



Birth Statistics in 2020

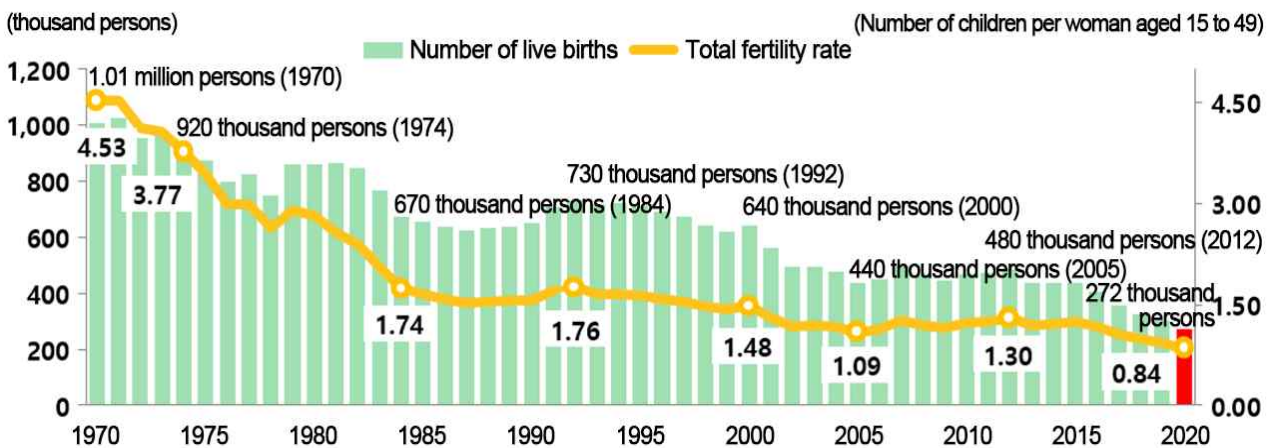
There were 272.3 thousand live births in 2020, which dropped by 30.3 thousand (-10.0%) from 2019.

- The total fertility rate (the number of births that a woman would have if she experienced the current age specific birth rates throughout her childbearing years) recorded 0.84 person in 2020, which hit a new record low after the first-time production of birth statistics in 1970.
- The crude birth rate (the number of live births per 1,000 population) stood at 5.3 persons in 2020, which fell by 0.6 from 2019.

[Table 1] Number of live births, crude birth rate and total fertility rate (2010-2020)

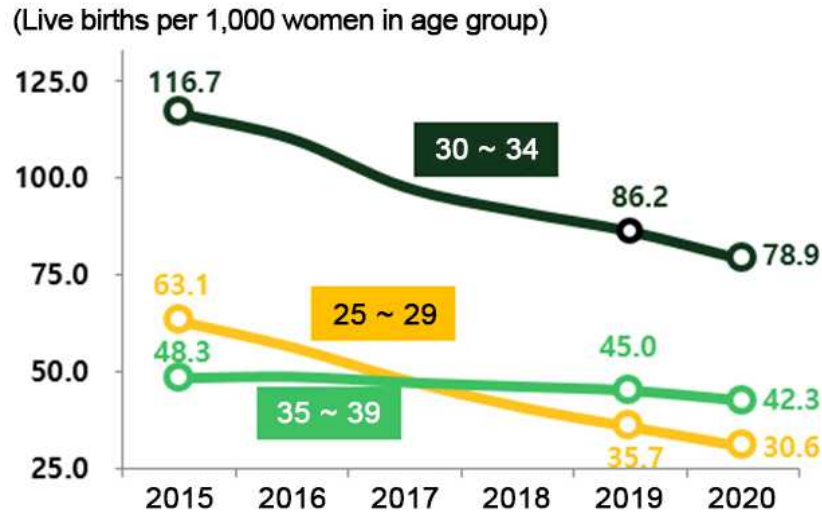
(Unit: 1,000 persons, %, person, live births per 1,000 population, live births per woman aged 15 to 49)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Number of live births	470.2	471.3	484.6	436.5	435.4	438.4	406.2	357.8	326.8	302.7	272.3	
Year-on-year	Change	25.3	1.1	13.3	-48.1	-1.0	3.0	-32.2	-48.5	-30.9	-24.1	-30.3
	Percent change	5.7	0.2	2.8	-9.9	-0.2	0.7	-7.3	-11.9	-8.7	-7.4	-10.0
Average number of live births per day	1,288	1,291	1,324	1,196	1,193	1,201	1,110	980	895	829	746	
Crude birth rate	9.4	9.4	9.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	7.9	7.0	6.4	5.9	5.3	
Total fertility rate	1.23	1.24	1.30	1.19	1.21	1.24	1.17	1.05	0.98	0.92	0.84	
Year-on-year	Change	0.08	0.02	0.05	-0.11	0.02	0.03	-0.07	-0.12	-0.08	-0.06	-0.08
	Percent change	6.7	1.5	4.3	-8.5	1.5	2.8	-5.4	-10.2	-7.1	-6.0	-8.9



