

**Table 2. Observed general fertility rate (GFR), by time period, hypothetical GFR if abortion rates or abortion ratios had not changed between earliest and latest periods, and percentage difference between observed and hypothetical GFRs, according to country and region**

Country and region	Observed GFR			Hypothetical GFR		% difference in GFR	
	1976–1980	1986	1991	If no rate change	If no ratio change	If no rate change	If no ratio change
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>129*</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
Rio de Janeiro	94	78	70	83	83	18	19
São Paulo	107	91	78	78	82	0	5
South	109	94	82	78	82	-4	0
Central/Southeast	132	104	87	96	98	10	13
Northeast	159	137	97	122	123	26	27
North	161	125	99	108	109	9	10
<b>Colombia</b>	<b>140†</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>97‡</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
Atlantic	171	148	123	122	126	-1	3
Pacific	148	100	97	91	97	-6	0
Central	125	101	86	92	95	7	11
Eastern	155	119	96	105	107	9	12
Bogotá	100	94	84	74	80	-12	-5
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>191§</b>	<b>132**</b>	<b>102††</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
North	194	126	101	103	109	2	8
Northeast	184	106	89	87	95	-2	6
East/Southeast	203	151	115	116	118	1	3
Central	223	151	112	116	119	3	6
Southwest and Fed. Dist.	160	114	90	86	93	-4	4

\*1980. †1976. ‡1990. §1977. \*\*1987. ††1992. *Note:* Contribution of abortion to fertility decline is based on the assumption that each abortion prevents 0.56 births.