

**Table 2. Percentage distribution of women who had an abortion, by main reason given for seeking abortion, various countries and years**

Country and year	Wants to postpone childbearing	Wants no (more) children	Cannot afford a baby	Having a child will disrupt education or job	Has relationship problem or partner does not want pregnancy	Too young; parent(s) or other(s) object to pregnancy	Risk to maternal health	Risk to fetal health	Other	Total	N
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>											
Benin, 1993	8.3	26.9	7.4	13.0	13.9	22.2	na	na	8.3	100.0	108
Kenya, 1990	na	na	na	55.0	na	20.0	20.0	na	5.0	100.0	20
Nigeria, 1992	19.1	2.1	2.1	40.4	31.9	2.1	na	na	2.1	100.0	47
Nigeria, 1996	8.6	5.7	11.4	31.4	20.0	17.1	na	na	5.7	100.0	35
Zambia, 1985–1986	49.6	3.8	na	41.3	1.9	na	3.4	na	na	100.0	264
<b>Asia</b>											
Bangladesh, 1995–1996	8.6	10.3	41.4	1.7	6.9*	u	29.3	na	1.7	100.0	58†
India, 1977–1978	na	20.6	u	17.9‡	12.5	na	37.9	11.1	na	100.0	13,511
Indonesia, 1987–1988	na	na	35.0	45.0	5.0	15.0	na	na	na	100.0	200
Malaysia, 1981	45.9	39.9	1.4	na	2.0	9.5	na	1.4	na	100.0	148
Nepal, 1984–1985	13.0	75.0	na	na	na	12.0	na	na	na	100.0	165
Singapore, 1984	49.8	23.3	4.0	na	13.8	na	7.3	na	2.0	100.0	400
Singapore, 1985	50.2	40.0	6.9	na	na	na	2.0	na	1.3	100.0	23,512
South Korea, 1994	11.1	58.4	3.7	na	na	5.0	9.7	5.1	7.0	100.0	2,541
Sri Lanka, 1988–1990	36.2	26.5	9.7	4.7	2.0	na	4.7	na	16.2	100.0	548
Taiwan, 1980–1981	13.7	64.5	4.1	na	na	na	8.5	6.5	2.8	100.0	802
Thailand, 1983–1984	16.1	36.3	18.5	8.5	3.3	2.7	5.1	7.7	1.7	100.0	750
Turkey, 1993	8.1	58.2	na	16.9‡	0.3	na	15.9§	u	0.6	100.0	1,674
<b>Latin America</b>											
Chile, 1988	na	5.0	30.0	15.0	25.0	25.0	na	na	na	100.0	357
Colombia, 1990–1991	6.3	4.3	35.2	15.3	16.1	13.5	8.8	na	0.5	100.0	602
Honduras, 1992–1993	na	na	5.3	15.8	42.1	36.8	na	na	na	100.0	19
Mexico, 1967–1971	na	26.4	44.3	na	15.1	na	8.3	na	5.4	100.0	3,714
Mexico, 1988	na	9.9	15.9	na	33.1	31.8	na	na	9.3	100.0	151
<b>Developed countries</b>											
Czech Republic, 1993	15.7	33.1	13.4	na	7.8	3.1	10.1	3.1	13.7	100.0	508
Finland, 1993	na	8.0	na	85.5**	na	4.2	0.6	1.6	na	100.0	10,342
Romania, 1993	u	67.1††	u	19.5‡	4.3	na	4.0§	u	5.1	100.0	2,116
United States, 1987–1988	25.5	7.9	21.3	10.8	14.1	12.2	2.8	3.3	2.1	100.0	1,773

\*Includes the reasons "too young/parents object to pregnancy." †Fifty-eight responses were obtained from 53 women; thus, percentages were calculated based on the number of responses. ‡Includes not being able to afford a child now. §Includes risks to both maternal and fetal health. \*\*Includes all social reasons (of which 14% is unemployment). ††Includes both spacing and limiting. Notes: na=not applicable, because that reason was not included in the study. u=unavailable because a combined category covered more than one reason. Sources: For all countries, see Appendix.