

Table 3.5: Fertility rates by age of mother and marital status of parents, Scotland, 1971 to 2012

Year	All ages ¹	Age group ¹					
		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
All (per 1,000 women)							
1971	85.8	47.5	162.9	163.8	84.5	36.4	9.6
1976	62.2	35.3	115.6	124.3	57.3	19.2	4.6
1981	63.1	30.5	112.3	131.3	66.2	20.8	3.9
1986	58.5	30.8	91.3	119.9	69.9	20.3	3.6
1991	59.8	33.3	82.3	116.5	78.3	26.8	4.0
1992 r	59.3	33.1	77.7	113.6	80.7	27.8	4.0
1993 r	57.4	31.2	72.5	110.0	79.8	28.0	4.3
1994 r	56.0	28.5	68.2	106.5	81.3	28.8	4.5
1995 r	54.6	28.2	66.6	101.3	80.6	30.4	4.9
1996 r	54.1	29.7	64.5	98.5	81.9	31.4	5.4
1997 r	54.4	31.0	65.5	97.4	83.9	34.0	5.4
1998 r	52.7	30.6	62.8	94.3	83.2	34.1	5.9
1999 r	50.9	30.3	61.0	90.4	82.0	34.3	6.1
2000 r	49.2	29.3	57.6	86.5	81.3	35.6	6.1
2001	48.8	28.4	57.8	85.1	82.2	36.9	6.5
2002 r	47.9	26.7	57.3	82.6	83.3	37.0	6.6
2003 r	49.2	26.3	58.6	85.3	86.5	40.1	7.3
2004 r	50.7	26.3	60.0	87.8	90.0	43.4	8.2
2005 r	51.1	26.2	59.1	86.7	92.3	45.4	8.4
2006 r	52.3	25.8	60.9	88.3	95.9	47.6	8.7
2007 r	54.2	26.5	63.3	90.6	98.1	50.9	9.2
2008 r	56.4	26.3	65.2	95.1	102.6	52.4	10.2
2009 r	55.6	24.3	63.8	93.8	100.7	52.6	10.3
2010 r	55.6	22.9	59.9	92.6	102.8	53.8	10.7
2011	55.4	21.1	57.9	90.2	102.8	55.4	11.2
2012	55.2	19.7	55.2	90.9	101.7	55.8	11.0
Married parents (per 1,000 married women)²							
1971	120.0	464.9	260.5	186.9	90.8	38.7	10.5
1976	88.8	338.1	197.8	149.5	62.2	20.0	4.8
1981	92.4	365.0	214.0	161.4	73.2	22.0	4.0
1986	84.4	253.6	189.4	168.2	82.2	21.9	3.5
1991	81.0	366.4	190.6	162.2	95.3	29.0	4.1
2001	64.6	274.6	189.9	152.3	108.3	40.6	6.2
Unmarried parents (per 1,000 unmarried³ women)²							
1971	20.3	12.0	31.0	45.2	37.4	19.5	4.6
1976	15.8	11.1	23.5	25.3	24.0	13.5	3.3
1981	19.3	12.6	28.1	35.8	26.4	13.4	3.3
1986	26.8	21.2	36.6	35.8	29.1	12.5	3.7
1991	36.5	28.3	47.8	51.7	37.3	19.5	3.7
2001	37.0	27.1	46.8	50.3	47.4	29.1	7.2

Footnotes

1) Rates for age groups 15-19 and 40-44 include births at age under 15 and 45+ respectively. The all ages rate includes cases where the mother's age was not stated and is calculated using the number of women aged 15-44.

2) For several years, 2008 was the latest year for which definitive fertility rates could be produced for married parents and for unmarried parents because it was the latest year for which National Records of Scotland (NRS) had estimated the breakdown of the population by marital status. (After consulting users of its demographic statistics in December 2010, NRS decided to postpone, for at least a few years, updating those estimates because other work has higher priority.) However, the 'marital status' population estimates for 2002 to 2008 became out-of-date in 2013 when NRS 'rebased' the mid-year population estimates for 2002 to 2011 in the light of the results of the 2011 Census. Therefore, the 'married' and 'unmarried' rates for 2002 to 2008 have been removed from this table (and likewise for 1996 to 2000). Should more up-to-date marital status estimates be produced, then more up-to-date 'married' and 'unmarried' rates would be published in a subsequent edition of this table.

3) This includes single, widowed and divorced.

r - Rates for 2002 to 2010 may have been revised from those that were published in August 2013 (or earlier) as they are now calculated using the rebased population estimates which were published on 17 December 2013. Rates for 1992 to 2000 have also been revised, because the previously-published figures were based on the original population estimates for those years, and so did not take account of the rebasing of the population estimates for those years in the light of the results of the 2001 Census.