

Table 100. Abortions by Selected Characteristics: 1990 to 2005

[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	2005	1990	2000	2005	1990	2000	2005
Total abortions	1,609	1,313	1,206	100.0	100.0	100.0	27.4	21.3	19.4
Age of woman:									
Less than 15 years old ¹	13	9	7	0.8	0.7	0.6	7.9	4.4	3.2
15 to 19 years old	351	235	196	21.8	17.9	16.2	40.6	24.0	19.1
20 to 24 years old	532	430	396	33.1	32.7	32.8	56.7	45.9	38.9
25 to 29 years old	360	303	287	22.4	23.0	23.7	34.0	31.8	29.2
30 to 34 years old	216	190	179	13.4	14.5	14.8	19.7	18.6	18.0
35 to 39 years old	108	110	104	6.7	8.4	8.7	10.7	9.7	10.0
40 years old and over ²	29	37	38	1.8	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3
Race and ethnicity of woman:									
White	1,039	733	662	64.6	55.8	54.9	21.5	15.0	13.6
Black	505	488	452	31.4	37.2	37.5	63.9	54.8	49.3
Other	65	92	92	4.0	7.0	7.6	25.1	24.4	21.9
Hispanic	195	261	263	12.1	19.8	21.8	35.1	30.3	26.5
Non-Hispanic White	852	479	415	52.9	36.5	34.4	19.7	11.7	10.5
Marital status of woman: ³									
Married	341	246	208	21.0	19.0	17.2	10.6	7.9	6.9
Unmarried	1,268	1,067	999	79.0	81.0	82.8	47.7	34.9	31.0
Number of prior live births:									
None	780	533	491	49.0	41.0	41.0	32.0	20.2	(NA)
One	396	361	321	25.0	28.0	27.0	36.9	32.5	(NA)
Two	280	260	241	17.0	20.0	20.0	20.5	18.9	(NA)
Three	102	104	100	6.0	8.0	8.0	15.6	14.8	(NA)
Four or more	50	56	53	3.0	4.0	4.0	14.7	16.5	(NA)
Number of prior induced abortions:									
None	891	699	644	55.0	53.0	53.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
One	443	355	321	28.0	27.0	27.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Two or more	275	259	241	17.0	20.0	20.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Weeks of gestation:									
Less than 9 weeks	825	749	728	51.3	57.1	60.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
9 to 10 weeks	416	269	217	25.8	20.5	18.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
11 to 12 weeks	195	138	118	12.1	10.5	9.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
13 weeks or more	173	156	142	10.8	11.9	11.8	(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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