

Table 3. Numbers and rates of abortions and births among unmarried women aged 19–27 with 12 or fewer years' education, before and after Medicaid eligibility expansions, and changes in the logarithms of the rates, by women's race

Measure	Abortion		Birth	
	Black	White	Black	White
Number				
Before	12,277	28,820	40,706	40,724
After	14,555	29,507	50,595	58,140
Rate				
Before	49.71	49.05	164.81	69.31
After	60.00	52.20	208.57	102.84
Difference in logst	0.188	0.062	0.235	0.395
S.E.	0.012	0.008	0.007	0.006
Z score	15.465	7.558	36.211	61.722

†The natural logarithm of the rate after the eligibility expansion minus the natural logarithm of the rate before the expansion. *Notes:* For abortions, the pre-expansion period is 1986; for births, it is the 12 months from July 1986 through June 1987. The six-month difference in these periods aligns births and abortions to the same cohort of pregnancies. It also permits a full year before the first expansion in any sample state. The postexpansion periods are July 1990 through June 1991 for abortions and 1991 for births; these were chosen for similar reasons. S.E.=standard error.