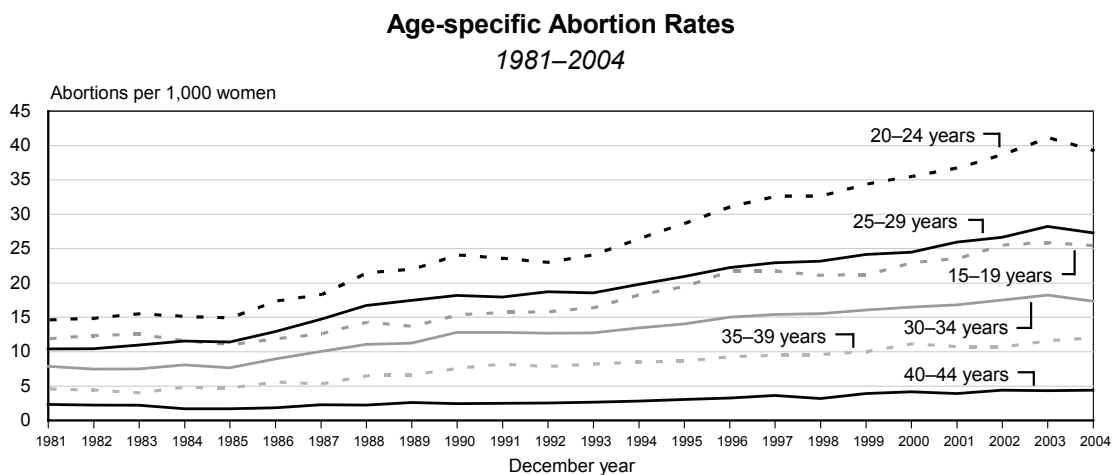


## Chapter 7

## Induced abortions

- There were 18,211 induced abortions performed in New Zealand during the December 2004 year, down from 18,511 in 2003.
- In 2004, the general abortion rate was 20.5 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years.
- In 1994, the general abortion rate was 15.3 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years.
- In 2003, New Zealand's general abortion rate was 21.0 per 1,000 women. This was similar to Australia (19.7), Sweden (20.1) and the United States (20.9 in 2002). Germany and the Netherlands had lower rates at 7.6 and 8.6, respectively.
- Women aged 20–24 years had the highest abortion rate in 2004 (39 abortions per 1,000 women aged 20–24 years).
- Three in every 10 abortions are performed on women aged 20–24 years.
- The median age of women having an abortion has remained stable at around 25 years over the last decade.
- About one-half of all women who had an abortion in 2004 had no children.
- Two-thirds of abortions are performed between 8 and 11 weeks of gestation.
- Roughly two-thirds of women having an abortion in 2004 had had no previous abortions.
- In 2004, there were 76,767 known pregnancies (stillbirths, live births and abortions combined).
- The total pregnancy rate was 2.7 known pregnancies per woman in 2004. (The total pregnancy rate is the average number of pregnancies a woman would have during her life if she experienced the age-specific pregnancy rates of a given period.)

Figure 7.01



## Number of induced abortions

The number of abortions performed in New Zealand has dropped for the first time since 1998. A total of 18,211 induced abortions were performed in New Zealand in the December 2004 year, 300 (1.6 percent) fewer than in 2003 (18,511). This drop follows increases of 6.5 percent in 2003 and 5.9 percent in 2002.

## Abortion rates

Abortion rates give an indication of the number of abortions a group of women is likely to have over a period of time. The general abortion rate (abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years) decreased from 21.0 in 2003 to 20.5 in 2004. The general abortion rate was 15.3 per 1,000 in 1994. Between 1994 and 2004 the average annual increase in the general abortion rate was 3 percent.

Age-specific abortion rates indicate that women aged 20–24 years have more abortions than women in other age groups. In 2004, this age group had an abortion rate of 39 abortions per 1,000 women aged 20–24 years, significantly higher than any other age group. Women aged 25–29 years had the next highest rate (27 per 1,000 women) followed by women aged 15–19 years (26 per 1,000 women).

