

## Induced Terminations of Pregnancy: Reporting States, 1979

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### Highlights

Numbers of induced abortions and induced abortion ratios increased between 1978 and 1979 for the multi-State area reporting this information to the National Center for Health Statistics. This represents a continuation of the pattern of increase noted for 1977-78. The peak age for induced abortions in 1979 was 18 years for white women and 21 for black women. The highest ratios were reported for the youngest and the oldest women, a pattern observed for both white and black women, although ratios for black women were higher at almost every age than for white women. Between 1978 and 1979, for comparable multi-State areas, ratios increased more than twice as much for black as for white women and increases were greater among younger than older women. The ratio of induced abortion is related to marital status and educational attainment. Induced abortion ratios are lower for married women than unmarried women, and they are lower for women (25 years of age and over) with more education than less education. The greatest increases in induced abortion ratios by marital status between 1978 and 1979 were among black married women; the smallest among white married women. In terms of previous pregnancy history, about 6 out of 10 women having induced terminations in 1979 had no previous live births, and about two-thirds had never had an induced termination. The median gestational duration of women having induced terminations in 1979 was 9.2 weeks. It was longer for black women on the average than for white women; and it was longer for less educated women; it was also longer for women having out-of-State induced terminations than for women

having in-State induced terminations. Suction curettage accounted for 92.8 percent of induced terminations occurring in 1979, and complications were reported for less than 1 percent of all induced abortions.

### Introduction

This report on induced terminations of pregnancy is based on data reported to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) by 13 States in 1979. An earlier report showed data for five States in 1977, and for eight States in 1978.<sup>1</sup> The States included in this report for 1979 are Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia. Areas for which data are shown for the first time are Colorado, Missouri, Montana, New York City, Rhode Island, Utah, and Virginia. Data for Nebraska shown in the report for 1977 and 1978 do not appear in this report. (See Technical notes.) These data are based on individual reports of induced abortions submitted to State vital registration offices.

Reports of induced termination are submitted to these offices in accordance with the laws and statutes of the respective States. These 13 States provided data on magnetic tape for individual events coded from copies of the original reports of induced termination of pregnancy. The terms "induced termination of pregnancy" and "induced abortion" are used interchangeably throughout this report. Comparisons between 1978 and 1979 in this report are for the same multi-State area in both calendar years. Except where otherwise noted, all data are reported for occurrences in the 13-State area

for 1979 and exclude events to nonresidents of the United States. The data are analyzed by using percent distributions, medians, and ratios. (See the section entitled "Technical notes.") Induced termination ratios are expressed as the number of induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 live births. Such ratios provide an approximate measure of the frequency of induced abortions in relation to the frequency of pregnancies. An estimate of the number of pregnancies could include the sum of live births, induced terminations, and spontaneous fetal deaths; however, it is common practice to use only live births in calculating these ratios.<sup>2,3</sup> A comparison of abortion ratios per 1,000 live births and per 1,000 live births plus induced terminations is shown in the Technical notes. It would be desirable to show the frequency of induced terminations as rates in relation to the size of the population of females in the childbearing ages.<sup>3</sup> However, needed population data by age, race, and sex are not available in sufficient detail to permit computation of such rates for the reporting States. Induced termination rates would show the relative risk of induced abortions for females of childbearing age expressed as the number of induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 females in specified age and race groups. The ratios in this report are based on the number of induced terminations of pregnancy and live births occurring in a specified area to residents of that area. Caution should be used in interpreting these ratios because they are affected by both the distribution of live births and the distribution of induced terminations according to such characteristics of the female population as age, race, marital status, and educational attainment. In addition, because multi-State areas are used, ratios for the same demographic group (for example, white females) may differ. Caution should also be used in generalizing the results reported for the multi-State reporting area to the entire United States population.

Data on induced terminations of pregnancy in this report are shown on both an occurrence and a residence basis. Detailed tables show events on an occurrence basis, because these tables represent characteristics and factors associated with use of health services within the geographic areas in which the events occurred. In contrast, tables showing induced termination ratios are on a residence basis. Such tables show the frequency of induced terminations in relation to demographic characteristics associated with births to residents of the area. The distinction between occurrence and residence data is made in both the text of the report and in the headnotes of the tables.

### Numbers of abortions and abortion ratios

In 1979 a total of 363,192 abortions were reported as occurring to United States residents within the 13-

State reporting area. Of these, 20,383 involved nonresidents of the area. Induced abortions occurring in these States accounted for about one-third of the total induced terminations reported to the Centers for Disease Control as occurring in the United States in 1978.<sup>2</sup> The induced abortion ratio for the 13-State area was 390.7 induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 live births.

Comparisons of the overall trends for a comparable four-State area (Kansas, New York excluding New York City, Oregon, and Vermont) can be made for each of the years 1977, 1978, and 1979. Between 1977 and 1978 the number of induced abortions occurring in this area increased by 9.3 percent, from 66,185 to 72,326; for 1978-79, it increased by 10.0 percent, from 72,326 to 79,532. Induced abortion ratios in each of the years were, respectively, 287.2, 322.0, and 330.7 with increases of 12.1 percent between 1977 and 1978 and 2.7 percent between 1978 and 1979.

### Age and race

Of the induced abortions occurring in the 13-State area, less than one-third (28.9 percent) were to women under 20 years of age. Another 34.5 percent occurred to women at ages 20 to 24 years. The remaining 36.6 percent were to women 25 years old and over.

Over two-thirds (70.4 percent) of the induced abortions were to white women and over one-fourth (27.7 percent) were to black women. While a similar pattern of terminations by age was found for both white and black women, white women had terminations at a slightly earlier age, on the average (figure 1). The peak age at termination was 18 years for white women and 21 years for black women. Median ages of women at the time of termination were 22.5 for white women and 23.3 for black women.

Induced abortion ratios varied considerably by age of the woman at termination (table A). They were highest at the extremes of the age distribution of the childbearing period; that is, among very young women, 14 years of age and under, and among women 40 years and over. However, the percent of induced terminations and live births accounted for by women in these two age groups is small (less than 2 percent in each age group).

For white women there were 343.7 induced terminations per 1,000 live births compared with 599.4 for black women. Ratios for black women were higher than for white women for all age groups except during the teen years.

For a six-State area (Kansas, New York excluding New York City, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont), comparable data are available by race and age of woman for both 1978 and 1979. A total of 99,435 induced terminations of pregnancy occurred in the area to residents in 1979. This represents an

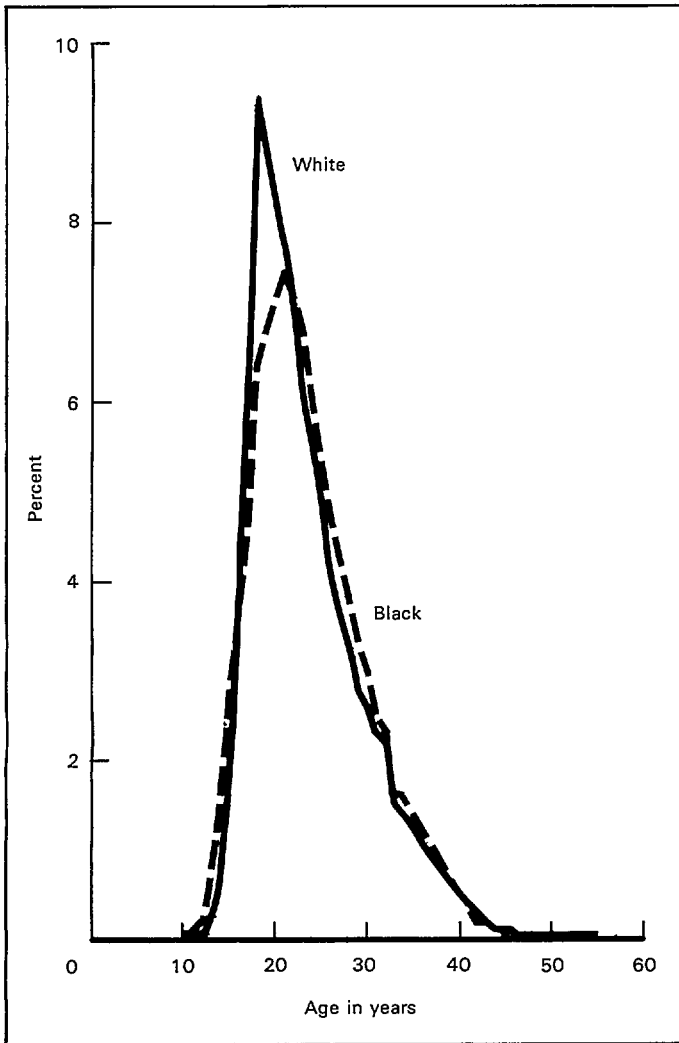


Figure 1. Percent distribution of induced terminations by single years of age, according to race of woman: 13-State area, 1979

Table A. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman: 13-State area, 1979

[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Age of woman	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black
		Ratio	
All ages .....	390.7	343.7	599.4
Under 14 years .....	1,890.8	2,199.6	1,734.3
14 years .....	1,257.1	1,530.6	1,075.1
15-19 years .....	726.1	809.3	559.7
15 years .....	963.4	1,225.4	707.0
16 years .....	838.4	1,028.1	575.8
17 years .....	732.5	851.1	514.5
18 years .....	792.5	898.2	564.8
19 years .....	599.2	623.6	538.2
20-24 years .....	410.1	363.6	600.3
25-29 years .....	246.7	194.5	567.0
30-34 years .....	261.6	209.0	594.2
35-39 years .....	455.1	382.8	804.7
40 years and over .....	882.0	806.4	1,169.8

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

increase of 10.1 percent from the figure of 90,298 of the previous year. The induced abortion ratio for residents of this six-State area increased by 6.4 percent between 1978 and 1979. For white women the ratio increased by 5.1 percent; for black women, by 13.3 percent.