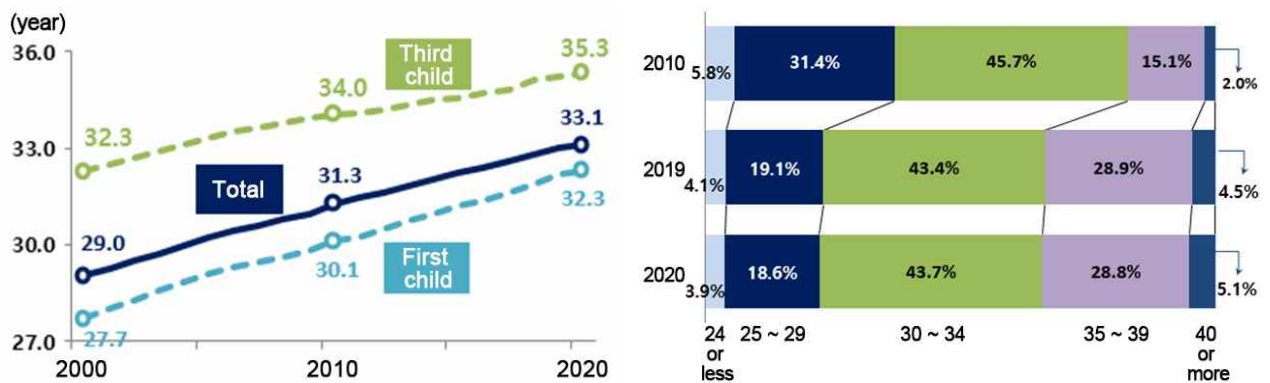
The fertility rate showed a year-on-year decrease in all age groups excluding mothers aged 40~44.

- The fertility rate of mothers aged 30~34 recorded the highest figure of 78.9 persons per 1,000 population.
- Compared to 2019, the fertility rate of mothers aged 25~29 fell by 5.1 persons (-14.2%). And the fertility rate of mothers aged 30~34 fell by 7.3 persons (-8.4%).



The average age of mothers giving birth to a child was 33.1 years in 2020, up 0.1 year from 2019.

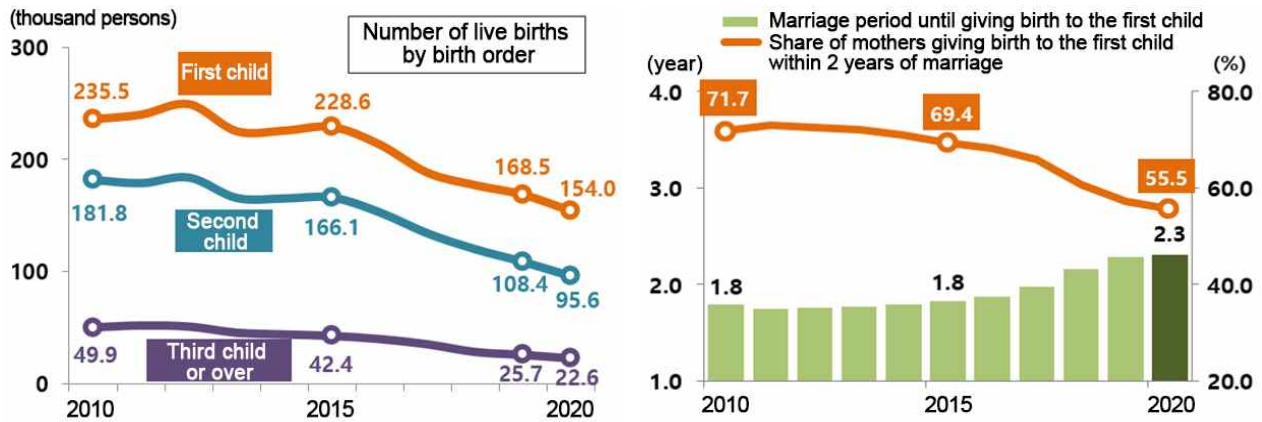
- The average age of mothers giving birth to a child was 32.3 years for the first child, 33.9 years for the second child and 35.3 years for the third child. Compared to 2019, all these figures rose by 0.1 year.
- The share of mothers aged 35 or more stood at 33.8% in 2020, up 0.5%p from 2019. This percentage was 2.0 times higher compared to a decade ago.



Compared to 2019, the live births as the first child dropped by 15 thousand (-8.6%).

- Compared to 2019, the live births as the first child declined by 15 thousand (-8.6%). The live births as the second child declined by 13 thousand (-11.8%). The live births as the third child or over declined by 3 thousand (-12.0%).
- The average marriage period until giving birth to the first child was 2.3 years in 2020, rising by 0.1 year from 2019.

- The share of mothers giving birth to the first child within 2 years of marriage stood at 55.5% in 2020, down 1.6%p from 2019.



The total fertility rate of Sejong recorded the highest figure of 1.28 children per woman, which was followed by Jeonnam (1.15). In the meantime, the total fertility rate of Seoul recorded the lowest figure of 0.64 child per woman, which was followed by Busan (0.75).

- All metropolitan cities and provinces showed a year-on-year decrease in live births and the total fertility rate.
- As for the total fertility rate by Si, Gun & Gu, Yeonggwang-gun, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 2.46 children per woman, which was followed by Jangheung-gun, Jeonnam (1.77 children). In the meantime, Jung-gu, Busan recorded the lowest figure of 0.45 child per woman, which was followed by Gwanak-gu, Seoul (0.47 child).

