

APPENDIX TABLE 2

Estimates of the number of abortions and abortion rates for 1990–1994 and 2010–2014; and percentage distribution of abortions by safety for 2010–2014 only—all according to geographic area, income group and legal status of abortion

Geographic area/ income group/legality	Annual no. of abortions (in millions)		Abortion rate*		Percentage distribution of abortions (2010–2014)			
	1990–1994	2010–2014	1990–1994	2010–2014	Safe	Less safe	Least safe	Total
WORLD	50.2 (48.2–59.3)	55.9 (51.8–68.6)	40 (39–48)	35 (32–43)†	54.9 (49.9–59.4)	30.7 (25.5–35.6)	14.4 (11.5–18.1)	100
Developed regions	11.8 (10.6–15.1)	6.6 (6.0–8.8)	46 (41–59)	27 (24–36)†	87.5 (81.9–89.6)	12.4 (10.2–17.9)	0.08 (0.0–1.36)	100
Developing regions	38.4 (36.4–46.1)	49.3 (45.0–61.4)	39 (37–47)	36 (33–45)	50.5 (45.2–55.9)	33.2 (27.0–38.3)	16.3 (13.1–20.7)	100
AFRICA	4.6 (4.0–7.1)	8.2 (7.4–11.3)	33 (28–50)	34 (31–46)	24.4 (18.6–33.6)	27.6 (21.2–37.0)	48.0 (36.5–52.9)	100
Eastern	1.4 (1.1–2.0)	2.7 (2.4–3.2)	32 (26–46)	34 (31–41)	23.9 (17.0–33.0)	29.2 (19.9–37.6)	46.9 (36.5–54.9)	100
Middle	0.5 (0.3–1.0)	1.0 (0.7–1.8)	32 (21–62)	35 (24–62)	11.8 (5.5–30.4)	19.2 (6.7–40.7)	69.0 (38.0–81.2)	100
Northern	1.3 (0.8–2.9)	1.9 (1.1–4.1)	41 (25–92)	38 (23–82)	29.0 (11.0–49.9)	26.6 (10.0–46.3)	44.4 (19.5–58.9)	100
Southern	0.3 (0.2–0.7)	0.5 (0.3–1.0)	32 (17–68)	34 (19–69)	73.5 (27.7–93.2)	19.4 (1.5–62.1)	7.1 (2.6–11.1)	100
Western	1.1 (0.9–1.6)	2.1 (1.9–2.7)	28 (23–41)	31 (28–39)	15.3 (10.4–24.1)	32.6 (24.1–42.8)	52.1 (40.0–59.8)	100
ASIA	31.2 (28.4–38.5)	35.5 (30.5–45.9)	41 (37–50)	36 (31–46)	62.1 (54.8–67.2)	29.7 (23.5–36.6)	8.3 (4.9–13.3)	100
Central‡	0.6 (0.6–0.7)	0.7 (0.5–0.9)	54 (49–63)	42 (33–56)†	u	u	u	na
Eastern	14.8 (13.0–19.0)	12.8 (9.2–19.2)	43 (38–56)	36 (26–53)	88.9 (78.3–95.7)	11.1 (4.1–21.3)	0.04 (0.0–0.6)	100
Southeastern	5.1 (3.8–8.1)	5.1 (3.7–9.1)	46 (35–74)	35 (25–62)	59.6 (38.4–77.7)	26.9 (10.8–45.9)	13.5 (2.3–30.0)	100
Southern‡	9.3 (7.3–12.6)	15.0 (11.9–20.6)	35 (27–47)	37 (29–50)	42.2 (34.1–49.6)	44.9 (35.1–53.3)	12.9 (7.0–19.2)	100
Western	1.4 (1.1–2.2)	1.9 (1.4–3.3)	42 (33–65)	34 (25–59)	51.5 (40.9–66.4)	36.3 (19.2–48.5)	12.3 (1.2–23.4)	100
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	4.4 (4.0–5.2)	6.5 (5.3–8.9)	40 (37–47)	44 (36–61)	23.6 (8.8–47.0)	59.7 (32.7–72.2)	16.7 (8.8–33.4)	100
Caribbean	0.5 (0.4–0.8)	0.6 (0.4–0.9)	60 (48–94)	59 (44–95)	25.4 (6.7–47.6)	49.6 (23.8–64.9)	24.9 (15.1–40.8)	100
Central America	0.8 (0.7–0.9)	1.3 (1.0–1.8)	27 (23–34)	33 (25–45)	18.4 (10.6–28.9)	52.1 (37.7–63.5)	29.6 (16.9–40.3)	100
South America	3.1 (2.8–3.8)	4.6 (3.4–6.9)	43 (38–52)	48 (35–71)	24.9 (4.7–53.7)	63.0 (28.9–79.3)	12.1 (3.0–31.9)	100
NORTHERN AMERICA	1.6 (1.6–1.7)	1.2 (1.1–1.3)	25 (24–25)	17 (16–18)†	99.0 (97.7–99.8)	0.9 (0.2–2.3)	0.0 (0.0–0.03)	100
EUROPE	8.2 (7.6–10.1)	4.3 (4.0–5.5)	52 (48–64)	29 (27–37)†	88.8 (80.3–91.7)	11.2 (7.8–19.3)	0.0 (0.0–0.02)	100
Eastern	6.0 (5.5–7.3)	2.6 (2.3–3.2)	88 (80–107)	42 (37–51)†	85.8 (73.3–91.1)	14.1 (8.4–26.5)	0.11 (0.0–2.4)	100
