

**Table 3. Distribution of most recent and previous abortions by social and demographic characteristics**

Characteristic	Most recent abortion		Previous abortion†	
	%	N	%	N
<b>Status of preceding child (N=202)</b>				
Alive	62.5	126	68.0	137
Dead	37.5	76	32.0	65
<b>Sex of last child (N=202)</b>				
Boy	54.8	111	50.8	103
Girl	45.2	91	49.2	99
<b>Reasons for abortion</b>				
Unsure to bear child	56.6	180	33.8	107
Financial reasons	26.0	82	23.9	76
Accidental pregnancy	17.4	55	42.3	134
<b>Education</b>				
None	26.9	85	28.4	90
Primary	40.4	128	41.5	132
Higher	17.4	55	16.2	51
Islamic	15.3	49	13.9	44
<b>Marital status</b>				
Single	36.3	115	45.9	146
Married	63.7	202	54.1	171
<b>Religion</b>				
Catholic	21.1	67	21.8	69
Protestant	60.0	190	59.3	188
Muslim	16.1	51	16.1	51
Traditional	2.8	9	2.8	9
<b>Place of work‡</b>				
Home	34.8	110	24.9	79
Outside home	65.2	207	75.1	238
<b>Type of work‡</b>				
Employee	25.6	81	20.7	66
Self-employed	47.8	152	47.0	149
Family worker	26.6	84	32.3	102
<b>Setting</b>				
Urban	55.6	176	52.7	167
Rural	44.4	141	47.3	150
Total§	100.0	317	100.0	317

†All women in this sample who had an abortion had had a previous abortion. ‡Working at home means that a woman is involved in an income-generating activity that is carried out in her home. A woman who is self-employed earns an income from a business that she owns; she may work in or outside her home. A woman who is a family worker is involved in income-generating activity in a business owned by her family; a family worker may work at home or outside the home and may or may not be self-employed. §Totals are 317, except where otherwise noted.