

Ethnic differentiation of fertility in Kazakhstan

Abstract

This paper examines ethnic differentials in fertility in Kazakhstan using data from the Statistical Agency of Kazakhstan from 1999 to 2006. The study focuses on four major ethnic groups including Kazakhs, Russians, Ukrainians and Uzbeks which account for 90% of the country's population. The paper lays emphasis on comparison and determination of differences in fertility trends among the chosen ethnic groups. In order to describe the main reasons of differences in fertility trends in greater detail, the author analyzed birth orders in fertility in the groups. At the same time, the paper presents ethnic structure of Kazakhstan's population and within each ethnicity it shows age structure which also determines fertility trends.

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