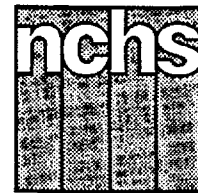


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### Highlights

In 1987 there were 300,310 abortions reported as occurring to residents within the 14 States reporting this information to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), a decrease of 2,538 (1 percent) from the number for the previous year. The abortion ratio of 337.8 abortions per 1,000 live births in 1987 decreased from the ratio of 344.9 for the previous year, and continued the decline observed from 1985. From 1986 to 1987, ratios decreased for white

women, but increased slightly for black women. Decreases for white women were greater among unmarried than married women.

During 1982-87, for a 13-State reporting area, abortion ratios declined by 9 percent. For white women the declines were 14.0 percent, and for black women, 2.1 percent. Reductions were particularly marked among older women, with ratios declining by over one-fourth for women 40 years and over during this period.

The abortion ratio in 1987 for black women was 2¼ times that for white women, about the same relationship as in 1986. The median age and the age at which the greatest number of abortions occurred were both lower for white women (23.5 years and 18 years) than for black women (23.9 years and 21 years). The highest abortion ratios were for the youngest and the oldest women, a pattern observed for both black and white women. For almost every age group, ratios for black women were higher than for white women.

Induced abortion ratios are associated with marital status; both white and black married women had much lower ratios than unmarried women of the respective race groups in 1987. Abortion

ratios also are associated with educational attainment. For white women, ratios generally decreased with increasing number of years of school completed; but for black women, the decreases did not occur until 13-15 years of school completed.

In terms of previous pregnancy history, about 5 out of 10 women having induced terminations in 1987 had at least one previous live birth, and about 4 out of 10 had a prior induced termination. The median duration of gestation was 9.1 weeks for women having induced terminations in 1987. It was longer for black women, on the average, than for white women; longer for less educated women; and longer for out-of-State residents than for in-State residents.

In 1987 suction curettage was the type of procedure used in 96 percent of all induced terminations. Abortion ratios among women residing in metropolitan areas were almost 2½ times as high as those among nonmetropolitan residents.

### Introduction

This report on induced terminations of pregnancy is based on 1987



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data reported to NCHS by 14 States. Earlier reports showed data for 5 States in 1977, 8 States in 1978, 13 States in 1979, 12 States in 1980 and 1981, and 13 States for each year 1982–86 (1–7). The States in this report include Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. Although New York City is a separate registration area from the remainder of New York State, the data for both areas are combined except where otherwise noted.

Data are based on individual reports of induced abortions submitted to State vital registration offices. Reports of induced terminations are submitted to these offices in accordance with the laws and statutes of the respective States. The reporting States provided data on magnetic tape for individual events coded from copies of the original reports of induced termination of pregnancy.

Induced abortions are distinguished in NCHS statistics from spontaneous abortions or fetal deaths. Induced abortion means “the purposeful interruption of pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant or to remove a dead fetus which does not result in a live birth” (8). All other abortions are “spontaneous.” In this report, the term “abortion” refers to “induced abortion” or “induced termination of pregnancy”; all three terms are used interchangeably.

Abortion data are shown on both an occurrence and a residence basis. Most detailed tables at the end of the report and selected text tables show data on all abortions occurring in the 14-State reporting area to U.S. residents. The occurrence tables represent characteristics and factors associated with the utilization of health services within the geographic area in which the abortions occurred. In contrast, ratio tables exclude abortions to nonresidents of the reporting States. Such tables show the frequency of abortions in relation to demographic characteristics associated with births to residents of the area. The distinction between occurrence and residence data is made in the text and in the headnotes of the tables.

Data are analyzed using percent distributions, medians, and ratios (see Technical notes). Abortion ratios are based on the number of abortions and live births occurring in the reporting States to residents of those States. Ratios are expressed as the number of abortions per 1,000 live births. Such ratios provide an approximate indication of the frequency of abortions in relation to the frequency of pregnancies.

An estimate of pregnancies could include the sum of live births, induced terminations, and spontaneous fetal deaths; however, it is common practice to use only live births in calculating these ratios (9,10), because data on fetal deaths under 20 weeks' gestation are not reported for most States. When fetal deaths of 20 weeks' or more gestation are included in the denominator along with live births and abortions, the abortion ratios for the reporting area are slightly lower than when only live births and abortions are used. A comparison of abortion ratios per 1,000 live births and per 1,000 live births plus induced terminations is shown in the Technical notes.

The magnitude of the ratios is affected by the distribution of both live births and abortions according to such characteristics of the female population as age, race, marital status, and number of years of school completed in a specified State or group of States. Therefore, ratios for the same demographic group, such as white females, may vary for different multi-State areas. Accordingly, caution should be used in generalizing from ratios reported for the multi-State reporting area to the entire U.S. population.

### Number of abortions and abortion ratios

In 1987 a total of 300,310 abortions were reported as occurring to U.S. residents within the 14-State reporting area, a decrease of 0.8 percent from the 302,848 abortions reported for the same area in 1986. Of the 1987 abortions, 18,290, or 6.1 percent, involved nonresidents of the area. The induced abortion ratio for the 14-State area in 1987 was 337.8 abortions per 1,000 live births, a decrease of 2.1 percent from the previous year (table A).

The trend for 1982 to 1987 of abortion ratios is available for a 13-State reporting area. To maintain comparability in the trends since 1982, the abortion ratios are presented for the 13-State area from 1982 to 1987 and for the 14-State area for 1986 and 1987 (table 1). States in the 13-State reporting area include Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. From 1982 through 1987, abortion ratios declined by 9 percent (table A and figure 1).

### Age and race

One-fourth of the induced abortions in 1987 in the 14-State area were to women under 20 years of age (table 2). One-third occurred to women at ages 20–24 years. The remaining 42 percent were to women 25 years of age and over.

The pattern of abortions by age for white and black women has remained similar since 1978. In 1987, as in previous years, a slightly larger proportion of white women who had abortions (59 percent) were under 25 years of age compared with black women (57 percent). Similarly, the median age at pregnancy termination was lower for white women (23.5 years) than for black women (23.9 years). In 1987 the age at which the greatest number of abortions occurred was lower for white women (18 years) than for black women (21 years).

Abortion ratios vary by age of women at termination (table A). Ratios are higher at the extremes of the age distribution of the childbearing period; that is, among women 14 years of age and under and 40 years of age and over of both race groups. However, women in these age groups combined accounted for a total of only 1.5 percent of all induced terminations and all live births in 1987. Although abortion ratios by age for both white and black women have a U-shaped pattern, the variation in abortion ratios is greater for white women (figure 2).

Trends in age-specific abortions and abortion ratios are presented in tables 3 and 4 for the 13- and 14-State reporting areas. Since 1982, abortion

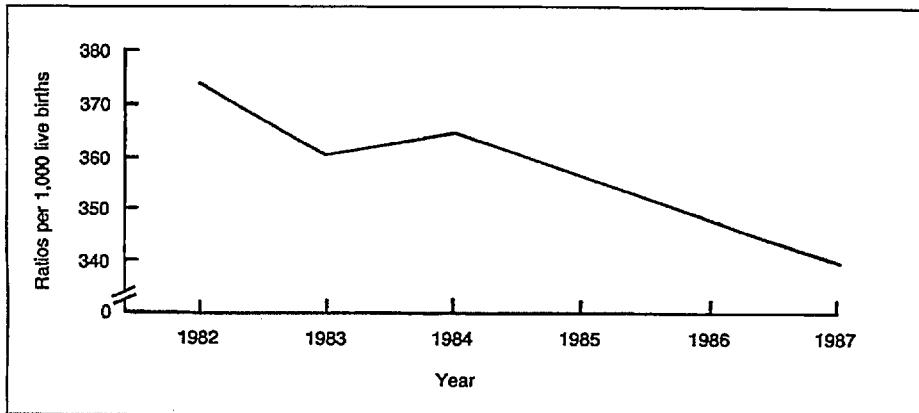
**Table A. Ratio of reported induced terminations of pregnancy, 1987, and percent change, 1986-87 for 14-State area, and 1982-87 for 13-State area, by race and age of woman**

[Ratios per 1,000 live births. Induced terminations of pregnancy and live births are only those occurring in the area to residents of the area]

Age of woman	1987			1986-87			1982-87		
	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black
	Ratio			Percent change <sup>2</sup>					
All ages . . . . .	337.8	274.0	635.2	-2.1	-3.6	0.2	-9.0	-14.0	-2.1
Under 14 years . . . . .	1,705.1	1,829.4	1,672.6	-2.5	-9.2	3.9	-8.0	-20.1	0.6
14 years . . . . .	1,146.1	1,245.7	1,080.2	-7.3	-7.5	-6.4	-8.7	-17.6	1.6
15-19 years . . . . .	683.7	680.4	701.3	-1.4	-3.0	2.1	-5.1	-9.2	4.9
15 years . . . . .	919.3	1,044.7	790.4	-11.6	-9.1	-15.3	-9.8	-9.2	-9.0
16 years . . . . .	836.1	890.1	761.2	-7.9	-9.9	-3.9	-3.2	-5.8	2.9
17 years . . . . .	734.6	738.3	742.4	0.5	-3.6	11.3	-3.9	-9.9	12.2
18 years . . . . .	712.8	716.5	710.7	1.7	0.3	4.8	-5.7	-10.9	8.3
19 years . . . . .	550.8	529.5	616.2	-0.8	-2.3	2.9	-6.5	-10.2	2.3
20-24 years . . . . .	400.6	335.1	652.6	-0.3	-1.9	0.8	0.5	-4.4	2.5
25-29 years . . . . .	232.3	175.4	567.9	-1.3	-2.0	-1.7	-4.5	-8.3	-4.3
30-34 years . . . . .	209.1	156.1	557.1	-1.4	-2.8	1.2	-14.1	-17.3	-11.0
35-39 years . . . . .	307.7	240.6	691.0	-6.8	-9.5	-2.0	-24.8	-28.4	-17.1
40 years and over . . . . .	568.2	483.6	993.9	-6.1	-8.9	2.1	-26.7	-29.2	-17.7

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.  
<sup>2</sup>See Technical notes.

NOTE: The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. Ratios are based on unrounded figures. See Technical notes.



**Figure 1. Abortion ratios: 13-State area, 1982-87**

ratios for women 30 years of age and over have decreased for both races. For younger women, ratios fluctuated through 1984 and then decreased. Decreases have been progressively greater with increasing age for both race groups. The largest reductions were for the oldest age group, women 40 years of age and over. During 1982-87, abortion ratios for white women in this age group declined by 29 percent; for black women, by 18 percent.

For white women, there were 274.0 abortions per 1,000 live births in 1987 compared with 635.2 for black women. In both 1986 and 1987 the ratio of abortions to live births was higher for white women 14 years and under than for black women; but for women 15 years of age and over, the ratio was

higher for black than for white women in every 5-year age group in 1987.

From 1986 to 1987, abortion ratios for residents of the 14-State area decreased by 3.6 percent for white women but increased slightly for black women (table A). For white women, these decreases were reflected in reductions from 1986 to 1987 for all 5-year age groups. For white women, decreases were largest at the youngest ages and the oldest ages. For black women, the trends by age were not consistent between these two years. Some age groups showed increases; others, decreases.

From 1982 through 1987, for a 13-State reporting area, abortion ratios by race declined. For white women the

declines were 14.0 percent, and for black women, 2.1 percent.

The gap between black and white abortion ratios increased from a black/white ratio of 2.0 in 1982 for all ages to 2.3 in 1987, an increase of 15 percent (table 4). Racial differences in abortion ratios increased for all age groups from 1982 through 1987. These increases ranged from 4 percent for women aged 25-29 years to 26 percent for women under 14 years of age.

**Marital status**

Thirteen States (Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia) and New York City collected information on the marital status of women having induced terminations. Of the abortions occurring in this area in 1987, 20 percent were reported for married women and 80 percent for unmarried women (table 5).

