

10.—Order of Birth of Live-Born Children, by Age of Mother, 1962

(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.....	202	28,671	55,362	21,550	7,681	2,896	645	41	542	117,590	25.9
2nd ".....	9	8,772	44,775	32,045	14,128	4,942	992	38	45	106,746	23.3
3rd ".....	—	1,699	23,302	29,442	17,851	7,187	1,601	66	21	81,199	17.9
4th ".....	—	237	9,766	19,150	15,858	7,952	1,901	85	10	54,959	12.1
5th ".....	—	30	3,406	10,723	11,370	6,630	1,580	112	5	34,156	7.5
6th ".....	—	—	1,035	5,894	7,495	5,107	1,687	94	3	21,382	4.7
7th ".....	—	—	275	2,956	4,881	3,779	1,403	84	4	13,383	2.9
8th ".....	—	—	56	1,404	3,165	2,794	1,139	94	1	8,653	1.9
9th ".....	—	—	16	635	2,001	2,177	915	81	4	5,829	1.3
10th ".....	—	—	10	223	1,283	1,717	790	51	3	4,077	0.9
11th ".....	—	—	3	70	686	1,189	610	60	—	2,618	0.6
12th ".....	—	—	—	32	362	871	550	53	1	1,869	0.4
13th ".....	—	—	—	13	165	573	403	53	—	1,207	0.3
14th ".....	—	—	—	4	64	360	310	34	1	773	0.2
15th ".....	—	—	—	4	23	201	231	25	1	485	0.1
16th ".....	—	—	—	—	8	105	174	35	—	322	0.1
17th ".....	—	—	—	—	4	52	113	16	—	185	—
18th ".....	—	—	—	—	3	22	44	10	—	79	—
19th ".....	—	—	—	—	3	9	26	6	—	44	—
20th or over Not stated.....	—	—	—	—	2	5	29	8	29	44	—
Totals.....	211	39,417	138,006	124,145	87,063	48,628	15,443	1,046	670	454,629	100.0

Table 11 summarizes the pattern of family formation since 1951.

11.—Percentage Distribution of Legitimate Live Births, by Order of Birth, 1951-62

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th and Later Children	Total
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
1962.....	24.0	23.7	18.4	33.9	100.0

Birthweight.—In recent years information on birthweight of newborn infants has become available from provincial (except Newfoundland) records of birth. These data, in addition to their usefulness in calculating the average weights of newborn infants, are of importance from the public health and medical points of view in throwing light on the number of immaturely developed foetuses that are delivered alive. According to criteria recommended by the World Health Organization, infants of 5 lb. or less at birth are considered 'immature' and hence exposed to a much greater risk of dying than those over this weight. Weight at birth depends on a host of maternal factors, most of which are not included in the birth records, but some information is available on the age of the mother