Since 1994, abortion rates have increased for all age groups. In 2004, women aged 20–24 years had approximately 13 more abortions per 1,000 women than their counterparts in 1994; women aged 25–29 and 15–19 years had 8 and 7 more abortions per 1,000 women, respectively.

On the basis of the 2004 age-specific abortion rates, 1,000 New Zealand women could expect to have 637 induced abortions during their reproductive life (this is known as the total abortion rate). The total abortion rate for the year 2004 represents a 41 percent increase on the rate of 451 per 1,000 recorded a decade earlier in 1994.

## Abortion ratios

An abortion ratio measures the likelihood of a pregnancy being terminated by an abortion.

In 2004, the crude abortion ratio was 237 abortions per 1,000 known pregnancies (live births, stillbirths and abortions combined). This means that roughly one in four pregnancies ends in an induced abortion.

## International comparison

International comparisons are affected by both statistical coverage and laws relating to induced abortion. Consequently, differences between New Zealand and other countries' abortion indices should be interpreted with care.

Although abortion rates in New Zealand have increased noticeably over recent years, the trend in many European countries has been for relatively little change. In 2003, the general abortion rate (abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years) for New Zealand was 21.0 per 1,000. Germany (7.6), the Netherlands (8.6), Finland (10.7), Scotland (11.5), Denmark (14.7), Norway (15.1), and England and Wales (16.6) had lower rates. In Australia (19.7), Sweden (20.1) and the United States (20.9 in 2002), the abortion rate was similar to the New Zealand level.

## Previous children

About one-half of all women who had an abortion in 2004 had no children. Not surprisingly, further analysis shows sharp differentials by age. Nine out of 10 women aged under 20 years who had an abortion in 2004 had no children. Seven out of 10 women aged 35 and over had had two or more children.

## Previous abortions

Most abortions (64 percent) in 2004 were first abortions. This compares with 66 percent during 2000–2003 and 73 percent in 1994. Eleven percent of women having an abortion in 2004 had had two or more previous abortions, up from 6 percent in 1994.

## Duration of pregnancy

Over the decade 1994–2004, more abortions were performed during the tenth week of gestation than at any other length of gestation. In 2004, about one in five abortions took place in the tenth week of gestation.

## Ethnicity

Abortion data for 2002 onwards is based on an ethnicity question that aligns with the 2001 Census question on ethnicity. Each abortion has been included in every ethnic group specified. For this reason, some abortions are counted more than once and ethnic group totals sum to more than the New Zealand total.

In 2004, there were 10,358 abortions to women who identified with the European ethnic group (either as their only ethnic group or as one of their ethnic groups). There were 3,906 abortions to women who identified with the Māori ethnic group, 3,175 to women who identified with the Asian ethnic group and 2,060 to women who identified with the Pacific ethnic group.

The median age of women having an abortion was 25 years for the European, Pacific and Asian ethnic groups and 24 years for the Māori ethnic group in 2004.

## **Pregnancies**

Pregnancies in this publication refer to known pregnancies (legally induced abortions, live births and stillbirths). The figures do not include data on miscarriage, as miscarriage is not a notifiable event in New Zealand, and as such there is no information available on the number of miscarriages.

In 2004, women aged 25–29 and 30–34 years both had rates of 138 pregnancies per 1,000 women in their age groups. Although women aged 30–34 years had more pregnancies than women aged 25–29, there were more women aged 30–34 years.

## **Abortion statistics by region**

In 2004, a new question asking for 'domicile code' was added to ASC Form No 4. As a result, abortion statistics by region are now available from Statistics New Zealand on request. However, due to different rates of 'not specified region' across hospitals,

regional data should be interpreted with care. This is the only subnational data currently available.

