

**Table 3.5: Fertility rates by age of mother and marital status of parents, Scotland, 1971 to 2013**

Year	All ages <sup>1</sup>	Age group <sup>1</sup>					
		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
<b>All (per 1,000 women)</b>							
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	59.3	33.1	77.7	113.6	80.7	27.8	4.0
1993	57.4	31.2	72.5	110.0	79.8	28.0	4.3
1994	56.0	28.5	68.2	106.5	81.3	28.8	4.5
1995	54.6	28.2	66.6	101.3	80.6	30.4	4.9
1996	54.1	29.7	64.5	98.5	81.9	31.4	5.4
1997	54.4	31.0	65.5	97.4	83.9	34.0	5.4
1998	52.7	30.6	62.8	94.3	83.2	34.1	5.9
1999	50.9	30.3	61.0	90.4	82.0	34.3	6.1
2000	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	47.9	26.7	57.3	82.6	83.3	37.0	6.6
2003	49.2	26.3	58.6	85.3	86.5	40.1	7.3
2004	50.7	26.3	60.0	87.8	90.0	43.4	8.2
2005	51.1	26.2	59.1	86.7	92.3	45.4	8.4
2006	52.3	25.8	60.9	88.3	95.9	47.6	8.7
2007	54.2	26.5	63.3	90.6	98.1	50.9	9.2
2008	56.4	26.3	65.2	95.1	102.6	52.4	10.2
2009	55.6	24.3	63.8	93.8	100.7	52.6	10.3
2010	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
2013	53.7	17.9	52.8	85.7	98.1	56.1	11.6
<b>Married parents (per 1,000 married<sup>2</sup> women)</b>							
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
<b>Unmarried parents (per 1,000 unmarried<sup>2,3</sup> women)</b>							
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) Fertility rates for married and unmarried parents are only available up to 2001. Previously, 2008 was the latest year available 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 updating those estimates because other work had higher priority.) The marital status population estimates for 2002 to 2008 became out-of-date when NRS rebased the mid-year population estimates for 2002-2010 in the light of the 2011 Census and subsequently the fertility rates by marital status were removed from this table. Should more up-to-date marital status population estimates be produced, fertility rates by marital status would be published in a subsequent issue of this table.

3) This includes single, widowed and divorced.