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this same period. In contrast, the fertility rate of the youngest age group 15-19 has remained somewhat constant.

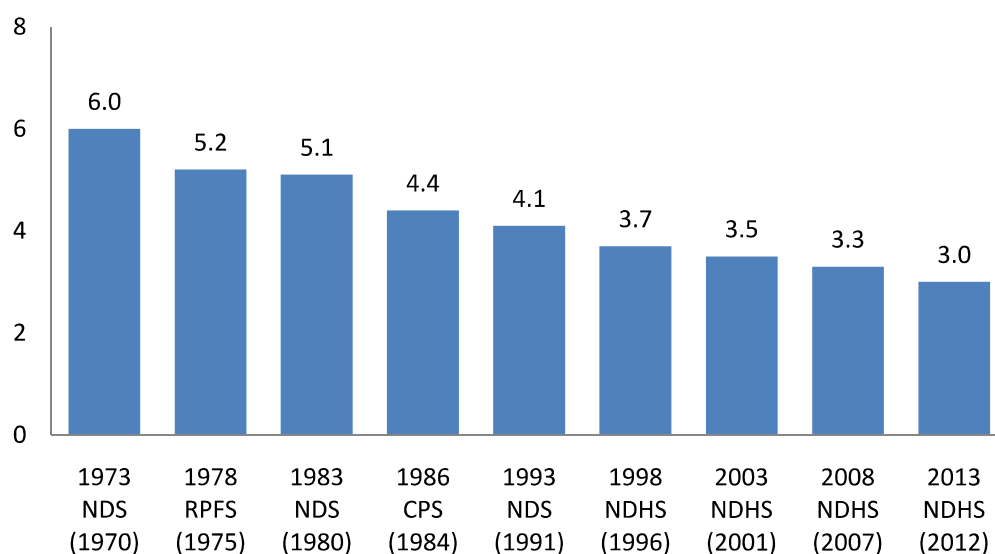
Table 5.4 Trends in fertility from various sources

Age-specific and total fertility rates from various surveys, Philippines, 1970-2011

| Age | 1973 NDS (1970) | 1978 RPFS (1975) | 1983 NDS (1980) | 1986 CPS (1984) | 1993 NDS (1991) | 1998 NDHS (1996) | 2003 NDHS (2002) | 2008 NDHS (2007) | 2013 NDHS (2012) |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 15-19 | 56 | 50 | 55 | 48 | 50 | 46 | 53 | 54 | 57 |
| 20-24 | 228 | 212 | 220 | 192 | 190 | 177 | 178 | 163 | 148 |
| 25-29 | 302 | 251 | 258 | 229 | 217 | 210 | 191 | 172 | 147 |
| 30-34 | 268 | 240 | 221 | 198 | 181 | 155 | 142 | 136 | 127 |
| 35-39 | 212 | 179 | 165 | 140 | 120 | 111 | 95 | 84 | 84 |
| 40-44 | 100 | 89 | 78 | 62 | 51 | 40 | 43 | 38 | 37 |
| 45-49 | 28 | 27 | 20 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| TFR | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 |

Note: Age-specific fertility rates are per 1,000 women. Rates for 1970 to 1980 are five-year averages and rates for 1984 to 2012 are three-year averages centered on the year in parentheses.

Figure 5.2 Trends in the total fertility rate



5.3 CHILDREN EVER BORN AND LIVING

Information on lifetime fertility is useful for examining the momentum of childbearing and for estimating levels of primary infertility. The number of children ever born (CEB) or parity is a cross-sectional view at the time of the survey. It does not refer directly to the timing of fertility of the individual respondent but is a measure of her completed fertility. Table 5.5 shows the distribution of women by number of children ever born and by women's age, for all women and for currently married women and the corresponding mean number of children ever born, and the mean number of living children.

The results show that among all women, more than one in three does not have any children. Among married women, only 7 percent do not have children. Table 5.5 shows that, on average, women have given birth to less than one child (0.65) by their early twenties, 3.1 children by their late thirties, and 4.0 children by