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- .. not available for a specific reference period
- ... not applicable
- 0 true zero or a value rounded to zero
- 0<sup>s</sup> value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded
- p preliminary
- r revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
- E use with caution
- F too unreliable to be published

# Introduction

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This product provides annual statistics on induced abortions performed in Canada on Canadian and non-Canadian residents. Where applicable for data years prior to 2004, data on induced abortions performed on Canadian women in selected American states are also provided.

Counts, rates per 1,000 women and ratios per 100 live births of induced abortions at the national, provincial and territorial levels are provided. Certain tables indicate the number of abortions performed in a hospital or in a clinic setting. Other tables indicate the counts, rates and ratios per 100 live births of induced abortions across age groups.

Some CANSIM tables provide data back to 1970, while others provide data back to 1974. These tables are updated annually to include the most current data year available. The Internet publication provides data for the latest 10 years available.

The data source for these tables is the Therapeutic Abortion Survey.

Free access to the data is provided through a special CANSIM interface. The CANSIM tables can be linked directly from three different locations in the HTML product:

**Tables** section:

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- Individual tables, in the Source

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## Highlights

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- A total of 96,815 induced abortions were performed on Canadian women in 2005, down 3.2 % from 100,039 in 2004. As a result, the induced abortion rate edged down from 14.6 abortions in 2004 for every 1,000 women aged 15 to 44, to 14.1 in 2005.
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The crude birth rate for teenaged women has also continued to decline. In 1996, there were 18.6 live births for every 1,000 women under 20. By 2005, this had dropped to 11.1.

The number of induced abortions for every 100 live births fell to 28.3 in 2005 from 29.7 in 2004.

Induced abortions continued to be most common among women in their early 20s. They accounted for 31% of all women who obtained an induced abortion in 2005. On average, 28 women out of every 1,000 aged 20 to 24 obtained an induced abortion.

Induced abortion rates remained about the same, or increased, among women in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, and in the combined Nunavut, Yukon, and Northwest Territories.

They declined in Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Note:

Data for 2005 cover induced abortions performed in hospitals and clinics in provinces and territories, except those performed in Manitoba clinics, which have been unavailable since 2004. As of 2004, induced abortions obtained by Canadian women in some American states are no longer collected. Users should be aware of certain limitations with the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. There are recognized issues concerning coverage, increased submission of aggregate counts instead of detailed records, and an increased reliance on age estimates.

## Related products

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### Selected publications from Statistics Canada

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82-224-X      Pregnancy Outcomes

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### Selected CANSIM tables from Statistics Canada

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106-9005      Induced abortions, by area of report and type of facility performing the abortion, Canada, provinces and territories, annual

106-9013      Induced abortions, by area of residence of patient, Canada, provinces and territories, annual

106-9034      Induced abortions, by age group and area of residence of patient, Canada, provinces and territories, annual

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### Selected surveys from Statistics Canada

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3209      Therapeutic Abortion Survey (<http://www.statcan.ca/english/sdds/3209.htm>)

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### Selected summary tables from Statistics Canada

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- *Induced abortions by province and territory of report*
- *Induced abortions by area of residence of patients*
- *Induced abortions per 100 live births*
- *Induced abortions by age group*
- *Pregnancy outcomes by province or territory of residence*
- *Pregnancy outcomes by age group*

# Statistical tables

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**Table 1-1**  
**Induced abortions, by area of report and type of facility performing the abortion — Hospitals and clinics**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	number									
<b>Total, Canada and American states</b>	<b>111,757</b>	<b>111,819</b>	<b>110,520</b>	<b>105,862</b>	<b>105,669</b>	<b>106,498</b>	<b>105,535</b>	<b>104,248</b>	<b>100,763</b>	<b>97,254</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>111,456</b>	<b>111,526</b>	<b>110,223</b>	<b>105,631</b>	<b>105,454</b>	<b>106,323</b>	<b>105,383</b>	<b>104,099</b>	<b>100,763</b>	<b>97,254</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	812	819	803	834	871	859	798	880	901	877
Prince Edward Island <sup>1, 2</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nova Scotia <sup>2</sup>	2,264	2,213	2,240	2,068	2,089	2,105	1,996	2,064	1,936	1,944
New Brunswick	1,143	1,146	1,117	1,061	1,117	1,039	1,062	991	1,042	1,032
Quebec	28,787	30,224	31,632	30,693	31,185	31,038	30,841	30,780	30,588	29,231
Ontario	47,024	44,118	42,503	39,969	39,541	38,831	38,109	36,654	35,238	33,609
Manitoba <sup>3</sup>	3,741	3,729	3,553	3,653	3,511	3,515	3,441	3,882	2,752	2,363
Saskatchewan <sup>2</sup>	1,810	1,802	1,779	1,706	1,761	1,752	1,729	1,755	1,806	1,723
Alberta	9,446	10,594	10,742	10,507	10,780	10,894	10,962	11,027	11,283	11,040
British Columbia	16,007	16,501	15,459	14,676	14,070	15,820	16,076	15,669	14,738	14,927
Yukon Territory <sup>2</sup>	169	134	145	112	143	125	131	131	x	125
Northwest Territories including Nunavut <sup>2</sup>	253	246	250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northwest Territories <sup>2</sup>	..	..	..	256	278	261	238	266	270	x
Nunavut <sup>2, 4</sup>	..	..	..	96	108	84	..	..	x	x
<b>Reported by American states</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>

- As of 1983, Prince Edward Island no longer reports hospital abortions to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey.
- Clinic abortions are not reported by Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories or Nunavut. As of 2004, there are no clinics in Nova Scotia.
- In 2004 and 2005, information on abortions performed in clinics in Manitoba was not submitted to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Therefore, the statistics for hospitals and clinics combined include only hospital abortions.
- For 2002 and 2003, Nunavut residents are excluded due to incomplete reporting.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey (CANSIM table 106-9005).

**Table 1-2**  
**Induced abortions, by area of report and type of facility performing the abortion — Hospitals<sup>1</sup>**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	number									
<b>Total, Canada and American states</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>53,758</b>	<b>50,562</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>74,579</b>	<b>71,845</b>	<b>68,290</b>	<b>63,832</b>	<b>63,535</b>	<b>61,259</b>	<b>58,536</b>	<b>56,429</b>	<b>53,758</b>	<b>50,562</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	525	520	329	324	339	324	297	280	280	288
Prince Edward Island <sup>2</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nova Scotia	1,881	1,937	1,960	1,788	1,838	1,854	1,787	1,916	1,936	1,944
New Brunswick	631	639	684	591	611	609	615	389	422	439
Quebec	19,276	19,146	19,439	17,623	18,437	18,306	17,381	17,367	16,915	16,042
Ontario	29,527	26,512	24,055	22,349	21,803	20,672	19,626	18,420	17,491	16,658
Manitoba	3,327	3,399	3,232	3,276	3,140	3,040	2,967	3,076	2,752	2,363
Saskatchewan	1,810	1,802	1,779	1,706	1,761	1,752	1,729	1,755	1,806	1,723
Alberta	5,973	6,390	6,130	5,998	6,017	5,567	5,394	5,070	5,158	4,135
British Columbia	11,207	11,120	10,287	9,713	9,060	8,665	8,371	7,759	6,519	6,462
Yukon Territory	169	134	145	112	143	125	131	131	x	125
Northwest Territories including Nunavut	253	246	250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northwest Territories	..	..	..	256	278	261	238	266	270	x
Nunavut <sup>3</sup>	..	..	..	96	108	84	..	..	x	x
<b>Reported by American states</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>

- Abortions performed on Canadian residents in the United States are included only at the combined hospital and clinic level, for data years prior to 2004.
- As of 1983, Prince Edward Island no longer reports hospital abortions to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey.
- For 2002 and 2003, Nunavut residents are excluded due to incomplete reporting.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey (CANSIM table 106-9005).

**Table 1-3**  
**Induced abortions, by area of report and type of facility performing the abortion — Clinics 1**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	number									
<b>Total, Canada and American states</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47,005	46,692
<b>Canada</b>	<b>36,877</b>	<b>39,681</b>	<b>41,933</b>	<b>41,799</b>	<b>41,919</b>	<b>45,064</b>	<b>46,847</b>	<b>47,670</b>	<b>47,005</b>	<b>46,692</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	287	299	474	510	532	535	501	600	621	589
Prince Edward Island 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nova Scotia 2	383	276	280	280	251	251	209	148	..	..
New Brunswick	512	507	433	470	506	430	447	602	620	593
Quebec	9,511	11,078	12,193	13,070	12,748	12,732	13,460	13,413	13,673	13,189
Ontario	17,497	17,606	18,448	17,620	17,738	18,159	18,483	18,234	17,747	16,951
Manitoba 3	414	330	321	377	371	475	474	806	..	..
Saskatchewan 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alberta	3,473	4,204	4,612	4,509	4,763	5,327	5,568	5,957	6,125	6,905
British Columbia	4,800	5,381	5,172	4,963	5,010	7,155	7,705	7,910	8,219	8,465
Yukon Territory 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northwest Territories including Nunavut 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northwest Territories 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nunavut 2, 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Reported by American states</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey (CANSIM table 106-9005).

**Table 2-1**  
**Induced abortions, by type of facility and area of residence of patient — Hospitals and clinics**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	number									
<b>Total, Canadians and non-residents of Canada</b>	<b>111,757</b>	<b>111,819</b>	<b>110,520</b>	<b>105,862</b>	<b>105,669</b>	<b>106,498</b>	<b>105,458</b>	<b>104,175</b>	<b>100,763</b>	<b>97,254</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>111,659</b>	<b>111,709</b>	<b>110,331</b>	<b>105,666</b>	<b>105,427</b>	<b>106,418</b>	<b>105,154</b>	<b>103,768</b>	<b>100,039</b>	<b>96,815</b>
Reported by American states 1	301	293	297	231	215	175	152	149	..	..
Newfoundland and Labrador	846	837	820	851	898	883	814	895	902	883
Prince Edward Island 2	190	150	149	145	158	174	130	137	143	126
Nova Scotia	2,039	2,045	2,053	1,917	1,989	1,890	1,825	1,925	1,905	1,897
New Brunswick	1,120	1,113	1,106	1,031	1,098	1,028	1,045	944	920	941
Quebec	28,852	30,248	31,673	30,722	31,125	31,065	30,858	30,802	30,616	29,259
Ontario	46,918	44,046	42,452	39,981	39,544	38,827	38,138	36,666	35,183	33,546
Manitoba 3	3,647	3,626	3,447	3,517	3,366	3,375	3,267	3,670	2,661	2,236
Saskatchewan	1,926	1,996	2,010	1,898	1,956	1,900	1,811	1,846	1,888	1,824
Alberta	9,265	10,337	10,355	10,188	10,432	10,603	10,735	10,814	11,098	10,859
British Columbia	15,689	15,582	15,482	14,642	14,009	15,908	15,967	15,499	14,145	14,444
Yukon Territory	172	121	150	111	135	122	125	129	x	140
Northwest Territories including Nunavut	297	317	292	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northwest Territories	..	..	..	238	281	286	245	255	261	x
Nunavut 4	..	..	..	155	178	148	..	..	x	x
Province or territory not reported	397	998	45	39	43	34	42	37	14	185
<b>Non-residents of Canada 5</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>439</b>

1. Includes abortions obtained by Canadian residents in selected American states; the province or territory of residence is not reported.
2. Prince Edward Island has not reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey since 1982. As of 1983, abortions performed on residents of Prince Edward Island are only those reported by other provinces.
3. In 2004 and 2005, information on abortions performed in clinics in Manitoba was not submitted to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Therefore, the statistics for hospitals and clinics combined include only hospital abortions.
4. For 2002 and 2003, Nunavut residents are excluded due to incomplete reporting.
5. Non-residents of Canada who obtained an induced abortion in Canada.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey (CANSIM table 106-9013).

