

**TABLE 1. Number and rate of legal abortions in countries with complete reports, by year; annual percentage change in rate, by interval; and percentage of pregnancies ending in abortion in 2008—all according to country**

Country	No.			Rate			Annual % change in rate		% of pregnancies ending in abortion
	2008	2003	1996	2008	2003	1996	2003–2008	1996–2003	
<b>EUROPE</b>									
<b>Eastern</b>									
Bulgaria	24,900	34,700	89,000	16	22	51	-5.8	-11.7	21
Czech Republic*	25,800	29,300	46,500	12	14	21	-3.0	-6.9	16
Hungary	44,100	53,800	76,600	21	26	35	-3.8	-4.2	26
Slovakia	13,400	16,200	25,200	11	13	20	-3.6	-6.1	16
<b>Northern/Southern/Western</b>									
Belgium	19,300	16,200	14,800	9	7	7	4.2	1.7	12
Denmark†	16,200	15,600	18,100	15	15	16	0.6	-1.6	18
England and Wales†	189,800	181,600	167,900	17	17	16	0.4	0.9	18
Estonia	8,400	10,600	16,900	30	36	56	-3.8	-6.1	30
Finland	10,400	10,700	10,400	11	11	10	-0.4	1.1	13
France	198,200	208,800	189,800	16	17	15	-0.1	1.6	18
Germany†	110,700	129,300	130,900	7	8	8	-1.3	0.2	12
Iceland	1,000	1,000	800	14	15	u	-1.1	u	14
Italy*,†,‡	117,100	132,200	u	10	11	u	-1.4	u	15
Netherlands	27,600	28,800	22,400	8	9	7	-0.2	4.0	11
Norway	16,100	13,800	14,300	17	15	16	2.3	-0.5	19
Portugal†	19,600	u	u	9	u	u	u	u	14
Scotland	14,100	12,600	12,300	13	12	11	3.0	0.5	16
Slovenia	4,900	6,900	10,400	12	16	23	-5.5	-5.2	17
Spain	115,800	79,800	u	12	8	u	7.1	u	16
Sweden†	37,500	34,400	32,100	21	20	19	0.6	1.1	22
Switzerland	10,800	10,500	u	7	7	u	-0.3	u	11
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>									
United States*	1,213,000	1,250,000	1,360,200	20	21	22	-1.2	-1.2	19
<b>OCEANIA</b>									
New Zealand	17,900	18,500	14,800	20	21	17	-1.2	2.8	20
<b>ASIA</b>									
Israel	19,600	20,800	17,400	13	14	14	-1.8	0.6	10
Singapore	12,200	12,300	14,400	14	15	16	-0.6	-0.9	21

\*Abortion counts and rates for 2003 have been updated since prior review. †Most recent estimates are for 2009. ‡The quality of reporting likely improved between 2003 and 2008. Notes: Numbers of abortions are rounded to the nearest 100. Rates are numbers of abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44. Pregnancies comprise live births, abortions and miscarriages. u=unavailable.