

Table 1. Percentage distribution of abortions, by women's age-group, according to country, year and completeness of statistics

Country, year and completeness of statistics	N	<20	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	≥40	Total
Complete national statistics								
Australia, 1995–1996	91,944	16.1	28.4	21.9	17.4	11.7	4.5	100.0
Belgium, 1995	13,365	13.9	25.0	23.2	20.1	13.1	4.6	100.0
Bulgaria, 1996	89,025	11.6	28.0	26.8	19.1	10.8	3.8	100.0
Canada, 1995	106,658	19.8	29.8	21.8	16.0	9.6	3.1	100.0
Cuba, 1990	235,901	32.8	33.8	20.0	8.1	3.9	1.4	100.0
Czech Republic, 1996	46,506	10.8	24.7	22.5	20.5	13.4	8.1	100.0
Denmark, 1995	17,720	13.1	23.4	23.8	21.3	12.9	5.5	100.0
England and Wales, 1996	167,916	19.3	27.6	23.4	16.8	9.6	3.2	100.0
Estonia, 1996	16,887	10.1	25.9	23.6	18.8	14.6	7.0	100.0
Finland, 1996	10,425	14.7	22.5	22.1	19.9	13.4	7.4	100.0
Germany, 1995	97,937	6.8	18.3	25.6	25.1	16.7	7.5	100.0
Hungary, 1996	76,600	15.3	24.6	21.9	17.0	13.9	7.3	100.0
Israel, 1995	17,627	14.3	21.7	19.3	17.9	16.7	10.2	100.0
Kazakhstan, 1995*	543	5.1	21.8	29.5	22.6	15.2	5.7	100.0
Netherlands, 1992	19,422	10.9	23.6	23.5	21.0	14.8	6.2	100.0
New Zealand, 1995	13,652	19.3	30.5	21.9	15.8	9.4	3.1	100.0
Norway, 1996	14,342	14.3	27.4	24.8	18.0	10.9	4.6	100.0
Scotland, 1995†	11,143	22.1	30.5	21.9	14.6	8.0	2.9	100.0
Singapore, 1983	19,100	8.0	56.0	‡	31.0	§	5.0	100.0
Slovak Republic, 1995	28,887	9.0	23.0	24.4	22.0	15.2	6.5	100.0
Slovenia, 1996	10,218	7.7	18.1	19.1	23.9	20.2	11.1	100.0
Sweden, 1996	32,117	13.6	24.0	23.1	20.2	13.2	5.8	100.0
United States, 1995	1,363,690	20.1	32.4	22.6	14.4	8.1	2.4	100.0
Incomplete national statistics								
Croatia, 1996	12,339	5.8	17.2	20.1	24.6	21.5	10.9	100.0
France, 1995**	156,181	10.6	24.4	22.6	20.2	15.0	7.3	100.0
Guyana, 1996	2,610	8.8	27.5	23.7	21.5	14.2	3.8	100.0
India, 1995–1996	627,748	6.1	28.2	35.8	20.4	7.4	1.6	100.0
Ireland, 1996	4,894	15.7	38.2	22.6	12.4	7.2	3.9	100.0
Italy, 1995	139,549	7.5	19.6	22.8	22.7	18.1	9.4	100.0
Japan, 1995	343,024	7.6	23.2	19.2	20.0	19.1	10.9	100.0
Korea (South), 1996††	230,040	na	11.8	33.0	40.2	13.2	1.9	100.0
Kyrgyzstan, 1997*	493	2.1	19.6	24.2	29.7	17.8	6.6	100.0
Romania, 1993*	2,116	4.6	28.0	27.0	25.3	15.1	‡‡	100.0
Spain, 1996	51,002	14.3	26.7	21.9	17.9	13.3	5.9	100.0
Turkey, 1993§§	517	3.2	16.4	28.0	27.5	16.9	8.0	100.0
Uzbekistan, 1996*	275	1.6	18.4	28.2	27.0	15.5	9.2	100.0
Vietnam, 1991	2,088	0.9	11.3	22.4	30.7	21.3	13.3	100.0
Ad hoc surveys/hospital records								
Armenia, 1994	200	4.5	21.5	26.0	24.0	17.0	7.0	100.0
Bangladesh, 1991	840	14.6	25.6	24.2	20.6	11.1	3.9	100.0
Benin, 1993	380	14.5	22.7	22.4	20.2	16.9	3.3	100.0
Brazil, 1992–1993	2,083	22.6	36.0	23.7	11.6	6.1	‡‡	100.0
Chile, 1989	61,275	9.3	24.8	26.8	20.7	12.5	6.2	100.0
Colombia, 1990	4,046	16.5	29.4	25.4	15.2	9.8	3.7	100.0
Dominican Republic, 1991	352	16.5	32.7	25.3	14.8	5.6	4.9	100.0
Ethiopia, 1989	250	24.8	42.4	23.6	6.0	3.2	0.0	100.0
Kenya, 1988–1989	115	24.3	28.7	13.0	34.0	§	§	100.0
Malaysia, 1981*†	148	10.2	22.3	25.0	14.2	12.2	16.2	100.0
Mexico, 1991	59,352	11.1	29.6	27.2	17.9	9.6	4.5	100.0
Mozambique, 1994	816	29.1	52.0	‡	19.1	§	§	100.0
Nepal, 1984–1985	165	6.7	20.0	15.8	26.7	17.6	13.3	100.0
Nigeria, 1981–1987*†	230	52.6	27.8	11.7	5.2	2.6	‡‡	100.0
Peru, 1990	1,930	10.4	25.3	27.1	17.6	13.6	6.0	100.0
Philippines, 1993	200	2.0	24.2	27.3	30.3	16.2	‡‡	100.0
Russia, 1996	2,917	6.8	27.0	49.1	*‡	17.1	‡‡	100.0
Sri Lanka, 1991–1992	238	5.0	26.0	28.0	26.0	15.0	‡‡	100.0
Zambia, 1985–1986	264	26.0	25.0	26.0	15.0	6.0	2.0	100.0

*Based on national sample survey of all women aged 15–49. †Includes abortions performed in England and Wales. ‡Included with age-group 20–24. §Included with age-group 30–34. **Age defined as age attained during the year. ††Based on survey of married women 20–44; number of cases is weighted. ‡‡Included with age-group 35–39. §§Based on national sample survey of ever-married women 15–49. *†Age-groups are <21, 21–30, 31–35, 36–40 and ≥41. *‡Includes ages 30 and older. Note: na=not applicable. Sources: See appendix.