARTIALLY THROUGH EMPLOYER . 3 <br> NONE ............................... 4 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> DON'T KNOW/UNSURE <br> 8 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1018 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about any injections you have had in the last six months. Have you had an injection for any reason in the last six months? <br> IF YES: How many injections have you had? <br> IF NUMBER OF INJECTIONS IS GREATER THAN 94, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD ' 95 '. <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTIONS <br> NONE <br> 00 | $\longrightarrow 1022$ |
| 1019 | 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 94, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD ' 95 '. <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTIONS <br> NONE <br> 00 | $\longrightarrow 1022$ |
| 1020 | The last time you had an injection given to you by a health worker, where did you go to get the injection? |  |  |
| 1021 | Did the person who gave you that injection take the syringe and needle from a new, unopened package? |  |  |
| 1022 | Do you currently smoke cigarettes? | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } & \ldots & \text {. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \\ \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . } \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 1024$ |
| 1023 | In the last 24 hours, how many cigarettes did you smoke? | CIGARETTES .............. |  |
| 1024 | Do you currently smoke or use any other type of tobacco? |  | $\longrightarrow 1026$ |
| 1025 | What (other) type of tobacco do you currently smoke or use? <br> PROBE: Any other? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 1026 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about tuberculosis. <br> Have you ever heard of an illness called tuberculosis or TB? |  | $\longrightarrow 1101$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1027 | How does tuberculosis spread from one person to another? <br> PROBE: Any other ways? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 1028 | Can tuberculosis be cured? |  |  |
| 1029 | If a member of your family got tuberculosis, would you want others to know about it? |  |  |

Section 11: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE




| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1120A | CHECK 201, 226 and 229: EVER BEEN PREGNANT/GIVEN <br> YES $\square$ NO | BIRTH $\square$ | $\rightarrow 1123$ |
| 1121 | Has any one ever hit, slapped, kicked, or done anything else to hurt you physically while you were pregnant? |  | $\rightarrow 1123$ |
| 1122 | Who has done any of these things to physically hurt you while you were pregnant? <br> Anyone else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 1123 | CHECK 620: EVER HAD SEX? <br> HAS EVER NEVER HAD SEX HAD SEX |  | 1128 |
| 1124 | The first time you had sexual intercourse, would you say that you had it because you wanted to, or because you were forced to have it against your will? |  |  |
| 1125 | CHECK 601 AND 602: <br> EVER MARRIED/LIVED <br> WITH A MAN <br> In the last 12 months, has anyone other than your (current/last) husband/ partner forced you to have sexual intercourse against your will? <br> NEVER MARRIED/ NEVER LIVED WITH A MAN <br> In the last 12 months has anyone forced you to have sexual intercourse against your will? |  |  |
| 1126 | CHECK 1124 AND 1125: $\begin{array}{r} 1124=\text { ='1' OR '3' } \\ \text { AND } 1125=\text { ='2' OR '3' } \end{array}$ |  | 1129 |
| 1127 | CHECK 1106A(g) and 1106A(h): <br> $1106 \mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{~g})$ IS NOT ' 1 ' AND $1106 \mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{~h})$ IS NOT ' 1 ' <br> OTHER |  | 1131 |
| 1128 | At any time in your life, as a child or as an adult, has anyone ever forced you in any way to have sexual intercourse or perform any other sexual acts? |  | $\xrightarrow{\rightarrow} 1131$ |
| 1129 | How old were you the first time you were forced to have sexual intercourse or perform any other sexual acts? | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS DON'T KNOW |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1130 | Who was the person who forced you at that time? |  |  |
| 1131 | CHECK1106A (a-h), 1117a-b, 1125 AND 1128: |  | 1136 |
| 1132 | Have you ever tried to seek help to stop (the/these) person(s) from doing this to you again? |  | $\rightarrow 1134$ |
| 1133 | From whom have you sought help? <br> Anyone else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 1134 | What is the main reason you did not seek help? |  |  |
| 1135 | Have you ever told any one else about this? |  |  |
| 1136 | As far as you know, did your father ever beat your mother? |  |  |

THANK THE RESPONDENT FOR HER COOPERATION AND REASSURE HER ABOUT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HER ANSWERS. FILL OUT THE QUESTIONS BELOW WITH REFERENCE TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MODULE ONLY.

| 1137 | DID YOU HAVE TO INTERRUPT THE INTERVIEW BECAUSE SOME ADULT WAS TRYING TO LISTEN, OR CAME INTO THE ROOM, OR INTERFERED IN ANY OTHER WAY? |  | YES, MORE THAN ONCE $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { NO } \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1138 | INTERVIEWER'S COMMENTS / EXPLANATION FOR NOT COMPLETING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MODULE |  |  |  |

SECTION 12. MATERNAL AND ADULT MORTALITY



| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ANTHROPOMETRY |  |  |  |
| 1301 | RECORD WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS. | WEIGHT |  |
| 1302 | RECORD HEIGHT IN CENTIMETERS. | HEIGHT |  |
| 1303 | RECORD RESULT FOR ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENT. <br> (SPECIFY) |  |  |


| CONSENT FOR ANAEMIA AND HIV TESTS FOR NEVER-MARRIED YOUTH AGE 15-17 <br> ASK CONSENT FOR THE ANEMIA AND HIV TESTS. FOR NEVER-IN-UNION RESPONDENTS AGE 15-17, YOU MUST FIRST OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF A PARENT OR OTHER ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE YOUTH AT THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1304 | CHECK 106: AGE <br> AGE 15-17 | $18-49$ | $\rightarrow 1310$ |
| 1305 | CHECK 601 AND 602: RESPONDENT NEVER EVER-MARRIED AND N | VER LIVED TOGETHER WITH A MAN $\square$ | $\longrightarrow 1310$ |
| 1306 | CHECK HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE (COLUMN 1) AND RECORD LINE NUMBER OF THE PARENT OR OTHER ADULT FROM WHOM CONSENT WILL BE REQUESTED. <br> IF PARENT OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE ADULT IS NOT IN A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, WRITE "00" | LINE NUMBER OF PARENT/OTHER ADULT $\qquad$ |  |
| 1307 | READ THE ANAEMIA CONSENT STATEMENT TO <br> THE PARENT OR ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD. <br> As part of this survey, we are trying to find out more about anaemia, that is, low blood levels, in men, women, and children. <br> To know more about this problem in Zimbabwe, we are asking people in this survey all over the country to take a test. For the test, I will take a few drops of blood from (NAME OF ADOLECENT'S) finger. <br> The test uses clean and completely safe equipment that is used only once and then thrown away. The blood will be tested with new equipment. The result will be given to (NAME) right after the test is done. We will not tell anyone else the results of the test. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it will help the country to develop programs to fight the problem of anaemia. <br> Do you agree that (NAME) may give blood for the anaemia test? CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1308 | READ THE HIV CONSENT STATEMENT TO <br> THE PARENT OR ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD. <br> We are also asking people in this survey to help us find out how big the HIV problem is in Zimbabwe. We would like (NAME OF ADOLESCENT) to take part in the HIV test by allowing us to collect a few more drops of blood from her finger. <br> This blood will be tested later in the laboratory. We will not keep any name with the blood. Because there will be no name with the blood when it is tested, we will not be able to give (NAME) the result of the test and no one will be able to trace the test back to (NAME). <br> If (NAME) wants to know her HIV status, I can tell (NAME) where to go to get tested for HIV. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it will help the country to develop programs to fight the problem of HIV and AIDS. <br> Do you agree that (NAME) may give blood for the HIV test? CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 1310$ |
| 1309 | READ THE BLOOD STORAGE CONSENT STATEMENT TO THE PARENT OR ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD. <br> Some of the blood that (NAME) gives may be left after the HIV test. We would like to keep that blood at the laboratory to use for other tests later on. <br> Again, you can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it may help the country later to develop programs to fight HIV/AIDS and other health problems. <br> Will you agree that we do other tests on (NAME'S) blood later? <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN <br> FURTHER DISCUSS STORAGE PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  |  |

RESPONDENT CONSENT FOR ANAEMIA AND HIV TESTS
ASK CONSENT FOR THE ANEMIA AND HIV TESTS FROM RESPONDENT. FOR NEVER-IN-UNION RESPONDENTS AGE 15-17, ASK FOR CONSENT ONLY IF PARENT OR OTHER ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE YOUTH AT THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT HAS GRANTED CONSENT OR THE PARENT OR OTHER ADULT WAS NOT PRSENT.


