

A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA, 2004 & 2005 (latest available 10/08)¹

	<u>2004</u>		<u>2005</u>	
Total Abortions Reported:	11,224	(100 %)	8,860²	(100 %)
<u>Parish where Done</u>				
Bossier	949	(8.4 %)	1,067	(12.0 %)
Caddo	2,651	(23.6 %)	2,818	(31.8 %)
E. Baton Rouge	1,443	(12.8 %)	1,006	(11.4 %)
Jefferson	2,575	(22.9 %)	1,922	(21.7 %)
Orleans	3,404	(30.3 %)	2,047	(23.1 %)

Reason as Reported:

<i>Rape/Incest</i>	1	(0.01%)	1-2*	(<0.02%)
Risk of fetal deformity	2	(0.02%)	1-2*	(<0.02%)
Physical health	9	(0.08%)	15	(0.18%)
Mental Health	1	(0.01%)	30	(0.35%)
Other	182	(1.6 %)	157	(1.8 %)
Unknown	11,029	(98.3 %)	8,351	(97.6 %)

<u>Mother's Age:</u>				
< 15	103	(0.9 %)	75	(0.9 %)
15-19	1,855	(16.5 %)	1,325	(15.5 %)
20-24	4,048	(36.1 %)	2,895	(33.8 %)
25-29	2,672	(23.8 %)	2,034	(23.8 %)
30-34	1,410	(12.6 %)	1,044	(12.2 %)
> 34	983	(8.8 %)	829	(9.7 %)

Baby's (Known) Gestational Age:

12 weeks and under	8,850	(78.8 %)	6,868 +/- 2*	(80.3 %)
13-20 weeks	1,863	(16.6 %)	1,334 +/- 5*	(15.6 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) or over	358	(3.2 %)	297	(3.5 %)

Baby's Age and Method of Abortion:

Suction curettage:

All	9,635	(85.8 %)	7,304	(85.4 %)
16 weeks and under	8,892	(79.2 %)	6,661	(77.8 %)
17-20 weeks	378	(3.4 %)	332	(3.9 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	247	(2.2 %)	254	(3.0 %)

"Dilatation & Evacuation:"

All	357	(3.2 %)	- -**	- -**
16 weeks and under	115	(1.0 %)	2 +/- 1*	(< 0.02%)
17-20 weeks	135	(1.2 %)	49	(0.6 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	107	(0.95%)	40	(0.5 %)

"Unknown" and Other:

All	1,216	(10.8 %)	- -**	- -**
16 weeks and under	1,209	(10.8 %)	1,014 +/- 3*	(11.8 %)
17-20 weeks	5	(0.04%)	4 +/- 2*	(0.05%)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	4	(0.04%)	0	-

¹ 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: 2004, 53.7/37.1. Reporting of 2005 data, which are still preliminary as of 10/08, was delayed due to catastrophic hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

² The marked fall in overall abortions reported from 2004 to 2005 (23.8%) is with little doubt due primarily to population flights out of state caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, as also partially reflected in totals for parish where done.

* Number uncertain due to DHH suppression for confidentiality purposes.

** Not provided (obscured) by DHH.