Married women who had abortions tended to be older than unmarried women who had abortions. More than two-thirds (70 percent) of married women but only slightly more than one-third (36 percent) of unmarried women having abortions were 25 years of age and over. The median age of married women having abortions in 1987 was 28.1 years, 5.3 years older than the

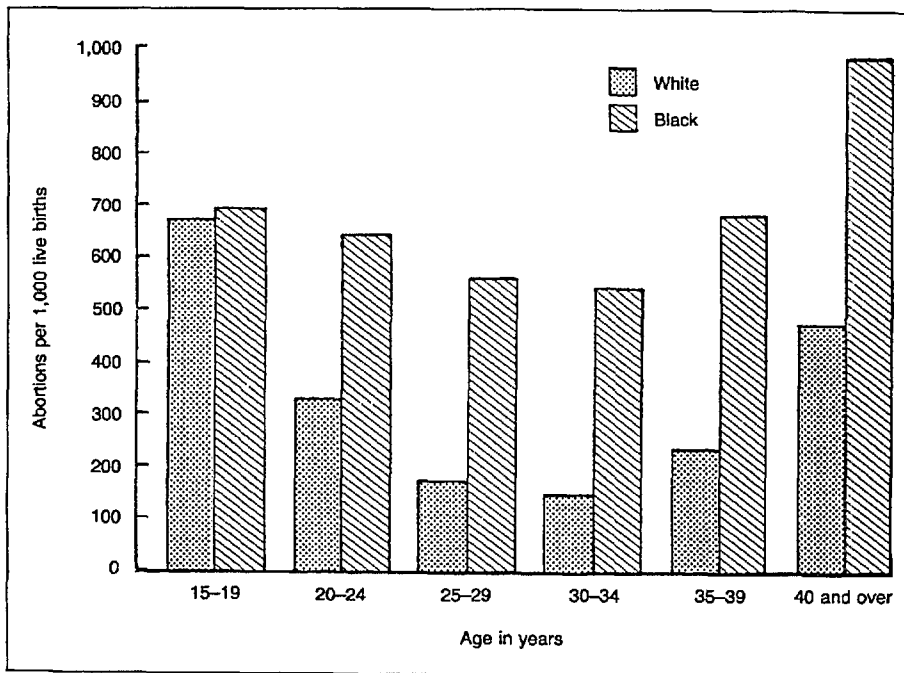


Figure 2. Abortion ratios by age and race of woman: 14-State area, 1987

median age of 22.8 years for unmarried women.

Black women who had abortions tended to be older than white women who had abortions, regardless of marital status. Of married black women, 73 percent were 25 years of age and over compared with 68 percent of married white women. Similarly, among unmarried women having abortions, 38 percent of black women were 25 years of age and over compared with 35 percent of white women. In 1987 the median age of married black and white women obtaining an abortion was 28.5 and 27.8 years, respectively, compared with 23.1 years for unmarried black women and 22.5 years for unmarried white women.

Induced abortion ratios by marital status and race for events to residents occurring in the 13-State area are shown in table B. Data for New York were excluded because information was not obtained on mothers' marital status for abortions occurring in upstate New York. In 1987 married women had fewer than 1 induced abortion for every 10 live births, and unmarried women had 9 induced abortions for every 10 live births (table B). Among married women the abortion ratio for black women was nearly three times that for white women. However, among

unmarried women the relationship by race was reversed. For white unmarried women, the abortion ratio was 2¼ times that for black unmarried women in 1987.

Decreases in abortion ratios between 1986 and 1987 among married women were about the same for white and black women (1 percent). For unmarried women, the ratios decreased substantially for white women (8 percent), but by only 1 percent for black women.

### Years of school completed

For a 12-State area (Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina,

Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia), 1987 data are available on induced abortions by years of school completed by the women (table 6). Reporting area residents having abortions had about the same median years of school completed (12.6 years) as their counterparts carrying their pregnancies to term, 12.7 years.

Abortion ratios are associated with years of school completed, but the pattern differs somewhat between white and black women (table C). For white women, the highest ratio was for those with 9–11 years of schooling completed (335.1 abortions per 1,000 live births), and the peak for black women was for those with 12 years of schooling completed (775.2). For white women, the lowest ratio was for those with the most years of school completed (16 years or more), compared with black women for whom the lowest ratio was for those with the least years of school completed (0–8 years).

The pattern of abortion ratios by educational attainment for all ages combined may be affected by the interrelation of age, marital status, and number of years of school completed. Very young women are more likely to be unmarried and may not have completed their schooling. Further, the ratios for women of high educational attainment may reflect the lower ratios that characterize older women. To take into account these interrelationships and to obtain a better indication of the association between educational attainment and abortion patterns, an analysis was made for women aged 25 years old and over, most of whom will have

Table B. Ratio of reported induced terminations of pregnancy, 1987, and percent change, 1986–87, by marital status and race of woman: 13-State area

[Ratios per 1,000 live births. Induced terminations of pregnancy and live births are only those occurring in the area to residents of the area]

Race of woman	All women			All women		
	Married	Unmarried	Ratio	Married	Unmarried	Percent change <sup>1</sup>
All races <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	63.6	868.9	243.1	-1.3	-6.1	-0.5
White . . . . .	54.5	1,144.2	219.1	-2.0	-8.4	-0.9
Black . . . . .	151.0	515.5	374.8	-0.8	-1.4	-1.1

<sup>1</sup>See Technical notes.

<sup>2</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. Ratios are based on unrounded figures. See Technical notes.

**Table C. Ratio of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by years of school completed, race, and age of woman: 12-State area, 1987**

[Ratios per 1,000 live births. Induced terminations of pregnancy and live births are only those occurring in the area to residents of the area]

Race and age of woman	Years of school completed					
	Total	0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more
				Ratio		
All races <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	344.6	238.0	371.6	418.8	320.7	193.5
10-17 years . . . . .	824.1	459.6	770.5	2,059.7	2,338.5	-
18-24 years . . . . .	452.0	150.3	261.5	488.6	598.6	830.0
25 years and over . . . . .	244.5	194.3	294.1	335.4	203.9	146.3
White . . . . .	277.6	192.2	335.1	329.7	258.5	161.3
10-17 years . . . . .	851.2	361.1	824.6	2,084.5	2,370.0	-
18-24 years . . . . .	391.0	135.5	223.2	408.4	537.2	764.2
25 years and over . . . . .	183.9	169.8	248.0	247.5	151.3	119.2
Black . . . . .	637.4	398.3	464.9	775.2	638.2	560.4
10-17 years . . . . .	793.9	628.4	699.1	2,053.8	2,387.5	-
18-24 years . . . . .	657.3	231.2	370.5	753.4	821.6	1,332.2
25 years and over . . . . .	588.2	260.0	406.1	755.5	518.7	461.9

<sup>1</sup> Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 12-State area includes Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. Ratios are based on unrounded figures. See Technical notes.

completed their formal education by that age (figure 3). This analysis shows that the peak abortion ratios for both race groups were for women with 12 years of schooling completed. For white women over 25 years, the ratio was 247.5 abortions per 1,000 live births and for black women, 755.5. With additional education, abortion ratios declined for both black and white women, but the decline was proportionately greater for white than for black women.

**Previous pregnancies**

**Previous live births**

In 1987 almost one-half (49 percent) of the women who obtained abortions in the 14-State area had at least one previous live birth (table D). The percent was greater among black than among white women, 63 percent compared with 42 percent, and was directly related to the age of the woman having an abortion: The older the woman, the more likely she had had a previous live birth (table 7). Among women aged 40 years and over, 87 percent had had at least one previous live birth. In contrast, among women aged 15-17 years, only 9 percent had had at least one previous live birth. The same pattern existed for women of both races; at

every age black women having abortions were more likely than white women to have had a previous live birth.

For a 13-State area (Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia) and New York City, data are available on the number of previous live births to women having abortions in 1987 according to the marital status of the woman. Approximately

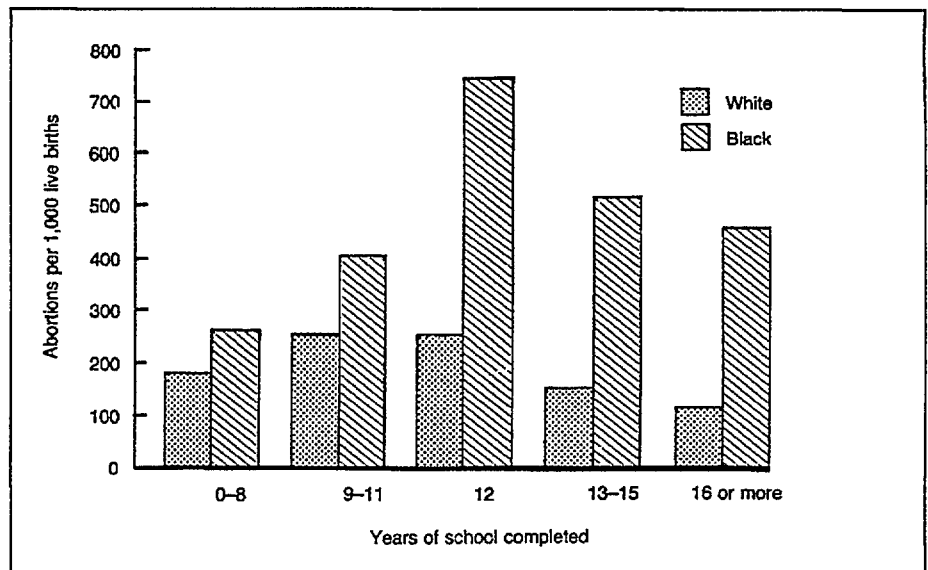
four-fifths (81 percent) of married women and two-fifths (42 percent) of unmarried women who obtained abortions had had at least one previous live birth (table 8).

**Previous induced terminations**

For the 14-State area, over one-half (54 percent) of black women and two-fifths of white women having abortions in 1987 had repeat abortions (table E). In each age group, a larger proportion of black than white women had experienced a prior abortion (table 9). Among black women, at least one-half of each 5-year age group aged 20-24 years and over had experienced a prior induced abortion. Among white women, the age group 30-34 years had the largest percent of repeat abortions, 54 percent. For those under 15 years of age, the youngest group, only 8 percent had had a previous induced abortion.

**Period of gestation**

Almost 9 out of 10 induced terminations occurring in the 13-State area in 1987 occurred during the first trimester of pregnancy, as shown in table F and tables 10 and 11. Almost one-half (49 percent) were for pregnancies of 8 weeks' or less duration and 41 percent were for pregnancies of 9-12 weeks' duration. Only 11 percent



**Figure 3. Abortion ratios by years of school completed and race for women aged 25 years and over: 12-State area, 1987**

**Table D. Percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by previous live births to woman, according to race: 14-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Previous live births	All races <sup>1</sup>	Percent distribution	
		White	Black
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	51.1	58.5	36.8
1 previous live birth . . . . .	23.5	20.0	30.7
2 previous live births . . . . .	16.4	14.4	19.9
3 previous live births . . . . .	6.0	4.9	7.9
4 previous live births . . . . .	2.0	1.5	2.9
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	0.4	1.0
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.2	0.2	0.4
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.2	0.1	0.3

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table E. Percent of reported induced terminations of pregnancy to women with a previous induced termination by race and age of woman: 14-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman	All races <sup>1</sup>	Percent	
		White	Black
All ages . . . . .	44.4	39.6	53.6
Under 15 years . . . . .	7.6	5.1	9.2
15-17 years . . . . .	16.4	12.7	23.5
18-19 years . . . . .	27.4	23.1	38.1
20-24 years . . . . .	45.1	40.6	54.3
25-29 years . . . . .	56.7	52.5	64.8
30-34 years . . . . .	58.6	53.8	67.8
35-39 years . . . . .	54.5	48.7	66.5
40 years and over . . . . .	48.7	42.7	62.8

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table F. Percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by period of gestation and median gestational period, according to age of woman: 13-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>	All ages	Under							
		15 years	15-17 years	18-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years and over
		Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	13.0	7.1	7.8	9.3	11.8	14.9	17.4	19.5	18.7
7-8 weeks . . . . .	35.5	24.9	26.9	31.3	35.0	38.2	40.3	41.1	41.2
9-12 weeks . . . . .	40.9	43.9	47.6	46.0	42.2	38.5	35.3	32.6	33.1
13 weeks or more . . . . .	10.7	24.1	17.8	13.3	11.0	8.3	7.0	6.7	6.9
		Median							
Period of gestation . . . . .	9.1	10.4	10.0	9.6	9.2	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.5

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation"; see Technical notes.

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

of all abortions were obtained by women whose pregnancies lasted more than 12 weeks.

The median gestational period for black women having abortions, 9.4 weeks, was slightly longer than the corresponding period for white women, 9.0 weeks. The length of the gestational period also tended to be longer for younger than for older women (figure 4). For women under 20 years of age, the median gestational period was 9.8 weeks, almost 1 week longer than the 8.9-week period for women aged 20 years and over. The same pattern by age prevailed for black and white women. However, black women at every age had longer gestational periods prior to induced termination than white women.