## **Where to find additional information**

Abortion statistics information releases are available on the Statistics New Zealand website at:

<http://www.stats.govt.nz/products-and-services/info-releases/abortion-stats.htm>

Additional tables are available on the Statistics New Zealand website at:

<http://www.stats.govt.nz/tables/abortions-tables.htm>

For information about abortion statistics, go to:

<http://www2.stats.govt.nz/domino/external/omni/omni.nsf/outputs/Abortion+statistics>

Table 7.01

**Induced Abortions, Rates and Ratios**  
*1979–2004*

December year	Induced Abortions <sup>(1)</sup>	Crude Abortion Rate <sup>(2)</sup>	General Abortion Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	General Abortion Ratio	
				Per 1,000 Live Births	Per 1,000 Abortions and Live Births
<b>De Facto Population Concept</b>					
1979	3,653	1.2	5.3	70	65
1980	5,945	1.9	8.5	118	105
1981	6,759	2.1	9.6	133	117
1982	6,903	2.2	9.6	138	121
1983	7,198	2.2	9.7	143	125
1984	7,275	2.2	9.6	141	123
1985	7,130	2.2	9.3	138	121
1986	8,079	2.5	10.5	153	133
1987	8,789	2.7	11.3	159	137
1988	10,044	3.0	12.8	175	149
1989	10,200	3.1	12.9	176	149
1990	11,173	3.3	14.0	186	157
<b>Resident Population Concept</b>					
1991	11,613	3.3	14.0	194	162
1992	11,595	3.3	13.9	196	164
1993	11,893	3.3	14.3	202	168
1994	12,835	3.5	15.3	224	183
1995	13,652	3.7	16.1	237	191
1996	14,805	4.0	17.3	258	205
1997	15,208	4.0	17.6	264	209
1998 <sup>(4)</sup>	15,029	3.9	17.4	263	208
1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	15,501	4.0	18.0	272	214
2000	16,103	4.2	18.7	284	221
2001	16,410	4.2	19.1	294	227
2002	17,380	4.4	20.0	322	243
2003	18,511	4.6	21.0	330	248
2004	18,211	4.5	20.5	314	239

Source: Abortion Supervisory Committee report to Parliament.

- (1) Induced abortions registered in New Zealand.  
(2) Per 1,000 mean estimated population.  
(3) Per 1,000 mean estimated number of women aged 15–44 years.  
(4) Abortion ratios are based on birth notifications.

**Note:** Abortion rates from 1991 onwards are based on the mean estimated resident population. Before 1991, abortion rates are based on the mean estimated de facto population.

Table 7.02

**General Abortion Rate<sup>(1)</sup>**  
*New Zealand and other low fertility countries*  
 1995–2003

Country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Australia <sup>(2)</sup>	21.9	21.5	21.0	20.8	20.4	20.6	20.8	20.3	19.7
Canada <sup>(3)</sup>	15.5	..	16.8	15.7	15.1	15.0	15.2	14.9	..
Denmark	13.7	16.5	15.5	15.1	15.1	14.6	14.3	14.1	14.7
England and Wales <sup>(4)</sup>	14.4	15.7	15.9	16.6	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.6
Finland	9.4	9.9	9.8	10.4	10.5	10.7	10.6	10.9	10.7
Germany	..	7.6	7.9	8.0	7.7	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.6
Japan <sup>(5)</sup>	13.4	13.3	13.4	13.3	13.4	..	13.8	..	..
Netherlands <sup>(4)</sup>	5.8	6.5	6.6	7.1	7.4	8.0	8.4	8.7	8.6
NEW ZEALAND	16.1	17.3	17.6	17.4	18.0	18.7	19.1	20.0	21.0
Norway	14.9	15.6	15.2	15.3	15.5	16.0	15.1	14.8	15.1
Scotland <sup>(4)</sup>	10.1	10.9	11.1	11.5	11.2	11.1	11.3	11.0	11.5
Sweden	18.3	18.7	18.4	18.3	18.1	18.3	18.7	19.6	20.1
United States	22.5	22.4	21.9	21.5	21.4	21.3	21.1 P	20.9 P	..

(1) Per 1,000 estimated mean number of women aged 15–44 years.

(2) Abortions are estimated based on Medicare and hospital morbidity statistics.

