

# FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH EARLY MARRIAGE IN DELI SERDANG, NORTH SUMATERA

Surisna Okrianti

Universitas Sumatera Utara

## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Early marriage, or child marriage, is defined as the marriage or union between two people in which one or both parties are younger than 18 years of age. Globally, according to UNICEF, 36% of women aged 20-24 were married or in a union, forced or consensual, before reached 18. This study aimed to determine the factors associated with early marriage in Deli Serdang, North Sumatera.

**Subjects and Method:** This was a case control study carried out in Bangun Purba, Deli Serdang, North Sumatera. A total of 120 married women was selected for this study. The dependent variable was early marriage. The independent variables were family perception and social-economic status. The data were collected by questionnaire and analyzed by multiple logistic regression.

**Results:** The likelihood of early marriage was directly increased with unfavorable family perception (OR= 5.55; 95% CI= 2.22 to 13.89; p= 0.001) and low social-economic status (OR= 7.81; 95% CI= 3.18 to 8.18).

**Conclusion:** Early marriage increases with unfavorable family perception and low social-economic status.

**Keywords:** family perception, social-economic status, early marriage

### Correspondence:

Surisna Okrianti. Universitas Sumatera Utara, Medan, North Sumatera. Email: surisnafkmusu15@gmail.com.