For an 11-State area (Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia) in 1987, data are available to examine duration of pregnancy prior to abortion by educational attainment of woman, age, and race (table 12). Generally, delayed terminations were associated with less educational attainment. For women with less than a high school education, the median gestational period was 9.8 weeks compared with 8.9 weeks for women with 12 years or more of school completed. When this analysis is restricted to women 25 years of age and over who had the opportunity to complete their schooling, the relationship is attenuated. The median duration of pregnancy prior to termination for women 25 years of age and over with less than a high school education was 9.0 weeks, and the median for those with 12 years or more of school completed was 8.7 weeks. The relationship between educational attainment and gestational duration was similar for white and black women, although black women of every educational attainment level had induced abortions later in their pregnancies than white women.

## Type of procedure

Data on types of procedures used to induce pregnancy terminations are available for the 13-State area for 1987

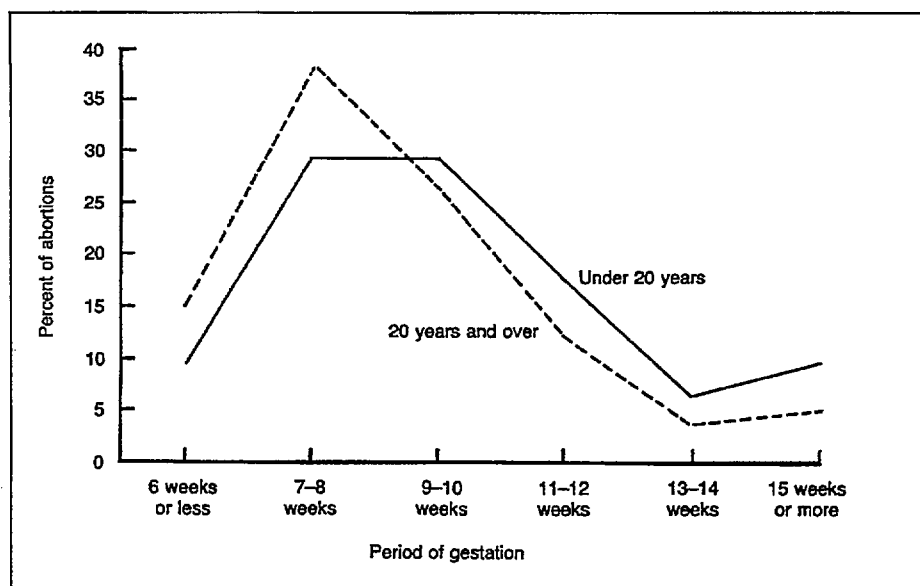


Figure 4. Percent distribution of abortions by period of gestation, according to woman's age: 13-State area, 1987

(tables G and 13). These figures indicate that more than 9 out of 10 induced abortions were performed by suction curettage (table 13). The second most frequently reported method, sharp curettage, accounted for only 2 percent of the induced abortions in 1987. Suction curettage was the predominant procedure for induced abortions for all periods of gestation, decreasing slightly as gestation period increased. Saline instillation, which accounted for 1 percent of the induced abortions, increases in prevalence as gestational period increases, but never matches the dominance of the suction curettage procedure.

### Residence patterns

#### Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan residence

In 1987 metropolitan area residents obtained 87 percent of the induced terminations occurring in the 14-State area (table 14). Residents of nonmetropolitan areas having induced abortions were, on the average, younger than women in metropolitan areas having abortions. The median age at termination for nonmetropolitan area women was 22.8 years, and for metropolitan area women, 23.8 years.

The relative frequency of induced abortions per 1,000 live births was

almost 2½ times as high for residents of metropolitan areas compared with nonmetropolitan areas, 391.5 and 163.9, respectively (table H). Black women living in metropolitan areas were more than three times as likely to obtain abortions as black women living in nonmetropolitan areas, but the relative frequency of induced abortions among white women living in metropolitan areas was two times that of white women residing in nonmetropolitan areas. Among nonmetropolitan residents, abortion ratios for black women (221.7) were nearly 1½ times those for white women (158.6). In metropolitan areas, the abortion ratio for black women, 699.2, was more than two times that for white women (314.9). Thus, the difference in abortion ratios between the two racial groups was somewhat greater in metropolitan areas than in nonmetropolitan areas, reflecting the very high abortion ratios of black women in metropolitan areas.

#### Out-of-State residents

For a 13-State area (Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia) in 1987, data are available to examine resident status of the woman by gestational age. In the 13-State area, only 7.4 percent of induced abortions were obtained by U.S. residents outside of their State of residence (table 15). Nearly two-thirds (64 percent) were in their county of residence, and the remainder (28 percent) were within their State but outside their county of residence.

Residence status is associated with the duration of gestation prior to termination. Women obtaining abortions outside their State of residence have longer pregnancies prior to termination than women having abortions in their State of residence. The median gestational period for out-of-State residents was 9.5 weeks compared with 9.1 weeks for women obtaining abortions in their State of residence. About 18 percent of out-of-State residents obtained their abortions after 12 weeks compared with 10 percent for State residents.

Of all the abortions (including those for nonresidents of the United

Table G. Percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by procedure, according to period of gestation: 13-State area, 1987

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Procedure	Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>			
	All periods	Less than 13 weeks	13-15 weeks	16 weeks or more
		Percent distribution		
All procedures . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Suction curettage . . . . .	95.8	97.9	89.2	65.6
Sharp curettage . . . . .	1.9	1.2	6.6	8.8
Saline instillation . . . . .	1.0	0.1	2.0	15.8
Prostaglandin instillation . . . . .	0.4	0.1	1.1	6.5
Hysterotomy . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Hysterectomy . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other . . . . .	0.9	0.8	1.0	3.2

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation"; see Technical notes.

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table H. Ratio of reported induced terminations of pregnancy, 1987, and percent change, 1986-87, by race and metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence: 14-State area**

[Ratios per 1,000 live births. Induced terminations of pregnancy and live births are only those occurring in the area to residents of the area]

Geographic area	All races <sup>1</sup>			All races <sup>1</sup>		
	White	Black	Black	White	Black	Black
	Ratio			Percent change <sup>2</sup>		
All areas . . . . .	337.8	274.0	635.2	-2.1	-3.6	0.2
Metropolitan areas . . . . .	391.5	314.9	699.2	-2.6	-4.4	0.1
Nonmetropolitan areas . . . . .	163.9	158.6	221.7	-1.4	-1.4	-1.3

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

<sup>2</sup>See Technical notes.

NOTE: The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

States) reported in 1987 to NCHS, the proportion in each of the 14 reporting States accounted for by residents of that State varied from a high of 96.6 percent in Indiana to a low of 60.3 percent in Kansas (table 16). Some 37 percent of the abortions reported by Kansas were for Missouri residents whereas only 2.5 percent of the abortions reported by Missouri were for Kansas residents in 1987. In Montana, 18 percent of abortions were obtained by nonresidents of the United States, mainly Canadians.

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### Symbols

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  - . . . Category not applicable
  - Quantity zero
  - 0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05
  - Z Quantity more than zero but less than 500 where numbers are rounded to thousands
  - \* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision (when the base of the measure includes fewer than 20 events)
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**Table 1. Number and ratio of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race of woman: 13- and 14-State areas, 1982-87**

[Ratios per 1,000 live births. Induced terminations of pregnancy and live births are only those occurring in the area to residents of the area]

Area and year	13-State area			14-State area		
	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black
		Number			Ratio	
1987 . . . . .	278,273	177,734	93,877	339.8	274.9	635.6
1986 . . . . .	281,066	183,777	91,000	347.2	285.7	634.4
1985 . . . . .	288,036	192,780	89,548	355.7	297.6	639.3
1984 . . . . .	288,829	196,038	87,011	364.3	307.4	646.3
1983 . . . . .	286,091	194,268	86,426	360.8	304.2	644.4
1982 . . . . .	299,585	206,737	87,756	373.5	319.8	649.2
1987 . . . . .	282,020	181,458	93,890	337.8	274.0	635.2
1986 . . . . .	284,655	187,332	91,023	344.9	284.3	634.2

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. Ratios are based on unrounded figures. See Technical notes.

**Table 2. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman: 14-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
			Number			
All ages . . . . .	300,310	189,014	100,922	94,025	6,897	10,374
Under 14 years . . . . .	685	238	429	424	5	18
14 years . . . . .	1,851	844	963	943	20	44
15-19 years . . . . .	70,477	46,853	21,234	20,361	873	2,390
15 years . . . . .	4,876	2,837	1,884	1,842	42	155
16 years . . . . .	10,190	6,548	3,286	3,198	88	356
17 years . . . . .	14,826	9,855	4,496	4,338	158	475
18 years . . . . .	20,278	13,850	5,751	5,461	290	677
19 years . . . . .	20,307	13,763	5,817	5,522	295	727
20-24 years . . . . .	99,842	63,055	33,416	31,530	1,886	3,371
25-29 years . . . . .	65,210	39,707	23,340	21,586	1,754	2,163
30-34 years . . . . .	37,236	22,613	13,267	11,996	1,271	1,356
35-39 years . . . . .	18,422	11,477	6,257	5,436	821	688
40 years and over . . . . .	4,894	3,239	1,469	1,238	231	186
Not stated . . . . .	1,693	988	547	511	36	158
			Percent distribution			
All ages . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 14 years . . . . .	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2
14 years . . . . .	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.4
15-19 years . . . . .	23.6	24.9	21.2	21.8	12.7	23.4
15 years . . . . .	1.6	1.5	1.9	2.0	0.6	1.5
16 years . . . . .	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.4	1.3	3.5
17 years . . . . .	5.0	5.2	4.5	4.6	2.3	4.6
18 years . . . . .	6.8	7.4	5.7	5.8	4.2	6.6
19 years . . . . .	6.8	7.3	5.8	5.9	4.3	7.1
20-24 years . . . . .	33.4	33.5	33.3	33.7	27.5	33.0
25-29 years . . . . .	21.8	21.1	23.3	23.1	25.6	21.2
30-34 years . . . . .	12.5	12.0	13.2	12.8	18.5	13.3
35-39 years . . . . .	6.2	6.1	6.2	5.8	12.0	6.7
40 years and over . . . . .	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.3	3.4	1.8

NOTE: The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 3. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age and race of woman: 13- and 14-State areas, 1982-87**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Race, area, and year	All ages	Under 14 years	14 years	15-19 years						20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years and over	Not stated
				Total	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years	19 years						
<b>All races<sup>1</sup></b>															
<b>13-State area:</b>															
1987	295,800	682	1,831	69,086	4,774	9,953	14,457	19,934	19,968	98,366	64,367	36,794	18,227	4,824	1,623
1986	298,719	738	2,081	70,133	5,458	10,372	13,873	19,752	20,678	100,971	64,637	35,831	18,120	4,505	1,703
1985	305,938	714	2,339	73,567	5,668	10,264	14,426	21,040	22,169	104,947	64,714	35,259	17,609	4,728	2,061
1984	306,792	758	2,295	74,437	5,268	9,922	14,739	21,619	22,889	105,360	64,278	34,714	16,797	4,673	3,480
1983	304,496	801	2,189	76,579	5,399	10,206	14,717	22,641	23,616	103,890	63,230	33,826	16,016	4,757	3,208
1982	320,271	716	2,085	82,524	5,612	11,119	16,734	24,344	24,715	109,357	65,283	35,272	16,688	4,930	3,416
<b>14-State area:</b>															
1987	300,310	685	1,851	70,477	4,876	10,190	14,826	20,278	20,307	99,842	65,210	37,236	18,422	4,894	1,693
1986	302,848	743	2,110	71,454	5,561	10,595	14,213	20,100	20,985	102,316	65,398	36,197	18,318	4,561	1,751
<b>White</b>															
<b>13-State area:</b>															
1987	184,656	235	824	45,495	2,739	6,315	9,497	13,512	13,432	61,620	38,898	22,192	11,292	3,172	928
1986	190,125	260	951	46,899	3,125	6,595	9,400	13,596	14,183	65,073	39,503	21,994	11,507	2,994	944
1985	201,245	288	1,160	50,890	3,349	6,845	9,998	15,104	15,594	70,367	40,788	22,173	11,600	3,198	781
1984	203,408	289	1,139	52,399	3,148	6,700	10,394	15,647	16,510	71,482	40,954	22,107	11,109	3,173	756
1983	202,428	272	1,055	53,852	3,147	6,824	10,292	16,487	17,102	70,815	40,447	21,517	10,521	3,141	808
1982	216,721	276	1,091	59,512	3,411	7,577	12,148	18,176	18,200	75,789	42,368	22,572	10,972	3,297	844
<b>14-State area:</b>															
1987	189,014	238	844	46,853	2,837	6,548	9,855	13,850	13,763	63,055	39,707	22,613	11,477	3,239	988
1986	194,048	265	978	48,165	3,224	6,812	9,728	13,932	14,469	66,361	40,222	22,336	11,694	3,045	982
<b>Black</b>															
<b>13-State area:</b>															
1987	93,999	424	943	20,352	1,842	3,198	4,333	5,459	5,520	31,521	21,583	11,994	5,435	1,238	509
1986	90,700	444	1,036	19,680	2,068	3,248	3,728	5,208	5,428	30,372	21,107	11,242	5,178	1,163	478
1985	90,002	407	1,123	19,918	2,125	3,069	3,911	5,144	5,669	30,266	20,659	11,052	4,915	1,216	446
1984	87,033	450	1,096	19,308	1,945	2,884	3,832	5,168	5,479	29,241	20,135	10,647	4,619	1,216	321
1983	86,626	511	1,080	20,108	2,109	3,051	3,930	5,342	5,676	28,770	19,679	10,374	4,496	1,308	300
1982	88,331	423	943	20,373	2,048	3,215	4,081	5,417	5,612	29,339	19,963	10,856	4,747	1,317	370
<b>14-State area:</b>															
1987	94,025	424	943	20,361	1,842	3,198	4,338	5,461	5,522	31,530	21,586	11,996	5,436	1,238	511
1986	90,730	444	1,036	19,694	2,070	3,249	3,733	5,211	5,431	30,382	21,111	11,243	5,179	1,163	478

