

# Teenage Pregnancy

Year of conception ending 31 December 2014

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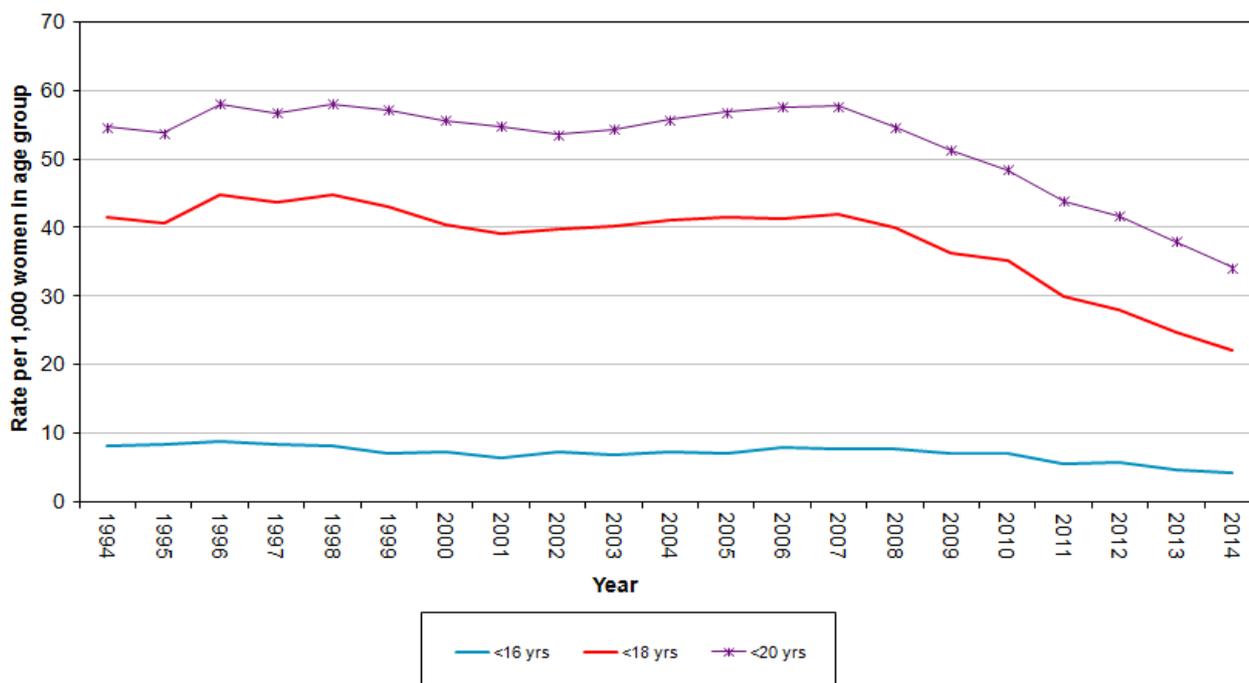
## About this release

This release from the Information Services Division provides an annual update of teenage pregnancy statistics in Scotland up to December 2014. The information presented in this publication is based on year of conception and age at conception and is presented for the age groups: under 16, under 18 and under 20.

## Main points

- Teenage pregnancy rates in all age groups have continued to decline in 2014. The teenage pregnancy rate for under 20s has dropped from the most recent peak of 57.7 in 2007 to 34.1 per 1,000 women in 2014, a decrease of 40.9%.

Teenage pregnancy rates by age group at conception, 1994-2014



- In 2014, of the mainland NHS Boards, NHS Borders recorded the lowest rates of teenage pregnancy in both the under 18 and under 20 age groups with 17.5 and 29.3 per 1,000 women respectively.
- In 2014, of the mainland NHS Boards, NHS Tayside recorded the highest rate of teenage pregnancy across all age groups with 5.8 per 1,000 women in the under 16 age group, 27.1 per 1,000 women in the under 18 age group and 37.8 per 1,000 women in the under 20 age group.

- Termination rates for the under 16 age group have remained higher than delivery rates since 2002. For the period reported (1994-2014) 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 areas is 5 times as likely to experience a pregnancy as someone living in the least deprived.

## Background

The source data are registrations of live and stillbirths from the National Records of Scotland 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 full [Teenage Pregnancy 2014 Publication Report](#).

This report will be updated in July 2017.

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