Measurement of Adult Mortality in Less Developed Countries: a Comparative Review

Technical Paper No. 51 in this series dealt with the problems of measuring childhood mortality. The current article continues this discussion by focusing on the measurement of adult mortality in countries which lack an adequate civil registration system. The strengths and weaknesses of alternate methods are presented, with due attention to the practical purposes the measures are supposed to serve.

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