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The 2005 Armenia Demographic and Health Survey (ADHS) was a nationally representative sample survey designed to provide information on population and health issues in Armenia. The ADHS was conducted by the National Statistical Service and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia during September-December 2005. ORC Macro provided technical support for the survey through the MEASURE DHS project. The MEASURE DHS project is sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to assist countries worldwide in obtaining information on key population and health indicators. USAID/Armenia provided funding for the survey. UNICEF/Armenia and UNFPA/Armenia supported the survey through in-kind contributions.

The purpose of the 2005 ADHS was to collect national and regional level data on fertility and contraceptive use, maternal and child health, adult health, and AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases. Thus, much of the information collected in the survey represents updated estimates of basic health and demographic indicators covered in the 2000 ADHS (NSS, MOH, and ORC Macro, 2001). The survey obtained detailed information on these issues from women of reproductive ages and, on certain topics, from men as well. Data are presented by region (marz) when sample size permits.

The survey findings provide estimates for a variety of demographic indicators. The 2005 ADHS results are intended to provide the information needed to evaluate existing social programs and to design new strategies for improving the health of and health services for the people of Armenia. The 2005 ADHS also contributes to the growing international database on demographic and health-related indicators.