

Abstract

Some Models for Age at Marriage

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Age at marriage is considered to be one of the important factor of the reproduction process particularly in societies where customarily almost all the births occur within the reproductive period as married life. Age at marriage has always been a subject of interest among demographers and social scientists due to its significance in the study of current and prospective fertility behaviours and population characterisation. Development of models for describing the age at first marriage and related consequences have been a topic of discussion in recent years. In this paper an attempt has been made to propose/apply some models suitable to describe the age at first marriage. The mechanism that has been kept in mind while proposing a model is that the people start from a non-marriageable state and enter into a marriageable state according to some waiting time rule. The validity of the models have been tested using a number of data set taken from Uttar Pradesh (India), Assam (India) and Bangladesh.