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

Table 4. Ratio of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age and race of woman: 13- and 14-State areas, 1982-87

[Ratios per 1,000 live births. Induced terminations of pregnancy and live births are only those occurring in the area to residents of the area]

Race, area, and year	All ages	Under 14 years		15-19 years						20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years and over
		14 years	Total	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years	19 years						
<b>All races<sup>1</sup></b>														
Ratio														
<b>13-State area:</b>														
1987	339.8	1,701.1	1,148.0	685.7	916.7	838.4	735.7	713.9	553.8	403.9	234.0	210.2	309.8	568.1
1986	347.2	1,760.3	1,240.8	696.3	1,037.6	909.6	731.9	703.4	559.4	405.5	237.2	213.8	331.6	605.0
1985	355.7	1,728.1	1,371.1	720.8	1,084.3	892.6	751.2	739.6	589.3	410.1	237.2	218.5	344.9	652.7
1984	364.3	1,946.9	1,501.3	728.8	1,077.2	890.5	759.5	760.0	599.0	414.3	242.4	225.6	358.3	692.1
1983	360.8	2,008.5	1,360.1	707.2	1,013.0	860.1	720.7	746.9	586.3	397.5	239.8	229.4	370.0	720.7
1982	373.5	1,850.0	1,257.8	722.4	1,016.2	866.5	765.7	757.3	592.1	402.0	245.1	244.8	411.9	774.9
<b>14-State area:</b>														
1987	337.8	1,705.1	1,146.1	683.7	919.3	836.1	734.6	712.8	550.8	400.6	232.3	209.1	307.7	568.2
1986	344.9	1,748.3	1,236.3	693.5	1,040.4	908.0	731.3	700.9	555.1	401.7	235.4	212.1	330.1	605.1
<b>White</b>														
<b>13-State area:</b>														
1987	274.9	1,818.4	1,250.6	683.0	1,042.3	894.7	740.0	717.8	533.0	337.3	176.0	156.4	241.7	481.6
1986	285.7	2,066.7	1,361.9	704.9	1,145.2	991.6	767.3	717.5	547.2	344.6	179.8	161.4	266.7	529.1
1985	297.6	2,186.0	1,557.5	739.7	1,222.5	980.0	786.1	772.6	583.6	354.2	181.8	166.8	283.9	574.9
1984	307.4	2,088.7	1,845.9	756.8	1,239.3	984.1	811.1	804.1	598.8	360.4	187.3	172.8	294.0	607.2
1983	304.2	1,882.7	1,574.5	724.9	1,074.2	950.2	755.7	782.6	581.1	345.2	185.3	176.5	302.2	627.5
1982	319.8	2,277.1	1,516.8	751.8	1,147.4	949.7	820.9	805.4	593.4	352.8	191.9	189.1	337.5	680.5
<b>14-State area:</b>														
1987	274.0	1,829.4	1,245.7	680.4	1,044.7	890.1	738.3	716.5	529.5	335.1	175.4	156.1	240.6	483.6
1986	284.3	2,015.6	1,346.9	701.1	1,148.7	987.5	766.0	714.1	541.8	341.6	179.0	160.6	266.0	530.7
<b>Black</b>														
<b>13-State area:</b>														
1987	635.6	1,672.6	1,081.6	701.6	790.3	761.8	742.0	711.1	616.6	653.0	568.5	557.1	691.3	994.5
1986	634.4	1,609.3	1,153.5	686.8	933.1	792.7	666.9	678.8	598.9	647.8	578.0	550.0	704.8	973.8
1985	639.3	1,521.5	1,245.6	689.9	941.5	763.5	690.3	669.5	614.6	649.3	579.6	565.4	703.0	1,043.8
1984	646.3	1,884.2	1,290.8	678.1	914.9	747.9	664.1	667.9	611.4	651.4	587.6	591.2	737.3	1,083.3
1983	644.4	2,109.3	1,221.9	677.4	949.1	725.2	657.8	669.8	611.8	636.2	590.5	595.4	758.9	1,128.0
1982	649.2	1,662.9	1,064.5	668.9	868.5	740.5	661.5	656.3	602.8	636.9	594.0	625.8	833.4	1,208.1
<b>14-State area:</b>														
1987	635.2	1,672.6	1,080.2	701.3	790.4	761.2	742.4	710.7	616.2	652.6	567.9	557.1	691.0	993.9
1986	634.2	1,609.3	1,153.7	686.6	932.7	792.3	667.0	678.4	599.0	647.5	577.9	550.5	705.0	973.7

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. Ratios are based on unrounded figures. See Technical notes.

**Table 5. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and marital status of woman and percent distribution by age, according to race and marital status of woman: 13-State area and New York City, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Marital status and age of woman	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
Number						
All women . . . . .	247,632	148,675	90,513	84,106	6,407	8,444
Percent distribution						
All ages . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years . . . . .	0.9	0.6	1.4	1.5	0.4	0.6
15-17 years . . . . .	9.9	10.1	9.5	9.9	4.3	9.5
18-19 years . . . . .	13.2	14.3	11.3	11.5	8.4	13.2
20-24 years . . . . .	33.1	33.2	32.9	33.3	27.6	33.3
25-29 years . . . . .	22.3	21.6	23.4	23.3	25.6	21.3
30-34 years . . . . .	12.8	12.3	13.5	13.2	18.5	13.9
35-39 years . . . . .	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.0	11.8	6.6
40 years and over . . . . .	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.3	3.4	1.7
Number						
Married women . . . . .	48,651	31,176	16,025	13,037	2,988	1,450
Percent distribution						
All ages . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years . . . . .	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
15-17 years . . . . .	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.4	1.0
18-19 years . . . . .	3.5	4.2	2.2	2.3	1.8	2.9
20-24 years . . . . .	25.8	27.3	22.9	24.0	18.3	26.3
25-29 years . . . . .	30.1	29.3	31.8	32.0	31.1	29.0
30-34 years . . . . .	22.8	21.7	24.8	24.8	25.0	23.4
35-39 years . . . . .	12.9	12.6	13.6	12.7	17.9	13.0
40 years and over . . . . .	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.5	5.4	4.5
Number						
Unmarried women . . . . .	189,425	112,776	71,469	68,190	3,279	5,180
Percent distribution						
All ages . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years . . . . .	1.1	0.8	1.7	1.8	0.7	0.7
15-17 years . . . . .	12.3	12.6	11.6	11.8	7.8	12.8
18-19 years . . . . .	15.7	17.1	13.4	13.4	14.6	16.6
20-24 years . . . . .	35.0	34.9	35.2	35.1	36.2	35.6
25-29 years . . . . .	20.2	19.5	21.5	21.5	20.4	18.6
30-34 years . . . . .	10.1	9.6	10.9	10.8	12.7	10.4
35-39 years . . . . .	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.6	6.1	4.6
40 years and over . . . . .	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.5	0.8
Number						
Not stated . . . . .	9,556	4,723	3,019	2,879	140	1,814
Percent distribution						
All ages . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years . . . . .	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	-	0.6
15-17 years . . . . .	8.2	9.4	7.2	7.4	3.6	6.8
18-19 years . . . . .	11.2	12.4	9.2	9.2	7.9	11.8
20-24 years . . . . .	31.9	32.3	30.9	31.4	20.9	32.5
25-29 years . . . . .	23.7	22.4	26.0	25.8	30.2	23.0
30-34 years . . . . .	14.9	13.9	15.9	15.8	18.0	16.1
35-39 years . . . . .	7.5	7.0	8.2	7.8	16.5	7.4
40 years and over . . . . .	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.6	2.9	1.9

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 6. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by years of school completed, according to race and age of woman: 12-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and years of school completed	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
Number						
All ages . . . . .	280,555	175,164	99,095	92,788	6,307	6,296
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years . . . . .	2.3	2.1	2.6	2.4	5.8	2.7
9-11 years . . . . .	18.1	17.4	18.6	19.0	11.9	31.6
12 years . . . . .	49.9	48.4	52.8	53.2	47.4	43.8
13-15 years . . . . .	19.6	20.4	18.6	18.6	17.6	14.0
16 years or more . . . . .	10.1	11.6	7.4	6.8	17.3	7.9
Number						
Under 15 years . . . . .	2,426	1,006	1,375	1,354	21	45
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years . . . . .	65.9	61.1	69.5	69.7	60.0	54.5
9-11 years . . . . .	34.1	38.9	30.5	30.3	40.0	45.5
12 years . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-15 years . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 years or more . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number						
15-17 years . . . . .	27,958	17,869	9,504	9,251	253	585
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years . . . . .	5.0	4.5	5.9	5.9	7.6	4.3
9-11 years . . . . .	73.2	74.1	71.4	71.5	66.0	76.7
12 years . . . . .	21.2	20.9	22.1	22.0	26.1	18.6
13-15 years . . . . .	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5
16 years or more . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number						
18-19 years . . . . .	37,642	25,470	11,346	10,834	512	826
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years . . . . .	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.7	3.7	1.3
9-11 years . . . . .	18.6	16.9	22.0	22.3	16.1	27.5
12 years . . . . .	61.7	61.8	61.8	61.9	58.7	58.3
13-15 years . . . . .	18.2	19.7	15.0	14.8	21.0	12.8
16 years or more . . . . .	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
Number						
20-24 years . . . . .	93,308	58,419	32,838	31,139	1,699	2,051
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years . . . . .	1.1	1.3	0.8	0.6	3.6	1.4
9-11 years . . . . .	12.1	11.2	13.0	13.1	10.5	27.5
12 years . . . . .	53.0	50.4	57.8	58.3	47.6	46.7
13-15 years . . . . .	25.0	26.5	22.8	22.6	25.7	17.7
16 years or more . . . . .	8.8	10.6	5.7	5.3	12.7	6.6

See footnote at end of table.

