



Fertility in an urban context. A complex phenomenon

2 years in 3 decades for both the subgroups, but in-migrants fertility precedes that of natives by about 24 months.

These huge differences suggest therefore that we are currently dealing with at least two subgroups, in-migrants showing a higher and even earlier fertility (Corsini, 1967).

Unfortunately, this analysis can not be considered straightforward. Indeed, beyond the fact that these subgroups may refer to different fertility plans, we have to consider that we are only focusing on residencies in Turin. Therefore, since marriage could be a trigger for in-migration, it is likely we are selecting for in-migrants just particular life cycle stages, to which a higher probability of having children is associated.

Thus, fertility of in-migrants may appear, wrongly, higher than that of natives just for the latter reason: we have to check also for the exposure period, and the better solution seems to consider the whole reproductive stage for both natives and in-migrants. In other words, if a woman in-migrated in Turin at the age of 25, we will consider all her reproductive life, starting from the age of 15, and if she had already had some children before the in-migration, they will be taken into account to calculate the corresponding rates.

Table 5. Age specific fertility rates by period (by thousands), TFR (by thousands) and mean age at birth. Resident women, autochthones

	1971- -1975	1976- -1980	1981- -1985	1986- -1990	1991- -1995	1996- -2000
15-19	11	9	4	3	2	2
20-24	68	48	31	22	16	11
25-29	116	88	70	66	57	48
30-34	74	56	54	63	71	73
35-39	28	20	17	27	30	37
40-44	5	3	2	3	5	6
TFR	1,505	1,119	890	918	909	888
Mean age	27.9	27.9	28.5	29.7	30.5	31.3

Table 6. Age specific fertility rates by period (by thousands), TFR (by thousands) and mean age at birth. Resident women, in-migrants

	1971- -1975	1976- -1980	1981- -1985	1986- -1990	1991- -1995	1996- -2000
15-19	46	35	18	10	10	9
20-24	159	126	87	58	46	46
25-29	148	118	94	89	81	78
30-34	86	67	55	58	67	78
35-39	38	27	21	22	27	35
40-44	9	6	4	4	5	6
TFR	2,433	1,894	1,389	1,209	1,181	1,257
Mean age	26.4	26.3	26.7	27.7	28.5	29.0