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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 20 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 13. The fertility reaches the peak in the age group 20-24 and declines thereafter, irrespective of the place of residence. ASFR curve for urban areas falls under the ASFR curve of rural areas. Rural ASFR curve has declined very steeply after attaining peak at age 24 whereas urban ASFR curve has gradually declined up to the age 29 after attaining peak at age 24.

Statement 20

ASFRs (Age specific fertility rates) by residence, India, 2009

Age Groups	Total	Rural	Urban
15-19	38.5	44.3	21.7
20-24	206.5	227.8	153.7
25-29	156.8	166.0	135.9
30-34	75.1	82.7	56.8
35-39	29.9	34.8	18.2
40-44	11.5	14.5	4.5
45-49	4.8	6.3	1.2