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## Demographic Potential of Young Families in the Khabarovsk Territory: Sociological Analysis

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**Abstract.** *The article presents the theoretical and empirical analysis of the demographic potential of young families in the Khabarovsk Territory as a quantitative and qualitative measure in measuring their objective and subjective characteristics. The review of the available academic publications on the topic of young families showed that researchers mainly focus on the problems and efforts of the state to provide social support by means of material resources. At the same time, the reproductive and educational function, marriage and divorce and other family relations' issues in young families remain the domain of only a narrow circle of researchers. In methodological terms, the possibilities of institutional and group sociological analysis of the demographic potential of a young family are shown taking into account classical and modern scientific approaches to its cognition. The results of the sociological research using the methods of a mass survey of young families, an expert survey, focused interviews and statistics are presented, allowing us to understand the nature of family identification by a young family, the attitude of young people to marriage and divorce, reproductive attitudes and behavior, and migration plans. The main conclusions and results of the sociological study can be used to improve state and municipal programs for the demographic development of the Khabarovsk Territory.*

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