

TABLE 3. Percentage distribution of women who had ever sought to terminate an unwanted pregnancy, by the primary reason for not wanting the pregnancy they last attempted to terminate, according to selected characteristics

Characteristic	Not married	To stop/space births	Too young/in school	Health reasons	Economic reasons	Partner did not want/left/not the father	Other†	Reason not given	Total
All	25.3	19.0	17.7	2.1	7.1	16.4	11.8	0.6	100.0
Age at abortion attempt									
<20 (ref)	31.0	12.9	30.2	0.0	4.3	9.5	12.1	0.0	100.0
20–24	23.1	14.3	19.8	0.0	4.4	25.3	12.1	1.1	100.0
25–29**	26.1	8.7	11.6	4.3	8.7	26.1	14.5	0.0	100.0
30–34***	10.3	33.3	7.7	2.6	5.1	20.5	20.5	0.0	100.0
35–39***	11.5	46.2	0.0	0.0	26.9	7.7	7.7	0.0	100.0
≥40***	0.0	77.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	100.0
Education									
None (ref)	23.6	34.7	2.8	5.6	4.2	13.9	15.3	0.0	100.0
Primary	27.3	26.4	8.2	2.7	12.7	12.7	9.1	0.9	100.0
Secondary***	24.8	9.7	25.5	0.6	6.1	20.6	12.1	0.6	100.0
University***	26.2	13.1	31.1	0.0	3.3	14.8	11.5	0.0	100.0
Religion									
Catholic (ref)	34.3	14.6	16.1	2.2	6.6	19.0	7.3	0.0	100.0
Protestant/Spiritual/Pentecostal	20.1	16.6	21.3	0.6	9.5	17.8	13.0	1.2	100.0
Muslim**	20.4	30.6	12.2	4.1	5.1	11.2	16.3	0.0	100.0
Traditional/other	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Residence									
Urban (ref)	20.7	17.9	17.2	1.4	6.2	24.1	11.7	0.7	100.0
Rural	28.1	19.4	18.3	2.7	7.6	12.2	11.4	0.4	100.0
Region									
South (ref)	18.3	15.0	23.0	0.5	8.5	21.6	12.7	0.5	100.0
North***	32.7	23.5	11.7	4.1	6.1	10.7	10.7	0.5	100.0

*p≤.05. **p≤.01. ***p≤.001. †Includes other problems with partner, rape and other relative did not want. ‡Not calculated because the sample size was smaller than 25. Notes: Significance testing compares the distribution of women by reason in each level of a characteristic to the distribution in the reference group for that characteristic. ref= reference group.