

These tables illustrate other significant facts: that the average age of fathers of legitimate children is about four years higher than the average age of mothers; that the average age of mothers of illegitimate children is four to five years lower than the average age of mothers of legitimate children—in 1930-32 the difference was six years (the fact that about 70 p.c. of illegitimate children are born to mothers under 25 years of age accounts for this difference); and that the average age of mothers of stillborn children is higher than that of the live born. Further, Table 11 shows that the rate of stillbirths per 1,000 live births increases with the age of the mother. It is over three times as high among mothers of 40-44 years and over four times as high among mothers of 45-49 years as it is among mothers at the ages of 20-24.

### 9.—Legitimate Live Births, by Age of Parent, 1941, 1951 and 1952

(Exclusive of Newfoundland and the Territories)

Age Group	Fathers						Mothers					
	1941		1951		1952		1941		1951		1952	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
Under 20 years.....	1,203	0.5	2,874	0.8	2,904	0.8	14,185	5.8	19,930	5.6	21,332	5.7
20 - 24 ".....	29,857	12.2	51,458	14.6	56,711	15.2	67,185	27.4	96,058	27.1	102,586	27.4
25 - 29 ".....	69,184	28.2	102,368	29.0	106,946	28.7	74,461	30.4	109,850	31.0	114,760	30.6
30 - 34 ".....	63,436	25.9	86,981	24.7	93,553	25.1	49,484	20.2	73,554	20.8	79,490	21.2
35 - 39 ".....	42,508	17.4	59,690	16.9	61,985	16.6	28,507	11.6	41,170	11.6	42,827	11.4
40 - 44 ".....	22,711	9.3	31,243	8.9	32,816	8.8	10,163	4.1	12,551	3.5	12,993	3.5
45 - 49 ".....	10,567	4.3	12,459	3.5	12,797	3.4	1,049	0.4	1,015	0.3	985	0.3
50 years or over.....	5,515	2.3	5,469	1.6	5,514	1.5	19	--	28	--	12	--
<b>Totals, Stated Ages..</b>	<b>244,981</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>352,542</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>373,226</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>245,053</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>354,156</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>374,985</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Ages not stated.....	235	...	1,789	...	1,987	...	163	...	175	...	228	...
<b>Totals, All Ages.....</b>	<b>245,216</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>354,331</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>375,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>245,216</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>354,331</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>375,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Average ages.....	32.7		32.1		32.0		28.5		28.4		28.4	

### 10.—Illegitimate Live Births, by Age of the Mother, 1941, 1951 and 1952

(Exclusive of Newfoundland and the Territories)

Age Group of Mother	1941		1951		1952	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
Under 20 years.....	2,762	29.9	4,463	33.0	4,575	32.2
20 - 24 ".....	3,666	39.7	4,984	36.9	5,308	37.4
25 - 29 ".....	1,633	17.7	2,265	16.8	2,392	16.9
30 - 34 ".....	661	7.2	1,061	7.8	1,128	7.9
35 - 39 ".....	368	4.0	557	4.1	580	4.1
40 - 44 ".....	124	1.3	173	1.3	192	1.4
45 - 49 ".....	16	0.2	15	0.1	17	0.1
50 years or over.....	1	--	1	--	--	--
<b>Totals, Stated Ages..</b>	<b>9,231</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,519</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,192</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Ages not stated.....	870	...	513	...	561	...
<b>Totals, All Ages.....</b>	<b>10,101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,032</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,753</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Average ages of mothers.....	23.9		23.8		23.9	