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Article **Levels, Trends and Determinants of Fertility in China: 1973-1987**

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Abstract This article gives a comprehensive description of changes in the fertility rates in 28 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities of China during the 1.5year period from 1973 to 1987 using data from the 1982 One-per-Thousand Fertility Sampling Survey and the 1988 Two-per-Thousand Fertility and Birth Control Sampling Survey. It also summarizes some characteristics of fertility changes in those areas, and evaluates the family planning work being carried out in those areas. It concludes that, although there is considerable potential for further fertility decline in some of the areas, a more realistic goal for China might be to strive to reach the replacement level of fertility as soon as possible and maintain it at that level.

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