(3) Per 1,000 women aged 14–44. Excludes abortions performed on non-Canadian residents. Due to changes in data collection methods in Ontario, caution should be taken when comparing data from 1999 onwards with earlier years.

(4) Residents only.

(5) Abortion reporting is incomplete and the rates are at least 20 percent higher than indicated.

**Note:** Sources for international data are located in the references section at the end of this publication.

Table 7.03

**Induced Abortions and Abortion Rates**  
*By age*  
1994–2004

Age (years)	December Year										
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>Induced Abortions</b>											
11-14	43	42	60	56	65	56	74	66	78	89	85
15-19	2,457	2,594	2,909	2,906	2,832	2,846	3,107	3,240	3,602	3,757	3,758
20-24	3,900	4,164	4,397	4,484	4,355	4,477	4,548	4,728	5,124	5,670	5,528
25-29	2,787	2,985	3,239	3,378	3,381	3,447	3,399	3,450	3,450	3,619	3,501
30-34	2,056	2,158	2,315	2,369	2,368	2,435	2,496	2,555	2,676	2,800	2,644
35-39	1,214	1,282	1,419	1,502	1,559	1,642	1,823	1,730	1,715	1,846	1,916
40-44	350	390	430	492	444	560	613	593	686	692	721
45 and Over	28	37	36	21	25	38	43	48	49	38	58
All Ages	12,835	13,652	14,805	15,208	15,029	15,501	16,103	16,410	17,380	18,511	18,211
<b>Abortion Rates<sup>(1)</sup></b>											
11-14	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
15-19	18.5	19.7	22.0	21.9	21.3	21.4	23.1	23.8	25.7	26.1	25.6
20-24	26.7	28.9	31.3	32.8	32.8	34.6	35.7	36.9	38.9	41.3	39.4
25-29	19.8	20.9	22.2	22.9	23.1	24.1	24.5	25.9	26.6	28.2	27.3
30-34	13.4	14.0	15.0	15.4	15.5	16.0	16.4	16.8	17.5	18.2	17.3
35-39	8.7	8.9	9.4	9.7	9.8	10.2	11.4	10.9	10.9	11.8	12.2
40-44	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.1	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.4
45 and Over <sup>(2)</sup>	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Total Abortion Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	450.7	479.2	519.3	534.2	531.6	554.1	580.4	595.2	624.0	653.82	636.7
Median Age (years)	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.2	25.3	25.5	25.4	25.2	24.9	24.7	24.7

Source: *Abortion Supervisory Committee report to Parliament.*

(1) Per 1,000 mean female estimated resident population in each age group.

(2) Per 1,000 mean female estimated resident population aged 45–49 years.

(3) The average number of abortions 1,000 women would have during their reproductive life they experienced the age-specific abortion rates of a given period (usually a year). It excludes the effects of mortality.

**Note:** Abortions data refer to induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Table 7.04

**Induced Abortions by Age Group and Previous Live Births  
2001–2004**

Age group (years)	Previous Live Births							Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or More	
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2001</b>								
Under 20	2,905	340	55	6	0	0	0	3,306
20-24	2,699	1,096	675	211	39	7	1	4,728
25-29	1,213	798	822	394	164	43	16	3,450
30-34	569	532	762	385	198	68	41	2,555
35-39	239	290	563	345	169	74	50	1,730
40-44	54	84	216	122	63	32	22	593
45 and Over	3	8	18	6	7	3	3	48
All Ages	7,682	3,148	3,111	1,469	640	227	133	16,410
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2002</b>								
Under 20	3,260	355	54	11	0	0	0	3,680
20-24	3,090	1,107	660	209	45	10	3	5,124
25-29	1,301	783	767	395	132	51	21	3,450
30-34	593	572	798	408	191	74	40	2,676
35-39	244	299	585	329	156	51	51	1,715
40-44	51	99	240	155	76	31	34	686
45 and Over	8	8	17	9	2	4	1	49
All Ages	8,547	3,223	3,121	1,516	602	221	150	17,380
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2003</b>								
Under 20	3,404	387	52	3	0	0	0	3,846
20-24	3,614	1,160	639	195	49	11	2	5,670
25-29	1,388	761	821	419	169	45	16	3,619
30-34	705	567	811	423	168	73	53	2,800
35-39	263	329	646	314	166	76	52	1,846
40-44	70	106	225	166	78	24	23	692
45 and Over	7	2	12	6	4	4	3	38
All Ages	9,451	3,312	3,206	1,526	634	233	149	18,511
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2004</b>								
Under 20	3,379	399	60	5	0	0	0	3,843
20-24	3,493	1,160	646	178	39	10	2	5,528
25-29	1,334	803	742	395	160	51	16	3,501
30-34	645	542	770	382	185	87	33	2,644
35-39	277	341	674	352	164	71	37	1,916
40-44	80	115	242	150	68	36	30	721
45 and Over	8	6	18	11	10	2	3	58
All Ages	9,216	3,366	3,152	1,473	626	257	121	18,211

