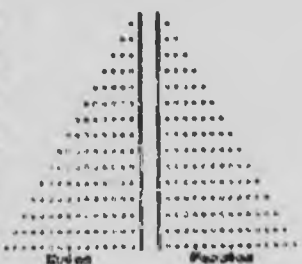


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Information on Females Aged 15 to 59 Years

Table 1 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Age

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
15 - 19	55	11.3
20 - 24	94	19.3
25 - 29	69	14.2
30 - 34	69	14.2
35 - 39	37	7.6
40 - 44	37	7.6
45 - 49	41	8.4
50 - 54	41	8.4
55 - 59	26	5.3
Not stated	18	3.7
TOTAL	487	100

Table 2 Females Aged 15 to 59 years by Age Accuracy

<u>Age Accuracy</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Accurate Can Give Exact Date	159	44.3
Probably Accurate	106	29.5
Estimate made by Women	94	26.2
TOTAL	359	100

Table 3 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Religion

<u>Religion</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Catholic	199	41.1
Protestant	158	32.6
Moslem	20	4.1
Traditional	2	0.4
Other	105	21.7
TOTAL	484	100

Table 4 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Marital Status

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Never married	55	11.6
Currently married	340	71.6
Widowed	48	10.1
Separated/Divorced	32	6.7
TOTAL	475	100

Table 5 Married Females Aged 15 to 59 by Whether Living with Husband

<u>Living with Husband</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	274	80.6
No	66	19.4
TOTAL	340	100

Table 6 Married Females Aged 15 to 59 by Reasons for Living Apart

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	267	94.3
2	15	5.3
3	1	0.4
TOTAL	283	100

Table 7 Ever Married Females Aged 15 to 59 by Type of Marriage

<u>Type of Marriage</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Civil Marriage	25	5.9
Christian Marriage	91	21.4
Moslem Marriage	2	0.5
Traditional Marriage	287	67.5
Other	20	4.7
TOTAL	425	100

Table 8 Married Females Aged 15 to 59 by Number of Times Married

<u>Number of Times</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	267	94.3
2	15	5.3
3	1	0.4
TOTAL	283	100

Table 9 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Knowledge of Family Planning

<u>Knowledge</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	373	81.8
No	83	18.2
TOTAL	456	100

Table 10 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Source of Information on Family Planning

<u>Source</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Radio	134	35.4
Clinic	99	26.2
Female Friends	14	3.7
Other	131	34.7
TOTAL	378	100

Table 11 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Method of Family Planning Known

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
None	6	2.1
Abstinence	24	8.5
Rhythm/Withdraw	3	1.1
Condom	6	2.1
Pill (few cases of loop)	218	77.6
Injection/Pill	21	7.5
Sterilization	2	.7
Traditional Medicine	1	.4
TOTAL	281	100

Table 12 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Whether Use Any Method of Family Planning

<u>Use</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	71	19.3
No	297	80.7
TOTAL	368	100

Table 13 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Method of Family Planning Used

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
None	9	10.7
Abstinence	14	16.7
Rhythm/Withdrawal	11	13.1
Condom	10	11.9
Pill (few cases of loop)	23	27.4
Injection Pill	13	15.5
Sterlization	3	3.6
Traditional Medicine	1	1.2
TOTAL	84	100

Table 14 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Opinion About Family Planning

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Approve (no restrictions)	161	36.2
Approve (Rythm Method only)	9	2.0
Neutral	111	24.9
Disapprove	164	36.9
TOTAL	445	100

Table 15 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Number of Pregnancies Experienced

<u>Number of Pregnancies</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
0	81	16.6
1	91	18.7
2	68	14.0
3	62	12.8
4	53	10.9
5	41	8.4
6	34	7.0
7	24	4.9
8	18	3.7
9	6	1.2
10	3	.6
11	2	.4
12	2	.4
14	1	.2
TOTAL	488	100

Table 16 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Number of Female Births Experienced

<u>Number of Births</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
0	158	32.5
1	145	29.8
2	84	17.3
3	47	9.7
4	30	6.2
5	11	2.3
6	9	1.9
7	2	.4
TOTAL	488	100

Table 17 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Number of Male Births Experienced

<u>Number of Births</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
0	158	32.5
1	124	25.5
2	90	18.5
3	70	14.4
4	24	11.9
5	10	2.1
6	6	1.2
7	4	0.8
TOTAL	486	100

