

A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR THE U.S.A., 2005 & 2006¹

(Extracted from latest available Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) compilation of abortions reported² for each year, as released November 28, 2008 and November 27, 2009, respectively)

	2005	2006
Total abortions reported:	1,025,847¹	1,055,394¹
Per 1,000 live births³	233	236
As percent of births expected	18.9 %	19.1 %
 <u>Mother's age in years:</u>		
<= 19	17.1 %	16.8 %
20-24	32.8 %	32.7 %
>= 25	50.1 %	50.4 %
 <u>Mother's marital status:</u>		
married	16.9 %	16.5 %
unmarried	83.1 %	83.5 %
 <u>Previous live births (2005 and earlier):</u>		
0	41.0 %	0 55.2 %
1	26.6 %	1 25.5 %
2	19.8 %	2 11.2 %
>= 3	12.6 %	>= 3 8.0 %
 <u>Method of abortion:</u>		
Suction curettage:	86.2 % (884,280)	87.6 % (924,525)
Other:	12.1 % (124,127)	12.4 % (130,869)
"Medical,"⁴	9.9 % (101,559)³	10.6 % (111,872)
 <u>Aborted baby's age in weeks:¹</u>		
<= 8	62.1 % (637,051)	62.0 % (654,344)
9-12	26.4 % (270,824)	26.4 % (278,624)
13-20	10.1 % (103,610)	10.2 % (107,650)
>=21	1.4% (14,362)	1.3 % (13,720)

Maternal deaths: 1972-2005 total = 511: legal abortions = 400; illegal + unknown = 110. Total for 2005 = 7
Ratio legal : illegal = 3.6

¹ Statistically adjusted to correct for failure of the refusenik states of CA & NH to report the number of abortions performed during 2005-6. CA & NH accounted for a mean of 24% of all U.S. abortions done during each of their last 3 reporting years, 1995-1997. In 2004, the adjusted figure reported was 1,104,797 abortions. Totals for 2005 and 2006 include Katrina-reduced LA totals of 8,860 and 6,204, respectively, not timely reported to the CDC. Ratios based on totals from states reporting data.

² The CDC acknowledges (11/27/09) that its reported abortion figures are lower than actual numbers by >= 11%.

³ Overall mean (excluding CA, NH & LA in 2005-2006). In 2004, the adjusted figure reported was 238 per 1,000 live births, or 19.2 % 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): **2005** – *White*, 158/1000 births (13.6% of expected); *Black*, 467/1000 (31.8%); *Other*, 319/1000 (24.2%); *Hispanic*, 205/1,000 (17.0%). *B:O:H:W* ratio = 3 : 2.0 : 1.3 : 1. **2006** – *White*, 162/1000 births (13.9% of expected); *Black*, 459 /1000 (31.4%); *Other*, 310/1000 (23.7%); *Hispanic*, 200/1000 (16.7%). *B:O:H:W* ratio = 2.8 : 1.9 : 1.3 : 1.

⁴ Usually mifepristone + misoprostol, or methotrexate + misoprostol (<= 8 weeks), or vaginal prostaglandins (> 8 weeks).