

TABLE 5. Percentage of women reporting that they could not afford another child, that they did not want to be a single mother or had relationship problems, and that they had completed childbearing or had other people depending on them, as a reason for abortion, by selected characteristics; and odds ratios from multivariate logistic regression analysis of associations between reasons and characteristics, 2004

Characteristic	Can't afford a baby now		Single mother or relationship problems		Completed childbearing or have dependents	
	% (N=1,147)	Odds ratio (N=774)	% (N=1,071)	Odds ratio (N=772)	% (N=1,147)	Odds ratio (N=828)
All	73	na	48	na	47	na
Age						
≤17 (ref)	80***	1.00	36	1.00	8***	1.00
18–19	69	0.74	39	1.40	22	4.32*
20–24	81	1.07	51	2.62	46	16.04***
25–29	70	0.80	52	3.22	58	29.05***
≥30	60	0.62	47	2.83	69	40.57***
No. of children						
0 (ref)	73	1.00	48	1.00	3***	na
1	74	1.01	46	0.73	75	na
2	68	0.89	51	1.05	81	na
≥3	73	0.93	47	0.66	90	na
Relationship status						
Never-married, not cohabiting (ref)	75***	1.00	50***	1.00	37***	1.00
Cohabiting	81	1.30	38	0.51*	48	1.49
Married	53	0.44*	25	0.29***	71	4.67***
Formerly married, not cohabiting	68	0.70	72	2.14*	72	4.39***
Race/ethnicity						
White (ref)	69**	1.00	49	1.00	41***	1.00
Black	75	1.08	45	0.85	60	2.98***
Hispanic	79	1.32	56	1.08	51	1.09
Other	77	1.51	36	0.40	44	1.06
% of federal poverty level						
<100 (ref)	81***	1.00	53	1.00	61**	1.00
100–149	79	1.04	50	0.83	48	0.51*
150–199	75	0.80	48	0.74	50	0.52
≥200	60	0.51*	43	0.64	39	0.34***
Education†						
<H.S. graduate (ref)	81	1.00	57	1.00	80***	1.00
H.S. graduate/GED	66	0.78	44	0.73	79	0.86
Some college/associate degree	65	1.09	53	1.03	62	0.36***
College graduate	58	0.81	47	0.86	47	0.25***
Employment						
Unemployed (ref)	79**	1.00	45	1.00	48	1.00
Employed	69	0.59*	48	1.19	48	0.98

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †Percentages include only women aged 25 and older. Notes: Chi-square tests measured differences across the entire distribution. na=not applicable; parity was omitted from the third model. ref=reference group.