

Factors Determining the Closed Birth Interval in Rural Manipur

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ABSTRACT To investigate the significant determinants on closed birth interval of rural Manipuri women, Cox's proportional hazards model is applied. Among the eighteen explanatory variables of interest, infant mortality, number of son(s) by wife, duration of breast feeding and Hindu religion have high significance ($P < 0.001$). And age at marriage of wife and sex of the previous child have significant ($P < 0.05$) impact on the dynamics of closed birth interval.