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Abortion Surveillance — United States, 2001

TABLE 1. (Continued) Characteristics of women who obtained legal abortions — United States, 1973–2001

Characteristics	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Reported no. of legal abortions*	1,210,883	1,225,937	1,186,039	884,273	861,789	857,475	853,485
Reported no. of legal abortions excluding AK, CA, NH, OK†	908,243	934,549	900,171	884,273	861,789	850,293	846,447
	Percentage distribution§						
Residence							
In-state/area	91.5	91.7	91.8	91.4	91.2	91.3	91.3
Out-of-state/area	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.7
Age (yrs)							
≤19	20.1	20.3	20.1	19.8	19.2	18.8	18.1
20–24	32.5	31.8	31.7	31.8	32.2	32.8	33.4
≥25	47.4	47.9	48.2	48.4	48.6	48.4	48.5
Race¶							
White	59.6	59.1	58.4	58.7	56.2	56.6	55.4
Black	35.0	35.3	35.9	35.4	37.3	36.3	36.6
Other**	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.5	7.1	8.0
Ethnicity							
Hispanic	15.1	15.7	15.6	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.1
Non-Hispanic	84.9	84.3	84.4	82.9	82.7	82.8	82.9
Marital Status							
Married	19.7	19.6	19.0	18.9	19.2	18.7	18.4
Unmarried	80.3	80.4	81.0	81.1	80.8	81.3	81.6
No. of live births							
0	45.2	44.2	42.2	41.1	40.6	40.0	45.2
1	26.5	26.8	27.6	27.9	27.9	27.7	25.2
2	18.0	18.4	19.1	19.6	19.8	20.1	18.4
3	6.8	7.0	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.9	7.3
≥4	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.9
Type of procedure							
Curettage	98.9	98.8	98.3	98.3	98.2	97.9	95.5
Suction curettage	96.6	96.5	97.3	96.8	96.0	95.6	92.8
Sharp curettage	2.3	2.3	1.0	1.5	2.2	2.3	2.7
Intrauterine instillation	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6
Other¶¶	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.7	3.9
Weeks of gestation							
≤8	54.0	54.6	55.4	55.7	57.6	58.1	59.1
≤6	15.7§§§	16.3¶¶¶	17.6****	19.2††††	21.9§§§§	23.3§§§§	24.9****
7	17.1§§§	17.4¶¶¶	18.1****	17.8††††	17.6§§§§	17.8§§§§	17.9****
8	21.2§§§	21.0¶¶¶	19.6****	18.8††††	18.2§§§§	17.1§§§§	16.4****
9–10	23.1	22.6	22.0	21.5	20.2	19.8	19.0
11–12	10.9	11.0	10.7	10.9	10.2	10.2	10.0
13–15	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.2
16–20	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3
≥21	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4

* See Table 2 for number of areas reporting each year.

† With one exception, no characteristics were available for the excluded states in years before 1998. Oklahoma data available for 2000 and 2001.

§ Based on known values in data from all areas reporting a given characteristic with ≤15% unknowns. The number of areas adequately reporting a given characteristic varied. For 2001, the number of areas included for residence was 46; age, 48; race, 39; ethnicity, 32; marital status, 39; number of live births, 41; type of procedure, 45; and weeks of gestation, 42. Early numbers might differ (by 0.1%) from numbers previously published because of adjusting percentages to total 100.0%.

¶ Black race reported as black and other races through 1984. For 1990–1997, one state included “other” races with blacks.

** Includes all other races.

†† Not available.

§§ For 1973–1977, data indicate number of living children.

¶¶ Hysterotomy/hysterectomy included in “other” beginning in 1984. “Other” also includes procedures reported as “other” and medical (nonsurgical) procedures (see Table 8) beginning in 1996. For 2001, a total of 20,093 medical (nonsurgical) procedures were reported.

*** Data for 36 of 39 areas reporting weeks of gestation.

††† Data for 38 of 41 areas reporting weeks of gestation.

§§§ Data for 38 of 40 areas reporting weeks of gestation.

¶¶¶ Data for 37 of 40 areas reporting weeks of gestation.

**** Data for 40 of 42 areas reporting weeks of gestation.

†††† Data for 42 of 44 areas reporting weeks of gestation.

§§§§ Data for 41 of 43 areas reporting weeks of gestation.