Table 1-5. Median Age of Mother by Live-birth Order, According to Race and Hispanic Origin: United States, Selected Years 1940-99

(Medians computed from birth rates by 5-year age groups of mothers; see Technical Appendix. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed. Beginning in 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States; see Technical Appendix)

| Voor mass and                   |        |        |          | Live   | -birth order |      |         |            |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------------|------|---------|------------|
| Year, race, and Hispanic origin | Total  | 1      | 2        | 3      | 4            | 5    | 6 and 7 | 8 and over |
|                                 | I      |        | <u> </u> | ı      | l            |      |         |            |
| ALL RACES                       |        |        |          |        |              |      |         |            |
| Registered births               |        |        |          |        |              |      |         |            |
| 1999                            | 27.0   | 24.5   | 27.5     | 28.9   | 30.1         | 31.2 | 32.9    | 35.8       |
| 1998                            | 26.9   | 24.3   | 27.4     | 28.9   | 30.0 I       | 31.2 | 32.9    | 1 35.8     |
| 1997                            | 26.7   | 24.2   | 27.3 i   | 29.0   | 30.3 i       | 31.6 | 33.0    | 36.0       |
| 1996                            | 26.6   | 24.1   | 27.3     | 28.9   | 30.1         | 31.3 | 32.8    | 35.8       |
| 1995                            | 26.5   | 23.9   | 27.2     | 28.9   | 30.0         | 31.2 | 32.8    | 35.8       |
| 1333                            | 20.5   | 23.3   | 21.2     | 20.5   | 30.0         | 31.2 | 32.0    | 1 33.0     |
| 1994                            | 26.4   | 23.8   | 27.1     | 28.8   | 29.9         | 31.1 | 32.6    | 35.8       |
| 1993                            | 26.4 i | 23.8 i | 27.0 i   | 28.6 i | 29.7 i       | 30.9 | 32.4    | i 36.3     |
| 1992                            | 26.3   | 23.8   | 26.9     | 28.4   | 29.6         | 30.8 | 32.5    | 36.4       |
| 1991                            | 26.2   | 23.7   | 26.8     | 28.4   | 29.6         | 30.7 | 32.5    | 36.4       |
| 1990                            | 26.3   | 23.8   | 26.9     | 28.4   | 29.7         | 31.1 | 32.8    | 36.4       |
| 1990                            | 20.3   | 23.8   | 20.9     | 28.4   | 29.7         | 31.1 | 32.8    | 30.4       |
| 1989(1)                         | 26.3   | 23.7   | 26.8     | 28.4   | 29.7         | 31.0 | 32.9    | 36.4       |
| 1988 (1)                        | 26.3 i | 23.8   | 26.8 i   | 28.5 i | 29.8 i       | 31.2 | 33.2    | 36.3       |
