

# THE SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF PREGNANT YOUNG WOMEN IN BANDAR LAMPUNG, INDONESIA

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** UNICEF reports that 1 in 4 women worldwide are married before they turn 18. When a woman marries young, the trajectory of her life can be completely interrupted. She's likely to be less educated, make less money and have children earlier with more complications and risks than her peers who marry later on. This is true for women in every country in the world. Pregnant young women are at risk of not getting the right prenatal care, especially if they don't have support from their parents. Prenatal care is critical, especially in the first months of pregnancy. This study aimed to describe the sociodemographic characteristics of pregnant young women.

**Subjects and Method:** A cross-sectional study was conducted at Tanjung Karang Community Health Center (CHC), Bandar Lampung, Lampung, Indonesia from January to February 2021. A sample of 41 pregnant women visiting the CHC were selected for this study. The variables for description included age, education, working status, and knowledge.

**Results:** Marital age ranged between 15 and 17 years. As many as 17 (41.5%) pregnant women completed junior high school. As many as 38 (92.7%) did not work. As many as 26 (63.4%) had good knowledge. As many as 24 (58.5%) had favorable behavior.

**Conclusion:** Sociodemographic characteristics of the pregnant women under study have been described

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