

Table 2. Abortion rate per 1,000 women, by age-group, and total abortion rate, according to country, year and completeness of statistics

Country, year and completeness of statistics	<20	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	≥40*	Total abortion rate
Complete national statistics							
Australia, 1995–1996	23.9	36.9	29.3	21.9	15.2	6.2	0.67
Belgium, 1995	6.2	10.1	8.4	6.7	4.5	1.7	0.19
Bulgaria, 1995	32.7	85.4	84.1	60.1	30.8	10.9	1.52
Canada, 1995	21.8	31.5	20.9	12.9	8.0	2.8	0.49
Cuba, 1990	90.7	87.9	54.4	33.2	15.6	6.1	1.44
Czech Republic, 1996	12.4	26.7	30.8	28.0	18.9	9.5	0.63
Denmark, 1995	14.8	22.5	21.4	19.1	12.5	5.4	0.48
England & Wales, 1996	19.2	25.5	18.6	12.4	7.9	3.2	0.43
Estonia, 1996	33.1	85.3	80.5	62.1	44.2	21.6	1.63
Finland, 1996	9.6	15.6	13.8	11.2	7.5	3.9	0.31
Germany, 1995	3.1	7.5	7.6	7.1	5.3	2.6	0.17
Hungary, 1996	30.4	46.8	48.7	43.5	30.7	13.0	1.07
Israel, 1996	10.2	16.3	16.8	17.0	15.9	9.9	0.43
Kazakhstan, 1995†	14.4	72.3	106.8	76.6	50.8	19.9	1.70
Netherlands, 1992	4.2	7.4	7.2	6.6	5.0	1.9	0.16
New Zealand, 1995	20.3	29.1	21.4	14.6	8.7	3.4	0.49
Norway, 1996	15.8	25.7	21.1	15.9	10.1	4.3	0.46
Scotland, 1995‡	16.6	19.5	12.4	8.0	4.8	2.0	0.32
Singapore, 1983	12.0	36.4	40.3	33.7	24.0	10.2	0.78
Slovak Republic, 1995	11.1	31.5	38.8	32.7	21.3	8.9	0.72
Slovenia, 1996	10.9	26.3	27.7	32.1	27.3	14.8	0.70
Sweden, 1996	17.7	27.5	24.7	20.9	14.8	6.5	0.56
United States, 1995	32.1	50.3	32.6	17.9	9.8	3.2	0.73
Incomplete national statistics							
France, 1995§	8.9	18.2	16.6	14.4	10.8	5.3	0.37
Italy, 1995	5.9	12.6	13.8	14.0	12.5	6.9	0.33
Japan, 1995	6.3	16.6	15.4	17.2	16.9	8.4	0.40
Korea (South), 1996**	na	79.0	51.0	49.0	16.0	3.0	0.99
Kyrgyzstan, 1997†	4.9	50.8	77.4	79.4	51.8	27.6	1.46
Moldova, 1994–1997††	12.0	74.0	81.0	46.0	31.0	16.0	1.30
Romania, 1990–1993††	32.0	153.0	209.0	167.0	79.0	40.0	3.40
Russia, 1996‡‡	44.0	144.0	145.0	94.0	55.0	31.0	2.36
Spain, 1995§§	4.5	8.2	6.9	5.8	4.6	2.4	0.16
Turkey, 1993†	16.1	27.2	39.9	36.9	27.3	15.5	0.81
Uzbekistan, 1996†	1.4	18.2	31.5	34.7	22.0	17.4	0.63

*Denominator is women 40–44. †Based on average number of abortions for three years preceding the survey. ‡Includes abortions performed in England and Wales.§Age defined as age attained during the year. **Based on survey of married women 20–44. ††Based on survey of women 15–44, from published report, calculated for three years preceding the survey. ‡‡Based on survey of women 15–44 in three locations, calculated for two years preceding the survey. The rates reported here are simple averages of the rates for all three sites, from published report. §§Based on 49,400 women. Rates are for an earlier year than the distribution shown in Table 1, because 1996 rates are not available. Notes: na=not applicable. The total abortion rate is the number of abortions that an average woman will have in her lifetime if she experiences the prevailing period age-specific abortion rates. Sources: See appendix.