

5.35 Live births, by age of parents, 1971¹

Age group	Legitimate				Illegitimate	
	Fathers		Mothers		Mothers	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Under 20 years	5,680	1.8	26,353	8.2	14,127	45.7
Under 15 years	—	—	24	—	268	0.9
15 years	2	—	264	0.1	924	3.0
16 "	40	—	1,616	0.5	2,131	6.9
17 "	391	0.1	4,259	1.3	3,354	10.8
18 "	1,524	0.5	8,106	2.5	3,768	12.2
19 "	3,723	1.2	12,084	3.8	3,682	11.9
20-24 "	71,791	22.6	113,780	35.9	10,530	34.0
25-29 "	113,437	35.8	105,186	33.1	3,638	11.7
30-34 "	69,847	22.0	47,126	14.8	1,652	5.3
35-39 "	34,480	10.9	19,593	6.2	777	2.5
40-44 "	15,004	4.7	5,483	1.7	245	0.8
45-49 "	5,008	1.6	359	0.1	14	—
50 years or over	1,841	0.6	4	—	1	—
Total, stated ages	317,088	100.0	317,884	100.0	30,984	100.0
Ages not stated	868	...	72	...	480	...
Total, all ages	317,956	100.0	317,956	100.0	31,464	100.0

¹ Excludes Newfoundland.5.36 Number of live-born children in order of birth, by age of mother, 1971¹

Order of birth of child	Age of mother								Age not stated	All ages	% of total
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 or over			
1st child	288	33,258	65,618	32,918	7,236	1,830	380	15	465	142,008	40.7
2nd "	4	6,173	41,770	38,608	12,018	3,098	582	24	24	102,301	29.3
3rd "	—	679	12,514	22,118	12,212	3,739	693	33	11	51,999	14.9
4th "	—	67	3,296	9,112	7,713	3,516	757	41	5	24,507	7.0
5th "	—	4	834	3,465	4,179	2,661	700	45	6	11,894	3.4
6th "	—	—	213	1,533	2,370	1,764	583	30	1	6,494	1.9
7th "	—	—	46	610	1,287	1,176	495	32	2	3,648	1.0
8th "	—	—	11	289	783	882	346	41	2	2,354	0.7
9th "	—	—	1	106	493	570	282	26	3	1,481	0.4
10th "	—	—	—	38	245	427	265	21	1	997	0.3
11th "	—	—	—	14	124	283	199	16	1	637	0.2
12th "	—	—	—	3	70	197	148	17	1	436	0.1
13th "	—	—	—	—	21	110	108	5	—	244	0.1
14th "	—	—	—	—	10	54	73	11	—	148	—
15th "	—	—	—	—	6	38	49	9	—	102	—
16th "	—	—	—	—	1	14	28	4	—	47	—
17th "	—	—	—	—	1	6	21	2	—	30	—
18th "	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	3	—	14	—
19th "	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	7	—
20th or over	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	—	6	—
Not stated	—	7	7	10	9	3	—	—	30	66	—
Total	292	40,188	124,310	108,824	48,778	20,370	5,728	378	552	349,420	100.0

¹ Excludes Newfoundland.5.37 Percentage distribution of total live births, by order of birth, 1951-71¹

Year	1st child	2nd child	3rd child	4th and later children	Total
1951	28.3	25.4	17.2	29.1	100.0
1956	26.7	24.0	17.8	31.5	100.0
1961	25.9	23.2	18.0	32.9	100.0
1966	33.1	24.8	16.2	25.9	100.0
1967	36.0	25.7	15.4	22.9	100.0
1968	37.8	26.7	15.1	20.3	100.0
1969	38.5	27.5	15.2	18.8	100.0
1970	39.9	28.0	15.2	16.9	100.0
1971	40.6	29.3	14.9	15.2	100.0

¹ Excludes Newfoundland.