

Education as Correlate of Fertility Rate among Families in Southern Nigeria

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ABSTRACT The study examined the relationship between the level of educational attainment of families and their family size. The study identified educational attainments, urban and rural dwellings as correlates of fertility rate among families in Southern Nigeria. The analysis revealed that education and fertility rate are inversely related, both in urban and rural societies. However, education was found to be more inversely related to fertility among women and urban dwellers than men are and rural dwellers. The Nigerian love for children, their polygamous nature, irrespective of their educational attainment and the need for a particular sex of children, among others, were identified factors responsible for enlarged family size.