Table 2. Percentage distribution of women who obtained an abortion, by measure of obstetric history, gestational age and type of abortion procedure, according to residence and time period

Measure	Total		Rural		Urban	
	1983–1984 (N=53,287‡)†	1993–1994 (N=53,662‡)†	1983–1984 (N=6,913§)‡	1993–1994 (N=5,913§)‡	1983–1984 (N=46,374§)‡	1993–1994 (N=47,681§)‡
Prior live birth						
0	59.1	48.7	54.7*	46.6*	59.7	48.9
1–2	34.4	41.7	36.9*	41.5	34.0	41.7
≥3	6.5	9.6	8.4*	11.9*	6.2	9.3
Prior abortion						
0	57.5	52.1	62.8*	59.4*	56.7	51.2
1–2	37.4	39.8	33.7*	35.1*	37.9	40.4
≥3	5.1	8.1	3.5*	5.5*	5.4	8.4
Gestational age						
≤12 weeks	92.3	88.5	91.9	85.3*	92.4	88.9
13–17 weeks	5.8	7.9	6.0	10.1*	5.8	7.7
≥18 weeks	1.9	3.6	2.1	4.7*	1.8	3.5
Procedure						
Suction	94.0	91.9	94.3	90.2*	93.9	92.2
Dilation and extraction/ sharp curettage	4.6	7.8	4.2	9.4*	4.7	7.6
Other	1.4	0.2	1.5	0.4	1.4	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Rural-urban difference is significant at p<.01 (by chi-square test). †Includes cases with missing age and county. ‡Includes cases with missing age; does not include cases with missing county. *Notes:* All interdecade differences are significant at p<.01 (by chi-square test), except for the percentage of rural women who had had 1–2 prior abortions. Women aged 50–59 are excluded from the analysis. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.