

FOREWORD

Population dynamics have proved its importance in the development of a country. Demographic statistics are inevitable for policymakers, planners and administrators for planning of developmental programmes for the national & provincial governments.

The most significant contribution of Pakistan Demographic Survey (PDS) being conducted during intercensal period is to provide reliable data on population dynamics such as its size, rate of growth with its two principal indicators i.e. birth rate & death rate and as other related demographic variables.

The present PDS report is the Seventeenth of the Series started in 1984, which provide the detailed information on fertility & mortality for the year 2005 at national level with urban-rural breakdown. I am sure it will be useful to administrators, planners, policymakers, researchers and other users working in Socio-Economic and demographic fields.

Suggestions for improvement will be most welcome.

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