

TABLE 2. Means and percentage distributions of abortion attempts, by selected characteristics, according to rural or urban residence

Characteristic	All (N=921)	Rural (N=426)	Urban (N=495)
MEANS			
Parity at time of abortion attempt	2.9	3.2	2.6
Previous no. of attempts to end index pregnancy	0.4	0.4	0.4
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS			
Woman's education (yrs.)			
0	45.6	56.1	22.0*
1-9	37.8	35.0	44.0
≥10	16.7	8.9	33.9***
Husband's education (yrs.)			
0	18.7	22.8	9.5**
1-9	42.1	45.1	35.6
≥10	39.2	32.2	55.0*
Gestational age (mos.)			
1-3	85.7	85.2	86.9
4-5	14.3	14.8	13.1
Provider			
Self	42.1	48.6	27.5**
Private	37.5	32.2	49.3**
Government	13.2	10.1	20.0*
Other	7.3	9.2	3.2*
Abortion method			
Pills‡	36.9	39.7	30.7*
Surgical	29.0	21.6	45.7**
Other§	34.1	38.7	23.6†
Attempt led to symptom-based complication			
Yes	52.9	56.6	44.7
No	47.1	43.4	55.3
Follow-up care received after experiencing complication††			
Yes	36.5	38.3	31.4
No	63.5	61.7	68.6
Attempt ended in completed abortion			
Yes	50.2	46.7	58.1
No	49.8	53.3	41.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †p<.10. ‡Includes malaria pills and other unspecified pills used in an abortion attempt; medication abortion was neither legal nor available in Madhya Pradesh during the survey period. §Includes insertion of an object into the vagina; eating or drinking spicy foods, hot drinks or herbs; massage; carrying heavy loads; and intentional jumping or falling. ††Among cases involving complications. *Notes:* Some women made multiple attempts, and Ns include all such attempts; however, 45 cases were excluded because of incomplete information. Proportions are weighted to account for oversampling of urban areas.