Source: Abortion Supervisory Committee report to Parliament.

Note: Abortions data refer to induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Table 7.05

**Induced Abortions**  
*By age group and estimated duration of pregnancy*  
 2001–2004

Age group (years)	Duration of Pregnancy (weeks)					Total
	Up to 7	8-11	12-15	16-19	20 or More	
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2001</b>						
Under 20	175	2,106	952	71	2	3,306
20-24	236	3,187	1,215	81	9	4,728
25-29	186	2,364	829	56	15	3,450
30-34	143	1,753	573	67	19	2,555
35-39	128	1,231	322	35	14	1,730
40-44	53	426	101	13	0	593
45 and Over	4	35	8	1	0	48
All Ages	925	11,102	4,000	324	59	16,410
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2002</b>						
Under 20	186	2,384	1,018	81	11	3,680
20-24	322	3,316	1,382	92	12	5,124
25-29	230	2,274	868	61	17	3,450
30-34	202	1,742	642	58	32	2,676
35-39	140	1,134	372	56	13	1,715
40-44	45	479	136	22	4	686
45 and Over	4	34	9	2	0	49
All Ages	1,129	11,363	4,427	372	89	17,380
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2003</b>						
Under 20	209	2,427	1,114	89	7	3,846
20-24	431	3,607	1,508	99	25	5,670
25-29	233	2,351	937	68	30	3,619
30-34	211	1,819	691	57	22	2,800
35-39	145	1,193	456	38	14	1,846
40-44	47	451	166	24	4	692
45 and Over	5	24	8	0	1	38
All Ages	1,281	11,872	4,880	375	103	18,511
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2004</b>						
Under 20	198	2,572	975	92	6	3,843
20-24	414	3,712	1,279	109	14	5,528
25-29	238	2,369	818	63	13	3,501
30-34	184	1,792	590	53	25	2,644
35-39	146	1,303	394	52	21	1,916
40-44	78	494	122	20	7	721
45 and Over	5	38	11	4	0	58
All Ages	1,263	12,280	4,189	393	86	18,211

Source: Abortion Supervisory Committee report to Parliament.

**Note:** Abortions data refer to induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Table 7.06

**Induced Abortions by Ethnicity<sup>(1)</sup>**  
2003–2004

Ethnic group	Number	
	2003	2004
<b>Total Response<sup>(2)</sup></b>		
European	10,271	10,358
Māori	4,053	3,906
Pacific	2,161	2,060
Asian	3,502	3,175
Other	193	214
<b>One Ethnic Group<sup>(3)</sup></b>		
European only	8,821	9,030
Māori only	2,734	2,712
Pacific only	1,761	1,701
Asian only	3,403	3,097
Other only	181	204
<b>Two Ethnic Groups<sup>(4)</sup></b>		
European/Māori	1,147	1,033
European/Pacific	199	206
European/Asian	35	41
Māori/Pacific	104	98
Pacific/Asian	37	12
Other Combinations of Two Ethnic Groups	22	21
<b>Three or More Ethnic Groups<sup>(5)</sup></b>	64	49
Not Specified	3	7
<b>Induced Abortions</b>	<b>18,511</b>	<b>18,211</b>

Source: *Abortion Supervisory Committee report to Parliament.*

(1) Ethnic data for 2002 onwards are based on a new question that aligns with the 2001 Census question on ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with ethnic data for earlier years, which are based on single ethnic response.

