

10.—Order of Birth of Live-Born Children, by Age of Mother, 1959

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

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.	
1st child.....	213	27,939	55,521	25,745	9,260	3,268	697	50	551	123,244	26.5
2nd ".....	4	8,100	43,777	35,764	15,479	5,643	1,018	56	54	109,895	23.7
3rd ".....	—	1,440	21,197	30,665	19,250	8,169	1,572	93	33	82,419	17.7
4th ".....	—	202	8,582	19,094	16,346	8,615	1,874	108	16	54,837	11.8
5th ".....	—	—	2,876	10,649	11,281	6,957	1,758	118	10	33,672	7.2
6th ".....	—	4	901	5,657	7,010	5,284	1,508	117	5	20,486	4.4
7th ".....	—	2	235	2,820	4,822	3,963	1,213	106	3	13,164	2.8
8th ".....	—	—	54	1,350	3,268	2,962	1,089	73	1	8,797	1.9
9th ".....	—	—	15	562	2,068	2,268	901	85	2	5,901	1.3
10th ".....	—	—	3	217	1,274	1,667	793	79	—	4,033	0.9
11th ".....	—	—	1	74	671	1,240	656	68	1	2,711	0.6
12th ".....	—	—	—	29	345	946	513	73	—	1,906	0.4
13th ".....	—	—	—	9	172	603	438	61	1	1,284	0.3
14th ".....	—	—	—	5	65	405	360	50	1	886	0.2
15th ".....	—	—	—	—	47	201	251	34	1	534	0.1
16th ".....	—	—	—	—	13	114	151	26	—	304	0.1
17th ".....	—	—	—	—	4	37	102	20	—	163	—
18th ".....	—	—	—	—	—	26	47	9	—	82	—
19th ".....	—	—	—	—	—	9	32	6	—	47	—
20th or over.....	—	—	—	—	—	8	25	13	—	46	—
Not stated.....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	30	38	—
Totals.....	217	37,711	133,165	132,641	91,377	52,386	14,998	1,245	709	464,449	100.0

Table 11 summarizes the pattern of family formation since 1936. The results of the immediate postwar 'baby boom' are obvious—57.9 p.c. of the infants born in 1947 were first or second children while fewer than half of the 1959 babies were first or second children.

11.—Percentage Distribution of Legitimate Live Births, by Order of Birth, 1936-59

(Exclusive of Newfoundland for all years and the Yukon and Northwest Territories for 1936-49)

Year	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th and Later Children	Total
1936.....	25.3	19.2	13.4	42.1	100.0
1937.....	26.6	19.8	13.4	40.2	100.0
1938.....	28.2	20.6	13.3	38.0	100.0
1939.....	28.6	21.3	13.7	36.4	100.0
1940.....	30.3	22.1	13.8	33.9	100.0
1941.....	32.7	21.8	13.5	32.0	100.0
1942.....	32.8	23.1	13.4	30.6	100.0
1943.....	32.2	23.7	14.2	29.9	100.0
1944.....	30.0	24.2	14.9	30.9	100.0
1945.....	28.9	24.3	15.4	31.4	100.0
1946.....	31.0	24.8	15.2	29.0	100.0
1947.....	33.0	24.9	15.0	27.2	100.0
1948.....	29.6	26.0	15.9	28.5	100.0
1949.....	27.8	26.6	16.8	28.8	100.0
1950.....	26.7	26.2	17.4	29.6	100.0
1951.....	26.7	25.8	17.6	29.9	100.0
1952.....	26.9	24.8	17.9	30.3	100.0
1953.....	26.5	25.0	18.0	30.6	100.0
1954.....	26.1	24.6	18.0	31.2	100.0
1955.....	25.5	24.4	18.2	31.9	100.0
1956.....	25.2	24.3	18.3	32.2	100.0
1957.....	25.6	23.9	18.3	32.2	100.0
1958.....	25.4	23.8	18.2	32.6	100.0
1959.....	24.8	24.0	18.2	32.9	100.0