

**A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA, 2002 & 2003** (latest available 4/12/05)<sup>1</sup>

	<u>2002</u>		<u>2003</u>	
<b><u>Total abortions reported:</u></b>	<b>10,451</b>	(100 %)	<b>10,642</b>	(100 %)
<b><u>Reasons:</u></b>				
<i>Rape/Incest</i>	<b>0</b>	( <b>0</b> %)	<b>0</b>	( <b>0</b> %)
<b>Risk of fetal deformity</b>	<b>7</b>	( 0.07%)	<b>0</b>	( 0 %)
<b>Physical health</b>	<b>3</b>	( 0.03%)	<b>&lt; 5<sup>2</sup></b>	( < 0.05%)
<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>37</b>	( 0.35%)	<b>27</b>	( 0.25%)
<b>Other</b>	<b>18</b>	( 0.17%)	<b>10</b>	( 0.09%)
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>10,386</b>	( <b>99.4</b> %)	<b>10,604</b>	( <b>99.6</b> %)
<b><u>Mother's Age</u></b>				
< 15	<b>97</b>	( 0.9 %)	<b>103</b>	( 1.0 %)
15-19	<b>1,765</b>	( 16.9 %)	<b>1,767</b>	( 16.6 %)
20-24	<b>3,794</b>	( 36.3 %)	<b>3,899</b>	( 36.6 %)
25-29	<b>2,430</b>	( 23.2 %)	<b>2,475</b>	( 23.3 %)
30-34	<b>1,325</b>	( 12.7 %)	<b>1,356</b>	( 12.7 %)
> 35	<b>970</b>	( 9.3 %)	<b>970</b>	( 9.1 %)
<b><u>Baby's Age and Method of Abortion:</u></b>				
<b><u>Suction curettage:</u></b>				
All	<b>9,411</b>	( <b>90.0</b> %)	<b>9,347</b>	( <b>87.8</b> %)
16 weeks and under	<b>8,932</b>	( 85.5 %)	<b>8,765</b>	( 82.4 %)
17-20 weeks	<b>228</b>	( 2.2 %)	<b>284</b>	( 2.7 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	<b>153</b>	( 1.5 %)	<b>187</b>	( 1.8 %)
<b><u>"Dilatation &amp; Evacuation:"</u></b>				
All	<b>295</b>	( <b>2.8</b> %)	<b>337</b>	( <b>3.2</b> %)
16 weeks and under	<b>58</b>	( 0.6 %)	<b>100-116</b>	(0.9-1.1%) <sup>2,3</sup>
17-20 weeks	<b>128</b>	( 1.2 %)	<b>112</b>	( 1.0 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	<b>109</b>	( <b>1.0</b> %)	<b>81</b>	( <b>0.8</b> %)
<b><u>"Unknown" and Other:</u></b>				
All	<b>669</b>	( <b>6.4</b> %)	<b>941</b>	( <b>8.8</b> %)
16 weeks and under	<b>550</b>	( 5.3 %)	<b>860-892<sup>2,3</sup></b>	(8.1-8.4%) <sup>2,3</sup>
17-20 weeks	<b>48</b>	( 0.5 %)	<b>&lt; 30<sup>2</sup></b>	( < 0.3 %) <sup>2</sup>
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	<b>0</b>	( 0 %)	<b>&lt; 5<sup>2</sup></b>	( < 0.05%) <sup>2</sup>

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

Known non-white/white proportions of abortions performed: 2002, 54.5%/39.8%; 2003, 52.8%/40.6%.

<sup>2</sup> One or more component sub-groupings indicated uncertain "number less than 5."

<sup>3</sup> Figure cited assigns value of 4 to each uncertain component; this is reflected in cited range *maximum*.