**Table 2-2**  
**Induced abortions, by type of facility and area of residence of patient — Hospitals 2**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	number									
<b>Total, Canadians and non-residents of Canada</b>	<b>74,579</b>	<b>71,845</b>	<b>68,290</b>	<b>63,832</b>	<b>63,535</b>	<b>61,259</b>	<b>58,460</b>	<b>56,357</b>	<b>53,758</b>	<b>50,562</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>74,555</b>	<b>71,795</b>	<b>68,273</b>	<b>63,815</b>	<b>63,507</b>	<b>61,227</b>	<b>58,254</b>	<b>56,089</b>	<b>53,670</b>	<b>50,467</b>
Reported by American states 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newfoundland and Labrador	540	534	343	340	358	341	309	293	284	300
Prince Edward Island 3	13	13	12	7	18	35	x	24	41	55
Nova Scotia	1,829	1,893	1,901	1,766	1,895	1,798	1,732	1,851	1,865	1,874
New Brunswick	646	641	702	598	617	623	624	418	441	449
Quebec	19,302	19,134	19,472	17,647	18,374	18,329	17,397	17,389	16,943	16,070
Ontario	29,482	26,500	24,016	22,340	21,771	20,632	19,617	18,405	17,436	16,593
Manitoba	3,254	3,298	3,150	3,166	3,042	2,944	2,854	2,935	x	2,236
Saskatchewan	1,811	1,834	1,799	1,724	1,784	1,768	1,736	1,770	1,819	1,744
Alberta	5,972	6,369	6,063	5,924	5,907	5,461	5,276	4,957	5,066	4,055
British Columbia	11,230	11,154	10,346	9,778	9,131	8,726	8,284	7,628	6,539	6,468
Yukon Territory	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	140
Northwest Territories including Nunavut	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northwest Territories	..	..	..	221	260	268	235	x	x	x
Nunavut 4	..	..	..	x	x	x	..	..	x	x
Province or territory not reported	13	0	45	39	43	34	42	37	14	12
<b>Non-residents of Canada 5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>95</b>

1. Includes abortions obtained by Canadian residents in selected American states; the province or territory of residence is not reported.
2. Abortions performed on Canadian residents in the United States are included only at the combined hospital and clinic level for data years prior to 2004.
3. Prince Edward Island has not reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey since 1982. As of 1983, abortions performed on residents of Prince Edward Island are only those reported by other provinces.
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5. Non-residents of Canada who obtained an induced abortion in Canada.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey (CANSIM table 106-9013).

**Table 2-3**  
**Induced abortions, by type of facility and area of residence of patient — Clinics <sup>2</sup>**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	number									
<b>Total, Canadians and non-residents of Canada</b>	<b>36,877</b>	<b>39,681</b>	<b>41,933</b>	<b>41,799</b>	<b>41,919</b>	<b>45,064</b>	<b>46,846</b>	<b>47,669</b>	<b>47,005</b>	<b>46,692</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>36,803</b>	<b>39,621</b>	<b>41,761</b>	<b>41,620</b>	<b>41,705</b>	<b>45,016</b>	<b>46,748</b>	<b>47,530</b>	<b>46,369</b>	<b>46,348</b>
Reported by American states <sup>1</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newfoundland and Labrador	306	303	477	511	540	542	505	602	618	583
Prince Edward Island <sup>3</sup>	177	137	137	138	140	139	x	113	102	71
Nova Scotia	210	152	152	151	94	92	93	74	40	23
New Brunswick	474	472	404	433	481	405	421	526	479	492
Quebec	9,550	11,114	12,201	13,075	12,751	12,736	13,461	13,413	13,673	13,189
Ontario	17,436	17,546	18,436	17,641	17,773	18,195	18,521	18,261	17,747	16,953
Manitoba <sup>4</sup>	393	328	297	351	324	431	413	735	x	x
Saskatchewan	115	162	211	174	172	132	75	76	69	80
Alberta	3,293	3,968	4,292	4,264	4,525	5,142	5,459	5,857	6,032	6,804
British Columbia	4,459	4,428	5,136	4,864	4,878	7,182	7,683	7,871	7,606	7,976
Yukon Territory	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0
Northwest Territories including Nunavut	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northwest Territories	..	..	..	17	21	18	10	x	x	x
Nunavut <sup>5</sup>	..	..	..	x	x	x	..	..	x	x
Province or territory not reported	384	998	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	173
<b>Non-residents of Canada <sup>6</sup></b>	<b>74</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>344</b>

1. Includes abortions obtained by Canadian residents in selected American states; the province or territory of residence is not reported.
2. Abortions performed on Canadian residents in the United States are included only at the combined hospital and clinic level for data years prior to 2004.
3. Prince Edward Island has not reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey since 1982. As of 1983, abortions performed on residents of Prince Edward Island are only those reported by other provinces.
4. In 2004 and 2005, information on abortions performed in clinics in Manitoba was not submitted to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Therefore, the statistics for hospitals and clinics combined include only hospital abortions.
5. For 2002 and 2003, Nunavut residents are excluded due to incomplete reporting.
6. Non-residents of Canada who obtained an induced abortion in Canada.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey (CANSIM table 106-9013).

**Table 3-1**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Canada<sup>1,2</sup>**

	1996 <sup>3</sup>	1997 <sup>3</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>111,659</b>	<b>111,709</b>	<b>110,331</b>	<b>105,666</b>	<b>105,427</b>	<b>106,418</b>	<b>105,154</b>	<b>103,768</b>	<b>100,039</b>	<b>96,815</b>
Under 20 years	22,118	21,792	22,074	21,140	20,864	20,380	19,344	17,958	17,242	16,349
Under 15 years	544	530	483	468	389	412	337	302	304	284
15 to 19 years	21,574	21,262	21,591	20,672	20,475	19,968	19,007	17,656	16,938	16,065
15 to 17 years	8,387	8,182	7,971	7,276	7,387	7,222	6,381	5,785	5,974	5,588
18 to 19 years	13,187	13,080	13,476	13,396	13,088	12,746	12,626	11,871	10,964	10,477
20 to 24 years	33,207	33,714	33,422	32,462	32,623	32,730	32,371	32,662	31,467	30,359
25 to 29 years	24,087	24,014	22,956	21,983	21,735	22,012	22,189	22,236	21,662	21,419
30 to 34 years	17,862	17,517	16,959	15,708	15,790	16,243	15,981	15,734	15,089	14,450
35 to 39 years	10,821	11,020	11,269	10,646	10,631	10,977	11,022	10,821	10,206	9,973
40 years and over	3,448	3,598	3,636	3,726	3,780	4,043	4,230	4,343	4,368	4,263
Age unknown	116	54	15	1	4	33	17	14	5	2
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>13.7</b>
Under 20 years	18.9	18.4	18.4	17.5	17.1	16.6	15.7	14.5	13.8	13.0
Under 15 years	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.3	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3
15 to 19 years	22.1	21.6	21.6	20.5	20.1	19.4	18.4	17.1	16.3	15.3
15 to 17 years	14.2	13.7	13.3	12.1	12.1	11.7	10.4	9.5	9.7	8.9
18 to 19 years	34.0	33.5	33.8	32.9	32.0	30.9	30.2	28.1	25.9	24.9
20 to 24 years	33.8	34.2	33.9	32.6	32.3	31.7	30.8	30.5	28.9	27.7
25 to 29 years	22.6	22.8	22.0	21.3	21.2	21.6	21.5	21.3	20.3	19.7
30 to 34 years	14.0	14.1	14.2	13.7	14.1	14.6	14.4	14.2	13.7	13.1
35 to 39 years	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.0	8.0	8.4	8.6	8.8	8.5	8.5
40 years and over	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>28.3</b>
Under 20 years	101.3	109.4	110.9	111.4	119.2	123.0	125.9	121.5	121.5	116.7
Under 15 years	239.6	243.1	251.6	264.4	254.2	355.2	295.6	324.7	273.9	240.7
15 to 19 years	99.9	107.9	109.5	109.9	118.0	121.3	124.6	120.2	120.3	115.6
15 to 17 years	117.0	127.3	123.5	121.6	137.5	146.6	142.5	137.8	142.8	136.4
18 to 19 years	91.4	98.5	101.6	104.5	109.3	110.6	117.2	113.2	110.8	75.4
20 to 24 years	49.2	53.1	53.0	52.8	54.8	56.3	57.3	58.2	56.8	54.9
25 to 29 years	20.6	21.8	21.5	21.0	21.5	21.5	22.1	21.6	20.9	20.3
30 to 34 years	16.1	16.7	16.7	15.8	16.4	16.0	15.9	15.2	14.3	13.4
35 to 39 years	25.4	25.6	25.7	23.6	23.4	23.5	23.7	22.6	21.2	20.1
40 years and over	55.0	54.5	53.1	50.5	47.7	48.4	49.0	47.2	44.6	42.0
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>4</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	19.8	19.5	20.0	20.0	19.8	19.2	18.4	17.3	17.2	16.9
Under 15 years	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
15 to 19 years	19.3	19.0	19.6	19.6	19.4	18.8	18.1	17.0	16.9	16.6
15 to 17 years	7.5	7.3	7.2	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.1	5.6	6.0	5.8
18 to 19 years	11.8	11.7	12.2	12.7	12.4	12.0	12.0	11.4	11.0	10.8
20 to 24 years	29.7	30.2	30.3	30.7	30.9	30.8	30.8	31.5	31.5	31.4
25 to 29 years	21.6	21.5	20.8	20.8	20.6	20.7	21.1	21.4	21.7	22.1
30 to 34 years	16.0	15.7	15.4	14.9	15.0	15.3	15.2	15.2	15.1	14.9
35 to 39 years	9.7	9.9	10.2	10.1	10.1	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.2	10.3
40 years and over	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.4
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. Prince Edward Island has not reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey since 1982. As of 1983, abortions performed on residents of Prince Edward Island are only those reported by other provinces.  
2. For 2002 and 2003, Nunavut residents are excluded due to incomplete reporting.  
3. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.  
4. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.  
**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).



