Table 8. Legal abortions, legal abortion rates, and legal abortion ratios: United States and 46 continuous reporting areas, 2001–2010

Updated data when available, Excel, PDF, and more data years: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2012.htm#008.

[Data are based on reporting by state health departments and by hospitals and other medical facilities]

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Number of legal abortions reported, in thousands

| Percent of total legal abortions reported to CDC | 96.9 | 96.9 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 98.2 | 98.2 | 98.7 | 98.7 | 98.5 | 98.4 |

Number of legal abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44

| Number of legal abortions per 1,000 live births | 249  | 250  | 245  | 241  | 236  | 237  | 230  | 232  | 227  | 228  |

Notes:
- Data not available.
- In 2001 and 2002, Alaska, California, and New Hampshire did not report abortion data to CDC.
- In 2003 and 2004, California, New Hampshire, and West Virginia did not report abortion data to CDC.
- In 2005 and 2006, California, Louisiana, and New Hampshire did not report abortion data to CDC. Louisiana provided 2006 abortion data after publication of the 2006 abortion report. Because of this, the number of abortions reported here and in subsequent reports is greater than in the 2006 report.
- In 2007 and 2008, California, Maryland, and New Hampshire did not report abortion data to CDC.
- In 2009, California, Maryland, and New Hampshire did not report abortion data to CDC. Delaware provided 2009 abortion data after publication of the 2009 abortion report. Because of this, the number of abortions reported here and in subsequent reports is greater than in the 2009 report.
- In 2010, California, Maryland, and New Hampshire did not report abortion data to CDC.
- Overall trends presented in this table should be interpreted with caution because of the different numbers of reporting areas that provided data to CDC in different years.
- No surveys were conducted in 2001, 2002, 2003, or 2006. Data for those years were estimated by interpolation. See Appendix I, Guttmacher Institute Abortion Provider Census.
- Because overall trends in abortion data are affected by the number of reporting areas that provide data to CDC on an annual basis, CDC also presents estimates for the 46 reporting areas that provided data for the entire period from 2001 to 2010. The 46 continuous reporting areas include all states except Alaska, California, Louisiana, Maryland, New Hampshire, and West Virginia. The District of Columbia and New York City are included in the 46 continuous reporting areas.
- Percentage of legal abortions that the 46 continuous reporting areas represented of the total number of legal abortions reported to CDC each year.

NOTES: Each year, CDC requests abortion data from the central health agencies of 52 reporting areas (the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and New York City). This information is provided voluntarily to CDC. See the annual Abortion Surveillance reports for more information on the characteristic-specific list of reporting areas. Available from: http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/Data_Stats/Abortion.htm. For methodological differences between CDC and the Guttmacher Institute Abortion Provider Census, see Appendix I, Abortion Surveillance System; Guttmacher Institute Abortion Provider Census. Some data have been revised and differ from previous editions of Health, United States.