By age, the greatest percent increases for all races combined were reported in the younger age groups (table B). For women aged 15-19, the ratio increased 12.5 percent, from 586.5 per 1,000 live births to 659.6;

Table B. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman: 6-State area, 1979; and percent change: 6-State area, 1978-79

[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Age of woman	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	Percent change		
				All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black
				Ratio		
All ages .....	305.2	298.8	348.2	+6.4	+5.1	+13.3
Under 14 years .....	1,221.3	1,833.8	917.5	+7.2	+13.3	+2.6
14 years .....	1,075.8	1,526.7	722.1	+40.9	+33.6	+56.7
15-19 years .....	659.6	787.9	347.3	+12.5	+12.3	+12.6
15 years .....	815.6	1,164.8	402.8	+12.1	+14.0	+2.9
16 years .....	766.2	1,033.2	342.8	+14.5	+17.9	+9.6
17 years .....	678.4	841.7	316.8	+14.6	+13.3	+20.3
18 years .....	744.6	893.0	360.1	+14.7	+16.1	+8.7
19 years .....	526.5	582.9	344.0	+9.1	+7.4	+17.4
20-24 years .....	317.6	311.3	356.1	+8.6	+7.0	+16.8
25-29 years .....	165.7	148.0	304.6	+5.3	+3.6	+12.0
30-34 years .....	178.5	160.9	329.5	-0.7	-3.4	+13.2
35-39 years .....	345.5	331.5	434.1	-6.6	-7.8	-3.0
40 years and over .....	772.1	799.1	661.6	+3.4	+1.6	+14.4

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 6-State area comprised Kansas, New York (excluding New York City), Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

for women 20–24 years the ratio increased 8.6 percent, from 292.5 per 1,000 live births to 317.6; while for women 25 years of age and over the induced abortion ratio increased by 1.6 percent, from 187.0 to 190.0 per 1,000 live births. For both white and black women the induced abortion ratios increased between 1978 and 1979 for almost every age group. For white women the greatest percent increase occurred in the younger age groups, while for black women no systematic pattern of increase in the ratios by age could be discerned.

**Marital status**

Twelve States (Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia) and New York City collected information on the marital status of women having induced terminations of pregnancy. Of the induced abortions occurring in this area in 1979, 25.5 percent were reported for married women and 74.5 were reported for unmarried women.

Age at induced termination differed greatly between married and unmarried women. Nearly two-thirds (64.6 percent) of married women having induced terminations were 25 years of age or older while only about one-fourth (27.8 percent) of unmarried women having induced abortions were this old. The median age of married women having induced abortions in 1979 was 27.5 years, or nearly 6 years older than the median age of 22.0 years for unmarried women.

Induced abortion ratios by marital status and race for resident events occurring in the 12-State area are shown in table C. (Data for New York City were excluded because of the absence of information on marital status for live births occurring in New York City.) Married women had less than 1 induced abortion for every 10 live births compared with about 1.3 induced abortions for every live birth for unmarried women.

For married and unmarried women of both races induced abortion ratios increased with age and were highest for women 25 years and over. By race, induced termination ratios for black married women were about

2.6 times those of white married women. This differential varied by age. Ratios for black married women were about 17 percent higher than for those of white women at ages 10–17 years while they were nearly three times those of white married women at ages 25 years and over. Among the unmarried, ratios for black women were less than one-fourth those of white women. Again, this differential varied by age; at ages 10–17 years, ratios for black women were about one-fifth of those of white women while at ages 25 years and over, they increased to nearly 30 percent of those of white women.

**Table C. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy by marital status and race of woman: 12-State area, 1979**

[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Race of woman	All women	Ratio	
		Married	Unmarried
All races <sup>1</sup>	308.5	92.5	1,308.7
White	288.5	78.9	2,385.5
Black	404.0	203.7	552.3

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 12-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

Trends in induced abortion ratios by marital status and race can be examined for residents of a five-State area (Kansas, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont) for 1978 and 1979 (table D). For all races the induced abortion ratio for married women increased by 5.7 percent, while for unmarried women it increased by 11.2 percent. Among the married, the ratio increased by 2.9 percent for white women and 20.6 percent for black women. Among the unmarried, the greater increase in induced abortion ratios between 1978 and 1979 was also among black women (19.8 percent); among white women, the ratio increased 7.4 percent.

**Table D. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy by marital status and race of woman: 5-State area, 1979; and percent change: 5-State area, 1978–79**  
[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Race of woman	All women	Married	Unmarried	Percent change <sup>1</sup>		
				All women	Married	Unmarried
		Ratio				
All races <sup>2</sup>	269.5	81.4	1,154.0	+11.6	+5.7	+11.2
White	271.7	74.3	2,234.1	+9.6	+2.9	+7.4
Black	264.9	126.4	396.3	+21.3	+20.6	+19.8

<sup>1</sup>See Technical notes.

<sup>2</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 5-State area comprised Kansas, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

### Educational attainment

For a nine-State area (Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia) in 1979, data are available on induced abortions by the educational attainment of women. Women having induced abortions had the same median educational attainment as women carrying their pregnancies to term. Median educational attainment of women having induced terminations as well as women having live births in the nine-State area in 1979 was 12.6 years. A similar educational attainment level by type of pregnancy termination prevailed for white and for black women.

For women of all ages combined induced termination ratios were lowest for those with the least education; that is, those with an elementary school education or less. Ratios were highest for women with at least one year of education beyond high school but

who were not college graduates (table E). This reflects, in part, the association between age and educational attainment, because many of the younger women having induced abortions had not completed their schooling. Among older women, those aged 25 years and over, induced abortion ratios generally decreased with educational attainment; those who were at least college graduates had the lowest ratios.

Comparisons between 1978 and 1979 can be made of induced abortion ratios by educational attainment of the woman for a four-State area (New York excluding New York City, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont). Increases in the ratios (table F) were generally greater among those women with less education.

### Previous pregnancies

#### Previous live births

More than half (56.1 percent) of the women who obtained induced abortions in the 13-State area in 1979 had no previous live births. The percent was greater among white than among black women, 63.7 percent compared with 37.5 percent, as shown in table G. For women having an induced abortion, the percent with previous live births varied greatly by age of woman. Among those women 15-17 years old, 92.7 percent had had no previous live births. In contrast, among the oldest group of women, those aged 40 years and over, only 9.6 percent had had no previous live births and 56.9 percent had had three or more previous live births. While this general pattern existed for women of both races, black women having induced abortions were more likely to have had previous live births at all ages than white women.

**Table E. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy by race and educational attainment of woman: 9-State area, 1979**

[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Years of school completed	All races <sup>1</sup>	Ratio	
		White	Black
Total .....	405.8	349.8	643.9
0-8 years .....	275.8	239.9	388.9
9-11 years .....	437.0	409.6	491.8
12 years .....	419.2	343.3	718.8
13-15 years .....	466.3	396.3	845.7
16 years or more .....	290.8	257.0	692.0

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 9-State area comprised Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table F. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy by race and educational attainment of woman: 4-State area, 1979; and percent change: 4-State area, 1978-79**

[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Years of school completed	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	Percent change		
				All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black
				Ratio		
Total .....	314.1	305.7	354.5	+6.5	+4.5	+14.5
0-8 years .....	164.6	148.6	216.4	+1.7	+13.2	+29.5
9-11 years .....	309.9	338.7	246.8	+7.8	+6.5	+11.3
12 years .....	319.6	306.3	377.6	+9.5	+7.8	+15.6
13-15 years .....	414.2	393.9	552.9	+1.5	+0.4	+6.3
16 years or more .....	222.6	203.3	473.5	-3.2	-5.3	+9.6

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 4-State area comprised New York (excluding New York City), South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont.

**Table G. Percent distribution of induced terminations of pregnancy by number of previous live births, according to race of woman: 13-State area, 1979**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Number of previous live births	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black
Total .....	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth .....	56.1	63.7	37.5
1 previous live birth .....	19.4	16.1	28.0
2 previous live births .....	14.4	12.3	19.4
3 previous live births .....	6.0	4.9	8.5
4 previous live births .....	2.4	1.9	3.6
5 previous live births .....	0.9	0.7	1.5
6 previous live births .....	0.4	0.3	0.7
7 or more previous live births .....	0.4	0.2	0.7

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

For a 12-State area (Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia) and New York City, data are available to examine the number of previous live births by age of woman according to marital status. Only 21.8 percent of married women had had no previous live births while nearly two-thirds (66.3 percent) of unmarried women had had no previous live births. The percent of women with no previous live births declined with age for both married and unmarried women.

### Previous induced terminations

For the 13-State area about two-thirds (67.5 percent) of women having induced abortions in 1979 had had no prior induced terminations. For the youngest group, those under 15 years, 94.7 percent had had no previous induced abortions as shown in table H. Among the oldest age group, those 40 years and over, almost one out of three (32.4 percent) women having an induced abortion in 1979 had experienced one or more prior induced termination of pregnancy. The highest proportion (42.6 percent) of women having repeated induced abortions were those aged 25–29 years. In all age groups a larger percent of black women than white women had experienced prior induced abortions (figure 2).

### Gestational age

Almost half the induced terminations occurring in the 13-State area in 1979 were for pregnancies of 8 weeks or less duration, as shown in table J. Almost as

many induced terminations occurred for pregnancies of 9–12 weeks' duration (43.1 percent) as for those of 8 weeks or less (47.0 percent). Only 10.0 percent of all induced abortions were obtained by women whose pregnancies had lasted more than 12 weeks. The length of the gestational period for women having induced terminations varied by age of the women; it tended to be longer for younger women than for older women. For women aged 10–17 years, the median gestational period was 10.2 weeks, compared with 8.7 weeks for women aged 25 years and over. The same pattern prevailed for both black and white women. However, black women at every age had longer gestational periods prior to induced termination.

For a nine-State area (Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia) in 1979, data are available to examine gestational age by educational attainment, as well as by age and race of the woman. For this multi-State area white women had induced abortions at slightly earlier gestational ages than black women, at median gestational ages of 9.1 weeks and 9.4 weeks, respectively. Delayed terminations generally were associated with less educational attainment. Thus, for women with less than a high school education, median gestational age was 9.9 weeks compared with 9.2 weeks for women with a high school education. The relationship between educational attainment and gestational duration at time of induced termination was similar for white and black women, although black women of every educational attainment had induced abortions later in their pregnancies than white women.

