

A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR THE U.S.A., 2001 & 2002¹

(Extracted from latest available Centers for Disease Control and Prevention compilation of abortions reported for each year, as released 11/25/05)

| | 2001 | 2002 |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>Total abortions reported:</u> | 1,123,006¹ | 1,123,845¹ |
| Per 1,000 live births ² | 246 | 246 |
| Percent of conceived | 19.7% | 19.7 % |
| <u>Mother's age in years:</u> | | |
| <= 19 | 18.1 % | 17.5 % |
| 20-24 | 33.4 % | 33.4 % |
| >= 25 | 48.5 % | 49.1 % |
| <u>Mother's marital status:</u> | | |
| married | 18.4 % | 18.1 % |
| unmarried | 81.6 | 81.9 % |
| <u>Previous live births:</u> | | |
| 0 | 45.2 % | 40.0 % |
| 1 | 25.2 % | 27.3 % |
| 2 | 18.4 % | 20.2 % |
| >= 3 | 11.2 % | 12.5 % |
| <u>Method of abortion:</u> | | |
| Suction curettage: | 92.8 % (1,042,150) | 90.9 % (1,011,460) |
| Sharp curettage: | 2.7 % (30,321) | 2.4 % (26,972) |
| Other: | 4.5 % (50,535) | 7.6 % (85,412) |
| [Non-surgical | 2.3 % (20,093)³ | 4.0 % (45,008)⁴ |
| <u>Aborted baby's age in weeks:¹</u> | | |
| <= 8 | 59.1 % (663,696) | 60.5 % (679,926) |
| 9-12 | 29.9 % (325,672) | 28.0 % (314,677) |
| 13-20 | 10.5 % (117,916) | 10.1 % (113,508) |
| >=21 | 1.4 % (15,722) | 1.4 % (15,734) |
| <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 2000, the adjusted figure reported was 1,128,257, or 245 per 1,000 live births (19.7% of conceived).

² Overall mean (excluding AK, CA & NH). Corresponding values for racial groups (adequately reporting states): 2001 – White, 165/1000 births (14.2% of conceived); Black, 491/1000 (32.9%); Other, 376/1000 (27.3%). 2002 – White, 164/1000 (14.1%); Black, 495/1000 (33.1%); Other, 357/1000 (26.3%) [Hispanic, 233/1000 (18.9%)]

³ Denominator of 853,485, the total in 2001 from reporting states, i.e. excluding AK, CA, NH

⁴ Denominator of 854,122, the total in 2002 from reporting states, i.e. excluding AK, CA, NH.