

UNDERSTANDING

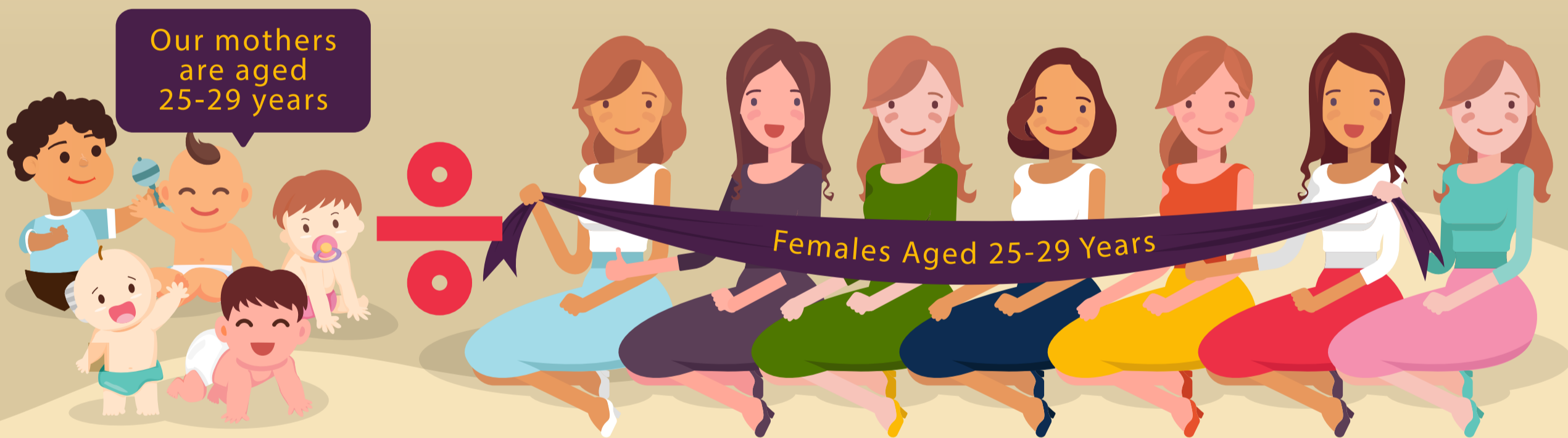
AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATE & TOTAL FERTILITY RATE



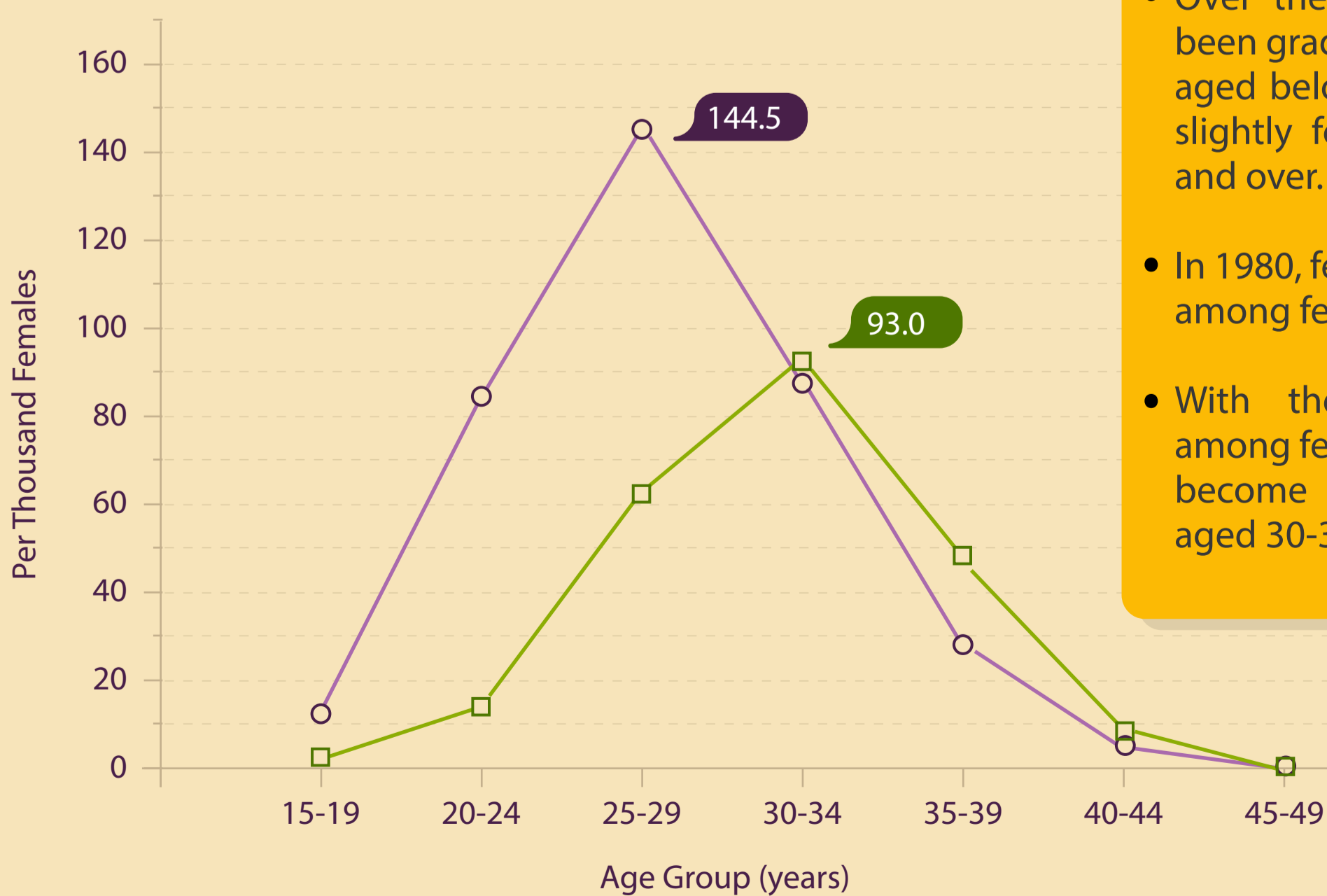
AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATE

