

Fertility by age of women

3.11 Age of women is an important factor affecting the fertility levels. On the basis of data on births to women by specific age groups in the reproductive span 15-49 years as available from SRS, age specific fertility rates have been calculated. Statement 19 below presents the age specific fertility rates for India by residence.

3.12 The data reveals that fertility in all the age groups is higher in rural areas than in urban areas. This distribution of age-specific fertility by residence is presented in chart 39. The fertility reaches the peak in the age group 25-29 and declines thereafter, irrespective of the place of residence. ASFR curve for urban areas falls under the ASFR curve of rural areas. Both Rural and Urban ASFR curves have declined very steeply after attaining peak for age 25-29.

Statement 19

ASFRs (Age Specific Fertility Rates) by residence, India, 2018

Age Groups	Total	Rural	Urban
15-19	12.2	13.5	8.4
20-24	122.9	135.9	91.5
25-29	146.4	160.1	119.1
30-34	94.7	101.3	81.7
35-39	36.9	40.7	30.2
40-44	12.7	14.8	9.1
45-49	4.4	5.5	2.4