(2) Each abortion has been included in every ethnic group specified. For this reason, some abortions are counted more than once.

(3) Includes abortions where only one ethnic group was specified or the ethnic groups specified were all in the same broad group.

(4) Includes abortions where the specified groups belonged to two different broad groups.

(5) Includes all other ethnic combinations.

**Note:** Abortions data refer to induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Table 7.07

**Induced Abortions by Age Group and Ethnicity<sup>(1)</sup>**  
**2002–2004**

Age group (years)	Ethnic Group <sup>(2)</sup>				
	European	Māori	Pacific	Asian	Total <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2002</b>					
Under 20	2265	903	337	513	3680
20-24	2682	1228	631	988	5124
25-29	1859	863	473	496	3450
30-34	1515	529	320	420	2676
35-39	985	269	176	329	1715
40 and Over	457	107	72	114	735
All Ages	9763	3899	2009	2860	17380
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2003</b>					
Under 20	2,454	956	379	527	3,846
20-24	2,811	1,280	711	1,355	5,670
25-29	1,965	849	494	592	3,619
30-34	1,570	571	312	504	2,800
35-39	1,046	299	195	368	1,846
40 and Over	425	98	70	156	730
All Ages	10,271	4,053	2,161	3,502	18,511
<b>Year Ended 31 December 2004</b>					
Under 20	2,574	946	348	369	3,843
20-24	2,838	1,263	696	1,193	5,528
25-29	1,852	850	448	602	3,501
30-34	1,507	491	278	474	2,644
35-39	1,118	278	204	382	1,916
40 and Over	469	78	86	155	779
All Ages	10,358	3,906	2,060	3,175	18,211

Source: *Abortion Supervisory Committee report to Parliament.*

- (1) Ethnic data for 2002 onwards are based on a new question that aligns with the 2001 Census question on ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with ethnic data for earlier years, which are based on single ethnic response.  
(2) Each abortion has been included in every ethnic group specified. For this reason, some abortions are counted more than once.  
(3) Includes 'other' ethnicity and not specified cases.

**Note:** Abortions data refer to induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Table 7.08

**Known Pregnancies and Crude Abortion Ratios**  
*By age*  
 1994–2004

Age group (years)	December Year										
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 <sup>(1)</sup>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>Known Pregnancies<sup>(2)</sup></b>											
11-14	76	80	87	105	100	86	105	95	107	118	122
15-19	6,632	7,018	7,325	7,280	6,859	6,731	6,916	7,005	7,217	7,541	7,804
20-24	16,130	16,179	15,873	15,388	14,729	14,568	14,484	14,534	14,439	15,205	15,576
25-29	20,814	20,681	20,756	20,585	20,148	19,987	19,254	18,636	17,278	17,691	17,678
30-34	18,347	18,592	18,663	19,105	19,352	19,600	19,762	19,650	19,704	20,409	21,062
35-39	7,043	7,612	8,161	8,935	9,522	9,903	10,319	10,309	10,449	11,213	11,612
40-44	1,226	1,325	1,512	1,710	1,710	1,965	2,124	2,186	2,445	2,684	2,764
45 and Over	73	81	90	68	81	94	93	119	116	130	149
All Ages	70,341	71,568	72,467	73,176	72,501	72,934	73,057	72,534	71,755	74,991	76,767
<b>Crude Abortion Ratio<sup>(3)</sup></b>											
11-14	566	525	690	533	650	651	705	695	729	754	697
15-19	370	370	397	399	413	423	449	463	499	498	482
20-24	242	257	277	291	296	307	314	325	355	373	355
25-29	134	144	156	164	168	172	177	185	200	205	198
30-34	112	116	124	124	122	124	126	130	136	137	126
35-39	172	168	174	168	164	166	177	168	164	165	165
40-44	285	294	284	288	260	285	289	271	281	258	261
45 and Over	384	457	400	309	309	404	462	403	422	292	389
Crude Abortion Ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	182	191	204	208	207	213	220	226	242	247	237

Source: Abortion statistics are obtained from the Abortion Supervisory Committee report to Parliament.

