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Induced terminations of pregnancy: Reporting States, 1977 and 1978

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This report on induced terminations of pregnancy is based on data reported to the National Center for Health Statistics by five States in 1977 and eight States in 1978. The five States in 1977 were Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, and Vermont. Three additional States were included in 1978—Illinois, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

These data are based on individual reports of induced abortions submitted to State vital registration offices. Reports on induced terminations are submitted to these offices in accordance with the laws and statutes of the respective States. These States provided data on magnetic tape for individual events coded from copies of the original reports of induced termination of pregnancy. The terms induced termination of pregnancy and induced abortion are used interchangeably throughout this report.

In this report, comparisons between 1977 and 1978 are for the same multi-State area in both calendar years. Except where otherwise noted, all data are reported for the eight-State area for 1978 and exclude events to nonresidents of the United States. These data are analyzed by using percent distributions, means, medians, and ratios (see the section entitled "Technical notes"). Induced termination ratios are expressed as the number of induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 live births. These ratios provide an approximate measure of the frequency of induced abortions in relation to the frequency of pregnancies. An estimate of the number of pregnancies could include the sum of live births, induced terminations, and spontaneous fetal deaths; however, it is common practice to use only live births in calculating these ratios.^{1,2}

It would be desirable to show the relative frequency of induced abortions of pregnancies as rates in relation to the size of the female population in the childbearing years because this population is the population at risk.² However, needed population

data by age, race, and sex are not available in sufficient detail to permit the computation of these rates for the reporting States. Induced termination rates would show the relative risk of induced terminations for females of childbearing age expressed as the number of induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 females in specified age and race groups.

Frequencies and percent distributions are based on the number of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the specified area. The ratios, however, refer to the number of induced abortions and live births occurring in the specified area to residents of the specified area. Caution should be used in interpreting these ratios because they are affected by both the distribution of live births and the distribution of induced terminations according to characteristics of the female population such as age, race, marital status, and educational attainment.

Age and race

A total of 175,588 induced abortions were reported in 1978 as occurring in the eight-State area. Nearly one-third (31.8 percent) of all of these induced terminations occurred among women under 20 years of age. Another 34.6 percent occurred among women at ages 20-24 years. The remaining 33.6 percent were among women 25 years of age and over.

By race, 125,815 induced terminations (73.9 percent) were among white women and 35,278 (20.7 percent) were among black women in this eight-State area. Although a fairly similar pattern of induced abortions by age was found for both white and black women, on the average, white women had abortions at a slightly earlier age (figure 1). The peak age at termination for the eight-State area in 1978 was 18 years for white women and 20-21 years for black women; the median ages for white and black women were 22.0 and 22.7, respectively.

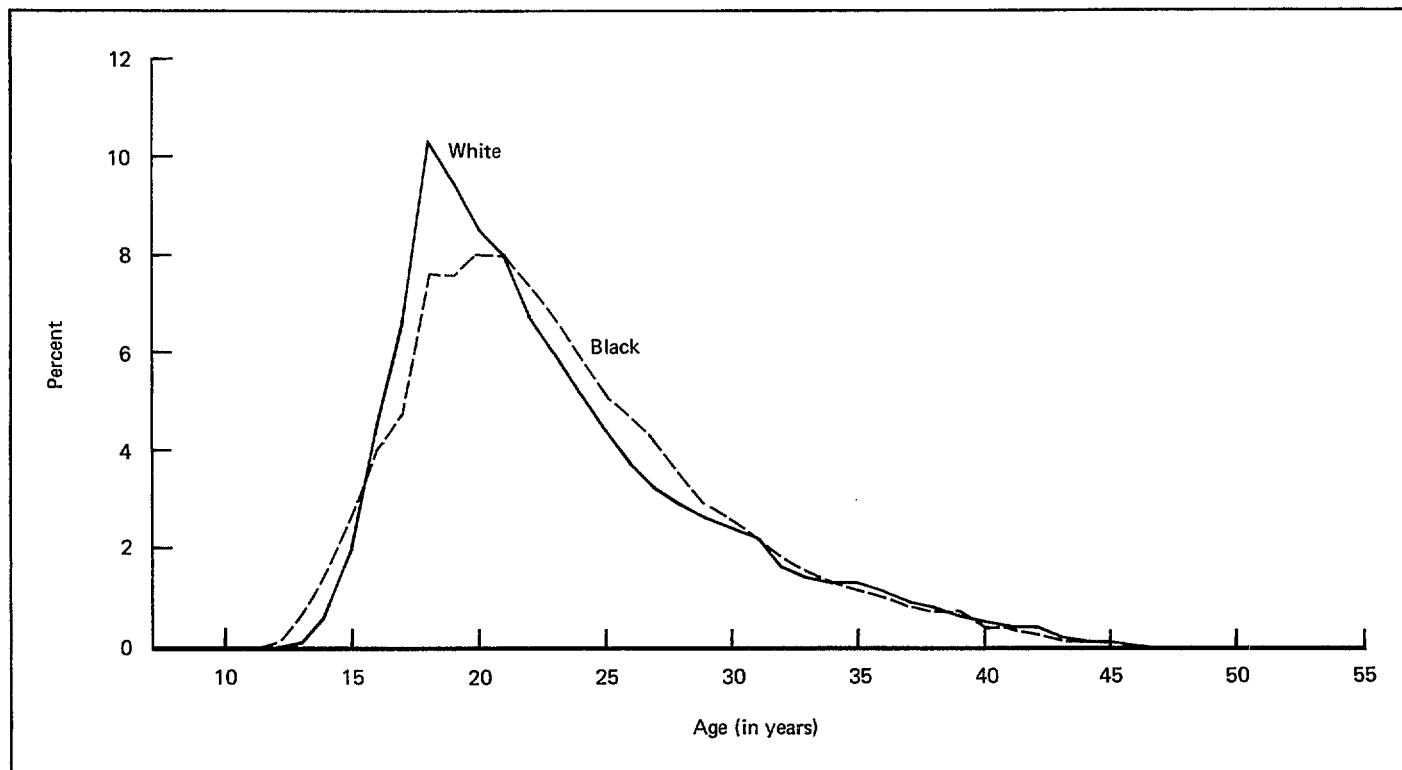


Figure 1. Percent distribution of induced terminations by single years of age, according to race of woman: 8-State area, 1978

For the eight-State area in 1978, there were 308.2 induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 live births. The ratios varied considerably by age of the women at termination (table A). They were highest at the extremes of the age distribution of the childbearing period, that is, among very young women under 15 years of age and among women 40 years of age and over. The percent of induced abortions and live births accounted for by women in these two age groups, however, is small (less than 2 percent in each age group).

In the eight-State area in 1978, the ratio of induced terminations per 1,000 live births was 276.8 for white women and 386.7 for black women. At every age except the teen years, the ratios were higher for black than for white women. The ratios for teenagers reflect differences in the distribution of induced abortions and live births between white and black women. Although the proportion of induced terminations occurring among teenagers who were residents of the eight-State area was similar between white and black females (32.7 and 28.4 percent, respectively), the proportion of live births among teenage black women (29.7 percent) was more than twice that among teenage white women (13.0 percent).

Within the five-State area for which data are available for both 1977 and 1978, a total of 77,161 induced abortions among residents were reported in

Table A. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy, by race and age of woman: 8-State area, 1978

[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Age of woman	All races ¹	White	Black
		Ratio	
All ages	308.2	276.8	386.7
Under 15 years	957.7	1,362.4	669.9
15-19 years	600.6	689.9	358.3
15 years	728.2	1,016.4	415.3
16 years	664.3	856.7	349.2
17 years	586.8	715.2	295.0
18 years	663.6	751.2	393.5
19 years	514.2	545.9	360.5
20-24 years	321.1	288.0	393.9
25-29 years	176.6	140.9	363.0
30-34 years	196.2	159.4	380.0
35-39 years	388.9	342.3	528.2
40 years and over	814.2	762.7	787.9

¹Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 8-State area comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

1978. This figure represents a 9.1-percent increase from the previous year's total of 70,719. The ratio of induced terminations of pregnancy to live birth occurring in the five-State area among residents of the area also increased by over 9 percent between 1977

abortions by educational attainment of the woman. Of the women having induced abortions in 1978, more than three-fourths (77.6 percent) reported having at least a high school education. The median educational attainment of women having induced terminations in this area was 12.6 years compared with 12.3 years for all United States women aged 14 years or more in 1978.³

Induced termination of pregnancy ratios in the four-State area were lowest for women with the least education, that is, an elementary school education or less. Approximately 2 percent of induced abortions in this four-State area occurred among women with 0-8 years of schooling. These women, however, accounted for nearly 6 percent of all live births. The highest termination ratio, 235.2, was for women with at least 1 year of education beyond high school, but who were not college graduates (i.e., those with some college education). Nearly one-fourth (23.5 percent) of induced terminations of pregnancy occurred among women with 13-15 years of education; less than one-fifth (17.1 percent) of live births occurred among these women. For a two-State area (New York [excluding New York City] and Vermont) comparisons between 1977 and 1978 can be made of the

changes in induced termination ratios by the educational attainment of the woman. Increases in the ratios (table E) were generally greater among those women with more education than among those with less education.

Previous pregnancies

Previous live births

More than one-half (57.1 percent) of the women who obtained induced abortions in the eight-State area in 1978 had no previous live births. Table F shows that the percent of induced terminations was much greater among white (64.4 percent) than among black women (36.2 percent).

For women having an induced termination in 1978, the percent with no previous live births varied greatly by age of the woman. For example, among those 15-19 years of age, 86.7 percent had no previous live births. In contrast, among the oldest group of women, those aged 40 years and over, 6.8 percent had had no previous live births and 63.4 percent had had three or more previous live births.

Table D. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy, by marital status and race of woman, 1978; and percent change, 1977-78: 4-State area
[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Race of woman	1978			Percent change		
	All women	Married	Unmarried	All women	Married	Unmarried
	Ratio			Percent change		
All races ¹	238.0	67.1	1,479.8	+1.1	+1.4	-6.0
White	239.1	65.2	1,827.2	+2.3	+0.8	-5.5
Black	247.2	102.1	376.2	-13.2	+10.4	-21.1

¹Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 4-State area comprises Kansas, Nebraska, Oregon, and Vermont.

Table E. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy, by race and educational attainment of woman, 1978; and percent change, 1977-78: 2-State area
[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Years of school completed	1978			Percent change		
	All races ¹	White	Black	All races ¹	White	Black
	Ratio			Percent change		
All years of school	344.0	323.2	587.8	+11.4	+12.3	+7.1
0-8 years	266.3	226.4	528.6	-5.3	-6.6	-7.9
9-11 years	455.6	441.6	528.9	+9.9	+11.0	+5.1
12 years	332.0	306.6	619.2	+9.4	+9.3	+7.5
13-15 years	408.6	389.2	717.1	+18.7	+18.3	+17.3
16 years or more	212.0	207.8	423.9	+13.5	+15.3	-6.2

¹Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 2-State area comprises New York (excluding New York City) and Vermont.

Although this general pattern existed for women of both races, black women were more likely to have had previous live births at all ages than white women.

