

**A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA, 2001 & 2002** (latest available 1/16/04)<sup>1</sup>

	<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>	
<b><u>Total abortions reported:</u></b>	<b>10,932</b>	<b>(100 %)</b>	<b>10,451</b>	<b>(100 %)</b>
<b><u>Reasons :</u></b>				
<i>Rape/Incest</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>( 0 %)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>( 0 %)</i>
<b>Risk of fetal deformity</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>( 0.09%)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>( 0.07%)</b>
<b>Physical health</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>( 0.07%)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>( 0.03%)</b>
<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>( 0.48%)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>( 0.35%)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>( 1.3 %)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>( 0.17%)</b>
<i>Unknown</i>	<i>10,718</i>	<i>( 98.0 %)</i>	<i>10,386</i>	<i>( 99.4 %)</i>
<b><u>Mother's Age</u></b>				
< 15	85	( 0.8 %)	97	( 0.9 %)
15-19	1,868	( 17.1 %)	1,765	( 16.9 %)
20-24	4,001	( 36.6 %)	3,794	( 36.3 %)
25-29	2,611	( 23.9 %)	2,430	( 23.2 %)
30-34	1,378	( 12.6 %)	1,325	( 12.7 %)
> 35	951	( 8.7 %)	970	( 9.3 %)
<b><u>Baby's Age and Method of Abortion:</u></b>				
<b><u>Suction curettage:</u></b>				
All	9,462	( 86.6 %)	9,411	( 90.0 %)
16 weeks and under	8,981	( 82.2 %)	8,932	( 85.5 %)
17-20 weeks	188	( 1.7 %)	153	( 2.7 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	153	( 1.5 %)	187	( 1.5 %)
<b><u>"Dilatation &amp; Evacuation:"</u></b>				
All	816	( 7.5 %)	295	( 2.8 %)
16 weeks and under	451	( 4.1 %)	58	( 0.56%)
17-20 weeks	225	( 2.1 %)	128	( 1.2 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	140	( 1.3 %)	109	( 1.0 %)
<b><u>"Unknown" (ca. 2/3) and "Other" (ca. 1/3):</u></b>				
All	443	( 4.0 %)	669	( 6.4 %)
16 weeks and under	393	( 3.6 %)	550	( 5.3 %)
17-20 weeks	15	( 0.14%)	48	( 0.46%)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	0	( 0 %)	0	( 0 %)

<sup>1</sup> Source: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. All percentages in relation to total number of abortions for each year. Known Non-white/White proportions of abortions performed: 2001, 54.9%/35.9%; 2002, 54.5%/39.8%.