

Table 1. Survey data on the number of facilities and national projections of the number of abortions provided or treated, by region, Nigeria, 1996

Data and projections	Total	Southeast	Southwest	Northwest	Northeast
SURVEY DATA	(N=672)	(N=216)	(N=273)	(N=97)	(N=86)
Facilities interviewed					
Providing abortions	225	40	121	34	30
Treating complications	529	147	225	84	73
NATIONAL PROJECTIONS					
Annual procedures per site					
Abortions	186	300	164	142	143
Abortion complications treated	48	44	51	30	74
Facilities					
Providing abortions	1,320	270	700	190	160
Treating abortion complications	3,030	1,030	1,280	430	290
Abortions					
Performed by physicians	245,000	80,000	114,000	27,000	23,000
Performed by nonphysicians*					
Minimum estimate†	183,000	57,000	83,000	14,000	29,000
Best estimate‡	366,000	113,000	165,000	29,000	58,000
Total no. of abortions					
Minimum estimate	428,000	137,000	197,000	42,000	52,000
Best estimate	610,000	193,000	279,000	56,000	82,000
Rate per 1,000 women aged 15–44					
Minimum estimate	18	23	33	7	8
Best estimate	25	32	46	10	13
Ratio per 100 pregnancies§					
Minimum estimate	9	11	17	3	4
Best estimate	12	15	23	4	6
Ratio per 100 live births					
Minimum estimate	10	13	21	3	4
Best estimate	14	18	30	4	7

*Estimate of the number of nonphysician abortions excludes complications attributable to physician abortions (8.8% of physician abortions) and assumes that 34% of all nonphysician abortion complications are not treated by physicians. †Minimum estimate assumes that all nonphysician abortions result in complications. ‡Best estimate assumes that half of nonphysician abortions result in complications. §Pregnancies include only births and abortions; miscarriages are excluded. Sources: **Population** (for rates)—United Nations (UN), *The Sex and Age Distribution of the World Populations, The 1996 Revision*, New York: UN, 1996, p. 637. Regional populations were calculated based upon distributions from results of the 1991 FOS census. **Live births** (for ratios)—Calculated from 1993 birthrate (UN, *1995 Demographic Yearbook*, New York: UN, 1995, Table 9, p. 322) and population of 111 million. Regional distribution of births was based upon distributions of populations.