Previous induced terminations

Data on previous induced abortions among women who had induced terminations in the eight-

Table F. Percent distribution of induced terminations of pregnancy by number of previous live births, according to race of woman: 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the 8-State area]

Number of previous live births	All races ¹	White	Black
Percent distribution			
All previous live births	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live births	57.1	64.4	36.2
1 previous live birth	18.0	15.0	27.3
2 previous live births	13.8	12.0	18.5
3 previous live births	6.2	5.1	9.3
4 or more previous live births	4.9	3.5	8.7

¹ Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 8-State area comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

State area in 1978 show that nearly three-fourths (74.9 percent) of these women had experienced no prior induced abortion. Table G shows that for the youngest group, those under 15 years of age, 94.4 percent had undergone no previous induced termina-

Table G. Percent of induced terminations of pregnancy to women with no previous induced terminations, by race and age of woman: 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the 8-State area]

Age of woman	All races ¹	White	Black
Percent with no previous induced termination			
All ages	74.9	76.6	70.4
Under 15 years	94.4	95.8	93.4
15-19 years	84.6	85.6	81.4
20-24 years	70.8	72.0	67.3
25-29 years	67.6	69.1	63.8
30-34 years	70.7	73.3	64.4
35-39 years	72.7	76.3	64.6
40 years and over	76.5	79.3	69.8

¹ Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 8-State area comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

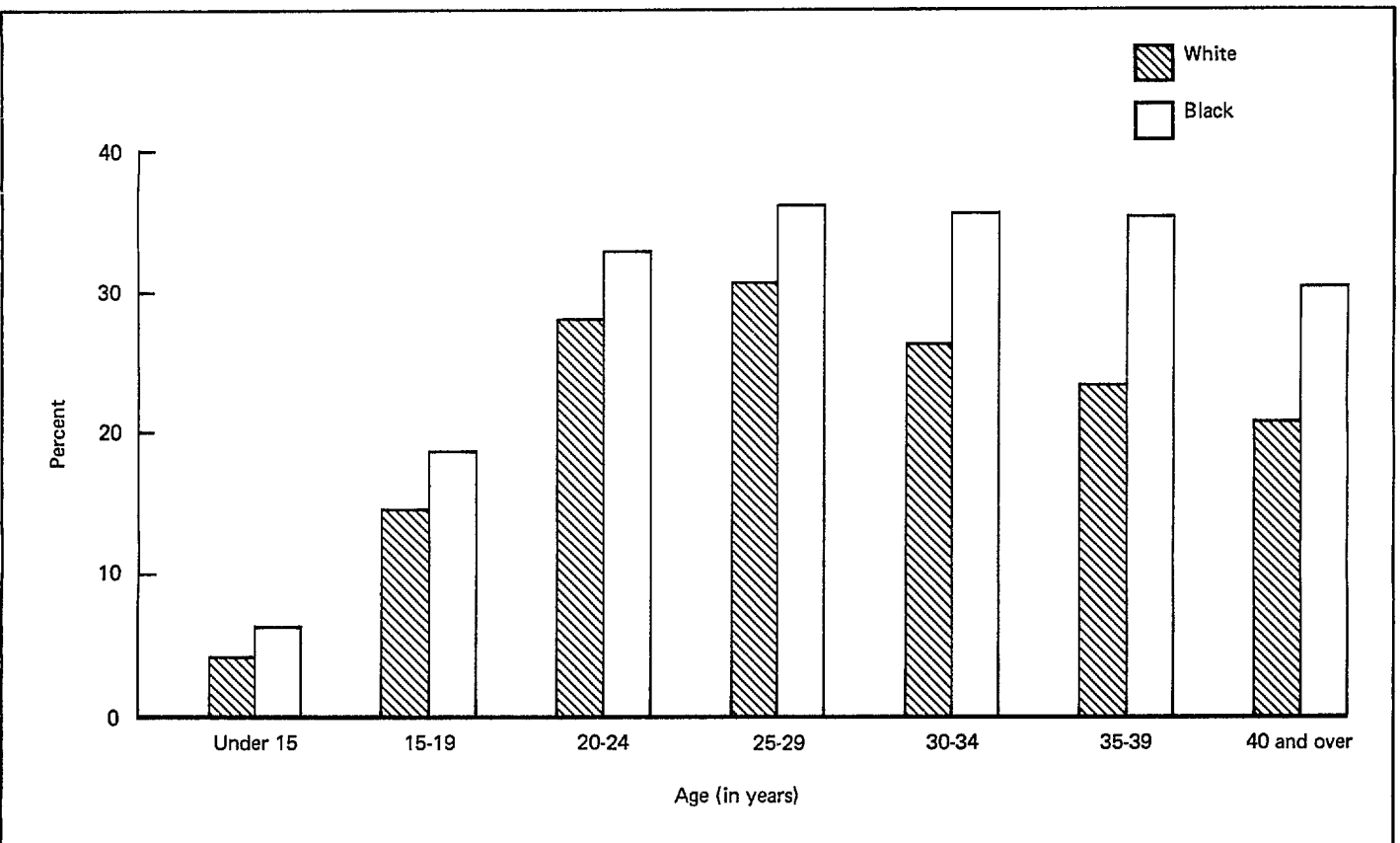


Figure 2. Percent of women having had 1 or more previous induced terminations, by age and race of woman: 8-State area, 1978

tion of pregnancy. Among the oldest age group, those 40 years of age and over, almost one out of four (23.5 percent) women having an induced abortion had experienced one or more prior induced abortions. However, nearly one-third of the women aged 25-29 years had experienced one or more prior induced abortions. In all age groups, a larger percent of black than of white women had experienced prior induced terminations (figure 2).

Gestational age

About one-half of the induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the eight-State area in 1978 were of pregnancies of 8 weeks' or less duration (table H). Almost as many induced terminations of pregnancy of 9-12 weeks' duration occurred as of those of 8 weeks' or less duration. Only 8.8 percent of all induced abortions were obtained by women whose pregnancies had lasted more than 12 weeks. The gestational period tended to be longer for younger than for older women who obtained induced abortions.

Type of procedure

Data on types of procedures used in inducing abortion are available for the eight-State reporting area in 1978. These figures indicate that over 9 out of 10 inductions were performed by suction curettage. No other method accounted for as much as 3 percent of the inductions. The type of procedure varied according to the length of gestation. Although suction curettage was the preponderant procedure for induced terminations of pregnancies under 13 and between 13 and 15 weeks' gestation, saline instillation proportionately accounted for most inductions at 16 weeks' or more gestation (figure 3 and table J).

Residence patterns

Metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence

Of the 175,588 induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the eight-State area in 1978, more than three-fourths (78.4 percent) occurred among residents of metropolitan areas. The relative frequency of induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 live births was greater for residents of metropolitan areas than for residents of nonmetropolitan

areas. This finding was true for both white and women as shown in table K.

Differences in the distribution of induced abortions and live births affect these ratios. Nearly 50 percent of the induced abortions were to metropolitan residents of the eight-State area; however, about 65 percent of live births occurred among nonmetropolitan residents.

For the five-State area, data by metropolitan residence are available for comparisons between 1977 and 1978. Almost no difference was found in the percent increase in the induced termination rate between metropolitan and nonmetropolitan resi-

Out-of-State residents

Of the 175,588 induced terminations of pregnancy among U.S. residents in the eight-State area in 1978, 58.7 percent were obtained by women in their home county, 31.2 percent were obtained by women in their home State but outside their county of residence, and 10.1 percent by out-of-State residents.

The residence status of women obtaining induced terminations of pregnancy was associated with the gestational duration of their pregnancies. In the eight-State area in 1978, the mean gestational period for women obtaining abortions was 9.8 weeks for out-of-State residents compared with 9.1 weeks for State residents. Furthermore, 14.3 percent of out-of-State residents having induced abortions obtained them after 12 weeks of pregnancy, while only 8.8 percent of State residents having induced terminations obtained them after pregnancies of this duration.

Table H. Percent distribution of induced terminations of pregnancy by period of gestation, according to age of woman: 8-State area, 1978
[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the 8-State area]

Period of gestation ¹	Percent distribution		
	All ages	Under 20 years	20 years and over
All periods of gestation	100.0	100.0	100.0
8 weeks or less	47.3	36.8	50.6
9-12 weeks	43.9	50.6	43.9
13 weeks or more	8.8	12.6	5.5

¹Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation ("Date last normal menses began" and "Physician's estimate of gestation.")

NOTE: The 8-State area comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

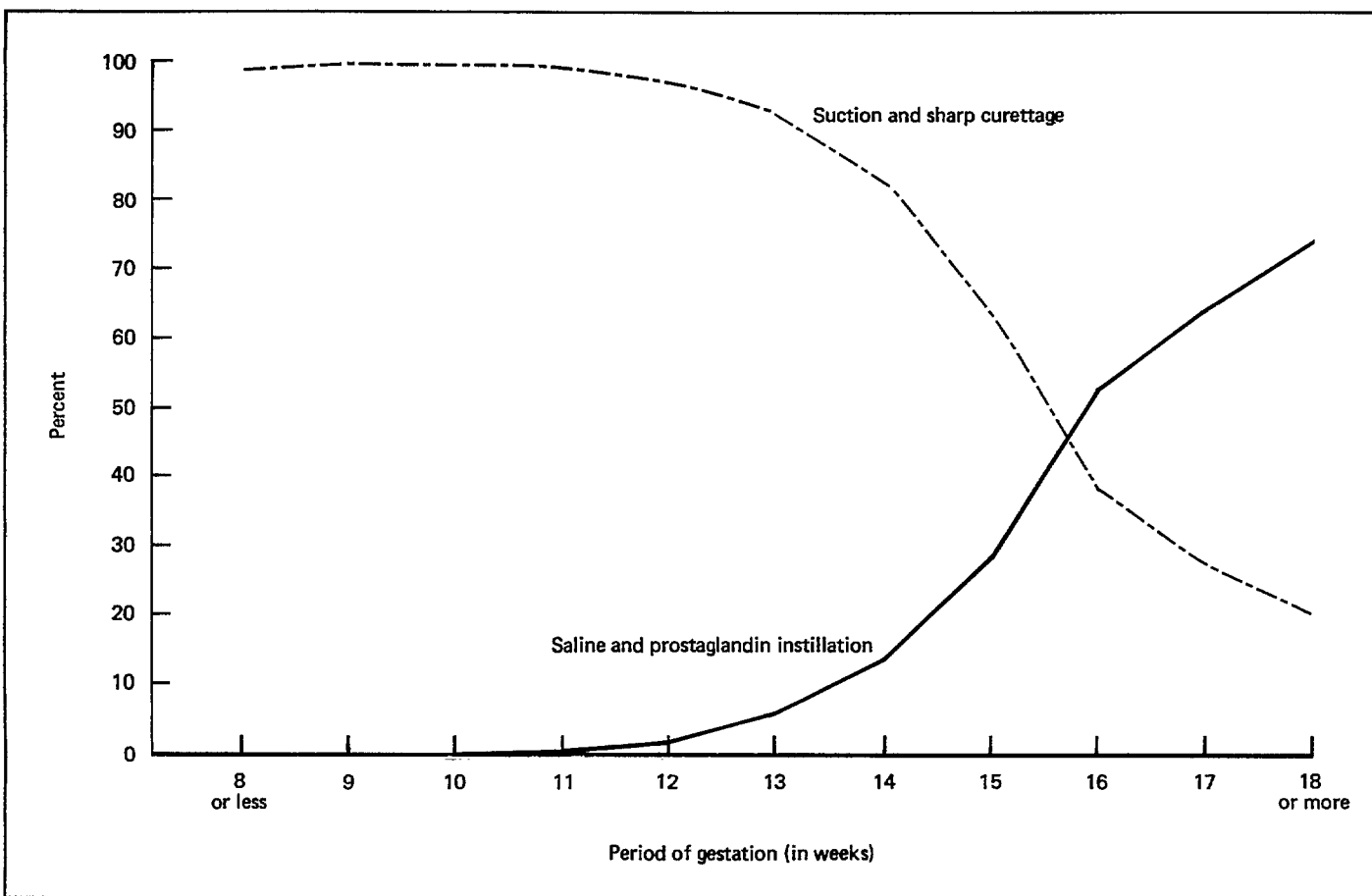


Figure 3. Percent of induced terminations, by period of gestation for curettage and instillation procedures: 8-State area, 1978

Table J. Percent distribution of induced terminations of pregnancy by type of procedure, according to period of gestation: 8-State area, 1978.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the 8-State area]

Type of procedure	Period of gestation ¹			
	All periods of gestation	Under 13 weeks	13-15 weeks	16 weeks or more
	Percent distribution			
All procedures	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Suction curettage	94.6	98.1	83.1	24.5
Sharp curettage	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.5
Saline instillation	2.2	0.2	7.4	44.2
Prostaglandin instillation	1.2	0.1	4.7	23.4
Hysterotomy	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6
Hysterectomy	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2
Other	1.2	0.9	3.5	6.6

¹Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "Date last normal menses began" and "Physician's estimate of gestation."