Northern	0.4 (0.4–0.5)	0.3 (0.3–0.4)	22 (20–25)	18 (17–20)†	97.9 (92.8–99.6)	2.1 (0.4–6.8)	0.03 (0.0–0.9)	100
Southern	1.2 (0.8–2.4)	0.8 (0.5–1.6)	37 (26–76)	26 (18–55)†	91.2 (85.6–92.9)	8.7 (6.0–13.9)	0.11 (0.0–2.9)	100
Western	0.6 (0.4–1.0)	0.6 (0.4–1.0)	14 (11–26)	16 (12–28)	93.5 (90.6–96.1)	6.5 (3.9–9.4)	0.0 (0.0–0.03)	100
OCEANIA	0.1 (0.1–0.2)	0.1 (0.1–0.2)	20 (18–27)	19 (15–28)	66.3 (61.4–77.7)	7.8 (3.5–17.9)	25.9 (11.5–31.1)	100
WORLD BANK INCOME GROUP								
Low (ref)	u	4.2 (3.8–5.5)	u	33 (30–43)	21.8 (17.4–30.7)	24.4 (18.6–34.6)	53.8 (40.4–58.3)	100
Lower-middle	u	23.0 (20.1–30.1)	u	35 (31–47)	42.3 (35.1–47.9)§	37.9 (31.1–45.9)	19.7 (13.9–25.7)§	100
Upper-middle	u	20.9 (17.3–27.9)	u	38 (31–50)	67.1 (58.7–75.7)§	27.8 (18.0–34.7)	5.1 (3.0–10.4)§	100
High	u	7.8 (7.1–10.3)	u	29 (26–38)	82.2 (75.8–85.7)§	16.9 (12.5–22.2)	0.9 (0.3–3.7)§	100
LEGAL STATUS OF ABORTION								
Prohibited altogether/ save life only	u	16.0 (14.4–21.4)	u	37 (34–50) (ref)	25.2 (14.5–41.0) (ref)	43.6 (27.6–54.2) (ref)	31.3 (21.0–41.9) (ref)	100
Save life/physical health	u	6.3 (5.9–7.9)	u	43 (40–53)				
Save life/physical health/ mental health	u	2.5 (2.1–3.7)	u	32 (27–48)	41.2 (35.9–46.7)	40.8 (34.6–47.1)	17.1 (13.3–22.0)§	100
Any health/socioeconomic	u	10.3 (7.5–15.6)	u	31 (22–47)				
Without restriction as to reason	u	20.7 (17.3–27.3)	u	34 (28–45)	87.4 (79.2–92.0)§	11.9 (7.3–19.8)§	0.7 (0.5–1.8)§	100

*Number of annual abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44. †Statistically significant when probability of change from 1990–1994 to 2010–2014 is >95%. ‡For the percentage distribution by safety only, the model used a single category of the five Central Asian countries plus the nine Southern Asian countries. §For income group in both the incidence and safety models, statistically significant when probability of differing from reference category (low-income countries) is >95%. For legal status, statistically significant when probability of differing from reference category—which varied between incidence and safety—is >95%. For example, for incidence, the reference category of “most restrictive” combines categories 1 (prohibited) and 2 (allowed to save life only). For safety, however, not only did the specific countries in each category differ, but these categories were collapsed differently: The reference category of “most restrictive” combines categories 1 (prohibited), 2 (save life only) and 3 (save life plus protect physical health); moreover, “moderately restrictive” combines categories 4 (all health through mental health) and 5 (all health plus socioeconomic grounds). Notes: u=unavailable. ref=reference category for significance testing. na=not applicable. Figures in parentheses are 90% uncertainty intervals, computed using the highest posterior density; they are the narrowest intervals containing 90% of the posterior distribution. Sources: special tabulations of data from references 7, 15 and 16.