

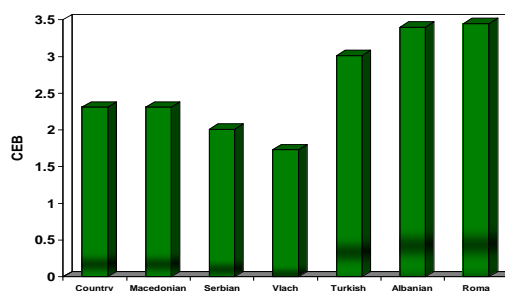
Possible explanation about SRB imbalance in Macedonia

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- SRB of 108.3 (2010)
- Variations

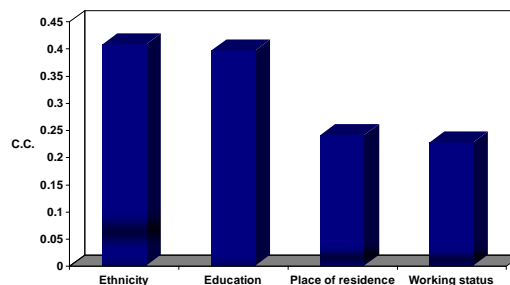
- There is little information (or no survey) about prevalence or behavioral impact on sex preferences in R.Macedonia.
- The information present in this discussion is based on the surveys where the main purpose for study is analysis of fertility behaviour and family planning.

Fertility by ethnicity



Women's Ethnicity	Desired Number of Children					Mean DC
	1	2	3	4+	Total	
	7.0 (67)	40.5 (390)	41.9 (403)	10.6 (102)	100 (962)	2.57
Macedonian	7.5	45.1	42.2	5.3	100 (628)	2.45
Albanian	8.3	33.2	40.2	18.3	100 (241)	2.72
Other	0	29.0	44.1	26.9	100 (93)	3.02

Variables by the strength of association

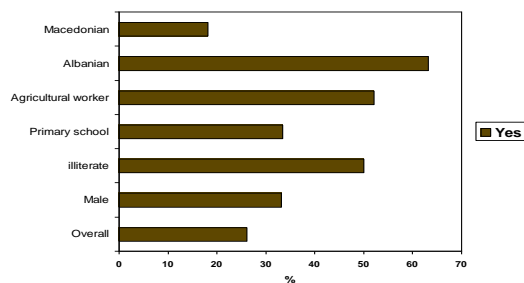


“According your opinion, how many children one family should have?”

- *One half* prefer to have from 1 to 2 children;
- *two fifth* prefer to have 3 children;
- one tenth prefer to have “4+” children

■ *Socio-ekonomskata struktura i problemi na naselenieto vo Makedonija (2001), Skopje, ISPPi, Skopje pp.129-167*

“If you have 3 female, would you try to have more children in hopes of having at least one boy?”



Explanatory power of ethnicity

- certain socio-demographic characteristics such as sex, education and activities.
- how strong is influence of the non-traditional form of behaviour.
- level resistance to the modern way of living and progressive idea that come from outside of family.

Abortion

- *Abortion as a method of birth control*
 - *Perform until 10 weeks*
- *Higher number of abortion among woman with a higher parity*
- Difference by certain background characteristics of women

MCEB to women by ethnicity and proxy variables

Variables	Ethnic Belonging			
	Macedonian	Albanian	Other	Total
	1.89 (628)	2.73 (241)	2.71 (93)	2.18(962)
Abortion				
Yes	2.18	2.88	3.19	2.46(326)
No	1.75	2.61	2.57	2.03(636)

Abortion

- The right to *decide of abortion* is the *women's prerogative*.
 - **majority** of the respondents believe that married woman must make such decisions in according with *their partners*. Particularly in as a situation when the woman is economically dependent on the husband.

□ *Strategic assessment of policy, quality and access to contraception and abortion in the Republic of Macedonia (2008) editors: Tozija, F., Skopje, Republic Institute fro Health Protection, pp.65-83*

Role of partner

- present discrimination of women discourages the latter from making independent decisions related to the use of family planning
 - Differentials by ethnicity
 - The fear that the partner might find out discourages many women from these communities from seeking information or any activities related to family planning is control by partner.
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suggestions

- Deeper research to find out:
 - Time of starting (related to number of children)
 - Do we have sex ratio at birth order
 - Systematic field of investigation in order to improve understanding on various social, economic and cultural factors that determine son preferences in childbearing.
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