

10.—Order of Birth of Live-Born Children, by Age of Mother, 1963

(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.....	188	29,636	56,974	20,905	7,145	2,752	647	40	546	118,833	26.4
2nd ".....	1	8,757	44,891	31,533	13,304	4,710	992	49	37	104,274	23.2
3rd ".....	—	1,663	23,438	29,108	17,655	7,111	1,534	43	15	80,567	17.9
4th ".....	—	245	9,635	18,657	15,481	7,704	1,854	82	8	53,666	11.9
5th ".....	—	25	3,286	10,889	10,909	6,484	1,886	107	10	33,396	7.4
6th ".....	—	3	1,044	5,561	7,323	5,150	1,593	105	5	20,784	4.6
7th ".....	—	—	257	2,900	4,742	3,851	1,342	86	3	13,181	2.9
8th ".....	—	—	68	1,285	3,189	2,884	1,094	83	3	8,606	1.9
9th ".....	—	—	22	573	2,009	2,135	897	77	1	5,714	1.3
10th ".....	—	—	4	240	1,221	1,664	733	76	3	3,941	0.9
11th ".....	—	—	2	66	696	1,127	591	75	1	2,558	0.6
12th ".....	—	—	—	25	366	836	526	49	—	1,802	0.4
13th ".....	—	—	—	5	143	523	371	50	2	1,094	0.2
14th ".....	—	—	—	6	82	350	324	28	—	790	0.2
15th ".....	—	—	—	1	23	187	225	40	—	478	0.1
16th ".....	—	—	—	—	9	94	150	19	—	272	0.1
17th ".....	—	—	—	—	2	57	82	15	—	156	—
18th ".....	—	—	—	—	1	24	56	11	—	92	—
19th ".....	—	—	—	—	1	13	25	4	—	43	—
20th or over.....	—	—	—	—	1	9	35	5	—	50	—
Not stated.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	27	29	—
Totals.....	189	49,329	139,621	121,554	84,302	47,665	14,959	1,944	661	450,324	100.0

Table 11 summarizes the pattern of family formation since 1951.

11.—Percentage Distribution of Legitimate Live Births, by Order of Birth, 1951-63

(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
1963.....	24.3	23.6	18.5	33.6	100.0

Birthweight.—Excluding Newfoundland, information on birthweight of newborn infants has recently become available from provincial records of birth. These data, in addition to their usefulness in calculating the average weights of newborn infants, are of importance to 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