

4.33 Live births, by age of parents, 1972¹

Age group	Legitimate				Illegitimate mothers	
	Fathers		Mothers		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%		
Under 20 years	5,916	1.9	25,988	8.5	13,949	47.1
Under 15 years	—	—	27	—	270	0.9
15 years	2	—	297	0.1	926	3.1
16 "	33	—	1,576	0.5	2,289	7.7
17 "	424	0.1	4,384	1.4	3,424	11.6
18 "	1,722	0.6	8,169	2.7	3,673	12.4
19 "	3,735	1.2	11,535	3.8	3,367	11.4
20-24 "	65,459	21.6	104,985	34.5	9,398	31.8
25-29 "	113,723	37.5	106,515	35.0	3,687	12.5
30-34 "	68,677	22.6	45,305	14.9	1,574	5.3
35-39 "	30,692	10.1	16,784	5.5	752	2.5
40-44 "	13,131	4.3	4,480	1.5	221	0.7
45-49 "	4,294	1.4	334	0.1	16	0.1
50 years and over	1,696	0.6	2	—	2	—
Total, stated ages	303,588	100.0	304,393	100.0	29,599	100.0
Age not stated	921	—	116	—	313	—
Total, all ages	304,509	—	304,509	—	29,912	—

¹Excludes Newfoundland.4.34 Number of live-born children in order of birth, by age of mother, 1972¹

Order of birth of child	Age of mother									% of total	
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Age not stated		
1st child	296	32,904	60,716	35,745	7,881	1,866	355	15	329	140,107	41.9
2nd "	1	6,030	39,515	41,416	12,996	2,918	528	29	32	103,465	30.9
3rd "	—	640	10,677	20,752	11,632	3,373	585	28	14	47,701	14.3
4th "	—	61	2,587	7,658	6,924	2,918	584	25	10	20,767	6.2
5th "	—	3	679	2,718	3,366	2,094	597	43	5	9,505	2.8
6th "	—	—	156	1,100	1,774	1,477	470	42	1	5,020	1.5
7th "	—	—	35	487	987	888	363	27	1	2,788	0.8
8th "	—	—	9	207	583	658	304	24	2	1,787	0.6
9th "	—	—	4	82	351	483	225	32	1	1,178	0.4
10th "	—	—	—	28	190	345	195	27	3	788	0.2
11th "	—	—	—	3	114	211	159	11	—	498	0.1
12th "	—	—	—	—	46	132	112	23	—	316	0.1
13th "	—	—	—	—	16	92	72	8	1	189	0.1
14th "	—	—	—	—	12	39	65	7	—	123	0.1
15th "	—	—	—	—	3	24	39	10	—	76	—
16th "	—	—	—	—	—	9	22	1	—	32	—
17th "	—	—	—	—	—	7	17	1	—	25	—
18th "	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	8	—
19th "	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	—
20th and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Not stated	—	2	5	3	4	—	—	—	30	44	—
Total	297	39,640	114,383	110,202	46,879	17,536	4,701	354	429	334,421	100.0

¹Excludes Newfoundland.4.35 Percentage distribution of total live births, by order of birth, 1951-72¹

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
1972	41.9	30.9	14.3	12.9	100.0

¹Excludes Newfoundland.

4.36 Illegitimate live births and percentage of total live births, by province, 1951-72

Year	Number												
	Nfld.	PEI	NS	NB	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	BC	YT	NWT	Canada
Av. 1951-55	426	139	1,082	659	4,086	4,065	969	1,044	1,481	1,898	53	50	15,951
" 1956-60	587	139	1,201	687	4,675	4,891	1,166	1,194	1,941	2,505	72	102	19,160
" 1961-65	716	132	1,437	803	5,595	6,519	1,672	1,565	2,786	3,137	91	152	24,605
" 1966-70	959	150	1,550	935	6,934	9,385	2,072	2,054	3,644	4,507	94	229	32,513