

TABLE 2-16
GENERAL FERTILITY RATE AND BIRTH RATES
BY AGE OF MOTHER AND BY LIVE BIRTH ORDER
CALIFORNIA, 1990-1999
(By Place of Residence)

YEAR AND BIRTH ORDER	GENERAL FERTILITY RATE ¹	BIRTH RATE BY AGE ² OF MOTHER							
		Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and Over
1999	70.5	0.86	50.2	116.3	122.5	95.8	46.0	10.4	0.77
First Live Birth	27.3	0.84	39.8	54.0	41.5	26.9	10.5	2.2	0.19
Second	22.3	0.01	9.0	40.9	41.7	31.6	14.3	2.8	0.18
Third	12.1	-	1.3	15.7	24.4	20.7	10.2	2.1	0.14
Fourth	5.1	-	0.1	4.4	9.8	9.7	5.5	1.3	0.08
Fifth or More	3.6	-	a	1.4	5.0	7.0	5.5	2.0	0.18
1998	71.2	0.91	53.6	119.8	122.3	93.1	45.0	10.4	0.68
First Live Birth	27.3	0.89	42.0	54.4	40.7	25.6	10.2	2.2	0.16
Second	22.6	a	9.8	42.4	41.9	30.8	13.9	2.8	0.16
Third	12.3	a	1.5	16.6	24.4	20.0	9.9	2.1	0.11
Fourth	5.2	-	0.2	4.7	9.9	9.6	5.4	1.3	0.08
Fifth or More	3.8	-	a	1.6	5.4	7.1	5.6	2.1	0.18
1997	72.2	1.10	56.7	122.8	121.6	91.4	44.4	10.4	0.69
First Live Birth	27.8	1.07	44.2	56.3	41.0	24.8	9.9	2.2	0.15
Second	22.7	a	10.6	42.9	41.2	30.2	13.6	2.7	0.14
Third	12.3	-	1.7	16.9	24.0	19.7	9.7	2.1	0.10
Fourth	5.3	-	0.2	5.0	9.8	9.4	5.4	1.3	0.09
Fifth or More	4.0	-	a	1.7	5.6	7.3	5.8	2.1	0.21
1996	74.7	1.33	61.6	128.1	123.6	92.6	44.0	10.5	0.62
First Live Birth	28.7	1.29	47.9	59.1	41.0	24.7	9.4	2.1	0.12
Second	23.5	a	11.5	44.3	42.1	30.7	13.5	2.8	0.13
Third	12.7	a	1.9	17.6	24.4	19.9	9.5	2.0	0.09
Fourth	5.5	-	0.3	5.2	10.1	9.6	5.5	1.3	0.07
Fifth or More	4.3	-	a	1.9	6.0	7.7	6.0	2.3	0.21
1995	76.3	1.49	67.2	128.2	123.9	91.9	43.7	10.3	0.65
First Live Birth	29.9	1.45	52.5	60.0	41.8	24.5	9.5	2.1	0.13
Second	23.6	a	12.3	43.7	41.7	30.2	13.0	2.6	0.13
Third	12.8	a	2.1	17.3	24.4	19.7	9.6	1.9	0.10
Fourth	5.5	-	0.3	5.3	10.0	9.4	5.4	1.3	0.06
Fifth or More	4.4	-	a	1.86	6.11	7.9	6.1	2.3	0.23
1994	78.1	1.55	70.2	130.0	125.3	91.9	43.5	10.1	0.67
First Live Birth	30.6	1.52	54.3	60.8	42.1	24.4	9.4	2.1	0.13
Second	24.2	a	13.2	44.2	42.2	30.0	12.9	2.6	0.13
Third	13.0	-	2.3	17.7	24.3	19.6	9.5	1.9	0.10
Fourth	5.7	-	0.3	5.3	10.3	9.8	5.5	1.2	0.07
Fifth or More	4.6	-	0.05	2.0	6.5	8.0	6.3	2.3	0.25
1993	80.1	1.48	71.3	132.8	127.5	92.4	43.5	9.8	0.60
First Live Birth	31.2	1.42	54.4	61.9	42.9	24.3	9.2	2.0	0.10
Second	24.9	0.06	14.0	44.9	42.8	30.0	12.9	2.4	0.09
Third	13.3	a	2.5	18.2	24.6	19.5	9.3	1.8	0.10
Fourth	6.0	a	0.4	5.7	10.6	10.1	5.6	1.2	0.07
Fifth or More	4.8	-	0.06	2.2	6.6	8.5	6.5	2.4	0.25
1992	82.0	1.54	71.7	134.8	128.8	93.8	44.5	9.7	0.59
First Live Birth	32.2	1.49	54.3	63.6	44.2	24.6	9.5	1.9	0.09
Second	25.2	a	14.3	45.3	42.5	30.0	13.0	2.2	0.09
Third	13.6	a	2.6	18.2	24.8	20.2	9.5	1.9	0.06
Fourth	6.1	-	0.4	5.6	10.8	10.2	5.6	1.2	0.06
Fifth or More	4.9	-	0.05	2.1	6.6	8.7	6.8	2.5	0.29
1991	83.5	1.46	72.9	135.7	132.2	94.3	44.6	9.4	0.57
First Live Birth	33.4	1.41	55.8	66.0	45.8	24.9	9.6	1.8	0.07
Second	25.4	a	14.1	44.4	43.3	30.1	12.9	2.3	0.07
Third	13.8	a	2.6	17.8	25.5	20.5	9.6	1.8	0.08
Fourth	6.1	-	0.4	5.6	10.9	10.3	5.6	1.2	0.08
Fifth or More	4.8	a	0.05	2.0	6.6	8.5	6.8	2.4	0.27
1990	84.7	1.44	70.0	135.4	133.4	96.6	44.2	9.1	0.55
First Live Birth	34.0	1.39	53.9	65.7	46.9	25.7	9.6	1.7	0.06
Second	25.7	0.05	13.4	44.1	43.5	30.8	12.8	2.2	0.05
Third	14.1	a	2.4	18.2	25.7	21.0	9.6	1.7	0.07
Fourth	6.1	a	0.3	5.5	11.0	10.4	5.4	1.2	0.06
Fifth or More	4.7	-	0.05	2.0	6.3	8.7	6.8	2.4	0.31

a Represents a rate of more than zero but less than 0.05.

- Represents zero events.

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

² The birth rate by age is the number of live births per 1,000 women in a specific age group. For women under 15, the rate is calculated using the female population 10-14 years of age, and for women over 44, using the female population 45-49 years of age.

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

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Birth Records.

State of California, Department of Finance, 1990-1996 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 Estimates by Age, Sex, and Race/Ethnic Group, May 2000; 1999 Population: 1997-2040 Population Projections by Age, Sex, and Race/Ethnic Group, December 1998.