

# Publication Summary



## Teenage Pregnancy

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### About this Release

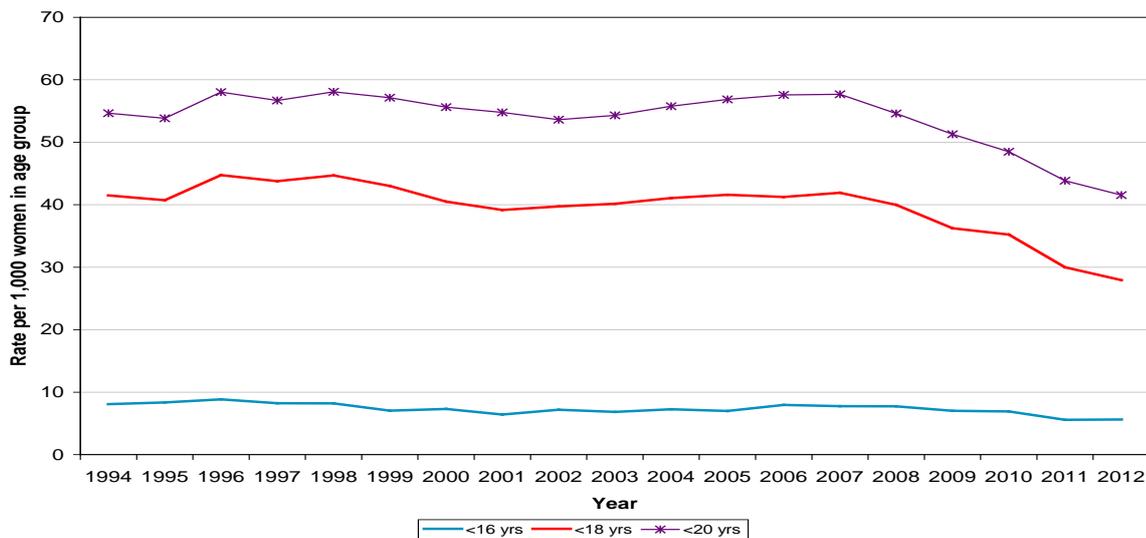
Teenage pregnancy Statistics are published annually and are compiled from registrations of live and still births from the National Records of Scotland (NRS) with multiple births counted as one event, and number of legal abortions notified in accordance with the Abortion Act 1967.

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

- Teenage pregnancy rates in the older age groups have continued to decline. The rate per 1,000 population for the under 18 age group has dropped from 30.0 in 2011 to 27.9 in 2012 and from 43.8 to 41.5 in the under 20 age group. The rate for the under 16 age group in 2012 is the same as that recorded in 2011 at 5.6 per 1,000 population.
- In mainland NHS boards, NHS Highland recorded the lowest rate of teenage pregnancy in the under 16 age group with 3.0 per 1,000 population. NHS Borders recorded the lowest rates in both the under 18 and under 20 age groups with rates of 20.7 and 31.2 per 1,000 respectively.
- In mainland NHS boards, NHS Tayside recorded the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in the under 16 age group with 7.8 per 1,000 population. NHS Fife recorded the highest rates in both the under 18 and under 20 age groups with rates of 33.7 and 48.4 per 1,000 respectively.
- There is a strong correlation between deprivation and teenage pregnancy. In the under 20 age group the most deprived areas have nearly 12 times the rate of delivery compared to the least deprived areas (53.8 compared to 4.6 per 1,000 population) and nearly twice the rate of abortion (21.9 compared to 11.8 per 1,000 population).

## Teenage Pregnancy Rates, 1994 - 2012, by Age Group at Conception



## Background

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