| 1987 (1)                        | 26.3   | 23.7   | 26.8     | 28.4   | 29.8         | 31.3 | 33.2    | 37.1       |
| 1986(1)                         | 26.2   | 23.6   | 26.7     | 28.4   | 29.9         | 31.4 | 33.4    | 37.1       |
| • •                             |        |        |          | 28.3   |              | 31.5 | 33.5    | 37.1       |
| 1985(1)                         | 26.1   | 23.5   | 26.6     | 28.3   | 30.0         | 31.3 | 33.5    | 37.1       |
| 1984(1,2)                       | 26.0   | 23.5   | 26.5     | 28.4   | 30.0         | 31.7 | 33.5    | 36.9       |
| 1983 (1, 2)                     | 25.9 i | 23.3 i | 26.4 i   | 28.3 i | 30.0 i       | 31.8 | 33.8    | i 37.2     |
| 1982 (1,2)                      | 25.8   | 23.2   | 26.2     | 28.2   | 30.0         | 31.8 | 33.8    | 37.2       |
| 1981 (1, 2)                     | 25.7   | 23.1   | 26.1     | 28.2   | 29.9         | 31.8 | 34.1    | 37.2       |
|                                 |        |        |          |        |              |      |         |            |
| 1980(2)                         | 25.7   | 23.0   | 26.1     | 28.1   | 30.0         | 32.0 | 34.1    | 37.7       |
| 1979(2)                         | 25.6   | 22.9   | 26.0     | 28.1   | 30.0 I       | 32.0 | 34.1    | 1 37.5     |
| 1978 (2)                        | 25.6   | 22.8   | 25.9 i   | 28.1 i | 30.0 i       | 32.0 | 34.3    | 37.7       |
| 1977 (2)                        | 25.5   | 22.7   | 25.7     | 28.0   | 30.1         | 32.2 | 34.1    | 37.5       |
| 1976(2)                         | 25.4   | 22.5   | 25.6     | 27.9   | 30.1         | 32.1 | 34.2    | 37.5       |
| , ,                             |        |        |          |        |              |      |         | •          |
| 1975 (2)                        | 25.3   | 22.3   | 25.5     | 27.8   | 29.9         | 32.0 | 34.2    | 37.3       |
| 1974(2)                         | 25.3   | 22.3   | 25.4     | 27.8   | 29.9         | 31.9 | 33.9    | 1 37.0     |
| 1973 (2)                        | 25.3   | 22.1   | 25.3     | 27.7   | 29.8         | 31.8 | 33.6    | 36.9       |
| 1972 (2)                        | 25.3   | 22.0   | 25.1     | 27.6   | 29.7         | 31.7 | 33.4    | 36.6       |
| , ,                             |        |        | 24.8     | 27.5   |              |      | 33.4    |            |
| 1971 (3)                        | 25.4   | 22.1   |          |        | 29.4         | 31.3 |         | 36.3       |
| 1970 (3)                        | 25.4   | 22.1   | 24.7     | 27.5   | 29.4         | 31.2 | 32.9    | 36.0       |
| 1969(3)                         | 25.5   | 22.1   | 24.7     | 27.5   | 29.4         | 31.2 | 32.8    | 1 35.9     |

