

FEMALE STERILIZATION IN TURKEY

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Female sterilization is relatively a new method for women in Turkey. Although it is known by 90 percent of women, only 6 percent of women sterilized. In this study, socio-economic and demographic characteristics of sterilized women will be examined.

This study will analyze the 2003 Turkey Demographic and Health Survey. The survey has a nationally representative sample, including 10,836 households with 8075 ever-married women. The descriptive analysis of the characteristics of sterilized women will be given in addition to the multivariate analysis.

According to the 2003 survey results, 6 percent of women are sterilized in Turkey. This was 4 percent in 1998 survey. The preliminary results show that sterilization is higher among women in 40-44 age group, women living in West, women living in urban areas, women with primary school education and women with traditional life style (wearing a scarf, no make-up, no social life). There will be analyses on employment status, social status, fertility background (births and abortions) and contraception background.

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