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Delineate the factors influencing fertility in Indian population

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2. Demographic profile of India-Ethnic and linguistic elements in the Indian population and their distribution. Indian population-factors influencing its structure and growth.

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NFHS

National Family Health Survey that measures fertility and its proximate determinants.

Son preference

Demand for a male child that can add births after desired daughters.

Female schooling

The most consistent inverse correlate of fertility in Indian data.

Replacement level

About 2.1 children per woman; a national average can hide high-fertility districts.

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