Table 18 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Number of
Pregnancy Losses Experienced

<u>Number of Losses</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
0	455	93.6
1	22	4.5
2	5	1.0
3	3	6
4	1	.2
TOTAL	486	100

Table 19 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Number of Female Children Dead

<u>Number Dead</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
0	444	91.4
1	34	7.0
2	8	1.4
3	1	0.2
TOTAL	486	100

Table 20 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Number of Male Children Dead

<u>Number Dead</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
0	442	90.9
1	34	7.0
2	9	1.9
3	1	0.2
TOTAL	486	100

Table 21 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Where Last Baby was Born

<u>Where Baby Born</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Hospital/Health Centre	176	44.0
Home	215	53.8
Other	9	2.3
TOTAL	400	100

Table 22 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Medical Personnel Present at Delivery of Last Baby

<u>Personnel Present</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Doctor	44	11.1
Nurse/Midwife	172	43.3
Traditional Birth Attendant	94	23.7
Other	90	21.9
TOTAL	400	100

Table 23 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Whether are Breastfeeding or Normally Breastfed

<u>Breastfeeding/Breastfed</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	376	93.1
No	28	6.9
TOTAL	404	100

Table 24 Females Aged 15 to 59 and Breastfeeding/Normally Breastfed by Length of Breastfeeding

<u>Length of Breastfeeding (months)</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Less than 12 months	19	5.1
12 to 23 months	68	18.1
24 to 35 months	200	53.2
36 months and above	89	23.7
TOTAL	376	100

Table 25 Female Aged 15 to 59 by Whether Breastfeed When Pregnant

<u>Breastfeed When Pregnant</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	42	11.4
No	328	88.6
TOTAL	370	100

Table 26 Females Aged 15 to 59 and Not Breastfeeding
When Pregnant by Reason for Not Breastfeeding

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
It is taboo	70	30.4
I was told it is wrong	18	7.8
The child will get sick	86	37.4
The milk will go bad	51	22.2
Never happened	5	2.2
TOTAL	230	100

Table 27 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Length of
Abstinence Period in the Past

<u>Length of Period</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Less than 12 months	16	7.9
12 to 23 months	29	14.4
24 to 35 months	94	46.5
36 months and over	63	31.2
TOTAL	202	100

Table 28 Females Aged 15 to 59 Using Modern Family Planning Methods by Aim at the Beginning of Using Methods

<u>Aim</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
To space children	22	62.9
Rest before giving birth again	8	22.9
Prolong breastfeeding/not spoil the milk	5	14.3
TOTAL	35	100

Table 29 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Source of Service on Family Planning

<u>Source</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Hospital	24	35.3
Health Centre	13	19.1
MCH Clinic	21	30.9
Dispensary	10	14.7
TOTAL	68	100

Table 30 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years and Using Modern Family Planning Methods by Whether Husband is in Favour or Against

<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
In favour	38	57.6
Against	21	31.8
Indifferent	7	10.00
TOTAL	66	100

Table 31 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years and Using Modern Family Planning Methods by Views of Relatives and Others on Family Planning

<u>Views</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
In favour	29	76.3
Some were in favour	7	18.4
No views	2	5.3
TOTAL	38	100

Table 32 Femalse Aged 15 to 59 and Breastfeeding/Breastfed by How Many Breastfeeding Times a Day

<u>Number of Times</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1 - 3	16	
4 - 7	27	
On Demand (8 or more times)	314	

Table 33 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Age at which Supplementary Food is Given to their Babies

<u>Age (months)</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1 - 2	28	
3 - 4	190	
5 - 7	103	
8 or more	50	

Table 34 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Type of Supplementary Food Given

<u>Type of Food</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Motoho/Lesheleshe	200	
Lebese (milk/eggs)	74	
Motoho/Lebese/Lesheleshe	24	
Left overs	55	
Tinned Food	1	

Table 35 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Diseases Affecting Children in the Last 12 Months

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Colds/coughs/flu	110	15.9
Diarrhoea	12	13.4
Sores/rash	10	0.9
Headaches	9	3.7
Colds and Diarrhoea	117	65.4
Other	3	1.1
	261	100

Table 36 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Diseases Affecting Children in the Last 12 Months

