Final Results of Birth Statistics in 2018

There were 326.8 thousand live births in 2018, which declined by 30.9 thousand (-8.7%) from 2017.

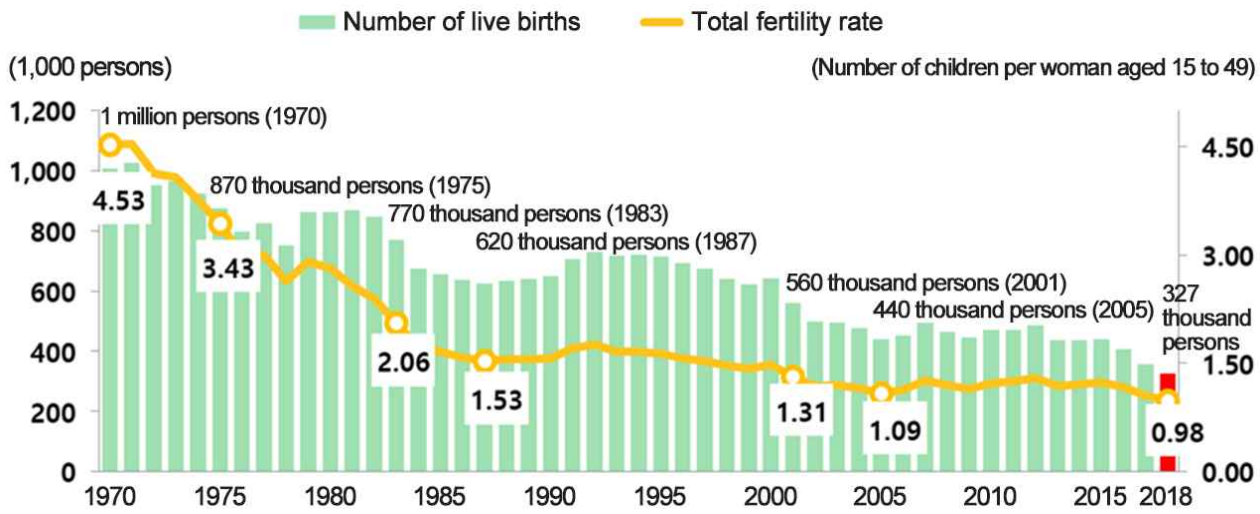
○ The total fertility rate (the number of births that a woman would have if she experienced the current age specific birth rates throughout her childbearing years) recorded 0.98 person in 2018, which hit a new record low after the first-time production of birth statistics in 1970.

○ The crude birth rate (the number of live births per 1,000 population) stood at 6.4 persons in 2018, which fell by 0.6 from 2017.

[Table 1] Number of live births, crude birth rate and total fertility rate (2008-2018)

(Unit: 1,000 persons, %, person, per 1,000 population, per woman aged 15 to 49)

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of live births		465.9	444.8	470.2	471.3	484.6	436.5	435.4	438.4	406.2	357.8	326.8
Year-on-year	Change	-30.9	-21.0	25.3	1.1	13.3	-48.1	-1.0	3.0	-32.2	-48.5	-30.9
	Percent change	-6.2	-4.5	5.7	0.2	2.8	-9.9	-0.2	0.7	-7.3	-11.9	-8.7
Average number of live births per day		1,273	1,219	1,288	1,291	1,324	1,196	1,193	1,201	1,110	980	895
Crude birth rate		9.4	9.0	9.4	9.4	9.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	7.9	7.0	6.4
Total fertility rate		1.19	1.15	1.23	1.24	1.30	1.19	1.21	1.24	1.17	1.05	0.98
Year-on-year	Change	-0.07	-0.04	0.08	0.02	0.05	-0.11	0.02	0.03	-0.07	-0.12	-0.08
	Percent change	-5.3	-3.6	6.7	1.5	4.3	-8.5	1.5	2.8	-5.4	-10.2	-7.1



