



Trends in Teen Birth Rates for Selected Communities, 2009

Rates are per 1,000 women, ages 15-19. Cities in which the teen birth rate increased between 2008 and 2009 are highlighted.

2009 Rank by Birth Rate	Municipality	Number of Births 2007	Birth Rate 2007	Number of Births 2008	Birth Rate 2008	Number of Births 2009	Birth Rate 2009	% Change in Rate, 2008-2009	% Change in Rate, 1999 to 2009
	State Total	4944	22.0	4583	20.1	4477	19.5	-3	-27
1	Holyoke	144	95.4	174	115.3	146	96.8	-16	-2
2	Lawrence	230	76.0	245	80.9	239	79.0	-2	-21
3	Chelsea	82	82.0	97	97.0	76	76.0	-22	-18
4	Springfield	512	84.3	373	61.4	438	72.1	+17	-14
5	New Bedford	197	66.7	186	62.9	173	58.5	-7	-20
6	Lynn	175	56.7	164	53.2	172	55.8	+5	-11
7	Southbridge	43	77.1	34	60.9	31	55.6	-9	-25
8	Pittsfield	67	52.7	60	47.2	70	55.1	+17	+62
9	Revere	48	45.6	53	50.3	56	53.2	+6	+113
10	Lowell	215	54.2	193	48.7	210	53	+9	-14
11	North Adams	23	40.7	16	28.3	29	51.3	+81	+25
12	Fall River	167	59.0	159	56.2	129	45.6	-19	-12
13	Taunton	55	33.7	40	24.5	70	42.9	+75	-17
14	Chicopee	76	43.7	59	33.9	72	41.4	+22	+16
15	Fitchburg	71	45.4	60	38.4	64	40.9	+7	-32
16	Brockton	171	47.0	155	42.6	137	37.7	-12	-37
17	Haverhill	67	35.1	61	32.0	70	36.7	+15	-23
18	Everett	43	40.6	43	40.6	37	34.9	-14	+9
19	Attleboro	35	30.9	30	26.5	39	34.4	+30	+22
20	Leominster	46	36.7	29	23.1	41	32.7	+42	-35
21	Worcester	251	35.7	256	36.4	219	31.1	-15	-31
22	Methuen	39	29.4	30	22.6	40	30.1	+33	-9
23	Boston	588	29.7	565	28.6	521	26.4	-8	-29
24	Framingham	40	20.5	53	27.1	50	25.6	-6	-8
25	Somerville	24	11.1	33	15.2	40	18.4	+21	-46

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

* State teen birth rates were calculated using 2009 population data.

*Community teen birth rates use 2005 population estimates. Population changes since 2005 may impact the final community rates; if the population in your community increased from 2005 to 2009, the rates listed above may be higher than the actual rate. If the population in your community declined from 2005 to 2009, the rates above may be lower than the actual rate.

Sources:

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