

Demographic and Health Survey 2006/07
Monaragala District Bulletin (Provisional data)
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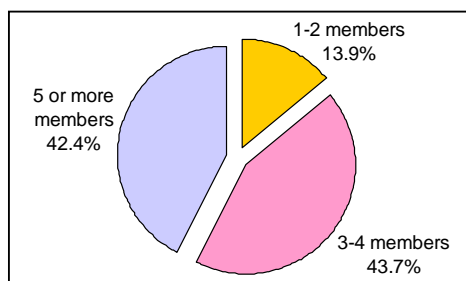
About the DHS Survey

Demographic & Health Survey (2006/07) conducted by the Department of Census & Statistics provides important information on Fertility, Family Planning, Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition and awareness of HIV/AIDS. The survey is designed to provide National as well as district and sector wise estimates. The survey covered all parts of the country excluding Northern Province. Information was collected from 23000 housing units. Main target group of the survey was ever married women in the 15-49 age group and their children below 5 years of age at the time of the survey.

- No. of households interviewed: 617.
- No. of eligible women (age 15-49) interviewed: 516.
- Estimated housing units: 115,211.
- Estimated population: 500,512.
- Household response rate: 97.0%.

Household Size -

Figure 1: Households by household size in Monaragala District 2006/7



- Average household size is 4.3 persons per household.
- About 58 percent of households are with less than 5 persons.

About the household population -

Table 1: Proportion of the population in selected age groups & sex in Monaragala District 2006/7

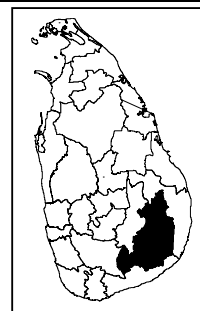
Age Group	Total	Male	Female
Below 5 yrs.	9.7	9.4	10.0
Below 15 yrs.	28.7	28.2	29.1
Below 18 yrs.	34.7	34.8	34.7
15-49 yrs.	51.5	51.1	51.9
15-64 yrs.	65.6	66.0	65.3
65 years or more	5.7	5.8	5.6

- 52 percent of females are in the reproductive age group.

Table 2: Age dependency ratio in Monaragala District 2006/7

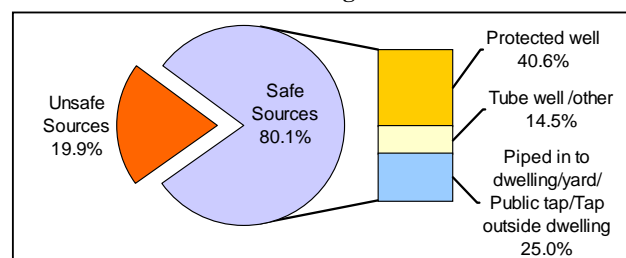
Age Dependency Ratio	Total
Below 15 yrs.	43.7
65 years or more	8.7

- Young age dependency ratio (43.7) is about 5 times greater than that of old age dependency ratio (8.7).



Access to safe drinking water -

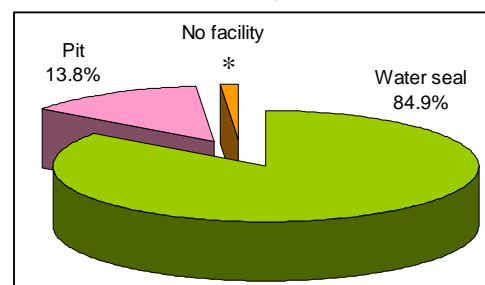
Figure 2 : Households by availability of safe drinking water in Monaragala District 2006/7



- 80 percent of households have access to source of safe drinking water. About 41 percent have access to water from protected well.
- Further, out of the 20 percent of households which do not enjoy safe drinking water 11 percent used surface water. (River/Lake/Pond/Stream/Canal/Irrigation Canal).

Sanitation Facility -

Figure 3 : Households by availability of sanitation facility in Monaragala District 2006/7



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- About 85 percent of households use water sealed toilets while 13.8 percent use pit toilets.

Electricity

50.4 percents households in Monaragala District have electricity.

