

# Factsheet

## Motherhood

(England, 30 August 2014)



### Births

#### Majority of births to mothers over 25

- There were 730,000 births in 2012<sup>i</sup>
  - 34,000 were to under 20s (5%)<sup>i</sup>
  - 132,000 were to 20-24 year olds (18%)<sup>i</sup>
  - 202,000 were to 25-29 year olds (28%)<sup>i</sup>
  - 361,000 were to over 30s (49%)<sup>i</sup>

#### Younger parents are less likely to live together

- There were a total of 120,000 births registered to parents not living together<sup>i</sup>
  - 20,000 to under 20s (58%)<sup>i</sup>
  - 41,000 to 20-24 year olds (31%)<sup>i</sup>
  - 28,000 to 25-29 year olds (14%)<sup>i</sup>
  - 31,000 to over 30s (9%)<sup>i</sup>

### Motherhood and Employment

#### Women with children are less likely to be in work<sup>ii</sup>

Age	Proportion in work		
	With children	Without Children	Difference
16-24	35.8%	51.1%	15.3%
25-34	63.0%	85.5%	22.5%
35-49	75.0%	79.7%	4.7%

#### Younger single mums are particularly affected<sup>iii</sup>

	Age on having first child					
	16-19	20-23	24-19	30-34	35+	All
Full Time	8.9%	15.3%	27.4%	36.2%	36.9%	23.7%
Part Time	21.7%	31.8%	34.9%	36.8%	34.5%	32.4%
Unemployed	17.7%	13.2%	8.9%	7.7%	7.4%	10.8%
Inactive	52.3%	39.7%	28.8%	19.3%	27.3%	33.1%



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