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| Country or area                    | Total fertility rate (per woman) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      | Age-specific fertility rate (per 1,000 women) |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | Total fertility rate |      | Mean age at childbearing |      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|---|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
|                                    | Year <sup>a</sup>                | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8)  | (9)  | (10)  | Year <sup>a</sup> | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) | (17) | (18) | (19)                 | (20) | (21)                     | (22) |
| <b>Africa</b>                      | 1976                             | 6.6 | 131 | 279 | 299 | 255 | 194 | 108 | 49   | 1996 | 4.8   | 99                | 214  | 226  | 188  | 137  | 69   | 24   | 1975 | 29.9 | 1987                 | 29.4 |                          |      |
| <b>Eastern Africa</b>              | 1972                             | 6.9 | 132 | 298 | 306 | 264 | 213 | 122 | 44   | 1998 | 5.7   | 121               | 261  | 251  | 221  | 158  | 87   | 29   | 1972 | 30.1 | 1988                 | 29.2 |                          |      |
| <b>Burundi</b>                     | 1980                             | 7.9 | 93  | 282 | 336 | 326 | 261 | 200 | 82   | 1985 | 7.0   | 52                | 271  | 324  | 292  | 238  | 131  | 82   | 1980 | 31.6 | 1985                 | 31.5 |                          |      |
| <b>Comoros</b>                     | 1980                             | 7.1 | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..   | 1994 | 5.1   | 66                | 196  | 237  | 246  | 164  | 78   | 29   | ..   | ..   | 1994                 | 30.4 |                          |      |
| <b>Djibouti</b>                    | 1980                             | 7.1 | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..   | 1991 | 6.0   | 31                | 155  | 270  | 317  | 257  | 121  | 44   | ..   | ..   | 1991                 | 32.3 |                          |      |
| <b>Eritrea</b>                     | 1980                             | 7.1 | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..   | 2000 | 5.2   | 85                | 199  | 214  | 213  | 183  | 102  | 51   | ..   | ..   | 2000                 | 30.9 |                          |      |
| <b>Ethiopia</b>                    | 1981                             | 6.8 | 115 | 273 | 299 | 264 | 225 | 125 | 65   | 1998 | 5.2   | 85                | 199  | 214  | 213  | 183  | 102  | 51   | ..   | ..   | 1998                 | 29.1 |                          |      |
| <b>Kenya</b>                       | 1969                             | 7.6 | 132 | 331 | 337 | 294 | 223 | 135 | 68   | 1996 | 4.7   | 111               | 246  | 222  | 185  | 107  | 54   | 16   | 1969 | 30.2 | 1996                 | 28.3 |                          |      |
| <b>Madagascar</b>                  | 1975                             | 6.4 | 132 | 272 | 280 | 232 | 195 | 122 | 45   | 1995 | 6.1   | 173               | 278  | 264  | 216  | 166  | 93   | 26   | 1975 | 30.0 | 1995                 | 28.8 |                          |      |
| <b>Malawi</b>                      | 1977                             | 7.6 | 165 | 341 | 334 | 304 | 241 | 119 | 16   | 1998 | 6.4   | 167               | 307  | 276  | 219  | 169  | 99   | 50   | 1977 | 29.3 | 1998                 | 29.1 |                          |      |
| <b>Mauritius</b>                   | 1972                             | 3.4 | 50  | 189 | 191 | 130 | 88  | 32  | 4    | 2000 | 2.0   | 39                | 122  | 122  | 77   | 34   | 8    | 1    | 1972 | 28.4 | 2000                 | 27.2 |                          |      |
| <b>Mozambique</b>                  | 1978                             | 6.7 | 135 | 294 | 271 | 225 | 196 | 140 | 71   | 1995 | 5.6   | 173               | 270  | 235  | 196  | 126  | 95   | 25   | 1978 | 30.4 | 1995                 | 29.5 |                          |      |