Ownership of household consumer goods -

Table 3: Percentage of households by ownership of household equipment in Monaragala District 2006/7

Equipment	Percentage of Households
Television	65
Radio	83
Refrigerator	15
Mobile phones	18
Land phones	17

Main source of cooking fuel –

- About 95 percent of households in Monaragala District use firewood for cooking.

Use of Mosquito nets -

- About 63 percent of the households in Monaragala District currently use mosquito nets and 11 percent of households use mosquito coils.

About Children in Monaragala District -

- Out of the children in 5 – 15 year age group 98.5 percent have ever attended a school.
- It is reported that 23.2 percent of currently school attending children in 5-17 year age group do not have enough school books.
- Fathers of 4.7 percent of children in 0-17 year age group were not alive at the time of the survey.

Child Health -

Immunization Coverage

- It was observed that 96.1 percent of children between 12-23 months in Monaragala District have received specified vaccines BCG, Polio, DPT and Measles by 12 months of age.

Birth Weight

- 82.4 percent of children (with health development report) of 0-59 months in Monaragala District have birth weight as equal or above 2.5kg.
- 17.6 percent of children have low birth weights (Less than 2.5kg).

Mother's Health Care in Monaragala District 2006/7-

- The Government health facilities have served about 97 percent of deliveries which occurred during the 5 year period preceding the survey.
- The survey further reported that almost every mother has received assistance of skilled health person at their last delivery.

Exclusive breast feeding

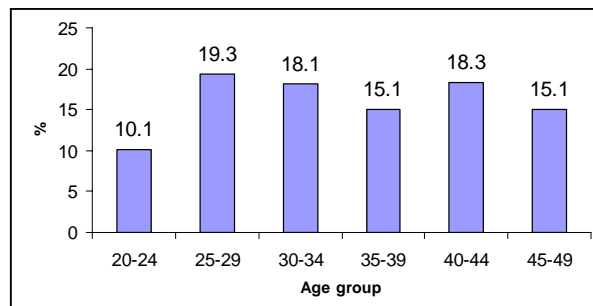
- The proportion of mothers who have exclusively breast fed during the first 4 months at their last birth in Monaragala District is 84.5.

Background characteristics of ever married females of 15-49 years

Age distribution of eligible women* -

- Figure 4 shows that highest proportion (19.3 percent) of eligible women belong to 25-29 age category.

Figure 4: Distribution of eligible women in Monaragala District by age group 2006/7



Note: Percentage of 15-19 age group is negligible

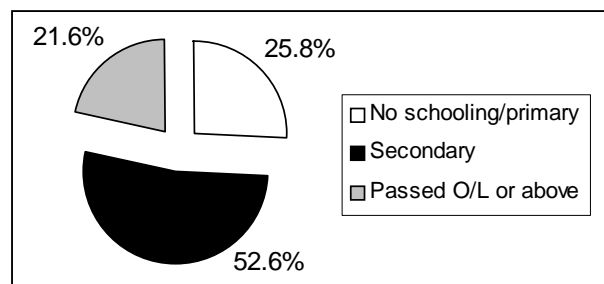
Marital status of eligible women -

- About 95 percent of eligible women were married and the balance 6 percent were widowed or separated at the time of the survey.

Level of education of eligible women -

- 25.8 percent of eligible women in Monaragala District have primary level education or never attended school.
- Majority (52.6%) of them have attended up to secondary level of education.

Figure 5: Eligible women by level of education in Monaragala District 2006/7



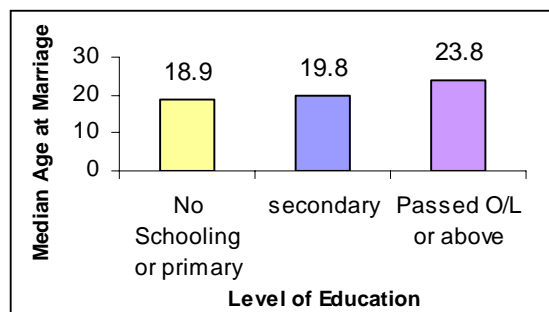
Awareness about HIV AIDS -

About 88 percent of women in Monaragala District have heard about HIV AIDS. Out of this about 59 percent of women know that the AIDS can be prevented by using condoms, while about 86 percent of them have knowledge about limiting sex to one uninfected partner and 86 percent stated that abstaining from sex help to reduce HIV AIDS.

