

Abstract

Current and Future Fertility : Comparison of Natives and Immigrants in Kanchaburi Province, Thailand

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This article compares both the current and expectation for the future fertility of Myanmar immigrants and natives in Kanchanaburi province, Thailand using data from the Kanchanaburi project 2000 and 2001. The objectives are to determine fertility level and pattern during 1996 thru 2000 and to explore the extent to which immigrants expect their childbearing for the future. The results show that the estimation of ASFR in every age group of immigrants is higher than natives. The total fertility rate of immigrants' (3.19) is also found significantly higher than of natives (1.65). Future fertility is analyzed by using the distribution of women by the intention of additional children, natives tend to limit their family size not over two children while immigrants still desire larger. Expectation for future fertility pattern of Myanmar immigrants is still higher than natives and slowly decline in the long period.