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1312 | READ THE ANAEMIA CONSENT STATEMENT TO <br> THE RESPONDENT. <br> As part of this survey, we are trying to find out more about anaemia, that is, low blood levels, in men, women, and children. <br> To know more about this problem in Zimbabwe, we are asking people in this survey all over the country to take a test. For the test, I will take a few drops of blood from your finger. <br> The test uses clean and completely safe equipment that is used only once and then thrown away. The blood will be tested with new equipment. The result will be given to you right after the test is done. We will not tell anyone else the results of the test. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it will help the country to develop programs to fight the problem of anaemia. <br> Do you agree to give blood for the anaemia test? <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. | CONSENT $\qquad$ (SIGN) <br> REFUSED |  |
| 1313 | CHECK 1304 AND 1305: RESPONDENT'S AGE AND UNION STATUS $\begin{array}{r} \text { AGE 15-17 } \\ \text { AND } \\ \end{array}$ |  | $\longrightarrow 1315$ |
| 1314 | CHECK 1308: PARENTAL/ADULT CONSENT FOR HIV TEST | PARENT/ ADULT FUSED | $\rightarrow 1317$ |
| 1315 | READ THE HIV CONSENT STATEMENT TO THE RESPONDENT. <br> We are also asking people in this survey to help us find out how big the HIV problem is in Zimbabwe. We would like you to take part in the HIV test by allowing us to collect a few more drops of blood from your finger. <br> This blood will be tested later in the laboratory. We will not keep any name with the blood. Because there will be no name with the blood when it is tested, we will not be able to give you the result of the test and no one will be able to trace the test back to you. <br> If you want to know your HIV status, I can tell you where to go to get tested for HIV. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it will help the country to develop programs to fight the problem of HIV and AIDS. <br> Do you agree to give blood for the HIV test? <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN <br> FURTHER DISCUSS HIV TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  | $\longrightarrow 1317$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1316 | READ THE BLOOD STORAGE CONSENT STATEMENT TO THE RESPONDENT. <br> Some of the blood that you give may be left after the HIV test. We would like to keep that blood at the laboratory to use for other tests later on. <br> Again, you can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it may help the country later to develop programs to fight HIV/AIDS and other health problems. <br> Will you agree that we do other tests on your blood later? CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN <br> FURTHER DISCUSS STORAGE PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  |  |
| 1317 | May I provide you with an informational brochure about voluntary HIV testing from the nearest facility offering VCT? <br> PROVIDE BROCURE TO ALL RESPONDENTS WHO WANT IT. |  |  |
| 1318 | CHECK 1307, 1308, 1312 AND 1315 AND INDICATE THE TESTS FOR WHICH CONSENT HAS BEEN GRANTED. <br> IF BOTH REFUSED, COMPLETE QUESTIONS 1320 AND 1322. |  |  |
| 1319 | FOR ALL RESPONDENTS WHERE CONSENT WAS OBTAINED, FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR PASTING THE BAR CODE LABELS AND TAKING THE DBS SPECIMEN. | PASTE FIRST LABEL HERE |  |
|  |  | PASTE SECOND LABEL ON FILTER PAPER PASTE THIRD LABEL ON BLOOD TRANSMITTAL FORM. |  |
| 1320 | OUTCOME OF HIV TEST |  |  |
| 1321 | RECORD HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL | G/DL $\square$ . |  |
| 1322 | OUTCOME OF ANAEMIA TEST | BLOOD SPECIMEN COLLECTED 1 <br> REFUSED $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> ABSENT $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 3 <br> TECHNICAL PROBLEM $\ldots \ldots \ldots$. 4 <br> OTHER $\ldots$  <br>   | $1326$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1323 | CHECK 226 <br> RECORD IF RESPONDENT IS CURRENTLY PREGNANT OR OR NOT. | WOMAN PREGNANT . . . . . . . . . . . . 1WOMAN NOT PREGNANT/NOT SURE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 1324 | CHECK 1321: THE CUTOFF POINT IS 9 G/DL FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND 7 G/DL FOR WOMEN WHO ARE NOT PREGNANT (OR WHO DON'T KNOW IF THEY ARE PREGNANT). <br> HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL <br> HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL <br> BELOW THE CUTOFF POINT <br> AT OR ABOVE <br> CUTOFF <br> GIVE EACH WOMAN/PARENT/RESPONSIBLE ADULT <br> GIVE EACH WOMAN/PARENT/RESPONSIBLE ADULT <br> RESULT OF HEMOGLOBIN MEASUREMENT AND <br> RESULT OF HEMOGLOBIN MEASUREMENT CONTINUE WITH 1325. <br> AND PROCEED TO 1326. |  |  |
| 1325 | We detected a low level of hemoglobin in your blood. This indic serious health problem. We would like to inform the clinic at $\qquad$ assist you in obtain help. <br> AGREES TO REFERRAL? YES $\qquad$ <br> NO $\qquad$ | have developed severe anaemia, which is $\qquad$ about your condition. This w $\begin{aligned} & \ldots \\ & \ldots \\ & \ldots \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1326 | THANK THE RESPONDENT. |  |  |

## COMMENTS ABOUT RESPONDENT:

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COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:
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$\qquad$

ANY OTHER COMMENTS:
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SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS
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## NAME OF THE SUPERVISOR:

DATE: $\qquad$

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS
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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
3 PILL
4 IUD
5 INJECTION
6 IMPLANT
7 MALE CONDOM
8 FEMALE CONDOM
9 DIAPHRAGM
J FOAM/JELLY
K LACTATIONAL AMEN. METHOD
L RHYTHM METHOD
M WITHDRAWAL
X OTHER
(SPECIFY)
COL. 2: SOURCE OF CONTRACEPTION
1 GOVT. HOSPITAL/CLINIC
2 RURAL/MUNICIPAL CLINIC
3 RURAL HEALTH CENTRE
4 ZNFPC CLINIC
5 MOH MOBILE CLINIC
6 ZNFPC CBD/DEPOT HOLDER
7 OTHER PUBLIC
(SPECIFY)
8 MISSION FACILITY
A PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC
B PHARMACY
C PRIVATE DOCTOR
D GENERAL DEALER
E SUPERMARKET
F TUCK SHOP
G SERVICE STATION
H OTHER RETAIL
OTHER PRIVATE
MEDICAL
(SPECIFY)
K CHURCH
L FRIEND/RELATIVE
X OTHER
(SPECIFY)
COL. 3: DISCONTINUATION OF CONTRACEPTIVE USE
0 INFREQUENT SEX/HUSBAND AWAY
1 BECAME PREGNANT WHILE USING
2 WANTED TO BECOME PREGNANT
3 HUSBAND/PARTNER DISAPPROVED
4 WANTED MORE EFFECTIVE METHOD
5 HEALTH CONCERNS
6 SIDE EFFECTS
7 LACK OF ACCESS/TOO FAR
8 COSTS TOO MUCH
9 INCONVENIENT TO USE
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


