

Publication Summary



Teenage Pregnancy

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About this Release

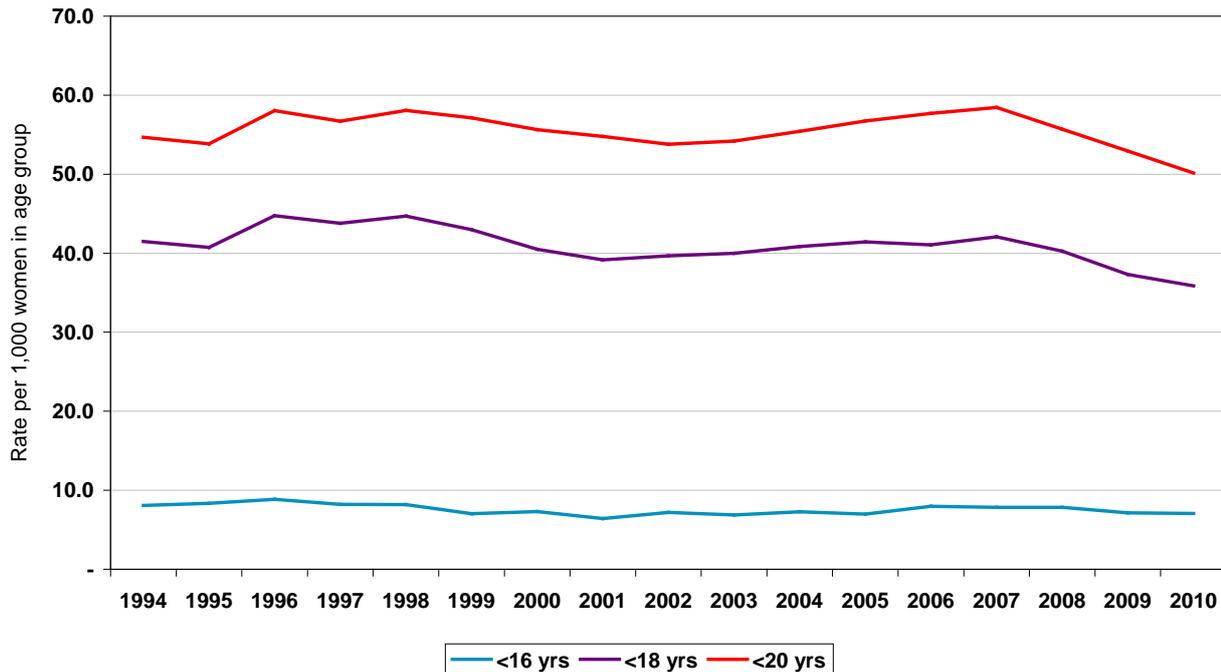
Teenage pregnancy Statistics are published annually and are compiled from registrations of live and still births from the National Records of Scotland (NRS) with multiple births counted as one event, and number of legal abortions notified in accordance with the Abortion Act 1967.

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 seen a small but consistent decline over the last 4 years. In 2010, in the under 16 age group there were 7.1 pregnancies per 1,000, no change from 2009. The rates in the older age groups have reduced, with the under 18s dropping from 37.3 per 1,000 in 2009 to 35.9 per 1,000 in 2010 and the under 20s from 52.9 per 1,000 to 50.2 per 1,000.
- In mainland NHS boards in 2010, NHS Highland recorded the lowest rate of teenage pregnancy in the under 16 age group, with 5.4 per 1,000. The lowest rates in the under 18 and under 20 age groups occurred in NHS Grampian, with rates of 27.9 per 1,000 and 41.0 per 1,000 respectively.
- NHS Fife has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in 2010 for the under 16 age group at 9.2 per 1,000 and in the under 18 age group at 47.7 per 1,000. In the under 20 age group the highest rate was seen in NHS Ayrshire & Arran with a rate of 59.7 per 1,000.
- 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 (64.7 per 1,000 and 6.2 per 1,000).

Teenage Pregnancy Rates, 1994 - 2010, by Age Group at Conception



Background

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