| <b>Réunion</b>                     | 1970                             | 4.4 | 62  | 239 | 217 | 171 | 125 | 59  | 8    | 1998 | 2.3   | 36                | 108  | 131  | 101  | 58   | 19   | 1    | 1970 | 29.0 | 1998                 | 28.6 |                          |      |
| <b>Rwanda</b>                      | 1970                             | 7.7 | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..   | 1999 | 5.9   | 55                | 245  | 278  | 256  | 192  | 122  | 38   | ..   | ..   | 1999                 | 30.9 |                          |      |
| <b>Somalia</b>                     | 1975                             | 7.1 | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..                | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..                   | ..   | ..                       |      |
| <b>Uganda</b>                      | 1969                             | 7.1 | 198 | 341 | 322 | 253 | 189 | 87  | 35   | 1999 | 7.0   | 190               | 334  | 299  | 261  | 187  | 84   | 39   | 1969 | 28.5 | 1999                 | 28.7 |                          |      |
| <b>United Republic of Tanzania</b> | 1971                             | 7.1 | 152 | 336 | 325 | 283 | 200 | 102 | 43   | 1998 | 5.2   | 137               | 271  | 233  | 210  | 148  | 89   | 32   | 1971 | 29.3 | 1998                 | 29.1 |                          |      |
| <b>Zambia</b>                      | 1980                             | 7.2 | 153 | 284 | 293 | 229 | 155 | 17  | 2000 | 5.9  | 161   | 267               | 247  | 200  | 168  | 83   | 28   | 1980 | 29.3 | 2000 | 28.9                 |      |                          |      |
| <b>Zimbabwe</b>                    | 1969                             | 6.7 | 79  | 272 | 304 | 257 | 218 | 145 | 73   | 1997 | 4.1   | 108               | 201  | 182  | 145  | 112  | 49   | 18   | 1969 | 31.2 | 1997                 | 28.5 |                          |      |

| Country or area                         | Total fertility rate (per woman) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | Age-specific fertility rate (per 1,000 women) |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | Total fertility rate |      | Mean age at childbearing |      |
|---|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
|   | Year <sup>a</sup>                | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9)  | (10)  | Year <sup>a</sup> | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) | (17) | (18) | (19)                 | (20) | (21)                     | (22) |
| <b>Turkey</b>                           | 1970                             | 5.7 | 89  | 239 | 283 | 222 | 157 | 62  | 31  | 2000 | 2.5   | 56                | 165  | 145  | 82   | 36   | 12   | 1    | 1970 | 29.1 | 2000                 | 26.6 |                          |      |
| <b>United Arab Emirates<sup>b</sup></b> | 1970                             | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | 1993 | 5.0   | 44                | 188  | 257  | 222  | 164  | 92   | 41   | ..   | ..   | 1993                 | 31.0 |                          |      |
| <b>Yemen</b>                            | 1977                             | 8.5 | 175 | 346 | 346 | 324 | 229 | 197 | 75  | 1996 | 6.7   | 110               | 286  | 304  | 267  | 200  | 115  | 62   | 1977 | 30.4 | 1996                 | 30.3 |                          |      |
| <b>Europe</b>                           | 1970                             | 2.4 | 41  | 156 | 135 | 83  | 42  | 12  | 1   | 2001 | 1.5   | 26                | 77   | 90   | 72   | 29   | 6    | 1    | 1970 | 27.2 | 2001                 | 27.8 |                          |      |
| <b>Eastern Europe</b>                   | 1970                             | 2.3 | 44  | 177 | 127 | 74  | 26  | 16  | 1   | 2001 | 1.3   | 25                | 39   | 34   | 45   | 17   | 4    | 0    | 1970 | 26.6 | 2001                 | 25.7 |                          |      |
