Women’s Status and Domestic Violence: Results from the 2012 TjDHS

The 2012 Tajikistan Demographic and Health Survey (TjDHS) provides up-to-date information on the population and health situation in Tajikistan. The 2012 TjDHS is the first national demographic and health survey conducted in the country.

The 2012 TjDHS included questions on women’s education and employment, decisionmaking, and experiences with violence.

**Education**

*Percent distribution of women age 15–49 by highest level of education*

- No schooling: 2%
- Primary: 4%
- Professional primary: 3%
- Professional middle: 4%
- Higher: 6%
- General basic: 35%
- General secondary: 46%
- Total: 100%

**Employment by Age**

*Percent of women 15–49 who are currently employed (worked within past 7 days)*

- Total: 27%
- 15-19: 27%
- 20-24: 21%
- 25-29: 27%
- 30-34: 30%
- 35-39: 36%
- 40-44: 41%
- 45-49: 35%

**Payment for Employment**

*Percent distribution of employed women 15–49*

- Cash only: 53%
- Cash and in-kind: 20%
- In-kind only: 8%
- Not paid: 19%

**75%** of women who earn cash for employment report that they earn less than their husband.

**Women’s Participation in Decisionmaking**

*Percent of married women 15–49 who participate in the following decisions:*

- Woman’s own health care: 54%
- Making major household purchases: 55%
- Visits to her family or relatives: 56%
- All 3 decisions: 43%
- None of the 3 decisions: 34%

**Women’s Decisionmaking by Education**

*Percent of married women 15–49 who participate in all 3 specific decisions*

- None/primary: 31%
- General basic: 37%
- General secondary: 45%
- Professional primary/middle: 48%
- Higher: 58%

**Home Ownership**

*Percent distribution of women age 15–49 by ownership of housing*

- Do not own a house: 47%
- Own a house alone: 4%
- Own a house jointly: 32%
- Own a house alone and jointly: 17%

**Women’s Attitudes Toward Wife Beating**

*Percent of women 15–49 who agree that a husband is justified in beating his wife for the following reasons:*

- Burning the food: 28%
- Arguing with him: 40%
- Going out without telling him: 51%
- Neglecting the children: 44%
- Refusing to have sex with him: 27%
- Agree with any reason above: 60%
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