

PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Fact Sheet

Marriage and Civil Partnership and Pregnancy and Maternity

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Marriage and Civil Partnership and Pregnancy and Maternity Demographics

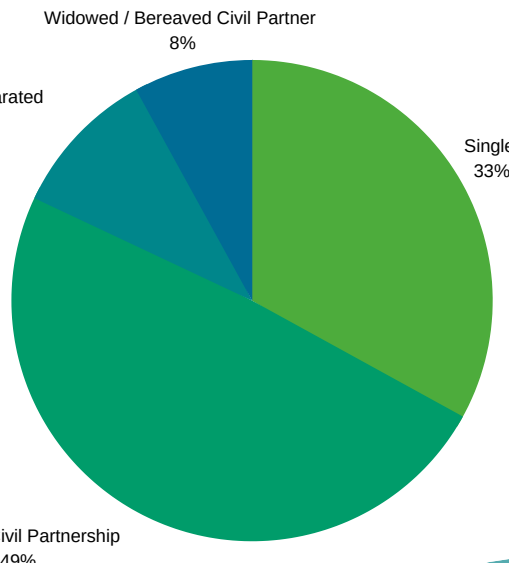
Marriage and Civil Partnership applies to those who are legally married or in a civil partnership. Marriage is legally recognised between partners of a different sex as well as same sex.

371,900
Total Population

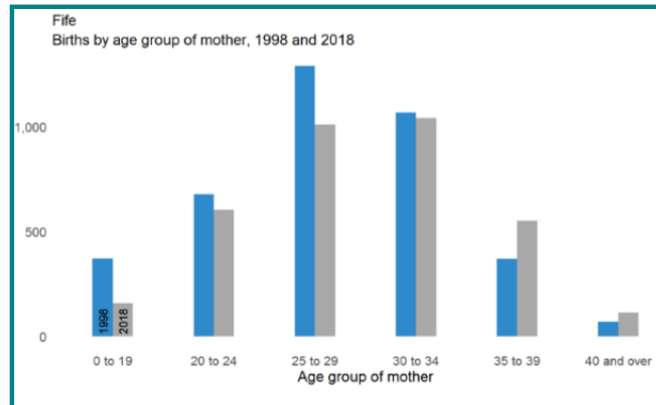
1475
marriages
in 2018

Pregnancy is the condition of being pregnant. **Maternity** refers to the period after the birth, and is linked to employment.

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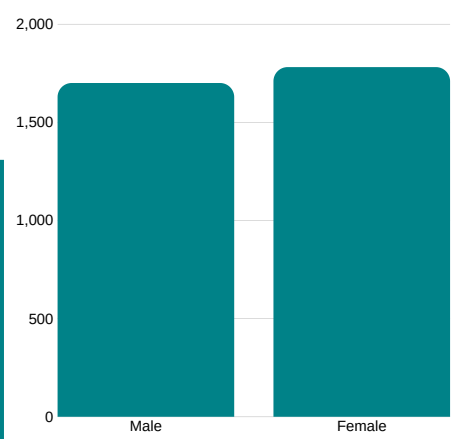
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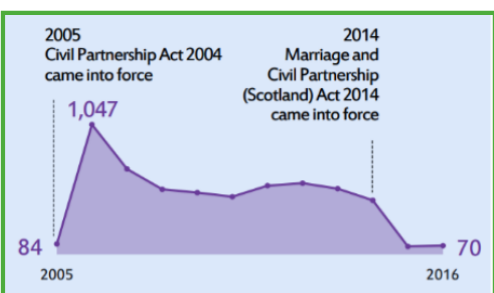
Within Fife the **majority of people** are either married or in a civil partnership. Most people in the 16-34 group are single (78%)



In 2018, there were **3479 live births in Fife**. 1699 were male, with 1780 being female.

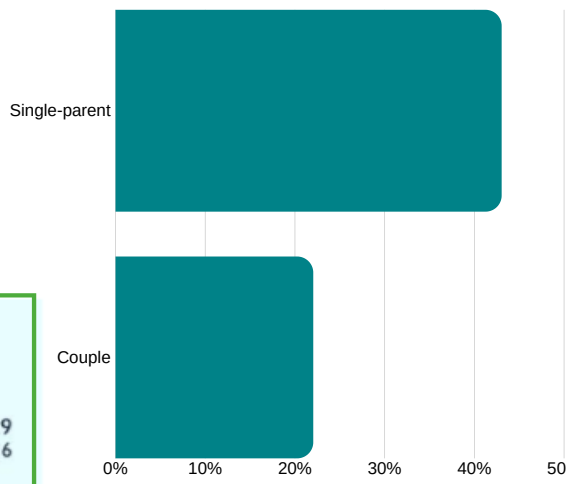
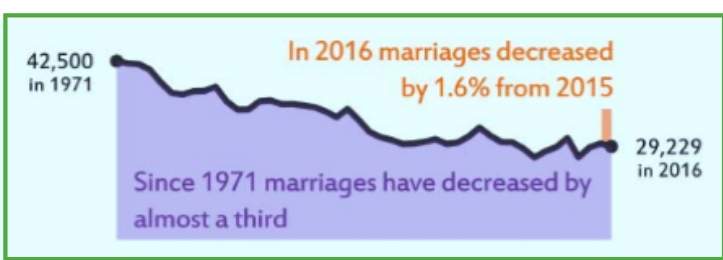


Marriage and Civil Partnership and Pregnancy and Maternity Interesting Facts



Pregnancy is recognised as a key trigger in increasing the risk of poverty and particularly for lone parents. **43%** of children in single-parent families are poor, compared to **22%** in couple families.

The number of people getting married has been **decreasing** consistently since **1971**. The number of civil partnerships has fallen since **2014**.



In Fife, we can estimate that around **413** mothers face reduced employment or earnings every year due to their being pregnant, and up to **376** are discouraged from attending neonatal appointment due to work.