

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND SEX AS CORRELATES OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES AMONG UNMARRIED ADOLESCENTS IN EKITI STATE

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### ABSTRACT

The study examined the educational background and sex as correlates of reproductive health services among unmarried adolescents in Ekiti State. The problem of the study arose from observed reproductive health issues faced by unmarried adolescents in Ekiti State. Descriptive research of the survey type and correlational design was employed. The population for the study was all the unmarried adolescents in the sixteen local government areas of Ekiti State. The instrument used was a questionnaire designed by the researcher titled “Unmarried Adolescents' Reproductive Health Questionnaire” (UARHQ). The data generated was analysed using descriptive and inferential statistics. It was found that many unmarried adolescents in Ekiti State are sexually active and that the status of reproductive health services influences them. The factors which affect the status of reproductive health of unmarried adolescents in Ekiti state include their educational background and sex. The findings of this study led to the conclusion that unmarried adolescents in Ekiti State have poor status of reproductive health. It was recommended that donors, governments, humanitarian organizations and development agencies need to urgently address adolescents' sexual and reproductive health issues.

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