### Type of procedure and reported complications

Data on types of procedures used in inducing pregnancy terminations are available for the 13-State area in 1979. These figures indicate that over 9 out of 10 inductions were performed by suction curettage. No other method accounted for more than 4 percent of inductions. There are, however, variations in type of procedure used by length of gestation (figure 3). While suction curettage is the preponderant procedure for induced abortions under 13 weeks and even between 13 and 15 weeks, as shown in table K, saline instillation accounts for the most inductions at 16 weeks or more gestation.

Overall, complications were indicated on the reporting form for less than 1 percent of the induced terminations in 1979. The percent of abortions with complications was greatest for those inductions performed by hysterotomy and hysterectomy (13 percent) and was the least for those performed by suction and sharp curettage (0.4 percent).

Table H. Percent of induced terminations of pregnancy to women with no previous induced terminations by race and age of woman: 13-State area, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman	All races <sup>1</sup>	Percent	
		White	Black
All ages . . . . .	67.5	70.8	59.7
Under 15 years . . . . .	94.7	95.2	94.3
15–17 years . . . . .	87.9	89.2	84.5
18–19 years . . . . .	78.0	80.1	70.9
20–24 years . . . . .	64.0	66.9	56.4
25–29 years . . . . .	57.4	60.7	49.9
30–34 years . . . . .	59.3	63.7	49.4
35–39 years . . . . .	61.8	67.6	49.5
40 years and over . . . . .	67.6	73.1	54.8

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

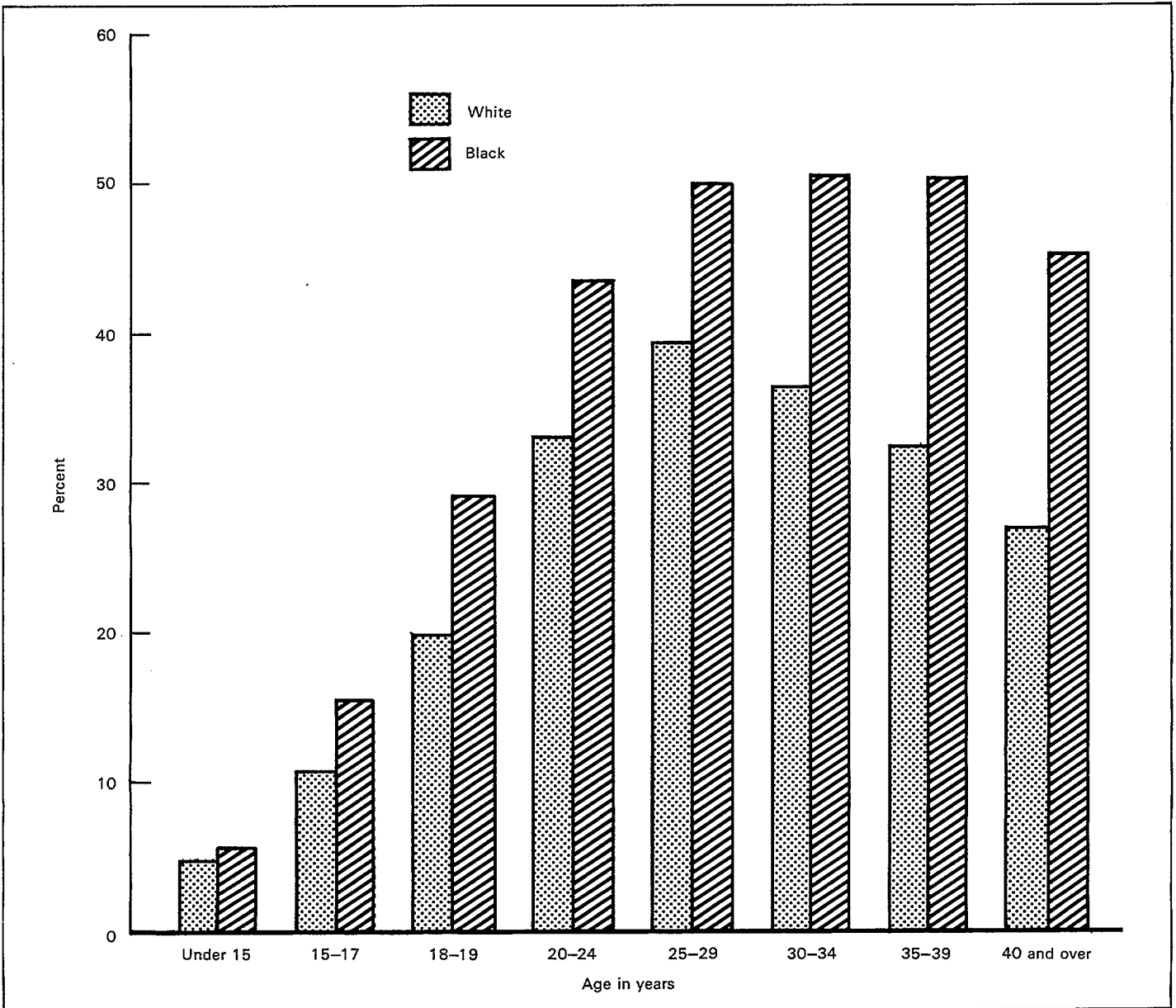


Figure 2. Percent of induced terminations to women with 1 or more previous induced terminations by age of woman, according to race: 13-State area, 1979

Table J. Percent distribution of induced terminations of pregnancy by period of gestation, according to age of woman: 13-State area, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>	All ages	Percent distribution		
		10-17 years	18-24 years	25 years and over
All periods of gestation . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	11.7	6.3	9.9	16.1
7-8 weeks . . . . .	35.2	25.6	33.9	40.3
9-12 weeks . . . . .	43.1	50.1	45.8	36.9
13 weeks or more . . . . .	10.0	18.0	10.5	6.7

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation."

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

## Residence patterns

### Metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence

Over 80 percent of the induced terminations occurring in the 13-State area in 1979 occurred to residents of metropolitan areas. Residents of nonmetropolitan areas having induced abortions were, on the average, younger than metropolitan women having induced terminations. The median age at termination for nonmetropolitan women was 22.0 years; for metropolitan women it was 23.3 years.

The relative frequency of induced abortions per 1,000 live births was greater for residents of metropolitan areas than for residents of nonmetropolitan areas. This is true for both white and black women as

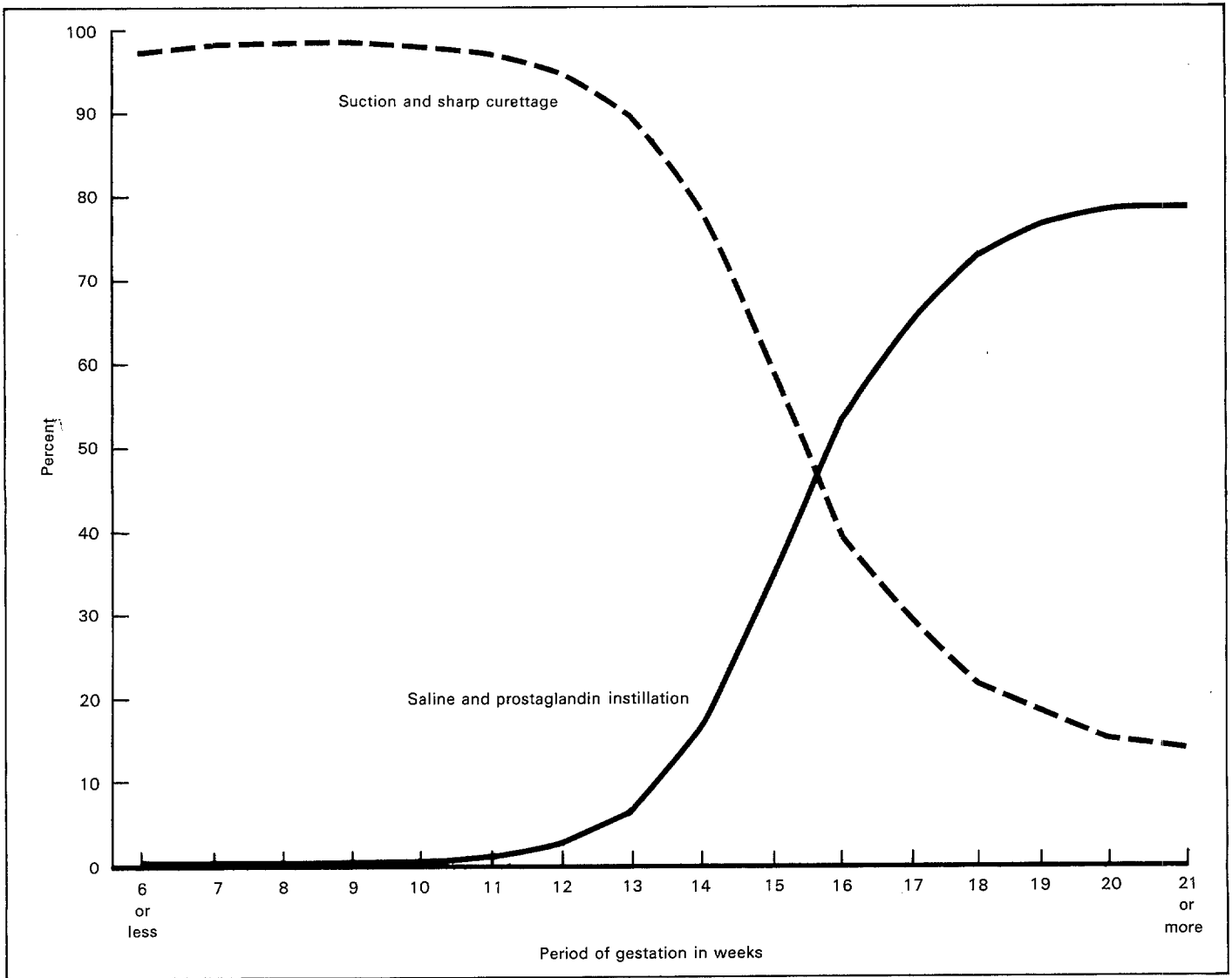


Figure 3. Percent of induced terminations by period of gestation, according to selected termination procedures: 13-State area, 1979

Table K. Percent distribution of induced terminations of pregnancy by type of procedure, according to period of gestation: 13-State area, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Type of procedure	All periods of gestation	Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>		
		Under 13 weeks	13-15 weeks	16 weeks or more
		Percent distribution		
All procedures . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Suction curettage . . . . .	92.8	97.1	70.9	23.5
Sharp curettage . . . . .	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.7
Saline instillation . . . . .	3.4	0.5	16.8	52.0
Prostaglandin instillation . . . . .	1.2	0.2	7.1	18.9
Hysterotomy . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
Hysterectomy . . . . .	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Other . . . . .	1.0	0.7	4.1	4.6

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation."