**Table 3-2**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Newfoundland and Labrador**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>883</b>
Under 20 years	174	182	214	175	178	178	193	163	x	149
Under 15 years	8	8	10	15	10	11	7	7	x	19
15 to 19 years	166	174	204	160	168	167	186	156	130	130
15 to 17 years	71	79	89	89	54	74	64	58	68	48
18 to 19 years	95	95	115	71	114	93	122	98	62	82
20 to 24 years	318	334	275	299	306	298	248	290	303	287
25 to 29 years	175	156	183	198	204	194	190	221	197	196
30 to 34 years	89	98	90	101	137	137	108	108	151	125
35 to 39 years	58	48	36	66	61	61	59	81	78	84
40 years and over	18	14	22	12	12	15	16	32	x	42
Age unknown	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Under 20 years	6.5	7.0	8.6	7.2	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.6	x	7.3
Under 15 years	1.8	1.9	2.5	3.8	2.6	3.1	2.1	2.1	x	5.7
15 to 19 years	7.4	8.0	9.8	7.8	8.4	8.6	9.9	8.6	7.4	7.6
15 to 17 years	5.3	6.1	7.1	7.3	4.5	6.4	5.8	5.5	6.7	4.8
18 to 19 years	10.4	11.0	13.9	8.6	14.1	11.8	15.7	12.9	8.4	11.8
20 to 24 years	14.8	16.3	14.3	16.1	16.9	16.7	13.9	16.2	16.9	16.4
25 to 29 years	8.3	7.8	9.6	10.9	11.7	11.8	11.9	14.1	12.6	12.6
30 to 34 years	3.8	4.3	4.2	4.9	6.9	7.2	5.8	6.0	8.6	7.4
35 to 39 years	2.4	2.1	1.6	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.8	3.8	4.3
40 years and over	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.4	x	1.9
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>19.6</b>
Under 20 years	32.3	36.7	49.5	41.8	45.5	51.0	62.7	53.4	x	57.1
Under 15 years	133.3	200.0	333.3	300.0	500.0	1,100.0	175.0	700.0	x	271.4
15 to 19 years	31.2	35.4	47.6	38.6	43.2	48.0	61.2	51.3	44.5	51.2
15 to 17 years	41.3	48.8	65.4	63.6	43.9	66.7	64.6	65.2	73.1	56.5
18 to 19 years	26.4	28.8	39.2	25.9	42.9	39.2	59.5	45.6	31.2	32.3
20 to 24 years	23.3	27.1	23.9	27.2	28.2	30.4	25.1	30.2	33.4	33.5
25 to 29 years	9.0	8.5	11.4	12.0	12.9	12.9	13.1	15.6	14.7	14.1
30 to 34 years	6.1	7.0	6.7	7.4	10.2	10.2	8.2	7.9	11.0	9.2
35 to 39 years	14.8	11.8	9.1	14.5	14.0	12.8	11.6	15.5	16.3	14.8
40 years and over	40.9	25.9	40.0	18.5	33.3	23.4	23.5	55.2	x	57.5
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>2</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	20.6	21.7	26.1	20.6	19.8	20.2	23.7	18.2	x	16.9
Under 15 years	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.8	x	2.2
15 to 19 years	19.6	20.8	24.9	18.8	18.7	18.9	22.9	17.4	14.4	14.7
15 to 17 years	8.4	9.4	10.9	10.5	6.0	8.4	7.9	6.5	7.5	5.4
18 to 19 years	11.2	11.4	14.0	8.3	12.7	10.5	15.0	10.9	6.9	9.3
20 to 24 years	37.6	39.9	33.5	35.1	34.1	33.7	30.5	32.4	33.6	32.5
25 to 29 years	20.7	18.6	22.3	23.3	22.7	22.0	23.3	24.7	21.8	22.2
30 to 34 years	10.5	11.7	11.0	11.9	15.3	15.5	13.3	12.1	16.7	14.2
35 to 39 years	6.9	5.7	4.4	7.8	6.8	6.9	7.2	9.1	8.6	9.5
40 years and over	2.1	1.7	2.7	1.4	1.3	1.7	2.0	3.6	x	4.8
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-3**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Prince Edward Island <sup>1</sup>**

