

**Table 3.16: Fertility rates (per 1,000 women)<sup>1</sup> by age group and administrative area  
Scotland, 2015**

Area	Age Group						General Fertility Rate <sup>4</sup>	Approximate Total fertility Rate <sup>5</sup> (per woman)
	15-19 <sup>2</sup>	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44 <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>1.56</b>
<b>Council areas</b>								
Aberdeen City	12.7	28.3	63.8	93.5	63.2	13.0	48.7	1.37
Aberdeenshire	8.2	53.3	120.1	124.9	60.8	11.5	62.2	1.89
Angus	11.4	62.3	103.4	105.2	45.9	11.0	54.7	1.70
Argyll & Bute	10.6	60.5	108.3	102.2	56.4	11.3	54.3	1.75
Clackmannanshire	19.7	76.8	122.0	100.1	56.4	7.9	61.5	1.91
Dumfries & Galloway	11.9	65.0	113.1	89.1	45.0	7.5	53.7	1.66
Dundee City	19.7	38.4	73.8	82.7	48.6	9.6	47.8	1.36
East Ayrshire	18.7	72.0	112.7	103.9	51.3	8.9	60.3	1.84
East Dunbartonshire	6.3	29.8	84.8	158.0	78.7	14.1	56.3	1.86
East Lothian	15.9	49.1	104.4	114.1	63.3	12.4	57.4	1.80
East Renfrewshire	3.8	21.9	68.6	155.7	92.4	17.7	55.1	1.80
Edinburgh, City of	9.6	20.7	46.6	86.2	70.3	16.0	44.1	1.25
Eilean Siar	17.5	63.8	94.8	96.9	54.9	14.2	54.1	1.71
Falkirk	16.4	58.4	104.6	89.5	51.5	9.9	54.1	1.65
Fife	18.3	58.5	100.9	97.2	51.7	10.0	55.3	1.68
Glasgow City	16.2	36.9	64.0	86.2	59.7	16.5	50.0	1.40
Highland	13.9	75.3	101.1	93.1	56.3	11.1	57.0	1.75
Inverclyde	14.1	60.0	88.0	89.2	46.4	12.6	50.8	1.55
Midlothian	23.4	68.7	119.0	109.7	72.8	11.6	66.9	2.03
Moray	16.0	69.1	113.2	93.0	38.9	7.9	54.8	1.69
North Ayrshire	18.7	61.9	94.8	95.7	50.6	7.1	52.9	1.64
North Lanarkshire	18.2	65.7	102.5	95.7	50.9	10.4	57.0	1.72
Orkney Islands	5.9	46.8	93.3	106.3	60.0	16.6	54.3	1.64
Perth & Kinross	11.2	53.5	86.1	108.8	62.1	11.6	54.4	1.67
Renfrewshire	14.7	52.3	88.8	101.8	50.9	10.2	53.0	1.59
Scottish Borders	15.3	70.4	116.7	112.3	55.3	10.0	58.5	1.90
Shetland Islands	11.7	56.4	104.5	95.3	79.2	7.6	57.4	1.77
South Ayrshire	11.5	60.0	102.7	103.6	60.4	11.0	56.2	1.75
South Lanarkshire	14.1	51.6	95.7	107.5	56.1	10.3	55.3	1.68
Stirling	10.6	27.7	60.6	108.4	62.8	10.1	42.7	1.40
West Dunbartonshire	19.5	63.2	90.6	94.6	45.8	10.6	55.1	1.62
West Lothian	15.1	62.3	107.4	104.4	54.1	7.7	57.6	1.75
<b>NHS Board areas</b>								
Ayrshire & Arran	16.6	64.8	103.3	100.9	53.7	8.8	56.4	1.74
Borders	15.3	70.4	116.7	112.3	55.3	10.0	58.5	1.90
Dumfries & Galloway	11.9	65.0	113.1	89.1	45.0	7.5	53.7	1.66
Fife	18.3	58.5	100.9	97.2	51.7	10.0	55.3	1.68
Forth Valley	14.8	48.8	92.4	96.3	55.5	9.6	51.5	1.59
Grampian	11.3	40.8	88.6	106.0	58.7	11.4	54.9	1.58
Greater Glasgow & Clyde	14.0	40.4	71.1	96.8	60.8	14.6	51.6	1.49
Highland	13.0	71.6	102.7	95.2	56.3	11.2	56.3	1.75
Lanarkshire	16.3	59.0	99.4	101.2	53.4	10.4	56.2	1.70
Lothian	13.1	32.5	65.1	93.8	66.7	13.2	49.8	1.42
Orkney	5.9	46.8	93.3	106.3	60.0	16.6	54.3	1.64
Shetland	11.7	56.4	104.5	95.3	79.2	7.6	57.4	1.77
Tayside	14.6	47.3	84.0	97.1	52.5	10.8	51.7	1.53
Western Isles	17.5	63.8	94.8	96.9	54.9	14.2	54.1	1.71

**Footnotes**

- 1) Live births (registered in the calendar year) per 1,000 females (mid-year population estimate).
- 2) Includes any births to mothers who were aged under 15.
- 3) Includes any births to mothers who were aged 45 or over.
- 4) Total live births (including any whose mother's age was not known) per 1,000 women aged 15-44 (inclusive).
- 5) The total fertility rate (TFR) is the average number of children (per woman) that would be born to a cohort of women if they experienced, throughout their childbearing years, the age-specific fertility rates of the calendar year in question. The TFRs given here are approximate, being calculated by adding up the fertility rates for the 5-year-age-groups, multiplying by five (to get a result which is roughly the same as that of adding together all the fertility rates for each individual year of age) and dividing by 1,000 to get a 'per woman' figure. TFRs calculated in this way may differ slightly from TFRs calculated using data for individual years of age - so the TFR that is given here for Scotland may differ from the TFRs shown in other tables.