

Table 1. Numbers of women, of pregnancies and of pregnancy outcomes, and abortion ratios and rates, by source of abortion data, Ghana, 1997–1998

Measure	Maternal Health Project	Korle-Bu Hospital	
	1997–1998	1997	1998
No. of women	18,301	55,779	52,131
No. of pregnancies	1,689	na	na
Abortions†	317	1,775	1,649
Term births	1,187	12,137	11,412
No. dead 42 days postpartum	9	na	na
Miscarriages	21	na	na
Stillbirths	15	na	na
Lost to follow-up	97	na	na
Refused to cooperate	43	na	na
Abortion ratio			
Per 100 births	27	15	14
Per 100 pregnancies	19	na	na
Abortion rate per 1,000 women	17	32	32

†For the Maternal Health Survey Project, abortions are induced abortions only. For the hospital data, abortions include both induced and spontaneous abortions. *Notes:* Abortion ratio is the annual number of abortions per 100 pregnancies (in the case of survey data) or births (in the case of routine hospital data). Abortion rate is the annual number of abortions per 1,000 women in the childbearing ages (15–49). The number lost to follow-up and the number refusing to cooperate were included in the denominator in calculating abortion rates and ratios, because although we could not tell what happened to them during the course of the study, we knew at the beginning of the study that they were each carrying a pregnancy. We also knew that all 43 women who refused to cooperate at later stages had successful deliveries. However, because they refused to participate in other aspects of the follow-up study by not answering questions, we had to drop them from the rest of the analysis. na=not applicable.