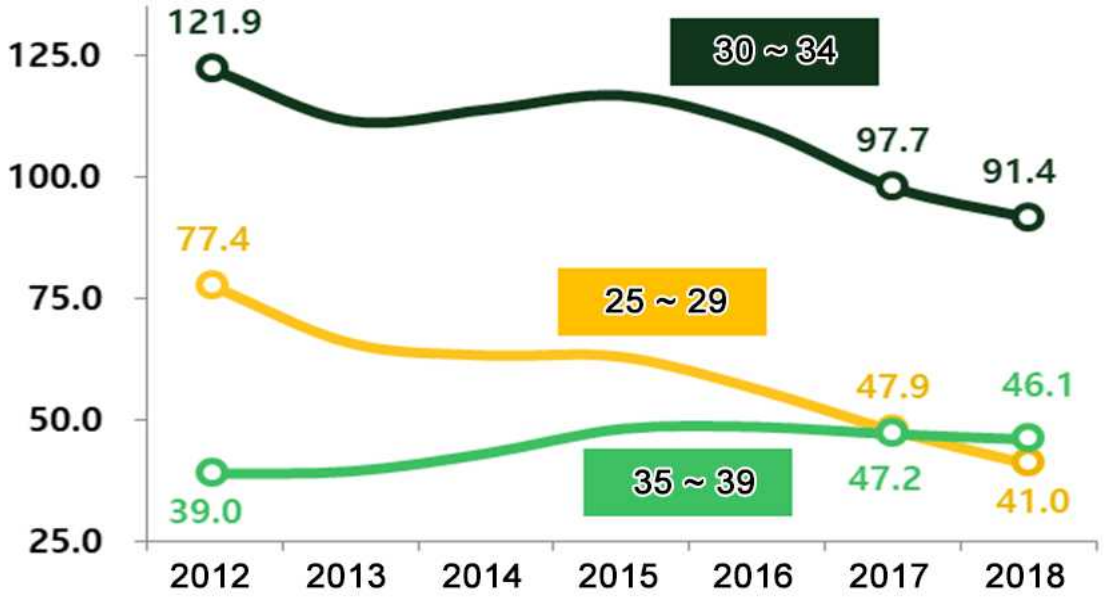
The fertility rate showed a year-on-year decrease in all age groups excluding mothers aged 40~49.

○ The fertility rate of mothers aged 30~34 recorded the highest figure of 91.4 persons per 1,000 population.

○ The fertility rate of mothers aged 25~29 recorded the highest decrease from 47.9 persons in 2017 to 41.0 persons in 2018.

○ For the first time, the fertility rate of mothers aged 25~29 was lower than that of mothers aged 35~39.

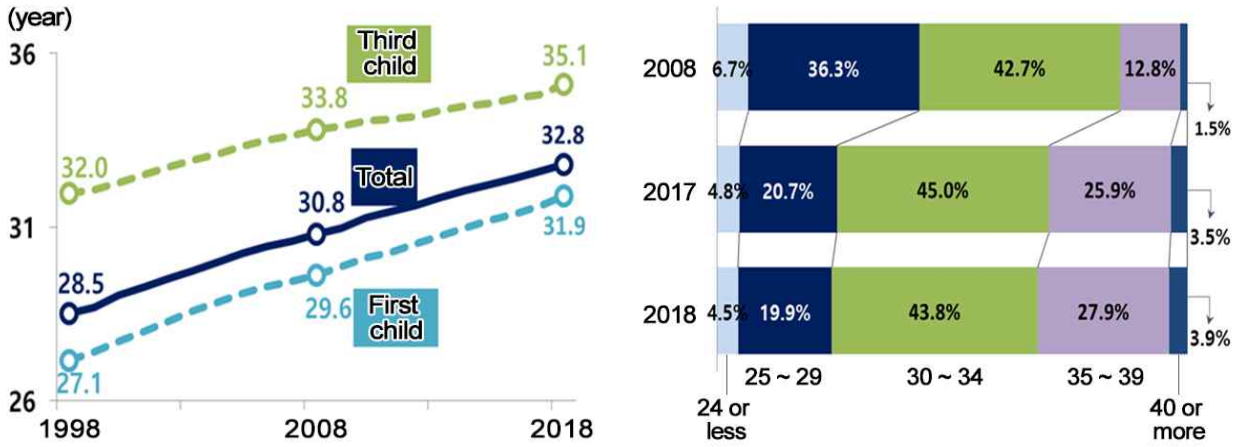
(Live births per 1,000 women in age group)



The average age of mothers giving birth to a child was 32.8 years in 2018, up 0.2 year from 2017.

