

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 10 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.

### 8.—Legitimate Live Births by Age of Parent 1941, 1953 and 1954

(Exclusive of Newfoundland, Yukon and the Northwest Territories)

| Age Group                  | Fathers        |              |                |              |                |              | Mothers        |              |                |              |                |              |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|                            | 1941           |              | 1953           |              | 1954           |              | 1941           |              | 1953           |              | 1954           |              |
|                            | 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          | 3,023          | 0.8          | 3,257          | 0.8          | 14,185         | 5.8          | 22,192         | 5.7          | 23,723         | 5.9          |
| 20 — 24 "                  | 29,857         | 12.2         | 59,719         | 15.5         | 63,665         | 15.8         | 67,185         | 27.4         | 106,563        | 27.4         | 111,643        | 27.6         |
| 25 — 29 "                  | 69,184         | 28.2         | 111,524        | 28.9         | 116,097        | 28.8         | 74,461         | 30.4         | 117,591        | 30.3         | 120,544        | 29.8         |
| 30 — 34 "                  | 63,436         | 25.9         | 96,738         | 25.0         | 101,243        | 25.1         | 49,484         | 20.2         | 83,007         | 21.4         | 87,584         | 21.6         |
| 35 — 39 "                  | 42,508         | 17.4         | 62,911         | 16.3         | 63,844         | 15.8         | 28,507         | 11.6         | 44,189         | 11.4         | 45,590         | 11.3         |
| 40 — 44 "                  | 22,711         | 9.3          | 33,665         | 8.7          | 35,728         | 8.9          | 10,163         | 4.1          | 13,647         | 3.5          | 14,704         | 3.6          |
| 45 — 49 "                  | 10,567         | 4.3          | 13,064         | 3.4          | 13,732         | 3.4          | 1,049          | 0.4          | 999            | 0.3          | 1,157          | 0.3          |
| 50 years or over           | 5,515          | 2.3          | 5,548          | 1.4          | 6,030          | 1.5          | 19             | --           | 20             | --           | 14             | --           |
| <b>Totals, Stated Ages</b> | <b>244,981</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>386,192</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>403,596</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>245,053</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>388,208</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>404,959</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Ages not stated            | 235            | ...          | 2,267          | ...          | 1,551          | ...          | 163            | ...          | 251            | ...          | 188            | ...          |
| <b>Totals, All Ages</b>    | <b>245,216</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>388,459</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>405,147</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>245,216</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>388,459</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>405,147</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Average ages               | 32.7           |              | 31.9           |              | 31.9           |              | 28.5           |              | 28.4           |              | 28.4           |              |

### 9.—Illegitimate Live Births by Age of the Mother 1941, 1953 and 1954

(Exclusive of Newfoundland, Yukon and the Northwest Territories)

| Age Group of Mother        | 1941          |              | 1953          |              | 1954          |              |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                            | No.           | p.c.         | No.           | p.c.         | No.           | p.c.         |
| Under 20 years             | 2,762         | 29.9         | 4,909         | 32.7         | 5,128         | 32.5         |
| 20 — 24 "                  | 3,666         | 39.7         | 5,536         | 36.9         | 5,816         | 36.8         |
| 25 — 29 "                  | 1,633         | 17.7         | 2,411         | 16.1         | 2,554         | 16.2         |
| 30 — 34 "                  | 661           | 7.2          | 1,286         | 8.6          | 1,368         | 8.7          |
| 35 — 39 "                  | 368           | 4.0          | 630           | 4.2          | 682           | 4.3          |
| 40 — 44 "                  | 124           | 1.3          | 206           | 1.4          | 221           | 1.4          |
| 45 — 49 "                  | 16            | 0.2          | 16            | 0.1          | 22            | 0.1          |
| 50 years or over           | 1             | --           | --            | --           | 2             | --           |
| <b>Totals, Stated Ages</b> | <b>9,231</b>  | <b>100.0</b> | <b>14,994</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>15,793</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Ages not stated            | 870           | ...          | 575           | ...          | 549           | ...          |
| <b>Totals, All Ages</b>    | <b>10,101</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>15,569</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>16,342</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Average ages of mothers    | 23.9          |              | 23.9          |              | 23.9          |              |