Table 1-5. Median Age of Mother by Live-birth Order, According to Race and Hispanic Origin: United States, Selected Years 1940-99 (Medians computed from birth rates by 5-year age groups of mothers; see Technical Appendix. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed. Beginning in 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States; see Technical Appendix)

| Year, race, and                          |        | Live-birth order |     |      |   |      |   |      |   |      |             |           |  |  |
|--|--------|------------------|-----|------|---|------|---|------|---|------|-------------|-----------|--|--|
| Hispanic origin                          | Total  | 1                | ]   | 2    |   | 3    |   | 4    |   | 5    | 6 and 7<br> | 8 and ove |  |  |
| 1968(3)                                  | 25.5   | 22.1             |     | 24.5 |   | 27.4 |   | 29.3 |   | 31.1 | 32.7        | 35.8      |  |  |
| 1967 (4)                                 | 25.5   | 22.0             |     | 24.3 | - | 27.4 |   | 29.2 |   | 30.9 | 32.7        | 35.6      |  |  |
| 1966(3)                                  | 25.5   | 21.9             |     | 24.2 |   | 27.3 | - | 29.0 | , | 30.9 | 32.3        | 35.3      |  |  |
| 1965 (3)                                 | 25.8   | 21.9             |     | 24.2 |   | 27.1 |   | 28.8 |   | 30.8 | 32.0        | 35.3      |  |  |
| 1965 (3)                                 | 23.0   | 21.9             |     | 24.2 | 1 | 27.0 | 1 | 20.0 | I | 30.3 | 32.0        | ] 33.1    |  |  |
| 1964(3)                                  | 25.7 I | 22.0             | 1   | 24.1 | 1 | 26.8 | 1 | 28.6 | 1 | 30.0 | 31.8        | 34.9      |  |  |
| 1963 (3)                                 | 25.7   | 21.9             |     | 24.0 |   | 26.7 |   | 28.5 |   | 29.9 | 31.7        | 34.8      |  |  |
| 1962 (3)                                 | 25.6   | 21.9             |     | 24.0 |   | 26.6 |   | 28.4 |   | 29.8 | 31.5        | 34.7      |  |  |
| 1961 (3)                                 | 25.5   | 21.8             |     | 24.0 |   | 26.6 | - | 28.4 |   | 29.8 | 31.6        | 34.8      |  |  |
| , ,                                      |        |                  |     |      |   |      |   |      |   |      | 31.6        |           |  |  |
| 1960 (3)                                 | 25.4   | 21.8             |     | 24.0 | 1 | 26.6 | 1 | 28.5 | 1 | 29.8 | 31.0        | 35.0      |  |  |
| 1959(3)                                  | 25.6   | 21.6             | 1   | 24.0 | 1 | 27.0 | 1 | 28.8 | 1 | 30.3 | 31.9        | 35.2      |  |  |
| Births Adjusted for Underregistration(5) |        |                  |     |      |   |      |   |      |   |      |             |           |  |  |
| 1955                                     | 26.2   | 22.2             | 1 : | 24.9 |   | 27.6 |   | 29.2 |   | 30.4 | 32.0        | 35.7      |  |  |
| 1950                                     | 25.9   | 22.5             | 1 : | 25.3 |   | 27.6 |   | 29.6 |   | 30.7 | 32.6        | 36.7      |  |  |
| 1940                                     | 26.6   | 23.2             | 1   | 25.6 | 1 | 27.4 |   | 29.0 | I | 30.9 | 33.1        | 37.4      |  |  |
| WHITE, TOTAL<br>Race of mother           |        |                  |     |      |   |      |   |      |   |      |             |           |  |  |
| 1999                                     | 27.2   | 24.8             | 1 : | 27.7 | 1 | 29.3 | 1 | 30.6 | 1 | 31.9 | 33.4        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1998                                     | 27.1   | 24.7             | i   | 27.6 | i | 29.3 | i | 30.6 | i | 31.9 | 33.7        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1997                                     | 27.0   | 24.6             |     | 27.6 | i | 29.3 | i | 30.7 |   | 32.0 | 33.5        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1996                                     | 26.9   | 24.4             |     | 27.5 | i | 29.3 | i | 30.6 |   | 32.0 | 33.5        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1995                                     | 26.8   | 24.2             |     | 27.5 | i | 29.3 | i | 30.7 |   | 32.0 | 33.6        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1994                                     | 26.8   | 24.1             | 1   | 27.4 | ı | 29.2 | ı | 30.5 | 1 | 31.7 | 33.4        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1993                                     | 26.7   | 24.1             | i i | 27.3 | i | 29.0 | i | 30.4 | İ | 31.7 | 33.5        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1992                                     | 26.6   | 24.1             |     | 27.2 | i | 28.9 | i | 30.3 | , | 31.6 | 33.5        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1991                                     | 26.6   | 24.0             |     | 27.2 | i | 28.9 | i | 30.3 | , | 31.6 | 33.5        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1990                                     | 26.6   | 24.1             |     | 27.2 | i | 28.9 | i | 30.3 |   | 31.7 | 33.5        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1989(1)                                  | 26.6   | 24.1             | 1   | 27.2 | I | 28.9 | ı | 30.3 | I | 31.8 | 33.5        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1988 (1)                                 | 26.6   | 24.2             |     | 27.1 | İ | 28.9 | i | 30.4 | j | 32.0 | 33.6        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1987 (1)                                 | 26.6   | 24.1             | i : | 27.1 | Ĺ | 28.8 | i | 30.4 | i | 32.0 | 33.9        | 37.0      |  |  |
| 1986(1)                                  | 26.5   | 24.0             |     | 27.0 | i | 28.7 | i | 30.4 |   | 32.1 | 33.9        | 37.1      |  |  |
| 1985 (1)                                 | 26.4   | 23.9             |     | 26.9 |   | 28.7 |   | 30.5 | , | 32.1 | 34.1        | 37.5      |  |  |