| <b>Baltics</b>                          | 1970                             | 2.5 | 20  | 187 | 132 | 87  | 43  | 12  | 1   | 2001 | 1.3   | 27                | 104  | 133  | 105  | 42   | 2    | 0    | 1970 | 27.7 | 2001                 | 26.8 |                          |      |
| <b>Bulgaria</b>                         | 1970                             | 2.2 | 72  | 188 | 111 | 46  | 15  | 3   | 0   | 2001 | 1.2   | 45                | 87   | 72   | 33   | 10   | 2    | 0    | 1970 | 24.7 | 2001                 | 25.1 |                          |      |
| <b>Czech Republic</b>                   | 1970                             | 1.9 | 48  | 173 | 102 | 41  | 13  | 3   | 0   | 2001 | 1.1   | 11                | 60   | 91   | 47   | 15   | 3    | 0    | 1970 | 25.0 | 2001                 | 27.5 |                          |      |
| <b>Hungary</b>                          | 1970                             | 2.0 | 53  | 159 | 109 | 51  | 19  | 4   | 0   | 2001 | 1.3   | 23                | 65   | 91   | 58   | 21   | 4    | 0    | 1970 | 25.5 | 2001                 | 27.6 |                          |      |
| <b>Poland</b>                           | 1971                             | 2.3 | 30  | 171 | 129 | 72  | 36  | 11  | 1   | 2001 | 1.3   | 16                | 74   | 89   | 52   | 21   | 5    | 0    | 1971 | 26.9 | 2001                 | 27.6 |                          |      |
| <b>Republic of Moldova<sup>c</sup></b>  | 1970                             | 2.4 | 38  | 143 | 152 | 94  | 42  | 9   | 1   | 1999 | 2.3   | 11                | 51   | 88   | 74   | 27   | 4    | 0    | 1970 | 30.4 | 1999                 | 28.7 |                          |      |
| <b>Romania</b>                          | 1970                             | 2.9 | 66  | 202 | 151 | 96  | 48  | 13  | 2   | 2000 | 1.3   | 39                | 90   | 78   | 37   | 14   | 3    | 0    | 1970 | 26.7 | 2000                 | 25.7 |                          |      |
| <b>Russian Federation</b>               | 1978                             | 2.0 | 30  | 152 | 108 | 68  | 33  | 9   | 1   | 2001 | 1.3   | 28                | 95   | 72   | 39   | 13   | 2    | 0    | 1978 | 26.9 | 2001                 | 25.9 |                          |      |
| <b>Slovakia</b>                         | 1970                             | 2.4 | 40  | 195 | 137 | 70  | 30  | 8   | 1   | 2001 | 1.2   | 21                | 73   | 84   | 43   | 15   | 3    | 0    | 1970 | 26.3 | 2001                 | 26.8 |                          |      |
| <b>Ukraine</b>                          | 1970                             | 2.1 | 35  | 165 | 113 | 68  | 31  | 7   | 1   | 1998 | 1.2   | 41                | 101  | 58   | 26   | 9    | 2    | 0    | 1970 | 26.5 | 1998                 | 24.7 |                          |      |
| <b>Northern Europe</b>                  | 1970                             | 2.2 | 42  | 139 | 141 | 75  | 34  | 9   | 1   | 2001 | 1.6   | 23                | 65   | 99   | 92   | 41   | 8    | 0    | 1970 | 26.9 | 2001                 | 28.8 |                          |      |
| <b>Denmark</b>                          | 1970                             | 2.0 | 32  | 129 | 139 | 67  | 25  | 5   | 0   | 2001 | 1.7   | 8                 | 51   | 126  | 115  | 43   | 7    | 0    | 1970 | 26.8 | 2001                 | 29.7 |                          |      |
| <b>Estonia</b>                          | 1970                             | 2.2 | 33  | 159 | 131 | 73  | 30  | 7   | 1   | 2001 | 1.3   | 24                | 81   | 83   | 53   | 22   | 4    | 0    | 1970 | 26.7 | 2001                 | 27.2 |                          |      |
| <b>Finland</b>                          | 1970                             | 1.8 | 32  | 117 | 112 | 64  | 31  | 9   | 1   | 2001 | 1.7   | 10                | 60   | 114  | 103  | 48   | 10   | 0    | 1970 | 27.1 | 2001                 | 29.6 |                          |      |