**Table 6. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by years of school completed, according to race and age of woman: 12-State area, 1987—Con.**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and years of school completed	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
Number						
25-29 years. . . . .	61,002	36,806	22,882	21,270	1,612	1,314
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years. . . . .	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.0	5.3	2.5
9-11 years . . . . .	10.3	9.7	10.6	10.8	8.3	26.4
12 years . . . . .	52.7	51.2	55.6	56.1	49.6	43.3
13-15 years. . . . .	20.7	20.4	21.6	22.0	15.7	15.8
16 years or more . . . . .	14.7	17.2	10.9	10.1	21.1	12.0
Number						
30-34 years. . . . .	34,763	20,974	12,996	11,822	1,174	793
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years. . . . .	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.4	6.9	3.1
9-11 years . . . . .	8.2	7.2	9.0	9.3	6.8	27.1
12 years . . . . .	50.6	48.6	54.2	54.7	48.3	42.9
13-15 years. . . . .	21.7	22.3	21.2	21.9	14.5	14.6
16 years or more . . . . .	17.6	20.2	13.7	12.7	23.6	12.3
Number						
35-39 years. . . . .	17,194	10,623	6,159	5,379	780	412
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years. . . . .	2.6	2.5	2.6	1.9	8.2	3.0
9-11 years . . . . .	7.8	6.1	10.0	10.0	9.4	24.4
12 years . . . . .	48.8	45.9	53.8	55.1	43.6	42.9
13-15 years. . . . .	19.7	20.5	18.6	19.2	14.2	11.3
16 years or more . . . . .	21.2	24.9	15.0	13.7	24.6	18.4
Number						
40 years and over. . . . .	4,608	3,038	1,450	1,230	220	120
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years. . . . .	3.9	3.1	5.3	4.2	11.7	7.7
9-11 years . . . . .	8.6	7.0	11.1	11.3	9.7	21.8
12 years . . . . .	48.1	45.7	53.3	55.9	38.3	43.6
13-15 years. . . . .	16.7	18.3	13.8	14.7	8.7	9.0
16 years or more . . . . .	22.7	25.9	16.5	14.0	31.6	17.9
Number						
Not stated. . . . .	1,654	959	545	509	36	150
Percent distribution						
All years of school completed . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years. . . . .	2.2	2.2	1.4	1.0	5.7	9.1
9-11 years . . . . .	16.0	15.5	15.9	16.2	11.4	22.7
12 years . . . . .	56.3	52.4	63.4	64.0	54.3	50.0
13-15 years. . . . .	16.9	19.7	13.0	12.7	17.1	13.6
16 years or more . . . . .	8.6	10.3	6.4	6.0	11.4	4.5

NOTE: The 12-State area includes Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 7. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by previous live births, according to race and age of woman: 14-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and previous live births	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
Number						
All ages . . . . .	300,310	189,014	100,922	94,025	6,897	10,374
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	51.1	58.5	37.5	36.8	45.9	51.4
1 previous live birth . . . . .	23.5	20.0	30.0	30.7	20.0	22.3
2 previous live births . . . . .	16.4	14.4	20.0	19.9	21.3	17.0
3 previous live births . . . . .	6.0	4.9	7.9	7.9	7.6	6.3
4 previous live births . . . . .	2.0	1.5	2.9	2.9	3.2	2.0
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.7
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
Number						
Under 15 years. . . . .	2,536	1,082	1,392	1,367	25	62
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	96.4	97.5	95.7	95.7	95.8	92.7
1 previous live birth . . . . .	2.6	1.5	3.3	3.3	-	7.3
2 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	4.2	-
3 previous live births . . . . .	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	-	-
4 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	0.1	-	-	-	-
5 previous live births . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 previous live births . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number						
15-17 years. . . . .	29,892	19,240	9,666	9,378	288	986
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	91.5	94.4	85.7	85.5	92.5	91.7
1 previous live birth . . . . .	7.7	5.2	12.8	13.0	6.4	7.8
2 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	0.4	1.4	1.4	1.1	0.6
3 previous live births . . . . .	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	-	-
4 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Number						
18-19 years. . . . .	40,585	27,613	11,568	10,983	585	1,404
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	79.1	85.4	64.1	62.9	86.2	79.5
1 previous live birth . . . . .	16.7	11.8	28.3	29.2	10.8	15.5
2 previous live births . . . . .	3.6	2.4	6.4	6.7	1.9	4.3
3 previous live births . . . . .	0.5	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7
4 previous live births . . . . .	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	-	-
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	-

See footnote at end of table.



**Table 7. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by previous live births, according to race and age of woman: 14-State area, 1987—Con.**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and previous live births	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
20-24 years . . . . .	99,842	63,055	33,416	31,530	1,886	3,371
			Number			
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
			Percent distribution			
No previous live birth . . . . .	54.9	63.9	38.3	36.6	66.6	55.0
1 previous live birth . . . . .	27.9	22.7	37.6	38.6	20.8	27.2
2 previous live births . . . . .	13.0	10.5	17.8	18.3	9.3	12.8
3 previous live births . . . . .	3.2	2.4	4.8	4.9	2.7	3.9
4 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.7
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	—	0.2
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
25-29 years . . . . .	65,210	39,707	23,340	21,586	1,754	2,163
			Number			
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
			Percent distribution			
No previous live birth . . . . .	35.5	43.1	22.9	21.4	41.5	37.0
1 previous live birth . . . . .	28.5	26.0	33.0	33.6	25.8	26.4
2 previous live births . . . . .	23.9	21.4	28.0	28.4	23.4	24.4
3 previous live births . . . . .	8.4	6.9	10.9	11.3	5.8	8.6
4 previous live births . . . . .	2.6	1.9	3.6	3.7	2.9	2.5
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.8
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	—	0.0
30-34 years . . . . .	37,236	22,613	13,267	11,996	1,271	1,356
			Number			
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
			Percent distribution			
No previous live birth . . . . .	24.6	31.0	13.8	13.0	20.6	26.1
1 previous live birth . . . . .	25.5	24.4	27.4	27.9	23.3	24.9
2 previous live births . . . . .	29.5	28.0	31.8	31.4	36.0	30.2
3 previous live births . . . . .	13.1	11.1	16.6	17.0	12.8	11.7
4 previous live births . . . . .	4.7	3.8	6.4	6.6	4.1	4.6
5 previous live births . . . . .	1.6	1.1	2.5	2.5	1.9	1.5
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.3
35-39 years . . . . .	18,422	11,477	6,257	5,436	821	688
			Number			
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
			Percent distribution			
No previous live birth . . . . .	17.9	22.2	9.9	9.4	13.0	22.2
1 previous live birth . . . . .	22.1	22.1	22.6	23.8	14.6	18.1
2 previous live births . . . . .	32.1	32.5	31.4	30.5	37.3	32.0
3 previous live births . . . . .	16.3	14.9	18.7	18.7	19.2	17.2
4 previous live births . . . . .	6.7	5.2	9.5	9.6	8.9	6.2
5 previous live births . . . . .	2.9	2.0	4.5	4.6	3.8	2.7
6 previous live births . . . . .	1.0	0.6	1.9	1.9	1.5	0.2
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.9	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.4

See footnote at end of table.

Table 7. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by previous live births, according to race and age of woman: 14-State area, 1987—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and previous live births	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
Number						
40 years and over . . . . .	4,894	3,239	1,469	1,238	231	186
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	13.4	16.1	7.6	7.8	6.6	12.0
1 previous live birth . . . . .	16.2	16.8	15.8	16.3	12.7	10.2
2 previous live births . . . . .	32.2	33.0	29.6	28.0	38.0	40.4
3 previous live births . . . . .	19.2	19.7	18.3	18.4	17.9	18.7
4 previous live births . . . . .	9.9	8.4	13.1	13.1	13.5	9.6
5 previous live births . . . . .	4.8	3.7	7.4	8.1	3.9	3.6
6 previous live births . . . . .	2.2	1.4	3.9	4.1	2.6	1.8
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	2.1	1.0	4.3	4.2	4.8	3.6
Number						
Not stated . . . . .	1,693	988	547	511	36	158
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	51.0	54.7	45.6	46.0	39.4	46.4
1 previous live birth . . . . .	22.4	20.7	25.9	26.0	24.2	20.5
2 previous live births . . . . .	17.4	17.0	18.1	17.5	27.3	17.0
3 previous live births . . . . .	6.3	5.3	6.8	6.9	6.1	11.6
4 previous live births . . . . .	1.8	1.2	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.7
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	—	0.9
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	—	—
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	—	0.9

NOTE: The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 8. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by marital status and age of woman and percent distribution by previous live births, according to marital status and age of woman: 13-State area and New York City, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

<i>Age of woman and previous live births</i>	<i>All women</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>Not stated</i>
			Number	
All ages . . . . .	247,632	48,651	189,425	9,556
			Percent distribution	
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	49.6	18.7	58.1	36.1
1 previous live birth . . . . .	24.3	29.6	22.7	28.7
2 previous live births . . . . .	16.8	33.0	12.5	21.6
3 previous live births . . . . .	6.1	12.3	4.4	8.6
4 previous live births . . . . .	2.1	4.2	1.5	3.0
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	1.4	0.5	1.2
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4
			Number	
Under 15 years. . . . .	2,227	38	2,122	67
			Percent distribution	
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	96.4	38.9	97.4	96.1
1 previous live birth. . . . .	2.6	25.0	2.2	2.0
2 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	19.4	0.4	2.0
3 previous live births . . . . .	0.3	13.9	0.0	-
4 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	2.8	-	-
5 previous live births . . . . .	-	-	-	-
6 previous live births . . . . .	-	-	-	-
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	-	-	-	-
			Number	
15-17 years. . . . .	24,315	413	23,136	766
			Percent distribution	
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	91.2	56.7	92.0	84.8
1 previous live birth. . . . .	7.9	37.4	7.3	13.1
2 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	5.7	0.6	1.6
3 previous live births . . . . .	0.1	-	0.1	0.4
4 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	0.2	0.0	-
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	-	0.0	-
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	-	0.0	-
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.0	-	-	0.2
			Number	
18-19 years. . . . .	32,464	1,715	29,701	1,048
			Percent distribution	
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	77.8	36.0	80.5	68.8
1 previous live birth. . . . .	17.8	46.8	15.9	23.6
2 previous live births . . . . .	3.8	15.1	3.0	6.1
3 previous live births . . . . .	0.5	1.8	0.4	1.3
4 previous live births . . . . .	0.1	0.2	0.0	-
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	0.1	0.0	-
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	-	0.0	-
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1

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Table 8. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by marital status and age of woman and percent distribution by previous live births, according to marital status and age of woman: 13-State area and New York City, 1987—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

<i>Age of woman and previous live births</i>	<i>All women</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>Not stated</i>
Number				
20–24 years . . . . .	81,631	12,488	66,170	2,973
Percent distribution				
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	53.0	25.1	58.8	39.4
1 previous live birth . . . . .	29.1	39.7	26.9	36.2
2 previous live births . . . . .	13.6	27.1	10.9	17.9
3 previous live births . . . . .	3.4	6.5	2.7	4.8
4 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	1.3	0.6	1.3
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Number				
25–29 years . . . . .	54,890	14,571	38,114	2,205
Percent distribution				
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	34.1	18.4	40.7	24.2
1 previous live birth . . . . .	29.2	29.9	28.8	30.9
2 previous live births . . . . .	24.4	35.0	20.1	29.5
3 previous live births . . . . .	8.5	12.1	7.1	10.3
4 previous live births . . . . .	2.6	3.5	2.2	3.3
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.2
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Number				
30–34 years . . . . .	31,503	11,018	19,092	1,393
Percent distribution				
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	24.0	13.6	30.4	16.6
1 previous live birth . . . . .	25.8	23.3	27.3	26.0
2 previous live births . . . . .	29.6	37.8	24.6	31.9
3 previous live births . . . . .	13.1	16.3	11.1	16.0
4 previous live births . . . . .	4.8	5.8	4.2	5.8
5 previous live births . . . . .	1.6	1.8	1.5	2.2
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.7
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7
Number				
35–39 years . . . . .	15,457	6,259	8,501	697
Percent distribution				
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	17.5	11.0	22.7	10.5
1 previous live birth . . . . .	22.6	19.1	25.0	23.7
2 previous live births . . . . .	31.6	37.6	27.3	31.0
3 previous live births . . . . .	16.3	18.6	14.4	18.8
4 previous live births . . . . .	7.0	8.4	5.9	8.3
5 previous live births . . . . .	3.0	3.2	2.6	4.7
6 previous live births . . . . .	1.1	1.1	1.0	2.0
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.1

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**Table 8. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by marital status and age of woman and percent distribution by previous live births, according to marital status and age of woman: 13-State area and New York City, 1987—Con.**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

