

## **A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR THE U.S.A., 2006 & 2007<sup>1</sup>**

*(Extracted from latest available Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) compilation of abortions reported<sup>2</sup> for each year, as released November 27, 2009 and February 25, 2011, respectively*

	<b>2006</b>		<b>2007</b>
<b><u>Total abortions reported:</u></b>	<b>1,055,394<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>1,026,236<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Per 1,000 live births<sup>3</sup></b>	236		231
<b>As percent of births expected</b>	19.1		18.8
 <b><u>Mother's age in years:</u></b>			
<= 19	16.8%		17.0%
20-24	32.7 %		32.7%
>= 25	50.4 %		50.3%
 <b><u>Mother's marital status:</u></b>			
married	16.5 %		16.3%
unmarried	83.5 %		83.7%
 <b><u>Previous abortions:</u></b>			
0	55.2%		55.9%
1	25.5%		25.1%
2	11.2%		11.1%
>= 3	8.0%		7.9%
 <b><u>Method of abortion:</u></b>			
<b>Curettage (all):</b>	87.6 %	( 924,525)	86.3% (885,642)
<b>Other (all):</b>	12.4 %	( 124,869)	13.7% (140,594)
<b>“Medical,”<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>10.6 %</b>	<b>( 111,872)</b>	<b>11.9% (122,122)</b>
 <b><u>Aborted baby's age in weeks:<sup>1</sup></u></b>			
<= 8	62.0 %	( 654,344)	63.6% (652,686)
9-12	26.4 %	( 278,624)	24.9% (255,533)
13-20	10.2 %	( 107,650)	10.2% (104,676)
>=21	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>( 13,720)</b>	<b>1.3% ( 13,341)</b>

**Maternal deaths: 1972-2005 total = 511: legal abortions = 400; illegal + unknown = 110. Total for 2005 = 7**  
**Ratio legal : illegal = 3.6 (6 deaths during 2006 being investigated by the CDC)**

<sup>1</sup> 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. Values are not adjusted for the CDC's estimate of 11% under-reporting. In 2005, the adjusted figure reported was 1,025,847 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> Overall mean (excluding CA, MD, NH &/or LA in 2006-2007). In 2005, the adjusted figure reported was 233 per 1,000 live births, or 18.9 % 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): 2006 – White, 162/1000 births (13.9% of expected); Black, 459/1000 (31.4%); Other, 310/1000 (23.7%); Hispanic, 200/1,000 (16.7%). B:O:H:W ratio = 2.8 : 1.9 : 1.2 : 1. 2007 – White, 159/1000 births (13.7% of expected); Black, 447/1000 (30.9%); Other, 308/1000 (23.5%); Hispanic, 194/1000 (16.2%). B:O:H:W ratio = 2.8 : 1.9 : 1.2 : 1.

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