Age-specific fertility rate (ASFR) is the number of live-births born to females of a specific age group, out of every thousand females in the same age group.

Illustration for computation of ASFR for 25-29 years



Age-Specific Fertility Rates, 1980 & 2018^P



- Over the years, the ASFRs have been gradually declining for those aged below 30 years, while rising slightly for those aged 30 years and over.
- In 1980, fertility rates were highest among females aged 25-29 years.
- With the delay in childbirth among females, fertility rates have become highest among females aged 30-34 years instead.



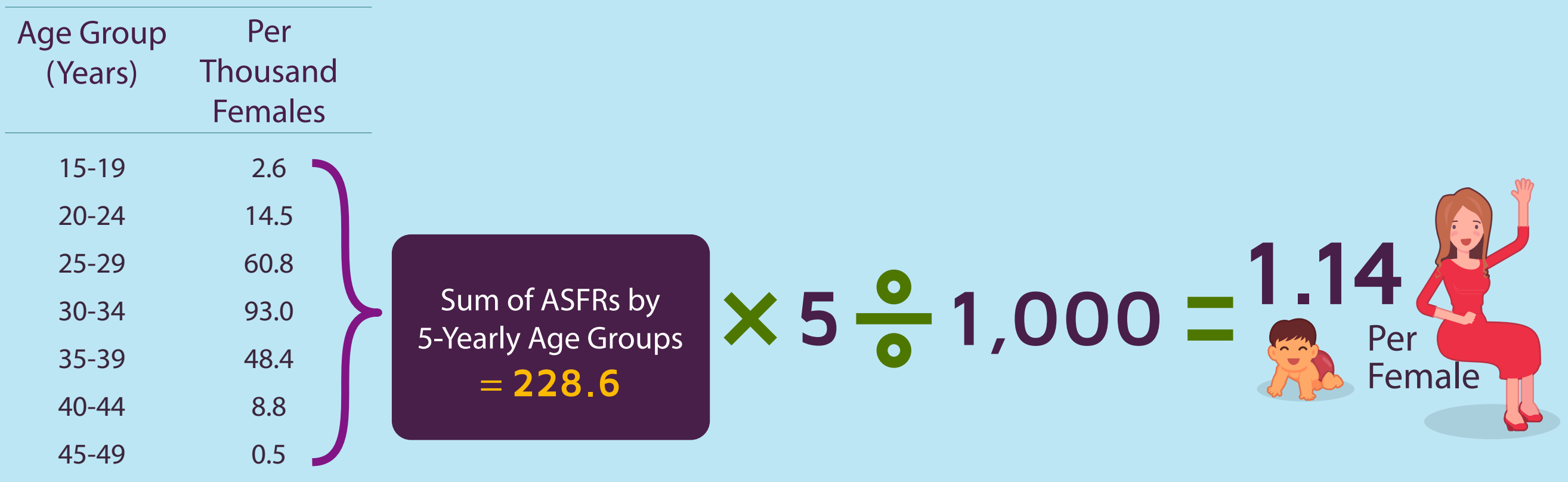
○ 1980	12.7	84.9	144.5	87.8	28.0	5.8	0.5
□ 2018 ^P	2.6	14.5	60.8	93.0	48.4	8.8	0.5

