

A number of other facts are shown in Tables 16, 17 and 18. In the first place, the average age of fathers of legitimate children is about 4 years greater than the average age of mothers. Secondly, the average age of mothers of illegitimate children is about 5 years less than the average age of mothers of legitimate children; in 1930-32 the difference was 6 years. The fact that over two-thirds of illegitimate children are born to mothers of less than 25 years accounts for this difference. Thirdly, the average age of mothers of stillborn children is higher than that of live born. Table 18 shows that the rate of stillbirths per 1,000 live births increases with age of the mother. It is twice as high among mothers of 40-44 years as it is among mothers of 20-24, and over three times as high among mothers of 45-49.

**16.—Legitimate Live Births, by Age of Parents, 1944 and 1945, with Three-Year Averages, 1930-32 and 1940-42**

NOTE.—Figures for 1944 and 1945 are by residence; for previous years by place of occurrence.

| Age Group                    | Averages<br>1930-32 |          | Averages<br>1940-42 |          | 1944           |          | 1945           |          |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
|                              | No.                 | p. c.    | No.                 | p. c.    | No.            | p. c.    | No.            | p. c.    |
| <b>FATHERS</b>               |                     |          |                     |          |                |          |                |          |
| Under 20 years.....          | 960                 | 0.4      | 1,228               | 0.5      | 1,830          | 0.7      | 2,020          | 0.7      |
| 20-24 ".....                 | 25,811              | 11.1     | 29,655              | 12.0     | 33,162         | 12.2     | 34,301         | 12.4     |
| 25-29 ".....                 | 57,254              | 24.7     | 69,053              | 28.0     | 70,668         | 26.0     | 69,491         | 25.2     |
| 30-34 ".....                 | 55,661              | 24.1     | 64,180              | 26.0     | 72,194         | 26.5     | 72,314         | 26.2     |
| 35-39 ".....                 | 43,698              | 18.9     | 43,224              | 17.5     | 49,933         | 18.4     | 51,866         | 18.8     |
| 40-44 ".....                 | 28,364              | 12.3     | 23,132              | 9.4      | 27,240         | 10.0     | 27,748         | 10.1     |
| 45-49 ".....                 | 13,362              | 5.8      | 10,645              | 4.3      | 11,053         | 4.1      | 11,897         | 4.3      |
| 50 years or over.....        | 6,158               | 2.7      | 5,734               | 2.3      | 5,894          | 2.2      | 6,003          | 2.2      |
| Totals, Stated Ages.....     | 231,268             | 100.0    | 246,851             | 100.0    | 271,974        | 100.0    | 275,640        | 100.0    |
| Ages not stated.....         | 315                 | -        | 198                 | -        | 167            | -        | 153            | -        |
| <b>Totals, All Ages.....</b> | <b>231,583</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>247,049</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>272,141</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>275,793</b> | <b>-</b> |
| Average Age.....             | 33.7                |          | 32.8                |          | 32.9           |          | 32.9           |          |
| <b>MOTHERS</b>               |                     |          |                     |          |                |          |                |          |
| Under 20 years.....          | 12,460              | 5.4      | 14,062              | 5.7      | 13,464         | 4.9      | 13,361         | 4.8      |
| 20-24 ".....                 | 58,003              | 25.1     | 67,077              | 27.2     | 73,721         | 27.1     | 73,534         | 26.7     |
| 25-29 ".....                 | 64,204              | 27.7     | 74,897              | 30.3     | 80,338         | 29.5     | 80,613         | 29.2     |
| 30-34 ".....                 | 48,567              | 21.0     | 50,376              | 20.4     | 59,054         | 21.7     | 60,467         | 21.9     |
| 35-39 ".....                 | 33,478              | 14.5     | 29,032              | 11.8     | 33,335         | 12.3     | 35,074         | 12.7     |
| 40-44 ".....                 | 13,173              | 5.7      | 10,383              | 4.2      | 11,099         | 4.1      | 11,440         | 4.2      |
| 45-49 ".....                 | 1,382               | 0.6      | 1,055               | 0.4      | 996            | 0.4      | 1,103          | 0.4      |
| 50 years or over.....        | 24                  | 1        | 20                  | 1        | 30             | 1        | 20             | 1        |
| Totals, Stated Ages.....     | 231,291             | 100.0    | 246,902             | 100.0    | 272,031        | 100.0    | 275,612        | 100.0    |
| Ages not stated.....         | 292                 | -        | 147                 | -        | 110            | -        | 181            | -        |
| <b>Totals, All Ages.....</b> | <b>231,583</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>247,049</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>272,141</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>275,793</b> | <b>-</b> |
| Average Age.....             | 29.3                |          | 28.6                |          | 28.7           |          | 28.8           |          |

<sup>1</sup> Less than one-tenth of one per cent.