

**TABLE 4.2 MEAN NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN AGED 15-49 YEARS – BY PROVINCE AND AGE-CATEGORY (ALL WOMEN)**

PROVINCE AND AGE-CATEGORY	1998-99 PIHS			2001-02 PIHS			2005-06 PSLM		
	URBAN	RURAL	OVERALL	URBAN	RURAL	OVERALL	URBAN	RURAL	OVERALL
<b>PUNJAB:</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>
15 - 19 Years	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1
20 - 24 Years	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5
25 - 29 Years	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.5	2.4	1.8	2.0	2.0
30 - 34 Years	3.9	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.0	2.9	3.5	3.3
35 - 39 Years	4.8	5.5	5.3	4.7	5.6	5.3	4.2	4.6	4.4
40 - 44 Years	5.9	6.5	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.1	4.7	5.4	5.2
45 - 49 Years	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.2	6.5	6.4	5.3	5.7	5.5
<b>SINDH:</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>
15 - 19 Years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
20 - 24 Years	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.7
25 - 29 Years	2.2	3.1	2.7	2.1	2.7	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.2
30 - 34 Years	3.5	4.5	4.1	3.5	4.3	3.9	3.1	3.8	3.4
35 - 39 Years	5.2	6.0	5.6	4.7	5.8	5.3	4.0	5.2	4.6
40 - 44 Years	6.0	7.0	6.5	5.5	6.6	6.1	4.9	6.3	5.5
45 - 49 Years	7.0	7.3	7.2	6.9	7.2	7.1	5.4	6.9	6.1
<b>NWFP:</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
15 - 19 Years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
20 - 24 Years	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9
25 - 29 Years	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.0	2.5	2.4
30 - 34 Years	4.1	4.5	4.5	3.8	4.7	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.9
35 - 39 Years	5.3	6.0	5.9	5.4	6.0	5.9	4.7	5.0	5.0
40 - 44 Years	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.7	6.6	5.9	6.0	5.9
45 - 49 Years	6.7	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.3	6.4	6.4
<b>BALUCHISTAN:</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>
15 - 19 Years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
20 - 24 Years	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.7	1.1	1.0
25 - 29 Years	2.7	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.7	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.1
30 - 34 Years	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.6
35 - 39 Years	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.4	6.1	6.0	5.1	4.9	5.0
40 - 44 Years	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.0	5.4	5.5
45 - 49 Years	7.1	7.4	7.3	5.6	6.6	6.5	5.4	5.2	5.2
<b>OVERALL:</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>
15 - 19 Years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
20 - 24 Years	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.7
25 - 29 Years	2.2	2.8	2.6	2.1	2.6	2.5	1.8	2.2	2.1
30 - 34 Years	3.8	4.4	4.2	3.7	4.2	4.1	3.1	3.6	3.4
35 - 39 Years	5.0	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.7	5.4	4.2	4.7	4.6
40 - 44 Years	6.0	6.6	6.4	5.8	6.4	6.2	4.8	5.6	5.3
45 - 49 Years	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.5	6.7	6.7	5.4	6.0	5.8

**NOTES:**

1. Mean number of children ever born: This is based on all women in the relevant age-categories (i.e. both married as well as unmarried). (Q. 5 & 7 in Section 4, Part A in the questionnaire). Women who had never been married were assigned zero births.
2. Figures given next to “Punjab”, “Sindh”, “NWFP”, “Balochistan”, and “Overall Pakistan” are the mean number of children ever born for ever married women aged 15-49 years.3
3. Women married or not : This is based on the question on marital status in the household roste.