

3. FAMILY PLANNING ACCEPTORS BY METHODS

(Nos)

Year	Sterilisation		IUD Insertions	Equivalent C.C users	Equivalent oral pill users	Total Acceptors
	Vasectomy	Tubectomy				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
2001-02	18	12793	4137	11315	1558	29821
2002-03	16	12273	4075	11547	1791	29702
2003-04	21	12524	3737	10526	1758	28566
2004-05	17	11915	3150	10379	1584	27045
2005-06	19	10194	3628	9934	1871	25646
2006-07	24	10459	3506	10575	1743	26307
2007-08	14	10289	3266	11462	1848	26879
2008-09	25	9755	2721	10612	1710	24823
2009-10	23	9359	2469	9352	1696	22899

Source: Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry

IUD : Intra - Uterine Device

CC : Conventional Contraceptives

Table 3 gives the details of family planning acceptors by methods in the U. T of Puducherry. In 2009-10 number of women underwent sterilization (Tubectomy) stands at 9359 . The total Family Planning acceptors in 2009-10 were 22,899. Sterilization was the most widely used method protecting about 40.97% of eligible couples followed by Conventional contraceptives (40.84 %) and **IUD** (10.8%) in the Union Territory of Puducherry. The awareness of female sterilization was very high in both urban and rural areas in Puducherry. However, the use of modern methods in the age-group of 20-24 may be encouraged to reduce early age pregnancy to ensure reduction in infant/maternal mortality rate. For the well being of the mother as well as for the entire family, there should be an improvement in the usage of contraceptives and Family Planning Methods. This would give better chances to women to achieve the desired size of the family with the reduced number of pregnancies and help to ensure desired gap of the consecutive pregnancies.