<i>Age of woman and previous live births</i>	<i>All women</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>Not stated</i>
Number				
40 years and over . . . . .	4,055	1,916	1,970	169
Percent distribution				
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	12.9	9.6	16.5	8.3
1 previous live birth . . . . .	16.6	14.1	18.6	20.5
2 previous live births . . . . .	31.9	35.2	29.1	28.2
3 previous live births . . . . .	19.0	19.9	18.3	17.9
4 previous live births . . . . .	10.0	11.1	8.9	10.3
5 previous live births . . . . .	5.1	5.5	4.8	4.5
6 previous live births . . . . .	2.3	2.5	1.9	4.5
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	2.2	2.1	1.9	5.8
Number				
Not stated . . . . .	1,090	233	619	238
Percent distribution				
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth . . . . .	44.6	17.9	51.2	55.3
1 previous live birth . . . . .	24.8	28.7	23.6	23.9
2 previous live births . . . . .	19.8	37.2	15.6	12.2
3 previous live births . . . . .	7.5	11.7	6.1	6.9
4 previous live births . . . . .	2.4	2.7	2.9	0.5
5 previous live births . . . . .	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.5
6 previous live births . . . . .	0.1	—	—	0.5
7 previous live births or more . . . . .	0.3	0.9	0.2	—

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 9. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by previous induced terminations, according to race and age of woman: 14-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and previous induced terminations	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
			Number			
All ages . . . . .	300,310	189,014	100,922	94,025	6,897	10,374
			Percent distribution			
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	55.6	60.4	47.0	46.4	56.3	53.1
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	27.2	25.5	30.2	30.4	27.5	28.6
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	10.7	9.0	13.7	14.0	9.9	11.3
3 previous induced terminations or more . . . . .	6.5	5.1	9.1	9.3	6.3	6.9
			Number			
Under 15 years . . . . .	2,536	1,082	1,392	1,367	25	62
			Percent distribution			
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	92.4	94.9	90.7	90.8	83.3	87.3
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	6.5	4.3	8.0	7.8	16.7	12.7
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	—	—
3 previous induced terminations or more . . . . .	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	—	—
			Number			
15–17 years . . . . .	29,892	19,240	9,666	9,378	288	986
			Percent distribution			
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	83.6	87.3	76.7	76.5	83.0	80.9
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	14.3	11.3	19.9	20.0	15.2	16.4
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	1.8	1.3	2.7	2.8	1.8	2.1
3 previous induced terminations or more . . . . .	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.7	—	0.6
			Number			
18–19 years . . . . .	40,585	27,613	11,568	10,983	585	1,404
			Percent distribution			
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	72.6	76.9	62.6	61.9	74.5	70.9
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	21.7	18.8	28.4	28.9	20.7	22.2
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	4.4	3.3	7.0	7.2	3.0	5.0
3 previous induced terminations or more . . . . .	1.3	0.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0
			Number			
20–24 years . . . . .	99,842	63,055	33,416	31,530	1,886	3,371
			Percent distribution			
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	54.9	59.4	46.6	45.7	60.8	53.1
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	29.8	28.1	32.8	33.1	27.4	31.6
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	10.4	8.8	13.5	13.8	8.0	10.0
3 previous induced terminations or more . . . . .	4.9	3.7	7.2	7.4	3.8	5.3

See note at end of table.

**Table 9. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by previous induced terminations, according to race and age of woman: 14-State area, 1987—Con.**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and previous induced terminations	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
Number						
25-29 years. . . . .	65,210	39,707	23,340	21,586	1,754	2,163
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	43.3	47.5	36.5	35.2	53.3	39.4
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	31.2	30.7	31.9	32.2	28.8	33.4
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	15.2	13.4	18.1	18.6	10.7	16.4
3 previous induced terminations or more. . . . .	10.3	8.4	13.5	14.0	7.2	10.9
Number						
30-34 years. . . . .	37,236	22,613	13,267	11,996	1,271	1,356
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	41.4	46.2	33.6	32.2	46.6	38.8
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	30.5	29.7	31.6	31.6	32.0	31.6
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	16.1	14.2	19.0	19.7	12.9	17.9
3 previous induced terminations or more. . . . .	12.1	9.9	15.7	16.5	8.6	11.7
Number						
35-39 years. . . . .	18,422	11,477	6,257	5,436	821	688
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	45.5	51.3	35.2	33.5	46.6	44.0
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	28.4	27.1	30.9	31.4	27.6	27.8
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	14.6	12.4	18.6	19.1	15.4	15.8
3 previous induced terminations or more. . . . .	11.4	9.1	15.3	16.1	10.5	12.5
Number						
40 years and over . . . . .	4,894	3,239	1,469	1,238	231	186
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	51.3	57.3	38.6	37.2	45.6	51.0
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	25.9	24.4	29.5	29.5	29.4	23.2
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	12.6	10.0	18.2	19.0	14.0	14.8
3 previous induced terminations or more. . . . .	10.1	8.3	13.8	14.3	11.0	11.0
Number						
Not stated. . . . .	1,693	988	547	511	36	158
Percent distribution						
Total . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced terminations . . . . .	54.5	57.3	48.1	47.5	58.1	61.8
1 previous induced termination . . . . .	26.0	26.5	25.9	26.4	19.4	22.7
2 previous induced terminations . . . . .	12.3	10.4	15.9	16.5	6.5	10.9
3 previous induced terminations or more. . . . .	7.1	5.8	10.0	9.6	16.1	4.5

NOTE: The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 10. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race of woman and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to race of woman: 13-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
			Number			
Total . . . . .	295,800	184,656	100,884	93,999	6,885	10,260
			Percent distribution			
All periods of gestation . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	13.0	13.4	12.3	11.8	19.1	11.3
7 weeks . . . . .	16.5	17.4	15.0	14.7	19.6	14.2
8 weeks . . . . .	19.0	19.8	17.5	17.3	20.1	19.9
9 weeks . . . . .	15.3	15.7	14.5	14.6	13.6	14.9
10 weeks . . . . .	12.0	12.0	12.2	12.3	9.7	11.3
11 weeks . . . . .	8.6	8.4	9.0	9.2	6.8	8.1
12 weeks . . . . .	4.9	4.5	5.7	5.8	3.7	4.7
13 weeks . . . . .	2.8	2.5	3.4	3.5	1.9	3.8
14 weeks . . . . .	1.7	1.5	2.1	2.2	1.3	2.7
15 weeks . . . . .	1.2	1.0	1.6	1.6	0.7	1.6
16 weeks . . . . .	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.4	0.6	1.5
17 weeks . . . . .	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.6	1.4
18 weeks . . . . .	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.2
19 weeks . . . . .	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.8
20 weeks . . . . .	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.7
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.2	0.9	1.7	1.8	0.9	1.8

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation"; see Technical notes.

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.



**Table 11. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to age of woman: 13-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>	All ages	Under 14 years		15-19 years							20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years and over	Not stated
		14 years	Total	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years	19 years								
Number																
Total . . . . .	295,800	682	1,831	69,086	4,774	9,953	14,457	19,934	19,968	98,366	64,367	36,794	18,227	4,824	1,623	
Percent distribution																
All periods of gestation . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
6 weeks or less . . . . .	13.0	7.5	6.9	8.6	6.6	7.0	8.6	9.2	9.3	11.8	14.9	17.4	19.5	18.7	13.2	
7 weeks . . . . .	16.5	9.7	9.6	12.5	10.0	10.9	11.8	12.8	14.0	16.0	18.3	19.9	20.4	20.0	16.6	
8 weeks . . . . .	19.0	15.7	15.2	17.0	15.1	15.5	16.1	17.5	18.4	19.0	19.9	20.4	20.7	21.2	21.0	
9 weeks . . . . .	15.3	13.0	13.0	15.9	14.7	15.8	16.0	15.9	16.2	15.5	15.1	14.8	14.0	13.9	14.3	
10 weeks . . . . .	12.0	11.4	12.8	13.7	13.7	14.2	13.8	14.0	13.3	12.6	11.3	10.3	9.6	9.5	11.8	
11 weeks . . . . .	8.6	8.5	11.8	10.7	11.3	11.7	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.0	7.8	6.6	6.0	6.2	8.1	
12 weeks . . . . .	4.9	6.6	7.9	6.3	7.3	6.9	6.3	6.2	5.8	5.1	4.3	3.6	3.0	3.6	4.5	
13 weeks . . . . .	2.8	7.5	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9	
14 weeks . . . . .	1.7	2.9	3.7	2.4	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.8	
15 weeks . . . . .	1.2	2.8	2.7	1.6	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5	1.3	
16 weeks . . . . .	1.0	1.5	2.2	1.5	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	
17 weeks . . . . .	0.8	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.8	
18 weeks . . . . .	0.8	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	
19 weeks . . . . .	0.6	2.2	1.4	0.9	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	
20 weeks . . . . .	0.5	2.1	1.6	0.8	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.2	4.7	3.5	1.9	3.4	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.8	

<sup>1</sup> Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation"; see Technical notes.  
 NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Kansas, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 12. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by years of school completed, race, and age of woman and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to race, age, and years of school completed by woman: 11-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation, <sup>1</sup> age and race of woman	Total	Years of school completed					
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or over	Not stated
<b>All races<sup>2</sup></b>							
All ages . . . . .	276,045	6,056	46,846	130,413	50,978	26,099	15,653
Number							
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	13.5	10.3	9.9	13.4	13.7	19.9	15.7
7-8 weeks . . . . .	35.4	30.1	28.4	35.2	39.0	43.0	35.1
9-12 weeks . . . . .	40.4	42.3	45.3	40.8	40.0	31.9	37.2
13-15 weeks . . . . .	5.7	9.0	8.4	5.7	4.2	2.6	5.9
16-20 weeks . . . . .	3.8	6.2	5.9	3.8	2.2	1.9	4.7
21 weeks or more. . . . .	1.3	2.1	2.0	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.4
Number							
10-17 years . . . . .	29,653	2,662	19,426	5,540	152	-	1,873
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	8.0	6.0	7.4	10.0	10.5	-	11.1
7-8 weeks . . . . .	26.9	23.7	26.4	29.9	32.9	-	27.8
9-12 weeks . . . . .	46.7	45.2	47.7	45.0	44.1	-	43.9
13-15 weeks . . . . .	9.0	12.2	9.2	7.0	4.6	-	9.0
16-20 weeks . . . . .	6.9	9.4	6.9	5.8	5.3	-	6.4
21 weeks or more. . . . .	2.4	3.5	2.4	2.2	2.3	-	1.7
Number							
18-24 years . . . . .	128,791	1,353	17,040	67,928	28,085	7,763	6,622
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	11.6	10.9	9.6	11.2	11.9	17.4	13.1
7-8 weeks . . . . .	34.0	28.1	27.9	33.1	37.8	42.3	33.6
9-12 weeks . . . . .	42.8	46.1	45.6	43.3	42.4	34.4	40.8
13-15 weeks . . . . .	6.3	8.4	9.0	6.6	4.6	2.9	6.4
16-20 weeks . . . . .	4.0	5.2	6.0	4.4	2.3	2.2	4.9
21 weeks or more. . . . .	1.4	1.3	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.2
Number							
25 years and over. . . . .	116,017	2,010	10,161	56,168	22,513	18,217	6,948
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	17.1	15.7	15.4	16.5	15.9	21.0	19.4
7-8 weeks . . . . .	39.0	39.9	33.2	38.1	40.6	43.2	38.3
9-12 weeks . . . . .	36.2	35.9	40.4	37.3	37.1	30.8	31.9
13-15 weeks . . . . .	4.2	5.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	2.5	4.7
16-20 weeks . . . . .	2.7	2.7	3.7	2.8	2.1	1.8	4.1
21 weeks or more. . . . .	0.9	0.8	1.4	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.5
Number							
Not stated. . . . .	1,584	31	219	777	228	119	210
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	13.1	6.5	6.9	12.9	15.9	16.9	16.3
7-8 weeks . . . . .	37.6	41.9	31.8	37.2	38.1	46.6	38.9
9-12 weeks . . . . .	38.7	38.7	45.2	38.3	41.2	33.1	33.5
13-15 weeks . . . . .	5.1	9.7	7.8	5.0	3.1	0.8	6.4
16-20 weeks . . . . .	3.7	-	5.5	4.4	1.8	2.5	2.5
21 weeks or more. . . . .	1.8	3.2	2.8	2.2	-	-	2.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 12. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by years of school completed, race, and age of woman and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to race, age, and years of school completed by woman: 11-State area, 1987—Con.**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in 1987.]

