

# FACTS AND STATS



## Births, Fertility and Contraception in Canada

**377,636** Number of births in Canada in 2011 – up by 13% from 2001<sup>1</sup>

**3.94 & 1.61** Average number of children per woman in Canada in 1959 and 2011, respectively<sup>2</sup>

**23.6 & 28.5** Average age of first-time mothers in 1961 and 2011, respectively<sup>3</sup>

**91%, 77% & 53%** Estimated proportion of women who can get pregnant at age 30, by age 35 and by age 40, respectively<sup>4</sup>

**14.9 & 11.0** Birth rate per 1,000 among women in Canada in 1981 and 2011, respectively<sup>5</sup>

**24.9 & 8.7** Birth rate per 1,000 among women in Nunavut and Newfoundland/Labrador, respectively, in 2011<sup>6</sup>

**13, 106 & 10** Fertility rate per 1,000 among women in Canada aged 15–19, 30–34 and 40–44, respectively, in 2011<sup>7</sup>

**6.1 & 10.3** Fertility rate per 1,000 among women in Canada aged 40–44 in 2001 and 2011, respectively<sup>8</sup>

**25% & 29%** Proportion of babies born to mothers who were single/never married in 1991 and 2011, respectively<sup>9</sup>

**1 in 6** Estimated proportion of couples in Canada that experience infertility<sup>10</sup>

**56% & 38%** Proportion of Canadians who report that they *are* and *aren't* using contraceptive methods to prevent pregnancy, respectively, in 2011<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Anne Milan, "Number of Births, Canada, 1926 to 2011" (Figure 1), *Fertility: Overview, 2009 to 2011*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 91-209-X (July 2013), accessed August 6, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1kHXrjU>.

<sup>2</sup> Statistics Canada, "Fertility: Fewer Children, Older Moms," *Canadian Megatrends*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 11-630-X (December 2014), accessed December 8, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1xw6syQ>.

<sup>3</sup> Anne Milan, "Average Age of Mother by Birth Order, Canada, 1945 to 2011" (Figure 3), *Fertility: Overview, 2009 to 2011*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 91-209-X (July 2013), accessed August 6, 2014, <http://bit.ly/V26LT3>.

<sup>4</sup> Government of Canada, *Fertility* (February 2013), accessed August 6, 2014, <http://bit.ly/XEriiw>.

<sup>5</sup> Anne Milan, "Number of Births and Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1981 to 2011" (Table 1), *Fertility: Overview, 2009 to 2011*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 91-209-X (July 2013), accessed August 6, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1ocWMMHQ>.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Anne Milan, "Fertility Rate by Age Group, Canada, 1926 to 2011" (Figure 2), *Fertility: Overview, 2009 to 2011*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 91-209-X (July 2013), accessed August 6, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1ocZOvs>.

<sup>8</sup> Anne Milan, "Fertility Rate by Age Group (for 1,000 Women), Canada, Provinces and Territories, 2001 to 2011" (Table 3), *Fertility: Overview, 2009 to 2011*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 91-209-X (July 2013), accessed August 6, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1paQE23>.

<sup>9</sup> Statistics Canada, *Live Births, by Marital Status of Mother, Canada, Provinces and Territories* (CANSIM table 102-4506), accessed August 6, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1swqF58>.

<sup>10</sup> Government of Canada.

<sup>11</sup> Statistics Canada, "Distribution of the Population Using Contraceptive Methods to Prevent Pregnancy, Canada, 2011" (Table 9), *2011 General Social Survey*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 89-650-X (October 2012), accessed August 6, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1paLSR1>.