	1996 <sup>2</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>126</b>
Under 20 years	36	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	17
Under 15 years	2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0
15 to 19 years	34	28	28	29	29	32	27	19	25	17
15 to 17 years	13	11	11	10	10	11	9	7	8	x
18 to 19 years	21	17	17	19	19	21	18	12	17	x
20 to 24 years	59	46	46	43	49	54	39	43	50	45
25 to 29 years	39	31	28	28	33	36	25	31	28	29
30 to 34 years	30	23	21	24	23	28	21	23	24	15
35 to 39 years	21	16	18	16	18	17	13	15	12	x
40 years and over	5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Under 20 years	6.1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	2.8
Under 15 years	2.0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0.0
15 to 19 years	6.9	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.8	6.3	5.3	3.7	4.9	3.3
15 to 17 years	4.5	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.6	2.9	2.3	2.6	x
18 to 19 years	10.6	8.6	8.8	10.0	9.5	10.3	9.1	6.0	8.2	x
20 to 24 years	12.7	9.9	10.1	9.5	10.9	11.9	8.4	9.1	10.4	9.3
25 to 29 years	8.6	6.8	6.4	6.3	7.7	8.6	6.1	7.4	6.5	6.6
30 to 34 years	5.6	4.4	4.3	5.1	5.1	6.3	4.7	5.2	5.4	3.4
35 to 39 years	3.8	2.9	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.1	2.5	3.0	2.6	x
40 years and over	1.0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Under 20 years	24.7	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	21.3
Under 15 years	..	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0.0
15 to 19 years	23.3	19.6	18.9	25.9	24.2	37.2	30.3	20.0	30.1	21.3
15 to 17 years	25.0	26.2	21.2	27.8	23.3	45.8	45.0	19.4	32.0	x
18 to 19 years	22.3	16.8	17.7	25.0	24.7	33.9	26.1	20.3	29.3	x
20 to 24 years	15.9	12.8	13.5	12.3	14.6	18.7	15.0	14.8	19.0	15.1
25 to 29 years	7.1	6.1	6.3	5.9	7.7	7.9	5.9	7.0	6.3	6.9
30 to 34 years	6.6	5.8	5.6	6.3	6.1	7.3	5.6	5.8	6.2	3.9
35 to 39 years	13.1	10.6	10.7	9.0	11.8	12.3	8.2	9.1	7.0	x
40 years and over	33.3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>3</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>
Under 20 years	18.9	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	13.5
Under 15 years	1.1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0.0
15 to 19 years	17.9	18.7	18.8	20.0	18.4	18.4	20.8	13.9	17.5	13.5
15 to 17 years	6.8	7.3	7.4	6.9	6.3	6.3	6.9	5.1	5.6	x
18 to 19 years	11.1	11.3	11.4	13.1	12.0	12.1	13.8	8.8	11.9	x
20 to 24 years	31.1	30.7	30.9	29.7	31.0	31.0	30.0	31.4	35.0	35.7
25 to 29 years	20.5	20.7	18.8	19.3	20.9	20.7	19.2	22.6	19.6	23.0
30 to 34 years	15.8	15.3	14.1	16.6	14.6	16.1	16.2	16.8	16.8	11.9
35 to 39 years	11.1	10.7	12.1	11.0	11.4	9.8	10.0	10.9	8.4	x
40 years and over	2.6	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. Prince Edward Island has not reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey since 1982. As of 1983, abortions performed on residents of Prince Edward Island are only those reported by other provinces.
2. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.
3. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-4  
Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Nova Scotia**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>2,053</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>1,925</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>1,897</b>
Under 20 years	467	458	498	431	403	371	350	376	336	x
Under 15 years	22	8	21	14	9	7	9	7	8	x
15 to 19 years	445	450	477	417	394	364	341	369	328	321
15 to 17 years	172	187	195	171	151	128	139	138	129	126
18 to 19 years	273	263	282	246	243	236	202	231	199	195
20 to 24 years	736	729	707	703	724	693	658	691	637	691
25 to 29 years	423	417	431	390	425	409	418	412	434	404
30 to 34 years	230	232	243	219	235	230	214	241	254	254
35 to 39 years	138	165	131	134	143	136	135	145	166	164
40 years and over	38	42	43	40	59	51	50	60	78	x
Age unknown	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Under 20 years	12.6	12.3	13.4	11.6	10.9	10.1	9.5	10.2	9.1	x
Under 15 years	3.6	1.3	3.4	2.3	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.3	x
15 to 19 years	14.3	14.5	15.4	13.5	12.8	11.9	11.1	12.0	10.6	10.4
15 to 17 years	9.2	10.1	10.6	9.3	8.2	6.9	7.6	7.5	7.1	6.9
18 to 19 years	22.0	21.1	22.4	19.5	19.6	19.3	16.3	18.4	15.9	15.7
20 to 24 years	22.9	23.3	23.1	23.1	23.7	22.7	21.4	22.1	20.4	22.2
25 to 29 years	12.9	12.9	13.5	12.3	13.6	13.6	14.2	14.1	14.8	13.8
30 to 34 years	5.8	6.1	6.7	6.4	7.2	7.2	6.7	7.6	8.1	8.3
35 to 39 years	3.4	4.1	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.9	5.0
40 years and over	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.9	x
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>22.2</b>
Under 20 years	52.9	61.6	66.3	62.7	68.9	73.2	67.7	79.5	75.0	x
Under 15 years	183.3	133.3	525.0	466.7	225.0	87.5	180.0	116.7	400.0	x
15 to 19 years	51.1	61.0	63.9	61.0	67.8	72.9	66.6	79.0	73.5	78.7
15 to 17 years	52.6	74.5	81.3	83.8	78.2	83.7	93.9	113.1	93.5	100.8
18 to 19 years	50.2	54.0	55.6	51.3	62.6	68.2	55.5	67.0	64.6	47.8
20 to 24 years	31.7	33.6	34.5	35.1	38.2	39.9	37.4	40.6	37.5	41.8
25 to 29 years	12.8	13.0	14.1	12.7	14.6	14.8	16.1	15.8	16.6	15.3
30 to 34 years	7.8	8.5	9.3	8.5	9.4	8.7	8.7	9.2	9.6	9.8
35 to 39 years	13.9	16.5	13.2	12.3	13.5	12.6	11.9	13.6	14.5	15.6
40 years and over	30.9	33.9	29.9	26.3	34.1	30.5	25.3	33.0	41.3	x
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>2</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	22.9	22.4	24.3	22.5	20.3	19.6	19.2	19.5	17.6	x
Under 15 years	1.1	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	x
15 to 19 years	21.8	22.0	23.2	21.8	19.8	19.3	18.7	19.2	17.2	16.9
15 to 17 years	8.4	9.1	9.5	8.9	7.6	6.8	7.6	7.2	6.8	6.6
18 to 19 years	13.4	12.9	13.7	12.8	12.2	12.5	11.1	12.0	10.4	10.3
20 to 24 years	36.1	35.6	34.4	36.7	36.4	36.7	36.1	35.9	33.4	36.4
25 to 29 years	20.7	20.4	21.0	20.3	21.4	21.6	22.9	21.4	22.8	21.3
30 to 34 years	11.3	11.3	11.8	11.4	11.8	12.2	11.7	12.5	13.3	13.4
35 to 39 years	6.8	8.1	6.4	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.5	8.7	8.6
40 years and over	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.1	4.1	x
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-5**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — New Brunswick**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>941</b>
Under 20 years	234	204	258	261	x	248	236	181	x	x
Under 15 years	5	9	5	11	x	11	10	8	x	x
15 to 19 years	229	195	253	250	255	237	226	173	157	152
15 to 17 years	92	73	98	88	117	93	82	55	68	52
18 to 19 years	137	122	155	162	138	144	144	118	89	100
20 to 24 years	428	416	422	382	418	396	363	395	327	369
25 to 29 years	207	247	210	199	200	200	235	195	194	179
30 to 34 years	134	134	105	112	125	102	116	103	123	143
35 to 39 years	66	65	76	55	72	63	66	45	86	67
40 years and over	31	29	35	22	x	19	29	25	x	x
Age unknown	20	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Under 20 years	7.5	6.7	8.5	8.6	x	8.4	8.0	6.2	x	x
Under 15 years	1.0	1.8	1.0	2.2	x	2.3	2.2	1.7	x	x
15 to 19 years	8.8	7.6	10.0	9.9	10.1	9.5	9.2	7.1	6.5	6.4
15 to 17 years	6.0	4.8	6.5	5.8	7.7	6.2	5.6	3.9	4.8	3.7
18 to 19 years	12.9	11.9	15.3	15.9	13.8	14.5	14.3	11.7	8.9	10.4
20 to 24 years	15.9	15.7	16.4	15.2	16.8	16.0	14.8	16.1	13.2	15.0
25 to 29 years	7.9	9.4	8.1	7.7	7.9	8.1	9.6	8.1	8.1	7.6
30 to 34 years	4.3	4.4	3.6	4.0	4.7	3.9	4.5	4.0	4.9	5.7
35 to 39 years	2.1	2.0	2.4	1.7	2.3	2.0	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.5
40 years and over	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.7	x	0.6	0.9	0.8	x	x
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.7</b>
Under 20 years	33.4	31.1	38.2	43.6	x	49.5	51.5	40.0	x	x
Under 15 years	250.0	112.5	62.5	220.0	x	..	333.3	266.7	x	x
15 to 19 years	32.8	30.0	37.9	42.2	46.0	47.3	49.7	38.4	38.1	39.4
15 to 17 years	42.6	33.6	50.3	48.6	83.6	66.4	71.9	43.0	56.2	48.6
18 to 19 years	28.4	28.2	32.8	39.3	33.3	39.9	42.2	36.6	30.6	25.9
20 to 24 years	20.8	20.6	22.6	20.7	23.3	23.3	22.9	25.2	20.9	24.6
25 to 29 years	7.7	9.3	7.7	7.6	8.0	8.2	10.0	8.1	8.4	7.7
30 to 34 years	6.6	6.8	5.6	6.0	7.1	5.7	6.2	5.5	6.5	7.5
35 to 39 years	11.0	11.9	11.6	8.7	10.9	9.5	10.0	6.4	12.6	10.3
40 years and over	43.1	38.2	47.3	31.0	x	23.8	27.4	22.7	x	x
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>2</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	20.9	18.3	23.3	25.3	x	24.1	22.6	19.2	x	x
Under 15 years	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.1	x	1.1	1.0	0.8	x	x
15 to 19 years	20.4	17.5	22.9	24.2	23.2	23.1	21.6	18.3	17.1	16.2
15 to 17 years	8.2	6.6	8.9	8.5	10.7	9.0	7.8	5.8	7.4	5.5
18 to 19 years	12.2	11.0	14.0	15.7	12.6	14.0	13.8	12.5	9.7	10.6
20 to 24 years	38.2	37.4	38.2	37.1	38.1	38.5	34.7	41.8	35.5	39.2
25 to 29 years	18.5	22.2	19.0	19.3	18.2	19.5	22.5	20.7	21.1	19.0
30 to 34 years	12.0	12.0	9.5	10.9	11.4	9.9	11.1	10.9	13.4	15.2
35 to 39 years	5.9	5.8	6.9	5.3	6.6	6.1	6.3	4.8	9.3	7.1
40 years and over	2.8	2.6	3.2	2.1	x	1.8	2.8	2.6	x	x
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-6**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Quebec**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>28,852</b>	<b>30,248</b>	<b>31,673</b>	<b>30,722</b>	<b>31,125</b>	<b>31,065</b>	<b>30,858</b>	<b>30,802</b>	<b>30,616</b>	<b>29,259</b>
Under 20 years	5,416	5,360	5,981	6,135	6,001	5,654	5,456	5,191	5,326	5,116
Under 15 years	138	177	111	175	149	134	92	107	129	112
15 to 19 years	5,278	5,183	5,870	5,960	5,852	5,520	5,364	5,084	5,197	5,004
15 to 17 years	1,917	1,827	2,137	1,753	1,845	1,751	1,723	1,658	1,889	1,777
18 to 19 years	3,361	3,356	3,733	4,207	4,007	3,769	3,641	3,426	3,308	3,227
20 to 24 years	8,342	9,085	9,490	9,251	9,630	9,459	9,351	9,533	9,494	8,763
25 to 29 years	6,203	6,440	6,526	6,394	6,290	6,455	6,554	6,679	6,788	6,708
30 to 34 years	4,955	5,139	5,206	4,749	4,789	4,904	4,788	4,804	4,677	4,394
35 to 39 years	3,027	3,178	3,390	3,109	3,216	3,381	3,480	3,363	3,083	3,087
40 years and over	887	1,045	1,065	1,083	1,195	1,212	1,225	1,231	1,248	1,191
Age unknown	22	1	15	1	4	0	4	1	0	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>18.3</b>
Under 20 years	18.7	18.7	21.0	21.8	21.8	20.9	20.4	19.4	19.7	18.6
Under 15 years	3.0	3.9	2.5	4.0	3.4	3.1	2.1	2.4	2.7	2.3
15 to 19 years	21.7	21.4	24.4	25.1	25.2	24.3	23.9	22.8	23.3	22.1
15 to 17 years	13.0	12.6	15.1	12.8	13.7	13.1	13.0	12.7	14.3	13.0
18 to 19 years	35.0	34.7	37.7	42.0	41.1	40.3	39.5	37.4	36.4	35.9
20 to 24 years	36.2	38.9	40.1	38.3	39.1	37.7	37.1	38.0	38.1	35.8
25 to 29 years	25.3	27.1	28.1	27.9	27.4	28.0	27.6	27.2	26.8	25.9
30 to 34 years	16.2	17.4	18.6	17.9	18.9	19.9	19.8	20.0	19.4	18.1
35 to 39 years	9.2	9.8	10.5	9.7	10.2	11.0	11.8	11.9	11.4	11.8
40 years and over	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.7
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>38.3</b>
Under 20 years	135.1	141.8	165.5	176.2	187.4	183.7	195.2	202.6	228.6	217.8
Under 15 years	300.0	505.7	326.5	700.0	784.2	638.1	460.0	668.8	537.5	746.7
15 to 19 years	133.2	138.4	164.0	172.4	183.9	180.6	193.3	199.7	225.4	214.4
15 to 17 years	187.9	179.5	225.4	205.0	242.8	236.3	255.3	277.7	363.3	326.7
18 to 19 years	114.2	123.1	141.9	161.7	165.4	162.7	173.4	175.8	185.2	138.3
20 to 24 years	49.9	57.6	62.3	62.6	65.5	65.6	67.4	71.1	75.3	69.3
25 to 29 years	21.3	24.1	25.7	25.9	26.0	25.7	26.3	25.5	25.9	24.5
30 to 34 years	19.7	21.8	24.0	23.1	24.1	23.6	23.0	22.8	21.1	19.3
35 to 39 years	33.7	36.7	39.8	35.6	37.7	38.6	40.7	37.1	33.9	33.0
40 years and over	72.3	85.2	79.7	80.8	82.3	81.7	81.2	76.7	73.8	64.2
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>2</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	18.8	17.7	18.9	20.0	19.3	18.2	17.7	16.9	17.4	17.5
Under 15 years	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
15 to 19 years	18.3	17.1	18.5	19.4	18.8	17.8	17.4	16.5	17.0	17.1
15 to 17 years	6.6	6.0	6.7	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.4	6.2	6.1
18 to 19 years	11.6	11.1	11.8	13.7	12.9	12.1	11.8	11.1	10.8	11.0
20 to 24 years	28.9	30.0	30.0	30.1	30.9	30.4	30.3	30.9	31.0	29.9
25 to 29 years	21.5	21.3	20.6	20.8	20.2	20.8	21.2	21.7	22.2	22.9
30 to 34 years	17.2	17.0	16.4	15.5	15.4	15.8	15.5	15.6	15.3	15.0
35 to 39 years	10.5	10.5	10.7	10.1	10.3	10.9	11.3	10.9	10.1	10.6
40 years and over	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-7**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Ontario**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>46,918</b>	<b>44,046</b>	<b>42,452</b>	<b>39,981</b>	<b>39,544</b>	<b>38,827</b>	<b>38,138</b>	<b>36,666</b>	<b>35,183</b>	<b>33,546</b>
Under 20 years	8,827	8,276	7,992	7,248	7,384	7,071	6,857	6,222	5,538	5,154
Under 15 years	190	163	172	106	107	135	118	84	51	60
15 to 19 years	8,637	8,113	7,820	7,142	7,277	6,936	6,739	6,138	5,487	5,094
15 to 17 years	3,445	3,281	3,066	2,749	2,728	2,760	2,550	2,204	1,820	1,650
18 to 19 years	5,192	4,832	4,754	4,393	4,549	4,176	4,189	3,934	3,667	3,444
20 to 24 years	13,568	12,878	12,466	12,172	11,623	11,592	11,387	11,105	10,762	10,371
25 to 29 years	10,277	9,698	8,939	8,287	8,254	8,030	7,985	7,789	7,477	7,348
30 to 34 years	7,907	7,134	6,874	6,317	6,245	6,053	5,789	5,651	5,202	5,202
35 to 39 years	4,751	4,577	4,655	4,387	4,413	4,305	4,242	4,122	4,044	3,758
40 years and over	1,575	1,471	1,526	1,570	1,595	1,580	1,614	1,659	1,710	1,713
Age unknown	13	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>
Under 20 years	21.0	19.4	18.3	16.2	16.1	15.1	14.4	12.9	11.4	10.5
Under 15 years	2.7	2.2	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.1	0.6	0.7
15 to 19 years	24.7	22.8	21.5	19.2	19.0	17.7	16.9	15.3	13.6	12.4
15 to 17 years	16.4	15.3	14.0	12.3	11.8	11.7	10.7	9.3	7.6	6.7
18 to 19 years	37.3	34.4	33.1	29.7	30.0	26.7	26.2	24.1	22.2	20.9
20 to 24 years	36.9	35.2	34.2	33.1	31.1	30.2	28.9	27.4	25.9	24.5
25 to 29 years	24.9	23.7	22.1	20.7	20.7	20.1	19.7	19.1	18.1	17.5
30 to 34 years	16.0	14.8	14.7	13.9	14.1	14.0	13.4	12.8	12.6	11.6
35 to 39 years	9.7	9.2	9.2	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.2	7.8
40 years and over	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>25.1</b>
Under 20 years	125.8	135.3	127.7	123.5	137.8	138.7	143.6	131.8	127.5	118.2
Under 15 years	372.5	339.6	441.0	302.9	254.8	519.2	590.0	560.0	242.9	260.9
15 to 19 years	124.0	133.7	125.8	122.4	136.9	136.8	141.7	130.4	127.0	117.5
15 to 17 years	144.6	163.6	145.3	144.2	159.7	186.0	176.0	161.8	139.7	125.8
18 to 19 years	113.3	119.0	115.7	111.8	126.1	116.4	126.7	117.6	121.5	79.4
20 to 24 years	63.6	65.2	62.1	62.5	61.5	62.9	64.2	62.7	60.4	58.9
25 to 29 years	23.7	23.9	22.5	21.1	22.1	20.9	21.4	20.6	19.5	19.2
30 to 34 years	16.9	16.1	15.9	14.8	15.1	14.1	14.0	13.0	12.4	11.3
35 to 39 years	25.3	24.0	23.7	21.7	21.5	20.0	19.9	18.9	18.6	16.6
40 years and over	57.0	49.6	49.0	46.6	43.6	40.5	40.1	38.7	37.5	36.7
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>2</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.1	18.7	18.2	18.0	17.0	15.7	15.4
Under 15 years	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
15 to 19 years	18.4	18.4	18.4	17.9	18.4	17.9	17.7	16.7	15.6	15.2
15 to 17 years	7.3	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.9	7.1	6.7	6.0	5.2	4.9
18 to 19 years	11.1	11.0	11.2	11.0	11.5	10.8	11.0	10.7	10.4	10.3
20 to 24 years	28.9	29.2	29.4	30.4	29.4	29.9	29.9	30.3	30.6	30.9
25 to 29 years	21.9	22.0	21.1	20.7	20.9	20.7	20.9	21.2	21.3	21.9
30 to 34 years	16.9	16.2	16.2	15.8	15.9	16.1	15.9	15.7	16.1	15.5
35 to 39 years	10.1	10.4	11.0	11.0	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.5	11.2
40 years and over	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.1
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-8**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Manitoba <sup>1</sup>**