| <b>Iceland</b>                          | 1970                             | 2.8 | 74  | 166 | 142 | 101 | 57  | 20  | 4   | 2000 | 2.1   | 22                | 88   | 131  | 112  | 51   | 11   | 1    | 1970 | 27.3 | 2000                 | 28.9 |                          |      |
| <b>Greenland</b>                        | 1970                             | 2.4 | 38  | 143 | 152 | 94  | 42  | 9   | 1   | 1999 | 2.3   | 11                | 51   | 88   | 74   | 27   | 4    | 0    | 1970 | 30.4 | 1999                 | 28.7 |                          |      |
| <b>Latvia</b>                           | 1970                             | 2.0 | 28  | 147 | 119 | 70  | 32  | 8   | 1   | 2001 | 1.2   | 18                | 75   | 77   | 47   | 20   | 5    | 0    | 1970 | 27.0 | 2001                 | 27.4 |                          |      |
| <b>Lithuania</b>                        | 1970                             | 2.4 | 24  | 159 | 143 | 88  | 48  | 15  | 1   | 2001 | 1.3   | 22                | 86   | 83   | 45   | 19   | 4    | 0    | 1970 | 27.8 | 2001                 | 26.8 |                          |      |
| <b>Norway</b>                           | 1970                             | 2.5 | 46  | 166 | 149 | 88  | 41  | 11  | 1   | 2001 | 1.8   | 11                | 62   | 123  | 108  | 45   | 7    | 0    | 1970 | 27.0 | 2001                 | 29.4 |                          |      |
| <b>Sweden</b>                           | 1970                             | 1.9 | 33  | 119 | 128 | 69  | 28  | 6   | 0   | 2001 | 1.6   | 7                 | 47   | 104  | 103  | 44   | 8    | 0    | 1970 | 27.0 | 2001                 | 30.0 |                          |      |
| <b>United Kingdom</b>                   | 1972                             | 2.2 | 48  | 141 | 143 | 71  | 30  | 8   | 0   | 2000 | 1.6   | 29                | 69   | 95   | 88   | 40   | 8    | 0    | 1972 | 26.6 | 2000                 | 28.5 |                          |      |
| <b>Southern Europe</b>                  | 1970                             | 2.6 | 30  | 138 | 165 | 105 | 58  | 19  | 2   | 2000 | 1.3   | 12                | 46   | 81   | 83   | 37   | 7    | 0    | 1970 | 28.4 | 2000                 | 29.5 |                          |      |
| <b>Albania</b>                          | 1970                             | 5.1 | 38  | 263 | 273 | 212 | 146 | 68  | 23  | 1999 | 2.1   | 26                | 122  | 158  | 89   | 30   | 6    | 1    | 1970 | 29.8 | 1999                 | 29.8 |                          |      |
| <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>           | 1970                             | 2.7 | 47  | 178 | 145 | 94  | 54  | 20  | 3   | 1998 | 1.6   | 16                | 113  | 91   | 51   | 24   | 6    | 1    | 1970 | 27.5 | 1998                 | 26.7 |                          |      |
| <b>Croatia</b>                          | 1970                             | 1.8 | 48  | 136 | 98  | 54  | 23  | 6   | 1   | 2001 | 1.4   | 15                | 72   | 97   | 62   | 24   | 4    | 0    | 1970 | 26.0 | 2001                 | 27.9 |                          |      |
| <b>Greece</b>                           | 1970                             | 2.4 | 38  | 143 | 152 | 94  | 42  | 9   | 1   | 1999 | 2.3   | 11                | 51   | 88   | 74   | 27   | 4    | 0    | 1970 | 26.7 | 1999                 | 28.7 |                          |      |
| <b>Italy</b>                            | 1970                             | 2.4 | 27  | 129 | 153 | 99  | 53  | 16  | 1   | 2000 | 1.2   | 7                 | 33   | 76   | 84   | 40   | 8    | 0    | 1970 | 28.3 | 2000                 | 30.3 |                          |      |
| <b>Malta</b>                            | 1975                             | 2.2 | 17  | 119 | 150 | 91  | 42  | 14  | 0   | 2001 | 1.5   | 17                | 53   | 111  | 77   | 26   | 6    | 0    | 1975 | 28.2 | 2001                 | 28.6 |                          |      |