

## *A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR THE U.S.A., 2004 & 2005<sup>1</sup>*

*(Extracted from latest available Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) compilation of abortions reported\* for each year, updated November 28, 2008)*

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b><u>Total abortions reported:</u></b>	<b>1,104,797<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,025,847<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Per 1,000 live births<sup>2</sup></b>	238	233
<b>As percent of births expected</b>	19.2 %	18.9 %
 <b><u>Mother's age in years:</u></b>		
<= 19	16.9 %	17.1 %
20-24	32.9 %	32.8 %
>= 25	50.2 %	50.1 %
 <b><u>Mother's marital status:</u></b>		
married	17.4 %	16.9 %
unmarried	82.6 %	83.1 %
 <b><u>Previous live births:</u></b>		
0	39.7 %	41.0 %
1	26.4 %	26.6 %
2	19.5 %	19.8 %
>= 3	14.4 %	12.6 %
 <b><u>Method of abortion:</u></b>		
Suction curettage:	89.5 % ( 988,793)	86.2 % ( 884,280)
Other:	10.8 % ( 119,318)	12.1 % ( 124,127)
[“Non-surgical,” 2004]	[9.3 % ( 102,746)] <sup>3</sup>	
[“Medical,” 2005]		9.9 % ( 101,559) <sup>3</sup>
 <b><u>Aborted baby's age in weeks:<sup>1</sup></u></b>		
<= 8	61.2 % ( 676,136)	62.1 % ( 637,050)
9-12	27.1 % ( 299,400)	26.4 % ( 270,824)
13-20	10.4% ( 114,899)	10.1 % ( 103,610)
>=21	1.4 % ( 15,467)	1.4% ( 14,362)

**Maternal deaths: 1972-2004 total = 503: legal abortions, 392; illegal + unknown, 110. Total for 2004 = 7**

<sup>1</sup> Statistically adjusted to correct for failure of the refusenik states of CA, NH & WVA to report the number of abortions performed during 2004, and of CA & NH for 2005. (CA & NH accounted for a mean of 24% of all U.S. abortions done during each of their last 3 reporting years, 1995-1997; WVA totaled a mean of 0.21% of abortions performed during 2000-2002). In 2003, the adjusted figure reported was 1,116,562 abortions. Adjusted total for 2005 includes Katrina-reduced LA total of 8,860, not timely reported to the CDC. Ratios based on states reporting data.

<sup>2</sup> Overall mean (excluding CA, NH & WVA in 2004 and CA, NH & LA in 2005). In 2003, the adjusted figure reported was 241 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): 2004 – White, 161/1000 births (13.9% of expected); Black, 472/1000 (32.0%); Other, 330/1000 (24.8%); Hispanic, 211/1,000 (17.4%). B:O:H:W ratio = 2.9 : 2.0 : 1.3 : 1. 2005 – White, 158/1000 (13.6% of expected); Black, 467/1000 (31.8%); Other, 319/1000 (24.2%); Hispanic, 205/1000 (17.0%). B:O:H:W ratio = 3 : 2.0 : 1.3 : 1]

<sup>3</sup> Basis of reported denominators of 839,226 (2004) and 820,151 (2005), times adjusted abortion totals for each year.

\* The CDC acknowledges (11/27/09) that its reported abortion figures are lower than the actual numbers by <= 11%.

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