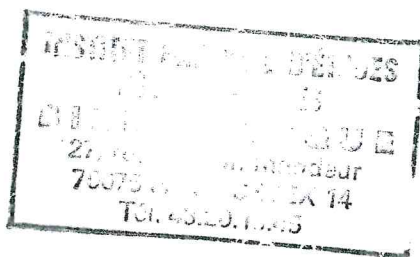


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TABLE 3.2 Fertility rates per 1,000 women, age of mother, 1938 to 1983 a. all live births

England and Wales

Period	Age of mother at birth								Total period fertility rate
	15-44	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
1941-1945	67.2	14.7	102.9	120.4	90.3	53.4	17.6	1.4	2.00
1946-1950	80.6	20.4	132.1	148.3	103.9	57.4	17.0	1.3	2.40
1951-1955	72.5	22.2	132.4	138.0	87.2	44.6	12.9	0.9	2.19
1956-1960	81.8	30.8	156.8	160.9	93.6	45.6	12.5	0.8	2.51
1961-1965	91.3	40.9	178.4	182.1	104.7	48.6	13.4	0.9	2.85
1966-1970	87.5	48.9	162.8	162.7	88.7	40.3	10.3	0.7	2.57
1971-1975	72.8	43.8	132.7	135.2	65.3	25.5	6.3	0.4	2.05
1976-1980	61.9	30.3	108.8	124.5	63.9	20.0	4.2	0.4	1.76
1938	62.2	14.7	92.3	113.2	82.9	47.3	16.1	1.5	1.84
1939	61.3	16.0	92.7	113.4	81.4	46.6	15.3	1.5	1.82
1940	58.7	15.3	90.7	108.4	75.2	43.0	14.8	1.4	1.75
1941	57.9	15.0	91.3	105.0	72.0	43.1	15.5	1.3	1.73
1942	65.2	15.2	98.8	119.9	84.9	48.5	16.7	1.4	1.94
1943	68.3	15.7	101.5	119.7	93.3	53.8	17.7	1.4	2.02
1944	75.7	16.4	108.6	134.6	106.6	63.2	19.5	1.4	2.24
1945	68.8	17.2	102.8	117.6	93.6	57.7	18.5	1.4	2.04
1946	83.3	16.8	119.5	153.3	118.1	66.2	19.1	1.4	2.47
1947	90.3	19.3	143.7	169.7	117.6	65.6	19.4	1.4	2.68
1948	80.1	21.4	135.7	145.2	99.2	56.2	17.4	1.3	2.38
1949	76.1	22.7	132.3	138.8	92.3	50.7	15.2	1.2	2.27
1950	72.9	22.2	126.9	134.7	89.4	48.3	14.2	1.1	2.18
1951	71.5	21.3	125.9	133.5	89.0	45.7	13.4	1.0	2.14
1952	71.7	21.3	128.7	134.8	88.9	44.3	13.1	1.0	2.16
1953	73.5	22.0	134.6	139.5	89.0	44.2	13.0	0.9	2.22
1954	73.0	22.7	136.2	139.1	85.4	44.3	12.9	0.8	2.21
1955	72.8	23.5	137.0	141.7	83.9	44.2	12.4	0.8	2.22
1956	77.0	27.3	146.7	150.6	88.1	45.5	12.4	0.8	2.35
1957	80.0	29.7	152.6	157.3	91.3	46.5	12.2	0.8	2.45
1958	82.1	31.1	158.3	161.4	93.6	45.8	12.0	0.8	2.52
1959	83.2	31.6	160.2	163.8	94.7	44.9	12.3	0.8	2.56
1960	86.9	34.2	165.5	171.8	100.8	46.4	13.8	0.8	2.68
1961	89.2	37.3	172.6	176.9	103.1	48.1	14.1	0.9	2.77
1962	90.8	39.2	178.8	181.6	104.5	48.6	14.1	0.8	2.85
1963	91.2	40.1	180.1	184.5	105.6	48.4	13.4	0.8	2.88
1964	92.9	42.5	181.6	187.3	107.7	49.8	13.0	0.9	2.93
1965	91.9	45.1	178.8	180.2	102.7	48.1	12.6	0.9	2.85
1966	90.5	47.7	176.0	174.0	97.3	45.3	11.7	0.9	2.75
1967	88.9	48.9	166.5	166.8	93.0	43.2	11.2	0.8	2.65
1968	87.6	49.0	162.3	162.5	89.0	40.3	10.4	0.7	2.57
1969	85.3	49.6	156.2	157.5	84.6	37.3	9.5	0.6	2.47
1970	83.9	49.6	155.0	153.7	79.8	34.7	8.6	0.6	2.40
1971	83.5	50.6	152.9	153.2	77.1	32.8	8.1	0.5	2.37
1972	77.0	48.0	140.4	141.8	69.3	28.9	7.1	0.5	2.17
1973	71.3	43.9	130.2	134.0	63.1	24.5	6.1	0.4	2.00
1974	67.2	40.5	123.2	128.0	59.9	21.5	5.4	0.4	1.89
1975	63.0	36.4	114.1	121.9	58.0	19.9	4.8	0.4	1.78
1976	60.4	32.2	109.3	118.7	57.2	18.6	4.4	0.3	1.71
1977	58.1	29.4	103.7	117.5	58.6	18.2	4.1	0.3	1.66
1978	60.1	29.4	106.9	122.6	63.1	19.5	4.2	0.4	1.73
1979	63.3	30.3	111.3	131.2	69.0	21.3	4.4	0.4	1.84
1980	64.2	30.4	112.7	133.6	70.5	22.3	4.3	0.5	1.88
1981	61.3	28.1	105.3	129.1	68.6	21.7	4.4	0.5	1.80
1982	59.9	27.4	101.6	126.4	69.1	22.8	4.2	0.5	1.76
1983	59.7	26.9	98.5	126.4	71.5	23.1	4.4	0.5	1.76

- Notes: 1. Information relating to age of mother at birth was first collected on 1 July 1938. The 1938 figures are based on estimates of the births registered in the whole year.
 2. 1981 birth rates for age-groups are based on a 10 per cent sample of live births.
 3. Rates for 1961 and later years are based on a new series of population estimates which use a new definition and population base taking into account the 1981 Census results.
 4. Live births to women aged under 15 and 49 and over have been included in the age-groups 15-19 and 45-49 respectively. The aggregate 15-44 includes all live births.
 5. Annual averages are given for five-year periods.