NOTE: The 8-State area comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

Table K. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy, by race and metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence of woman: 8-State area, 1978

[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Geographic area	All races ¹	White	Black
	Ratio		
All areas	308.2	276.8	386.7
Metropolitan areas	382.4	340.6	455.2
Nonmetropolitan areas	174.2	174.6	163.9

¹Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 8-State area comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

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Table 1. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman, according to metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence and race of woman: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman	1978 ¹								
	All areas			Metropolitan areas			Nonmetropolitan areas		
	All races ³	White	Black	All races ³	White	Black	All races ³	White	Black
	Number								
All ages	175,588	125,815	35,278	137,654	93,313	31,438	37,934	32,502	3,840
Under 15 years	1,764	932	727	1,301	578	633	463	354	94
15-19 years	52,985	40,532	9,172	39,269	28,468	8,004	13,716	12,064	1,168
15 years	3,594	2,453	930	2,591	1,596	825	1,003	857	105
16 years	7,169	5,384	1,373	5,095	3,553	1,193	2,074	1,831	180
17 years	10,468	8,224	1,620	7,667	5,752	1,389	2,801	2,472	231
18 years	16,356	12,711	2,639	12,227	9,049	2,317	4,129	3,662	322
19 years	15,398	11,760	2,610	11,689	8,518	2,280	3,709	3,242	330
20-24 years	59,496	42,476	12,442	47,028	31,839	11,118	12,468	10,637	1,324
25-29 years	30,720	20,815	6,965	24,961	16,042	6,250	5,759	4,773	715
30-34 years	15,850	10,894	3,179	12,938	8,469	2,862	2,912	2,425	317
35-39 years	8,206	5,822	1,517	6,626	4,456	1,387	1,580	1,366	130
40 years and over	3,142	2,273	540	2,524	1,750	475	618	523	65
Not stated	3,425	2,071	736	3,007	1,711	709	418	360	27
	Percent distribution								
All ages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years	1.0	0.8	2.1	1.0	0.6	2.1	1.2	1.1	2.5
15-19 years	30.8	32.8	26.6	29.2	31.1	26.0	36.6	37.5	30.6
15 years	2.1	2.0	2.7	1.9	1.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
16 years	4.2	4.4	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.9	5.5	5.7	4.7
17 years	6.1	6.6	4.7	5.7	6.3	4.5	7.5	7.7	6.1
18 years	9.5	10.3	7.6	9.1	9.9	7.5	11.0	11.4	8.4
19 years	8.9	9.5	7.6	8.7	9.3	7.4	9.9	10.1	8.7
20-24 years	34.6	34.3	36.0	34.9	34.8	36.2	33.2	33.1	34.7
25-29 years	17.8	16.8	20.2	18.5	17.5	20.3	15.4	14.8	18.8
30-34 years	9.2	8.8	9.2	9.6	9.2	9.3	7.8	7.5	8.3
35-39 years	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.2	3.4
40 years and over	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7
	1977 ²								
Age of woman	All areas			Metropolitan areas			Nonmetropolitan areas		
	All races ³	White	Black	All races ³	White	Black	All races ³	White	Black
		Number							
All ages	70,719	59,949	8,210	52,041	42,726	7,696	18,678	17,223	514
Under 15 years	840	565	253	610	357	238	230	208	15
15-19 years	23,333	20,222	2,394	16,364	13,761	2,221	6,969	6,461	173
15 years	1,754	1,428	273	1,175	893	255	579	535	18
16 years	3,363	2,861	402	2,244	1,823	374	1,119	1,038	28
17 years	4,593	4,033	419	3,103	2,646	385	1,490	1,387	34
18 years	7,186	6,330	636	5,192	4,479	591	1,994	1,851	45
19 years	6,437	5,570	664	4,650	3,920	616	1,787	1,650	48
20-24 years	23,424	19,844	2,871	17,359	14,271	2,676	6,065	5,573	195
25-29 years	11,737	9,774	1,463	8,958	7,215	1,395	2,779	2,559	68
30-34 years	6,337	5,307	700	4,908	3,996	663	1,429	1,311	37
35-39 years	3,388	2,828	382	2,594	2,098	364	794	730	18
40 years and over	1,413	1,206	125	1,074	888	120	339	318	5
Not stated	247	203	22	174	140	19	73	63	3
	Percent distribution								
All ages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years	1.2	0.9	3.1	1.2	0.8	3.1	1.2	1.2	2.9
15-19 years	33.1	33.8	29.2	31.5	32.3	28.9	37.5	37.7	33.9
15 years	2.5	2.4	3.3	2.3	2.1	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.5
16 years	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.9	6.0	6.0	5.5
17 years	6.5	6.8	5.1	6.0	6.2	5.0	8.0	8.1	6.7
18 years	10.2	10.6	7.8	10.0	10.5	7.7	10.7	10.8	8.8
19 years	9.1	9.3	8.1	9.0	9.2	8.0	9.6	9.6	9.4
20-24 years	33.2	33.2	35.1	33.5	33.5	34.9	32.6	32.5	38.2
25-29 years	16.7	16.4	17.9	17.3	16.9	18.2	14.9	14.9	13.3
30-34 years	9.0	8.9	8.5	9.5	9.4	8.6	7.7	7.6	7.2
35-39 years	4.8	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.3	4.3	3.5
40 years and over	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.1	2.1	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.0

¹The 8-State area in 1978 comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

²The 5-State area in 1977 comprises Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, and Vermont.

³Includes races other than white and black.

Table 2. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by period of gestation, according to residence status of woman: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation ¹	1978 ²						
	All induced terminations occurring in area ³	Induced terminations occurring in area among U.S. residents	Induced terminations occurring in State of residence			Induced terminations among inter-state non-residents	Induced terminations among non-residents of United States
			Total	Occurring in county of residence	Among intrastate nonresidents		
			Number				
All periods of gestation	176,812	175,588	157,810	103,081	54,729	17,778	1,224
8 weeks or less	83,134	82,696	75,716	52,483	23,233	6,980	438
9 weeks	27,907	27,738	25,009	16,034	8,975	2,729	169
10 weeks	23,351	23,194	20,803	13,048	7,755	2,391	157
11 weeks	16,554	16,419	14,484	8,686	5,798	1,935	135
12 weeks	9,547	9,489	8,327	4,972	3,355	1,162	58
13 weeks	4,639	4,609	3,957	2,253	1,704	652	30
14 weeks	2,511	2,496	2,146	1,209	937	350	15
15 weeks	1,637	1,622	1,372	774	598	250	15
16 weeks	1,445	1,432	1,236	717	519	196	13
17 weeks	1,244	1,226	1,015	575	440	211	18
18 weeks	1,284	1,254	1,056	621	435	198	30
19 weeks	1,059	992	787	437	350	205	67
20 weeks	601	586	450	242	208	136	15
21 weeks or more	1,144	1,085	750	433	317	335	59
Not stated	755	750	702	597	105	48	5
			Percent distribution				
All periods of gestation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
8 weeks or less	47.2	47.3	48.2	51.2	42.5	39.4	35.9
9 weeks	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.6	16.4	15.4	13.9
10 weeks	13.3	13.3	13.2	12.7	14.2	13.5	12.9
11 weeks	9.4	9.4	9.2	8.5	10.6	10.9	11.1
12 weeks	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.9	6.1	6.6	4.8
13 weeks	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.2	3.1	3.7	2.5
14 weeks	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.7	2.0	1.2
15 weeks	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.2
16 weeks	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.1
17 weeks	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.5
18 weeks	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.1	2.5
19 weeks	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.2	5.5
20 weeks	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.2
21 weeks or more	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.9	4.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by period of gestation, according to residence status of woman: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation ¹	1977 ⁴						
	All induced terminations occurring in area ³	Induced terminations occurring in area among U.S. residents	Induced terminations occurring in State of residence			Induced terminations among inter-state non-residents	Induced terminations among non-residents of United States
			Total	Occurring in county of residence	Among intrastate nonresidents		
	Number						
All periods of gestation	72,243	70,719	63,005	38,086	24,919	7,714	1,524
3 weeks or less	29,218	28,578	26,102	16,172	9,930	2,476	640
4-9 weeks	11,401	11,193	10,156	6,241	3,915	1,037	208
10 weeks	9,856	9,668	8,697	5,218	3,479	971	188
11 weeks	6,956	6,760	5,961	3,480	2,481	799	196
12 weeks	4,278	4,238	3,712	2,264	1,448	526	40
13 weeks	2,064	2,053	1,772	1,036	736	281	11
14 weeks	1,258	1,245	1,056	636	420	189	13
15 weeks	977	965	810	426	384	155	12
16 weeks	1,160	1,144	954	517	437	190	16
17 weeks	1,067	1,037	874	444	430	163	30
18 weeks	1,185	1,146	922	476	446	224	39
19 weeks	959	911	682	365	317	229	48
20 weeks	532	515	378	207	171	137	17
21 weeks or more	954	899	571	320	251	328	55
Not stated	378	367	358	284	74	9	11
	Percent distribution						
All periods of gestation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
3 weeks or less	40.7	40.6	41.7	42.8	40.0	32.1	42.3
4-9 weeks	15.9	15.9	16.2	16.5	15.8	13.5	13.7
10 weeks	13.7	13.7	13.9	13.8	14.0	12.6	12.4
11 weeks	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.2	10.0	10.4	13.0
12 weeks	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.8	6.8	2.6
13 weeks	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.6	0.7
14 weeks	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.5	0.9
15 weeks	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.5	2.0	0.8
16 weeks	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.8	2.5	1.1
17 weeks	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.7	2.1	2.0
18 weeks	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.8	2.9	2.6
19 weeks	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.3	3.0	3.2
20 weeks	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.8	1.1
21 weeks or more	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.8	1.0	4.3	3.6

¹Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "Date last normal menses began" and "Physician's estimate of gestation."
²The 8-State area in 1978 comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.
³Includes nonresidents of the United States.
⁴The 5-State area in 1977 comprises Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, and Vermont.

