Birth order	Below 15	15-19			Age of	mother										
Birth order		15 10			Age of mother											
	years	years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45 and above	Not known	Total						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)						
1	3	2243	14821	5288	892	112	18	0	0	23377						
2	0	96	7280	6408	1525	293	8	0	2	15612						
3	0	9	1149	2323	610	104	8	1	0	4204						
4	0	2	66	336	142	71	15	0	0	632						
5	0	0	3	18	25	39	4	1	0	90						
6	0	0	4	5	4	4	0	0	1	18						
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Above 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Not stated	1	0	10	7	4	2	0	2	2	28						
Total	4	2350	23333	14385	3202	625	53	4	5	43961						

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b. Rural Areas

Age of mother											
Below 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45 and above	Not known	Total		
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)		
0	275	1,206	251	31	2	0	0	0	1765		
0	13	646	274	56	6	0	0	0	995		
0	0	70	210	34	12	2	0	0	328		
0	0	6	41	43	18	0	0	0	108		
0	0	0	2	7	10	0	0	0	19		
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	5		
0	288	1,930	780	173	49	2	0	1	3223		
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Source: Local Administration Department, Puducherry.

The number of Children born per women is an important indicator for measuring the reproductive risk to be undergone by the women. During 2008, the above table reveals that out of the total live-births 53.17 % in urban and 54.76% in rural areas are first child. Teenage fertility (15-19 years) is higher in rural areas (8.93 %) than in urban areas(5.34%). Percentage of mothers having 3 and above children in urban areas is 11.31% and in rural areas it is 14.36%. The ideal number of children desired by young women does'nt exceed 3 which reflects the positive attitude towards small family.