

TABLE 2. Selected measures of abortions and pregnancies among women who have had at least one abortion in the five years preceding the survey, by various characteristics

Characteristic	% distribution of abortions	% of pregnancies aborted	No. of abortions	No. of known pregnancies	Abortion rate
All	100.0	7.5	76	1,009	5.2
Age at abortion					
<20	0.0	0.0	0	38	0.0
20–24	13.2	4.3	10	230	5.1
25–29	18.4	3.8	14	368	4.9
30–34	36.8	11.1	28	253	9.5
≥35	31.6	20.0	24	120	3.8
No. of live births					
0	9.2	10.6*	7	66	4.1
1	26.4	4.7	20	423	5.1
2	52.6	10.6	40	377	7.2
≥3	11.8	6.3	9	143	2.6
Ideal no. of children					
1	34.2	8.6	26	303	6.5
2	57.9	7.1	44	617	5.3
≥3	7.9	6.7	6	89	2.6
Desire for more children					
Yes	17.0	5.9	13	222	4.3
No	83.0	8.0	63	787	5.4
Women's yrs. of schooling					
<6	7.9	6.1	6	93	3.0
6–11	21.1	8.6	16	187	4.9
12	43.4	7.7	33	429	5.6
≥13	27.6	7.1	21	295	6.1
Husbands' yrs. of schooling					
<6	9.2	7.5	7	93	4.0
6–11	22.4	6.7	17	254	4.5
12	30.2	6.7	23	343	4.7
≥13	38.2	9.1	29	319	6.9
Women's employment status					
Unemployed	82.9	7.3	63	860	5.1
Employed	17.1	8.7	13	149	5.7
Importance of religion					
Very important	51.3	6.7	39	581	4.3
Somewhat important	38.2	8.2	29	354	6.2
Not too important/not at all	10.5	10.8	8	74	9.1
Woman's ethnicity					
Fars	40.8	6.5	31	477	4.1
Turk	39.5	8.5	30	353	6.2
Gilak/Mazandarani	9.2	10.4	7	67	7.0
Lur	6.6	7.8	5	64	7.1
Other (Kurd/Arab/Baluch/Turkman)	3.9	6.3	3	48	5.2
Husband's ethnicity					
Fars	42.1	6.4	32	498	4.2
Turk	36.8	8.5	28	330	5.9
Gilak/Mazandarani	13.2	16.4	10	61	11.5
Lur	5.3	5.9	4	68	4.9
Other (Kurd/Arab/Baluch/Turkman)	2.6	3.8	2	52	3.5
Quartile of household monthly expenditure (\$US)					
First (30–350)	17.1	4.1	13	317	3.5
Second (351–500)	19.7	3.0	15	273	3.7
Third (501–800)	36.8	11.3	28	248	7.4
Fourth (>800)	26.3	11.7	20	171	6.4
Residential district					
Northern	29.0	10.2	22	216	5.9
Central	43.4	7.9	33	416	5.1
Southern	27.6	5.6	21	377	4.7

*The denominator for zero parity includes 59 current pregnancies and seven induced abortions. Note: The abortion rates and proportions are based on the five years before the survey.