

Table 3.6 Age-specific birth rates¹, per 1,000 female population, Scotland, 1951 to 2009

Age of mother	Year of experience																			
	1951	1964	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
15 ²	1	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
16	3	10	16	15	14	13	12	12	12	11	10	11	11	11	13	13	13	14	14	13
17	11	33	47	44	39	34	32	30	30	31	28	29	27	29	32	30	31	31	31	33
18	30	67	70	69	65	56	51	50	50	50	48	46	42	44	46	46	48	46	44	46
19	56	105	93	90	83	76	67	69	68	69	66	64	58	54	58	58	58	59	55	55
20	91	139	110	105	102	92	86	83	83	83	82	77	73	69	69	68	65	69	63	65
21	124	176	130	123	113	107	98	102	99	102	100	95	90	84	82	80	80	78	71	73
22	135	191	140	131	128	119	112	113	119	115	117	108	103	99	98	91	87	88	83	82
23	151	215	151	142	138	128	121	121	129	130	128	120	115	110	112	105	104	98	93	90
24	155	221	163	149	145	136	131	131	133	135	139	127	125	122	119	116	117	110	103	104
25	161	224	161	148	150	143	136	137	146	141	142	132	129	127	125	122	120	121	112	114
26	163	213	152	147	143	139	130	136	142	141	138	130	131	129	131	124	122	125	115	118
27	143	191	146	131	134	131	125	128	141	140	132	128	121	125	126	123	121	124	118	123
28	145	181	130	123	113	117	111	118	129	127	118	118	116	117	121	116	118	117	112	118
29	133	164	109	101	101	97	98	105	115	111	116	107	105	108	107	109	109	111	105	109
30	124	150	95	87	85	86	83	90	96	99	97	94	96	93	95	98	99	98	96	100
31	114	126	76	71	70	69	68	68	75	82	83	77	68	79	79	83	84	83	83	89
32	101	120	69	58	56	65	52	58	63	64	67	64	63	65	67	66	71	70	71	78
33	94	101	54	46	46	43	43	46	51	49	51	50	51	51	55	55	55	59	58	61
34	86	92	45	42	38	35	33	36	39	40	40	42	40	40	41	44	46	47	46	49
35	77	77	38	32	32	28	29	29	32	33	34	31	33	32	34	34	37	39	39	39
36	69	66	32	26	24	24	21	21	26	24	26	26	24	25	26	26	26	31	28	30
37	55	53	27	22	21	19	17	17	19	19	20	18	18	18	20	19	19	21	21	23
38	53	50	22	17	17	14	14	13	14	13	13	15	15	14	13	15	15	15	16	17
39	42	39	17	15	13	12	9	10	11	11	10	10	10	10	11	9	10	10	10	11
40	31	28	12	11	9	9	8	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	8	6	7	7	7
41	20	20	8	8	7	6	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	5
42	17	15	5	5	6	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3
43	9	9	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
44 ²	11	10	3	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1
Completed family size for female birth cohort ³	-	2.50 ⁴	2.46	2.54	2.51	2.54	2.57	2.63	2.59	2.56	2.55	2.52	2.52	2.48	2.43	2.34	2.30	2.30	2.26	2.25
Total fertility rate	2.41	3.09	2.13	1.97	1.90	1.80	1.70	1.74	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.74	1.70	1.68	1.70	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.61	1.67
Average age of mother at childbirth ⁵	28.6	27.4	26.0	25.9	26.0	26.0	26.1	26.2	26.3	26.3	26.3	26.3	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.6	26.7	26.8	27.0	27.2

¹ Live births only. Excludes births where mother's age is not stated.

² Rate for age 15 includes births at younger ages and for age 44 includes births at older ages.

³ Diagonals (1973 onwards) display fertility experience of individual female cohorts through time.

⁴ Completed family sizes for 1918 to 1923 birth cohorts include extrapolated estimates of fertility at younger ages (i.e. pre 1939 births).

⁵ The average age is calculated by adding 0.5 years to the mother's age at her last birthday (e.g. it is assumed that 30-year-old mothers were, on average, aged 30 years and 6 months when they gave birth).

Year of experience																			Age of mother
1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
4	5	4	4	5	5	6	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	15 ²
14	15	15	13	14	15	16	16	14	12	13	11	11	11	10	11	11	12	11	16
34	33	32	30	32	33	34	35	34	31	29	29	28	27	27	27	29	26	25	17
49	51	48	43	43	47	46	45	47	45	44	42	40	40	40	40	39	41	36	18
58	57	52	49	49	52	55	51	49	53	53	51	49	48	48	46	52	51	48	19
63	62	57	55	54	55	56	55	54	52	54	52	55	54	52	55	57	56	55	20
71	67	64	60	60	58	59	58	56	54	53	58	57	58	57	54	59	61	60	21
80	73	68	65	66	62	64	61	58	57	56	55	59	62	60	60	61	65	61	22
93	88	80	77	70	69	70	66	64	62	61	60	63	66	67	70	66	69	69	23
104	97	91	81	80	77	77	74	73	65	68	68	67	68	69	73	75	77	72	24
111	105	106	97	92	86	84	83	81	74	73	69	76	78	76	79	79	85	82	25
120	115	108	104	99	94	93	89	84	84	78	78	78	85	82	83	87	92	92	26
120	117	113	110	105	105	97	94	89	86	88	83	86	90	91	89	95	97	100	27
117	117	113	112	105	104	105	101	98	91	92	90	95	96	96	99	104	106	103	28
114	114	109	109	105	103	106	103	98	95	93	93	97	98	99	105	104	110	104	29
102	104	103	103	101	102	103	100	99	98	96	96	96	100	101	105	108	111	109	30
91	96	93	95	92	93	93	93	94	91	91	94	96	98	104	107	108	115	113	31
78	79	78	81	80	80	86	86	83	84	84	88	93	94	97	101	104	107	110	32
64	67	65	67	70	73	75	73	73	72	76	77	80	87	89	93	97	100	98	33
53	55	57	58	58	61	63	64	62	63	66	65	70	75	79	83	86	95	91	34
43	45	44	45	48	49	53	53	53	54	57	57	61	66	69	73	76	79	78	35
33	34	33	35	37	38	43	42	44	44	46	46	49	52	57	61	64	67	68	36
24	27	27	27	31	30	31	33	31	34	35	35	41	44	44	45	52	55	53	37
18	18	19	20	19	22	24	23	24	27	27	28	29	32	34	36	40	39	43	38
14	13	15	15	15	16	17	17	18	19	19	20	22	23	25	26	29	30	31	39
9	8	9	9	11	11	12	12	12	12	13	14	15	16	18	17	19	21	21	40
5	5	6	6	6	7	6	7	8	9	8	8	9	11	11	12	12	14	13	41
3	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	8	9	42
2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	43
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	4	4	5	44 ²
2.11	2.16	2.12	2.08	2.03	2.02	1.99	1.95	1.95	1.93	1.93	1.90	1.90	1.87	1.86	1.87	1.86	1.82	1.77	Completed family size for female birth cohort ³
1.69	1.67	1.62	1.58	1.55	1.56	1.58	1.55	1.51	1.48	1.49	1.48	1.54	1.60	1.62	1.67	1.73	1.80	1.77	Total fertility rate
27.4	27.7	27.9	28.2	28.4	28.5	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.0	29.2	29.2	29.3	29.4	29.5	29.5	29.4	29.4	29.4	Average age of mother at childbirth ⁵