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| Year, race, and                          | į           |        |        | Live   | -birth order | •      |         |           |  |  |  |
|--|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Hispanic origin                          | Total  <br> | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4            | 5      | 6 and 7 | 8 and ove |  |  |  |
| 1984 (1, 2)                              | 26.3        | 23.8   | 26.8   | 28.7   | 30.5         | 32.2   | 34.3    | 37.1      |  |  |  |
| 1983(1,2)                                | 26.2        | 23.7   | 26.6   | 28.6   | 30.5         | 32.2   | 34.3    | 37.1      |  |  |  |
| 1982(1,2)                                | 26.1        | 23.5   | 26.5 I | 28.5 I | 30.5         | 32.2   | 34.4    | 37.5      |  |  |  |
| .981 (1,2)                               | 25.9        | 23.4   | 26.4   | 28.4   | 30.5         | 32.4   | 34.6    | 37.5      |  |  |  |
| 1980 (2)                                 | 25.9        | 23.3   | 26.3   | 28.4   | 30.5         | 32.4   | 34.6    | 37.5      |  |  |  |
| Race of child                            |             |        |        |        |              |        |         |           |  |  |  |
| 1980(2)                                  | 25.9        | 23.3   | 26.3   | 28.4   | 30.5         | 32.4   | 34.6    | 37.8      |  |  |  |
| 979(2)                                   | 25.9        | 23.3   | 26.2   | 28.4   | 30.6         | 32.6   | 34.7    | 37.8      |  |  |  |
| 978 (2)                                  | 25.9        | 23.2   | 26.2   | 28.4   | 30.5         | 32.5   | 34.9    | 38.0      |  |  |  |
| 977 (2)                                  | 25.8        | 23.0   | 26.0   | 28.3   | 30.6         | 32.6   | 34.7    | 37.9      |  |  |  |
| 976(2)                                   | 25.7        | 22.8   | 25.9   | 28.3   | 30.6         | 32.5   | 34.6    | 37.7      |  |  |  |
| 975 (2)                                  | 25.6        | 22.7   | 25.8   | 28.2   | 30.5         | 32.5   | 34.5    | 37.5      |  |  |  |
| 974(2)                                   | 25.6        | 22.6   | 25.7   | 28.1   | 30.4         | 32.4   | 34.4    | 37.4      |  |  |  |
| 973 (2)                                  | 25.6        | 22.4   | 25.6   | 28.1   | 30.4         | 32.3   | 34.2    | 37.3      |  |  |  |
| 972 (2)                                  | 25.6        | 22.3   | 25.4   | 27.9   | 30.2         | 32.2   | 34.0    | 37.0      |  |  |  |
| 971 (3)                                  | 25.6        | 22.4   | 25.1   | 27.7   | 29.8         | 31.8   | 33.7    | 36.7      |  |  |  |
| 970 (3)                                  | 25.6        | 22.3   | 25.0   | 27.7   | 29.8         | 31.7   | 33.4    | 36.4      |  |  |  |
| .969(3)                                  | 25.7        | 22.4   | 24.9   | 27.7   | 29.7         | 31.7   | 33.3    | 36.4      |  |  |  |
| 968 (3)                                  | 25.7        | 22.4   | 24.8   | 27.7   | 29.7         | 31.7   | 33.3    | 36.4      |  |  |  |
| 967 (4)                                  | 25.7        | 22.2   | 24.6   | 27.6   | 29.6         | 31.5   | 33.1    | 36.2      |  |  |  |
| 966(3)                                   | 25.7        | 22.2   | 24.4   | 27.4   | 29.4         | 31.3   | 33.0    | 36.0      |  |  |  |
| 965 (3)                                  | 25.9        | 22.2   | 24.4   | 27.3   | 29.2         | 31.0   | 32.7    | 1 35.9    |  |  |  |
| 964 (3)                                  | 25.9        | 22.2   | 24.3   | 27.1   | 29.0         | 30.7   | 32.5    | 35.7      |  |  |  |
| 963 (3, 6)                               | 25.7 i      | 22.1 i | 24.2   | 27.0 i | 28.8 i       | 30.5 i | 32.4    | i 35.6    |  |  |  |
| 962 (3, 6)                               | 25.6 i      | 22.0 i | 24.1   | 26.9 i | 28.7 i       | 30.3 i | 32.3    | i 35.6    |  |  |  |
| 961 (3)                                  | 25.6        | 22.0   | 24.1   | 27.0   | 28.8         | 30.5   | 32.4    | 35.7      |  |  |  |
| 960 (3)                                  | 25.5        | 22.0   | 24.2   | 26.9   | 28.8         | 30.5 I | 32.4    | 35.8      |  |  |  |
| 959(3)                                   | 25.7        | 21.8   | 24.3   | 27.3   | 29.3         | 31.0   | 32.7    | 36.0      |  |  |  |
| Births Adjusted for Underregistration(5) |             |        |        |        |              |        |         |           |  |  |  |
| 955                                      | 26.3        | 22.5   | 25.3   | 28.0   | 29.7         | 31.2   | 32.9    | 36.5      |  |  |  |

