

1.6 Fertility

1.6.1 Prevalence of motherhood

Almost 60 percent of all women aged 15 to 49 years are mothers. The prevalence of motherhood among teens (15-19 years) is 4.6 percent, and rises more than 6 times for women in the early 20's.

Figure 1.6A:

Proportion of Mothers 15-49 Years old by Five Year Age Group, 2010

Age Group	Total Women	No Children	Number of Mothers	DK/NS	Percent Mothers
Total 15-49	16,718	6,663	10,013	42	59.9
15 to 19 years	1,362	1,299	62	1	4.6
20 to 24 years	1,511	1,066	441	4	29.2
25 to 29 years	2,514	1,376	1,134	4	45.1
30 to 34 years	2,869	1,123	1,735	11	60.5
35 to 39 years	3,120	782	2,333	5	74.8
40 to 44 years	2,846	559	2,277	10	80.0
45 to 49 years	2,496	458	2,031	7	81.4

Figure 1.6B:

Females 15-49 years by Number of Live Births and Status, Total and Percent Distribution, 2010			
Number of Births	Total	Caymanian	Non-Caymanian
Total	16,718	7,856	8,862
% Distribution	100.0	100.0	100.0
None	39.8	38.9	40.6
One	21.1	19.1	22.9
Two	20.2	21.3	19.1
Three	10.9	12.2	9.7
Four	4.8	5.4	4.2
Five	1.9	1.7	2.0
Six	0.7	0.6	0.7
Seven	0.3	0.2	0.3
Eight or more	0.1	0.1	0.2
DK/NS	0.3	0.2	0.3

Next to bearing no child, a Caymanian woman has the highest likelihood (21.3%) of bearing two children while a non-Caymanian has the next highest likelihood (22.9%) of bearing only one child.

1.6.2 Average number of children per mother and woman

Caymanian mothers have higher cumulative fertility with an average number of children of 2.2 per mother compared to 2.1 for non-Caymanian mothers. Across all women 15 to 49 years, the average number of births is subsequently higher for Caymanian women (1.4) than non-Caymanian women (1.2).

Figure 1.6C: Average Number of Children