	1996 <sup>2</sup>	1997 <sup>2</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>3,626</b>	<b>3,447</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>3,366</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>3,267</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>2,661</b>	<b>2,236</b>
Under 20 years	992	942	907	937	908	854	836	879	645	489
Under 15 years	30	34	13	14	12	18	15	20	16	13
15 to 19 years	962	908	894	923	896	836	821	859	629	476
15 to 17 years	380	368	361	340	345	311	303	298	226	172
18 to 19 years	582	540	533	583	551	525	518	561	403	304
20 to 24 years	1,251	1,234	1,180	1,170	1,199	1,144	1,179	1,322	944	724
25 to 29 years	725	730	655	680	621	671	649	692	530	472
30 to 34 years	394	420	391	401	369	389	350	430	292	317
35 to 39 years	205	225	241	259	210	238	180	254	185	168
40 years and over	78	74	73	70	59	79	73	93	65	66
Age unknown	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>8.9</b>
Under 20 years	21.4	20.3	19.4	19.8	19.0	17.7	17.3	18.0	13.0	9.8
Under 15 years	3.9	4.4	1.6	1.7	1.5	2.2	1.9	2.4	1.9	1.5
15 to 19 years	25.0	23.5	23.1	23.5	22.5	20.8	20.3	21.1	15.3	11.5
15 to 17 years	16.4	15.8	15.4	14.3	14.3	12.7	12.4	12.2	9.2	6.9
18 to 19 years	38.0	35.3	34.7	37.6	35.0	33.2	32.5	34.4	24.3	18.4
20 to 24 years	32.5	32.5	31.3	30.8	31.5	29.8	30.4	33.7	23.6	17.9
25 to 29 years	18.8	19.1	17.2	18.0	16.6	18.1	17.5	18.5	13.9	12.4
30 to 34 years	8.8	9.7	9.5	10.2	9.6	10.4	9.4	11.4	7.7	8.4
35 to 39 years	4.5	4.9	5.2	5.6	4.6	5.3	4.2	6.2	4.7	4.4
40 years and over	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.4	1.4
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>15.8</b>
Under 20 years	62.9	66.5	59.7	66.0	67.8	64.2	64.3	71.1	53.0	40.1
Under 15 years	96.8	188.9	48.1	45.2	70.6	200.0	78.9	111.1	84.2	72.2
15 to 19 years	62.2	64.9	59.9	66.5	67.7	63.3	64.1	70.5	52.5	39.6
15 to 17 years	64.5	72.4	65.9	67.7	71.0	66.2	67.8	73.6	53.3	40.2
18 to 19 years	60.8	60.7	56.5	65.7	65.8	61.7	62.1	68.9	52.0	25.3
20 to 24 years	35.1	37.8	36.3	35.5	37.6	36.6	37.9	42.9	31.4	24.0
25 to 29 years	15.6	16.4	14.7	15.7	14.2	15.9	15.9	16.7	12.6	11.0
30 to 34 years	9.8	11.1	11.1	11.5	10.7	11.0	9.7	11.6	8.1	8.4
35 to 39 years	14.5	14.7	15.9	17.0	14.0	15.3	12.0	16.9	12.5	10.8
40 years and over	33.1	34.1	36.5	28.3	25.1	31.1	24.9	33.5	22.5	21.3
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>3</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	27.2	26.0	26.3	26.6	27.0	25.3	25.6	24.0	24.2	21.9
Under 15 years	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
15 to 19 years	26.4	25.0	25.9	26.2	26.6	24.8	25.1	23.4	23.6	21.3
15 to 17 years	10.4	10.1	10.5	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	8.1	8.5	7.7
18 to 19 years	16.0	14.9	15.5	16.6	16.4	15.6	15.9	15.3	15.1	13.6
20 to 24 years	34.3	34.0	34.2	33.3	35.6	33.9	36.1	36.0	35.5	32.4
25 to 29 years	19.9	20.1	19.0	19.3	18.4	19.9	19.9	18.9	19.9	21.1
30 to 34 years	10.8	11.6	11.3	11.4	11.0	11.5	10.7	11.7	11.0	14.2
35 to 39 years	5.6	6.2	7.0	7.4	6.2	7.1	5.5	6.9	7.0	7.5
40 years and over	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.4	3.0
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. In 2004 and 2005, information on abortions performed in clinics in Manitoba was not submitted to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Therefore, the statistics for hospitals and clinics combined include only hospital abortions.
2. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.
3. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-9**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Saskatchewan**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>1,996</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>1,824</b>
Under 20 years	529	564	527	480	466	451	410	391	424	416
Under 15 years	12	6	12	11	13	5	11	10	7	9
15 to 19 years	517	558	515	469	453	446	399	381	417	407
15 to 17 years	163	202	198	175	165	136	138	121	155	147
18 to 19 years	354	356	317	294	288	310	261	260	262	260
20 to 24 years	697	707	749	721	746	731	685	696	689	672
25 to 29 years	311	359	356	363	387	365	378	385	420	403
30 to 34 years	216	199	217	189	193	198	180	221	213	170
35 to 39 years	120	125	126	110	113	116	111	111	95	112
40 years and over	30	34	35	35	51	39	47	42	47	51
Age unknown	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Under 20 years	11.4	12.2	11.4	10.3	10.1	9.8	9.0	8.6	9.3	9.3
Under 15 years	1.5	0.7	1.5	1.4	1.7	0.7	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.2
15 to 19 years	13.4	14.6	13.4	12.2	11.8	11.6	10.5	10.1	11.0	10.9
15 to 17 years	7.0	8.7	8.5	7.5	7.0	5.8	6.0	5.3	6.9	6.6
18 to 19 years	23.4	23.8	21.0	19.5	19.4	20.7	17.2	17.0	17.2	17.4
20 to 24 years	20.6	20.7	21.9	20.9	21.7	21.3	20.0	19.9	19.3	18.9
25 to 29 years	9.8	11.4	11.3	11.6	12.6	12.0	12.3	12.7	13.6	13.0
30 to 34 years	5.6	5.4	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.1	7.5	7.3	5.9
35 to 39 years	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.7
40 years and over	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.4
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Under 20 years	34.4	38.6	35.7	33.4	34.2	36.4	35.0	32.7	34.8	34.9
Under 15 years	57.1	19.4	109.1	55.0	52.0	27.8	100.0	100.0	46.7	60.0
15 to 19 years	34.1	39.0	35.2	33.1	33.9	36.5	34.4	32.1	34.7	34.6
15 to 17 years	28.7	38.1	37.6	32.8	32.6	29.7	36.8	30.3	38.0	36.2
18 to 19 years	37.2	39.6	33.8	33.4	34.6	40.6	33.3	33.0	33.0	22.1
20 to 24 years	21.3	21.5	22.6	22.4	24.2	22.9	23.8	23.4	23.1	22.3
25 to 29 years	7.5	9.1	9.1	9.1	10.0	9.4	10.0	10.1	10.9	10.6
30 to 34 years	6.9	6.8	7.9	7.0	7.7	7.4	6.6	7.9	7.9	6.2
35 to 39 years	11.2	11.5	11.8	9.9	10.3	10.9	10.7	10.4	9.3	11.1
40 years and over	20.0	20.9	21.6	20.5	27.0	20.5	27.5	20.3	21.8	26.2
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>2</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	27.5	28.3	26.2	25.3	23.8	23.7	22.6	21.2	22.5	22.8
Under 15 years	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
15 to 19 years	26.8	28.0	25.6	24.7	23.2	23.5	22.0	20.6	22.1	22.3
15 to 17 years	8.5	10.1	9.9	9.2	8.4	7.2	7.6	6.6	8.2	8.1
18 to 19 years	18.4	17.8	15.8	15.5	14.7	16.3	14.4	14.1	13.9	14.3
20 to 24 years	36.2	35.4	37.3	38.0	38.1	38.5	37.8	37.7	36.5	36.8
25 to 29 years	16.1	18.0	17.7	19.1	19.8	19.2	20.9	20.9	22.2	22.1
30 to 34 years	11.2	10.0	10.8	10.0	9.9	10.4	9.9	12.0	11.3	9.3
35 to 39 years	6.2	6.3	6.3	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.0	6.1
40 years and over	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.6	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.8
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).



