The article describes the non-statistical uses of vital records and also the demographic uses of vital statistics in the following aspects: (a) for policy making, that is, to form the basis for policy guidance, planning and projections; (b) for administration, that is, to monitor current demographic trends and action programmes; and (c) for research, that is, to support the scientific study of the interrelationship between fertility and mortality trends and socio-economic development.

The article also compares three data sources for vital statistics - civil registration, population census and sample surveys.


Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Knowledgebase