

## 1.6 FERTILITY

### 1.6.1 PREVALENCE OF MOTHERHOOD

Approximately 51.7 percent of all females aged 15 to 49 years are mothers. The prevalence of motherhood among teens (15-19 years) was 1.7 percent; however, the pervasiveness of motherhood rose to 17.6 percent among females in their early 20's.

**Table 1.6A: Prevalence of Motherhood (Aged 15-49)**

Age Group	Fertility Age - Motherhood				% Mothers
	Total	No Children	Children	DK/NS	
	#	#	#	#	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,701</b>	<b>9,007</b>	<b>9,669</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>51.7</b>
15 - 19	1,571	1,543	27	1	1.7
20 - 24	1,658	1,364	292	2	17.6
25 - 29	2,643	1,743	896	3	33.9
30 - 34	3,197	1,603	1,592	2	49.8
35 - 39	3,345	1,109	2,231	6	66.7
40 - 44	3,236	850	2,379	6	73.5
45 - 49	3,051	794	2,252	5	73.8
	Proportion (%)				
15 - 19	8.4	17.1	0.3		
20 - 24	8.9	15.1	3.0		
25 - 29	14.1	19.4	9.3		
30 - 34	17.1	17.8	16.5		
35 - 39	17.9	12.3	23.1		
40 - 44	17.3	9.4	24.6		
45 - 49	16.3	8.8	23.3		

In the age groups 25 to 29 and 30 to 34, the prevalence of motherhood was at 33.9 percent and 49.8 percent, respectively. For females aged 40 to 44 and 45 to 49, over 73 percent are mothers by that age.

Among females aged 15 to 49 with children, Caymanian females were more likely (19.3%) to bear two children. Compared to Caymanians, Non-Caymanian females were more likely to bear one child (22.8%) (see Table 1.6B).

Bearing three or four children was more likely among Caymanian than Non-Caymanian females.

**Table 1.6B: Number of Live Births by Status**

Number of Live Births	Total #	Caymanian #	Non-Caymanian #
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,701</b>	<b>8,454</b>	<b>10,247</b>
	Proportions (%)		
One	20.4	17.5	22.8
Two	18.6	19.3	18.0
Three	8.2	9.1	7.5
Four	3.0	3.5	2.7
Five	1.0	1.0	0.9
Six	0.3	0.4	0.3
Seven	0.1	0.1	0.1
Eight or more	0.1	0.1	0.0
None	48.2	48.9	47.6
DK/NS	0.1	0.1	0.1

## 1.6.2 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER MOTHER AND FEMALE

Caymanian mothers were likely to have more children, evidenced by a higher fertility rate than Non-Caymanians. Caymanian mothers have an average number of children of 2.1 compared to 1.9 for Non-Caymanian mothers (see Figure 1.6C). Across all females aged 15 to 49, the average number of births was higher for Caymanian females (1.1 births) than Non-Caymanian females (1.0 births).

**Figure 1.6C: Average Number of Children**

