



# Trends in Teen Birth Rates for Selected Communities, 2007-2008

Rates are per 1,000 women, ages 15-19.

2008 Rank by Birth Rate	Municipality	Number of Births 2006	Birth Rate 2006	Number of Births 2007	Birth Rate 2007	Number of Births 2008	Birth Rate 2008	% Change in Rate, 2007-2008	% Change in Rate, 1998 to 2008
	<b>State Total</b>	<b>4722</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>4944</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>4583</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>-8.6%</b>	<b>-28.5</b>
1	Holyoke	143	94.8	144	95.4	174	115.3	+20.9	-10.8
2	Chelsea	79	79.0	82	82.0	97	97.0	+18.3	-18.8
3	Lawrence	244	80.6	230	76.0	245	80.9	+6.4	-27.6
4	Gardner	23	38.7	30	50.4	38	63.9	+26.8	+31.5
5	New Bedford	207	70.0	197	66.7	186	62.9	-5.7	-12.6
6	Springfield	490	80.7	512	84.3	373	61.4	-27.2	-25.0
7	Southbridge	36	64.5	43	77.1	34	60.9	-21.0	-25.0
8	Fall River	146	51.6	167	59.0	159	56.2	-4.7	+2.9
9	Lynn	147	47.7	175	56.7	164	53.2	-6.2	-28.6
10	Revere	39	37.0	48	45.6	53	50.3	+10.3	+20.0
11	Lowell	202	50.9	215	54.2	193	48.7	-10.1	-23.9
12	Pittsfield	63	49.6	67	52.7	60	47.2	-10.4	+1.0
13	Brockton	156	42.9	171	47.0	155	42.6	-9.4	-33.5
14	Everett	37	34.9	43	40.6	43	40.6	0	+16.7
15	Fitchburg	91	58.2	71	45.4	60	38.4	-15.4	-29.9
16	Worcester	242	34.4	251	35.7	256	36.4	+2.0	-26.9
17	Chicopee	58	33.4	76	43.7	59	33.9	-22.4	-16.5
18	Salem	28	21.6	31	23.9	42	32.4	+35.6	-18.6
19	Haverhill	73	38.3	67	35.1	61	32.0	-8.8	-33.9
20	Boston	568	28.7	588	29.7	565	28.6	-3.7	-35.4
21	Framingham	65	33.3	40	20.5	53	27.1	+32.2	+19.4
22	Malden	28	19.6	37	25.9	38	26.6	+2.7	+18.2
23	Taunton	53	32.5	55	33.7	40	24.5	-27.3	-45.2
24	Westfield	28	16.2	35	20.3	38	22.0	+8.4	+7.8
25	Waltham	24	10.3	31	13.3	35	15.0	+12.8	+22.0

\*Selected communities include the 25 Massachusetts cities and towns with the greatest number of teen births.

\* State teen birth rates were calculated using 2008 population data; however, please note that 2008 community teen birth rates use 2005 population estimates. Population changes since 2005 may impact the final community rates.

Sources:

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