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| Year, race, and  <br>Hispanic origin                      |                |                |                | Live-          | -birth order   |                |                |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | Total          | 1              | 2              | 3              | 4              | 5              | 6 and 7        | 8 and over   |
| 1950  | 26.1  <br>26.9 | 22.8  <br>23.6 | 25.7  <br>26.1 | 28.1  <br>28.0 | 29.9  <br>29.6 | 31.6  <br>31.5 | 33.3  <br>33.7 | 37.2<br>37.7 |
| WHITE, NON-HISPANIC<br>Race and Hispanic origin of mother |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |              |
| 1999  | 27.7  <br>27.6 | 25.6  <br>25.8 | 28.3  <br>28.2 | 29.8  <br>29.8 | 31.1  <br>31.1 | 32.3  <br>32.3 | 33.8  <br>33.9 | 36.9<br>36.9 |
| 1997  | 27.5           | 25.3           | 28.1           | 29.9           | 31.1           | 32.3           | 33.9           | 37.5         |
| 1996  | 27.4           | 25.1           | 28.1           | 29.9 i         | 31.2           | 32.3           | 33.6           | 36.9         |
| 1995  | 27.3           | 24.9           | 28.0           | 29.8           | 31.2           | 32.5           | 34.3           | 36.9         |
| 1994  | 27.2           | 24.8           | 27.9           | 29.7           | 31.0           | 32.1           | 33.8           | 36.9         |
| 1993  | 27.1           | 24.7           | 27.8           | 29.5           | 30.8           | 32.1           | 33.8           | 36.9         |
| 1992 (7)  | 27.0           | 24.7           | 27.7           | 29.3           | 30.7           | 32.0           | 33.6           | 36.9         |
| BLACK, TOTAL<br>Race of mother                            |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |              |
| 1999  | 24.7           | 21.9           | 24.9           | 26.7           | 27.9           | 28.9           | 30.9 I         | 34.0         |
| 1998  | 24.6           | 21.8           | 24.8           | 26.7           | 27.8           | 29.0           | 30.9           | 33.7         |
| 1997  | 24.1           | 21.7           | 24.8           | 26.7           | 27.8           | 28.9           | 30.8           | 33.6         |
| 1996  | 24.4           | 21.5           | 24.8           | 26.6           | 27.7           | 29.0           | 30.8           | 33.5         |
| 1995  | 24.3           | 21.4           | 24.8           | 26.7           | 27.7           | 29.0           | 30.8           | 33.5         |
| 1994  | 24.2           | 21.3           | 24.6           | 26.4           | 27.6           | 28.8           | 30.5           | 33.5         |
| 1993  | 24.2           | 21.3           | 24.4           | 26.2           | 27.4           | 28.6           | 30.3           | 33.5         |
| 1992  | 24.1           | 21.3           | 24.3           | 25.9           | 27.4           | 28.6           | 30.4           | 33.7         |
| 1991  | 24.0           | 21.2           | 24.2           | 26.0           | 27.4           | 28.6           | 30.6           | 34.0         |
| 1990  | 24.1           | 21.3           | 24.3           | 26.2           | 27.5           | 28.9           | 30.9           | 34.4         |
| 1989(1)   | 24.1           | 21.2           | 24.3           | 26.3           | 27.7           | 29.0           | 31.3           | 34.3         |
| 1988(1)   | 24.2           | 21.3           | 24.4           | 26.4           | 27.8           | 29.4           | 31.5           | 34.8         |
| 1987(1)   | 24.2           | 21.3           | 24.4           | 26.5           | 28.0           | 29.6           | 31.8           | 35.0         |
| 1986(1)   | 24.2           | 21.2           | 24.5           | 26.6           | 28.2           | 29.9           | 32.1           | 35.6         |
| 1985(1)   | 24.2           | 21.1           | 24.4           | 26.6           | 28.3           | 29.8           | 32.2           | 35.6         |
| 1984 (1, 2)   | 24.2           | 21.0           | 24.4           | 26.7           | 28.2           | 29.8           | 32.4           | 35.7         |
| 1983 (1, 2)   | 24.2           | 20.9           | 24.3           | 26.6           | 28.3           | 30.1           | 32.4           | 35.9         |

