

A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR THE U.S.A., 1997 & 1998¹

(Extracted from latest available Centers for Disease Control and Prevention compilation of abortions reported for each year, as released 6/7/02 (1998))

	1997		1998
<u>Total abortions reported:</u>	1,184,760		1,168,128
 <u>Mother's age in years:</u>			
<= 19	20.1 %		19.8 %
20-24	31.7 %		31.8 %
>= 25	48.2 %		48.4 %
 <u>Mother's marital status:</u>			
married	19.0 %		18.9 %
unmarried	81.0 %		81.1 %
 <u>Previous live births:</u>			
0	42.2 %		41.1 %
1	27.6 %		27.9 %
2	19.1 %		19.6 %
>= 3	11.1 %		11.4 %
 <u>Method of abortion:</u>			
Suction curettage:	97.7 %	(1,157,510)	95.6 % (1,130,748)
Other:	2.3 %	(27,250)	3.2% (37,380)
 <u>Aborted baby's age in weeks:¹</u>			
<= 8	56.5 %	(639,390)	55.7 % (650,647)
9-12	31.5 %	(373,200)	32.4 % (378,473)
13-20	10.7 %	(126,770)	10.5 % (122,653)
>=21	1.4 %	(16,590)	1.4 % (16,354)
 <u>Maternal deaths (legalized):</u>			
(Annual mean death rate of 1972-2000 totaled 470)		16.8	16.8

¹ Statistically adjusted to correct for refusal/failure of AK, CA, NH & OK to report the number of abortions performed during 1999-2002. These states totaled a mean of 24.7% of all U.S. abortions performed during each of their last 3 reporting years, 1995-1997.