

Table 3. Percentage of women citing multiple reasons for seeking an induced abortion, by reason, various countries and years

Reason	Bangladesh, 1989–1990 (N=612)	India, 1990 (N=1,197)	Pakistan, 1994 (N=30)	Philippines, 1979 (N=286)	Australia, 1992 (N=2,127)	Netherlands, 1983–1987 (N=230)	United States, 1987–1988 (N=1,900)
Wants to postpone childbearing							
Last child is too young	na	27.0	na	na	na	na	na
Wants to delay having another child	3.0	na	56.7	10.1	na	10.0	na
Wants no (more) children							
Experienced contraceptive failure	2.0	na	na	na	na	na	na
Already has as many children as wants	62.0	67.0	na	26.6	20.0	25.0	26.0
Does not want any children	na	na	na	na	3.0	4.0	na
Having a child will disrupt education or job							
Feel should establish career before has child	na	2.0	16.7	7.7	27.0	4.0	na
Will affect schooling	na	na	na	5.9	na	16.0	na
Having a child would change life in a way does not want	9.0	na	na	na	38.0	na	76.0
Cannot afford a child; poor							
Cannot afford a child now	6.0	7.0	66.7	30.1	60.0	11.0	68.0
Not ready for responsibility	na	6.0	10.0	3.1	na	20.0	31.0
Has relationship problems							
Has problems with husband or partner	na	na	na	11.9	19.0	16.0	u
Husband/partner does not want child	na	na	na	na	12.0	na	23.0
Does not want to be single mother	10.0	na	na	na	29.0	na	51.0*
Cannot identify father; is in casual relationship	na	na	na	na	na	16.0	na
Believes should be married before has a child	na	na	na	na	22.0	na	na
Is too young; parent(s) or others object to pregnancy							
Is too young to have a child	na	na	na	na	25.0	13.0	30.0
Parents do not want her to have a child	5.0	2.0	na	9.1	6.0	na	7.0
Does not want parents (or others) to know about pregnancy	na	na	na	na	15.0	na	31.0
Maternal/fetal health							
Health reason	12.0	7.0	20.0	8.0	5.0	na	7.0
Possibility of fetal defect	na	na	na	na	7.0	na	13.0
Other							
Was victim of rape or incest	na	na	na	na	na	na	1.0
Other / not reported	3.0	6.0	na	7.7	5.0	8.0	6.0

*Includes problems in the relationship with husband/partner. *Notes:* Women could cite multiple reasons, so percentages do not add to 100%. Ns refer to the number of women. na=not applicable, because reason was not included in the study. u=unavailable, because a combined category covered more than one reason. *Sources:* See Appendix.