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Subject: Re: Parity Progression Ratio and Tempo-adjusted Fertility

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Fri, 28 Oct 2022 16:07:32 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

Your request goes beyond the level of support that we can provide.

"Tempo" refers to changes in the timing of childbearing, which mainly shows up with changes in the mean age at childbirth. If the mean age at birth in the successive DHS surveys in Ethiopia has been changing, you could see differences between the different versions of the TFR. The first step would be to check for changes in the distribution of age at childbearing, including ages at specific birth orders. If the mean age is not changing or is changing slowly, this type of analysis may not be very helpful. The adjustment for tempo has mainly been applied to countries that have experienced massive changes over several decades, as in Europe.

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