Table 3. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman, according to race: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
	Number											
All ages	175,588	125,815	44,447	35,278	9,169	5,326	70,719	59,949	9,004	8,210	794	1,766
Under 15 years	1,764	932	792	727	65	40	840	565	258	253	5	17
15-19 years	52,985	40,532	10,870	9,172	1,698	1,583	23,333	20,222	2,549	2,394	155	562
15 years	3,594	2,453	1,025	930	95	116	1,754	1,428	283	273	10	43
16 years	7,169	5,384	1,550	1,373	177	235	3,363	2,861	421	402	19	81
17 years	10,468	8,224	1,912	1,620	292	332	4,593	4,033	443	419	24	117
18 years	16,356	12,711	3,187	2,639	548	458	7,186	6,330	685	636	49	171
19 years	15,398	11,760	3,196	2,610	586	442	6,437	5,570	717	664	53	150
20-24 years	59,496	42,476	15,368	12,442	2,926	1,652	23,424	19,844	3,104	2,871	233	476
25-29 years	30,720	20,815	9,007	6,965	2,042	898	11,737	9,774	1,630	1,463	167	333
30-34 years	15,850	10,894	4,449	3,179	1,270	507	6,337	5,307	843	700	143	187
35-39 years	8,206	5,822	2,113	1,517	596	271	3,388	2,828	449	382	67	111
40 years and over	3,142	2,273	768	540	228	101	1,413	1,206	148	125	23	59
Not stated	3,425	2,071	1,080	736	344	274	247	203	23	22	1	21
	Percent distribution											
All ages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Under 15 years	1.0	0.8	1.8	2.1	0.7	...	1.2	0.9	2.9	3.1	0.6	...
15-19 years	30.8	32.8	25.1	26.6	19.2	...	33.1	33.8	28.4	29.2	19.5	...
15 years	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.7	1.1	...	2.5	2.4	3.2	3.3	1.3	...
16 years	4.2	4.4	3.6	4.0	2.0	...	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.9	2.4	...
17 years	6.1	6.6	4.4	4.7	3.3	...	6.5	6.8	4.9	5.1	3.0	...
18 years	9.5	10.3	7.3	7.6	6.2	...	10.2	10.6	7.6	7.8	6.2	...
19 years	8.9	9.5	7.4	7.6	6.6	...	9.1	9.3	8.0	8.1	6.7	...
20-24 years	34.6	34.3	35.4	36.0	33.2	...	33.2	33.2	34.6	35.1	29.4	...
25-29 years	17.8	16.8	20.8	20.2	23.1	...	16.7	16.4	18.1	17.9	21.1	...
30-34 years	9.2	8.8	10.3	9.2	14.4	...	9.0	8.9	9.4	8.5	18.0	...
35-39 years	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.4	6.8	...	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.7	8.4	...
40 years and over	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.6	...	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.5	2.9	...

¹The 8-State area in 1978 comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

²The 5-State area in 1977 comprises Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, and Vermont.

Table 4. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by period of gestation, according to age of woman:
5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Year and period of gestation ¹	All ages	Under 15 years	15-19 years					20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years or more	Not stated	
			Total	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years							19 years
1978 ²														
Number														
All periods of gestation	175,588	1,764	52,985	3,594	7,169	10,468	16,356	15,398	59,496	30,720	15,850	8,206	3,142	3,425
8 weeks or less	82,696	608	19,479	1,065	2,288	3,630	6,204	6,292	28,314	16,841	9,329	4,788	1,773	1,564
9 weeks	27,738	236	8,854	542	1,100	1,772	2,785	2,655	9,594	4,619	2,290	1,176	438	531
10 weeks	23,194	247	8,069	562	1,170	1,611	2,448	2,278	7,883	3,651	1,708	867	323	446
11 weeks	16,419	205	6,242	447	943	1,285	1,909	1,658	5,524	2,315	1,072	549	211	301
12 weeks	9,489	139	3,627	249	575	797	1,074	932	3,170	1,291	564	293	139	266
13 weeks	4,609	84	1,851	155	303	384	530	479	1,492	603	283	144	64	88
14 weeks	2,496	52	1,067	115	167	219	305	261	798	283	145	68	39	44
15 weeks	1,622	25	685	64	108	144	209	160	525	199	85	60	24	19
16 weeks	1,432	29	607	67	102	121	179	138	459	174	73	39	31	20
17 weeks	1,226	33	569	75	100	115	162	117	350	150	60	39	15	10
18 weeks	1,254	38	570	78	104	120	156	112	353	158	68	39	16	12
19 weeks	992	30	475	67	87	95	129	97	271	121	35	31	17	12
20 weeks	586	10	258	37	39	52	67	63	195	63	23	17	10	10
21 weeks or more	1,085	22	458	54	63	92	144	105	330	125	50	41	17	42
Not stated	750	6	174	17	20	31	55	51	238	127	65	55	25	60
1977 ³														
All periods of gestation	70,719	840	23,333	1,754	3,363	4,593	7,186	6,437	23,424	11,737	6,337	3,388	1,413	247
8 weeks or less	28,578	189	7,145	378	861	1,331	2,334	2,241	9,678	5,612	3,332	1,785	719	118
9 weeks	11,193	86	3,602	228	446	692	1,152	1,084	3,912	1,862	985	520	188	38
10 weeks	9,668	107	3,489	276	516	723	1,071	903	3,230	1,513	731	397	171	30
11 weeks	6,760	79	2,718	196	427	587	823	685	2,167	973	457	229	115	22
12 weeks	4,238	66	1,807	162	283	335	575	452	1,350	579	236	137	55	8
13 weeks	2,053	43	827	82	126	161	226	232	699	239	141	62	36	6
14 weeks	1,245	27	507	37	95	110	141	124	385	188	83	30	21	4
15 weeks	965	21	456	48	90	89	121	108	303	97	41	30	15	2
16 weeks	1,144	36	537	64	95	121	119	138	340	131	54	27	15	4
17 weeks	1,037	40	481	60	87	110	129	95	288	130	54	30	10	4
18 weeks	1,146	43	558	69	121	106	140	122	321	102	69	35	18	-
19 weeks	911	39	447	55	78	88	136	90	256	99	42	20	6	2
20 weeks	515	20	244	33	43	51	67	50	147	48	18	23	13	2
21 weeks or more	899	37	427	56	78	75	128	90	261	89	43	26	15	1
Not stated	367	7	88	10	17	14	24	23	87	75	51	37	16	6

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by period of gestation, according to age of woman: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Year and period of gestation ¹	All ages	Under 15 years	15-19 years					20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years or more	Not stated	
			Total	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years							19 years
1978 ²														
Percent distribution														
All periods of gestation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
8 weeks or less	47.3	34.6	36.9	29.8	32.0	34.8	38.1	41.0	47.8	55.0	59.1	58.7	56.9	...
9 weeks	15.9	13.4	16.8	15.2	15.4	17.0	17.1	17.3	16.2	15.1	14.5	14.4	14.1	...
10 weeks	13.3	14.1	15.3	15.7	16.4	15.4	15.0	14.8	13.3	11.9	10.8	10.6	10.4	...
11 weeks	9.4	11.7	11.8	12.5	13.2	12.3	11.7	10.8	9.3	7.6	6.8	6.7	6.8	...
12 weeks	5.4	7.9	6.9	7.0	8.0	7.6	6.6	6.1	5.3	4.2	3.6	3.6	4.5	...
13 weeks	2.6	4.8	3.5	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.3	3.1	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.1	...
14 weeks	1.4	3.0	2.0	3.2	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.3	...
15 weeks	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	...
16 weeks	0.8	1.6	1.1	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.0	...
17 weeks	0.7	1.9	1.1	2.1	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	...
18 weeks	0.7	2.2	1.1	2.2	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	...
19 weeks	0.6	1.7	0.9	1.9	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	...
20 weeks	0.3	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	...
21 weeks or more	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	...
1977 ³														
All periods of gestation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
8 weeks or less	40.6	22.7	30.7	21.7	25.7	29.1	32.6	34.9	41.5	48.1	53.0	53.3	51.5	...
9 weeks	15.9	10.3	15.5	13.1	13.3	15.1	16.1	16.9	16.8	16.0	15.7	15.5	13.5	...
10 weeks	13.7	12.8	15.0	15.8	15.4	15.8	15.0	14.1	13.8	13.0	11.6	11.8	12.2	...
11 weeks	9.6	9.5	11.7	11.2	12.8	12.8	11.5	10.7	9.3	8.3	7.3	6.8	8.2	...
12 weeks	6.0	7.9	7.8	9.3	8.5	7.3	8.0	7.0	5.8	5.0	3.8	4.1	3.9	...
13 weeks	2.9	5.2	3.6	4.7	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.0	2.0	2.2	1.9	2.6	...
14 weeks	1.8	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.3	0.9	1.5	...
15 weeks	1.4	2.5	2.0	2.8	2.7	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.1	...
16 weeks	1.6	4.3	2.3	3.7	2.8	2.6	1.7	2.2	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.1	...
17 weeks	1.5	4.8	2.1	3.4	2.6	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	...
18 weeks	1.6	5.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.4	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.3	...
19 weeks	1.3	4.7	1.9	3.2	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	...
20 weeks	0.7	2.4	1.0	1.9	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.9	...
21 weeks or more	1.3	4.4	1.8	3.2	2.3	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.1	...

¹Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "Date last normal menses began" and "Physician's estimate of gestation."
²The 8-State area in 1978 comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.
³The 5-State area in 1977 comprises Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, and Vermont.

Table 5. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman and number of previous live births, according to race of woman: 4-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous live births	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
Number												
All ages												
All previous live births	175,588	125,815	44,447	35,278	9,169	5,326	57,562	47,450	8,474	7,889	585	1,638
No previous live birth	95,240	76,250	16,086	12,435	3,651	2,904	28,795	25,379	2,870	2,658	212	546
1 previous live birth	29,956	17,794	11,358	9,377	1,981	804	7,255	5,247	1,898	1,793	105	110
2 previous live births	23,065	14,254	8,171	6,356	1,815	640	6,362	4,817	1,449	1,338	111	96
3 previous live births	10,313	5,996	4,016	3,213	803	301	2,943	2,199	704	654	50	40
4 or more previous live births	8,286	4,167	3,856	3,017	839	263	2,176	1,561	585	543	42	30
Not stated	8,728	7,354	960	880	80	414	10,031	8,247	968	903	65	816
Under 15 years												
All previous live births	1,764	932	792	727	65	40	694	436	244	240	4	14
No previous live birth	1,636	884	718	660	58	34	640	406	224	220	4	10
1 previous live birth	60	10	48	43	5	2	5	2	3	3	-	-
2 previous live births	9	4	5	4	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
3 previous live births	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 or more previous live births	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	57	34	19	19	-	4	48	28	16	16	-	4
15-19 years												
All previous live births	52,985	40,532	10,870	9,172	1,698	1,583	18,833	15,916	2,398	2,287	111	519
No previous live birth	43,252	34,700	7,239	6,005	1,234	1,313	14,079	12,322	1,495	1,414	81	262
1 previous live birth	5,275	2,649	2,492	2,144	348	134	1,367	850	504	487	17	13
2 previous live births	1,017	406	580	506	74	31	270	125	141	136	5	4
3 previous live births	244	55	184	168	16	5	25	13	8	8	-	4
4 or more previous live births	113	17	89	78	11	7	7	2	5	5	-	-
Not stated	3,084	2,705	286	271	15	93	3,085	2,604	245	237	8	236
20-24 years												
All previous live births	59,496	42,476	15,368	12,442	2,926	1,652	18,883	15,527	2,912	2,754	158	444
No previous live birth	34,608	28,329	5,280	3,908	1,372	999	10,280	9,285	790	712	78	205
1 previous live birth	12,533	7,222	4,986	4,212	774	325	3,027	2,083	907	870	37	37
2 previous live births	6,536	3,368	2,999	2,499	500	169	1,624	1,016	593	568	25	15
3 previous live births	1,881	717	1,112	938	174	52	434	210	221	215	6	3
4 or more previous live births	905	215	662	575	87	28	125	46	78	76	2	1
Not stated	3,033	2,625	329	310	19	79	3,393	2,887	323	313	10	183
25-29 years												
All previous live births	30,720	20,815	9,007	6,965	2,042	898	9,360	7,522	1,533	1,405	128	305
No previous live birth	10,673	8,569	1,784	1,180	604	320	2,754	2,443	259	224	35	52
1 previous live birth	7,380	4,764	2,415	1,926	489	201	1,828	1,459	330	291	39	39
2 previous live births	7,192	4,514	2,472	1,955	517	206	2,008	1,574	407	382	25	27
3 previous live births	2,765	1,444	1,251	1,035	216	70	796	566	220	215	5	10
4 or more previous live births	1,619	643	937	743	194	39	346	194	147	138	9	5
Not stated	1,091	881	148	126	22	62	1,628	1,286	170	155	15	172
30-34 years												
All previous live births	15,850	10,894	4,449	3,179	1,270	507	5,355	4,385	792	683	109	178
No previous live birth	2,597	2,009	511	323	188	77	679	603	64	53	11	12
1 previous live birth	3,044	2,071	884	656	228	89	701	591	99	91	8	11
2 previous live births	4,906	3,513	1,254	843	411	139	1,517	1,292	199	159	40	26
3 previous live births	2,720	1,799	826	615	211	95	858	697	152	134	18	9
4 or more previous live births	2,048	1,087	908	682	226	53	586	417	158	147	11	11
Not stated	535	415	66	60	6	54	1,014	785	120	99	21	109
35-39 years												
All previous live births	8,206	5,822	2,113	1,517	596	271	2,962	2,426	432	375	57	104
No previous live birth	749	574	146	94	52	29	208	183	23	21	2	2
1 previous live birth	898	645	232	173	59	21	238	193	40	38	2	5
2 previous live births	2,318	1,734	530	348	182	54	711	607	86	72	14	18
3 previous live births	1,798	1,356	395	287	108	47	580	494	76	60	16	10
4 or more previous live births	2,167	1,312	774	583	191	81	673	532	132	120	12	9
Not stated	276	201	36	32	4	39	552	417	75	64	11	60