Median age at marriage -

- Median age at marriage of women in Monaragala District is 20.6.
- Median age at marriage increases with the level of education.

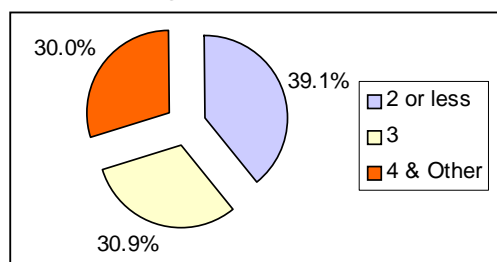
Figure 6: Median age of women at marriage by level of education in Monaragala District 2006/7



Desired family size -

Currently married women in Monaragala District prefer small families. 39.1 percent of women would like to have 2 or less than 2 children. Further, 70 percent of women liked to have 3 or less than 3 children.

Figure 7: Ever married women by desired family size in Monaragala District 2006/7



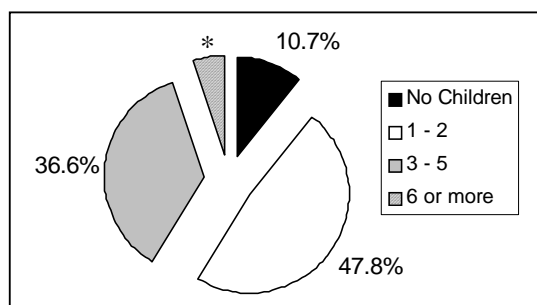
Mean no. of children -

On an average ever married women in Monaragala district have 2.4 children.

Children ever born -

10.7 percent of ever married eligible women never have children while about 47.8 percent of women have only 1 or 2 children.

Figure 8: Ever married Women by number of children ever born in Monaragala District 2006/7.

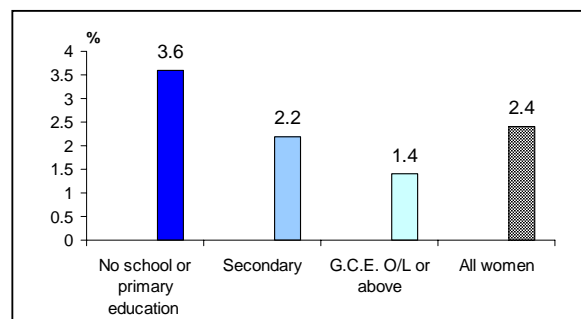


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Note *: See Definition

Mean number of children ever born by level of education-

Figure 9: Mean number of children ever born by level of education in Monaragala District 2006/7

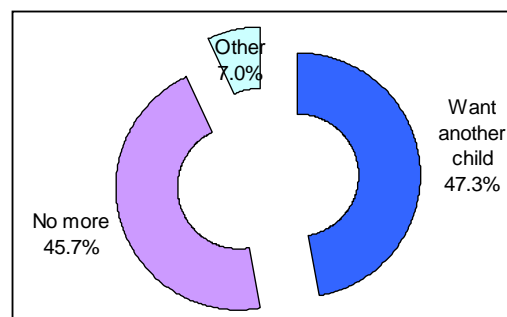


- Mean number of children ever born decreases with increasing the level of education of eligible women.

Fertility preferences -

Proportion of women like to have another child is 47.3 %. 45.7 percent of eligible women (Excluding sterilized women) have answered that they do not want to have another child.

Figure 10: Ever married Women by fertility preferences in Monaragala District 2006/7 (Excluding sterilized women)



Awareness of contraceptive methods -

Table 4: Ever married women by awareness of contraceptive methods in Monaragala District 2006/7

Method	Percentage of know method
Female sterilization	94.6
Male sterilization	68.7
Pills	98.1
IUD	93.9
Injection	98.3
Norplant	40.5
Male Condom	84.8
Female Condom	19.2
LAM	40.2
Safe period	59.2
Withdrawal	74.8
Emergency contraception	33.1

- Injection and Pill are the widely known methods (98.3 percent and 98.1 percent respectively), followed by the Female sterilization and IUD (94.6 percent and 93.9 percent).
- Percentage who knows about male condom is also high (84.8).
- Percentage of women knowing LAM, Norplant and Emergency contraception is relatively low.

