

Publication Summary



Teenage Pregnancy

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About this Release

Teenage pregnancy Statistics are published annually and are compiled from registrations of live and still births from the National Records of Scotland (NRS) with multiple births counted as one event, and number of legal abortions notified in accordance with the Abortion Act 1967.

The data presented are based on year of conception and age at conception and are shown from 1994 onwards for the following three age groups: <16, <18 and <20.

Key Points

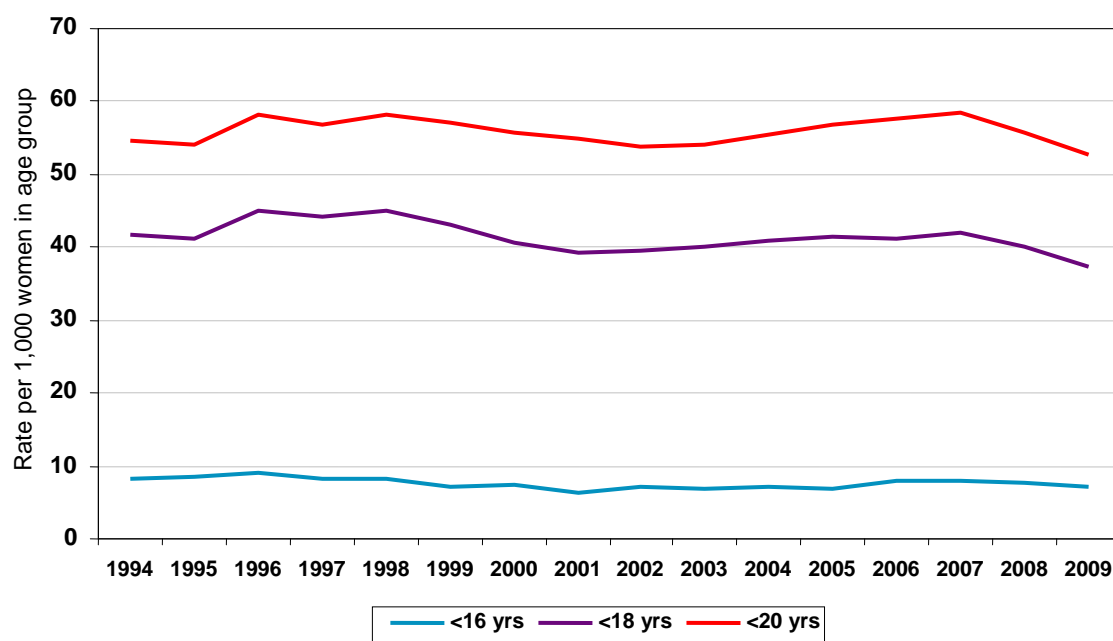
The teenage pregnancy rate has been fairly steady for the past decade with a small drop over the last 3 years. In 2009, in the under 16 age group there were 7.1 pregnancies per 1,000, down from 7.8 in 2008.

In mainland NHS boards in 2009, NHS Borders recorded the lowest rate of teenage pregnancy in all three age groups (under 16 age group – 5.0 per 1,000). NHS Fife has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in 2009 for the under 16 age group (10.5 per 1,000). In the under 18 and 20 age groups the highest rates were in NHS Tayside.

Over the years there has been a change in the balance between teenage conceptions which are aborted and those which continue to delivery. In the under 18 and under 20 age groups the rate of abortion has fallen slightly but still remains considerably lower than the delivery rate.

There is a strong deprivation gradient. In the under 20 age group, the most deprived areas have approximately ten times the rate of delivery as the least deprived (65.3 per 1,000 and 7.6 per 1,000).

Teenage Pregnancy Rates, 1994-2009, by Age Group at Conception



Background

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