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| Year, race, and   |       |      |      | Live   | -birth order |      |         |            |
|---|-------|------|------|--------|--------------|------|---------|------------|
| Hispanic origin   | Total | 1    | 2    | 3      | 4            | 5    | 6 and 7 | 8 and over |
| 1982(1,2)   | 24.2  | 20.9 | 24.3 | 26.6 I | 28.3         | 30.1 | 32.6    | 36.4       |
| 1981 (1,2)  | 24.2  | 20.9 | 24.2 | 26.6   | 28.2         | 30.0 | 32.6    | 36.6       |
| 1980 (2)  | 24.2  | 20.8 | 24.2 | 26.5   | 28.2         | 30.1 | 32.7    |            |
| Race of child   | ·     |      | ·    |        | ·            | ·    |         |            |
| 1980(2)   | 24.2  | 20.7 | 24.2 | 26.6   | 28.3         | 30.2 | 32.7    | 36.7       |
| 1979 (2)  | 24.1  | 20.5 | 24.1 | 26.4   | 28.2         | 30.3 | 32.9    | 37.2       |
| 1978 (2)  | 24.1  | 20.4 | 23.9 | 26.2   | 28.1         | 30.2 | 32.9    | 36.9       |
| 1977 (2)  | 24.0  | 20.2 | 23.8 | 26.2   | 28.2         | 30.2 | 32.9    | 36.9       |
| 1976(2)   | 23.9  | 20.0 | 23.7 | 25.9   | 28.0         | 30.0 | 32.8    | 36.8       |
| 1975 (2)  | 23.8  | 19.8 | 23.5 | 25.7   | 27.8         | 29.8 | 32.7    | 36.6       |
| 1974(2)   | 23.7  | 19.7 | 23.4 | 25.5   | 27.7         | 29.6 | 32.3    | 36.5       |
| 1973(2)   | 23.7  | 19.6 | 23.2 | 25.3   | 27.6         | 29.5 | 32.1    | 36.3       |
| 1972(2)   | 23.8  | 19.6 | 23.1 | 25.2   | 27.4         | 29.2 | 31.8    | 36.0       |
| 1971 (3)  | 24.0  | 19.7 | 23.0 | 25.1   | 27.3         | 29.0 | 31.5    | 35.6       |
| 1970(3)   | 24.1  | 20.0 | 22.9 | 24.8   | 27.1         | 28.8 | 31.1    | 35.3       |
| 1969(3)   | 24.3  | 20.0 | 22.9 | 24.8   | 27.1         | 28.8 | 30.9    | 35.0       |
| 1968(3)   | 24.3  | 19.8 | 21.3 | 22.1   | 26.8         | 28.5 | 30.7    | 34.9       |
| 1967 (4)  | 24.5  | 19.8 | 22.6 | 24.5   | 26.7         | 28.3 | 30.3    | 34.6       |
| 1966(3)   | 24.9  | 19.8 | 22.5 | 24.3   | 26.4         | 28.1 | 29.9    | 34.4       |
| 1965 (3)  | 24.8  | 19.8 | 22.5 | 24.2   | 26.2         | 27.8 | 29.7    | 34.2       |
| 1964(3)   | 25.0  | 20.0 | 22.5 | 24.2   | 26.0         | 27.7 | 34.6    | 34.0       |
| 1961-63   |       |      |      |        |              |      |         |            |
| 1960(3)   | 24.8  | 19.6 | 22.3 | 24.0   | 25.9         | 27.7 | 29.6    | 32.9       |
| BLACK, NON-HISPANIC<br>Race and Hispanic origin of mother |       |      |      |        |              |      |         |            |
| 1999  | 24.6  | 21.7 | 24.9 | 26.7   | 27.9         | 28.9 | 30.8    | 34.0       |
| 1998  | 24.5  | 21.6 | 24.8 | 26.7   | 27.8         | 28.9 | 30.8    | 33.7       |
| 1997  | 24.4  | 21.5 | 24.8 | 26.6   | 27.8         | 29.0 | 30.8    | 33.7       |
| 1996  | 24.3  | 21.4 | 24.7 | 26.6   | 27.7         | 28.9 | 30.8    | 33.5       |
| 1995  | 24.3  | 21.2 | 24.7 | 26.7   | 27.7         | 28.9 | 30.7    | 33.5       |
| 1994  | 24.1  | 21.1 | 24.6 | 26.4   | 27.6         | 28.7 | 30.6    | 33.5       |