Appendix E

CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE



## INTRODUCTION AND CONSENT

| INFORMED CONSENT |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Hello. My name is $\qquad$ and I am working with the Central Statistical Office. We are conducting a national survey about the health of men, women and children. We would very much appreciate your participation in this survey. I would like to ask you some questions related to 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. |  |
| Participation in this survey is voluntary and you can choose not to answer any individual question or all of the questions. However, we hope that you will participate in this survey since your views are important. |  |
| At this time, do you want to ask me anything about the survey? May I begin the interview now? |  |
| Signature of interviewer: |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { RESPONDENT AGREES TO BE INTERVIEWED } \ldots \\ & \\ & \\ & \downarrow\end{aligned}$ | $2 \rightarrow$ END |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | RECORD THE TIME. | HOUR <br> MINUTES |  |  |
| 102 | How long have you been living continuously in (NAME OF CURRENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE)? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE MONTH, RECORD 'OO' MONTHS. |  |   <br>   <br>   | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 104$ |
| 103 | Just before you moved here, where did you live? RECORD NAME AND CODE TYPE OF AREA. PROBE: Is that a city, town, communal land or resettlement area? <br> NAME OF PLACE | CITY <br> TOWN <br> COMMUNAL LAND <br> RESETTLEMENT AREA <br> OTHER RURAL AREA <br> ABROAD | $\begin{array}{ll} . & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots & 3 \\ \cdots & 4 \\ \ldots & 5 \\ \ldots & 6 \end{array}$ |  |
| 104 | In the last 12 months, on how many separate occasions have you traveled away from your home community and slept away? | NUMBER OF TRIPS AWAY <br> NONE |  | $\longrightarrow 106$ |
| 105 | In the last 12 months, have you been away from your home community for more than 1 month at a time? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 106 | In what month and year were you born? | MONTH <br> DON'T KNOW MONTH <br> YEAR <br> DON'T KNOW YEAR |   <br>  98 <br>   <br>   |  |
| 107 | How old were you at your last birthday? <br> COMPARE AND CORRECT 105 AND/OR 106 IF INCONSISTENT. | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS |  |  |
| 108 | Have you ever attended school? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text {. } & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 112$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 109 | What is the highest level of school you attended? | PRIMARY <br> SECONDARY <br> HIGHER <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 5 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 110 | What is the highest grade (number of years) you completed at that level? | GRADE |  |  |
| 111 | CHECK 109: <br> PRIMARY <br> SECONDARY OR HIGHER |  |  | $\rightarrow 115$ |
| 112 | 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 ABLE TO READ ONLY PARTS OF SENTENCE <br> ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE NO CARD WITH REQUIRED LANGUAGE (SPECIFY LANGUAGE) BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED | 1 <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 5 |  |
| 113 | Have you ever participated in a literacy program or any other program that involves learning to read or write (not including primary school)? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 114 | CHECK 112: <br> CODE '2', '3' <br> CODE '1' OR '5' <br> OR '4' <br> CIRCLED $\square$ CIRCLED |  |  | $\rightarrow 116$ |
| 115 | Do you read a newspaper or magazine almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? | ALMOST EVERY DAY <br> AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK <br> LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK <br> NOT AT ALL | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 116 | Do you listen to the radio almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? | ALMOST EVERY DAY <br> AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK <br> LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK <br> NOT AT ALL | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 117 | Do you watch television almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? | ALMOST EVERY DAY <br> AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK <br> LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK <br> NOT AT ALL | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 118 | What is your religion? | TRADITIONAL <br> ROMAN CATHOLIC <br> PROTESTANT <br> PENTECOSTAL <br> APOSTOLIC SECT <br> OTHER CHRISTIAN <br> MUSLIM <br> NONE <br> OTHER <br> (SPECIFY) | $\begin{aligned} & 01 \\ & 02 \\ & 03 \\ & 04 \\ & 05 \\ & 06 \\ & 07 \\ & 08 \\ & 96 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 120$ |
| 119 | How often have you attended religious services in the past month? <br> RECORD '00' IF DID NOT ATTEND DURING MONTH. | NUMBER OF TIMES <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE | $98$ |  |
| 120 | Have you done any work in the last seven days? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 123$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 121 | 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, or any other such reason? | YES <br> NO |  | $\longrightarrow 123$ |
| 122 | Have you done any work in the last 12 months? | YES <br> NO |  | $\longrightarrow 201$ |
| 123 | What is your occupation, that is, what kind of work do you mainly do? |  |  |  |
| 124 | CHECK 123: <br> WORKS IN DOES NOT WORK <br> AGRICULTURE IN AGRICULTURE |  |  | $\rightarrow 126$ |
| 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? | OWN LAND <br> FAMILY LAND <br> RENTED LAND <br> SOMEONE ELSE'S LAND | 3 |  |
| 126 | Are you paid in cash or kind for the work you do, or are you not paid at all? | CASH ONLY <br> CASH AND KIND <br> IN KIND ONLY <br> NOT PAID | 3 4 |  |

SECTION 2. REPRODUCTION

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 201 | Now I would like to ask about any children you have had during your life. I am interested only in the children that are biologically yours. Have you ever fathered any children with any woman? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 202 | Do you have any sons or daughters that you have fathered who are now living with you? | YES <br> NO |  | $\rightarrow 204$ |
| 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? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 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 son or a daughter 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 <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 208$ |
| 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. <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | TOTAL CHILDREN |  |  |
| 209 | CHECK 208: | HAD $\square$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \longrightarrow 212 \\ \longrightarrow 213 \end{array}$ |
| 210 | Do the children that you have fathered all have the same biological mother? | YES NO |  | $\longrightarrow 212$ |
| 211 | In all, with how many women have you fathered children? | NUMBER OF WOMEN |  |  |
| 212 | How old were you when your (first) child was born? | AGE IN YEARS |  |  |
| 213 | Are you the primary care giver for any children? | YES <br> NO |  | $\longrightarrow 301$ |
| 214 | Are any of these children for whom you are the primary caregiver under the age of 18 ? | YES <br> NO |  | $\longrightarrow 301$ |
| 215 | 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 | 1 2 8 |  |

SECTION 3. CONTRACEPTION


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 303 | CHECK 302 (02): |  | 305A |
| 304 | Are you currently doing something or using any method with any partner to delay or avoid a pregnancy? |  | $\rightarrow 306$ |
| 305 | Which method are you or your partner using to delay or avoid a pregnancy? <br> Any other method (with any partner)? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. <br> CIRCLE 'B' FOR MALE STERILIZATION. |  |  |
| 306 | 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? |   YES NO  <br> RADIO $\quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 2  <br> TELEVISION $\ldots \ldots \ldots$. 1 2  <br> NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE 1 2  |  |
| 307 | In the last few months, have you discussed the practice of family planning with a health worker or health professional? |  |  |
| 308 | Now I would like to ask you about a woman's risk of pregnancy. 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 $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\ldots$1 <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 310$ |
| 309 | Is this time just before her period begins, during her period, right after her period has ended, or halfway between two periods? |  |  |
| 310 | Do you think that a woman who is breastfeeding her baby can become pregnant? |  |  |
| 311 | I will now read you some statements about contraception. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each one. <br> a) Contraception is women's business and a man should not have to worry about it. <br> b) Women who use contraception may become promiscuous. <br> c) A woman is the one who gets pregnant so she should be the one to use contraception. | DIS-   <br> AGREE AGREEDK  |  |
| 312 | CHECK 301 (07) KNOWS MALE CONDOM <br> YES NO $\square$ |  | 314 |
| 313 | If a male condom is used correctly, do you think that it protects against pregnancy most of the time, only sometimes, or not at all? |  |  |
| 314 | CHECK 301 (08) KNOWS FEMALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO |  | 401 |
| 315 | If a female condom is used correctly, do you think that it protects against pregnancy most of the time, only sometimes, or not at all? | MOST OF THE TIME . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . <br> 1 <br> SOMETIMES . . . . . . . . . . <br> DOES NOT PROTECT . . . . . . . |  |

