

Table 97. Abortions by Selected Characteristics: 1990 to 2003

[1,609 represents 1,609,000. Number of abortions from surveys conducted by source; characteristics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) annual abortion surveillance summaries, with adjustments for changes in states reporting data to the CDC each year]

Characteristic	Number (1,000)			Percent distribution			Abortion ratio ¹		
	1990	2000	2003	1990	2000	2003	1990	2000	2003
Total abortions	1,609	1,313	1,287	100	100	100	280	245	238
Age of woman:									
Less than 15 years old	13	9	8	1	1	1	515	512	537
15 to 19 years old	351	235	212	22	18	17	403	339	337
20 to 24 years old	532	430	430	33	33	33	328	296	293
25 to 29 years old	360	303	294	22	23	23	224	220	211
30 to 34 years old	216	190	196	13	15	15	196	169	167
35 to 39 years old	108	110	108	7	8	8	249	195	186
40 years old and over	29	37	40	2	3	3	354	276	268
Race of woman:									
White	1,039	733	715	65	56	56	241	187	181
Black and other	570	580	572	35	44	44	396	403	395
Marital status of woman:									
Married	341	246	229	21	19	18	104	84	79
Unmarried	1,268	1,067	1,058	79	81	82	516	443	422
Number of prior live births:									
None	780	533	517	49	41	40	316	248	239
One	396	361	354	25	28	28	230	216	210
Two	280	260	253	17	20	20	292	278	268
Three	102	104	106	6	8	8	279	285	283
Four or more	50	56	56	3	4	4	223	250	246
Number of prior induced abortions:									
None	891	699	693	55	53	54	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
One	443	355	343	28	27	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Two or more	275	259	251	17	20	19	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Weeks of gestation:									
Less than 9 weeks	825	757	790	51	58	61	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 to 10 weeks	416	266	230	26	20	18	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
11 to 12 weeks	195	138	124	12	11	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
13 weeks or more	173	153	143	11	12	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available. ¹ Number of abortions per 1,000 abortions and live births. Live births are those which occurred from July 1 of year shown through June 30 of the following year (to match time of conception with abortions).

Source: L.B. Finer and S.K. Henshaw, "Estimates of U.S. abortion incidence in 2001–2003", New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2006, <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/2006/08/03/ab_incidence.pdf> and unpublished data, from Guttmacher Institute.