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At current fertility levels, a woman in Jordan will have an average of 3.6 children in her lifetime.
Fertility Trends

TFR for women age 15-49 for the 3-year period preceding the survey

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Fertility Differentials

TFR for women age 15-49 for the 3-year period preceding the survey

- Total: 3.6
- Urban: 3.6
- Rural: 3.7
Trends in Fertility by Region

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Fertility by Education

*TFR for women age 15-49*

- No education: 2.6
- Elementary: 3.9
- Preparatory: 4.5
- Secondary: 3.9
- Higher: 3.2
Fertility By Wealth

TFR for women age 15-49

- Poorest households: 4.8
- Second: 4.4
- Middle: 3.6
- Fourth: 2.8
- Wealthiest households: 2.5

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Birth Intervals

In addition to their impact on fertility, birth intervals may also affect the health of mothers and their children.
Length of Birth Intervals

33% of births occur less than 24 months after the preceding birth.

Infants born less than 2 years after a sibling have the highest rate of mortality.
Median Age at First Birth for Women 25-29

- Total: 23.9
- Urban: 23.8
- Rural: 24.3

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Median Age at First Birth for Women 25-29

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Less than 50% of the women had a birth before age 25.

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Trends in Percent of Women Pregnant

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Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood

- 3% of women between the ages of 15-19 are *already mothers* and another 1% are *pregnant* with their first child.
Current Marital Status: Women

- Married: 55%
- Never married: 43%
- Divorced: 2%
- Widowed: 1%

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Polygyny by Governorate

Percent of currently married women who are married to a man who has more than 1 wife

National average: 5%

- Aqaba: 7%
- Balqa: 7%
- Amman: 4%
- Ajloun: 3%
- Jarash: 6%
- Mafraq: 10%
- Madaba: 5%
- Karak: 6%
- Tafiela: 6%
- Ma'an: 11%
- Zarqa: 4%
Consanguinity

- First cousin: 24%
- Second cousin: 14%
- Other relative: 1%
- No relation: 61%

Percent of all ever-married women by their relationship to their current or first husband

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Age at First Marriage by Education

Median age at first marriage among women 25-49

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Total: 22.2
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Fertility Preferences of Married Women

78% either want no more children or want to delay childbearing by at least 2 years, or are already sterilised or infecund.
• Overall, more than 7 in 10 women either want to delay having another child or stop childbearing altogether.
  • These women are potential contraceptive users for spacing and limiting.
Women are considered as having an unmet need for family planning if they are fecund and wish:

• to space their next birth

OR

• to limit childbearing altogether

BUT

• are not using contraception
12 percent of currently married women have an unmet need for family planning:

- 5% for spacing
- 7% for limiting
Demand for Family Planning among Currently Married Women

- Total demand (Met need + unmet need): 71
- Met need (Currently using): 57
- Unmet need: 12
- Percent of demand satisfied (Met need/total demand): 83

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Ideal Family Size

Women report an ideal family size of 3.9 children.
Distribution of births in the 5 years preceding the survey by birth planning status

- Wanted then: 74%
- Wanted later: 15%
- Wanted no more: 11%
Gap Between Wanted and Actual Fertility Rates

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Key Findings

• Women have on average 3.6 children.
• TFR has dropped dramatically in the last 20 years, but has remained relatively stable since 2002.
• Women have their first birth at a median age of 23.9.
• 73% of currently married women either want no more children or want to wait at least 2 years before their next child and 5% are already sterilized or infecund.
• 11% of married women have an unmet need for family planning.

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Extra Notes

• Slides 12 :
  – Doctors recommend a birth interval of at least 36 months

• Slide 22 :
  – Almost half of women want no more children. More than three-quarters either want no more children, want to wait at least 2 years before their next birth or are already sterilised or are infecund.

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Extra Notes

• Slide 26:
  – 89% of the demand for FP is satisfied in Namibia.

• Slide 27:
  – Women want an average of 3.1 children, while men would like 3.9 children. Ideal family size is slightly higher in rural than in urban areas.