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

shown in table L. For a six-State area data by metropolitan residence are available for comparisons between 1978 and 1979. A greater percent increase in the

Table L. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy by race and metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence of women: 13-State area, 1979

[Ratios are numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Geographic area	All races <sup>1</sup>	Ratio	
		White	Black
All areas . . . . .	390.7	343.7	599.4
Metropolitan areas . . . . .	472.0	415.8	676.3
Nonmetropolitan areas . . . . .	205.5	202.7	234.9

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.



induced termination ratio occurred for residents of nonmetropolitan areas (9.4 percent) than for residents of metropolitan areas (5.0 percent).

### Out-of-State residents

In the 13-State area in 1979 women outside of their State of residence accounted for only 8.4 percent of induced abortions; nearly two-thirds (64.3 percent) were obtained by women in their home county; the remainder (27.2 percent) were obtained by women in their home State but outside their county of residence.

Residence status is related to gestational duration of induced terminations. Women obtaining their induced abortion out of State have a longer pregnancy prior to termination than those women having induced terminations in their State of residence. The median gesta-

tional period of induced abortions for out-of-State residents was 9.9 weeks compared with 9.1 weeks for women obtaining induced terminations in their State of residence. Further, 21.2 percent of out-of-State residents obtained their induced abortions after 12 weeks—more than twice the percent (9.3 percent) of State residents.

The percent of terminations accounted for by State residents varied from State to State. At least 90 percent of induced abortions occurring in Colorado, Illinois, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, and Virginia were to State residents; while in Missouri, Rhode Island, and Tennessee between 80 and 90 percent of induced terminations were to State residents. Between 70 and 80 percent of induced abortions occurring in Vermont were to State residents, and less than 60 percent of induced terminations occurring in Kansas were to State residents.

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Table 1. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman, according to metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence and race of woman: 13-State area, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman	All areas			Metropolitan areas			Nonmetropolitan areas		
	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black	All races <sup>1</sup>	White	Black
	Number								
All ages.....	363,192	245,820	96,861	298,795	192,990	88,936	64,397	52,830	7,925
Under 14 years.....	945	346	568	783	251	502	162	95	66
14 years.....	2,648	1,315	1,265	2,067	895	1,122	581	420	143
15-19 years.....	100,200	72,734	23,244	77,551	53,513	20,890	22,649	19,221	2,354
15 years.....	6,904	4,262	2,410	5,294	2,981	2,156	1,610	1,281	254
16 years.....	13,715	9,603	3,621	10,457	6,827	3,272	3,258	2,776	349
17 years.....	19,875	14,569	4,520	15,301	10,683	4,042	4,574	3,886	478
18 years.....	30,372	22,894	6,164	23,544	16,976	5,576	6,828	5,918	588
19 years.....	29,334	21,406	6,529	22,955	16,046	5,844	6,379	5,360	685
20-24 years.....	124,281	84,292	33,419	102,604	66,616	30,707	21,677	17,676	2,712
25-29 years.....	70,362	45,120	20,682	60,163	37,090	19,198	10,199	8,030	1,484
30-34 years.....	37,526	24,180	10,516	32,402	20,068	9,841	5,124	4,112	675
35-39 years.....	17,750	11,520	4,915	15,116	9,386	4,567	2,634	2,134	348
40 years and over.....	6,033	4,118	1,465	5,034	3,286	1,344	999	832	121
Not stated.....	3,447	2,195	787	3,075	1,885	765	372	310	22
	Percent distribution								
All ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 14 years.....	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.8
14 years.....	0.7	0.5	1.3	0.7	0.5	1.3	0.9	0.8	1.8
15-19 years.....	27.9	29.9	24.2	26.2	28.0	23.7	35.4	36.6	29.8
15 years.....	1.9	1.7	2.5	1.8	1.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	3.2
16 years.....	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.7	5.1	5.3	4.4
17 years.....	5.5	6.0	4.7	5.2	5.6	4.6	7.1	7.4	6.0
18 years.....	8.4	9.4	6.4	8.0	8.9	6.3	10.7	11.3	7.4
19 years.....	8.2	8.8	6.8	7.8	8.4	6.6	10.0	10.2	8.7
20-24 years.....	34.5	34.6	34.8	34.7	34.9	34.8	33.9	33.7	34.3
25-29 years.....	19.6	18.5	21.5	20.3	19.4	21.8	15.9	15.3	18.8
30-34 years.....	10.4	9.9	10.9	11.0	10.5	11.2	8.0	7.8	8.5
35-39 years.....	4.9	4.7	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.1	4.1	4.4
40 years and over.....	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black and race not stated.

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

Table 2. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by residence status of woman and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to residence status of woman: 13-State area, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>	All induced terminations occurring in area	Induced terminations occurring in area among U.S. residents	Induced terminations occurring in State of residence			Induced terminations among interstate nonresidents	Induced terminations among nonresidents of United States
			Total	Occurring in county of residence	Among intrastate nonresidents		
Number							
Total . . . . .	364,219	363,192	332,595	233,679	98,916	30,597	1,027
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation . . . . .	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less . . . . .	11.7	11.7	11.9	13.5	8.2	9.4	6.3
7 weeks . . . . .	16.3	16.3	16.6	17.5	14.3	13.5	11.4
8 weeks . . . . .	18.9	18.9	19.3	19.5	18.8	15.4	12.8
9 weeks . . . . .	16.0	16.0	16.2	15.9	16.9	13.7	10.3
10 weeks . . . . .	12.9	12.9	13.0	12.3	14.5	11.8	9.9
11 weeks . . . . .	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.3	10.7	9.5	8.4
12 weeks . . . . .	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.6	6.2	5.4	3.5
13 weeks . . . . .	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3	3.2	3.5	2.0
14 weeks . . . . .	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.7	2.3	1.0
15 weeks . . . . .	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.8	1.8
16 weeks . . . . .	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.7	2.8
17 weeks . . . . .	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.9	3.2
18 weeks . . . . .	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	2.0	4.8
19 weeks . . . . .	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0	6.5
20 weeks . . . . .	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.6	4.2
21 weeks or more . . . . .	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	4.5	11.0

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation."

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

Table 3. Number and percent distribution of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman, according to race: 13-State area, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
Number						
All ages.....	363,192	245,820	103,509	96,861	6,648	13,863
Under 14 years.....	945	346	573	568	5	26
14 years.....	2,648	1,315	1,274	1,265	9	59
15-19 years.....	100,200	72,734	24,026	23,244	782	3,440
15 years.....	6,904	4,262	2,457	2,410	47	185
16 years.....	13,715	9,603	3,691	3,621	70	421
17 years.....	19,875	14,569	4,655	4,520	135	651
18 years.....	30,372	22,894	6,401	6,164	237	1,077
19 years.....	29,334	21,406	6,822	6,529	293	1,106
20-24 years.....	124,281	84,292	35,208	33,419	1,789	4,781
25-29 years.....	70,362	45,120	22,482	20,682	1,800	2,760
30-34 years.....	37,526	24,180	11,828	10,516	1,312	1,518
35-39 years.....	17,750	11,520	5,545	4,915	630	685
40 years and over.....	6,033	4,118	1,675	1,465	210	240
Not stated.....	3,447	2,195	898	787	111	354
Percent distribution						
All ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 14 years.....	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.2
14 years.....	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.3	0.1	0.4
15-19 years.....	27.9	29.9	23.4	24.2	12.0	25.5
15 years.....	1.9	1.7	2.4	2.5	0.7	1.4
16 years.....	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.8	1.1	3.1
17 years.....	5.5	6.0	4.5	4.7	2.1	4.8
18 years.....	8.4	9.4	6.2	6.4	3.6	8.0
19 years.....	8.2	8.8	6.6	6.8	4.5	8.2
20-24 years.....	34.5	34.6	34.3	34.8	27.4	35.4
25-29 years.....	19.6	18.5	21.9	21.5	27.5	20.4
30-34 years.....	10.4	9.9	11.5	10.9	20.1	11.2
35-39 years.....	4.9	4.7	5.4	5.1	9.6	5.1
40 years and over.....	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	3.2	1.8

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 4. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by age of woman and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to age of woman: 13-State area, 1979**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>	All ages	Under 14 years	14 years	15-19 years						20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years and over	Not stated
				Total	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years	19 years						
Number															
Total .....	363,192	945	2,648	100,200	6,904	13,715	19,875	30,372	29,334	124,281	70,362	37,526	17,750	6,033	3,447
Percent distribution															
All periods of gestation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	11.7	5.6	6.4	7.0	6.2	6.0	6.5	7.1	8.1	11.0	14.9	17.5	17.8	16.0	12.5
7 weeks .....	16.3	9.6	8.8	12.1	9.5	10.3	11.0	13.0	13.5	16.0	19.3	20.7	20.5	20.2	18.4
8 weeks .....	18.9	14.9	13.7	16.7	13.0	15.3	16.2	17.1	18.2	19.3	20.2	20.8	20.4	20.8	18.9
9 weeks .....	16.0	14.1	13.6	16.7	14.8	15.1	16.9	17.0	17.3	16.5	15.5	14.7	14.5	14.2	16.0
10 weeks .....	12.9	12.8	13.9	14.8	14.4	15.0	15.3	14.9	14.4	13.2	11.4	10.6	10.6	11.2	13.6
11 weeks .....	9.1	10.6	11.0	11.5	12.0	12.5	12.0	11.4	10.6	9.2	7.6	6.3	6.5	6.9	8.5
12 weeks .....	5.1	7.0	7.4	6.8	7.8	7.6	7.2	6.4	6.3	5.1	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.7	5.5
13 weeks .....	2.6	3.8	4.8	3.6	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.4	3.2	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.3
14 weeks .....	1.5	3.9	3.4	2.1	3.0	2.8	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
15 weeks .....	1.0	3.2	2.4	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8
16 weeks .....	0.9	1.6	2.4	1.4	2.7	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7
17 weeks .....	0.9	2.7	2.5	1.2	2.3	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4
18 weeks .....	0.8	2.0	2.5	1.3	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3
19 weeks .....	0.6	2.2	1.7	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3
20 weeks .....	0.5	1.8	1.8	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1
21 weeks or more .....	1.0	4.0	3.5	1.6	2.8	2.1	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation."