Period of gestation, <sup>1</sup> age and race of woman	Total	Years of school completed					Not stated
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more	
<b>White</b>							
All ages . . . . .	170,806	3,436	27,745	78,134	32,692	18,686	10,113
Number							
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	14.1	10.8	9.4	13.8	14.5	20.8	16.8
7-8 weeks . . . . .	37.0	30.9	29.9	36.8	40.9	43.8	35.8
9-12 weeks . . . . .	40.1	43.1	47.1	40.8	38.6	30.6	37.1
13-15 weeks . . . . .	4.8	8.4	7.4	4.9	3.5	2.3	4.9
16-20 weeks . . . . .	2.9	5.3	4.6	2.9	1.8	1.8	4.2
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.0	1.6	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.1
Number							
10-17 years . . . . .	18,163	1,241	12,202	3,442	94	—	1,184
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	8.7	6.2	7.7	11.5	10.6	—	12.6
7-8 weeks . . . . .	28.9	25.6	28.4	32.1	38.3	—	28.3
9-12 weeks . . . . .	47.5	45.7	48.6	45.1	41.5	—	45.4
13-15 weeks . . . . .	7.9	11.5	8.1	5.9	6.4	—	7.5
16-20 weeks . . . . .	5.3	8.3	5.3	4.2	2.1	—	5.5
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.7	2.7	1.9	1.2	1.1	—	0.6
Number							
18-24 years . . . . .	81,785	978	9,942	41,797	18,869	5,829	4,370
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	12.1	10.3	9.1	11.6	12.4	18.0	14.3
7-8 weeks . . . . .	35.8	27.8	29.0	34.8	39.7	43.3	34.8
9-12 weeks . . . . .	42.8	47.8	48.1	43.6	41.4	33.5	40.2
13-15 weeks . . . . .	5.3	8.1	7.8	5.6	3.8	2.7	5.5
16-20 weeks . . . . .	3.1	4.7	4.6	3.3	1.8	1.9	4.2
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.0
Number							
25 years and over . . . . .	69,959	1,199	5,479	32,476	13,576	12,774	4,455
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	17.9	16.0	14.0	16.8	17.3	22.1	20.3
7-8 weeks . . . . .	40.6	38.8	34.8	39.8	42.6	44.0	38.7
9-12 weeks . . . . .	35.1	36.5	41.7	36.7	34.7	29.3	32.1
13-15 weeks . . . . .	3.5	5.4	5.3	3.8	3.1	2.2	3.6
16-20 weeks . . . . .	2.2	2.6	3.0	2.2	1.7	1.7	3.9
21 weeks or more . . . . .	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.4
Number							
Not stated . . . . .	899	18	122	419	153	83	104
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	14.7	11.1	6.6	14.2	17.9	18.3	19.6
7-8 weeks . . . . .	38.9	38.9	32.2	39.3	36.4	47.6	42.2
9-12 weeks . . . . .	38.0	44.4	47.9	37.1	41.1	31.7	29.4
13-15 weeks . . . . .	4.5	5.6	8.3	4.3	4.0	—	4.9
16-20 weeks . . . . .	2.6	—	4.1	3.3	0.7	2.4	2.0
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.2	—	0.8	1.8	—	—	2.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 12. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by years of school completed, race, and age of woman and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to race, age, and years of school completed by woman: 11-State area, 1987—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation, <sup>1</sup> age and race of woman	Total	Years of school completed					Not stated
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more	
<b>Black</b>							
All ages . . . . .	92,762	2,159	17,013	47,586	16,658	6,056	3,290
Number							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution							
6 weeks or less . . . . .	11.9	8.5	9.6	12.3	12.0	16.0	11.7
7-8 weeks . . . . .	32.0	27.4	25.4	32.3	35.3	40.9	31.2
9-12 weeks . . . . .	41.9	42.4	43.9	41.5	43.1	36.7	39.4
13-15 weeks . . . . .	7.3	10.6	10.2	7.0	5.7	3.4	8.4
16-20 weeks . . . . .	5.2	8.1	7.9	5.2	3.0	2.2	6.6
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.8	3.1	2.9	1.7	1.0	0.9	2.6
Number							
10-17 years . . . . .	10,600	1,361	6,737	1,959	55	-	488
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number							
6 weeks or less . . . . .	6.8	5.7	6.7	7.3	7.3	-	8.4
7-8 weeks . . . . .	23.5	22.2	23.0	25.9	23.6	-	25.7
9-12 weeks . . . . .	45.9	45.0	46.5	45.3	50.9	-	41.5
13-15 weeks . . . . .	10.9	12.7	11.3	8.7	1.8	-	11.5
16-20 weeks . . . . .	9.2	10.2	9.2	8.9	10.9	-	8.4
21 weeks or more . . . . .	3.7	4.1	3.4	3.9	5.5	-	4.5
Number							
18-24 years . . . . .	41,960	269	6,277	24,055	8,367	1,627	1,365
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number							
6 weeks or less . . . . .	10.2	8.6	9.4	10.1	10.5	14.4	9.5
7-8 weeks . . . . .	30.4	29.1	25.4	30.0	33.7	39.1	28.9
9-12 weeks . . . . .	43.5	42.9	43.1	43.4	44.9	38.6	44.0
13-15 weeks . . . . .	8.1	10.8	11.0	8.3	6.4	3.6	8.2
16-20 weeks . . . . .	5.8	7.1	8.3	6.1	3.4	2.9	7.3
21 weeks or more . . . . .	2.0	1.5	2.9	2.0	1.2	1.4	2.1
Number							
25 years and over . . . . .	39,695	524	3,921	21,266	8,175	4,400	1,409
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number							
6 weeks or less . . . . .	15.1	15.5	15.2	15.3	13.7	16.6	15.0
7-8 weeks . . . . .	35.9	39.8	29.8	35.4	36.9	41.5	35.4
9-12 weeks . . . . .	39.1	35.2	41.0	39.0	41.2	36.0	34.3
13-15 weeks . . . . .	5.3	5.2	7.1	5.5	5.0	3.3	7.5
16-20 weeks . . . . .	3.5	3.3	5.1	3.8	2.5	2.0	5.3
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.1	1.0	1.8	1.1	0.7	0.7	2.4
Number							
Not stated. . . . .	507	5	78	306	61	29	28
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation. . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number							
6 weeks or less . . . . .	10.4	-	7.8	11.7	9.8	10.3	7.1
7-8 weeks . . . . .	33.8	40.0	27.3	33.3	39.3	44.8	32.1
9-12 weeks . . . . .	42.0	40.0	44.2	41.3	44.3	41.4	39.3
13-15 weeks . . . . .	5.6	-	7.8	5.7	1.6	3.4	10.7
16-20 weeks . . . . .	5.6	-	7.8	5.7	4.9	-	7.1
21 weeks or more . . . . .	2.6	20.0	5.2	2.3	-	-	3.6

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation"; see Technical notes.  
<sup>2</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 11-State area includes Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 13. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by procedure and percent distribution by procedure, according to period of gestation: 13-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>	All procedures	Suction curettage	Sharp curettage	Saline instillation	Prostaglandin instillation	Hysterotomy	Hysterectomy	Other	
									Number
Total <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	295,800	278,580	5,402	2,898	1,286	33	25	2,674	
	Percent distribution								
All periods of gestation . . . . .	100.0	95.8	1.9	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	
6 weeks or less . . . . .	100.0	97.9	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
7 weeks . . . . .	100.0	97.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	
8 weeks . . . . .	100.0	98.1	0.9	0.1	0.0	—	0.0	0.9	
9 weeks . . . . .	100.0	98.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	
10 weeks . . . . .	100.0	98.3	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	—	0.3	
11 weeks . . . . .	100.0	97.8	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	
12 weeks . . . . .	100.0	95.6	3.3	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	
13 weeks . . . . .	100.0	93.1	4.9	0.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	
14 weeks . . . . .	100.0	88.1	7.4	2.4	1.0	0.0	—	1.0	
15 weeks . . . . .	100.0	81.7	9.4	4.3	2.7	0.0	0.0	1.9	
16 weeks . . . . .	100.0	73.1	9.2	10.0	5.2	0.1	—	2.4	
17 weeks . . . . .	100.0	67.1	9.7	13.4	6.8	0.1	0.1	2.8	
18 weeks . . . . .	100.0	60.9	8.3	18.0	9.2	—	—	3.6	
19 weeks . . . . .	100.0	59.8	7.8	20.2	8.0	0.1	0.1	4.0	
20 weeks . . . . .	100.0	61.3	8.8	20.9	5.9	0.1	—	3.2	
21 weeks or more . . . . .	100.0	66.0	8.6	16.6	5.3	0.1	—	3.4	
Not stated . . . . .	100.0	88.0	3.3	3.7	3.5	—	0.4	1.1	

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation"; see Technical notes.

<sup>2</sup>Includes procedure not stated.

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

Table 14. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence, race, and age of woman: 14-State area, 1987

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman	All areas			Metropolitan areas			Nonmetropolitan areas		
	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black
	Number								
All ages . . . . .	300,310	189,014	94,025	261,023	156,666	88,720	39,287	32,348	5,305
Under 14 years. . . . .	685	238	424	611	202	390	74	36	34
14 years . . . . .	1,851	844	943	1,537	620	864	314	224	79
15-19 years. . . . .	70,477	46,853	20,361	59,196	37,290	19,040	11,281	9,563	1,321
15 years. . . . .	4,876	2,837	1,842	3,996	2,143	1,679	880	694	163
16 years. . . . .	10,190	6,548	3,198	8,447	5,114	2,946	1,743	1,434	252
17 years. . . . .	14,826	9,855	4,338	12,501	7,858	4,089	2,325	1,997	249
18 years. . . . .	20,278	13,850	5,461	16,992	10,991	5,142	3,286	2,859	319
19 years. . . . .	20,307	13,763	5,522	17,260	11,184	5,184	3,047	2,579	338
20-24 years. . . . .	99,842	63,055	31,530	87,229	52,693	29,770	12,613	10,362	1,760
25-29 years. . . . .	65,210	39,707	21,586	57,751	33,701	20,467	7,459	6,006	1,119
30-34 years. . . . .	37,236	22,613	11,996	32,750	18,984	11,361	4,486	3,629	635
35-39 years. . . . .	18,422	11,477	5,436	16,158	9,611	5,157	2,264	1,866	279
40 years and over. . . . .	4,894	3,239	1,238	4,225	2,688	1,164	669	551	74
Not stated . . . . .	1,693	988	511	1,566	877	507	127	111	4
	Percent distribution								
All ages . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 14 years. . . . .	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.6
14 years . . . . .	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.5
15-19 years. . . . .	23.6	24.9	21.8	22.8	23.9	21.6	28.8	29.7	24.9
15 years. . . . .	1.6	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.2	3.1
16 years. . . . .	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.5	4.4	4.8
17 years. . . . .	5.0	5.2	4.6	4.8	5.0	4.6	5.9	6.2	4.7
18 years. . . . .	6.8	7.4	5.8	6.5	7.1	5.8	8.4	8.9	6.0
19 years. . . . .	6.8	7.3	5.9	6.7	7.2	5.9	7.8	8.0	6.4
20-24 years. . . . .	33.4	33.5	33.7	33.6	33.8	33.7	32.2	32.1	33.2
25-29 years. . . . .	21.8	21.1	23.1	22.3	21.6	23.2	19.0	18.6	21.1
30-34 years. . . . .	12.5	12.0	12.8	12.6	12.2	12.9	11.5	11.3	12.0
35-39 years. . . . .	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.2	6.2	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.3
40 years and over. . . . .	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.4

<sup>1</sup> Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 15. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by residence status of woman and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to residence status of woman: 13-State area, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>	All induced terminations occurring in area	Induced terminations occurring in area among U.S. residents	Induced terminations occurring in State of residence		Induced terminations among interstate nonresidents	Induced terminations among nonresidents of United States	
			Total	Occurring in county of residence			Not occurring in county of residence
Number							
Total . . . . .	296,695	295,800	273,733	191,290	82,443	22,067	895
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	13.0	13.0	13.2	14.0	11.2	10.2	5.5
7 weeks . . . . .	16.4	16.5	16.6	17.2	15.1	14.7	12.2
8 weeks . . . . .	19.0	19.0	19.2	19.0	19.5	17.4	18.5
9 weeks . . . . .	15.3	15.3	15.3	14.9	16.2	14.7	17.1
10 weeks . . . . .	12.0	12.0	12.1	11.8	12.7	11.9	13.3
11 weeks . . . . .	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.1	9.7	8.9	11.0
12 weeks . . . . .	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.5	4.7	6.9
13 weeks . . . . .	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1
14 weeks . . . . .	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.9
15 weeks . . . . .	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.6
16 weeks . . . . .	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.1
17 weeks . . . . .	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.3	0.9
18 weeks . . . . .	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.6	0.7
19 weeks . . . . .	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.2
20 weeks . . . . .	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.4	0.7
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	4.6	3.2

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation"; see Technical notes.

