

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of women obtaining abortions in 2000 and 1994, and of all U.S. women aged 15–44 in 2000; estimated abortion rates for 2000 and 1994, and percentage change in the rate between the two years; and pregnancy rate and proportion of pregnancies ending in abortion in 2000—all by selected characteristics at outcome

Characteristic	Women having abortions		Women aged 15–44, 2000	Abortion rate*			Pregnancies, 2000	
	2000	1994		2000	1994	% change	Rate†	% ending in abortion
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	21	24	-11	87	25
Age								
<15	0.7	1.2	u	u	u	u	u	u
15–19	18.6	20.6	16.0	25	34‡	-27	72	34
15–17	6.5	8.8	9.5	15	24‡	-39	42	35
18–19	12.0	11.5	6.5	39	48‡	-18	119	33
20–24	33.0	32.8	15.1	47	52	-9	159	29
25–29	23.1	21.4	15.6	32	32	0	153	21
30–34	13.5	14.4	16.5	17	18	-5	112	16
35–39	8.1	7.5	18.5	9	10	-3	50	19
≥40§	3.1	2.3	18.4	4	3	10	11	31
Marital status								
Married	17.0	18.4	47.7	8	9	-14	99	8
Previously married**	15.6	17.1	11.5	29	32	-11	67	43
Never-married	67.3	64.4	40.8	35	41	-14	79	45
Cohabiting††								
Yes	30.7	20.5	18.7	55	57	-3	u	u
No	69.3	79.5	81.3	29	36	-20	u	u
No. of live births								
0	39.1	45.4	42.8	19	26	-25	81	24
1	27.4	24.7	18.0	32	33	-2	151	22
≥2	33.5	29.9	39.2	18	18	2	64	28
Residence								
Metropolitan	88.0	88.5	78.8	24	27	-11	u	u
Nonmetropolitan	12.0	11.5	21.2	12	13	-10	u	u
Poverty status‡‡								
<100%	26.6	25.4	12.8	44	36§§	25	133	33
100–199%	30.8	24.4	17.5	38	31§§	23	115	33
200–299%	18.0	18.9	17.9	21	25§§	-13	87	24
≥300%	24.6	31.3	51.8	10	16§§	-39	66	15
Medicaid coverage								
Yes	24.2	26.5	9.0	57	50	14	u	u
No	75.8	73.5	91.0	18	20	-12	u	u
Race/ethnicity								
Non-Hispanic								
White	40.9	48.0	68.2	13	16	-20	73	18
Black	31.7	30.0	13.7	49	54	-8	115	43
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.4	4.4	4.4	31	28	11	88	35
Native American	0.9	1.2	0.9	u	u	u	u	u
Hispanic	20.1	16.5*†	12.8	33	37*†	-10	132	25
Education*‡								
Not H.S. graduate	12.7	12.0	11.2	23	22	7	85	27
H.S. graduate/GED	30.3	30.4	30.9	20	20	1	73	27
Some college	40.6	40.3	32.5	26	29	-12	68	38
College graduate	16.4	17.3	25.5	13	19	-30	63	21
Religion*§								
Protestant	42.8	37.4	51.0	18	17	10	u	u
Catholic	27.4	31.3	27.5	22	25	-13	u	u
Other	7.6	7.6	5.4	31	30	2	u	u
None	22.2	23.7	16.2	30	46	-35	u	u

*Number of abortions per 1,000 women in relevant subgroup. †Sum of births and abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44. ‡Differs from previously published figures, which were based on state abortion reports. §Denominator is women aged 40–44. **Includes separated women. ††Based on single women only. ‡‡Percentage of federal poverty level. §§Previously published AGI estimates of abortion rates by poverty status (reference 1) were inaccurate because of a programming error. *†Previously published figures for Hispanics (references 1 and 7) have been adjusted according to state abortion reports. *‡Limited to women older than 19. *§Limited to women older than 17. Notes: u=unavailable. Sources: see appendix (page 234).