

## A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR THE U.S.A., 2003 & 2004<sup>1</sup>

(Extracted from latest available Centers for Disease Control and Prevention compilation of abortions reported for each year, as released November 23, 2007)

	<b>2003</b>		<b>2004</b>	
<b><u>Total abortions reported:</u></b>	<b>1,116,562<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>1,104,797<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>Per 1,000 live births<sup>2</sup></b>	241		238	
<b>As percent of births expected</b>	19.7%		19.2%	
 <b><u>Mother's age in years:</u></b>				
<= 19	17.5 %		16.9%	
20-24	33.5 %		32.9%	
>= 25	49.1 %		50.2%	
 <b><u>Mother's marital status:</u></b>				
married	17.9 %		17.4%	
unmarried	82.1 %		82.6%	
 <b><u>Previous live births:</u></b>				
0	40.2 %		39.7%	
1	27.1 %		26.4%	
2	20.1 %		19.5%	
>= 3	12.1 %		14.4%	
 <b><u>Method of abortion:</u></b>				
Suction curettage:	90.7 %	(1,004,905)	89.5%	( 988,793)
Other:	7.6 %	( 101,607)	1.1%	( 12,153)
[Non-surgical], "Medical"	[4.0 %	( 55,408)] <sup>3</sup>	9.3%	( 102,746) <sup>3</sup>
 <b><u>Aborted baby's age in weeks:</u><sup>1</sup></b>				
<= 8	60.5 %	( 675,520)	61.2%	( 676,136)
9-12	27.7 %	( 309,288)	27.1%	( 299,400)
13-20	10.4%	( 116,122)	10.4%	( 114,899)
>=21	1.4 %	( 15,632)	1.4%	( 15,467)

**Maternal deaths: 1972-2003 total = 496: legal abortions, 386; illegal and unknown, 109. Total for 2003 = 10**

<sup>1</sup> Statistically adjusted to correct for refusal/failure of the scofflaw/refusenik states of CA, NH & WVA to report the number of abortions performed during 2003 and 2004. CA and NH accounted for a mean of 24% of all U.S. abortions performed during each of their last 3 reporting years, 1995-1997. WVA totaled a mean of 0.21% of abortions performed during 2000-2002. In 2002, the adjusted figure reported was 1,123,805 abortions, or 246 per 1,000 live births, i.e. 19.7 % of births expected (abortions per 1,000 live births divided by the sum of abortions per 1,000 live births plus 1,000 live births, times 100).

<sup>2</sup> Overall mean (excluding CA, NH & WVA in 2003 and 2004). In 2002, the adjusted figures reported were 1,123,805, and 246 per 1,000 live births, or 19.7 % of births expected (abortions per 1,000 live births divided by the sum of 1,000 live births plus abortions per 1,000 live births, times 100). Corresponding values for racial groups (adequately reporting states): 2003 – White, 165/1000 (14.2% of expected); Black, 491/1000 (32.9%); Other, 347/1000 (25.8%); Hispanic, 228/1000 (18.6%). 2004 – White, 161/1000 births (13.9%); Black, 472/1000 (32.0%); Other, 330/1000 (24.8%); Hispanic, 211/1,000 (17.4%).

<sup>3</sup> Denominators of 848,163 (2003) and 839,266 (2004), the respective totals from reporting states, i.e. excluding CA, NH, WVA.