^P: Preliminary

TOTAL FERTILITY RATE

Total fertility rate (TFR) refers to the average number of live-births each female would have during her reproductive years if she were subject to the prevailing ASFRs in the population in the given year. Mathematically, it is 5 times the sum of the ASFRs by 5-yearly age groups, over the female reproductive ages for the reference period.

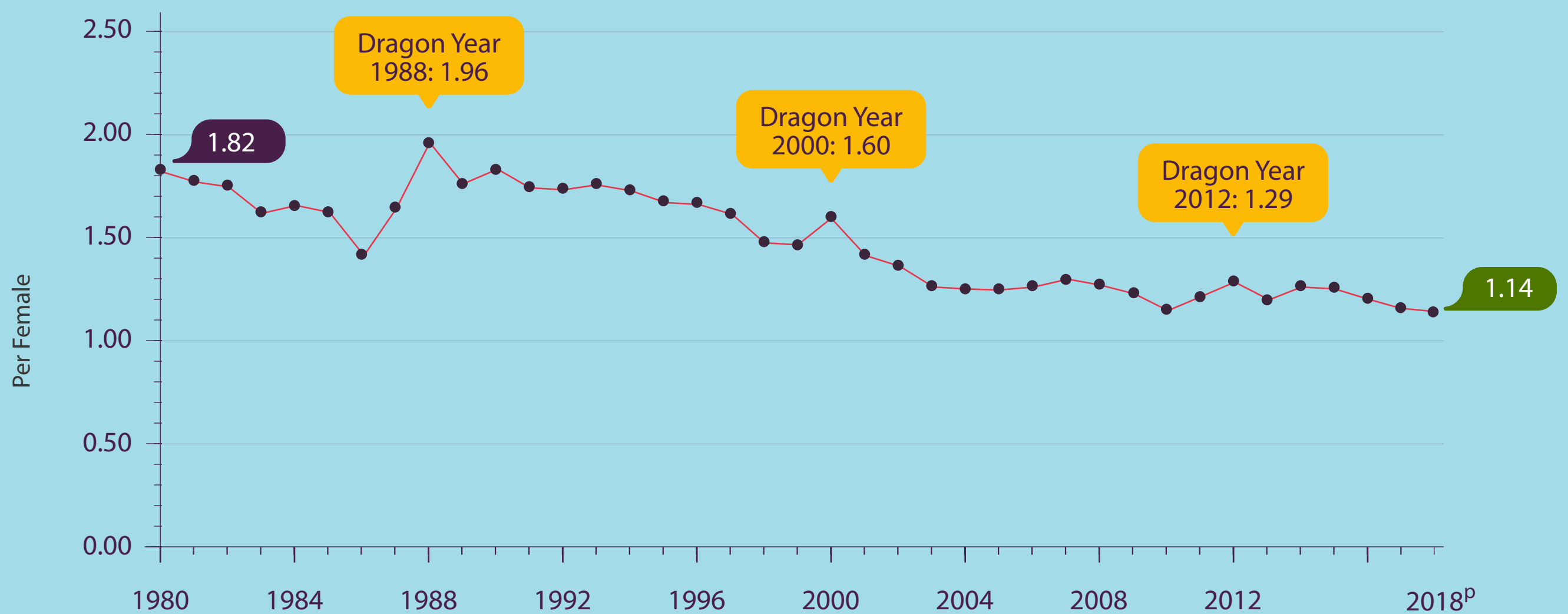
Illustration for computation of 2018^P TFR using ASFRs



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Note: Dividing by 1,000 is required since the ASFRs are expressed as per thousand females while the TFR is expressed as per female.

Total Fertility Rate



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The TFR has been gradually declining over the past decades (similar to the experience in many developed societies) and is around 1.20 in recent years.