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 5. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by age of woman and number of previous live births, according to race of woman: 13-State area, 1979**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous live births	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
All ages						
Total.....	363,192	245,820	103,509	96,861	6,648	13,863
Percent distribution						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth.....	56.1	63.7	37.8	37.5	41.3	60.8
1 previous live birth.....	19.4	16.1	27.6	28.0	21.0	16.8
2 previous live births.....	14.4	12.3	19.7	19.4	22.8	13.1
3 previous live births.....	6.0	4.9	8.6	8.5	9.5	5.5
4 previous live births.....	2.4	1.9	3.6	3.6	3.2	2.1
5 previous live births.....	0.9	0.7	1.5	1.5	1.2	0.8
6 previous live births.....	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4
7 or more previous live births.....	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4
Under 15 years						
Total.....	3,593	1,661	1,847	1,833	14	85
Percent distribution						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth.....	97.6	98.0	97.4	97.4	*92.9	96.3
1 previous live birth.....	2.2	1.8	2.4	2.4	*7.1	3.7
2 previous live births.....	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	-	-
3 previous live births.....	0.0	0.1	-	-	-	-
4 previous live births.....	0.0	0.1	-	-	-	-
5 previous live births.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 previous live births.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 or more previous live births.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-17 years						
Total.....	40,494	28,434	10,803	10,551	252	1,257
Percent distribution						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth.....	92.7	94.9	86.8	86.8	88.0	94.5
1 previous live birth.....	6.5	4.6	11.7	11.7	11.2	4.9
2 previous live births.....	0.7	0.4	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.3
3 previous live births.....	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	-	0.2
4 previous live births.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	-
5 previous live births.....	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
6 previous live births.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
7 or more previous live births.....	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
18-19 years						
Total.....	59,706	44,300	13,223	12,693	530	2,183
Percent distribution						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth.....	82.4	88.0	63.0	62.3	80.0	86.9
1 previous live birth.....	14.2	9.9	29.0	29.6	15.4	10.8
2 previous live births.....	2.9	1.8	6.9	7.0	3.9	1.9
3 previous live births.....	0.4	0.2	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.3
4 previous live births.....	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
5 previous live births.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
6 previous live births.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
7 or more previous live births.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-

See note at end of table.

**Table 5. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by age of woman and number of previous live births, according to race of woman: 13-State area, 1979—Con.**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous live births	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
20-24 years						
Total.....	124,281	84,292	35,208	33,419	1,789	4,781
Number						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution						
No previous live birth.....	60.1	69.6	36.4	35.1	59.6	69.2
1 previous live birth.....	23.9	18.8	36.4	37.2	22.8	19.0
2 previous live births.....	12.0	9.0	19.5	19.9	13.2	9.1
3 previous live births.....	3.0	1.9	5.8	5.9	3.0	2.2
4 previous live births.....	0.7	0.4	1.4	1.5	0.9	0.2
5 previous live births.....	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
6 previous live births.....	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
7 or more previous live births.....	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
25-29 years						
Total.....	70,362	45,120	22,482	20,682	1,800	2,760
Number						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution						
No previous live birth.....	37.8	46.3	20.1	18.6	36.4	45.1
1 previous live birth.....	25.5	23.4	30.1	30.3	27.6	22.3
2 previous live births.....	23.4	20.5	29.4	29.9	23.9	21.5
3 previous live births.....	8.9	7.0	13.1	13.5	8.3	7.4
4 previous live births.....	3.0	2.1	4.9	5.1	2.8	2.8
5 previous live births.....	0.9	0.5	1.7	1.8	0.9	0.5
6 previous live births.....	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
7 or more previous live births.....	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	-	0.1
30-34 years						
Total.....	37,526	24,180	11,828	10,516	1,312	1,518
Number						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution						
No previous live birth.....	21.3	25.5	12.6	12.0	17.7	23.1
1 previous live birth.....	21.6	21.3	22.2	22.5	19.8	21.4
2 previous live births.....	30.5	30.1	31.5	30.5	39.3	30.1
3 previous live births.....	15.5	14.5	17.5	17.8	15.4	16.1
4 previous live births.....	6.6	5.4	9.3	9.8	5.1	5.5
5 previous live births.....	2.6	2.0	4.0	4.3	1.6	2.4
6 previous live births.....	1.0	0.7	1.8	1.9	0.8	0.5
7 or more previous live births.....	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.3	0.3	1.0
35-39 years						
Total.....	17,750	11,520	5,545	4,915	630	685
Number						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution						
No previous live birth.....	12.4	14.4	8.1	7.6	11.9	14.4
1 previous live birth.....	14.0	13.8	14.2	14.3	13.3	15.0
2 previous live births.....	29.7	31.0	27.0	25.8	36.1	28.7
3 previous live births.....	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	22.0	19.6
4 previous live births.....	11.2	10.4	12.7	13.3	7.9	12.4
5 previous live births.....	5.7	4.9	7.5	7.9	4.2	4.5
6 previous live births.....	2.9	2.1	4.7	5.0	2.2	2.5
7 or more previous live births.....	2.7	1.9	4.5	4.7	2.6	2.9

See note at end of table.



**Table 5. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by age of woman and number of previous live births, according to race of woman: 13-State area, 1979—Con.**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous live births	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
40 years and over						
Total.....	6,033	4,118	1,675	1,465	210	240
Percent distribution						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth.....	9.6	10.6	6.5	6.1	8.8	15.8
1 previous live birth.....	9.3	9.2	10.0	10.3	7.8	7.2
2 previous live births.....	24.2	25.9	20.6	19.8	25.9	18.5
3 previous live births.....	22.7	22.8	22.1	20.6	32.7	25.2
4 previous live births.....	15.2	16.2	13.2	13.5	11.7	12.2
5 previous live births.....	7.8	7.2	9.3	9.9	4.4	7.7
6 previous live births.....	4.6	3.8	6.2	6.5	3.9	5.9
7 or more previous live births.....	6.6	4.3	12.2	13.3	4.9	7.7
Not stated						
Total.....	3,447	2,195	898	787	111	354
Percent distribution						
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth.....	54.0	61.5	36.2	35.7	39.6	52.6
1 previous live birth.....	18.7	15.0	27.6	28.8	18.9	18.6
2 previous live births.....	14.7	12.1	20.8	20.5	22.6	15.8
3 previous live births.....	6.7	6.2	8.5	7.8	13.2	4.5
4 previous live births.....	2.9	2.4	3.8	3.6	4.7	4.5
5 previous live births.....	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.2
6 previous live births.....	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	-	1.6
7 or more previous live births.....	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	-	1.2

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 6. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by age of woman and number of previous induced terminations, according to race of woman: 13-State area, 1979**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous induced terminations	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
All ages						
Total .....	363,192	245,820	103,509	96,861	6,648	13,863
Number						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution						
No previous induced termination .....	67.5	70.8	59.8	59.7	62.7	67.0
1 previous induced termination .....	23.4	21.7	27.4	27.6	24.9	24.1
2 previous induced terminations .....	6.5	5.5	9.0	9.0	8.2	6.3
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	2.5	2.0	3.7	3.7	4.2	2.6
Under 15 years						
Total .....	3,593	1,661	1,847	1,833	14	85
Number						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution						
No previous induced termination .....	94.7	95.2	94.3	94.3	*100.0	95.1
1 previous induced termination .....	4.9	4.4	5.4	5.5	-	4.9
2 previous induced terminations .....	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	-	-
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-
15-17 years						
Total .....	40,494	28,434	10,803	10,551	252	1,257
Number						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution						
No previous induced termination .....	87.9	89.2	84.6	84.5	87.6	86.6
1 previous induced termination .....	10.9	9.7	13.8	13.9	11.2	11.7
2 previous induced terminations .....	1.1	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.6
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	0.2
18-19 years						
Total .....	59,706	44,300	13,223	12,693	530	2,183
Number						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution						
No previous induced termination .....	78.0	80.1	71.2	70.9	76.7	77.2
1 previous induced termination .....	18.8	17.2	23.8	23.9	20.5	19.9
2 previous induced terminations .....	2.8	2.4	4.2	4.3	2.5	2.5
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4
20-24 years						
Total .....	124,281	84,292	35,208	33,419	1,789	4,781
Number						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent distribution						
No previous induced termination .....	64.0	66.9	56.8	56.4	64.4	64.9
1 previous induced termination .....	26.6	25.2	30.2	30.5	24.8	26.8
2 previous terminations .....	7.2	6.2	9.7	9.8	8.3	6.4
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	2.2	1.8	3.3	3.4	2.5	1.9

See note at end of table.

