

**10.—Stillbirths and Rates per 1,000 Live Births by Age of Mother 1955 and 1956**

(Exclusive of Newfoundland and the Yukon and Northwest Territories in 1955 and of Newfoundland only in 1956)

Age Group of Mother	Stillbirths				Rates per 1,000 Live Births	
	1955		1956		1955	1956
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.		
Under 20 years.....	359	5.4	411	6.2	12.2	13.2
20 — 24 ".....	1,463	22.1	1,349	20.2	12.4	11.1
25 — 29 ".....	1,664	25.1	1,631	24.4	13.4	12.8
30 — 34 ".....	1,432	21.6	1,507	22.6	16.0	16.7
35 — 39 ".....	1,123	16.9	1,176	17.6	23.4	24.0
40 — 44 ".....	501	7.6	528	7.9	32.7	34.9
45 — 49 ".....	86	1.3	75	1.1	76.2	65.0
50 years or over.....	1	--	1	--	--	--
<b>Totals, Stated Ages.....</b>	<b>6,629</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,678</b>	<b>100.0</b>	...	...
Ages not stated.....	31	...	38	...	...	...
<b>Totals, All Ages.....</b>	<b>6,660</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,716</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>15.4</b>
Average ages of mothers.....	30.1		30.3		...	...

**Order of Birth.**—Table 11 shows the order of birth of all live-born infants in 1955 and 1956 according to the age of the mother. As would be expected 23,315, or three out of every four, of the 30,975 infants born to mothers under 20 years of age were a first child, whereas almost six out of every ten of the children born to mothers of 20-24 years were a second or later child. This is a reflection of the earlier marriages and heavy fertility of recent years.

Table 12 summarizes the pattern of family formation since 1927. The results of the immediate postwar 'baby boom' are obvious—57.9 p.c. of the infants born in 1947 was a first or second child while 50.5 p.c. of the 1956 baby crop was a third or fourth child.

**11.—Order of Birth of Live-Born Children by Age of Mother 1955 and 1956**

(Exclusive of Newfoundland and the Yukon and Northwest Territories in 1955 and of Newfoundland only in 1956)

Order of Birth of Child	Age of Mother										Percentage of Total
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 or Over	Age Not Stated	All Ages	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
<b>1955</b>											
1st child.....	141	22,163	51,976	26,687	9,956	3,367	815	50	479	115,634	27.1
2nd ".....	1	5,879	38,133	35,075	16,814	5,558	1,133	55	48	102,696	24.1
3rd ".....	—	1,042	17,970	27,375	19,805	7,859	1,648	73	25	75,797	17.8
4th ".....	—	163	6,982	16,601	15,088	7,540	1,875	88	17	48,354	11.3
5th ".....	—	12	2,364	9,263	9,983	5,888	1,747	105	11	29,373	6.9
6th ".....	—	—	691	4,957	6,561	4,530	1,437	85	8	18,273	4.3
7th ".....	—	—	209	2,517	4,357	3,458	1,235	100	3	11,879	2.8
8th ".....	—	—	56	1,139	2,913	2,685	1,111	86	2	7,992	1.9
9th ".....	—	—	19	440	1,934	2,043	905	91	1	5,433	1.3
10th ".....	—	—	4	161	1,148	1,683	756	59	2	3,813	0.9
11th ".....	—	—	—	62	619	1,203	686	65	1	2,640	0.6
12th ".....	—	—	—	17	344	857	575	54	—	1,847	0.4
13th ".....	—	—	—	9	114	537	416	58	2	1,136	0.3
14th ".....	—	—	—	1	81	325	362	39	—	808	0.2
15th ".....	—	—	—	2	39	184	222	50	—	497	0.1
16th ".....	—	—	—	1	10	87	185	29	—	312	0.1
17th ".....	—	—	—	—	3	46	98	29	—	176	0.1
18th ".....	—	—	—	—	5	32	57	8	—	102	0.1
19th ".....	—	—	—	—	—	11	34	7	—	52	0.1
20th or over.....	—	—	—	—	—	3	33	7	—	43	0.1
Not stated.....	—	1	5	4	5	7	2	2	41	67	1
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>29,264</b>	<b>118,413</b>	<b>124,311</b>	<b>89,779</b>	<b>47,903</b>	<b>15,332</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>426,924</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Less than 0.1 p.c.