

Table 1. Rates of legal induced abortion, by completeness of data and country, according to year, 1975–1996

Completeness and country	1975	1980	1982	1984	1986	1988	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Believed to be complete													
Belarus	[92.4]	[93.7]	[92.2]	[98.4]	[79.2]	100.3	101.7	94.1	92.8	83.8	80.1	75.4	67.5
Belgium*	u	u	u	u	7.0	7.4*	u	u	u	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.8
Bulgaria	64.3	76.7	73.1	61.9	65.5	64.1	70.3	67.6	64.9	55.0	49.9	50.0	51.3
Canada†	10.5	12.6	12.5	11.4	11.2	11.6	14.6	14.7	15.1	15.3	15.5	15.5	u
Cuba‡	65.3	47.1	55.3	58.9	62.6	58.0	87.2	86.6	85.3	71.1	75.3	76.8	77.7
Czech Republic	26.4	32.3	34.5	36.5	37.9	48.7	47.7	45.9	41.6	30.8	23.8	21.4	20.7
Denmark	27.0	21.4	19.3	18.5	17.7	18.6	18.2	17.6	16.8	16.9	15.9	16.1	u
England & Wales§	11.2	12.8	12.2	12.8	13.5	15.3	15.8	15.2	14.8	14.7	14.6	14.4	15.6
Estonia	[126.2]	[113.3]	[115.0]	[107.7]	[110.3]	[95.5]	[74.6]	79.0	78.2	72.0	61.9	55.8	53.8
Finland	20.4	13.9	12.6	12.3	12.0	11.5	11.1	10.7	10.2	9.6	9.4	9.3	10.0
Hungary	41.9	36.3	35.5	37.0	37.7	39.5	41.2	40.6	39.1	33.7	33.4	34.7	34.7
Israel	u	17.9	19.8	21.4	18.4	16.5	15.8	15.5	15.5	14.2	13.7	14.3	u
Kazakhstan	[124.0]	[108.3]	[103.3]	[98.1]	[91.5]	[97.1]	[92.4]	82.9	80.5	65.5	57.0	49.2	43.9
Latvia	[107.1]	[107.0]	[106.4]	[106.2]	[98.5]	[90.2]	[76.9]	64.7	59.7	55.2	47.9	46.7	44.1
Netherlands§	5.2	6.7	6.3	5.6	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.5
New Zealand	u	8.6	9.6	9.7	10.5	12.8	14.0	14.4	14.3	14.6	15.7	16.4	u
Norway	19.7	16.3	15.8	15.9	17.1	17.2	16.8	16.8	16.5	16.3	16.7	14.9	15.6
Scotland	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.9	9.2	9.7	9.8	9.6	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.4	11.2
Singapore**	23.5	28.4	28.6	32.2	32.9	28.0	22.5	21.0	20.0	19.2	18.2	16.4	15.9
Slovak Republic	24.8	28.7	29.9	30.5	35.6	43.1	40.5	37.8	35.2	31.9	28.1	23.4	19.7
Slovenia	u	u	u	u	40.3	37.0	32.5	30.9	29.3	26.9	25.1	24.8	23.2
Sweden	20.2	20.7	19.0	17.7	18.9	21.4	21.3	20.4	20.0	19.7	18.7	18.3	18.7
Switzerland††	u	11.3	u	9.3	u	u	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.0	7.8	u	8.4
Tunisia	13.7	15.1	14.7	13.7	13.6	13.6	11.0	10.8	10.0	9.5	9.6	9.4	8.6
United States	21.7	29.3	28.8	28.1	27.4	27.3	27.4	26.3	25.9	25.4	24.1	22.9	22.9
Incomplete or of unknown completeness													
Albania	u	u	u	u	u	7.4	7.3	15.9	23.1	33.1	30.4	29.3	27.2
Armenia	[69.1]	[43.2]	[42.0]	[43.3]	[48.4]	35.8	31.1	32.2	32.7	32.3	35.1	35.0	35.4
Azerbaijan	[48.7]	[43.3]	[43.1]	[37.7]	[32.4]	26.4	14.3	19.6	18.5	19.2	18.8	16.2	16.0
Bangladesh‡‡,§§	u	0.6	2.3	2.9	3.5	3.7	4.1	3.4	4.1	4.0	4.5	3.3	3.8
China	27.5	44.8	54.9	36.6	44.4	46.2	u	40.0	35.6	27.9	24.5	26.1	u
Croatia	41.6	50.3	u	u	52.6	44.8	40.1	34.6	27.2	26.2	20.5	14.9	12.9
