

Teenage Conception Statistics for England 1998-2009

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Under-18 conceptions

The provisional 2009 under-18 conception rate for England was **38.2** per 1000 girls aged 15-17 – a decrease of 5.7% from the 2008 rate and the lowest rate for nearly 30 years. Since 1998, the under-18 conception rate has fallen by 18.1%.¹

Table 1: Under-18 Conceptions for England: 1998-2009

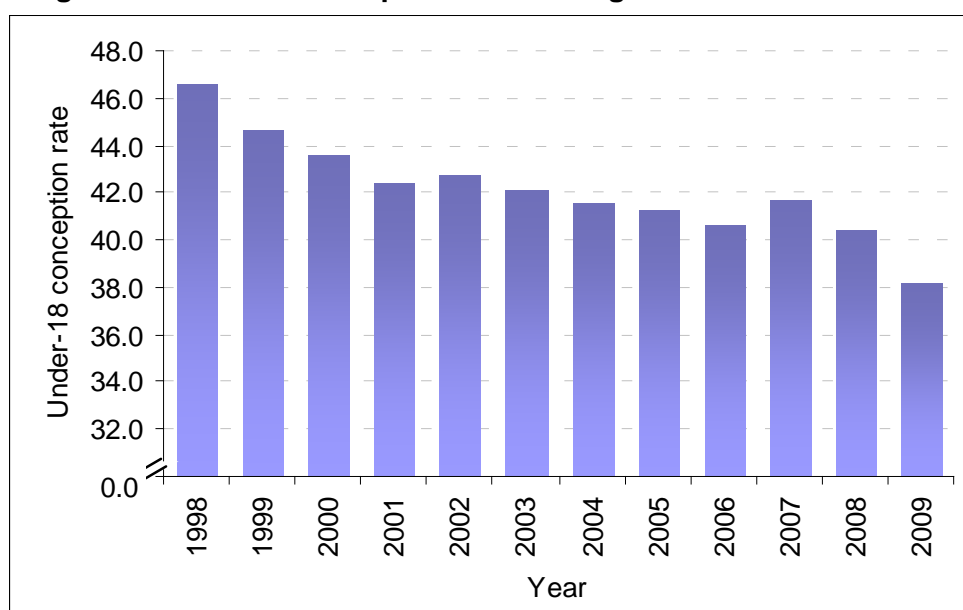
Year	Under 18 conceptions	Under 18 conception rate*	Percent leading to legal abortion
1998	41,089	46.6	42.4
1999	39,247	44.8	43.5
2000	38,699	43.6	44.8
2001	38,461	42.5	46.1
2002	39,350	42.7	45.8
2003	39,553	42.1	46.1
2004	39,593	41.6	46.0
2005	39,804	41.3	46.8
2006	39,170	40.6	48.8
2007	40,366	41.8	50.6
2008	38,750	40.5	49.7
2009	35,966	38.2	49.1

Source: Office for National Statistics and DfE, 2011

*per thousand females aged 15-17

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Source: Office for National Statistics and DfE, 2011

Rate per thousand females aged 15-17

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¹ All changes in under 18 rate calculated from un-rounded rates

Under-16 conceptions

The provisional 2009 under-16 conception rate for England was **7.5** per 1000 – a decrease of 4% from the 2008 rate, and representing an overall reduction of 15% from the 1998 rate of 8.8 per 1000.²

Table 2: Under 16 Conceptions for England, 1998-2009

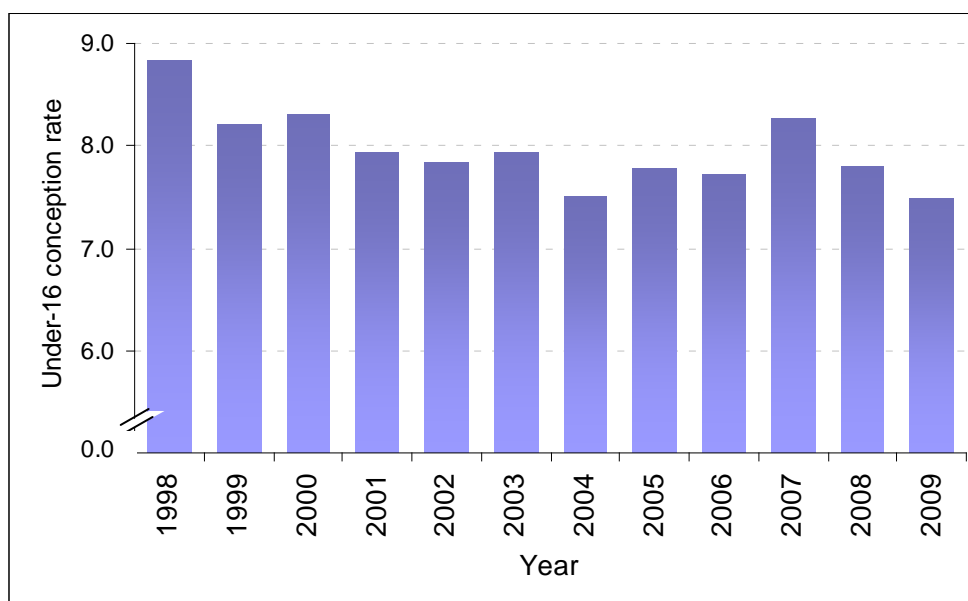
Year	Under 16 conceptions	Under 16 conception rate*	Percent leading to legal abortion
1998	7,855	8.8	52.9
1999	7,408	8.2	53.0
2000	7,620	8.3	54.5
2001	7,407	8.0	56.0
2002	7,395	7.9	55.7
2003	7,558	7.9	57.6
2004	7,181	7.5	57.6
2005	7,473	7.8	57.5
2006	7,330	7.7	60.2
2007	7,718	8.3	62.0
2008	7,123	7.8	61.8
2009	7,100 ⁺	7.5	60.2

Source: Office for National Statistics and DfE, 2011

*per thousand females aged 13-15 + to nearest 1000

2009 data are provisional

Figure 2: Under-16 conception rate for England: 1998-2009



Source: Office for National Statistics and DfE, 2011

Rate per thousand females aged 13-15

2009 data are provisional

² All changes in under 16 rate are approximate (calculated based on rounded rates)