

Publication Summary



Teenage Pregnancy

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About this Release

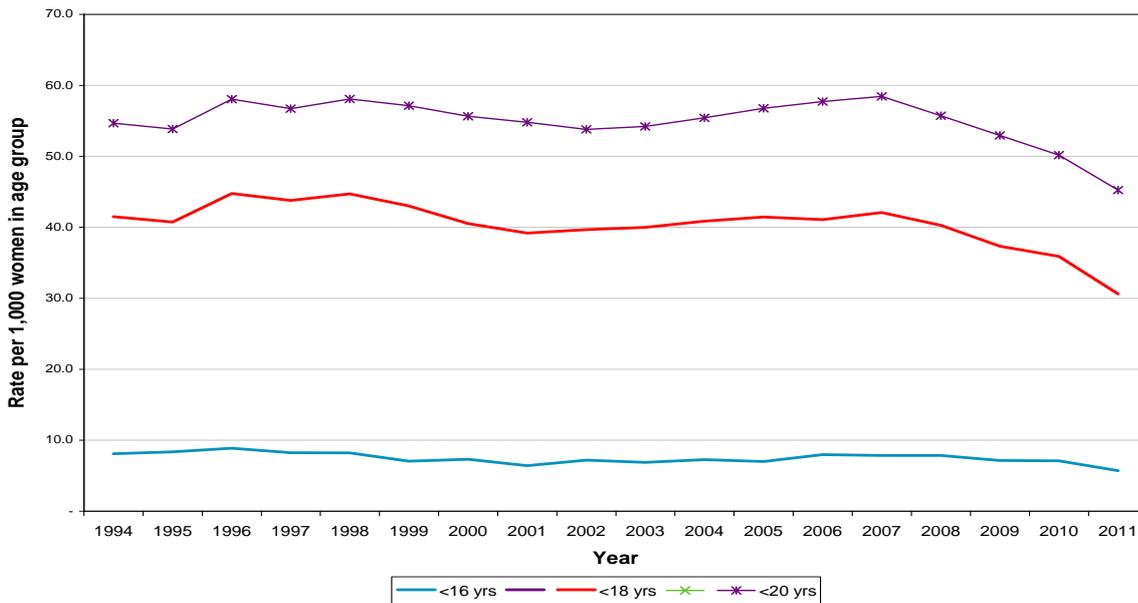
Teenage pregnancy Statistics are published annually and are compiled from registrations of live and still births from the National Records of Scotland (NRS) with multiple births counted as one event, and number of legal abortions notified in accordance with the Abortion Act 1967.

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 consistent decline over recent years across all three age groups; under 16s, under 18s and under 20s. In 2011 in the under 16 age group there were 5.7 pregnancies per 1,000 population, down from 7.1 in 2010. The rates in the older age groups have also reduced, with the under 18 age group dropping from 35.9 per 1,000 in 2010 to 30.6 per 1,000 in 2011 and the under 20 age group from 50.2 per 1,000 to 45.2 per 1,000.
- In mainland NHS boards in 2011, NHS Ayrshire & Arran recorded the lowest rate of teenage pregnancy in the under 16 age group, with 4.5 per 1,000 population. The lowest rates in the under 18 and under 20 age groups occurred in NHS Grampian, with rates of 26.7 per 1,000 and 39.9 per 1,000 respectively.
- NHS Dumfries & Galloway has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in 2011 for the under 16 age group at 7.9 per 1,000 population. NHS Fife has the highest rate in the under 18 age group at 36.3 per 1,000 and in the under 20 age group at a rate of 52.4 per 1,000.
- 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 (56.1 per 1,000 compared to 5.5 per 1,000) and nearly twice the rate of abortion (24.5 per 1,000 compared to 12.9 per 1,000).

Teenage Pregnancy Rates, 1994 - 2011, by Age Group at Conception



Background

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