

Western Fertility in Mid-Transition: Fertility and Nuptiality in the United States and Selected Nations At the Turn of the Century

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differentials, the American native white population had later marriage and lower marital fertility than blacks and foreign-born whites. Finally, both the United States and France also had begun their "nuptiality revolutions" to earlier and more extensive marriage before most of Europe. In all this, the demographic similarities between the United States and

France were striking, as were the contrasts with other contemporary nations undergoing the demographic transition. Although economic and social historians have not often regarded the United States and France as cases to be studied together, further comparisons of these two demographic "early starters" may prove very instructive.

APPENDIX

Table A1

Age-Specific Overall Fertility Rates for the United States and Other Contemporary Populations, 1871–1933^a

	Age							TFR	TFR
	15–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45–49	20–44	15–49
(I) United States									
(1) New Est. 1900–1910									
Total	0.0562	0.1781	0.1928	0.1584	0.1248	0.0384	0.0060	3.4624	3.7736
White	0.0498	0.1669	0.1926	0.1591	0.1179	0.0355	0.0049	3.3600	3.6338
Native White	0.0487	0.1620	0.1837	0.1447	0.1015	0.0241	0.0038	3.0796	3.3421
Foreign White	0.0586	0.1879	0.2250	0.2055	0.1637	0.0550	0.0080	4.1856	4.5185
Black	0.0999	0.2531	0.1936	0.1527	0.1841	0.0677	0.0184	4.2556	4.8472
(2) New Est. 1905–1910									
Total	0.0605	0.1684	0.1816	0.1467	0.1040	0.0430	0.0060	3.2180	3.5508
White	0.0556	0.1612	0.1803	0.1448	0.1003	0.0415	0.0049	3.1402	3.4431
Native White	0.0536	0.1528	0.1675	0.1334	0.0929	0.0374	0.0038	2.9201	3.2071
Foreign White	0.0667	0.1951	0.2269	0.1841	0.1230	0.0527	0.0080	3.9090	4.2827
Black	0.1036	0.2270	0.1822	0.1538	0.1301	0.0550	0.0184	3.7409	4.3508
(3) Census 1905–1910									
Total	0.059	0.164	0.191	0.158	0.110	0.050	0.007	3.365	3.695
White	0.055	0.158	0.189	0.155	0.107	0.047	0.006	3.280	3.585
Nonwhite	0.094	0.209	0.205	0.175	0.136	0.071	0.020	3.980	4.550
(4) From 1900 Census									
Total 1895–1899	0.060	0.169	0.182	0.153	0.110	0.041	0.006	3.275	3.605
(5) Black: Coale and Rives									
1895–1899	0.1185	0.2658	0.2681	0.2376	0.1806	0.0858	0.0131	5.1895	5.8475
1900–1904	0.1228	0.2525	0.2428	0.2109	0.1581	0.0742	0.0118	4.6925	5.3655
1905–1909	0.1236	0.2354	0.2161	0.1837	0.1356	0.0628	0.0104	4.1680	4.8380
(II) Other Countries									
(1) England and Wales									
1891	0.0175	0.1369	0.2121	0.2033	0.1623	0.0840	—	3.9930	4.0805
1901	0.0084	0.1201	0.1905	0.1750	0.1319	0.0638	—	3.4065	3.4485
1911	0.0119	0.1067	0.1675	0.1475	0.1018	0.0440	—	2.8375	2.8970
1921	0.0140	0.1148	0.1622	0.1316	0.0831	0.0314	—	2.6155	2.6855
(2) Sweden									
1868–1872	0.0058	0.0818	0.1796	0.2208	0.2018	0.1162	0.0180	4.0011	4.1204
1878–1882	0.0096	0.1018	0.2001	0.2252	0.1938	0.1140	0.0182	4.1743	4.3136
1888–1892	0.0106	0.1062	0.1917	0.2087	0.1820	0.1039	0.0163	3.9625	4.0970
1898–1902	0.0153	0.1168	0.1938	0.1986	0.1677	0.0922	0.0120	3.8455	3.9820
1903–1907	0.0166	0.1180	0.1869	0.1882	0.1539	0.0841	0.0106	3.6555	3.7915
1908–1912	0.0193	0.1192	0.1777	0.1727	0.1420	0.0745	0.0094	3.4305	3.5740
1918–1922	0.0173	0.1059	0.1455	0.1338	0.1061	0.0543	0.0069	2.7280	2.8490
1928–1932	0.0180	0.0795	0.0995	0.0880	0.0634	0.0305	0.0037	1.8051	1.9134