**Table 3-10**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Alberta**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>9,265</b>	<b>10,337</b>	<b>10,355</b>	<b>10,188</b>	<b>10,432</b>	<b>10,603</b>	<b>10,735</b>	<b>10,814</b>	<b>11,098</b>	<b>10,859</b>
Under 20 years	2,139	2,349	2,455	2,264	2,253	2,352	1,995	1,725	1,718	1,654
Under 15 years	37	46	57	43	33	30	25	12	16	10
15 to 19 years	2,102	2,303	2,398	2,221	2,220	2,322	1,970	1,713	1,702	1,644
15 to 17 years	853	911	954	892	796	786	640	547	522	525
18 to 19 years	1,249	1,392	1,444	1,329	1,424	1,536	1,330	1,166	1,180	1,119
20 to 24 years	2,917	3,280	3,268	3,293	3,459	3,488	3,585	3,778	3,814	3,692
25 to 29 years	1,942	2,088	2,109	2,123	2,183	2,141	2,287	2,401	2,581	2,479
30 to 34 years	1,224	1,425	1,324	1,338	1,358	1,392	1,507	1,509	1,540	1,615
35 to 39 years	801	905	899	873	881	909	949	952	990	1,016
40 years and over	235	285	300	297	298	321	411	449	452	401
Age unknown	7	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.4</b>
Under 20 years	18.4	19.6	19.7	17.7	17.3	17.8	14.9	12.8	12.7	12.0
Under 15 years	1.8	2.2	2.7	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.4
15 to 19 years	21.9	23.3	23.2	20.9	20.5	21.0	17.5	15.3	15.1	14.3
15 to 17 years	14.7	15.0	15.2	13.9	12.2	11.9	9.6	8.2	7.8	7.7
18 to 19 years	33.1	36.2	35.8	31.6	32.8	34.6	29.4	25.7	25.6	23.9
20 to 24 years	30.4	33.4	32.2	31.6	32.3	31.5	31.3	32.1	31.8	29.9
25 to 29 years	18.7	20.0	19.9	19.8	20.1	19.6	20.4	21.0	22.0	20.2
30 to 34 years	10.0	12.0	11.5	11.9	12.2	12.5	13.3	13.2	13.4	13.7
35 to 39 years	6.2	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.7	7.1	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.7
40 years and over	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	3.0	3.3	3.3	2.9
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>25.8</b>
Under 20 years	78.2	90.7	92.7	86.2	91.7	100.4	88.9	80.2	81.0	76.3
Under 15 years	119.4	158.6	228.0	187.0	206.3	214.3	138.9	92.3	80.0	76.9
15 to 19 years	77.7	89.9	91.4	85.3	90.9	99.7	88.5	80.1	81.0	76.3
15 to 17 years	92.4	108.7	109.8	105.3	106.8	113.1	103.2	91.8	87.3	88.5
18 to 19 years	70.1	80.8	82.3	75.6	84.0	94.0	82.9	75.6	78.5	51.9
20 to 24 years	38.2	44.1	41.9	41.4	45.7	45.7	45.5	46.6	47.9	45.6
25 to 29 years	16.2	17.7	17.8	18.0	19.1	18.5	19.1	19.2	20.0	18.6
30 to 34 years	11.4	14.1	12.6	12.9	13.4	13.2	13.7	13.1	13.0	13.2
35 to 39 years	19.1	21.3	20.6	18.8	18.9	19.6	20.0	19.1	19.8	19.3
40 years and over	40.3	42.2	44.5	38.3	37.9	39.4	49.5	44.5	45.2	38.1
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>2</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	23.1	22.7	23.7	22.2	21.6	22.2	18.6	16.0	15.5	15.2
Under 15 years	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
15 to 19 years	22.7	22.3	23.2	21.8	21.3	21.9	18.4	15.8	15.3	15.1
15 to 17 years	9.2	8.8	9.2	8.8	7.6	7.4	6.0	5.1	4.7	4.8
18 to 19 years	13.5	13.5	13.9	13.0	13.7	14.5	12.4	10.8	10.6	10.3
20 to 24 years	31.5	31.7	31.6	32.3	33.2	32.9	33.4	34.9	34.4	34.0
25 to 29 years	21.0	20.2	20.4	20.8	20.9	20.2	21.3	22.2	23.3	22.8
30 to 34 years	13.2	13.8	12.8	13.1	13.0	13.1	14.0	14.0	13.9	14.9
35 to 39 years	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.4
40 years and over	2.5	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.8	4.2	4.1	3.7
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-11**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — British Columbia**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>15,689</b>	<b>15,582</b>	<b>15,482</b>	<b>14,642</b>	<b>14,009</b>	<b>15,908</b>	<b>15,967</b>	<b>15,499</b>	<b>14,145</b>	<b>14,444</b>
Under 20 years	3,046	3,062	3,021	2,954	2,791	2,977	2,850	2,674	2,806	2,727
Under 15 years	93	68	76	66	50	48	44	44	70	48
15 to 19 years	2,953	2,994	2,945	2,888	2,741	2,929	2,806	2,630	2,736	2,679
15 to 17 years	1,181	1,089	828	919	1,096	1,098	683	640	1,025	1,029
18 to 19 years	1,772	1,905	2,117	1,969	1,645	1,831	2,123	1,990	1,711	1,650
20 to 24 years	4,542	4,493	4,581	4,210	4,174	4,646	4,709	4,616	4,266	4,464
25 to 29 years	3,526	3,460	3,363	3,181	2,960	3,350	3,360	3,328	2,859	2,998
30 to 34 years	2,504	2,460	2,379	2,154	2,180	2,513	2,565	2,452	2,095	2,120
35 to 39 years	1,542	1,555	1,629	1,570	1,448	1,695	1,729	1,694	1,436	1,449
40 years and over	521	550	509	573	456	698	743	725	683	686
Age unknown	8	2	0	0	0	29	11	10	0	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>15.5</b>
Under 20 years	20.6	20.2	19.6	18.9	17.6	18.4	17.5	16.5	17.3	16.8
Under 15 years	3.7	2.7	2.9	2.5	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.6	1.8
15 to 19 years	24.1	23.8	23.0	22.2	20.6	21.6	20.5	19.3	20.1	19.6
15 to 17 years	15.9	14.3	10.7	11.7	13.7	13.5	8.5	8.0	12.8	12.7
18 to 19 years	36.6	38.3	41.6	38.1	31.3	33.7	37.7	35.1	30.5	29.7
20 to 24 years	35.5	34.8	35.9	32.7	32.3	35.3	34.7	33.0	29.5	30.2
25 to 29 years	24.4	23.7	23.4	22.6	21.6	25.0	25.3	24.9	21.1	21.6
30 to 34 years	15.2	15.2	15.2	14.1	14.4	16.5	16.9	16.3	14.2	14.5
35 to 39 years	9.0	8.9	9.3	8.9	8.3	9.9	10.4	10.5	9.1	9.1
40 years and over	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.3	2.6	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.8
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>35.4</b>
Under 20 years	128.5	136.9	143.1	144.8	150.9	166.7	176.3	180.4	197.1	203.8
Under 15 years	404.3	226.7	245.2	300.0	333.3	480.0	314.3	550.0	1,750.0	369.2
15 to 19 years	125.8	135.7	141.6	143.1	149.4	164.9	175.0	178.4	192.7	202.2
15 to 17 years	146.0	149.2	115.2	138.0	200.0	198.6	136.1	153.8	237.8	259.2
18 to 19 years	115.1	129.1	155.5	145.6	127.8	149.7	192.8	188.1	173.0	124.5
20 to 24 years	54.5	58.3	61.1	59.8	63.9	74.8	76.1	75.8	69.8	72.2
25 to 29 years	24.5	25.0	25.6	25.6	24.8	29.0	29.7	29.4	25.8	26.7
30 to 34 years	17.8	18.2	18.2	16.6	17.4	19.3	19.9	18.3	15.9	15.9
35 to 39 years	26.0	25.0	26.1	24.7	22.1	25.3	25.9	24.9	20.2	20.2
40 years and over	51.1	53.2	49.1	51.3	36.0	53.1	53.6	51.5	42.9	42.1
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>2</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	19.4	19.7	19.5	20.2	19.9	18.7	17.8	17.3	19.8	18.9
Under 15 years	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3
15 to 19 years	18.8	19.2	19.0	19.7	19.6	18.4	17.6	17.0	19.3	18.5
15 to 17 years	7.5	7.0	5.3	6.3	7.8	6.9	4.3	4.1	7.2	7.1
18 to 19 years	11.3	12.2	13.7	13.4	11.7	11.5	13.3	12.8	12.1	11.4
20 to 24 years	29.0	28.8	29.6	28.8	29.8	29.2	29.5	29.8	30.2	30.9
25 to 29 years	22.5	22.2	21.7	21.7	21.1	21.1	21.0	21.5	20.2	20.8
30 to 34 years	16.0	15.8	15.4	14.7	15.6	15.8	16.1	15.8	14.8	14.7
35 to 39 years	9.8	10.0	10.5	10.7	10.3	10.7	10.8	10.9	10.2	10.0
40 years and over	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.3	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-12**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Yukon Territory**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>140</b>
Under 20 years	30	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	22
Under 15 years	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0
15 to 19 years	30	33	31	26	32	30	36	34	x	22
15 to 17 years	10	16	11	12	12	10	12	20	x	5
18 to 19 years	20	17	20	14	20	20	24	14	x	17
20 to 24 years	55	32	49	34	39	32	35	52	x	51
25 to 29 years	39	32	29	17	30	25	25	18	x	32
30 to 34 years	28	8	22	18	21	16	12	14	x	13
35 to 39 years	16	12	14	14	8	13	12	9	x	15
40 years and over	4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
Age unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>19.1</b>
Under 20 years	25.1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	16.3
Under 15 years	0.0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0.0
15 to 19 years	31.0	32.5	29.7	23.8	28.2	25.8	30.5	28.1	x	19.2
15 to 17 years	16.6	24.7	16.5	17.0	16.3	13.6	16.6	28.6	x	7.6
18 to 19 years	54.8	46.3	53.3	36.3	50.3	46.3	52.5	27.3	x	35.1
20 to 24 years	51.9	32.9	53.3	37.2	43.0	36.0	37.4	52.5	x	46.4
25 to 29 years	30.5	24.5	23.6	14.9	28.1	24.8	25.5	18.6	x	32.6
30 to 34 years	17.8	5.3	15.8	13.9	17.1	13.3	10.2	11.9	x	11.8
35 to 39 years	9.7	7.0	8.3	8.5	5.1	8.9	8.8	6.8	x	12.1
40 years and over	2.6	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	4.5
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>43.8</b>
Under 20 years	93.8	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	157.1
Under 15 years	..	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0.0
15 to 19 years	93.8	103.1	103.3	83.9	97.0	107.1	144.0	125.9	x	157.1
15 to 17 years	111.1	133.3	110.0	109.1	109.1	142.9	171.4	153.8	x	83.3
18 to 19 years	87.0	85.0	100.0	70.0	90.9	95.2	133.3	100.0	x	121.4
20 to 24 years	57.9	35.6	59.8	50.0	55.7	41.6	51.5	74.3	x	87.9
25 to 29 years	30.7	21.1	26.9	16.5	32.6	30.1	24.8	20.2	x	35.2
30 to 34 years	23.0	6.4	21.8	17.8	21.9	16.3	14.3	14.9	x	13.1
35 to 39 years	29.1	19.0	21.9	21.5	11.1	30.2	25.0	23.7	x	35.7
40 years and over	33.3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	43.8
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>2</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>
Under 20 years	17.4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	15.7
Under 15 years	0.0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0.0
15 to 19 years	17.4	27.3	20.7	23.4	23.7	24.6	28.8	26.4	x	15.7
15 to 17 years	5.8	13.2	7.3	10.8	8.9	8.2	9.6	15.5	x	3.6
18 to 19 years	11.6	14.0	13.3	12.6	14.8	16.4	19.2	10.9	x	12.1
20 to 24 years	32.0	26.4	32.7	30.6	28.9	26.2	28.0	40.3	x	36.4
25 to 29 years	22.7	26.4	19.3	15.3	22.2	20.5	20.0	14.0	x	22.9
30 to 34 years	16.3	6.6	14.7	16.2	15.6	13.1	9.6	10.9	x	9.3
35 to 39 years	9.3	9.9	9.3	12.6	5.9	10.7	9.6	7.0	x	10.7
40 years and over	2.3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	5.0
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-13**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Northwest Territories including Nunavut**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999 <sup>2</sup>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>393</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..
Under 20 years	87	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
Under 15 years	3	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 19 years	84	75	67	114	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 17 years	37	40	30	51	..	..	..	..	..	..
18 to 19 years	47	35	37	63	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 to 24 years	84	95	95	100	..	..	..	..	..	..
25 to 29 years	74	82	64	80	..	..	..	..	..	..
30 to 34 years	39	42	39	57	..	..	..	..	..	..
35 to 39 years	9	18	21	28	..	..	..	..	..	..
40 years and over	4	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
Age unknown	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>23.2</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..
Under 20 years	26.8	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
Under 15 years	5.6	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 19 years	31.0	28.2	25.6	42.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 17 years	22.6	24.8	19.3	31.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
18 to 19 years	43.8	33.4	34.9	59.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 to 24 years	32.0	36.1	37.4	38.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
25 to 29 years	23.0	25.6	20.7	27.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
30 to 34 years	12.3	13.6	12.8	18.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
35 to 39 years	3.3	6.6	7.6	9.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
40 years and over	1.9	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>28.2</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..
Under 20 years	31.6	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
Under 15 years	75.0	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 19 years	31.0	31.0	27.6	45.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 17 years	36.3	35.1	30.0	49.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
18 to 19 years	27.8	27.3	25.9	42.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 to 24 years	19.4	23.0	26.2	26.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
25 to 29 years	17.1	20.1	18.9	21.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
30 to 34 years	13.4	16.0	14.3	23.6	..	..	..	..	..	..
35 to 39 years	8.3	15.3	20.0	25.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
40 years and over	17.4	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>3</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>
Under 20 years	29.3	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
Under 15 years	1.0	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 19 years	28.3	23.7	22.9	29.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 17 years	12.5	12.6	10.3	13.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
18 to 19 years	15.8	11.0	12.7	16.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 to 24 years	28.3	30.0	32.5	25.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
25 to 29 years	24.9	25.9	21.9	20.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
30 to 34 years	13.1	13.2	13.4	14.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
35 to 39 years	3.0	5.7	7.2	7.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
40 years and over	1.3	x	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. For data year 1999, counts and rates for Nunavut and the Northwest Territories have been combined. Although Nunavut became a separate territory as of April 1, 1999, not all sources of information (for example, the Hospital Morbidity Database) used in the calculation of abortion statistics contained enough information to provide complete and separate data for Nunavut for the 1999 calendar year.

3. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-14**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Northwest Territories**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999 <sup>2</sup>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>281</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>x</b>
Under 20 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
Under 15 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
15 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	57	67	63	56	57	x
15 to 17 years	..	..	..	..	24	30	29	24	27	x
18 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	33	37	34	32	30	x
20 to 24 years	..	..	..	..	104	88	76	83	78	x
25 to 29 years	..	..	..	..	66	63	47	52	68	x
30 to 34 years	..	..	..	..	32	40	27	42	36	x
35 to 39 years	..	..	..	..	16	20	22	9	17	x
40 years and over	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	0	1	x
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>27.1</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>x</b>
Under 20 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
Under 15 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
15 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	39.0	44.0	41.1	33.9	34.1	x
15 to 17 years	..	..	..	..	27.3	32.2	30.8	23.6	26.2	x
18 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	56.6	62.8	57.4	50.6	46.8	x
20 to 24 years	..	..	..	..	69.7	58.1	49.1	52.4	47.1	x
25 to 29 years	..	..	..	..	38.9	38.0	27.8	32.0	40.9	x
30 to 34 years	..	..	..	..	17.1	21.8	14.8	22.7	19.7	x
35 to 39 years	..	..	..	..	8.2	10.4	11.5	4.7	9.1	x
40 years and over	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	x
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>41.8</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>x</b>
Under 20 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
Under 15 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
15 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	69.5	97.1	87.5	81.2	67.9	x
15 to 17 years	..	..	..	..	64.9	136.4	131.8	68.6	108.0	x
18 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	73.3	78.7	68.0	94.1	50.8	x
20 to 24 years	..	..	..	..	65.0	56.8	52.4	47.7	49.1	x
25 to 29 years	..	..	..	..	38.2	40.9	25.4	30.8	34.9	x
30 to 34 years	..	..	..	..	20.6	28.4	17.0	22.5	21.6	x
35 to 39 years	..	..	..	..	18.8	25.6	35.5	11.3	22.4	x
40 years and over	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	x
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>3</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>x</b>
Under 20 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
Under 15 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
15 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	20.3	23.4	25.7	22.0	21.8	x
15 to 17 years	..	..	..	..	8.5	10.5	11.8	9.4	10.3	x
18 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	11.7	12.9	13.9	12.5	11.5	x
20 to 24 years	..	..	..	..	37.0	30.8	31.0	32.5	29.9	x
25 to 29 years	..	..	..	..	23.5	22.0	19.2	20.4	26.1	x
30 to 34 years	..	..	..	..	11.4	14.0	11.0	16.5	13.8	x
35 to 39 years	..	..	..	..	5.7	7.0	9.0	3.5	6.5	x
40 years and over	..	..	..	..	x	x	x	x	x	x
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	x

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. For data year 1999, counts and rates for Nunavut and the Northwest Territories have been combined. Although Nunavut became a separate territory as of April 1, 1999, not all sources of information (for example, the Hospital Morbidity Database) used in the calculation of abortion statistics contained enough information to provide complete and separate data for Nunavut for the 1999 calendar year.

3. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-15**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Nunavut**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999 <sup>2</sup>	2000	2001	2002 <sup>3</sup>	2003 <sup>3</sup>	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>178</b>	<b>148</b>	..	..	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
Under 20 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
Under 15 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
15 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	46	41	..	..	x	x
15 to 17 years	..	..	..	..	23	17	..	..	x	x
18 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	23	24	..	..	x	x
20 to 24 years	..	..	..	..	71	50	..	..	x	x
25 to 29 years	..	..	..	..	29	34	..	..	x	x
30 to 34 years	..	..	..	..	21	12	..	..	x	x
35 to 39 years	..	..	..	..	10	5	..	..	x	x
40 years and over	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	0	0	..	..	x	x
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>26.9</b>	<b>21.7</b>	..	..	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
Under 20 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
Under 15 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
15 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	37.7	31.8	..	..	x	x
15 to 17 years	..	..	..	..	29.7	20.9	..	..	x	x
18 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	51.5	50.5	..	..	x	x
20 to 24 years	..	..	..	..	61.5	44.8	..	..	x	x
25 to 29 years	..	..	..	..	24.6	27.3	..	..	x	x
30 to 34 years	..	..	..	..	18.0	10.3	..	..	x	x
35 to 39 years	..	..	..	..	10.6	5.1	..	..	x	x
40 years and over	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	x
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>24.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>	..	..	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
Under 20 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
Under 15 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
15 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	29.9	27.3	..	..	x	x
15 to 17 years	..	..	..	..	31.9	24.6	..	..	x	x
18 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	28.0	29.6	..	..	x	x
20 to 24 years	..	..	..	..	31.8	21.0	..	..	x	x
25 to 29 years	..	..	..	..	15.3	21.9	..	..	x	x
30 to 34 years	..	..	..	..	19.8	11.8	..	..	x	x
35 to 39 years	..	..	..	..	27.0	12.8	..	..	x	x
40 years and over	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	x
proportion of induced abortions across age groups <sup>4</sup>										
<b>All ages</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<b>x</b>
Under 20 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
Under 15 years	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
15 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	25.8	27.7	..	..	x	x
15 to 17 years	..	..	..	..	12.9	11.5	..	..	x	x
18 to 19 years	..	..	..	..	12.9	16.2	..	..	x	x
20 to 24 years	..	..	..	..	39.9	33.8	..	..	x	x
25 to 29 years	..	..	..	..	16.3	23.0	..	..	x	x
30 to 34 years	..	..	..	..	11.8	8.1	..	..	x	x
35 to 39 years	..	..	..	..	5.6	3.4	..	..	x	x
40 years and over	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	x	x
Age unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	x

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

2. For data year 1999, counts and rates for Nunavut and the Northwest Territories have been combined. Although Nunavut became a separate territory as of April 1, 1999, not all sources of information (for example, the Hospital Morbidity Database) used in the calculation of abortion statistics contained enough information to provide complete and separate data for Nunavut for the 1999 calendar year.

