

Fertility and Reproductive Performance of Aramadravida Brahmins of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT The present paper reports demographic and reproductive aspects of Aramadravida Brahmins of Andhra Pradesh. They trace their origin from 'Brahacharanam Brahmins' of Tamilnadu, who later on amalgamated in 'Vaidiki Brahmins' of Andhra Pradesh. The sex-ratio, on the whole, indicates an excess of male over female. The mean age of marriage for boy and girls are 21.69 ± 0.5 and 15.00 ± 0.4 years, respectively. The mean menarcheal age is 13.98 ± 0.99 while the mean menopausal age is 46.57 ± 0.99 . The pregnancy history indicates on the whole, a low fertility rate. This may be due to high death rate followed by a relatively higher number of individuals not contributing to the next generation gene pool.