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13 Measured in terms of population, Malays registered the highest crude birth rate of 18.9 followed by Indians of 15.7 per 1000 residents. Chinese registered the lowest rate of 11.6 per 1000 residents. Besides the impact of the year of Tiger, late marriage was another contributing factor resulting lower birth rate among the Chinese ethnic group. Table 20 shows that the median age for Chinese mothers having first order births was 28.9 years compared with 25.9 years for Malays and 27.2 years for Indian mothers.

14 The age-specific fertility rate which measured the average number of resident births per 1000 resident females of a specific age group, showed decreases in most age groups. The total fertility rate, defined as the average number of resident births per 1000 resident females also fell from 1,696 in 1996 to 1,494 in 1998 (Table II).

Table II
AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, 1996 - 1998

Per 1000 resident females

Age Group (years)	Age-Specific Fertility Rates		
	1996	1997	1998
15 - 19	6.8	6.8	7.5
20 - 24	44.7	41.7	39.2
25 - 29	125.9	119.1	106.4
30 - 34	111.1	109.4	98.1
35 - 39	43.7	42.7	40.7
40 - 44	7.1	7.2	6.8
Total Fertility Rate	**1,696**	**1,635**	**1,494**

Age and Ethnic Group of Mother

15 In 1998, mothers in the 25 - 39 age group accounted for 85.6% of total live-births. The highest proportion (35.7%) were born to mothers aged 30 - 34 years, followed by mothers aged 25 - 29 years (34.5%) and 35 - 39 years (15.4%) (Chart VI). Detailed figures are shown in Table 24 at page 54.
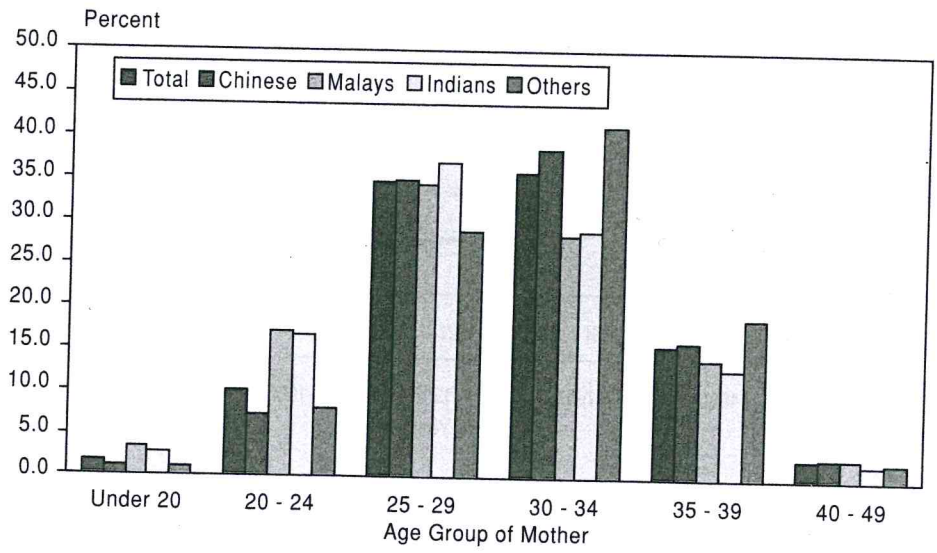
Chart VI
LIVE-BIRTHS BY AGE GROUP AND ETHNIC GROUP OF MOTHER, 1998