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Table 5. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman and number of previous live births, according to race of woman: 4-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous live births	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
Number												
40 years or more												
All previous live births	3,142	2,273	768	540	228	101	1,253	1,058	140	123	17	55
No previous live birth	207	159	42	25	17	6	66	56	9	8	1	1
1 previous live birth	237	179	52	35	17	6	63	50	10	8	2	3
2 previous live births	673	514	145	91	54	14	215	191	19	17	2	5
3 previous live births	694	528	148	96	52	18	237	210	24	20	4	3
4 or more previous live births	1,240	822	374	288	86	44	433	366	63	55	8	4
Not stated	91	71	7	5	2	13	239	185	15	15	-	39
Not stated												
All previous live births	3,425	2,071	1,080	736	344	274	222	180	23	22	1	19
No previous live birth	1,512	1,026	366	240	126	126	89	81	6	6	-	2
1 previous live birth	529	254	249	188	61	26	26	19	5	5	-	2
2 previous live births	414	201	186	110	76	27	16	12	3	3	-	1
3 previous live births	209	97	98	73	25	14	13	9	3	2	1	1
4 or more previous live births	194	71	112	68	44	11	6	4	2	2	-	-
Not stated	561	422	69	57	12	70	72	55	4	4	-	13
Percent distribution												
All ages												
All previous live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous live birth	57.1	64.4	37.0	36.2	40.2	...	60.6	64.7	38.2	38.0	40.8	...
1 previous live birth	18.0	15.0	26.1	27.3	21.8	...	15.3	13.4	25.3	25.7	20.2	...
2 previous live births	13.8	12.0	18.8	18.5	20.0	...	13.4	12.3	19.3	19.2	21.3	...
3 previous live births	6.2	5.1	9.2	9.3	8.8	...	6.2	5.6	9.4	9.4	9.6	...
4 or more previous live births	5.0	3.5	8.9	8.8	9.2	...	4.6	4.0	7.8	7.8	8.1	...
Under 15 years												
All previous live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous live birth	95.8	98.4	92.9	93.2	89.2	...	99.1	99.5	98.2	98.2	100.0	...
1 previous live birth	3.5	1.1	6.2	6.1	7.7	...	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.3	-	...
2 previous live births	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.5	...	0.2	-	0.4	0.4	-	...
3 previous live births	0.1	-	0.3	0.1	1.5	...	-	-	-	-	-	...
4 or more previous live births	-	-	-	-	-	...	-	-	-	-	-	...
15-19 years												
All previous live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous live birth	86.7	91.7	68.4	67.5	73.3	...	89.4	92.6	69.4	69.0	78.6	...
1 previous live birth	10.6	7.0	23.5	24.1	20.7	...	8.7	6.4	23.4	23.8	16.5	...
2 previous live births	2.0	1.1	5.5	5.7	4.4	...	1.7	0.9	6.5	6.6	4.9	...
3 previous live births	0.5	0.1	1.7	1.9	1.0	...	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	-	...
4 or more previous live births	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	...	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	-	...
20-24 years												
All previous live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous live birth	61.3	71.1	35.1	32.2	47.2	...	66.4	73.5	30.5	29.2	52.7	...
1 previous live birth	22.2	18.1	33.2	34.7	26.6	...	19.5	16.5	35.0	35.6	25.0	...
2 previous live births	11.6	8.5	19.9	20.6	17.2	...	10.5	8.0	22.9	23.3	16.9	...
3 previous live births	3.3	1.8	7.4	7.7	6.0	...	2.8	1.7	8.5	8.8	4.1	...
4 or more previous live births	1.6	0.5	4.4	4.7	3.0	...	0.8	0.4	3.0	3.1	1.4	...
25-29 years												
All previous live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous live birth	36.0	43.0	20.1	17.3	29.9	...	35.6	39.2	19.0	17.9	31.0	...
1 previous live birth	24.9	23.9	27.3	28.2	24.2	...	23.6	23.4	24.2	23.3	34.5	...
2 previous live births	24.3	22.6	27.9	28.6	25.6	...	26.0	25.2	29.9	30.6	22.1	...
3 previous live births	9.3	7.2	14.1	15.1	10.7	...	10.3	9.1	16.1	17.2	4.4	...
4 or more previous live births	5.5	3.2	10.6	10.9	9.6	...	4.5	3.1	10.8	11.0	8.0	...

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Table 5. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman and number of previous live births, according to race of woman: 4-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous live births	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
Percent distribution												
30-34 years												
All previous live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous live birth	17.0	19.2	11.7	10.4	14.9	...	15.6	16.7	9.5	9.1	12.5	...
1 previous live birth	19.9	19.8	20.2	21.0	18.0	...	16.1	16.4	14.7	15.6	9.1	...
2 previous live births	32.0	33.5	28.6	27.0	32.5	...	34.9	35.9	29.6	27.2	45.5	...
3 previous live births	17.8	17.2	18.8	19.7	16.7	...	19.8	19.4	22.6	22.9	20.5	...
4 or more previous live births	13.4	10.4	20.7	21.9	17.9	...	13.5	11.6	23.5	25.2	12.5	...
35-39 years												
All previous live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous live birth	9.4	10.2	7.0	6.3	8.8	...	8.6	9.1	6.4	6.8	4.3	...
1 previous live birth	11.3	11.5	11.2	11.6	10.0	...	9.9	9.6	11.2	12.2	4.3	...
2 previous live births	29.2	30.8	25.5	23.4	30.7	...	29.5	30.2	24.1	23.2	30.4	...
3 previous live births	22.7	24.1	19.0	19.3	18.2	...	24.1	24.6	21.3	19.3	34.8	...
4 or more previous live births	27.3	23.3	37.3	39.3	32.3	...	27.9	26.5	37.0	38.6	26.1	...
40 years or more												
All previous live births	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous live birth	6.8	7.2	5.5	4.7	7.5	...	6.5	6.4	7.2	7.4	*5.9	...
1 previous live birth	7.8	8.1	6.8	6.5	7.5	...	6.2	5.7	8.0	7.4	*11.8	...
2 previous live births	22.1	23.3	19.1	17.0	23.9	...	21.2	21.9	15.2	15.7	*11.8	...
3 previous live births	22.7	24.0	19.4	17.9	23.0	...	23.4	24.1	19.2	18.5	*23.5	...
4 or more previous live births	40.6	37.3	49.1	53.8	38.1	...	42.7	41.9	50.4	50.9	*47.1	...

¹The 8-State area in 1978 comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

²The 4-State area in 1977 comprises Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), and Vermont.

Table 6. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman and number of previous induced terminations, according to race of woman: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous induced terminations	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
All ages												
Total	175,588	125,815	44,447	35,278	9,169	5,326	70,719	59,949	9,004	8,210	794	1,766
No previous induced termination	124,457	90,363	30,355	24,143	6,212	3,739	48,303	41,645	5,917	5,355	562	741
1 previous induced termination	33,106	22,223	9,996	7,832	2,164	887	9,952	8,082	1,661	1,543	118	209
2 previous induced terminations	6,679	4,257	2,260	1,750	510	162	1,710	1,307	371	347	24	32
3 or more previous induced terminations	1,973	1,187	735	552	183	51	468	341	109	95	14	18
Not stated	9,373	7,785	1,101	1,001	100	487	10,286	8,574	946	870	76	766
Under 15 years												
Total	1,764	932	792	727	65	40	840	565	258	253	5	17
No previous induced termination	1,611	859	718	660	58	34	769	524	232	228	4	13
1 previous induced termination	89	37	49	43	6	3	12	4	8	8	-	-
2 previous induced terminations	5	1	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 or more previous induced terminations	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	58	35	20	20	-	3	59	37	18	17	1	4
15-19 years												
Total	52,985	40,532	10,870	9,172	1,698	1,583	23,333	20,222	2,549	2,394	155	562
No previous induced termination	42,266	32,419	8,581	7,233	1,348	1,266	17,696	15,503	1,909	1,790	119	284
1 previous induced termination	6,822	4,898	1,736	1,452	284	188	2,186	1,808	331	309	22	47
2 previous induced terminations	760	517	220	180	40	23	212	163	46	46	-	3
3 or more previous induced terminations	104	60	37	26	11	7	30	19	8	7	1	3
Not stated	3,033	2,638	296	281	15	99	3,209	2,729	255	242	13	225
20-24 years												
Total	59,496	42,476	15,368	12,442	2,926	1,652	23,424	19,844	3,104	2,871	233	476
No previous induced termination	39,997	28,734	10,137	8,146	1,991	1,126	14,944	12,799	1,935	1,768	167	210
1 previous induced termination	13,178	9,027	3,793	3,070	723	358	4,145	3,420	643	604	39	82
2 previous induced terminations	2,652	1,729	864	704	160	59	723	539	170	159	11	14
3 or more previous induced terminations	634	398	222	187	35	14	166	120	41	40	1	5
Not stated	3,035	2,588	352	335	17	95	3,446	2,966	315	300	15	165
25-29 years												
Total	30,720	20,815	9,007	6,965	2,042	898	11,737	9,774	1,630	1,463	167	333
No previous induced termination	19,918	13,685	5,649	4,338	1,311	584	7,401	6,315	974	856	118	112
1 previous induced termination	7,185	4,647	2,359	1,815	544	179	2,092	1,668	373	351	22	51
2 previous induced terminations	1,756	1,122	598	474	124	36	452	356	89	83	6	7
3 or more previous induced terminations	590	360	213	174	39	17	151	115	30	27	3	6
Not stated	1,271	1,001	188	164	24	82	1,641	1,320	164	146	18	157
30-34 years												
Total	15,850	10,894	4,449	3,179	1,270	507	6,337	5,307	843	700	143	187
No previous induced termination	10,650	7,531	2,795	1,994	801	324	4,107	3,541	503	410	93	63
1 previous induced termination	3,232	2,034	1,116	796	320	82	942	746	183	158	25	13
2 previous induced terminations	826	498	303	217	86	25	197	152	38	36	2	7
3 or more previous induced terminations	350	211	133	88	45	6	73	51	21	15	6	1
Not stated	792	620	102	84	18	70	1,018	817	98	81	17	103
35-39 years												
Total	8,206	5,822	2,113	1,517	596	271	3,388	2,828	449	382	67	111
No previous induced termination	5,636	4,178	1,287	949	338	171	2,267	1,962	265	223	42	40
1 previous induced termination	1,522	962	521	367	154	39	401	314	78	72	6	9
2 previous induced terminations	412	237	168	107	61	7	98	76	21	16	5	1
3 or more previous induced terminations	183	100	79	46	33	4	31	23	7	4	3	1
Not stated	453	345	58	48	10	50	591	453	78	67	11	60
40 years and over												
Total	3,142	2,273	768	540	228	101	1,413	1,206	148	125	23	59
No previous induced termination	2,280	1,702	508	369	139	70	989	887	87	69	18	15
1 previous induced termination	491	312	170	120	50	9	138	95	38	34	4	5
2 previous induced terminations	145	91	50	29	21	4	26	19	7	7	-	-
3 or more previous induced terminations	66	40	25	11	14	1	15	11	2	2	-	-
Not stated	160	128	15	11	4	17	245	194	14	13	1	37
Not stated												
Total	3,425	2,071	1,080	736	344	274	247	203	23	22	1	21
No previous induced termination	2,099	1,255	680	454	226	164	130	114	12	11	1	4
1 previous induced termination	587	306	252	169	83	29	36	27	7	7	-	2
2 previous induced terminations	123	62	53	36	17	8	2	2	-	-	-	-
3 or more previous induced terminations	45	18	25	19	6	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
Not stated	571	430	70	58	12	71	77	58	4	4	-	15

