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Table A.6.1. Trends in the Distribution of First Births by Age of the Mother and Marital Information in Japan, 1970-2000.

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000
Total Fertility Rate							
	2.13	1.91	1.80	1.76	1.54	1.42	1.36
Mean age of women at first birth							
	25.6	25.7	26.4	26.7	27.0	27.5	28.0
Distribution of first births by age of mother (%)							
15-19	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.7	3.0	2.6	3.1
20-24	45.6	41.4	33.8	30.2	26.4	24.8	20.0
25-29	43.3	48.5	50.4	51.1	51.0	47.8	45.6
30-34	7.0	6.7	11.6	12.6	15.6	20.2	23.9
35-39	1.8	1.5	1.9	3.1	3.4	4.1	6.6
40-44	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.7
45-49	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No. of first births	878,811	862,339	667,661	601,946	531,610	567,482	589,153
No. of all live births	1,933,922	1,901,427	1,576,864	1,431,515	1,221,545	1,187,015	1,190,477
Extra-marital births (%)							
	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.6
Mean age of women at first marriage							
	24.2	24.7	25.2	25.5	25.9	26.3	27.0
Average interval between marriage and first birth							
	-	1.55	1.61	1.61	1.66	1.78	1.89
Fertility induced marriage (%)*							
	-	-	12.6	17.3	21.0	22.5	26.3

Source: Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, *Vital Statistics*. *: Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (2002), *Live Births: Special Report on Vital Statistics*.

Note: Fertility induced marriage is the proportion of births with marriage duration shorter than the pregnancy period in total births from legally married couples.