

Teenage pregnancies in the European Union

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Table 1. Teenage annual live births, legally induced abortions and pregnancies, rates per 1000 women aged 15-19 years, proportion of teenage live births and abortions in all live births and abortions, and abortion ratio in the EU in 2009.^a

	Teenage live births			Teenage legally induced abortions			Teenage pregnancies		
	n ^b	Rate per 1000	% among all live births	n ^c	Rate per 1000	% among all induced abortions	n ^d	Rate per 1000	Abortion ratio, %
Northern Europe									
Denmark	922	5.5	1.5	2830	16.7	17.0	3752	22.2	75
Estonia	851	20.4	5.4	875	21.0	11.6	1726	41.5	51
Finland	1387	8.5	2.3	2101	12.8	20.2	3488	21.3	60
Ireland	2218	16.3	3.0	0 ^g	0.0 ^g	NA	NA	NA	NA
Latvia	1534	20.8	7.1	800 ^h	10.9 ^h	9.0 ^h	2334 ^h	31.7 ^h	34 ^h
Lithuania	2041	16.9	5.6	630 ^h	5.2 ^h	7.9 ^h	2671 ^h	22.1 ^h	24 ^h
Sweden	1829	5.9	1.6	7007	22.5	18.7	8836	28.4	79
United Kingdom ^e	48372	25.1	6.1	43301	22.5	21.4	91673	47.6	47
Average		14.9	4.1		16.0 ^f	15.1 ^f		30.7 ^f	
Eastern Europe									
Bulgaria	9787	46.7	12.1	3414	16.3	10.1	13201	62.9	26
The Czech Republic	3599	11.8	3.0	2282	7.5	9.3	5881	19.3	39
Hungary	5784	19.5	6.0	5337	18.0	12.4	11121	37.5	48
Poland	20451	16.3	4.9	42 ^g	0.0 ^g	NA	NA	NA	NA
Romania	25456	39.5	11.4	12574 ^h	19.5 ^h	10.8 ^h	38030 ^h	59.0 ^h	33 ^h
Slovakia	3987	21.8	6.5	1460	8.0	8.1	5447	29.7	27
Average		25.9	7.3		13.8 ^f	10.1 ^f		41.7 ^f	
Southern Europe									
Cyprus	167	6.0	1.7	na	na	na	na	na	na
Greece	3219	11.6	2.7	728 ^h	2.6 ^h	4.5 ^h	3857 ^h	13.7 ^h	19 ^h
Italy	9800	6.8	1.7	9839	6.8	8.6	19639	13.6	50
Malta	275	20.2	6.6	0 ^g	0.0 ^g	NA	NA	NA	NA
Portugal	4284	15.3	4.3	2391	8.5	12.2	6675	23.9	36
Slovenia	283	5.4	1.3	346	6.6	7.4	629	12.1	55
Spain	13100	12.0	2.7	13967	12.7	12.5	27067	24.7	52
Average		11.0	3.0		7.5 ^f	9.1 ^f		17.6 ^f	
Western Europe									
Austria	2537	10.4	3.3	na	na	na	na	na	na
Belgium	3403	10.7	2.7	2674	8.4	14.2	6077	19.0	44
France	18845	9.9	2.4	29004	15.2	13.9	47849	25.2	60
Germany	19447	9.1	2.9	12883	5.9	11.6	32330	15.1	39
Luxembourg	101	7.0	1.8	na	na	na	na	na	na
The Netherlands	2636	5.3	1.4	3965	8.0	14.0	6601	13.3	60
Average		8.7	2.4		9.4	13.4		18.2	
Total EU	206315	15.0	4.2	158450	12.2^f	12.0^f		27.8^f	

EU, European Union; NA, no or restricted access to abortion services; na, data not available.

^aAbortion and pregnancy data of Greece and Poland are from 2007 and 2008, respectively.

^bNumber of live births among women aged 15-19 years (ref. 12, national data).

^cNumber of legally induced abortions among women aged <20 years (ref. 12,13, national data).

^dNumber of live births among women aged 15-19 years and legally induced abortions among women aged <20 years (ref. 12,13, national data).

^eIncludes data on Great Britain (Northern Ireland excluded).

^fCalculation excluded Ireland, Malta and Poland and countries with no available abortion data (Austria, Luxembourg and Cyprus).

^gCountries with no/restrictive access to abortion.

^hAbortion reporting was estimated incomplete (defined as including less than 90% of all legal abortions) or completeness was uncertain in 2008 (18).