

Demography of the Tribal Groups of Rajasthan: 2. Levels, Differentials and Trends in Fertility

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ABSTRACT In the present paper, descriptions of “current” and cumulative fertility among the six major Scheduled Tribes have been discussed. Differences in levels of fertility across Scheduled Tribes seemed to be due to the influence of independent determinants as well as different levels of development, viz., Minas have again shown lesser fertility level as compared to other tribes under study. The relationship between fertility and such independent determinants as, economic and socio-cultural characteristics, physical environment has also been explored, which revealed possible influence.