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Cold/coughs/flu	51	15.9
Headaches	43	13.4
Diarrhoea	3	0.9
Sores/rash	12	3.7
High Blood Pressure/aches	210	65.4
Other	2	0.6
	321	100

Table 37 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Where they Recieve Treatment for Serious Illness

<u>Source of Treatment</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Hospital	155	36.2
Health Centre	26	6.1
Dispensary	193	45.1
MCH Clinic	13	3.0
Village First Aid Box	4	0.9
Other	37	8.6
	428	100

Table 38 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by
Distance to Medical Facility from Home

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1 km or less	29	8.3
2 kms	46	13.2
3 kms	44	12.6
4 kms	24	6.9
5 kms	24	6.9
6 kms or more	182	52.1
TOTAL	349	100

Table 39 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Means of
Transport to Medical Facility

<u>Means of Transport</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Foot	188	44.1
Horse	3	.7
Bicycle	1	.2
Car/lorry/Bus	225	52.8
Other	9	2.1
TOTAL	349	100

Table 40 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Distance From MCH Clinic

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1 km or less	38	10.7
2 kms	64	18.0
3 kms	62	17.5
4 kms	33	9.3
5 kms	24	6.8
6 kms or more	134	37.7
TOTAL	355	100

Table 41 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Number of Visits to Clinic When Pregnant

<u>Number of Visits</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	220	64.0
2 or more	124	36.0
	344	100

Table 42 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Number of Visits to MCH Clinic When Nursing

<u>Number of Visits</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	230	74.9
2 or more	77	25.1
TOTAL	307	100

Table 43 Female Aged 15 to 59 Years by Type of Knowledge Acquired from MCH Clinic

<u>Type of Knowledge</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Basic Hygiene	142	47.2
Child Feeding/Care	105	34.9
General Family Health	54	17.9
TOTAL	301	100

Table 44 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Best Number of Female Children to Have

<u>Best Number</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	44	15.4
2	140	49.0
3	54	18.9
4	21	7.3
5	12	4.2
6	3	1.0
7+	3	1.0
As many as possible	2	.7
Up to God	7	2.4
TOTAL	286	100

Table 45 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Best Number of Male Children to have

<u>Best Number</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	37	13.1
2	145	51.2
3	58	20.5
4	18	6.4
5	12	4.2
6	4	1.4
7+	1	0.4
As many as possible	1	0.4
Up to God	7	2.5
Total	283	100

Table 46 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Reasons for Best Number of Children

<u>Reasons</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Equal number of boys and girls	30	25.6
Can afford to look after them	46	39.3
More people to ask for help from	7	6.0
More chances of being looked after in old age	23	19.7
So that some may survive	2	1.7
Can afford/security in old Age	2	1.7
Other (eg. God's wish	7	6.0
TOTAL	117	100

Table 47 Females Aged 15 to 59 by Number of
More Female Children Wanted

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	59	28.8
2	54	26.3
3	11	5.4
4	2	1.0
5	2	1.0
6	1	0.5
As many as possible	3	1.5
Definatly No more	38	18.5
Probably No more	15	7.3
Up to God	20	9.8
TOTAL	205	100

Table 48 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by
Number of More Male Children Wanted

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	58	28.0
2	54	26.1
3	14	6.8
4	2	1.0
5	2	1.0
6	1	0.5
As many as possible	3	1.5
Definitely No more	38	18.4
Probably No more	15	7.2
Up to God	20	9.7
TOTAL	207	100

Table 49 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by
Reasons for Wanting More Children

<u>Reasons</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Never had children/Not enough	20	11.9
Still looking for a boy	36	21.4
Still looking for a girl	16	9.5
They assist at home/work	11	6.5
It is the number I can look after	58	34.5
God's will/gift	24	14.3
Security in old age	3	1.8
TOTAL	168	100

Table 50 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Whether they Have Own Income

<u>Have Own Income</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	181	41.2
No	258	58.8
TOTAL	439	100

Table 51 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Source of Own Income

<u>Source of Own Income</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Beer brewing	145	83.3
Selling vegetables/livestock	25	14.4
Formal Employment (secretary/ clerk)	1	.6
Small business (eg. Cafe)	3	1.7
TOTAL	174	100

Table 52 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Amount of Own Income in a Year