NOTE: The 13-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 16. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy in the reporting States and New York City by place of residence, according to place of occurrence: United States, each State, New York City, and specified places outside the United States, 1987**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Place of residence	Place of occurrence																
	Total	New York															
		Colorado	Indiana	Kansas	Maine	Missouri	Montana	Total	Upstate New York	New York City	Oregon	Rhode Island	South Carolina	Tennessee	Utah	Vermont	Virginia
All places of residence	301,462	12,232	13,876	5,941	4,767	17,574	3,175	149,811	52,826	96,985	11,147	7,529	12,992	21,622	4,556	3,310	32,930
United States . . . . .	300,310	12,229	13,875	5,941	4,510	17,574	2,593	149,519	52,678	96,841	11,145	7,526	12,987	21,622	4,556	3,309	32,924
Alabama . . . . .	160	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	152	-	1	1
Alaska . . . . .	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona . . . . .	24	13	-	1	-	3	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	1
Arkansas . . . . .	852	-	1	6	-	79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	765	-	-	1
California . . . . .	147	9	1	-	2	3	1	16	5	11	82	1	2	3	8	-	19
Colorado . . . . .	11,384	11,362	2	1	2	2	1	4	4	-	2	1	2	1	3	-	1
Connecticut . . . . .	843	-	-	-	3	-	-	770	272	498	-	64	2	-	-	2	2
Delaware . . . . .	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	25	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
District of Columbia . . . . .	299	-	-	-	1	-	-	59	1	58	-	-	1	1	-	-	237
Florida . . . . .	104	5	5	1	5	6	-	32	12	20	-	3	15	15	-	2	15
Georgia . . . . .	792	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	2	2	-	-	224	546	1	-	15
Hawaii . . . . .	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1
Idaho . . . . .	222	3	-	1	-	-	16	-	-	-	36	-	-	1	165	-	-
Illinois . . . . .	1,678	3	216	3	2	1,415	1	17	3	14	-	1	3	11	2	-	4
Indiana . . . . .	13,431	1	13,399	3	1	14	-	7	3	4	-	-	2	3	-	-	1
Iowa . . . . .	44	1	2	22	-	16	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Kansas . . . . .	4,058	29	-	3,584	-	440	1	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Kentucky . . . . .	839	1	3	-	-	29	-	2	-	2	-	-	2	798	-	-	4
Louisiana . . . . .	14	2	1	1	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
Maine . . . . .	3,731	-	-	-	3,708	-	-	18	2	16	-	1	1	-	-	2	1
Maryland . . . . .	685	1	1	-	-	1	-	162	5	157	-	5	3	-	-	3	509
Massachusetts . . . . .	2,143	-	-	-	279	-	-	177	21	156	1	1,654	-	-	-	28	3
Michigan . . . . .	141	-	122	-	1	1	2	4	2	2	-	-	-	6	-	-	5
Minnesota . . . . .	12	2	-	1	-	1	2	3	-	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Mississippi . . . . .	1,191	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1,181	-	-	3
Missouri . . . . .	17,815	1	2	2,214	-	15,490	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	104	-	-	1
Montana . . . . .	2,309	11	-	-	-	-	2,293	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Nebraska . . . . .	203	141	-	44	-	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Nevada . . . . .	34	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	31	-	-
New Hampshire . . . . .	802	1	-	-	459	1	-	18	1	17	-	8	1	-	-	314	-
New Jersey . . . . .	2,268	2	2	-	3	-	-	2,238	191	2,047	1	4	1	1	-	1	15
New Mexico . . . . .	242	237	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
New York . . . . .	144,849	5	4	2	9	2	-	144,082	50,908	93,174	1	9	5	6	2	654	68
Upstate New York . . . . .	53,646	1	1	1	8	-	-	52,938	49,318	3,620	-	7	5	2	2	650	31
New York City . . . . .	91,203	4	3	1	1	2	-	91,144	1,590	89,554	1	2	-	4	-	4	37



**Table 16. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy in the reporting States and New York City by place of residence, according to place of occurrence: United States, each State, New York City, and specified places outside the United States, 1987—Con.**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Place of residence	Place of occurrence																
	Total	New York															
		Colorado	Indiana	Kansas	Maine	Missouri	Montana	Total	Upstate New York	New York City	Oregon	Rhode Island	South Carolina	Tennessee	Utah	Vermont	Virginia
North Carolina . . . . .	1,028	—	1	1	1	2	—	18	2	16	1	—	303	31	—	—	670
North Dakota . . . . .	23	1	—	—	—	—	20	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Ohio . . . . .	142	—	94	—	1	4	1	21	8	13	1	2	4	3	2	2	7
Oklahoma . . . . .	69	2	—	46	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Oregon . . . . .	10,182	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	10,177	—	—	1	—	—	1
Pennsylvania . . . . .	1,620	1	3	1	2	—	1	1,583	1,189	394	—	2	2	3	—	2	20
Rhode Island . . . . .	5,833	—	—	—	6	—	—	61	3	58	—	5,763	—	—	—	2	1
South Carolina . . . . .	12,407	2	—	—	—	1	—	8	1	7	—	1	12,382	2	—	—	11
South Dakota . . . . .	122	98	—	—	—	1	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee . . . . .	17,694	—	5	—	—	13	—	4	2	2	—	—	5	17,660	—	—	7
Texas . . . . .	64	8	5	6	—	12	4	11	6	5	—	1	2	9	—	—	6
Utah . . . . .	4,214	78	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	4,133	—	—
Vermont . . . . .	2,348	1	—	—	19	—	—	30	17	13	—	1	1	1	—	2,295	—
Virginia . . . . .	31,562	2	1	—	2	1	1	123	14	109	2	1	11	305	—	—	31,113
Washington . . . . .	828	—	1	—	2	—	3	1	—	1	819	1	—	—	1	—	—
West Virginia . . . . .	180	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6	—	—	1	2	—	—	171
Wisconsin . . . . .	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Wyoming . . . . .	624	204	—	—	—	—	217	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	200	1	1
Outside United States																	
Puerto Rico . . . . .	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virgin Islands . . . . .	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canada . . . . .	1,039	2	1	—	257	—	580	195	142	53	—	3	—	—	—	1	—
Cuba . . . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Mexico . . . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Remainder of world . . . . .	106	1	—	—	—	—	2	92	5	87	2	—	5	—	—	—	4

## Technical notes

### Nature and sources of data

Data in this report are based on information for the same 14 States in 1987 as in 1986: Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

The reporting States provided data on magnetic tape for individual events coded from copies of the original reports of induced termination of pregnancy. These data were provided to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. NCHS collects information on individual abortions occurring in selected States with mandatory abortion reporting requirements. The State abortion reporting forms include information on the demographic characteristics and pregnancy history of the woman and the nature of the procedure. The NCHS data system, based on reports of individual abortions, enables detailed cross-classification.

Two other organizations currently publish information on induced abortions—the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, which, like NCHS, is a component of the Centers for Disease Control, and the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a private organization. The Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion relies primarily on aggregate abortion data reported by State health agencies, hospitals, and medical institutions, and the Alan Guttmacher Institute obtains its information from a nationwide survey of abortion providers.

### Item completeness

Item completeness, which is measured by the percent of records with codes other than “not stated,” is shown in table I for the varying number of States included in the analysis of each item. States were excluded from analysis if either information was not collected on the item or if no information for the item was reported for 25 percent or more of the records. Table I

**Table I. Percent completeness for items on reporting form and number of reporting States: 1986 and 1987**

Item	1987		1986	
	Percent completeness	Number of reporting States	Percent completeness	Number of reporting States
Age of woman . . . . .	99.4	14	99.4	14
Education . . . . .	94.2	12	94.1	12
Marital status of woman <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	96.1	13	97.5	13
Period of gestation. . . . .	99.8	13	99.8	13
Previous induced terminations . . . . .	96.2	14	95.7	14
Previous live births. . . . .	96.3	14	96.1	14
Race of woman. . . . .	96.5	14	97.1	14
Resident status <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	100.0	14	100.0	14
Type of procedure. . . . .	98.3	13	99.3	13

<sup>1</sup>New York City also reported marital status.

<sup>2</sup>Resident status unknown is allocated at the coding level; see Technical notes.

NOTE: The reporting area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

shows that resident status was 100 percent complete for 1986 and 1987. Residence information, if unknown or incomplete, is allocated at the coding level according to the following rules: First, records with unknown residence are allocated to place of occurrence; second, records where only State of residence is reported, with no city or county specified, and the State named is different from the State of occurrence, are allocated to the largest city of the State of residence.

### Classification of data

Procedures used for coding and classifying the items on the Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy are described in the NCHS vital statistics instruction manual, part 10, “Classification and coding instructions for induced termination of pregnancy records, 1987” (11). Codes for geographic areas are described in part 8, “Vital records geographic classification, 1982” (12). Additional information on classifying selected items can be found in the technical appendix, vital statistics of the United States, vol. I (13). Definitions of types of procedures used may be found in the publication, *Legalized abortion and the public health* (14). Data on period of gestation are computed from information on “date of termination” and “date of last normal menses.” If “date of last normal menses” is not stated, or computed

gestation in weeks is not possible, “physician’s estimate of gestation in weeks” is used.

### Ratios, percents, and medians

Measures of incidence in this report are based on ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy to live births. These ratios refer to the number of induced terminations and live births occurring in the reporting States to residents of the reporting States. In the computation of ratios, “not stated” cases have been distributed according to the reported or known proportion for a particular characteristic. Ratios are computed before distributed numbers are rounded. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy provide an approximate indication of the frequency of induced abortions to the frequency of pregnancies.

Two forms of induced abortion ratios (ratios per 1,000 live births—type I and ratios per 1,000 live births and induced abortions—type II) are shown in table II. Induced abortion ratios in the text of this report are of type I. These ratios are larger than those of type II, because the latter includes a larger number of events in the denominator than the former. Both ratios have the same number of events—induced terminations—in the numerator of the ratio. For type I ratios, age differentials are greater, that is, the range between the largest and the smallest ratios by

**Table II. Type I and Type II induced termination of pregnancy ratios by race and age of woman: 14-State area, 1987**

[Type I ratio is per 1,000 live births. Type II ratio is per 1,000 live births and induced terminations. Induced terminations of pregnancy and live births are only those occurring in the area to residents of the area]

Age of woman	Type I			Type II		
	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black
All ages . . . . .	337.8	274.0	635.2	252.5	215.1	388.5
Under 14 years . . . . .	1,705.1	1,829.4	1,672.6	630.1	646.1	625.8
14 years . . . . .	1,146.1	1,245.7	1,080.2	533.9	554.7	519.2
15-19 years . . . . .	683.7	680.4	701.3	406.1	404.9	412.2
15 years . . . . .	919.3	1,044.7	790.4	478.9	510.9	441.4
16 years . . . . .	836.1	890.1	761.2	455.4	470.9	432.2
17 years . . . . .	734.6	738.3	742.4	423.5	424.7	426.1
18 years . . . . .	712.8	716.5	710.7	416.1	417.4	415.4
19 years . . . . .	550.8	529.5	616.2	355.2	346.2	381.2
20-24 years . . . . .	400.6	335.1	652.6	286.0	251.0	394.9
25-29 years . . . . .	232.3	175.4	567.9	188.5	149.3	362.2
30-34 years . . . . .	209.1	156.1	557.1	172.9	135.0	357.7
35-39 years . . . . .	307.7	240.6	691.0	235.3	194.0	408.6
40 years and over . . . . .	568.2	483.6	993.9	362.3	326.0	498.4

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 14-State area includes Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

age of women is greater than for type II ratios. Induced abortion differentials by race are also more pronounced using type I than type II ratios.

In the computation of percent distributions and medians, "not stated" cases are excluded. Proportional allocation of "not stated" cases in computing these measures would yield exactly the same results. In addition, medians were

calculated using single years of age, single years of education, and single weeks of gestation.

In the computation of percent change, the following general formula was used:

$$\frac{R_1 - R_2}{R_2} \cdot 100$$

where  $R_1$  equals the ratio of interest in 1987 and  $R_2$  equals the ratio of interest in 1986. The total percent change is a weighted average of the change for the groups of interest. Although it is unusual, the total percent change can be greater or smaller than either of the percent changes in its component parts, as seen in tables B and H.

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