

**10.—Order of Birth of Live-Born Children, by Age of Mother, 1961**

(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.....	228	28,877	54,688	22,868	8,381	3,000	645	30	469	119,186	25.9
2nd ".....	2	8,624	44,460	32,953	14,541	5,078	1,063	45	36	106,802	23.2
3rd ".....	—	1,628	22,809	30,239	18,756	7,838	1,592	87	9	82,958	18.0
4th ".....	—	243	9,192	19,483	16,049	8,239	1,913	113	13	55,245	12.0
5th ".....	—	24	3,244	10,985	11,019	7,031	2,007	104	7	34,421	7.5
6th ".....	—	2	968	5,822	7,347	5,275	1,558	115	4	21,091	4.6
7th ".....	—	—	261	2,887	4,886	3,818	1,348	111	8	13,319	2.9
8th ".....	—	—	51	1,417	3,327	2,997	1,196	80	3	9,071	2.0
9th ".....	—	—	21	545	2,145	2,331	921	75	—	6,038	1.3
10th ".....	—	—	3	246	1,229	1,727	828	64	—	4,097	0.9
11th ".....	—	—	2	85	712	1,220	650	62	1	2,732	0.6
12th ".....	—	—	—	28	374	871	523	66	1	1,863	0.4
13th ".....	—	—	1	8	171	650	406	57	—	1,293	0.3
14th ".....	—	—	—	3	63	369	317	44	—	796	0.2
15th ".....	—	—	—	1	26	197	232	40	1	497	0.1
16th ".....	—	—	—	—	12	106	145	28	—	291	0.1
17th ".....	—	—	—	—	1	51	99	14	—	165	--
18th ".....	—	—	—	—	2	27	60	11	—	100	--
19th ".....	—	—	—	—	—	14	32	4	—	50	--
20th or over.....	—	—	—	—	—	12	47	13	—	72	--
Not stated.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	22	--
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>39,398</b>	<b>135,700</b>	<b>127,570</b>	<b>89,041</b>	<b>50,851</b>	<b>15,582</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>460,109</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 11 summarizes the pattern of family formation since 1941. 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 1961 babies were first or second children.

**11.—Percentage Distribution of Legitimate Live Births, by Order of Birth, 1941-61**

(Exclusive of Newfoundland for all years and the Yukon and Northwest Territories for 1941-49)

Year	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th and Later Children	Total
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
1960.....	24.5	23.8	18.5	33.1	100.0
1961.....	24.1	23.6	18.5	33.8	100.0