<u>Amount (in Maloti)</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Up to 99	12	11.0
100 to 996	37	33.9
997 and above	60	55.0
TOTAL	109	100

Table 53 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by How they Spend their Own Income

<u>How Spend</u>	<u>Number of</u>	
<u>Own Income</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Buy food for the family	138	86.8
Pay school fees and by school items	9	5.7
Buy clothing for self	4	2.5
Other items for self	3	1.9
Buy food and clothing for family	4	2.5
Savings	1	0.6
TOTAL	159	100

Table 54 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Who Decides How their Own Income is Spent

<u>Who Decides</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Myself	138	84.1
My husband	22	13.6
My mother/sister-in-law	3	1.8
Father	1	0.6
TOTAL	164	100

Table 55 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Husband's Age

<u>Husband's Age (Years)</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
20 - 29	62	19.8
30 - 39	96	30.7
40 - 49	65	20.8
50 - 59	58	18.5
60 - 69	24	7.7
70+	8	2.6
TOTAL	313	100

Table 56 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Husband's Clan

<u>Husband's Clan</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Letebele, Moghotsa, Mathepu	61	16.5
Mokhoena	72	19.5
Mohlokoane	50	13.6
Mofoking	29	7.9
Mofaony	61	16.5
Other	96	26.0
TOTAL	369	100

Table 57 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Husband's Religion

<u>Husband's Religion</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Catholic	155	39.9
Protestant	128	33.0
Moslem	16	4.1
Traditional	13	3.4
Other	76	19.6
TOTAL	388	100

Table 58 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Husband's Number of Wives

<u>Number of Wives</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	316	85.6
2	37	10.0
3	3	.8
4	6	1.6
5 or more	7	1.9
TOTAL	369	100

Table 59 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Husband's Occupation

<u>Husband's Occupation</u>	<u>Number of</u>	
	<u>Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Professional, Managerial, white collar	23	6.4
Self-employed (non-agricultural)	19	5.3
Self-employed farmer	24	6.7
Employed rural worker	30	8.4
Not working but looking for work	25	7.0
Miner	238	66.3
TOTAL	359	100

**Table 60 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Husband's Location of
Employment**

<u>Husband's Location of Employment</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	
	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Same village	46	15.5
Maseru town	9	3.0
District Headquarter	8	2.7
Other town (Lesotho)	5	1.7
Other district (rural)	3	1.0
RSA	226	76.1
TOTAL	297	100

Table 61 Females Age 15 to 59 Years by Whether Husband Assists on the Farm

<u>Husband Assists</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	189	62.4
No	114	37.6
TOTAL	303	100

Table 62 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Whether Husband Sends Money/Things Home

<u>Sends</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	198	77.6
No	57	22.4
TOTAL	255	100

Table 63 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Amount of Money Sent Home by Husband per Year

<u>Amount of Money (Maluti)</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Up to 199	10	9.7
200 - 499	27	26.2
500 - 994	5	4.9
997 and above	61	59.2
TOTAL	103	100

Table 64 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Value of Things Sent Home by Husband

<u>Value (Maluti)</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Up to 199	12	26.1
200 - 996	4	8.7
997 and above	30	65.2
TOTAL	103	100

Table 65 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Items on Which Money Sent Home by Husband is Spent

<u>Items</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Food	133	56.4
Clothing	74	31.4
Farming	8	3.4
School Fees	3	1.3
Food and Clothing	4	1.6
Food, Clothing and Farming	13	5.5
Other	1	0.4
TOTAL	236	100

Table 66 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Whether Absence of Husband Affects Farm Production

<u>Affects</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	81	38.0
No	132	62.0
TOTAL	213	100

Table 67 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Husband's Education

<u>Education</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
None	133	34.3
Some Primary (1-4)	143	36.9
Primary (5-8)	74	19.1
Some Secondary	30	7.7
Secondary and Above	8	2.1
TOTAL	388	100

Table 68 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Literacy

<u>Literacy</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Can read and write	417	85.6
Cannot read and write	70	14.3
TOTAL	487	100

Table 69 Females Aged 15 to 59 Years by Education

<u>Education</u>	<u>Number of Females</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
None	77	15.8
Some Primary (1-4)	136	27.9
Primary (5-8)	210	43.1
Some Secondary	35	7.1
Secondary and Above	29	5.9
TOTAL	487	100



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