

GENDER DIFFERENCE IN MARITAL SATISFACTION OF COUPLES IN RURAL FARMING HOUSEHOLDS OF AKWA IBOM STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The study examined the gender differences in marital satisfaction of couples in rural farming households of Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. The objectives of the study were to examine the demographic characteristics of married couples in rural farming households in the study area; determine the respondents' levels of marital satisfaction; and ascertain the difference in the levels of marital satisfaction between the male and female respondents. The study relied mainly on primary data collected via questionnaire which were administered to 160 respondents. The data were analyzed using both descriptive and inferential statistics. The findings indicated that the mean age of the respondents is 37 years, 62.7% of them are females and majority of them are functionally literate. The study further revealed that majority of the respondents had high level of marital satisfaction; and that a significant statistical difference exists in the levels of marital satisfaction between the male and female respondents.

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