

REGIONAL VARIATION IN INFANT, NEONATAL AND POSTNATAL MORTALITY: EVIDENCES FROM NATIONWIDE SURVEY

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ABSTRACT:

Since the Indian states are quite diverse in the social, economic, cultural geographical and environmental conditions, they also differ in the pace of mortality transition. Some states have very less infant, neonatal and postnatal mortality like Kerala and while some has very high infant, neonatal and postnatal mortality like Madhya Pradesh. Although the overall infant mortality rate of India is declining, there is some retardation with the pace of decline of infant mortality rate. The present levels of infant and child mortality are quite high and need immediate attention. Consequently, for the policy makers, this remains a difficult task to tackle. This study focuses on levels, trends and differentials of mortality during infancy and childhood. In this paper, infant mortality, neonatal and postnatal mortality level and trends have been studied, because with-in infant mortality, the share of neonatal mortality is also very high. For the levels of infant, neonatal and postnatal mortality by background characteristics, data from the published report of National Family Health Survey-3, Sample registration system (SRS), Ministry of health and family welfare, Central Statistical Organization and Census are used.

KEY WORDS: Infant mortality, Neonatal mortality, Postnatal mortality, Differentials
