

Asociación Latinoamericana de Población ALAP



Narrative:

The Latin American Population Association (ALAP) has a long history of making significant contributions in the field of demography and population studies in the Latin American and Caribbean region. It includes 15 research networks, which consist of researchers, professors, and students interested in generating, consolidating, and disseminating knowledge on demographic issues.

Among these networks, we highlight four that are advancing research on sexual and reproductive health and family planning for different population groups from various perspectives. These networks are the Latin American Network of Family Studies, the Population and Work Network, the Sexual and Reproductive Health Network, and the newly formed LGBTQ+ Demography Studies Network.

The Latin American Network of Family Studies has worked to promote comparative studies between countries in the region and between different regions on family issues from a demographic perspective. They have also evaluated the quality, comparability, and potential of existing sociodemographic data sources in each country for family and marriage studies, and they have promoted the development of longitudinal data sources, prioritizing a biographical approach.

The Sexual and Reproductive Health Network has been examining the social, subjective, cultural, and economic factors related to sexual and reproductive health. They have also analyzed policies implemented at national and regional levels that have a direct impact on Sexual and Reproductive Health. Additionally, they have encouraged the training of young researchers in sexual and reproductive health at the regional level, with the aim of disseminating and consolidating a regional interdisciplinary research agenda in Sexual and Reproductive Health, contributing to population studies.

Meanwhile, the Population and Work Network has focused on creating a space for discussion on the current situations in Latin American labor markets and the employment gaps for women and youth. Recently, in order to expand discussions on work and population in Latin America by disseminating and updating new topics, methodologies, and techniques, the Population and Work Network has shifted towards researching care work—often unpaid and generally performed by women from a very young age within their families.

As for the LGBTQ+ Demography Studies Network, which is also our most recent network, it has been focusing its efforts on promoting and raising the visibility of studies on the LGBTQ+ population in Latin America and the Caribbean, to foster discussion on the challenges, experiences, and needs of this community, as well as on the collection of accurate data on various relevant topics according to the context of this population in different countries of the region.

With the efforts of these four networks, the Latin American Population Association is committed to increasing the production and dissemination of knowledge on sexual and reproductive rights, specifically on the needs, obstacles, and effects of access to family planning for different population groups in Latin America and the Caribbean by 2026. We will achieve this through the efforts of our members who focus their research on this topic, giving preference to their work when it comes to publication and dissemination, whether through our Institutional Journal, presentations at our biennial Congresses, or publications on our Social Networks. With this, we will provide reliable sources of information for the formulation of socially impactful projects, as well as for the development of public policies in the region.

Objectives:

- Research carried out on family planning and sexual and reproductive health issues
- Research conducted on LGBTQ+ communities in public policies and family planning services
- Publications on family planning in the Latin American Population Magazine
- Presentations on family planning at the ALAP Biennial Congresses