

A number of other facts are shown in Tables 13, 14 and 15. In the first place, the average age of fathers of legitimate children is about 4 years greater than the average age of mothers. Secondly, the average age of mothers of illegitimate children is about 5 years less than the average age of mothers of legitimate children; in 1930-32 the difference was 6 years. The fact that over two-thirds of illegitimate children are born to mothers under 25 years of age accounts for this difference. Thirdly, the average age of mothers of stillborn children is higher than that of live born. Table 15 shows that the rate of stillbirths per 1,000 live births increases with age of the mother. It is more than twice as high among mothers of 40-44 years as it is among mothers of 20-24, and over three times as high among mothers of 45-49.

13.—Legitimate Live Births, by Age of Parents, 1945 and 1946, with Three-Year Averages, 1930-32 and 1940-42

NOTE.—Figures for 1945 and 1946 are by place of residence; for previous years by place of occurrence.

Age Group	Averages 1930-32		Averages 1940-42		1945		1946	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
FATHERS								
Under 20 years.....	960	0.4	1,228	0.5	2,020	0.7	2,278	0.7
20-24 ".....	25,811	11.1	29,655	12.0	34,301	12.4	43,530	13.7
25-29 ".....	57,254	24.7	69,053	28.0	69,491	25.2	85,111	26.8
30-34 ".....	55,661	24.1	64,180	26.0	72,314	26.2	81,656	25.8
35-39 ".....	43,698	18.9	43,224	17.5	51,866	18.8	56,308	17.8
40-44 ".....	28,364	12.3	23,132	9.4	27,748	10.1	29,619	9.3
45-49 ".....	13,362	5.8	10,645	4.3	11,897	4.3	12,375	3.9
50 years or over.....	6,158	2.7	5,734	2.3	6,003	2.2	6,133	1.9
Totals, Stated Ages.....	231,268	100.0	246,851	100.0	275,640	100.0	317,010	100.0
Ages not stated.....	315	-	198	-	153	-	127	-
Totals, All Ages.....	231,583	-	247,049	-	275,793	-	317,137	-
Average Ages of Fathers..	33.7		32.8		32.9		32.5	
MOTHERS								
Under 20 years.....	12,460	5.4	14,062	5.7	13,361	4.8	15,535	4.9
20-24 ".....	58,003	25.1	67,077	27.2	73,534	26.7	87,624	27.6
25-29 ".....	64,204	27.7	74,897	30.3	80,613	29.2	95,400	30.1
30-34 ".....	48,567	21.0	50,376	20.4	60,467	21.9	67,573	21.3
35-39 ".....	33,478	14.5	29,032	11.8	35,074	12.7	37,660	11.9
40-44 ".....	13,173	5.7	10,383	4.2	11,440	4.2	12,021	3.8
45-49 ".....	1,382	0.6	1,055	0.4	1,103	0.4	1,168	0.4
50 years or over.....	24	¹	20	¹	20	¹	9	¹
Totals, Stated Ages.....	231,291	100.0	246,902	100.0	275,612	100.0	316,990	100.0
Ages not stated.....	292	-	147	-	181	-	147	-
Totals, All Ages.....	231,583	-	247,049	-	275,793	-	317,137	-
Average Ages of Mothers..	29.3		28.6		28.8		28.6	

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent.