

Table 3.5: Fertility rates by age of mother and marital status of parents, Scotland, 1971 to 2011

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
1996	54.0	29.6	64.6	97.9	81.6	31.4	5.4
1998	52.6	30.4	62.7	94.2	82.6	34.1	6.0
1999	50.8	30.0	60.7	90.4	81.3	34.2	6.2
2000	49.0	29.1	57.4	86.9	80.5	35.4	6.1
2001	48.8	28.4	57.8	85.1	82.2	36.9	6.5
2002	48.1	26.8	58.3	83.3	83.6	37.1	6.6
2003	49.4	26.3	60.1	86.5	86.8	40.0	7.3
2004	51.0	26.1	61.8	89.4	90.3	43.3	8.2
2005	51.5	26.2	60.9	88.6	93.2	45.4	8.4
2006	52.8	25.8	61.9	90.2	97.1	47.8	8.7
2007	54.8	26.9	63.6	93.1	100.1	51.3	9.2
2008	57.2	26.8	65.3	98.1	105.4	53.1	10.2
2009	56.6	25.1	63.5	96.1	104.0	53.6	10.3
2010	56.5	23.8	60.1	93.6	106.0	55.2	10.7
2011	56.4	21.8	58.8	90.2	106.0	57.2	11.4
Married parents (per 1,000 married women)							
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
1996	72.7	190.5	158.1	154.3	101.2	34.8	5.2
1998	71.0	175.6	159.0	164.6	104.7	37.8	6.2
1999	67.8	147.4	148.6	161.6	104.6	38.6	6.1
2000	65.6	132.7	137.4	160.2	107.7	39.4	5.9
2001	64.6	274.6	189.9	152.3	108.3	40.6	6.2
2002	64.7	295.7	204.5	157.6	113.2	41.3	6.6
2003	66.6	324.6	211.5	167.9	119.9	45.0	6.8
2004	69.3	390.1	213.9	180.7	126.7	49.0	7.8
2005	71.8	457.2	218.9	188.8	136.0	51.8	8.2
2006	75.3	414.0	237.6	197.3	146.2	56.2	8.4
2007	79.4	527.6	245.3	207.0	155.4	61.2	9.1
2008 ²	84.6	487.6	264.9	221.3	166.7	64.8	10.0
Unmarried parents (per 1,000 unmarried³ women)							
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
1996	37.0	27.9	47.2	50.9	44.2	23.1	5.9
1998	37.3	29.0	48.7	49.3	45.9	25.9	5.4
1999	37.4	28.8	49.3	49.7	46.4	24.7	6.4
2000	36.6	28.1	47.8	49.0	44.5	27.1	6.6
2001	37.0	27.1	46.8	50.3	47.4	29.1	7.2
2002	36.2	25.8	47.2	49.0	46.8	28.7	6.7
2003	37.8	25.3	49.3	52.2	49.3	30.8	8.4
2004	39.2	25.0	51.6	54.8	51.6	33.5	9.0
2005	39.1	25.2	51.1	53.6	51.2	35.2	8.9
2006	39.8	25.1	51.8	55.1	52.7	34.9	9.4
2007	41.5	26.1	54.4	57.7	53.9	37.1	9.3
2008 ²	43.3	26.2	56.2	61.5	57.2	37.5	10.6

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) 2008 is the latest year for which definitive fertility rates can be produced for married parents/unmarried parents because it is the latest year for which National Records of Scotland (NRS) has 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. Should more up-to-date marital status estimates be produced, then more up-to-date rates would be published in a subsequent edition of this table.

3) This includes single, widowed and divorced.