○ The average age of mothers giving birth to a child was 31.9 years for the first child, 33.6 years for the second child and 35.1 years for the third child. Compared to 2017, these figures rose by 0.2~0.3 year.

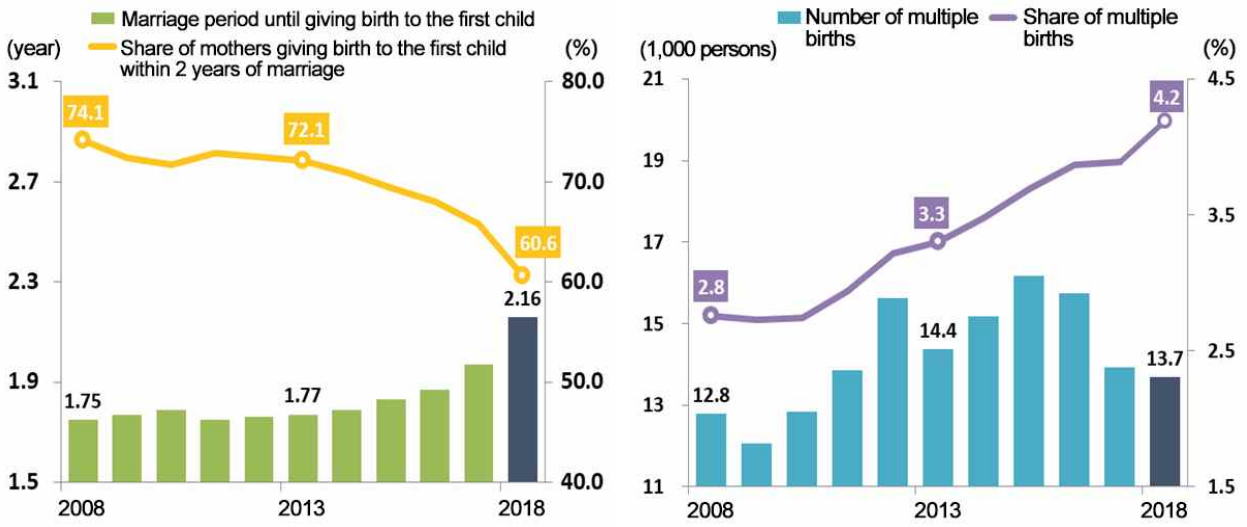
○ The share of mothers aged 35 or more stood at 31.8% in 2018, up 17.5%p compared to a decade ago.



In 2018, the share of mothers giving birth to the first child within 2 years of marriage stood at 60.6%. This percentage dropped by 5.2%p compared to 2017.

○ The average marriage period until giving birth to the first child was 2.16 years in 2018, which rose by 0.19 year from 2017.

○ Multiple births occupied 4.2% of the total live births in 2018, which increased by 0.3%p from 2017.



The total fertility rate of Sejong recorded the highest figure of 1.57 children per woman, which was followed by Jeonnam (1.24). In the meantime, the total fertility rate of Seoul recorded the lowest figure of 0.76 child per woman, which was followed by Busan (0.90).

○ Among 17 metropolitan cities and provinces, Sejong (5.7%) was the only region recording the year-on-year increase in live births. All 17 metropolitan cities and provinces recorded the year-on-year decrease in the total fertility rate.

○ As for the total fertility rate by Si, Gun & Gu, Haenam-gun, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 1.89 children per woman, which was followed by Sunchang-gun, Jeonbuk (1.82) and Yeonggwang-gun, Jeonnam (1.82). In the meantime, Gwanak-gu, Seoul recorded the lowest figure of 0.60 child per woman, which was followed by Jongno-gu, Seoul (0.61).

