

Table 1. Percentage distribution of women requesting abortion, by selected characteristics, Maputo Central Hospital, Mozambique, 1993 (N=394)

Characteristic	%
Age	
<20	12.9
20–29	61.6
≥30	25.4
No. of living children	
0	40.4
1	17.5
2	17.5
3	10.4
≥4	14.2
Marital status	
Single with no partner	55.1
Single with a partner	14.2
Legally married	27.7
Separated, divorced, widowed	3.0
Race	
Black	76.9
White or mixed	23.1
Religion	
Muslim	9.1
Non-Muslim	90.9
Birthplace	
Greater Maputo	55.1
Other city	22.4
Small town or rural area	20.7
Foreign country	1.8
Residence*	
District 1	61.9
Districts 2–3	17.9
Districts 4–7	11.3
District 8	8.2
Not Maputo	0.8
Occupation	
Student	36.0
White-collar worker	30.7
Blue-collar worker	4.3
Homemaker	28.9
Contact person	
Spouse or partner	33.3
Mother	10.9
Father	6.6
Sister	9.9
Brother	3.1
Other female kin	9.1
Other male kin	5.8
Fiancé or boyfriend	8.6
Other female	2.8
Other male	0.5
None	9.9
Total	100.0

*District 1 is the core of the “cement city” and its most urbanized part. In Districts 2–3, the cement city gradually gives way to the suburban and periurban “reed city.” Districts 4–7 are more remote and rural; District 8 is even more distant but somewhat more urbanized. *Notes:* Some categories are missing information for some women. Percentages reporting various contact persons add to more than 100% because two women named more than one contact.