

A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR THE U.S.A., 1999 & 2000¹

(Extracted from latest available Centers for Disease Control and Prevention compilation of abortions reported for each year, as released 11/29/02 and 11/28/03, respectively)

	1999		2000	
<u>Total abortions reported:</u>	1,074,650		1,128,257¹	
Per 1,000 live births	256		245	
Percent of conceived	20.4%		19.7%	
 <u>Mother's age in years:</u>				
<= 19	19.2 %		18.8 %	
20-24	32.2 %		32.8 %	
>= 25	48.6 %		48.4 %	
 <u>Mother's marital status:</u>				
married	19.2 %		18.7 %	
unmarried	80.8 %		81.3 %	
 <u>Previous live births:</u>				
0	40.6 %		40.0 %	
1	27.9 %		27.7 %	
2	19.8 %		20.1 %	
>= 3	11.7 %		12.2 %	
 <u>Method of abortion:</u>				
Suction curettage:	96.0 %	(1,031,604)	95.6 %	(1,078,614)
Sharp curettage:	2.2 %	(23,642)	2.3 %	(25,950)
Other:	1.8 %	(19,344)	1.7%	(19,180)
[Non-surgical	0.01%	(6,278)	1.4 %	(15,796) ²
 <u>Aborted baby's age in weeks:¹</u>				
<= 8	57.6 %	(618,998)	58.1 %	(655,517)
9-12	30.4 %	(326,694)	29.8 %	(336,221)
13-20	10.7 %	(114,988)	10.5 %	(118,467)
>=21	1.5 %	(16,120) ²	1.4 %	(15,796) ³
 <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 to report the number of abortions performed during 1999-2002. These states totaled a mean of 24% of all U.S. abortions performed during each of their last 3 reporting years, 1995-1997. In 1998, the adjusted figure reported was 1,168,128. Corresponding values for racial groups (adequately reporting states): 1999 – White, 177/1000 (15.0%); Black, 529/1000 (34.6%); Other, 367/1000 (26.8%). 2000 – White, 167/1000 (14.3%); Black, 503/1000 (33.5%); Other, 329/1000 (24.8%).

² Denominator of 816,734, the total in 1999 from reporting states, i.e. excluding AK, CA, NH.

³ Denominator of 857,475, the total in 2000 from reporting states, i.e. excluding AK, CA, NH.