- (1) The number of births and stillbirths included in the known pregnancies are based on birth notifications (not registrations).  
 (2) Live births, stillbirths and induced abortions combined. These figures do not include data on miscarriage. Because miscarriage is not a notifiable event in New Zealand, no information is available on the number of miscarriages in a given year.  
 (3) Induced abortions per 1,000 known pregnancies to women in each age group.  
 (4) Induced abortions per 1,000 known pregnancies to women aged 11–49 years.

**Note:** Abortions data refer to induced abortions registered in New Zealand. Births data refer to births registered in New Zealand to mothers resident in New Zealand by date of registration.

Table 7.09

**Known Pregnancies and Pregnancy Rates**  
By age  
1994–2004

Age group (years)	December Year										
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 <sup>(1)</sup>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>Known Pregnancies<sup>(2)</sup></b>											
11-14	76	80	87	105	100	86	105	95	107	118	122
15-19	6,632	7,018	7,325	7,280	6,859	6,731	6,916	7,005	7,217	7,541	7,804
20-24	16,130	16,179	15,873	15,388	14,729	14,568	14,484	14,534	14,439	15,205	15,576
25-29	20,814	20,681	20,756	20,585	20,148	19,987	19,254	18,636	17,278	17,691	17,678
30-34	18,347	18,592	18,663	19,105	19,352	19,600	19,762	19,650	19,704	20,409	21,062
35-39	7,043	7,612	8,161	8,935	9,522	9,903	10,319	10,309	10,449	11,213	11,612
40-44	1,226	1,325	1,512	1,710	1,710	1,965	2,124	2,186	2,445	2,684	2,764
45 and Over	73	81	90	68	81	94	93	119	116	130	149
All Ages	70,341	71,568	72,467	73,176	72,501	72,934	73,057	72,534	71,755	74,991	76,767
<b>Pregnancy Rates<sup>(3)</sup></b>											
11-14	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
15-19	49.9	53.2	55.3	54.9	51.6	50.5	51.5	51.4	51.5	52.3	53.2
20-24	110.4	112.3	113.0	112.6	111.1	112.5	113.7	113.5	109.5	110.9	111.0
25-29	147.6	144.7	142.2	139.6	137.9	139.8	138.6	139.9	133.2	137.8	137.7
30-34	119.7	120.6	120.9	124.0	126.7	129.0	130.2	129.1	128.7	132.6	137.8
35-39	50.3	52.6	54.3	57.4	59.7	61.5	64.3	65.1	66.4	71.4	73.9
40-44	9.7	10.2	11.3	12.4	12.1	13.6	14.3	14.4	15.6	16.6	16.8
45 and Over <sup>(4)</sup>	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
Total Pregnancy Rate <sup>(5)</sup>	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.7

Source: Abortion statistics are obtained from the Abortion Supervisory Committee report to Parliament.

(1) Births and stillbirths included in the known pregnancies are based on birth notifications (not registrations).

(2) Live births, stillbirths and induced abortions combined. These figures do not include data on miscarriage. Because miscarriage is not a notifiable event in New Zealand, no information is available on the number of miscarriages in a given year.

(3) Known pregnancies per 1,000 mean female estimated resident population in each age group.

(4) Known pregnancies per 1,000 mean female estimated resident population aged 45–49 years.

(5) The average number of pregnancies a woman would have during her life if she experienced the age-specific pregnancy rates of a given period (usually a year). It excludes the effect of mortality.

**Note:** Abortions data refer to induced abortions registered in New Zealand. Births data refer to births registered in New Zealand to mothers resident in New Zealand by date of registration.