Table 1-5. Median Age of Mother by Live-birth Order, According to Race and Hispanic Origin: United States, Selected Years 1940-99

(Medians computed from birth rates by 5-year age groups of mothers; see Technical Appendix. Live-birth order refers to number of children born alive to mother. Figures for live-birth order not stated are distributed. Beginning in 1970, excludes births to nonresidents of the United States; see Technical Appendix)

|  |       | Live-birth order |      |           |      |   |              |           |              |           |              |           |         |   |              |
|--|-------|------------------|------|-----------|------|---|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------|---|--------------|
| Year, race, and Hispanic origin          | Total |                  | 1    |           | 2    |   | 3            |           | 4            |           | 5            |           | 6 and 7 | 8 | and over     |
| 1993                                     | 24.1  |                  | 21.0 | <br> <br> | 24.4 |   | 26.2<br>25.9 | <br> <br> | 27.4<br>27.3 | <br> <br> | 28.6<br>28.5 | <br> <br> | 30.3    |   | 33.5<br>33.7 |
| HISPANIC(8)<br>Hispanic origin of mother |       |                  |      |           |      |   |              |           |              |           |              |           |         |   |              |
| 1999                                     | 25.7  | 1                | 22.4 | 1         | 25.8 | 1 | 28.3         | 1         | 30.0         | 1         | 31.7         | -         | 33.7    | 1 | 36.6         |
| 1998                                     | 25.6  |                  | 22.4 |           | 25.7 |   | 28.1         |           | 29.9         | 1         | 31.8         |           | 33.7    |   | 36.8         |
| 1997                                     | 25.5  |                  | 22.3 |           | 25.5 |   | 28.0         |           | 29.9         | -         | 31.6         |           | 33.5    | - | 37.1         |
| 1996                                     | 25.3  |                  | 22.2 |           | 25.4 |   | 28.0         |           | 29.8         |           | 31.7         |           | 33.7    |   | 37.1         |
| 1995                                     | 25.1  |                  | 22.0 | 1         | 25.2 | - | 28.0         | -         | 29.9         |           | 31.8         | - 1       | 33.6    |   | 36.5         |
| 1994                                     | 25.1  | 1                | 22.0 | ı         | 25.2 | 1 | 27.9         | ı         | 29.9         | 1         | 31.5         | 1         | 33.6    | I | 36.8         |
| 1993                                     | 25.1  | 1                | 22.0 |           | 25.1 | 1 | 27.8         | 1         | 29.8         | 1         | 31.6         |           | 33.6    | 1 | 36.9         |
| 1992 (7)                                 | 25.1  | İ                | 22.0 | İ         | 25.0 | İ | 27.8         | İ         | 29.8         | İ         | 31.5         | İ         | 33.6    | i | 36.9         |

<sup>---</sup> Data not available.

NOTE: The median age in table 1-5 is the value that divides the birth rate distributions into two equal parts, one-half of the values being less and one-half being greater. It is computed from birth rates in 5-year age groups which eliminates the effects of changes in the age composition of the childbearing population over time. The mean age in table 1-6 is the numeric average. Thus, due to the different ways in which the median and mean ages are computed as well as the adjustment of the median, the numbers in tables 1-5 and 1-6 would be expected to differ.

<sup>1/</sup> Medians are revised and therefore may differ from those published in Vital Statistics of the United States, Volume 1, Natality, for 1989 and previous years; see Technical Appendix.

<sup>2/</sup> Based on 100 percent of births in selected States and on a 50-percent sample of births in all other States; see Technical Appendix.

<sup>3/</sup> Based on a 50-percent sample of births.

<sup>4/</sup> Based on a 20- to 50-percent sample of births.

<sup>5/</sup> For method of adjustment, see Technical Appendix.

<sup>6/</sup> Figures exclude data for residents of New Jersey; see Technical Appendix.

<sup>7/</sup> Based on data for 49 States and the District of Columbia which reported Hispanic origin on the birth certificate.

<sup>8/</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.