

**A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA, 1999 & 2000<sup>1</sup>**

	<u>1999</u>		<u>2000</u>	
<u>Total abortions reported:</u>	12,008	(100 %)	11,384	(100 %)
<b><u>Reasons :</u></b>				
<i>Rape/Incest</i>	1	( 0.01%)	1	( 0.01%)
<b>Risk of fetal deformity</b>	9	( 0.08%)	13	( 0.11%)
<b>Physical health</b>	16	( 0.13%)	14	( 0.12%)
<b>Mental Health</b>	77	( 1.6 %)	140	( 1.2 %)
<b>Other</b>	258	( 2.1 %)	192	( 1.7 %)
<i>Unknown</i>	11,647	( 97.0 %)	11,024	( 96.8 %)
<b><u>Mother's Age</u></b>				
< 15	103	( 0.8 %)	115	( 1.0 %)
15-19	2,234	( 18.6 %)	2,045	( 18.0 %)
20-24	4,253	( 35.4 %)	4,133	( 36.3 %)
25-29	2,761	( 23.0 %)	2,618	( 23.0 %)
30-34	1,435	( 12.0 %)	1,364	( 12.0 %)
> 35	1,152	( 9.6 %)	1,109	( 9.7 %)
<b><u>Baby's Age and Method of Abortion:</u></b>				
<b><u>Suction curettage:</u></b>				
All	10,367	( 86.2 %)	9,562	( 84.0 %)
16 weeks and under <sup>2</sup>	9,835	( 81.9 %)	9,117	( 80.0 %)
17-20 weeks	263	( 2.2 %)	220	( 1.9 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	167	( 1.4 %)	151	( 1.5 %)
<b><u>"Dilatation &amp; Evacuation:"</u></b>				
All		3	773	( 6.8 %)
16 week and under <sup>2</sup>		3	387	( 3.4 %)
17-20 weeks		3	211	( 1.8 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over		3	153	( 1.3 %)
<b><u>"Unknown" plus "Other:"</u><sup>3</sup></b>				
All	1,398	( 11.6 %)	1,027	( 9.0 %)
16 weeks and under	1,032	( 8.6 %)	982	( 3.6 %)
17-20 weeks	194	( 1.6 %)	21	( 0.2 %)
21 weeks and over	159	( 1.3 %)	5	( 0 %)

<sup>1</sup> Source: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. All percentages in relation to total number of abortions for each year.

<sup>2</sup> Listed as "8-16 weeks" in 1999.

<sup>3</sup> "Dilatation & Evacuation" for 1999 included with "Unknown" plus "Other" group.