Order of Birth.—Tables **17** and **18** show the order of birth of legitimate and illegitimate live-born children according to the age of the mother. In 1948 the proportion of first-born children was 30 p.c. of legitimate live births and 68 p.c. of illegitimate live births.

18.—Order of Birth of Legitimate Live-Born Children, by Age of Mother, 1948

(Exclusive of the Territories)

Order of Birth of Child	Age of Mother									
	Under 15 Years	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 Years and Over	Age Not Stated	All Ages
1st child.....	26	14,059	44,488	25,978	9,712	3,404	693	36	56	98,452
2nd "	1	3,642	30,199	30,980	15,163	5,437	896	31	17	86,366
3rd "	—	533	12,228	19,807	13,281	5,926	1,107	47	9	52,938
4th "	—	57	4,492	11,584	9,200	4,833	1,119	55	9	31,349
5th "	—	10	1,623	6,565	6,362	3,784	1,007	58	3	19,412
6th "	—	1	464	3,577	4,739	3,152	917	75	5	12,930
7th "	—	—	122	1,823	3,402	2,539	861	69	1	8,817
8th "	—	—	38	814	2,403	2,249	830	76	2	6,412
9th "	—	—	7	317	1,449	1,915	743	85	1	4,517
10th "	—	—	—	103	904	1,552	763	69	3	3,394
11th "	—	—	1	37	448	1,188	666	95	—	2,435
12th "	—	—	1	14	208	865	612	83	1	1,784
13th "	—	—	—	3	118	560	577	70	—	1,328
14th "	—	—	—	3	43	317	432	62	1	858
15th "	—	—	—	2	18	184	320	60	—	584
16th "	—	—	—	—	4	80	197	36	—	317
17th "	—	—	—	—	5	45	113	24	—	187
18th "	—	—	—	—	2	21	68	19	—	110
19th "	—	—	—	—	—	8	33	6	—	47
20th and over..	—	—	—	—	—	8	40	9	—	57
Not stated.....	—	8	32	28	14	4	1	—	1	88
Totals.....	**27**	**18,310**	**93,695**	**101,635**	**67,475**	**38,071**	**11,995**	**1,065**	**109**	**332,382**

19.—Order of Birth of Illegitimate Live-Born Children, by Age of Mother, 1948

(Exclusive of the Territories)

Order of Birth of Child	Age of Mother									
	Under 15 Years	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 Years or Over	Age Not Stated	All Ages
1st child.....	91	3,853	3,677	1,170	410	179	49	5	673	10,107
2nd "	—	354	1,048	545	192	72	12	—	12	2,235
3rd "	—	35	358	327	157	70	22	4	3	976
4th "	—	5	141	213	121	79	12	3	4	578
5th "	—	—	46	134	100	61	16	—	1	358
6th "	—	—	10	65	75	57	13	—	2	222
7th "	—	—	1	26	61	38	8	2	—	136
8th "	—	—	1	16	29	37	14	—	—	97
9th "	—	—	—	9	25	25	6	2	1	68
10th "	—	—	—	5	11	19	14	1	—	50
11th "	—	—	—	1	3	9	7	—	—	20
12th "	—	—	—	1	4	14	6	1	—	26
13th "	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	2	—	10
14th "	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	—	—	6
15th "	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	3
16th "	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
17th "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
18th "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19th "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20th and over..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Not stated.....	—	2	6	5	5	—	—	—	10	28
Totals.....	**91**	**4,249**	**5,288**	**2,517**	**1,196**	**665**	**191**	**22**	**706**	**14,925**