



Trends in Teen Birth Rates for Selected Massachusetts Communities, 2012

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

2012 Rank	City	2010		2012		% Change in Rate, 2010-2012
		Number of Births	Teen Birth Rate	Number of Births	Teen Birth Rate	
	State Total	3,907	17.1	3,219	14.0	-18%
1	Holyoke	126	83.6	86	57.1	-32%
2	Southbridge	28	49.0	31	54.3	+11%
3	Lawrence	193	56.8	174	51.3	-10%
4	Chelsea	62	51.8	60	50.1	-3%
5	Springfield	371	54.3	319	46.7	-14%
6	New Bedford	144	47.4	129	42.5	-10%
7	Fall River	124	44.6	101	36.3	-19%
8	Lynn	149	46.2	113	35.1	-24%
9	Lowell	184	44.7	130	31.6	-29%
10	Brockton	119	35.5	105	31.3	-12%
11	Fitchburg	58	32.6	53	29.8	-9%
12	Chicopee	52	27.6	48	25.5	-8%
13	Pittsfield	46	34.4	34	25.4	-26%
14	Marlborough	23	22.4	26	25.3	+13%
15	Worcester	244	31.6	186	24.1	-24%
16	Taunton	49	28.1	41	23.5	-16%
17	Haverhill	56	31.3	41	22.9	-27%
18	Everett	32	24.3	30	22.8	-6%
19	Leominster	34	26.0	27	20.6	-21%
20	Revere	37	25.8	28	19.5	-24%
21	Framingham	52	22.1	43	18.3	-17%
22	Attleboro	29	21.6	24	17.9	-17%
23	Salem	29	18.5	25	15.9	-14%
24	Somerville	30	17.5	25	14.6	-17%
25	Boston	503	19.4	368	14.2	-27%

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

Source:

Massachusetts Births 2011 and 2012. (2014, August). Boston: Office of Data Management and Outcomes Assessment, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Downloaded August 11, 2014 from www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/research-epi/birth-report-2011-2012.pdf

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