

Table 98. Abortions by Selected Characteristics: 1990 to 2004

[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 rate per 1,000 women ¹		
	1990	2000	2004	1990	2000	2004	1990	2000	2004
Total abortions	1,609	1,313	1,222	100	100	100	27.4	21.3	19.7
Age of woman:									
Less than 15 years old ¹	13	9	7	0.8	0.7	0.6	7.9	4.4	3.3
15 to 19 years old	351	235	200	21.8	17.9	16.3	40.6	24.0	19.8
20 to 24 years old	532	430	406	33.1	32.7	33.2	56.7	45.9	39.9
25 to 29 years old	360	303	285	22.4	23.0	23.3	34.0	31.8	29.7
30 to 34 years old	216	190	184	13.4	14.5	15.1	19.7	18.6	18.2
35 to 39 years old	108	110	103	6.7	8.4	8.4	10.7	9.7	9.8
40 years old and over ²	29	37	38	1.8	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3
Race and ethnicity of woman:									
White	1,039	733	674	64.6	55.8	55.1	21.5	15.0	13.8
Black	505	488	453	31.4	37.2	37.1	63.9	54.8	49.7
Other	65	92	95	4.0	7.0	7.8	25.1	24.4	22.9
Hispanic	195	261	269	12.1	19.8	22.0	35.1	30.3	27.8
Non-Hispanic White	852	479	418	52.9	36.5	34.2	19.7	11.7	10.5
Marital status of woman: ³									
Married	341	246	212	21	19	17.3	10.6	7.9	7.0
Unmarried	1,268	1,067	1,011	79	81	82.7	47.7	34.9	31.7
Number of prior live births:									
None	780	533	494	49	41	40	32.0	20.2	17.8
One	396	361	336	25	28	28	36.9	32.5	31.5
Two	280	260	237	17	20	19	20.5	18.9	17.5
Three	102	104	100	6	8	8	15.6	14.8	14.9
Four or more	50	56	54	3	4	4	14.7	16.5	16.1
Number of prior induced abortions:									
None	891	699	652	55	53	53	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
One	443	355	327	28	27	27	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Two or more	275	259	243	17	20	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Weeks of gestation:									
Less than 9 weeks	825	749	750	51.3	57.1	61.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 to 10 weeks	416	269	217	25.8	20.5	17.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
11 to 12 weeks	195	138	117	12.1	10.5	9.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
13 weeks or more	173	156	138	10.8	11.9	11.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available. ¹ Denominator of rate is women aged 14. ² Denominator of rate is women aged 40–44. ³ Separated women are included with married.

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