

## **Relationship Between Socio Demographic Factors and Child Survival: Evidences from Goa, India**

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**ABSTRACT** In this paper an attempt has been made to demonstrate the relationship between socio demographic factors and child survival. The influence of demographic factors on child survival has been studied with a set of variables such as maternal age, birth order and birth interval. The socio economic variables considered here are maternal education, religion, standard of living of the family and place of residence. The results show that demographic factors such as age of the mother, birth order and birth interval and the socio economic factors such as maternal education and standard of living affect significantly the probability of the survival of the child. Therefore, postponement of the female age at marriage to 20 years with the view to delay the onset of child bearing and proper spacing of births would have noticeable affect in bringing down the level of infant mortality and thereby improving the health of the women.

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