Table 6. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by age of woman and number of previous induced terminations, according to race of woman: 13-State area, 1979—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and number of previous induced terminations	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
25-29 years						
Total .....	70,362	45,120	22,482	20,682	1,800	2,760
Number						
Percent distribution						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced termination .....	57.4	60.7	50.8	49.9	61.6	57.0
1 previous induced termination .....	28.5	27.1	31.2	31.6	26.4	29.8
2 previous induced terminations .....	9.8	8.6	12.3	12.7	7.6	8.8
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	4.2	3.5	5.6	5.7	4.4	4.4
30-34 years						
Total .....	37,526	24,180	11,828	10,516	1,312	1,518
Number						
Percent distribution						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced termination .....	59.3	63.7	50.2	49.4	56.5	59.7
1 previous induced termination .....	26.1	23.8	30.8	31.2	27.0	25.7
2 previous induced terminations .....	9.6	8.3	12.2	12.4	10.6	10.0
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	5.0	4.2	6.8	6.9	5.9	4.6
35-39 years						
Total .....	17,750	11,520	5,545	4,915	630	685
Number						
Percent distribution						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced termination .....	61.8	67.6	50.0	49.5	53.1	62.7
1 previous induced termination .....	24.0	21.1	30.2	30.5	27.6	21.2
2 previous induced terminations .....	8.8	6.9	12.7	12.9	11.2	9.3
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	5.4	4.4	7.1	7.0	8.1	6.9
40 years and over						
Total .....	6,033	4,118	1,675	1,465	210	240
Number						
Percent distribution						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced termination .....	67.6	73.1	54.8	54.8	54.5	64.9
1 previous induced termination .....	19.9	16.8	27.4	28.4	21.0	20.9
2 previous induced terminations .....	7.5	6.1	11.1	10.7	14.5	6.2
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	4.9	4.0	6.6	6.2	10.0	8.1
Not stated						
Total .....	3,447	2,195	898	787	111	354
Number						
Percent distribution						
All previous induced terminations .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous induced termination .....	65.6	68.9	55.6	54.4	63.7	73.0
1 previous induced termination .....	24.9	23.5	30.1	30.9	24.5	19.1
2 previous induced terminations .....	6.9	5.7	10.0	10.7	4.9	6.2
3 or more previous induced terminations .....	2.6	2.0	4.4	4.0	6.9	1.7

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

Table 7. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and marital status of woman and percent distribution by marital status and age of woman, according to race of woman: 12-State area and New York City, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and marital status	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
All women						
Total.....	313,396	206,528	96,007	89,743	6,264	10,861
Percent distribution						
All ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years.....	1.0	0.7	1.8	1.9	0.2	0.6
15-17 years.....	11.2	11.6	10.4	10.8	3.8	9.2
18-19 years.....	16.2	17.7	12.8	13.1	8.3	16.0
20-24 years.....	34.5	34.6	34.2	34.7	27.7	35.4
25-29 years.....	20.1	19.0	22.2	21.8	27.6	21.2
30-34 years.....	10.5	10.0	11.6	11.0	19.9	11.0
35-39 years.....	4.9	4.7	5.4	5.1	9.5	4.9
40 years and over.....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	3.1	1.7
Married women						
Total.....	78,530	53,171	22,861	19,455	3,406	2,498
Percent distribution						
All ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years.....	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	-
15-17 years.....	1.4	1.7	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.9
18-19 years.....	5.3	6.3	3.2	3.4	2.4	5.2
20-24 years.....	28.7	29.9	26.0	27.1	20.2	28.0
25-29 years.....	29.3	28.0	32.3	32.3	31.9	29.7
30-34 years.....	20.2	19.4	22.0	21.1	26.8	20.6
35-39 years.....	11.0	10.6	11.9	11.6	13.9	11.6
40 years and over.....	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.5	4.1
Unmarried women						
Total.....	229,747	151,601	72,021	69,244	2,777	6,125
Percent distribution						
All ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years.....	1.4	0.9	2.3	2.4	0.5	0.8
15-17 years.....	14.5	15.1	13.5	13.7	8.1	12.5
18-19 years.....	19.9	21.8	15.8	15.8	15.6	19.7
20-24 years.....	36.5	36.3	36.8	36.8	36.9	37.7
25-29 years.....	16.9	15.9	19.0	18.9	22.4	18.2
30-34 years.....	7.2	6.7	8.3	8.2	11.2	7.6
35-39 years.....	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.3	3.9	2.6
40 years and over.....	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.4	0.9
Not stated						
Total.....	5,119	1,756	1,125	1,044	81	2,238
Percent distribution						
All ages.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years.....	1.0	0.7	1.8	2.0	-	0.7
15-17 years.....	10.8	11.0	12.4	13.3	-	9.8
18-19 years.....	15.4	15.0	11.1	11.5	5.4	18.0
20-24 years.....	34.8	33.6	31.6	32.6	18.9	37.4
25-29 years.....	20.4	19.7	21.8	21.4	27.0	20.1
30-34 years.....	11.2	12.4	13.0	11.9	27.0	9.3
35-39 years.....	4.8	5.6	6.3	5.5	17.6	3.4
40 years and over.....	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.7	4.1	1.2

NOTE: The 12-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 8. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by age and educational attainment of woman, according to race of woman: 9-State area, 1979**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and years of school completed	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
<b>All ages</b>						
Total .....	260,818	174,176	80,443	75,863	4,580	6,199
Percent distribution						
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	3.2	2.9	3.8	3.5	8.2	6.4
9-11 years .....	21.0	19.9	23.4	23.9	14.4	21.5
12 years .....	44.4	43.2	47.0	47.3	42.0	42.0
13-15 years .....	20.9	22.0	18.6	18.6	17.9	18.7
16 years or more .....	10.4	11.9	7.2	6.6	17.5	11.3
<b>Under 15 years</b>						
Total .....	2,699	1,208	1,453	1,441	12	38
Percent distribution						
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	64.3	63.2	65.3	65.2	*72.7	56.2
9-11 years .....	35.7	36.8	34.7	34.8	*27.3	43.7
12 years .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-15 years .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 years or more .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-17 years</b>						
Total .....	28,747	19,746	8,490	8,296	194	511
Percent distribution						
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	4.3	3.8	5.6	5.6	5.1	2.9
9-11 years .....	77.1	77.2	77.3	77.4	73.3	70.3
12 years .....	17.7	18.2	16.3	16.3	19.3	23.9
13-15 years .....	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.3	2.9
16 years or more .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>18-19 years</b>						
Total .....	42,353	31,157	10,319	9,940	379	877
Percent distribution						
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	3.4	3.8
9-11 years .....	20.3	18.4	25.8	26.0	21.2	25.4
12 years .....	56.6	57.5	54.3	54.3	52.5	48.7
13-15 years .....	21.5	22.5	18.5	18.4	21.8	21.6
16 years or more .....	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.6
<b>20-24 years</b>						
Total .....	89,632	60,258	27,314	26,023	1,291	2,060
Percent distribution						
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.7	5.5
9-11 years .....	13.3	11.7	16.5	16.6	14.2	20.3
12 years .....	45.6	43.7	49.9	50.3	42.5	42.0
13-15 years .....	28.7	30.3	25.3	25.3	26.1	23.6
16 years or more .....	10.7	12.6	6.8	6.5	11.4	8.6

See note at end of table.

Table 8. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman and percent distribution by age and educational attainment of woman, according to race of woman: 9-State area, 1979—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Age of woman and years of school completed	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
25-29 years			Number			
Total .....	51,061	32,356	17,419	16,226	1,193	1,286
			Percent distribution			
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	2.7	2.8	2.4	1.9	8.4	7.5
9-11 years .....	11.1	9.6	13.7	13.9	9.9	14.5
12 years .....	45.9	42.8	51.5	52.1	42.6	44.2
13-15 years .....	22.0	22.9	20.5	20.8	16.9	19.3
16 years or more .....	18.2	21.8	12.0	11.2	22.1	14.5
30-34 years			Number			
Total .....	27,765	17,553	9,382	8,488	894	830
			Percent distribution			
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.3	9.8	7.5
9-11 years .....	10.7	9.3	13.2	13.6	8.9	10.9
12 years .....	47.5	44.6	53.0	54.1	41.5	43.8
13-15 years .....	18.8	19.6	17.4	17.7	13.8	17.5
16 years or more .....	19.1	22.7	12.6	11.2	25.9	20.2
35-39 years			Number			
Total .....	13,133	8,341	4,412	3,980	432	380
			Percent distribution			
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	5.2	5.0	5.5	4.8	12.3	7.4
9-11 years .....	12.4	10.5	15.9	16.7	7.6	13.7
12 years .....	50.0	48.3	53.3	54.4	42.3	44.7
13-15 years .....	15.9	17.0	14.2	14.4	12.8	11.1
16 years or more .....	16.4	19.2	11.1	9.7	25.1	23.2
40 years and over			Number			
Total .....	4,323	2,874	1,313	1,163	150	136
			Percent distribution			
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	7.4	7.0	7.8	6.5	17.9	12.7
9-11 years .....	14.3	13.0	17.0	18.1	8.2	14.1
12 years .....	51.1	49.8	54.3	56.2	38.8	40.8
13-15 years .....	13.0	14.6	9.5	9.7	7.5	16.9
16 years or more .....	14.3	15.6	11.5	9.4	27.6	15.5
Not stated			Number			
Total .....	1,105	683	341	306	35	81
			Percent distribution			
All years of school .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-8 years .....	4.8	4.7	5.1	4.5	12.5	2.7
9-11 years .....	19.5	17.9	21.8	21.9	20.8	27.0
12 years .....	46.2	44.0	52.2	52.8	45.8	32.4
13-15 years .....	18.3	20.2	14.3	15.2	4.2	18.9
16 years or more .....	11.3	13.2	6.5	5.6	16.7	18.9

NOTE: The 9-State area comprised Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 9. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by type of procedure and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to type of procedure: 13-State area, 1979**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

<i>Period of gestation</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>All procedures</i>	<i>Suction curettage</i>	<i>Sharp curettage</i>	<i>Saline instillation</i>	<i>Prostaglandin instillation</i>	<i>Hysterotomy</i>	<i>Hysterectomy</i>	<i>Other</i>
Number								
Total.....	2363,192	333,339	5,347	12,086	4,484	60	128	3,638
Percent distribution								
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	92.8	1.5	3.4	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.0
6 weeks or less.....	100.0	95.3	2.9	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.5
7 weeks.....	100.0	96.8	1.9	0.1	0.0	-	0.0	1.1
8 weeks.....	100.0	97.9	1.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
9 weeks.....	100.0	98.2	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
10 weeks.....	100.0	98.1	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
11 weeks.....	100.0	97.6	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4
12 weeks.....	100.0	95.0	1.2	2.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.9
13 weeks.....	100.0	90.4	0.8	5.1	1.8	0.1	0.0	1.8
14 weeks.....	100.0	78.8	0.8	11.9	4.9	0.1	0.1	3.4
15 weeks.....	100.0	59.1	1.0	24.0	10.4	0.2	0.1	5.1
16 weeks.....	100.0	38.7	0.8	36.9	17.4	0.3	0.1	5.8
17 weeks.....	100.0	29.0	1.1	46.1	19.4	0.1	0.1	4.3
18 weeks.....	100.0	21.2	0.7	51.1	23.2	0.1	0.1	3.6
19 weeks.....	100.0	18.2	0.5	57.3	20.6	0.0	-	3.4
20 weeks.....	100.0	14.9	0.5	60.3	19.1	0.1	-	5.0
21 weeks or more.....	100.0	14.2	0.7	64.4	15.4	0.2	0.0	5.1
Not stated.....	100.0	82.2	3.0	5.2	3.8	-	0.3	5.5

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation."