Current use of contraception -

- Total number of estimated currently married women in Monaragala District is 92,950.
- 70.7 percent of women are currently using contraception.

Table 5: Currently married women by use of contraceptive method in Monaragala District 2006/7

Method	No.	%
Total	92950	100.0
Not using *	27241	29.3
Any method	65709	70.7
Any modern method	53298	57.3
Modern Permanent		
Sterilization	20214	21.7
Modern Temporary		
Pills	**	**
IUD	10665	11.5
Injection	16849	18.1
Condom	**	**
Any traditional method	12411	13.4
Safe period	**	**
Withdrawal	7255	7.8

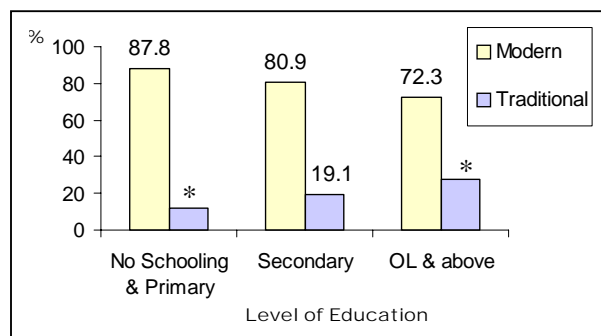
* Including pregnant women.

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- Survey reveals that about 57.3 percent of currently married women currently using modern contraceptive methods while another 13.4 percent use traditional methods.
- 29.3 percent of currently married women are not currently using any contraceptive method. (Including pregnant women) Data shows that the most commonly used modern temporary method is injection (18.1 percent) followed by IUD (11.5 percent).
- Further, 21.7 percent of eligible women use sterilization (Mostly Female sterilization).

Level of education and use of contraception -

Figure 11: Currently married and non pregnant women who use family planning by level of education in Monaragala District 2006/07



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- Figure 11 indicate that females in all education levels inclined towards to modern methods.

Contraceptive use by age -

Table 6: Current use of family planning by age groups in Monaragala District 2006/7

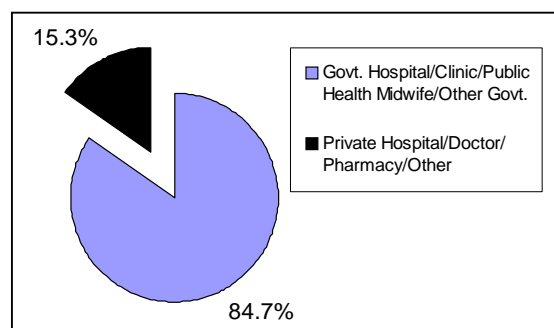
Methods	15 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	Total
Any method	*	61.9	74.0	78.3	70.7
Modern method	*	52.7	62.3	59.8	57.3
Traditional method	*	*	*	18.5	13.4
Not using	*	38.1	26.0	21.7	29.3
Total	*	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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- 38 percent of eligible women in 20-29 age group are currently not using any contraceptive method.

Source of supply -

Figure 12: Current users of contraceptive by most recent source of supply in Monaragala District 2006/7



- Government facilities (Including public health midwife) have catered to the needs of nearly 85 percent of current users of modern temporary contraceptive methods.

Definitions used:

Safe sources of drinking water:

Protected well, tube well, main water line and Spring protected.

Unsafe sources of drinking water:

Unprotected well, bowser, river/tank/stream and other sources such as rain water and unprotected spring water.

Eligible women: Women who were ever married and who were in the age group of 15-49 at the time of the survey.

Level of Education:

No schooling - Never attended school

Primary level - Passed grade 1,2,3,4, or up to grade 5

Secondary level - Passed grade 6,7,8,9 or up to grade 10

O/L and above - Passed GCE O/L or above