

**Thesis Title**      Socio - Economic and Political Involvement  
and the Level of Community Participation to  
Achieve the Basic Minimum Needs Standard

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**ABSTRACT**

The achievement of Basic Minimum Needs (BMNs) standards in the Nakorn Ratchasima Province of Thailand was determined by a recent study. Socio - economic factors, Political involvement and the level of community participation were the principle elements of the study.

The research was conducted at 159 villages located in 6 District during March 2 to April 7, 1992, which Multistage Sampling method.

A simple regression analysis was used to analyse the data by grouping each of the variables into 4 groups. The 4 variables of interest consisted of Social factors, Economic factors, Political involvement and Community Participation.

The findings of this study showed that Social and Economic factors had a much greater effect on Basic Minimum Needs, while no effects existed with political involvement and a significant effect existed with Community Participation. Correlation analysis proved that Economic factors contributed significantly to the level of Basic Minimum Needs better than Social factors. On the other hand Community Participation also had a positive correlation with BMN standards.

However, the study showed that Political involvement did not have any correlation with BMN. Therefore simple regressing analysis was focused only on Socio-economic factors and community participation, which deals with the predictive equation with significant regression.