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Influence of Socio Demographic Variables on Violent Behaviour Among Youth

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ABSTRACT The objective of the study was to determine the socio demographic variables that might influence violent behaviour among youth. A sample of 1,205 youth aged 18-22 years were recruited using simple random sampling from the city of Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu state. The Youth Risk Behaviour Scale was administered to assess the violent behaviour. The linear regression analysis showed age, gender and mothers' occupation to be the significant determinants of violent behaviour among youth. Also, youth between 18-19 years revealed a higher mean score when compared to 20-22 years and males showed higher risk for violence behaviour than females. The findings throw light on the socio demographic conditions, which is a major indicator of health, development and wellbeing of the individuals, and has its role in influencing violent behaviour among youth.