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman and number of previous induced terminations, according to race of woman: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous induced terminations	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
Percent distribution												
All ages												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous induced termination	74.9	76.6	70.0	70.4	68.5	...	79.9	81.1	73.4	73.0	78.3	...
1 previous induced termination	19.9	18.8	23.1	22.8	23.9	...	16.5	15.7	20.6	21.0	16.4	...
2 previous induced terminations	4.0	3.6	5.2	5.1	5.6	...	2.8	2.5	4.6	4.7	3.3	...
3 or more previous induced terminations	1.2	1.0	1.7	1.6	2.0	...	0.8	0.7	1.4	1.3	1.9	...
Under 15 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous induced termination	94.4	95.8	93.0	93.4	89.2	...	98.5	99.2	96.7	96.6	100.0	...
1 previous induced termination	5.2	4.1	6.3	6.1	9.2	...	1.5	0.8	3.3	3.4	-	...
2 previous induced terminations	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	1.5	...	-	-	-	-	-	...
3 or more previous induced terminations	0.1	-	0.1	0.1	-	...	-	-	-	-	-	...
15-19 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous induced termination	84.6	85.6	81.2	81.4	80.1	...	87.9	88.6	83.2	83.2	83.8	...
1 previous induced termination	13.7	12.9	16.4	16.3	16.9	...	10.9	10.3	14.4	14.4	15.5	...
2 previous induced terminations	1.5	1.4	2.1	2.0	2.4	...	1.1	0.9	2.0	2.1	-	...
3 or more previous induced terminations	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	...	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.7	...
20-24 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous induced termination	70.8	72.0	67.5	67.3	68.4	...	74.8	75.8	69.4	68.8	76.6	...
1 previous induced termination	23.3	22.6	25.3	25.4	24.9	...	20.7	20.3	23.1	23.5	17.9	...
2 previous induced terminations	4.7	4.3	5.8	5.8	5.5	...	3.6	3.2	6.1	6.2	5.0	...
3 or more previous induced terminations	1.1	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.2	...	0.8	0.7	1.5	1.6	0.5	...
25-29 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous induced termination	67.6	69.1	64.1	63.8	65.0	...	73.3	74.7	66.4	65.0	79.2	...
1 previous induced termination	24.4	23.5	26.7	26.7	27.0	...	20.7	19.7	25.4	26.7	14.8	...
2 previous induced terminations	6.0	5.7	6.8	7.0	6.1	...	4.5	4.2	6.1	6.3	4.0	...
3 or more previous induced terminations	2.0	1.8	2.4	2.6	1.9	...	1.5	1.4	2.0	2.1	2.0	...
30-34 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous induced termination	70.7	73.3	64.3	64.4	64.0	...	77.2	78.9	67.5	66.2	73.8	...
1 previous induced termination	21.5	19.8	25.7	25.7	25.6	...	17.7	16.6	24.6	25.5	19.8	...
2 previous induced terminations	5.5	4.8	7.0	7.0	6.9	...	3.7	3.4	5.1	5.8	1.6	...
3 or more previous induced terminations	2.3	2.1	3.1	2.8	3.6	...	1.4	1.1	2.8	2.4	4.8	...
35-39 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous induced termination	72.7	76.3	62.6	64.6	57.7	...	81.1	82.6	71.4	70.8	75.0	...
1 previous induced termination	19.6	17.6	25.4	25.0	26.3	...	14.3	13.2	21.0	22.9	10.7	...
2 previous induced terminations	5.3	4.3	8.2	7.3	10.4	...	3.5	3.2	5.7	5.1	8.9	...
3 or more previous induced terminations	2.4	1.8	3.8	3.1	5.6	...	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.3	5.4	...
40 years and over												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
No previous induced termination	76.5	79.3	67.5	69.8	62.1	...	84.7	87.6	64.9	61.6	81.8	...
1 previous induced termination	16.5	14.5	22.6	22.7	22.3	...	11.8	9.4	28.4	30.4	18.2	...
2 previous induced terminations	4.9	4.2	6.6	5.5	9.4	...	2.2	1.9	5.2	6.2	-	...
3 or more previous induced terminations	2.2	1.9	3.3	2.1	6.2	...	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.8	-	...

¹The 8 State area in 1978 comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

²The 5 State area in 1977 comprises Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, and Vermont.

Table 7. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age and marital status of woman, according to race of woman: 4-State area, 1977, and 7-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and marital status	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
All women												
All ages	128,658	87,139	37,252	28,499	8,753	4,267	27,030	24,568	2,239	1,754	485	223
Under 15 years	1,390	723	637	575	62	30	347	282	61	58	3	4
15-19 years	38,923	28,635	8,950	7,308	1,642	1,338	9,803	9,045	684	568	116	74
15 years	2,739	1,853	792	701	91	94	862	786	69	63	6	7
16 years	5,475	4,002	1,269	1,100	169	204	1,631	1,494	120	104	16	17
17 years	7,796	5,937	1,573	1,290	283	286	2,163	2,011	136	119	17	16
18 years	11,767	8,733	2,643	2,114	529	391	2,689	2,498	173	135	38	18
19 years	11,146	8,110	2,673	2,103	570	363	2,458	2,256	186	147	39	16
20-24 years	43,647	29,308	12,963	10,122	2,841	1,376	9,137	8,242	832	667	165	63
25-29 years	22,930	14,572	7,651	5,717	1,934	707	4,445	4,025	374	274	100	46
30-34 years	11,343	7,265	3,726	2,538	1,188	352	1,936	1,745	175	108	67	16
35-39 years	5,598	3,756	1,681	1,135	546	161	939	843	84	59	25	12
40 years and over	2,120	1,412	650	439	211	58	374	342	27	18	9	5
Not stated	2,707	1,468	994	665	329	245	49	44	2	2	-	3
Married women												
All ages	33,735	23,082	9,819	6,339	3,480	834	6,600	6,006	521	310	211	73
Under 15 years	18	5	12	8	4	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
15-19 years	2,544	2,017	466	298	168	61	604	555	40	23	17	9
15 years	42	34	8	6	2	-	8	7	-	-	-	1
16 years	135	119	14	9	5	2	38	36	1	1	-	1
17 years	341	287	47	34	13	7	95	90	4	2	2	1
18 years	829	667	137	70	67	25	186	171	13	6	7	2
19 years	1,197	910	260	179	81	27	277	251	22	14	8	4
20-24 years	10,115	7,038	2,829	1,975	854	248	2,197	2,010	172	112	60	15
25-29 years	9,458	6,214	3,006	1,978	1,028	238	1,889	1,704	157	100	57	28
30-34 years	6,115	4,090	1,867	1,113	754	158	1,074	967	97	45	52	10
35-39 years	3,407	2,364	965	584	381	78	564	518	38	21	17	8
40 years and over	1,424	985	414	252	162	25	261	242	16	8	8	3
Not stated	654	369	260	131	129	25	9	8	1	1	-	-
Unmarried women												
All ages	93,107	63,582	26,994	21,946	5,048	2,531	20,186	18,361	1,697	1,430	267	128
Under 15 years	1,351	714	618	563	55	19	343	279	60	57	3	4
15-19 years	35,950	26,496	8,388	6,961	1,427	1,066	9,118	8,421	639	541	98	58
15 years	2,679	1,815	778	692	86	86	842	769	69	63	6	4
16 years	5,281	3,871	1,242	1,083	159	168	1,582	1,447	119	103	16	16
17 years	7,381	5,630	1,508	1,247	261	243	2,050	1,908	130	115	15	12
18 years	10,787	8,018	2,468	2,023	445	301	2,484	2,310	159	128	31	15
19 years	9,822	7,162	2,392	1,916	476	268	2,160	1,987	162	132	30	11
20-24 years	32,961	22,126	9,999	8,077	1,922	836	6,858	6,162	654	551	103	42
25-29 years	13,181	8,282	4,562	3,696	866	337	2,516	2,291	210	170	40	15
30-34 years	5,076	3,125	1,816	1,410	406	135	837	757	76	62	14	4
35-39 years	2,096	1,364	690	542	148	42	367	318	46	38	8	3
40 years and over	658	419	225	181	44	14	110	98	11	10	1	1
Not stated	1,834	1,056	696	516	180	82	37	35	1	1	-	1
Not stated												
All ages	1,816	475	439	214	225	902	244	201	21	14	7	22
Under 15 years	21	4	7	4	3	10	2	1	1	1	-	-
15-19 years	429	122	96	49	47	211	81	69	5	4	1	7
15 years	18	4	6	3	3	8	12	10	-	-	-	2
16 years	59	12	13	8	5	34	11	11	-	-	-	-
17 years	74	20	18	9	9	36	18	13	2	2	-	3
18 years	151	48	38	21	17	65	19	17	1	1	-	1
19 years	127	38	21	8	13	68	21	18	2	1	1	1
20-24 years	571	144	135	70	65	292	82	70	6	4	2	6
25-29 years	291	76	83	43	40	132	40	30	7	4	3	3
30-34 years	152	50	43	15	28	59	25	21	2	1	1	2
35-39 years	95	28	26	9	17	41	8	7	-	-	-	1
40 years and over	38	8	11	6	5	19	3	2	-	-	-	1
Not stated	219	43	38	18	20	138	3	1	-	-	-	2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 7. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age and marital status of woman, according to race of woman: 4-State area, 1977, and 7-State area, 1978—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and marital status	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
All women												
All ages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Percent distribution												
Under 15 years	1.1	0.8	1.8	2.1	0.7	...	1.3	1.1	2.7	3.3	0.6	...
15-19 years	30.9	33.4	24.7	26.3	19.5	...	36.3	36.9	30.6	32.4	23.9	...
15 years	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.1	...	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.6	1.2	...
16 years	4.3	4.7	3.5	4.0	2.0	...	6.0	6.1	5.4	5.9	3.3	...
17 years	6.2	6.9	4.3	4.6	3.4	...	8.0	8.2	6.1	6.8	3.5	...
18 years	9.3	10.2	7.3	7.6	6.3	...	10.0	10.2	7.7	7.7	7.8	...
19 years	8.8	9.5	7.4	7.6	6.8	...	9.1	9.2	8.3	8.4	8.0	...
20-24 years	34.7	34.2	35.8	36.4	33.7	...	33.9	33.6	37.2	38.1	34.0	...
25-29 years	18.2	17.0	21.1	20.5	23.0	...	16.5	16.4	16.7	15.6	20.8	...
30-34 years	9.0	8.5	10.3	9.1	14.1	...	7.2	7.1	7.8	6.2	13.8	...
35-39 years	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.1	6.5	...	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.4	5.2	...
40 years and over	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.6	2.5	...	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.9	...
Married women												
All ages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Under 15 years	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	...
15-19 years	7.7	8.9	4.9	4.8	5.0	...	9.2	9.3	7.7	7.4	8.1	...
15 years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	...
16 years	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	...	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	-	...
17 years	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	...	1.4	1.5	0.8	0.6	0.9	...
18 years	2.5	2.9	1.4	1.1	2.0	...	2.8	2.9	2.5	1.9	3.3	...
19 years	3.6	4.0	2.7	2.9	2.4	...	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.5	3.8	...
20-24 years	30.6	31.0	29.6	31.8	25.5	...	33.3	33.5	33.1	36.2	28.4	...
25-29 years	28.6	27.4	31.4	31.9	30.7	...	28.7	28.4	30.2	32.4	27.0	...
30-34 years	18.5	18.0	19.5	17.9	22.5	...	16.3	16.1	18.7	14.6	24.6	...
35-39 years	10.3	10.4	10.1	9.4	11.4	...	8.6	8.6	7.3	6.8	8.1	...
40 years and over	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.8	...	4.0	4.0	3.1	2.6	3.8	...
Unmarried women												
All ages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Under 15 years	1.5	1.1	2.3	2.6	1.1	...	1.7	1.5	3.5	4.0	1.1	...
15-19 years	39.4	42.4	31.9	32.5	29.3	...	45.3	46.0	37.7	37.9	36.7	...
15 years	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.2	1.8	...	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.4	2.2	...
16 years	5.8	6.2	4.7	5.1	3.3	...	7.9	7.9	7.0	7.2	6.0	...
17 years	8.1	9.0	5.7	5.8	5.4	...	10.2	10.4	7.7	8.0	5.6	...
18 years	11.8	12.8	9.4	9.4	9.1	...	12.3	12.6	9.4	9.0	11.6	...
19 years	10.8	11.5	9.1	8.9	9.8	...	10.7	10.8	9.6	9.2	11.2	...
20-24 years	36.1	35.4	38.0	37.7	39.5	...	34.0	33.6	38.6	38.6	38.6	...
25-29 years	14.4	13.2	17.3	17.2	17.8	...	12.5	12.5	12.4	11.9	15.0	...
30-34 years	5.6	5.0	6.9	6.6	8.3	...	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.3	5.2	...
35-39 years	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.5	3.0	...	1.8	1.7	2.7	2.7	3.0	...
40 years and over	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	...	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	...