SECTION 4. MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL ACTIVITY

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 401 | Are you currently married or living together with a woman as if married? | YES, CURRENTLY MARRIED $\ldots . . .$. 1 <br> YES, LIVING WITH A WOMAN $\ldots .$. 2 <br> NO, NOT IN UNION . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3  |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 404$ |
| 402 | Have you ever been married or lived together with a woman as if married? | YES, FORMERLY MARRIED $\ldots . .$. 1 <br> YES, LIVED WITH A WOMAN $\ldots$ . <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2  <br> NO   |  | $\rightarrow 413$ |
| 403 | What is your marital status now: are you widowed, divorced, or separated? | WIDOWED . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1DIVORCED . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 |  |  |
| 404 | Is your wife/partner living with you now or is she staying elsewhere? |  |  |  |
| 405 | Do you have more than one wife or do you have more than one woman with whom you are living as if married? |  |  | $\xrightarrow{\square} 410$ |
| 406 | Altogether, how many wives do you have or other partners do you live with now as if married? | TOTAL NUMBER OF WIVES AND LIVE-IN PARTNERS |  |  |
| 407 | CHECK 405: <br> ONE WIFE/ <br> PARTNER <br> Please tell me the name of your wife (the woman you are living with as if married). <br> MORE THAN ONE WIFE/ PARTNER <br> Please tell me the name of each of your current wives (and/or of each woman you are living with as if married). <br> RECORD THE NAME(S) AND THE LINE NUMBER(S) FROM THE HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE WIFE (WIVES) AND LIVE-IN PARTNER(S). <br> IF A WOMAN IS NOT LISTED IN THE HOUSEHOLD, RECORD '00'. <br> ASK 408 FOR EACH PERSON. | $\qquad$ LINE <br> NUMBER $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ | 408 How old was (NAME) on her last birthday? <br> AGE |  |
| 409 | CHECK 407: <br> MORE THAN <br> ONE WIFE/ <br> ONE WIFE/ <br> PARTNER PARTNER |  |  | $\rightarrow 411 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| 410 | Have you been married or lived with a woman only once or more than once? | ONLY ONCE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1MORE THAN ONCE $\quad 1$ |  | $\longrightarrow 411 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| 411 | In what month and year did you start living with your wife (partner)? | MONTH |  |  |
| 411B | Now I would like to ask a question about your first wife/partner. In what month and year did you start living with your first wife/ partner? | DON'T KNOW MONTH ............ 98 |  | $\longrightarrow 413$ |
|  |  | DON'T KNOW YEAR . . . . . | . . . . 9998 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 412 | How old were you when you first started living with her? | AGE |  |
| 413 | CHECK FOR THE PRESENCE OF OTHERS. <br> BEFORE CONTINUING, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE P |  |  |
| 414 | 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? | NEVER HAD SEXUAL <br> INTERCOURSE <br> AGE IN YEARS <br> FIRST TIME WHEN STARTED <br> LIVING WITH (FIRST) WIFE/PARTNER |  |
| 415 | 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 | $440$ |
| 416 | CHECK 107: $\begin{array}{r}15-24 \\ \text { YEARS OLD } \\ \square\end{array} \begin{array}{r}25-49 \\ \text { YEARS OLD }\end{array}$ |  | $\rightarrow 421$ |
| 417 | The first time you had sexual intercourse, was a condom used? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER |  |
| 418 | How old was the person you first had sexual intercourse with? | AGE OF PARTNER <br> DON'T KNOW | $\longrightarrow 421$ |
| 419 | Was this person older than you, younger than you, or about the same age as you? | OLDER <br> YOUNGER <br> ABOUT THE SAME AGE <br> DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER |  |
| 420 | 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 LESS THAN TEN YEARS OLDER OLDER, UNSURE HOW MUCH |  |
| 421 | When was the last time you had sexual intercourse? <br> IF LESS THAN 12 MONTHS, ANSWER MUST BE RECORDED IN DAYS, WEEKS OR MONTHS. <br> IF 12 MONTHS (ONE YEAR) OR MORE, ANSWER MUST BE RECORDED IN YEARS. | DAYS AGO $\ldots \ldots \ldots . .1$ WEEKS AGO $\ldots \ldots . \ldots .2$ MONTHS AGO $\quad \ldots \ldots . .3$ YEARS AGO $\ldots \ldots . . .4$ |  |


|  |  | LAST SEXUAL PARTNER | SECOND-TO-LAST SEXUAL PARTNER | THIRD-TO-LAST SEXUAL PARTNER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 422 | When was the last time you had sexual intercourse with this person? |  | DAYS . 1   <br>     <br> WEEKS 2   <br>     <br>     | DAYS . 1 WEEKS MONTHS 3 |
| 423 | The last time you had sexual intercourse (with this second/third person), was a condom used? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\begin{gathered}1 \\ (\text { SKIP TO } 425)\end{gathered}{ }^{2} \ldots$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ & \text { NO ................ } \\ & \begin{aligned} & 1 \\ &(\text { SKIP TO 425 }) \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 423A | What was the main reason you used a condom on that occasion? | PREVENT STI/HIV $\ldots$. 1  <br> PREVENT PREGNANCY 2   <br> PREVENT BOTH $\ldots$ 3  <br> PARTNER INSISTED $\ldots$ 4  <br> OTHER   6 | PREVENT STI/HIV $\ldots$. 1  <br> PREVENT PREGNANCY 2   <br> PREVENT BOTH $\ldots$ 3  <br> PARTNER INSISTED $\ldots$ 4  <br> OTHER   6 | PREVENT STI/HIV $\ldots$. 1  <br> PREVENT PREGNANCY 2   <br> PREVENT BOTH $\ldots$ 3  <br> PARTNER INSISTED .. 4  <br> OTHER   6 |
| 424 | Did you use a condom every time you had sexual intercourse with this person in the last 12 months? | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . } & 2 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 425 | What was your relationship to this person with whom you had sexual intercourse? <br> IF BOYFRIEND <br> Were you living together as if married? <br> IF YES, CIRCLE '02' <br> IF NO, CIRCLE '03' | WIFE <br> (SKIP TO 431) 01 $\square$ <br> LIVE-IN PARTNER .... 02 GIRLFRIEND NOT <br> LIVING WITH <br> RESPONDENT .... 03 CASUAL <br> ACQUAINTANCE... 04 COMMERCIAL <br> SEX WORKER .... 05 OTHER $\qquad$ 96 <br> (SPECIFY) |  |  |
| 426 | 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 1  <br>    <br> MONTHS 2  <br>    <br>    |
| 427 | CHECK 107: | 15-24 $25-49$ $\square$ <br> (SKIP TO 431) | 15-24 $25-49$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> (SKIP TO 431) | 15-24 |
| 428 | How old is this person? | AGE OF PARTNER (SKIP TO 431) DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ | AGE OF PARTNER (SKIP TO 431) $\square$ DON'T KNOW $\square$ | AGE OF PARTNER (SKIP TO 431) DON'T KNOW $\square$ |
| 429 | Is this person older than you, younger than you, or about the same age? | OLDER $\ldots \ldots$. 1   <br> YOUNGER $\ldots$. . 2 <br> SAME AGE $\ldots .$. 3  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots$. 8   <br> (SKIP TO 431$)$    |  |  |
| 430 | Would you say this person is ten or more years older than you or less than ten years older than you? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TEN OR MORE } \\ & \text { YEARS OLDER } \\ & \text { LESS THAN TEN } \end{aligned} \text {. } 10$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { TEN OR MORE } \\ \text { YEARS OLDER } \\ \text { LESS THAN TEN } \end{array}\right)$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { TEN OR MORE } \\ \text { YEARS OLDER } \\ \text { LESS THAN TEN } \end{array}\right)$ |
| 431 | The last time you had sexual intercourse with this person, did you or this person drink alcohol? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\begin{gathered}1 \\ \text { (SKIP TO 433) }\end{gathered}{ }^{\longleftarrow}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ & \text { NO ..................... } \\ & \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ (\text { SKIP TO 433) } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ & \text { NO .................... } \\ & \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ (\text { SKIP TO 433) } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |
| 432 | Were you or your partner drunk at that time? <br> IF YES: Who was drunk? | RESPONDENT ONLY 1 <br> PARTNER ONLY ... 2 <br> RESPONDENT AND  <br> PARTNER BOTH . 3 <br> NEITHER ........... 4 | RESPONDENT ONLY 1 <br> PARTNER ONLY ... 2 <br> RESPONDENT AND  <br> PARTNER BOTH . 3 <br> NEITHER . . ......... 4 | RESPONDENT ONLY 1 <br> PARTNER ONLY ... 2 <br> RESPONDENT AND  <br> PARTNER BOTH . 3 <br> NEITHER . . ......... 4 |
| 433 | Apart from [this person/these two people], have you had sexual intercourse with any other person in the last 12 months? |  |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 434 | 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 |  |
| 435 | CHECK 425: <br> NO PARTNERS <br> ARE COMMERCIAL SEX WORKERS | AT LEAST ONE PARTNERA COMMERCIAL $\square$ SEX WORKER | $\rightarrow 438$ |
| 436 | In the last 12 months, did you pay anyone in exchange for sex? |  | $\longrightarrow 439$ |
| 437 | The last time you paid someone in exchange for sex, was a condom used? |  | $\longrightarrow 439$ |
| 438 | Was a condom used during every time you paid someone in exchange for sex in the last 12 months? |  |  |
| 439 | 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 |  |
| 440 | CHECK 107:$15-24$ <br> YEARS OLD <br> $\square$$25-49$ <br> YEARS OLD |  | $\longrightarrow 444$ |
| 441 | CHECK FOR PRESENCE OF OTHERS: <br> DO NOT CONTINUE UNTIL EFFECTIVE PRIVACY IS ENSURE <br> PRIVACY NOT POSSI <br> Now I would like to ask about another important issue. The questio your answers are very crucial for helping to understand the conditio I assure you that your answers are completely confidential and will | $\square$ <br> re very personal. However, men in Zimbabwe. be told to anyone. | $\longrightarrow 444$ |
| 442 | In the last 12 months, has anyone forced you to have sexual intercourse against your will? |  | $\square \rightarrow 444$ |
| 443 | Were you physically forced? |  |  |
| 444 | CHECK 423, MOST RECENT PARTNER (FIRST COLUMN): |  | $\rightarrow 454$ |
| 445 | The last time you had intercourse you told me you used a condom. Did you or your partner obtain the condom? |  |  |
| 446 | What brand of condoms did you use that time? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 447 | How many condoms did you get the last time? | NUMBER OFCONDOMS .......... <br>  <br> DON'T KNOW ....................... 998 |  |
| 448 | How much did the condoms cost? |  |  |
| 449 | From where did you obtain the condom the last time? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY TYPE OF SOURCE AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER OR CLINIC IS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MEDICAL, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. <br> (NAME OF PLACES) <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 450 | CHECK 302 (02) USING MALE STERILIZATION <br> NO YES |  | 453 |
| 451 | The last time you had sex did you or your partner use any method (other than the condom) to avoid or prevent a pregnancy? |  | $453$ |
| 452 | What method did you (your partner) use? <br> PROBE: <br> Did you use any other method to prevent pregnancy? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 453 | CHECK 423 COLUMN 1 (CONDOM USE WITH LAST SEXUAL PA <br> NO YES |  | 458 |
| 454 | CHECK 301 (07) KNOWS MALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO $\square$ |  | 458 |
| 455 | Do you know of a place where a person can get male condoms? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\rightarrow 458$ |
| 456 | Where is that? <br> Any other place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY TYPE(S) OF SOURCE(S) AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE(S). <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER OR CLINIC IS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MEDICAL, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE(S)) <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 457 | If you wanted to, could you yourself get a condom? |  |  |
| 458 | Do you know of a place where a person can get female condoms? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 461$ |
| 459 | Where is that? <br> Any other place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY TYPE(S) OF SOURCE(S) AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE(S). <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF HOSPITAL, HEALTH CENTER OR CLINIC IS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MEDICAL, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE(S)) <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  |  |  |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 460 | If you wanted to, could you yourself get a female condom? | YE | $\ldots$ |  | . . . . | $\begin{array}{ll} & \\ \ldots & 1 \\ . . . & 2\end{array}$ |  |
| 461 | Now I would like to ask you a few questions regarding relationships between men and women. <br> In a couple, who do you think should have the greater say in each of the following decisions: the husband, the wife or both equally: <br> a) making large household purchases? <br> b) making small daily household purchases? <br> c) deciding when to visit family, friends or relatives? <br> d) deciding what to do with the money she earns for her work? <br> e) deciding how many children to have and when to have them? | a) <br> b) <br> c) <br> d) <br> e) | HUS- <br> BAND <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 | WIFE <br> 2 <br> 2 <br> 2 <br> 2 <br> 2 | BOTH EQUAL- <br> LY <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3 | DON'T KNOW, DEPENDS <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 |  |
| 462 | Sometimes a husband is annoyed or angered by things that his wife/partner does. In your opinion, is a husband justified in hitting or beating his wife in the following situations... <br> a) If she goes out without telling him? <br> b) If she neglects the children? <br> c) If she argues with him? <br> d) If she refuses to have sex with him? <br> e) If she burns the food? | a) <br> b) <br> c) <br> d) <br> e) | YES <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 |  |  | DON'T KNOW, DEPENDS <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 |  |
| 463 | 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? |  | KNOW | . | . . . . | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 464 | 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 if... <br> a) She is tired and not in the mood? <br> b) She has recently given birth? <br> c) She knows her husband has sex with other women? <br> d) She knows her husband has a sexually transmitted disease? | a) <br> b) <br> c) <br> d) | YES <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 |  |  | DON'T KNOW, DEPENDS <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 |  |
| 465 | Do you think that if a woman refuses to have sex with her husband when he wants her to, he has the right to... <br> a) Get angry and reprimand her? <br> b) Refuse to give her money or other means of financial support? <br> c) Use force and have sex with her even if she doesn't want to? <br> d) Go and have sex with another woman? | a) <br> b) <br> c) <br> d) | YES <br> 1 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 |  | NO <br> 2 2 <br> 2 <br> 2 | DON'T KNOW, DEPENDS <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 |  |