3. For 2002 and 2003, Nunavut residents are excluded due to incomplete reporting.

4. Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

**Table 3-16**  
**Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient — Unknown province or territory**

	1996 <sup>1</sup>	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
number of induced abortions										
<b>All ages</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>185</b>
Under 20 years	141	254	92	77	55	45	29	44	3	10
Under 15 years	4	6	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
15 to 19 years	137	248	89	73	55	41	29	44	3	10
15 to 17 years	53	98	33	27	21	17	9	15	1	4
18 to 19 years	84	150	56	46	34	24	20	29	2	6
20 to 24 years	210	385	94	84	81	59	56	58	5	81
25 to 29 years	146	274	63	43	53	39	36	33	5	47
30 to 34 years	112	203	48	29	32	37	40	18	1	30
35 to 39 years	67	131	33	25	22	18	24	21	0	11
40 years and over	22	44	12	12	15	11	8	9	0	6
Age unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
rate of induced abortions per 1,000 females of same age group										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 15 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 to 19 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 to 17 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 to 19 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 24 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 to 29 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 to 34 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 to 39 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 years and over	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ratio of induced abortions per 100 live births										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 15 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 to 19 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 to 17 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 to 19 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 24 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 to 29 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 to 34 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 to 39 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 years and over	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
proportion of induced abortions across age groups										
<b>All ages</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 20 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Under 15 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 to 19 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 to 17 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 to 19 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 24 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 to 29 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 to 34 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 to 39 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 years and over	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age unknown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

1. For the 1994 to 1997 data years, a large number of abortions were reported to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey without any information on the age of the female. Age groups have now been estimated for induced abortions at the Canada, provincial and territorial level. As a result of these new estimations, any previously released age group statistics at the Canada level will not match the latest Canada level statistics.

**Note(s):** See "Data quality, concepts and methodology — Explanatory notes for the tables" section.

**Source(s):** Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database (CANSIM table 106-9034).

## Definitions

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**Abortion (induced).** The Therapeutic Abortion Survey collects data on legally induced abortions. The survey excludes illegal abortions and spontaneous abortions (that is, miscarriages).

Induced abortion is defined as the medical termination of pregnancy. Equivalent terms include: artificial abortion, therapeutic abortion, voluntary termination of pregnancy, elective termination of pregnancy, and active termination of pregnancy.

The term 'therapeutic' remains in the title of the survey for the sake of historical consistency. From late 1969 (when the survey first began) until 1988, a woman could only obtain an induced abortion if a committee of at least three physicians determined that the pregnancy was a risk to the woman's life or health (including mental health). In January 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the 1969 abortion law, thus removing the requirement of a health or therapeutic reason to obtain an abortion.

**Age.** Age (in completed years) of the woman undergoing an abortion procedure, on the date the pregnancy was terminated.

**Area of report.** Area of report refers to the province or territory in which the abortion was performed. Prior to 2004, reports of abortions performed on Canadian residents in the United States are also included where applicable.

**Area of residence.** Area of residence refers to the usual province or territory of residence of the woman obtaining the abortion. Statistics on non-residents of Canada who obtained an abortion in Canada are also included where applicable.

**Type of facility.** The Therapeutic Abortion Survey collects information on abortions performed in two types of facilities: hospitals and clinics.

### Measures and rates

**Abortion rate.** In tables that contain no age group breakdowns, the abortion rate is calculated as the annual number of induced abortions performed per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44.

In tables that contain age group breakdowns, the abortion rate is calculated as the annual number of induced abortions performed per 1,000 women aged 14 to 44.

**Age-specific abortion rate.** This rate is calculated as the annual number of induced abortions performed on women in a specified age group per 1,000 women of the same age.

**Abortions per 100 live births.** A ratio indicating the number of abortions performed for every 100 live births.



## Explanatory notes for the tables

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**Table 1 Induced abortions, by area of report and type of facility performing the abortion**

Sources: Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Data users should be aware of certain limitations to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. There are recognized issues concerning coverage, increased submission of aggregate counts instead of detailed records and an increased reliance on age estimation. Further information on methods and data quality is available in the "Definitions, data sources and methods" section on the Statistics Canada website, under the survey number 3209.

The number of induced abortions is provided by the province or territory in which the abortion was performed. Counts include abortions performed in Canadian hospitals and clinics on Canadian residents and non-residents of Canada. Where indicated, the counts also include abortions performed in the United States on Canadian residents, for data years prior to 2004.

From 1971 to 2003, health departments in several American states, especially those along the Canada and United States border supplied information about abortions obtained by Canadian residents. These counts, however, should be regarded as a minimum estimate because not all American states submitted reports, some private clinics may not report to the state health department or the residence of the patient was not reported. The reports did not specify if the abortion took place in a hospital or clinic. As of 2004, this information is no longer collected.

Abortions performed in clinics were first reported by Quebec in 1978. In other provinces such clinics came into operation soon after January 1988, when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the 1969 amended abortion law.

Caution should be taken when comparing 1999 and later data years with data from 1998 and earlier. As of 1999, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care no longer maintains a system for the collection of detailed information on abortions performed in clinics in Ontario. Ontario now uses the billing system of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) to provide counts of clinic abortions to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. As a result, information is no longer available for clinic abortions performed on non-residents of Ontario or on Ontario residents who do not submit a claim to OHIP. A comparison of the data collected using both sources for the years 1995 to 1998 shows that the new data source underestimated the clinic abortions performed on Ontario residents by an average of 5.4% (950 cases) per year, or approximately 1% of all abortions performed in Canada. The new source does not include non-resident cases which averaged 70 cases per year or .4% of total clinic abortions performed in Ontario.

For the 2003 and 2005 data year, a facility in British Columbia did not report to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Counts were estimated for these two facilities based on the number of abortions reported by them in previous years.

Nunavut came into being officially as a Territory of Canada on April 1, 1999. Reports of abortions for 1999, however, are based on the full calendar year (January to December). In previous years, the totals for the Northwest Territories included residents of what became Nunavut.

**Table 2 Induced abortions, by type of facility and area of residence of patient**

Sources: Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database and Demography Division (population estimates); Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Data users should be aware of certain limitations to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. There are recognized issues concerning coverage, increased submission of aggregate counts instead of detailed records and an increased reliance on age estimation. Further information on methods and data quality is available in the "Definitions, data sources and methods" section on the Statistics Canada website, under the survey number 3209.

Induced abortions by the usual area of residence of the person obtaining the abortion. Counts include abortions performed on Canadian residents in hospitals and clinics in Canada. Where indicated, the counts also include abortions performed on non-residents of Canada obtaining an abortion in Canada and abortions performed in the United States on Canadian residents, for data years prior to 2004. Rates and ratios exclude non-residents of Canada.

From 1971 to 2003, health departments in several American states, especially those along the Canada and United States border supplied information about abortions obtained by Canadian residents. These counts, however, should be regarded as a minimum estimate because not all American states submitted reports, some private clinics may not report to the state health department or the residence of the patient was not reported. The reports did not specify if the abortion took place in a hospital or clinic. As of 2004, this information is no longer collected.

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For the 2003 and 2005 data year, a facility in British Columbia did not report to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Counts were estimated for these two facilities based on the number of abortions reported by them in previous years.

Nunavut came into being officially as a Territory of Canada on April 1, 1999. Reports of abortions for 1999, however, are based on the full calendar year (January to December). In previous years, the totals for the Northwest Territories included residents of what became Nunavut.

**Table 3 Selected induced abortions statistics, by age group and area of residence of patient**

Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database. Data users should be aware of certain limitations to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. There are recognized issues concerning coverage, increased submission of aggregate counts instead of detailed records and an increased reliance on age estimation. Further information on methods and data quality is available in the "Definitions, data sources and methods" section on the Statistics Canada website, under the survey number 3209.

Induced abortion counts are taken from the Therapeutic Abortion Survey that collects information on abortions performed in hospitals and clinics in Canada, as well as on abortions performed on Canadian residents in selected American states, for data years prior to 2004. Abortions performed on non-residents of Canada are excluded.

The "All ages" group is the total number of induced abortions performed on Canadian residents. Rates for the "All ages" group is based on the population of females aged 14 to 44. For the number of abortions per 100 live births to females in the "All ages" group, the denominator is the total number of births reported for all ages.

Rates for the "Under 20 years" age group are based on the female population aged 14 to 19 years.

Rates for the "Under 15 years" age group are based on the female population aged 14.

Rates for the "40 years and over" age group are based on the female population aged 40 to 44.

For the "All ages" category, the "Proportion of induced abortions across age groups" is not calculated. For the "Age unknown" category, only the "Number of induced abortions" is provided.

When data years 1995, 1996 and 1997 were originally released, age estimations were not calculated for the counts of clinic abortions where the area of residence was unknown and the age was unknown. Age estimations have now been calculated for these counts, using the known national age distribution for hospital abortions.

The population estimates used to calculate the rates for data years 1974 to present were taken from CANSIM table 051-0001: Estimates of population, by age group and sex, Canada, provinces and territories, annual.

Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.

Caution should be taken when comparing 1999 and later data years with data from 1998 and earlier. As of 1999, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care no longer maintains a system for the collection of detailed information on abortions performed in clinics in Ontario. Ontario now uses the billing system of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) to provide counts of clinic abortions to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. As a result, information is no longer available for clinic abortions performed on non-residents of Ontario or on Ontario residents who do not submit a claim to OHIP. A comparison of the data collected using both sources for the years 1995 to 1998 shows that the new data source underestimated the clinic abortions performed on Ontario residents by an average of 5.4% (950 cases) per year, or approximately 1% of all abortions performed in Canada. The new source does not include non-resident cases which averaged 70 cases per year or 0.4% of total clinic abortions performed in Ontario.

For the 1998 data year, Ontario reported 2,795 clinic abortions with no age group information. The known proportion of Ontario residents who obtained an abortion in hospital was used to estimate the age group of these clinic counts. British Columbia also reported 725 clinic counts with no age group information. The known proportion of British Columbia residents who obtained an abortion in hospital was used to estimate the age group of these clinic counts.

For the 2003 and 2005 data year, a facility in British Columbia did not report to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Counts were estimated for these two facilities based on the number of abortions reported by them in previous years.