

Publication Summary



Teenage Pregnancy

Annual Statistics

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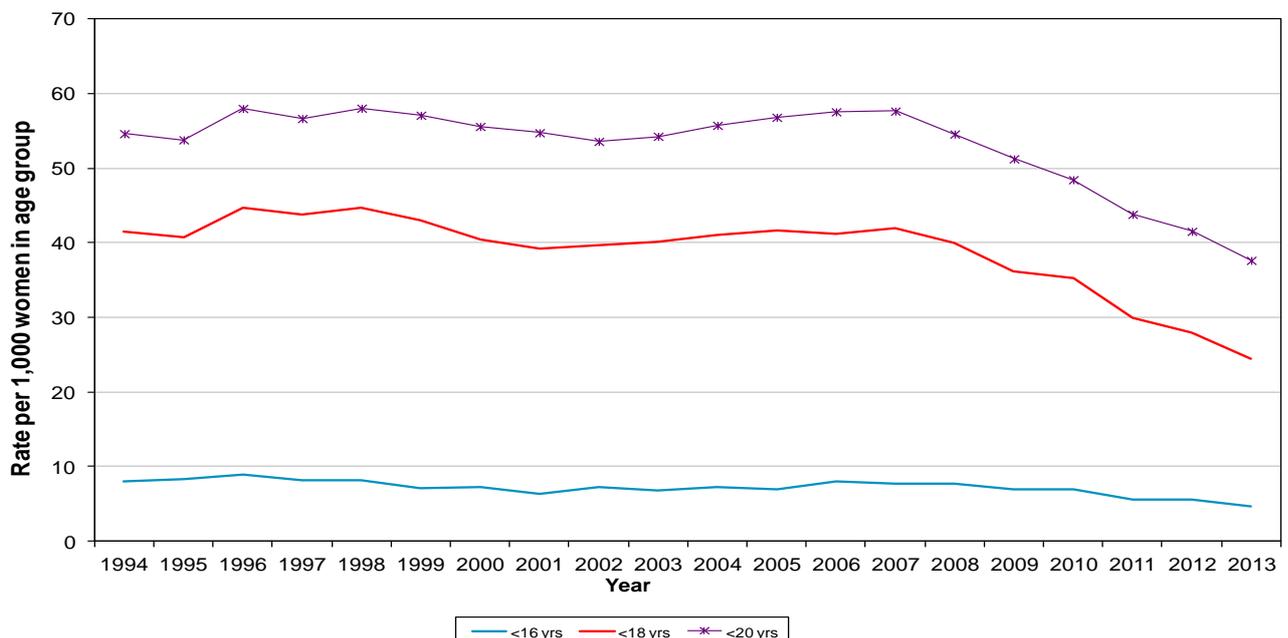
About this Release

The Information Services Division publishes annual statistics on teenage pregnancy compiled from registrations of births from the National Records of Scotland. The data presented in this report 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 all age groups have continued to decline in 2013. The teenage pregnancy rate for under 20's has dropped from a recent peak of 57.7 per 1,000 population in 2007 to 37.7 per 1,000 population in 2013. A decrease of 34.7%.

Teenage Pregnancy Rates, 1994 - 2013, by Age Group at Conception



- In mainland NHS Boards, NHS Dumfries & Galloway recorded the lowest rate of teenage pregnancy in the under 18 age group with 18.9 per 1,000 population. NHS Grampian recorded the lowest rate in the under 20 age group with 33.2 per 1,000 population.
- In mainland NHS Boards, NHS Borders recorded the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in the under 16 age group with 5.8 per 1,000 population. NHS Fife recorded the highest rates in both the under 18 and under 20 age groups with rates of 31.6 and 48.4 per 1,000 population respectively.
- Termination rates for the under 16 age group have remained higher than delivery rates since 2002. For the period reported (1994-2013) termination rates for both the under 18 and under 20 age groups have remained lower than the delivery rates, however, the difference between the rates has narrowed.
- There is a strong correlation between deprivation and teenage pregnancy. In the under 20 age group, a teenage female living in the most deprived area is 4.8 times as likely to experience a pregnancy as someone living in the least deprived area and nearly 12 times as likely to deliver their baby.

Background

The source data are 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.

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Further Information

All of the information we publish on teenage pregnancy is available on our website at <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Maternity-and-Births/Teenage-Pregnancy/>

Further information can be found in the [Teenage Pregnancy 2013 Publication Report](#).

This report will be updated in July 2016.

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