<sup>2</sup>Includes procedure not stated.

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

Table 10. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by race of woman and percent distribution by period of gestation, according to race of woman: 13-State area, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation <sup>1</sup>	All races	White	All other			Not stated
			Total	Black	Other races	
			Number			
Total .....	363,192	245,820	103,509	96,861	6,648	13,863
			Percent distribution			
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	11.7	11.4	12.1	11.7	17.6	13.9
7 weeks.....	16.3	16.7	15.0	14.7	19.6	18.3
8 weeks.....	18.9	19.4	17.7	17.5	20.0	20.3
9 weeks.....	16.0	16.3	15.3	15.4	14.5	15.6
10 weeks .....	12.9	13.0	12.7	12.9	10.1	12.1
11 weeks .....	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.5	6.2	7.9
12 weeks .....	5.1	4.9	5.8	5.9	3.9	4.1
13 weeks .....	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.3
14 weeks .....	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4
15 weeks .....	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.9
16 weeks .....	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.9	0.7
17 weeks .....	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.6
18 weeks .....	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.6
19 weeks .....	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4
20 weeks .....	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.3
21 weeks or more .....	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.6

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation."

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.



Table 11. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by marital status and age of woman and percent distribution by age of woman and number of previous live births, according to marital status of woman: 12-State area and New York City, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

<i>Age of woman and number of previous live births</i>	<i>All women</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Unmarried women</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Age of woman and number of previous live births</i>	<i>All women</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Unmarried women</i>	<i>Not stated</i>
<b>All ages</b>					<b>20-24 years</b>				
Total .....	313,396	78,530	229,747	5,119	Total .....	107,068	22,305	83,104	1,659
Number					Number				
Percent distribution					Percent distribution				
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth .....	54.9	21.8	66.3	55.4	No previous live birth .....	58.4	31.2	65.7	59.5
1 previous live birth.....	20.2	26.5	18.1	19.8	1 previous live birth.....	25.0	35.1	22.3	23.3
2 previous live births.....	14.6	29.5	9.5	14.3	2 previous live births.....	12.5	25.3	9.0	12.6
3 previous live births.....	6.0	12.9	3.6	5.9	3 previous live births.....	3.2	6.4	2.3	3.6
4 previous live births.....	2.4	5.3	1.4	2.5	4 previous live births.....	0.7	1.5	0.5	0.6
5 previous live births.....	1.0	2.1	0.6	1.1	5 previous live births.....	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
6 previous live births.....	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.5	6 previous live births.....	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2
7 or more previous live births...	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.6	7 or more previous live births...	0.0	0.1	0.0	-
<b>Under 15 years</b>					<b>25-29 years</b>				
Total .....	3,184	42	3,096	46	Total .....	62,226	22,765	38,489	972
Number					Number				
Percent distribution					Percent distribution				
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth .....	97.5	81.0	97.8	91.1	No previous live birth .....	36.9	21.6	46.0	41.1
1 previous live birth.....	2.3	14.3	2.0	8.9	1 previous live birth.....	26.0	27.4	25.2	23.6
2 previous live births.....	0.2	2.4	0.1	-	2 previous live births.....	23.5	32.5	18.2	22.5
3 previous live births.....	0.0	2.4	-	-	3 previous live births.....	9.0	12.4	7.0	8.2
4 previous live births.....	0.0	-	0.0	-	4 previous live births.....	3.1	4.3	2.4	2.7
5 previous live births.....	-	-	-	-	5 previous live births.....	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.5
6 previous live births.....	-	-	-	-	6 previous live births.....	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
7 or more previous live births...	-	-	-	-	7 or more previous live births...	0.2	0.2	0.1	-
<b>15-17 years</b>					<b>30-34 years</b>				
Total .....	34,655	1,054	33,085	516	Total .....	32,724	15,686	16,503	535
Number					Number				
Percent distribution					Percent distribution				
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live births .....	92.4	54.1	93.6	89.8	No previous live birth .....	21.4	12.0	30.1	26.6
1 previous live birth.....	6.9	39.7	5.8	8.8	1 previous live birth.....	21.9	19.5	24.2	20.5
2 previous live births.....	0.7	4.6	0.5	1.2	2 previous live births.....	30.1	36.5	24.1	26.7
3 previous live births.....	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.2	3 previous live births.....	15.3	18.7	12.0	15.5
4 previous live births.....	0.0	0.5	0.0	-	4 previous live births.....	6.8	8.0	5.7	5.6
5 previous live births.....	0.0	0.1	-	-	5 previous live births.....	2.7	3.2	2.3	3.1
6 previous live births.....	0.0	-	0.0	-	6 previous live births.....	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0
7 or more previous live births...	0.0	-	0.0	-	7 or more previous live births...	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.0
<b>18-19 years</b>					<b>35-39 years</b>				
Total .....	50,107	4,153	45,219	735	Total .....	15,199	8,588	6,380	231
Number					Number				
Percent distribution					Percent distribution				
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth .....	81.2	44.5	84.6	77.1	No previous live birth .....	12.3	7.2	19.1	14.8
1 previous live birth.....	15.2	41.5	12.7	17.6	1 previous live birth.....	14.5	12.9	16.7	15.7
2 previous live births.....	3.2	12.0	2.3	4.7	2 previous live births.....	29.3	32.6	25.2	22.0
3 previous live births.....	0.4	1.7	0.3	0.3	3 previous live births.....	21.0	23.1	18.3	18.4
4 previous live births.....	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	4 previous live births.....	11.2	12.1	9.8	15.2
5 previous live births.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	5 previous live births.....	5.8	6.0	5.4	6.7
6 previous live births.....	0.0	0.0	-	-	6 previous live births.....	3.1	3.3	2.9	1.8
7 or more previous live births...	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	7 or more previous live births...	2.8	2.9	2.6	5.4

See note at end of table.

Table 11. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by marital status and age of woman and percent distribution by age of woman and number of previous live births, according to marital status of woman: 12-State area and New York City, 1979—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

<i>Age of woman and number of previous live births</i>	<i>All women</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Unmarried women</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Age of woman and number of previous live births</i>	<i>All women</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Unmarried women</i>	<i>Not stated</i>
40 years and over					Not stated				
Total .....	5,064	3,170	1,817	77	Total .....	3,169	767	2,054	348
Percent distribution					Percent distribution				
All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	All previous live births.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No previous live birth.....	9.6	4.9	17.3	20.8	No previous live birth.....	52.8	20.1	65.4	52.0
1 previous live birth.....	9.9	7.9	13.6	6.9	1 previous live birth.....	19.2	25.2	17.1	17.9
2 previous live births.....	23.9	26.2	20.2	16.7	2 previous live births.....	14.9	26.0	10.4	17.5
3 previous live births.....	22.0	24.5	17.8	20.8	3 previous live births.....	7.0	15.3	4.1	4.9
4 previous live births.....	14.9	16.3	12.4	16.7	4 previous live births.....	3.0	6.9	1.4	3.3
5 previous live births.....	7.8	8.0	7.5	5.6	5 previous live births.....	1.4	3.0	0.9	0.8
6 previous live births.....	4.6	4.9	4.2	1.4	6 previous live births.....	1.0	1.7	0.6	2.0
7 or more previous live births...	7.1	7.1	7.0	11.1	7 or more previous live births...	0.8	1.9	0.2	1.6

NOTE: The 12-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

**Table 12. Number of induced terminations of pregnancy by educational attainment, race, and age of woman and percent distribution by race, age, and period of gestation, according to educational attainment of woman: 9-State area, 1979**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation, <sup>1</sup> age, and race of woman	Total	Years of school completed					
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more	Not stated
<b>ALL RACES<sup>2</sup></b>							
<b>All ages</b>							
Total .....	260,818	7,779	50,334	106,469	50,056	24,988	21,192
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	12.4	10.6	8.2	12.6	13.3	18.9	12.2
7-8 weeks .....	35.2	29.7	27.7	34.9	39.5	44.6	34.6
9-12 weeks .....	42.0	44.6	48.3	42.7	40.3	31.6	38.9
13-15 weeks .....	5.1	7.1	7.5	5.0	3.6	2.4	5.6
16-20 weeks .....	4.2	6.4	6.5	3.7	2.5	1.7	7.3
21 weeks or more .....	1.1	1.5	1.8	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.4
<b>10-17 years</b>							
Total .....	31,446	2,693	21,239	4,665	227	-	2,622
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	6.5	5.9	6.1	8.7	7.5	-	6.7
7-8 weeks .....	25.5	21.8	25.0	29.9	33.9	-	24.7
9-12 weeks .....	49.0	47.7	50.2	48.2	45.4	-	42.7
13-15 weeks .....	8.2	10.6	8.4	5.9	4.4	-	8.9
16-20 weeks .....	8.2	11.2	7.7	5.5	6.2	-	14.2
21 weeks or more .....	2.5	2.8	2.5	1.8	2.6	-	2.8
<b>18-24 years</b>							
Total .....	131,985	1,903	19,004	60,057	32,219	9,032	9,770
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	10.4	9.2	7.9	10.1	11.2	15.9	10.3
7-8 weeks .....	33.9	29.9	27.2	32.3	38.3	43.6	33.3
9-12 weeks .....	44.7	46.7	49.2	46.3	42.9	34.8	41.0
13-15 weeks .....	5.4	7.7	7.8	5.7	3.9	2.9	5.7
16-20 weeks .....	4.4	5.1	6.2	4.4	2.8	2.0	8.2
21 weeks or more .....	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.8	1.4
<b>25 years or more</b>							
Total .....	96,282	3,139	9,911	41,321	17,441	15,852	8,618
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	17.0	15.4	13.1	16.8	17.3	20.6	15.9
7-8 weeks .....	40.1	36.2	34.4	39.1	41.9	45.3	39.2
9-12 weeks .....	36.1	40.9	42.5	37.0	35.3	29.8	35.3
13-15 weeks .....	3.6	3.9	5.1	3.8	3.1	2.1	4.5
16-20 weeks .....	2.6	3.1	4.2	2.6	1.8	1.6	4.2
21 weeks or more .....	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9

See footnotes and note at end of table.