France	u	15.3	15.8	15.4	13.9	13.4	13.5	13.6	13.2	13.2	12.9	12.4	u
Georgia	[85.7]	[76.4]	[71.6]	[60.3]	[64.0]	[66.0]	43.1	42.0	34.9	33.9	34.6	29.0	21.9
Germany*†	na	na	na	na	na	na	8.5	7.1	6.9	6.5	6.0	5.7	7.6
Hong Kong	1.1	8.7	10.3	11.3	12.4	13.0	14.5	14.9	16.2	16.9	16.4	15.6	15.1
India§§	0.8	2.5	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.7
Ireland*‡	2.6	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.9
Italy	u	18.7	19.6	18.4	16.0	14.2	13.0	12.5	12.3	12.1	11.5	11.2	11.4
Japan	25.2	22.5	22.5	21.4	19.8	18.2	17.0	16.1	15.4	14.6	14.0	13.4	u
Korea (South)*§	63.9	64.0	u	50.2	u	u	36.5	u	u	33.7	u	u	19.6
Kyrgyzstan	[96.0]	[84.0]	[83.9]	[79.0]	[84.2]	[87.6]	[82.3]	63.3	45.0	39.1	38.1	29.4	22.4
Lithuania	[61.7]	[59.0]	[58.4]	[54.3]	49.6	43.4	33.8	50.0	50.1	43.0	37.1	38.2	34.4
Macedonia	45.2	64.1	68.6	65.1	70.6	66.7	52.2	48.4	41.2	38.6	33.6	32.0	28.5
Moldova	[102.7]	[101.2]	[98.8]	[94.1]	[113.5]	[104.7]	[82.7]	63.6	61.2	54.6	49.7	49.1	38.8
Romania	u	u	u	u	u	na	181.7	158.7	123.6	102.4	91.6	86.6	78.0
Russian Federation	[129.4]	[123.1]	[124.3]	[124.0]	[124.0]	[126.6]	[109.3]	93.6	88.7	80.5	75.3	68.4	u
Spain	u	u	u	u	u	3.1	4.3	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.7
Tajikistan	[59.8]	[50.0]	[47.2]	[42.4]	[43.4]	[51.7]	[49.1]	u	u	u	u	u	u
Turkey†*	u	u	u	u	46.1	u	u	u	u	25.0	u	u	u
Turkmenistan	[68.4]	[55.6]	[53.9]	[42.7]	[38.1]	[60.9]	[44.9]	u	u	u	u	u	u
Ukraine	[104.8]	[106.6]	[106.8]	[108.7]	[109.1]	93.1	86.3	80.9	76.5	70.2	66.9	61.4	57.2
Uzbekistan	[58.2]	[48.0]	[47.8]	[49.6]	[53.0]	[60.7]	[46.6]	u	23.0	19.3	14.6	12.0	11.8
Vietnam	5.0	15.0	11.0	13.9	24.8	26.8	66.4	71.1	81.9	81.3	80.2	78.6	83.3
Yugoslavia	88.2	101.4	u	106.6	104.7	94.3	90.0	72.3	65.2	54.6	u	u	u

*Rates include abortions obtained by Belgian residents in England and Wales and the Netherlands and, for 1986 and 1988, illegal abortions in Belgium. †Rates include abortions obtained in the United States. ‡Menstrual regulation is included in abortion data for 1990 and later years. §Residents only. **Prior to 1990, abortion rates are based on estimated number of citizens. From 1990 onward, they are based on estimated resident population. This difference caused a two-point decrease in the abortion rate. ††Abortion data for two cantons are estimated. ‡‡Rates are based on reported numbers of menstrual regulations only. §§Abortion rate for fiscal year ending in indicated year. *†Reporting improved after 1995. Data are shown only for the unified Germany. *‡Based on women receiving abortions in England. *§Based on survey of ever-married women aged 20–44; 1981 rate is presented in 1980 column. †*Based on survey of ever-married women aged 15–49; 1987 rate is presented in 1986 column. Notes: Rates in brackets include spontaneous abortions. na=not applicable. u=unavailable.