SECTION 5. FERTILITY PREFERENCES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 501 | CHECK 405: <br> HAS ONE OR MORE WIVES/PARTNERS | QUESTION SKIPPED | $\rightarrow 601$ |
| 502 | (Is your wife/partner/Are any of your wives/partners) currently pregnant? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 |  |
| 503 | CHECK 502:  <br> YES, WIFE/WIVES/ <br> PREGNANT NO WIFE/PARTNER <br>  PREGNANT OR <br> UNSURE  | HAVE A/ANOTHER CHILD $\ldots \ldots .$. NO MORE/NONE $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. WIFE/WIVES INFECUND/ STERILIZED $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$ | $] \rightarrow 505$ |
| 504 | How long would you like to wait from now before the birth of (a/another) child? |  |  |
| 505 | CHECK 203 AND 205: <br> HAS LIVING CHILDREN NO LIVING <br> If you could go back to the time <br> If you could choose exactly you did not have any children and could choose exactly the have in your whole life, number of children to have in how many would that be? your whole life, how many would that be? |  | $\longrightarrow 601$ $\longrightarrow 601$ |
| 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? |  |  |

SECTION 6. PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH CARE

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 601 | CHECK 209: <br> HAS HAD ONE OR <br> HAS NOT HA MORE CHILDREN | ANY <br> REN | $\rightarrow 701$ |
| 602 | Please tell me the name and sex of your child (who was born most recently). <br> (NAME OF CHILD) | BOY <br> GIRL |  |
| 603 | In what month and year was (NAME OF CHILD) born? | MONTH <br> YEAR $\qquad$ <br> DON'T KNOW |  |
| 604 | Is (NAME OF CHILD) still living? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 606 \\ & \longrightarrow 606 \end{aligned}$ |
| 605 | How old was (NAME OF CHILD) when he/she died? <br> IF '1 YEAR', PROBE: <br> How many months old was (NAME)? <br> RECORD DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 MONTH; MONTHS IF LESS THAN TWO YEARS; OR YEARS. | DAYS <br> WEEKS $\qquad$ <br> 2 <br> MONTHS <br> 3 <br> YEARS <br> 4 <br> DON'T KNOW |  |
| 606 | What is the name of (NAME OF CHILD)'s mother? <br> WRITE THE CHILD'S MOTHER'S NAME AND HER LINE NUMBER FROM THE HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. <br> IF THE MOTHER IS NOT LISTED IN THE HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE RECORD ' 00 ' | NAME OF CHILD'S MOTHER <br> LINE NUMBER IN HHD. QUEST |  |
| 607 | CHECK 603: <br> (LAST) CHILD BORN <br> IN 2000 OR LATER <br> IN 1999 | D BORN EARLIER $\square$ | $\rightarrow 701$ |
| 608 | CHECK 606: <br> LINE NUMBER IS '00' <br> LINE | OTHER JMBER $\square$ | $\rightarrow 610$ |
| 609 | What is your relationship with (NAME OF CHILD)'s mother? | CURRENT SPOUSE <br> FORMER SPOUSE <br> CURRENT LIVE-IN PARTNER <br> FORMER LIVE-IN PARTNER <br> REGULAR SEXUAL PARTNER <br> WOMAN IS GIRLFRIEND/FIANCÉE OCCASIONAL SEXUAL PARTNER FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE OTHER $\qquad$ |  |



