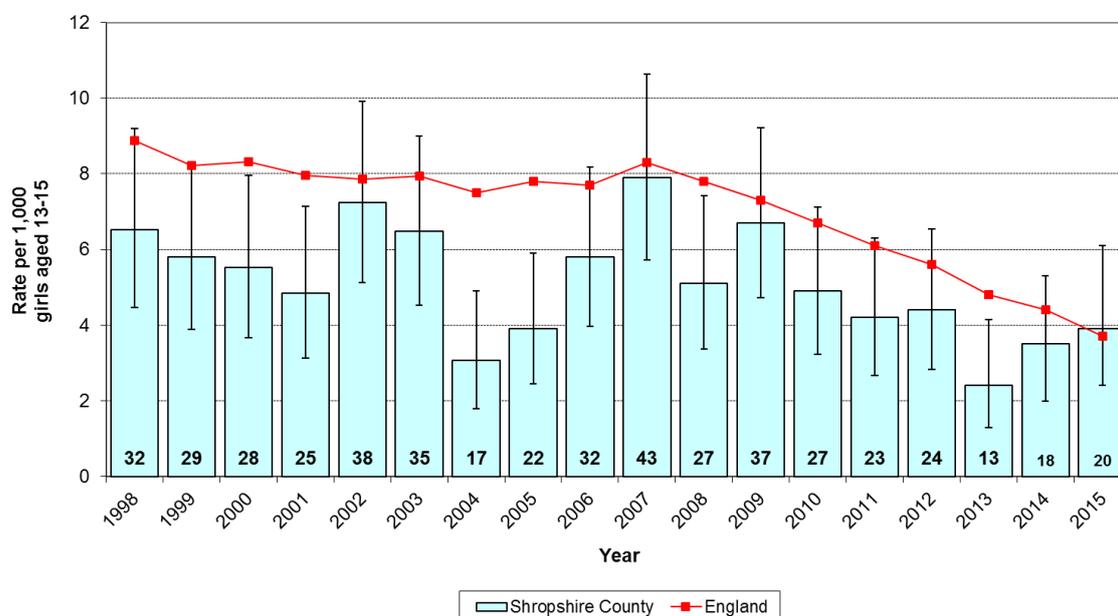


Teenage Pregnancy in Shropshire 2015

Under 16 conceptions in Shropshire

In 2013-15 there were fewer than 52 conceptions in girls aged under 16 in Shropshire. Figure 1 shows the annual trend in under 16 conception rates in Shropshire compared to trends nationally and regionally. Overall Shropshire has higher rates than England but this is not significant and is similar to rates in the West Midlands.

