

TABLE 2-17
GENERAL FERTILITY RATE AND BIRTH RATES BY LIVE BIRTH ORDER
CALIFORNIA, 1980-1998
(By Place of Residence)

YEAR	GENERAL FERTILITY RATE ¹	LIVE BIRTH ORDER				
		FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH OR HIGHER
1998	71.4	27.3	22.7	12.3	5.3	3.8
1997	72.2	27.8	22.8	12.3	5.3	4.0
1996	74.7	28.7	23.5	12.7	5.5	4.3
1995	76.3	29.9	23.6	12.8	5.5	4.4
1994	78.1	30.6	24.2	13.0	5.7	4.6
1993	80.1	31.2	24.9	13.3	6.0	4.8
1992	82.0	32.2	25.2	13.6	6.1	4.9
1991	83.5	33.4	25.4	13.8	6.1	4.8
1990	84.7	34.0	25.7	14.1	6.1	4.7
1989	80.4	32.3	24.5	13.5	5.8	4.3
1988	76.9	30.9	24.0	12.7	5.3	3.9
1987	74.2	30.1	23.2	12.1	5.0	3.7
1986	72.7	29.7	22.9	11.7	4.8	3.6
1985	72.9	29.7	23.4	11.5	4.7	3.5
1984	71.1	29.2	23.0	11.1	4.4	3.4
1983	70.8	29.7	22.5	10.9	4.3	3.4
1982	71.5	30.6	22.5	10.7	4.3	3.4
1981	71.7	31.2	22.3	10.5	4.2	3.5
1980	70.4	31.1	21.6	10.2	4.1	3.4

¹ The general fertility rate is the total number of live births per 1,000 women of childbearing ages (15-44 years).

Note: Live births with unknown birth order were distributed proportionately to live births with known birth orders before birth order rates were calculated.

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Birth Records.
State of California, Department of Finance, 1980-1996 Population: 1970-1996 Race/Ethnic Population Estimates for Counties with Age and Sex Detail, January 1998; 1997 Population Estimates by Age, Sex, and Race/Ethnic Group, June, 1999; 1998 Population: 1997-2000 Population Projections by Age, Sex, and Race/Ethnic Group, December 1998.