SECTION 7. HIVIAIDS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 701 | Now I would like to talk about something else. Have you ever heard of an illness called AIDS? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow 801$ |
| 702 | Can people reduce their chances of getting HIV by having just one sex partner who is not infected and who has no other partners? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 703 | Can people get HIV from mosquito bites? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 704 | Can people reduce their chances of getting HIV by using a condom every time they have sex? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 705 | Can people get HIV by sharing food with a person who has AIDS? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 706 | Can people reduce their chance of getting HIV by abstaining from sexual intercourse? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 707 | Can people get HIV because of witchcraft or other supernatural means? |  |  |
| 708 | Is there anything (else) a person can do to avoid or reduce the chances of getting HIV or AIDS? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\longrightarrow \quad 710$ |
| 709 | What can a person do? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL WAYS MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 710 | Do you think your risk of getting infected with HIV is low, medium or high, or do you have no risk at all? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 711 | Is it possible for a healthy-looking person to have HIV? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 712 | Can HIV be transmitted from a mother to her baby: <br> During pregnancy? <br> During delivery? <br> By breastfeeding? |  YES NO DK <br> DURING PREG. . . . . 1 2 8 <br> DURING DELIVERY . . 1 2 8 <br> BREASTFEEDING ... 1 2 8 |  |
| 713 | CHECK 712: <br> AT LEAST ONE 'YES' | R | $\rightarrow \quad 715$ |
| 714 | Are there any special medications that a doctor or a nurse can give to a woman infected with HIV to reduce the risk of transmission to the baby? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 715 | Is there any special medication that people infected with HIV can get from a doctor or a nurse? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 716 | Have you ever been tested to see if you have HIV? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow \quad 723$ |
| 717 | When was the last time you were tested? | LESS THAN 12 MONTHS AGO . 1 <br> $12-23$ MONTHS AGO $\ldots . . . .$. 2 <br> 2 OR MORE YEARS AGO $\ldots . .$. 3 |  |
| 718 | 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? |  |  |
| 719 | Did you get the results of the test? |  |  |
| 720 | 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. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) |  |  |
| 721 | CHECK 719: <br> GOT THE RESULTS OF HIV TEST <br> YES | NO $\square$ | $\rightarrow 726$ |
| 722 | Did you tell your wife/partner the result of your test? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 723 | What is the main reason you have not been tested for HIV? |  |  |
| 724 | Do you know of a place where people can go to get tested for HIV? | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & \text {. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \\ \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 2 \end{array}$ | $\rightarrow \quad 729$ |
| 725 | 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. $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> (NAME OF PLACES) <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 726 | CHECK 401: CURRENT MARITAL STATUS <br> CURRENTLY MARRIED/ $\square$ LIVING WITH A WOMAN | NO $\square$ | $\rightarrow \quad 729$ |
| 727 | Did your wife/partner ever have a test for HIV? |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 729$ |
| 728 | Did she tell you the result of her test? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 729 | Would you buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor if you knew that this person had HIV? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 730 | If a member of your family got infected with HIV, would you want others to know about it? |  |  |
| 731 | If a relative of yours became sick with HIV, would you be willing to care for her or him in your own household? | YES $\ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 732 | If a female teacher has HIV but is not sick, should she be allowed to continue teaching in the school? | SHOULD BE ALLOWED $\ldots . .$. 1 <br> SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED $\ldots$ 2 <br> DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS $\ldots .$. 8 |  |
| 732A | If a male teacher has HIV but is not sick, should he be allowed to continue teaching in the school? | SHOULD BE ALLOWED $\ldots . . .$. 1 <br> SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED $\ldots$ 2 <br> DK/NOT SURE/DEPENDS $\ldots .$. 8 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 733 | Do you personally know someone who has been denied health services in the last 12 months because he or she is suspected to have HIV or AIDS? |  | $\rightarrow \quad 738$ |
| 734 | 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 HIV or AIDS? |  |  |
| 735 | 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 HIV or AIDS? |  |  |
| 736 | CHECK 733, 734, 735: <br> OTHER | AST 'YS' | $\rightarrow \quad 738$ |
| 737 | Do you personally know someone who is suspected to have HIV or AIDS? | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } \\ \text { NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 1 \\ 2 \end{array}$ |  |
| 738 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People with HIV should be ashamed of themselves. |  |  |
| 739 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People with HIV should be blamed for bringing the disease into the community. |  |  |
| 740 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In a marriage, it is possible for one partner to be infected with HIV and the other person not be infected. |  |  |
| 741 | Should children age 12-14 be taught about using a condom to avoid HIV infection? |  |  |
| 742 | Should children age 12-14 be taught to wait until they get married to have sexual intercourse in order to avoid HIV infection? |  |  |

SECTION 8. OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 801 | Some men are circumcised. Are you circumcised? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |  |
| 802 |  | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 806$ |
| 803 | CHECK 419: <br> HAS HAD SEXUAL <br> HAS NOT HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE INTERCOURS |  | -811 |
| 804 | CHECK 802: <br> KNOWS STI <br> DOES NOT KNOW STI | $\square$ | $\rightarrow 806$ |
| 805 | 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 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 806 | Sometimes, men experience an abnormal discharge from their penis. During the last 12 months, have you had an abnormal discharge from your penis? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 807 | Sometimes men have a sore or ulcer on or near their penis. During the last 12 months, have you had a sore or ulcer on or near your penis? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 808 | CHECK 805/806/807: <br> AT LEAST ONE |  | $\rightarrow 811$ |
| 809 | The last time you had (PROBLEM(S) FROM 805/806/807), did you seek any kind of advice or treatment? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } 2 \\ & \text { NO . . . . . . . . } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 811$ |
| 810 | Where did you go? <br> Any other place? <br> RECORD ALL SOURCES MENTIONED. |  |  |


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| 811 | CHECK 701 AND 802 <br> KNOWS ABOUT AIDS DOES NOT KNOW AND/OR OTHER STI |  | $\rightarrow 816$ |
| 812 | CHECK 301 (07) KNOWS MALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO |  | $\rightarrow 814$ |
| 813 | Some people use male condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. If a male condom is used correctly, do you think that it protects against these diseases most of the time, only sometimes, or not at all? | MOST OF THE TIME . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> SOMETIMES . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DOES NOT PROTECT . . . . . . . . 3 <br> DON'T KNOW/UNSURE $\ldots . . .$. 8 |  |
| 814 | CHECK 301 (08) KNOWS FEMALE CONDOM <br> YES <br> NO |  | $\rightarrow 816$ |
| 815 | Some people use female condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. If a female condom is used correctly, do you think that it protects against these diseases most of the time, only sometimes, or not at all? | MOST OF THE TIME . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> SOMETIMES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 <br> DOES NOT PROTECT . . . . . . 3 <br> DON'T KNOW/UNSURE $\quad . . . . .$. 8 |  |
| 816 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about any injections you have had in the last six months. Have you hac an injection for any reason in the last six months? <br> IF YES: How many injections have you had? <br> IF NUMBER OF INJECTIONS IS GREATER THAN 94, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD '95'. <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTIONS <br> NONE $\qquad$ 00 | $\longrightarrow 820$ |
| 817 | Among these injections, how many were administered by a doctor, a nurse, a pharmacist, a dentist, or any othei health worker? <br> IF NUMBER OF INJECTIONS IS GREATER THAN 94, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD '95'. <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTIONS <br> NONE $\qquad$ 00 | $\longrightarrow 820$ |
| 818 | The last time you had an injection given to you by a health worker, where did you go to get the injection? |  |  |


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| 819 | Did the person who gave you that injection take the syring $\epsilon$ and needle from a new, unopened package? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$  <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . 8 |  |
| 820 | Do you currently smoke cigarettes? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 822$ |
| 821 | In the last 24 hours, how many cigarettes did you smoke? | CIGARETTES . |  |
| 822 | Do you currently smoke or use any other type of tobacco? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 824$ |
| 823 | What (other) type of tobacco do you currently smoke or use? | PIPE $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ CHEWING TOBACCO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ SNUFF $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ OTHER $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ (SPECIFY) |  |
| 824 | Have you ever heard of an illness called tuberculosis or TB? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow 901$ |
| 825 | How does tuberculosis spread from one person to another? <br> PROBE: Any other ways? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 826 | Can tuberculosis be cured? |  |  |
| 827 | If a member of your family got tuberculosis, would you want others to know about it? |  |  |