Figure 1 trends in under 16 (13-15) conception rates

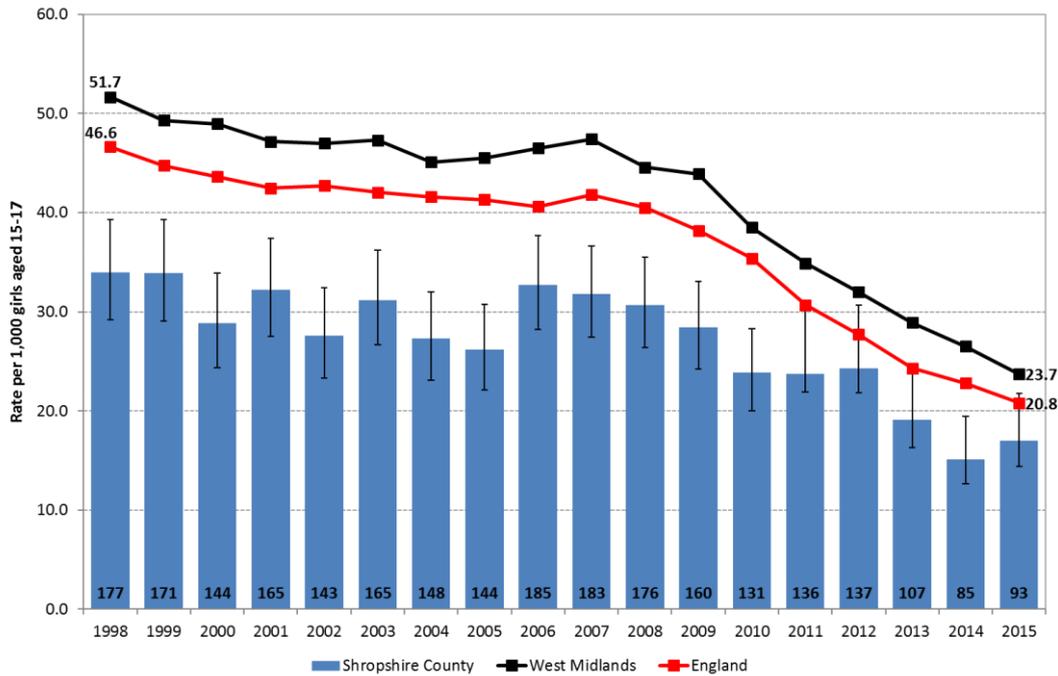


Source: Office for National Statistics, 2003-2015

Under 18 conceptions in Shropshire

The following chart shows trends in under 18 conception rates in Shropshire, West Midlands and England. Conception rates in 2015 have decreased in all areas; with Shropshire rates (17.0 per 1000 pop) similar to the England rate (20.8) but significantly lower than rates in the West Midlands (23.7).

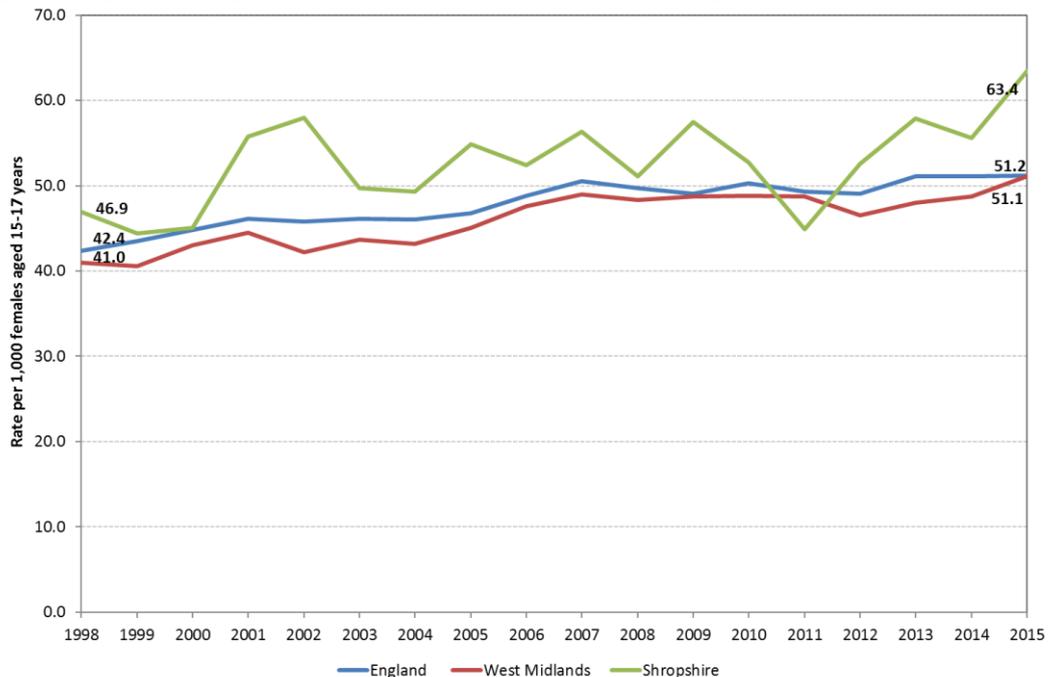
Figure 2: trends in under 18 conception rates (15-17) in Shropshire



Source: Office for National Statistics, 1998-2015

Figure 4 shows the rate of under 18 conceptions leading to abortion in Shropshire, the West Midlands and England. In all areas the percentage increased from 1998. Overall Shropshire (63.4) has a higher rate of under 18 conceptions leading to abortion compared to the national (51.2) and regional (51.1) figure.

Figure 4: percentage of under 18 conceptions leading to abortion in Shropshire



Source: Office for National Statistics, 1998-2015

Summary

- Under 16 conception rates in Shropshire are similar to the regional and national rates.
- Under 18 conception rates in Shropshire are similar to the national rates but significantly lower than the regional figures.
- In Shropshire there has been an increase in the percentage of under 18 conceptions resulting in abortion, the percentage is higher than that of England and the West Midlands

Additional Information

For more statistics relating to Teenage Pregnancy visit:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/conceptionandfertilityrates/datasets/conceptionstatisticsenglandandwalesreferencetables>

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