¹The 7-State area in 1978 comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

²The 4-State area in 1977 comprises Kansas, Nebraska, Oregon, and Vermont.

Table 8. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age and educational attainment of woman, according to race of woman: 2-State area, 1977, and 4-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and years of school completed	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
All ages												
Total	78,352	61,901	15,267	14,593	674	1,184	45,615	37,286	6,779	6,466	313	1,550
0-8 years	1,676	1,166	495	473	22	15	1,009	713	273	262	11	23
9-11 years	14,306	10,878	3,353	3,269	84	75	8,416	6,391	1,856	1,822	34	169
12 years	31,277	24,738	6,359	6,152	207	180	18,926	15,838	2,719	2,625	94	369
13-15 years	16,660	13,711	2,864	2,740	124	85	8,676	7,520	951	898	53	205
16 years or more	7,424	6,194	1,175	1,008	167	55	4,025	3,552	369	288	81	104
Not stated	7,009	5,214	1,021	951	70	774	4,563	3,272	611	571	40	680
Under 15 years												
Total	794	448	335	330	5	11	505	295	197	195	2	13
0-8 years	465	244	219	216	3	2	299	172	125	124	1	2
9-11 years	225	139	85	84	1	1	162	107	52	51	1	3
12 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 years or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	104	65	31	30	1	8	44	16	20	20	-	8
15-19 years												
Total	24,450	20,016	4,162	4,071	91	272	14,100	11,741	1,869	1,830	39	490
0-8 years	427	319	102	99	3	6	224	163	58	58	-	3
9-11 years	8,947	7,126	1,778	1,741	37	43	5,232	4,172	938	926	12	122
12 years	9,605	8,057	1,494	1,464	30	54	5,821	5,078	581	561	20	162
13-15 years	3,567	3,032	519	504	15	16	1,771	1,573	147	140	7	51
16 years or more	48	38	10	9	1	-	27	22	2	2	-	3
Not stated	1,856	1,444	259	254	5	153	1,025	733	143	143	-	149
20-24 years												
Total	26,790	21,248	5,226	5,062	164	316	15,057	12,363	2,278	2,207	71	416
0-8 years	244	193	49	48	1	2	135	102	28	27	1	5
9-11 years	2,650	1,876	762	748	14	12	1,524	1,054	452	445	7	18
12 years	10,776	8,363	2,362	2,307	55	51	6,388	5,196	1,079	1,056	23	113
13-15 years	8,064	6,682	1,348	1,298	50	34	4,324	3,767	457	431	26	100
16 years or more	3,010	2,579	416	386	30	15	1,463	1,333	89	80	9	41
Not stated	2,046	1,555	289	275	14	202	1,223	911	173	168	5	139
25-29 years												
Total	13,179	9,964	2,999	2,822	177	216	7,640	6,095	1,257	1,190	67	288
0-8 years	190	140	49	41	8	1	115	92	20	15	5	3
9-11 years	1,129	786	334	320	14	9	693	475	204	199	5	14
12 years	5,480	4,051	1,401	1,352	49	28	3,236	2,606	584	568	16	46
13-15 years	2,801	2,173	607	576	31	21	1,394	1,165	203	193	10	26
16 years or more	2,366	1,966	386	339	47	14	1,274	1,112	131	106	25	31
Not stated	1,213	848	222	194	28	143	928	645	115	109	6	168
30-34 years												
Total	7,062	5,432	1,459	1,326	133	171	4,544	3,701	671	594	77	172
0-8 years	163	127	34	29	5	2	103	78	23	19	4	2
9-11 years	671	453	214	202	12	4	434	303	120	115	5	11
12 years	2,920	2,236	656	611	45	28	1,898	1,588	283	262	21	27
13-15 years	1,272	1,040	225	214	11	7	676	568	89	83	6	19
16 years or more	1,205	974	215	164	51	16	759	670	73	48	25	16
Not stated	831	602	115	106	9	114	674	494	83	67	16	97
35-39 years												
Total	3,823	2,964	744	675	69	115	2,508	2,044	365	323	42	99
0-8 years	115	85	29	28	1	1	84	67	12	12	-	5
9-11 years	402	288	110	108	2	4	245	177	67	64	3	1
12 years	1,612	1,269	334	315	19	9	1,035	879	141	130	11	15
13-15 years	577	465	106	96	10	6	348	310	36	34	2	2
16 years or more	545	425	113	81	32	7	370	305	57	40	17	8
Not stated	572	432	52	47	5	88	426	306	52	43	9	68

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age and educational attainment of woman, according to race of woman: 2-State area, 1977, and 4-State area, 1978—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and years of school completed	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
40 years and over												
Number												
Total	1,409	1,140	225	207	18	44	1,063	888	121	107	14	54
0-8 years	65	52	12	11	1	1	47	38	7	7	-	2
9-11 years	153	110	42	41	1	1	105	84	21	20	1	-
12 years	562	480	76	72	4	6	467	420	43	40	3	4
13-15 years	180	150	30	27	3	-	133	111	16	14	2	6
16 years or more	183	153	27	23	4	3	115	98	14	10	4	3
Not stated	266	195	38	33	5	33	196	137	20	16	4	39
Not stated												
Total	845	689	117	100	17	39	198	159	21	20	1	18
0-8 years	7	6	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
9-11 years	129	100	28	25	3	1	21	19	2	2	-	-
12 years	322	282	36	31	5	4	81	71	8	8	-	2
13-15 years	199	169	29	25	4	1	30	26	3	3	-	1
16 years or more	67	59	8	6	2	-	17	12	3	2	1	2
Not stated	121	73	15	12	3	33	47	30	5	5	-	12
All ages												
Percent distribution												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
0-8 years	2.3	2.1	3.5	3.5	3.6	...	2.5	2.1	4.4	4.4	4.0	...
9-11 years	20.1	19.2	23.5	24.0	13.9	...	20.5	18.8	30.1	30.9	12.5	...
12 years	43.8	43.6	44.6	45.1	34.3	...	46.1	46.6	44.1	44.5	34.4	...
13-15 years	23.4	24.2	20.1	20.1	20.5	...	21.1	22.1	15.4	15.2	19.4	...
16 years or more	10.4	10.9	8.2	7.4	27.6	...	9.8	10.4	6.0	4.9	29.7	...
Under 15 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
0-8 years	67.4	63.7	72.0	72.0	*75.0	...	64.9	61.6	70.6	70.9	*50.0	...
9-11 years	32.6	36.3	28.0	28.0	*25.0	...	35.1	38.4	29.4	29.1	*50.0	...
12 years	-	-	-	-	-	...	-	-	-	-	-	...
13-15 years	-	-	-	-	-	...	-	-	-	-	-	...
16 years or more	-	-	-	-	-	...	-	-	-	-	-	...
15-19 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
0-8 years	1.9	1.7	2.6	2.6	3.5	...	1.7	1.5	3.4	3.4	-	...
9-11 years	39.6	38.4	45.6	45.6	43.0	...	40.0	37.9	54.3	54.9	30.8	...
12 years	42.5	43.4	38.3	38.4	34.9	...	44.5	46.1	33.7	33.3	51.3	...
13-15 years	15.8	16.3	13.3	13.2	17.4	...	13.5	14.3	8.5	8.3	17.9	...
16 years or more	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.2	...	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-	...
20-24 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
0-8 years	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	...	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.5	...
9-11 years	10.7	9.5	15.4	15.6	9.3	...	11.0	9.2	21.5	21.8	10.6	...
12 years	43.5	42.5	47.8	48.2	36.7	...	46.2	45.4	51.3	51.8	34.8	...
13-15 years	32.6	33.9	27.3	27.1	33.3	...	31.3	32.9	21.7	21.1	39.4	...
16 years or more	12.2	13.1	8.4	8.1	20.0	...	10.6	11.6	4.2	3.9	13.6	...
25-29 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
0-8 years	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.6	5.4	...	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.4	8.2	...
9-11 years	9.4	8.6	12.0	12.2	9.4	...	10.3	8.7	17.9	18.4	8.2	...
12 years	45.8	44.4	50.5	51.4	32.9	...	48.2	47.8	51.1	52.5	26.2	...
13-15 years	23.4	23.8	21.9	21.9	20.8	...	20.8	21.4	17.8	17.9	16.4	...
16 years or more	19.8	21.6	13.9	12.9	31.5	...	19.0	20.4	11.5	9.8	41.0	...