SECTION 9. ADULT MORTALITY


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS |  |  |  | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 904 | What was the name given to your oldest (next oldest) brother or sister? | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| 905 | Is (NAME) male or female? | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ | MALE 1 | MALE FEMALE | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { MALE } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 906 | Is (NAME) still alive? |  | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { YES . . . } \\ \text { NO } \ldots 2 \\ \text { (GO TO } \\ \text { (GO8)4 } \\ \text { DK } \ldots . \\ (\text { GO TO } \\ (9) \end{array}\right]$ | YES. <br> NO ... <br> (GO TO 90 <br> DK ... <br> (GO TO (10) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . } \\ & \begin{array}{ll} 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & 2 \\ \text { (GO TO } 908) \\ \text { DK } \ldots & 8 \\ (\text { GO TO } & (13)) \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |
| 907 | How old is (NAME)? | GO TO (8) | GO TO (9) | GO TO (10) | GO TO (11) | GO TO (12) | GO TO (13) |
| 908 | How many years ago did (NAME) die? |  | $\square$ | $1$ |  |  |  |
| 909 | How old was (NAME) when he/she died? | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (8) | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (9) | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEAR OF AGE GO TO (10) | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (11) | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (12) | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE GO TO (13) |
| 910 | Was (NAME) pregnant when she died? | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { YES . . . } \\ \text { (GO TO 913)4 } \\ \text { NO } \ldots . \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . } \\ & \text { (GO TO 913)4 } \\ & \text { NO } \ldots . \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | YES. . <br> (GO TO 91 <br> NO ... | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { YES . . . } \\ \text { (GO TO } 913 \text { ( } \end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { YES . . . } \\ \text { (EO TO } \\ \text { (G13) } \\ \text { NO } \ldots . \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . } \\ & \text { (GO TO 913) } \\ & \text { NO } \ldots \\ & \text { NO } \ldots \end{aligned}$ |
| 911 | Did (NAME) die during childbirth? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . } 1 \\ & \text { (GO TO 913) } \\ & \text { NO . . . } 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { YES . . . } \\ \text { (GO TO 913)4 } \end{array}\right]$ | YES... <br> (GO TO 91 <br> NO ... | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . } \\ & \text { (GO TO 913)4 } \\ & \text { (GO } \ldots]^{4} \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l} \text { YES . . . } \\ \text { (GO TO 913) } \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . \\ \hline \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . } \\ & \left(\begin{array}{l} \text { GO TO 913) } \end{array}\right] \\ & \text { NO } \ldots . \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 912 | Did (NAME) die within two months after the end of a pregnancy or childbirth? | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO . . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO . . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES. . } \\ & \text { NO . } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO . . . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES ... } & 1 \\ \text { NO } \end{array}$ |
| 913 | Was (NAME)'S death due to an accident or violence? | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO . . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO . . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . } \\ & \text { NO . . } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES ... } & 1 \\ \text { NO . . } & 2 \end{array}$ |
| IF NO MORE BROTHERS OR SISTERS, GO TO 914. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 914 | RECORD THE TIME. |  |  |  | RS . <br> TES |  |   |


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| ANTHROPOMETRY |  |  |  |
| CONSENT FOR ANAEMIA AND HIV TESTS FOR NEVER-MARRIED YOUTH AGE 15-17 |  |  |  |

ASK CONSENT FOR THE ANEMIA AND HIV TESTS. FOR NEVER-IN-UNION RESPONDENTS AGE 15-17, YOU MUST FIRST OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF A PARENT OR OTHER ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE YOUTH AT THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT.

| 1001 | CHECK 105: AGE <br> AGE 15-17 | $18-49$ | $\longrightarrow 1007$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1002 | CHECK 401 AND 402: RESPONDENT NEVER EVER-MARRIED AND N | VER LIVED TOGETHER WITH A WOMAN <br> 2 <br> 01 | $\longrightarrow 1007$ |
| 1003 | CHECK HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE (COLUMN 1) AND RECORD LINE NUMBER OF THE PARENT OR OTHER ADULT FROM WHOM CONSENT WILL BE REQUESTED. <br> IF PARENT OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE ADULT IS NOT IN A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, WRITE "00" | LINE NUMBER OF PARENT/OTHER ADULT $\square$ |  |
| 1004 | READ THE ANAEMIA CONSENT STATEMENT TO <br> THE PARENT OR ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD. <br> As part of this survey, we are trying to find out more about anaemia, that is, low blood levels, in men, women, and children. <br> To know more about this problem in Zimbabwe, we are asking people in this survey all over the country to take a test. For the test, I will take a few drops of blood from (NAME OF ADOLECENT'S) finger. <br> The test uses clean and completely safe equipment that is used only once and then thrown away. The blood will be tested with new equipment. The result will be given to (NAME) right after the test is done. We will not tell anyone else the results of the test. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it will help the country to develop programs to fight the problem of anaemia. <br> Do you agree that (NAME) may give blood for the anaemia test? CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  |  |


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| 1005 | READ THE HIV CONSENT STATEMENT TO <br> THE PARENT OR ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD. <br> We are also asking people in this survey to help us find out how big the HIV problem is in Zimbabwe. We would like (NAME OF ADOLESCENT) to take part in the HIV test by allowing us to collect a few more drops of blood from her finger. <br> This blood will be tested later in the laboratory. We will not keep any name with the blood. Because there will be no name with the blood when it is tested, we will not be able to give (NAME) the result of the test and no one will be able to trace the test back to (NAME). <br> If (NAME) wants to know her HIV status, I can tell (NAME) where to go to get tested for HIV. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it will help the country to develop programs to fight the problem of HIV and AIDS. <br> Do you agree that (NAME) may give blood for the HIV test? CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 1007$ |
| 1006 | READ THE BLOOD STORAGE CONSENT STATEMENT TO THE PARENT OR ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD. <br> Some of the blood that (NAME) gives may be left after the HIV test. We would like to keep that blood at the laboratory to use for other tests later on. <br> Again, you can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it may help the country later to develop programs to fight HIV/AIDS and other health problems. <br> Will you agree that we do other tests on (NAME'S) blood later? <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN <br> FURTHER DISCUSS STORAGE PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  |  |

RESPONDENT CONSENT FOR ANAEMIA AND HIV TESTS
ASK CONSENT FOR THE ANEMIA AND HIV TESTS FROM RESPONDENT. FOR NEVER-IN-UNION RESPONDENTS AGE 15-17, ASK FOR CONSENT ONLY IF PARENT OR OTHER ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE YOUTH AT THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT HAS GRANTED CONSENT OR THE PARENT OR OTHER ADULT WAS NOT PRSENT.


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| 1009 | READ THE ANAEMIA CONSENT STATEMENT TO <br> THE RESPONDENT. <br> As part of this survey, we are trying to find out more about anaemia, that is, low blood levels, in men, women, and children. <br> To know more about this problem in Zimbabwe, we are asking people in this survey all over the country to take a test. For the test, I will take a few drops of blood from your finger. <br> The test uses clean and completely safe equipment that is used only once and then thrown away. The blood will be tested with new equipment. The result will be given to you right after the test is done. We will not tell anyone else the results of the test. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it will help the country to develop programs to fight the problem of anaemia. <br> Do you agree to give blood for the anaemia test? <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. | CONSENT $\qquad$ (SIGN) <br> REFUSED |  |
| 1010 | CHECK 1001 AND 1002: RESPONDENT'S AGE AND UNION STATUS $\begin{array}{r} \text { AGE 15-17 } \\ \text { AND } \\ \end{array}$ |  | $\longrightarrow 1012$ |
| 1011 | CHECK 1005: PARENTAL/ADULT CONSENT FOR HIV TEST | ARENT/ <br> ADULT <br> FUSED | $\rightarrow 1014$ |
| 1012 | READ THE HIV CONSENT STATEMENT TO THE RESPONDENT. <br> We are also asking people in this survey to help us find out how big the HIV problem is in Zimbabwe. We would like you to take part in the HIV test by allowing us to collect a few more drops of blood from your finger. <br> This blood will be tested later in the laboratory. We will not keep any name with the blood. Because there will be no name with the blood when it is tested, we will not be able to give you the result of the test and no one will be able to trace the test back to you. <br> If you want to know your HIV status, I can tell you where to go to get tested for HIV. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it will help the country to develop programs to fight the problem of HIV and AIDS. <br> Do you agree to give blood for the HIV test? <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN. <br> FURTHER DISCUSS ANAEMIA TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. <br> CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN <br> FURTHER DISCUSS HIV TESTING PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  | $\longrightarrow 1014$ |


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| 1013 | READ THE BLOOD STORAGE CONSENT STATEMENT TO THE RESPONDENT. <br> Some of the blood that you give may be left after the HIV test. We would like to keep that blood at the laboratory to use for other tests later on. <br> Again, you can say yes or you can say no; it is up to you. If you say yes, it may help the country later to develop programs to fight HIV/AIDS and other health problems. <br> Will you agree that we do other tests on your blood later? CIRCLE CODE AND SIGN <br> FURTHER DISCUSS STORAGE PROCESS TO PUT RESPONDENT AT EASE. |  |  |
| 1014 | May I provide you with an informational brochure about voluntary HIV testing from the nearest facility offering VCT? <br> PROVIDE BROCURE TO ALL RESPONDENTS WHO WANT IT. |  |  |
| 1015 | CHECK 1004, 1005, 1009 AND 1012 AND INDICATE THE TESTS FOR WHICH CONSENT HAS BEEN GRANTED. <br> IF BOTH REFUSED, COMPLETE QUESTIONS 1017 AND 1019. |  |  |
| 1016 | FOR ALL RESPONDENTS WHERE CONSENT WAS OBTAINED, FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR PASTING THE BAR CODE LABELS AND TAKING THE DBS SPECIMEN. | PASTE FIRST LABEL HERE <br> PASTE SECOND LABEL ON FILTER PAP PASTE THIRD LABEL ON BLOOD TRANS FORM. | TTAL |
| 1017 | OUTCOME OF HIV TEST |  |  |
| 1018 | RECORD HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL | G/DL $\ldots \ldots \ldots . \square \square \square$ |  |
| 1019 | OUTCOME OF ANAEMIA TEST |  | $\rightarrow{ }_{1022}$ |
| 1020 | CHECK 1018: THE CUTOFF POINT IS 9 G/DL. |  |  |
| 1021 | We detected a low level of hemoglobin in your blood. This indicates that you have developed severe anaemia, which is a serious health problem. We would like to inform the clinic at $\qquad$ about your condition. This will assist you in obt <br> AGREES TO REFERRAL? |  |  |
| 1022 | THANK THE RESPONDENT. |  |  |

INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS

## 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:
DATE: $\qquad$

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS
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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ A household refers to a person or group of related and unrelated persons who live together in the same dwelling unit(s), who acknowledge one adult male or female as head of household, who share the same housekeeping arrangements, and who are considered one unit. A member of the household is any person who usually lives in the household, and a visitor is someone who is not a usual member of the household but had slept in the household the night before the interview date. The household population presented in this chapter includes, unless otherwise stated, all usual members of the household who slept in the household the night before the survey and visitors (de facto population).

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Students who are over age for a given level of schooling may have started school over age, may have repeated one or more grades in school, or may have dropped out of school and later returned.

[^2]:    Note: In Zimbabwe, primary level is referred to as grades 1-7. Secondary level is referred to as forms 1-6. With the primary and secondary levels combined, there is a total of 13 years of schooling.
    ${ }^{1}$ Completed 7th grade at the primary level
    ${ }^{2}$ Completed 6th grade at the secondary level

[^3]:    Note: In Zimbabwe, primary level is referred to as grades 1-7. Secondary level is referred to as forms 1-6. With the primary and secondary levels combined, there is a total of 13 years of schooling.
    ${ }^{1}$ Completed 7th grade at the primary level
    ${ }^{2}$ Completed 6th grade at the secondary level

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ Refers to women who attended secondary school or higher and women who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ Currently employed is defined as having done work in the past seven days. Includes persons who did not work in the past seven days but who are regularly employed and were absent from work for leave, illness, vacation, or any other such reason.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Excludes women who had sexual intercourse within the last 4 weeks
    ${ }^{2}$ Excludes women who are not currently married

[^7]:    ${ }^{1}$ Excludes men who had sexual intercourse within the last 4 weeks
    ${ }^{2}$ Excludes men who are not currently married

[^8]:    ${ }^{1}$ Stillbirths are foetal deaths in pregnancies lasting seven or more months.
    ${ }^{2}$ Early neonatal deaths are deaths at age 0-6 days among live-born children.
    ${ }^{3}$ The sum of the number of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths divided by the number of pregnancies of seven or more months' duration

[^9]:    Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ Based on either a written record or the mother's recall

[^11]:    Note: Total includes 1 case for which information on type of diarrhoea is missing. 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.
    ${ }^{1}$ The category "never gave food" refers to children who were only breastfed or otherwise at a stage where solid foods had not yet been introduced into their diets.

[^12]:    Note: Total includes 10 cases for which information on the type of toilet facility is missing.
    ${ }^{1}$ Non-shared facilities that are of the types flush or pour flush into a piped sewer system/septic tank/pit latrine, ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine, pit latrine with a slab, and a composting toilet.

[^13]:    Note: Foods were consumed in the past "24-hour" period (yesterday and last night).
    ${ }^{1}$ Includes pumpkin; carrots; yellow or orange yams, squash, or sweet potatoes; dark green leafy vegetables; mangoes; and papayas

[^14]:    ${ }^{1}$ A microcuvette is a small, transparent laboratory vessel.

[^15]:    ${ }^{1}$ An ever-treated net is a pretreated net or a non-pretreated net that 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, 2) a pretreated net obtained within the past 12 months, or 3) a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.

[^16]:    Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
    ${ }^{1}$ IPT is preventive intermittent treatment with SP/Fansidar during an ANC visit.

[^17]:    Note: An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
    ${ }^{1}$ Sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was a spouse nor who lived with the respondent

[^18]:    Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

[^19]:    Note: Total includes 13 cases for which information on circumcision status was missing.
    na $=$ Not applicable

[^20]:    Note: An asterisk indicates 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.

[^21]:    ${ }^{1}$ The imputation procedure is based on the assumption that the reported birth ordering of siblings in the history is correct. The first step is to calculate birth dates. For each living sibling with a reported age and each dead sibling with complete information on both age at death and years since death, the birth date was calculated. For a sibling missing these data, a birth date was imputed within the range defined by the birth dates of the bracketing siblings. In the case of living siblings, an age was then calculated from the imputed birth date. In the case of dead siblings, if either the age at death or years since death was reported, that information was combined with the birth date to produce the missing information. If both pieces of information were missing, the distribution of the ages at death for siblings for whom the years since death was unreported, but age at death was reported, was used as a basis for imputing the age at death.

[^22]:    Note: Rates for the 1994 ZDHS refer to the period 0-9 years before the survey, for the 1999 for the period 0-4 years before the survey, and for the 2005-06 ZDHS to the period 0-6 years before the survey.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ Rates are age-standardised.

[^23]:    ${ }^{2}$ This time-dependent definition includes all deaths that occurred during pregnancy and two months after pregnancy, even if the death was due to nonmaternal causes. However, this definition is unlikely to result in overreporting of maternal deaths because most deaths to women during the two-month period are due to maternal causes, and maternal deaths are more likely to be underreported than overreported.

[^24]:    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
    ${ }^{2}$ Restricted to currently married women. See Table 16.3.2 for the list of decisions.
    ${ }^{3}$ See Table 16.5.1 for the list of reasons.
    ${ }^{4}$ See Table 16.4.1 for the list of reasons.

[^25]:    Note: Table is based on de jure household members, i.e., usual household members who were very sick (unable to work or do normal activities) in the past 12 months or who died in the past 12 months and were very sick at least 3 of the 12 months before death. Support in the past 30 days includes the past 30 days for living persons and the 30 days preceding death for dead persons.
    ${ }^{1}$ Support such as companionship, counselling from a trained counsellor, or spiritual support for which there was no payment
    ${ }^{2}$ Support such as help with household work, training for a caregiver, legal services, clothing, food, or financial support for which there was no payment

[^26]:    na $=$ Not applicable
    ${ }^{1}$ Both year and month of birth given
    ${ }^{2}(B m / B f) \times 100$, where $B m$ and $B f$ are the numbers of male and female births, respectively
    ${ }^{3}[2 B x /(B x-1+B x+1)] \times 100$, where $B x$ is the number of births in calendar year $x$