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age and educational attainment of woman, according to race of woman: 2-State area, 1977, and 4-State area, 1978—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and years of school completed	1978 ¹						1977 ²					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
Percent distribution												
30-34 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
0-8 years	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	4.0	...	2.7	2.4	3.9	3.6	6.6	...
9-11 years	10.8	9.4	15.9	16.6	9.7	...	11.2	9.4	20.4	21.8	8.2	...
12 years	46.9	46.3	48.8	50.1	36.3	...	49.0	49.5	48.1	49.7	34.4	...
13-15 years	20.4	21.5	16.7	17.5	8.9	...	17.5	17.7	15.1	15.7	9.8	...
16 years or more	19.3	20.2	16.0	13.4	41.1	...	19.6	20.9	12.4	9.1	41.0	...
35-39 years												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
0-8 years	3.5	3.4	4.2	4.5	1.6	...	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.3	-	...
9-11 years	12.4	11.4	15.9	17.2	3.1	...	11.8	10.2	21.4	22.9	9.1	...
12 years	49.6	50.1	48.3	50.2	29.7	...	49.7	50.6	45.0	46.4	33.3	...
13-15 years	17.7	18.4	15.3	15.3	15.6	...	16.7	17.8	11.5	12.1	6.1	...
16 years or more	16.8	16.8	16.3	12.9	50.0	...	17.8	17.5	18.2	14.3	51.5	...
40 years and over												
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
0-8 years	5.7	5.5	6.4	6.3	*7.7	...	5.4	5.1	6.9	7.7	-	...
9-11 years	13.4	11.6	22.5	23.6	*7.7	...	12.1	11.2	20.8	22.0	*10.0	...
12 years	49.2	50.8	40.6	41.4	*30.8	...	53.9	55.9	42.6	44.0	*30.0	...
13-15 years	15.7	15.9	16.0	15.5	*23.1	...	15.3	14.8	15.8	15.4	*20.0	...
16 years or more	16.0	16.2	14.4	13.2	*30.8	...	13.3	13.0	13.9	11.0	*40.0	...

¹The 4-State area in 1978 comprises New York (excluding New York City), South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

²The 2-State area in 1977 comprises New York (excluding New York City) and Vermont.

Table 9. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by type of procedure, according to period of gestation: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Year and type of procedure	Period of gestation ¹															
	All periods of gestation	8 weeks or less	9 weeks	10 weeks	11 weeks	12 weeks	13 weeks	14 weeks	15 weeks	16 weeks	17 weeks	18 weeks	19 weeks	20 weeks	21 weeks or more	Not stated
1978 ²																
	Number															
All procedures	175,588	82,696	27,738	23,194	16,419	9,489	4,609	2,496	1,622	1,432	1,226	1,254	992	586	1,085	750
Suction curettage	162,285	78,997	26,821	22,395	15,810	9,011	4,149	1,982	1,006	525	314	226	128	107	256	558
Sharp curettage	1,119	544	140	149	85	67	34	33	13	9	5	8	6	1	5	20
Saline instillation	3,773	60	30	48	75	109	165	196	273	437	474	547	518	285	541	15
Prostaglandin instillation	2,053	18	14	23	37	58	92	136	177	306	289	344	246	142	157	14
Hysterotomy	81	13	4	4	5	8	1	6	4	11	8	7	5	1	3	1
Hysterectomy	95	32	11	12	6	6	6	6	3	8	-	-	2	-	2	1
Other	2,068	1,076	77	64	59	64	83	98	123	105	99	81	56	28	47	8
Not stated	4,114	1,956	641	499	342	166	79	39	23	31	37	41	31	22	74	133
1977 ³																
All procedures	70,719	28,578	11,193	9,668	6,760	4,238	2,053	1,245	965	1,144	1,037	1,146	911	515	899	367
Suction curettage	58,664	25,842	10,366	8,956	6,160	3,731	1,649	758	399	241	139	93	50	33	69	178
Sharp curettage	3,153	1,237	486	391	334	245	145	108	79	55	23	19	8	1	7	15
Saline instillation	4,390	50	30	45	67	86	135	204	306	524	562	710	645	354	666	6
Prostaglandin instillation	1,476	26	8	15	23	53	62	107	126	237	232	242	148	88	103	6
Hysterotomy	82	17	3	5	3	9	6	8	7	8	5	5	3	3	-	-
Hysterectomy	81	21	7	3	8	10	2	6	2	9	4	4	5	-	-	-
Other	1,487	943	110	84	62	31	27	27	30	32	34	25	26	19	35	2
Not stated	1,386	442	183	169	103	73	27	27	16	38	38	48	26	17	19	160
1978 ²																
	Percent distribution															
All procedures	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Suction curettage	94.6	97.8	99.0	98.7	98.3	96.7	91.6	80.7	62.9	37.5	26.4	18.6	13.3	19.0	25.3	...
Sharp curettage	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5	...
Saline instillation	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.2	3.6	8.0	17.1	31.2	39.9	45.1	53.9	50.5	53.5	...
Prostaglandin instillation	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	2.0	5.5	11.1	21.8	24.3	28.4	25.6	25.2	15.5	...
Hysterotomy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	...
Hysterectomy	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	-	-	0.2	-	0.2	...
Other	1.2	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.8	4.0	7.7	7.5	8.3	6.7	5.8	5.0	4.6	...
1977 ³																
All procedures	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Suction curettage	84.6	91.8	94.2	94.3	92.5	89.6	81.4	62.2	42.0	21.8	13.9	8.5	5.6	6.6	7.8	...
Sharp curettage	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1	5.0	5.9	7.2	8.9	8.3	5.0	2.3	1.7	0.9	0.2	0.8	...
Saline instillation	6.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.0	2.1	6.7	16.7	32.2	47.4	56.3	64.7	72.9	71.1	75.7	...
Prostaglandin instillation	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.3	3.1	8.8	13.3	21.4	23.2	22.0	16.7	17.7	11.7	...
Hysterotomy	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	-	...	
Hysterectomy	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.6	-	...	
Other	2.1	3.4	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	2.2	3.2	2.9	3.4	2.3	2.9	3.8	4.0	...

¹Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "Date last normal menses began" and "Physician's estimate of gestation."

²The 8-State area in 1978 comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

³The 5-State area in 1977 comprises Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, and Vermont.

Table 10. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by period of gestation, according to race of woman: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation ¹	1978 ²						1977 ³					
	All races	White	All other			Not stated	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races				Total	Black	Other races	
	Number											
All periods of gestation . . .	175,588	125,815	44,447	35,278	9,169	5,326	70,719	59,949	9,004	8,210	794	1,766
8 weeks or less	82,696	57,885	22,342	16,727	5,615	2,469	28,578	24,504	3,293	2,928	365	781
9 weeks	27,738	20,330	6,511	5,288	1,223	397	11,193	9,692	1,233	1,126	107	268
10 weeks	23,194	16,976	5,529	4,582	947	689	9,668	8,259	1,194	1,102	92	215
11 weeks	16,419	12,007	3,875	3,273	602	537	6,760	5,754	845	775	70	161
12 weeks	9,489	6,876	2,325	1,955	370	288	4,238	3,522	649	597	52	67
13 weeks	4,609	3,303	1,176	1,015	161	130	2,053	1,657	356	331	25	40
14 weeks	2,496	1,839	606	525	81	51	1,245	998	231	215	16	16
15 weeks	1,622	1,184	406	369	37	32	965	780	176	164	12	9
16 weeks	1,432	1,071	336	305	31	25	1,144	917	212	201	11	15
17 weeks	1,226	964	244	237	7	18	1,037	852	166	153	13	19
18 weeks	1,254	976	258	244	14	20	1,146	924	204	188	16	18
19 weeks	992	743	232	217	15	17	911	723	175	170	5	13
20 weeks	586	449	121	113	8	16	515	427	86	82	4	2
21 weeks or more	1,085	833	208	190	18	44	899	743	150	147	3	6
Not stated	750	379	278	238	40	93	367	197	34	31	3	136
	Percent distribution											
All periods of gestation . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
8 weeks or less	47.3	46.1	50.6	47.7	61.5	...	40.5	41.0	36.7	35.8	46.1	...
9 weeks	15.9	16.2	14.7	15.1	13.4	...	15.9	16.2	13.7	13.8	13.5	...
10 weeks	13.3	13.5	12.5	13.1	10.4	...	13.7	13.8	13.3	13.5	11.6	...
11 weeks	9.4	9.6	8.8	9.3	6.6	...	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.5	8.8	...
12 weeks	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.6	4.1	...	6.0	5.9	7.2	7.3	6.6	...
13 weeks	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9	1.8	...	2.9	2.8	4.0	4.0	3.2	...
14 weeks	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.9	...	1.8	1.7	2.6	2.6	2.0	...
15 weeks	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.4	...	1.4	1.3	2.0	2.0	1.5	...
16 weeks	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.3	...	1.6	1.5	2.4	2.5	1.4	...
17 weeks	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.1	...	1.5	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.6	...
18 weeks	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.2	...	1.6	1.5	2.3	2.3	2.0	...
19 weeks	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.2	...	1.3	1.2	2.0	2.1	0.6	...
20 weeks	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	...	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.5	...
21 weeks or more	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	...	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.8	0.4	...

¹Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "Date last normal menses began" and "Physician's estimate of gestation."

²The 8-State area in 1978 comprises Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

³The 5-State area in 1977 comprises Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, and Vermont.

Technical notes

Nature and sources of data

Data in this report are based on information for five States in 1977—Kansas, Nebraska, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, and Vermont—and for an additional three States in 1978—Illinois, South Carolina, and Tennessee. These areas provided data on magnetic tape for individual events coded from copies of the original reports of induced termination of pregnancy. These data were provided to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) through the vital statistics cooperative program. Two other sources currently provide information on induced abortions—the Centers for Disease Control, which is also a component of the U.S. Public Health Service as is NCHS, and the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a private organization.

Item completeness

Item completeness (measured by the percent of records with codes other than those not stated) is shown in table I for the varying number of States included in the analysis of each item. States were excluded from analysis if information was not collected on the item or if the reporting of an item was incomplete.

Classification of data

Procedures used for coding and classifying the items on the Report of Induced Termination of

Pregnancy form are described in the NCHS *Vital Statistics Instruction Manual*, Part 10, “Classification and Coding Instructions for Induced Termination of Pregnancy Records, 1978.”⁴ Codes for geographic areas are described in Part 8, “Vital Records Geographic Classification, 1970 (revised 1975).”⁵ Additional information on the classification of selected items can be found in the Technical Appendix, *Vital Statistics of the United States, Vol. I*.

Definitions of types of procedures used may be found in the publication, *Legalized Abortion and the Public Health*.⁶

Ratios, percents, means, and medians

Measures of incidence in this report are based on ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy to live births. These ratios refer to the number of induced terminations and live births occurring in the reporting area to residents of the reporting area. In the computation of ratios, not stated cases have been distributed according to the known proportion for a particular characteristic.

In the computation of percent distributions, means, and medians, not stated cases are excluded. Proportional allocation of not stated cases in computing these measures would yield exactly the same results. Data are shown with an asterisk (*) when the base of the measure includes less than 20 events.

NOTE: A list of references follows the text.

Table I. Percent completeness for items on reporting form: 5-State area, 1977, and 8-State area, 1978

Year	Facility	Age	Marital status ¹	Period of gestation	Race	Educational ²	Pre-vious live births ³	Pre-vious induced termination	Proce-dure
Percent completeness									
1978	97.6	98.0	98.6	99.6	97.0	91.1	95.0	94.7	97.7
1977	100.0	99.7	99.1	99.5	97.5	90.0	82.6	85.5	98.0

¹Percent in 1977 based on 4 States (Kansas, Nebraska, Oregon, and Vermont); percent in 1978 based on 7 States (Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont).

²Percent in 1977 based on 2 States (New York [excluding New York City] and Vermont); percent in 1978 based on 4 States (New York [excluding New York City], South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont).

³Percent in 1977 based on 4 States (Kansas, Nebraska, New York [excluding New York City], and Vermont); percent in 1978 based on 8 States (Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New York [excluding New York City], Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont).

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