Table 12. Number of induced terminations of pregnancy by educational attainment, race, and age of woman and percent distribution by race, age, and period of gestation, according to educational attainment of woman: 9-State area, 1979—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation, <sup>1</sup> age, and race of woman	Total	Years of school completed					
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more	Not stated
ALL RACES <sup>2</sup> —Con.							
Not stated							
Total	1,105	44	180	426	169	104	182
Number							
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less	16.0	11.4	10.1	16.5	14.8	25.2	17.8
7-8 weeks	35.4	40.9	24.7	38.0	37.3	38.8	35.1
9-12 weeks	40.0	34.1	47.8	39.4	40.8	30.1	40.2
13-15 weeks	4.0	4.5	7.9	3.5	1.8	4.9	2.9
16-20 weeks	3.8	9.1	7.9	1.9	4.1	1.0	4.0
21 weeks or more	0.7	-	1.7	0.7	1.2	-	-
WHITE							
All ages							
Total	174,176	4,715	31,871	69,410	35,363	19,167	13,650
Number							
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less	12.3	10.7	7.9	12.4	13.0	18.9	11.8
7-8 weeks	36.3	30.5	28.1	35.8	40.6	45.6	35.6
9-12 weeks	42.1	45.9	49.8	43.0	40.2	31.0	39.1
13-15 weeks	4.6	6.3	7.0	4.5	3.2	2.2	5.4
16-20 weeks	3.6	5.2	5.5	3.3	2.3	1.6	6.8
21 weeks or more	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.3
10-17 years							
Total	20,954	1,364	14,420	3,305	153	-	1,712
Number							
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	100.0
6 weeks or less	6.3	6.2	5.8	8.7	5.2	-	6.6
7-8 weeks	26.5	21.5	25.8	31.6	38.6	-	25.6
9-12 weeks	50.8	50.7	52.2	49.0	43.8	-	43.8
13-15 weeks	7.5	9.4	7.7	5.2	3.9	-	8.9
16-20 weeks	6.7	9.5	6.3	3.9	5.9	-	12.9
21 weeks or more	2.2	2.6	2.3	1.6	2.6	-	2.2
18-24 years							
Total	91,415	1,346	11,898	41,168	23,515	7,159	6,329
Number							
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less	10.4	9.2	8.0	9.9	11.0	15.9	9.6
7-8 weeks	35.2	30.4	27.4	33.5	39.5	44.9	34.3
9-12 weeks	44.8	47.1	50.7	46.6	42.6	34.3	41.2
13-15 weeks	4.8	7.4	7.2	5.1	3.4	2.3	5.6
16-20 weeks	3.8	4.4	5.3	3.8	2.6	1.8	7.9
21 weeks or more	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.4

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**Table 12. Number of induced terminations of pregnancy by educational attainment, race, and age of woman and percent distribution by race, age, and period of gestation, according to educational attainment of woman: 9-State area, 1979—Con.**

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation, <sup>1</sup> age, and race of woman	Total	Years of school completed					
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more	Not stated
<b>WHITE—Con.</b>							
25 years or more							
Total .....	61,124	1,977	5,447	24,676	11,575	11,930	5,519
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	17.3	14.9	13.5	17.0	17.1	20.7	15.8
7-8 weeks .....	41.4	36.2	35.7	40.3	42.9	46.1	40.1
9-12 weeks .....	35.3	42.1	41.8	36.4	35.2	29.1	35.2
13-15 weeks .....	3.2	3.5	4.8	3.4	2.7	2.1	4.2
16-20 weeks .....	2.3	2.7	3.6	2.2	1.7	1.5	3.7
21 weeks or more .....	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.9
Not stated							
Total .....	683	28	106	261	120	78	90
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	16.0	-	12.4	16.1	15.0	24.7	19.1
7-8 weeks .....	36.2	57.1	24.8	36.0	40.8	40.3	33.7
9-12 weeks .....	40.1	32.1	43.8	41.4	38.3	31.2	44.9
13-15 weeks .....	4.3	7.1	9.5	3.8	1.7	3.9	2.2
16-20 weeks .....	2.5	3.6	8.6	1.5	2.5	-	-
21 weeks or more .....	0.9	-	1.0	1.1	1.7	-	-
<b>BLACK</b>							
All ages							
Total .....	75,863	2,537	17,248	34,103	13,409	4,767	3,799
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	11.9	9.4	8.3	12.5	13.8	18.5	9.7
7-8 weeks .....	31.9	26.0	26.4	32.6	36.4	40.5	26.8
9-12 weeks .....	42.7	44.3	46.2	42.9	41.1	34.6	40.3
13-15 weeks .....	6.4	9.1	8.6	6.0	4.8	3.6	8.0
16-20 weeks .....	5.7	9.3	8.4	4.8	3.0	2.3	12.7
21 weeks or more .....	1.4	1.8	2.2	1.2	0.8	0.5	2.4
10-17 years							
Total .....	9,737	1,297	6,533	1,276	64	-	567
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	6.9	5.6	6.9	8.6	12.5	-	4.8
7-8 weeks .....	23.1	22.0	23.2	25.5	23.4	-	18.2
9-12 weeks .....	45.5	44.9	46.2	46.0	48.4	-	37.7
13-15 weeks .....	10.0	11.6	10.0	8.0	6.2	-	10.9
16-20 weeks .....	11.5	12.8	10.7	9.9	7.8	-	22.7
21 weeks or more .....	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.0	1.6	-	5.7

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Table 12. Number of induced terminations of pregnancy by educational attainment, race, and age of woman and percent distribution by race, age, and period of gestation, according to educational attainment of woman: 9-State area, 1979—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Period of gestation, <sup>1</sup> age, and race of woman	Total	Years of school completed					
		0-8 years	9-11 years	12 years	13-15 years	16 years or more	Not stated
BLACK—Con.							
18-24 years							
Total .....	35,963	414	6,593	17,654	8,031	1,654	1,617
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	10.1	8.2	7.5	10.1	11.5	15.6	8.7
7-8 weeks .....	30.0	25.8	26.2	29.4	34.4	37.9	23.3
9-12 weeks .....	45.4	47.6	47.1	46.1	44.3	37.5	42.9
13-15 weeks .....	7.1	9.7	9.0	7.1	5.5	5.4	8.4
16-20 weeks .....	6.0	8.0	8.0	5.8	3.5	2.9	14.4
21 weeks or more .....	1.4	0.7	2.1	1.4	0.8	0.7	2.4
25 years or more							
Total .....	29,857	814	4,063	15,031	5,273	3,098	1,578
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	15.7	15.7	11.9	15.6	17.2	20.0	12.5
7-8 weeks .....	36.9	32.7	31.9	36.8	39.8	41.8	33.4
9-12 weeks .....	38.7	41.9	44.5	38.9	36.2	33.2	38.5
13-15 weeks .....	4.5	5.0	5.7	4.6	3.9	2.6	6.8
16-20 weeks .....	3.4	4.2	5.3	3.2	2.2	2.0	7.5
21 weeks or more .....	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.3
Not stated							
Total .....	306	12	59	142	41	15	37
Percent distribution							
All periods of gestation.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6 weeks or less .....	14.1	*33.3	3.4	17.0	14.6	*26.7	8.1
7-8 weeks .....	34.8	*8.3	23.7	41.8	26.8	*53.3	35.1
9-12 weeks .....	40.7	*33.3	54.2	34.8	51.2	*13.3	43.2
13-15 weeks .....	3.6	-	6.8	3.5	-	*6.7	2.7
16-20 weeks .....	6.2	*25.0	8.5	2.8	7.3	-	10.8
21 weeks or more .....	0.7	-	3.4	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup>Period of gestation is a combination of calculated gestation from "date last normal menses began" and "physician's estimate of gestation."

<sup>2</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 9-State area comprised Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

Table 13. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by place of occurrence and place of residence: Each of 13 States and New York City, 1979

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Place of residence	Total	Place of occurrence														
		Colorado	Illinois	Kansas	Missouri	Montana	New York			Oregon	Rhode Island	South Carolina	Tennessee	Utah	Vermont	Virginia
							Total	Upstate	City							
All places of residence . . . . .	364,219	16,476	68,187	12,335	17,289	3,447	154,183	50,369	103,814	14,501	5,389	10,976	23,400	3,697	2,925	31,414
United States . . . . .	363,192	16,470	68,183	12,332	17,288	3,431	153,211	49,796	103,415	14,493	5,389	10,974	23,400	3,697	2,911	31,413
Alabama . . . . .	180	-	1	1	-	-	12	5	7	-	-	3	162	-	-	1
Alaska . . . . .	21	-	-	1	-	3	3	2	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona . . . . .	16	7	2	-	-	1	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas . . . . .	1,094	3	7	13	55	1	5	5	-	-	-	1	1,009	-	-	-
California . . . . .	152	10	12	-	2	2	28	5	23	76	2	2	3	4	2	9
Colorado . . . . .	15,208	15,183	8	1	-	1	5	3	2	1	-	-	2	5	1	1
Connecticut . . . . .	1,640	4	-	1	-	-	1,548	667	881	-	72	3	-	-	7	5
Delaware . . . . .	22	1	-	-	-	-	18	4	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
District of Columbia . . . . .	132	1	-	1	1	-	36	4	32	-	-	1	1	-	-	91
Florida . . . . .	151	2	9	1	4	2	94	51	43	-	1	8	10	-	1	19
Georgia . . . . .	402	1	2	-	-	-	34	28	6	-	1	80	276	-	-	8
Hawaii . . . . .	7	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Idaho . . . . .	205	11	55	-	-	34	-	-	-	78	-	1	-	26	-	-
Illinois . . . . .	67,355	17	65,232	79	1,725	1	283	43	240	1	-	3	10	-	-	4
Indiana . . . . .	1,396	2	1,299	2	12	-	69	32	37	-	-	1	8	-	-	3
Iowa . . . . .	273	7	217	24	10	-	15	4	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas . . . . .	7,861	80	2	7,295	479	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1
Kentucky . . . . .	1,139	-	55	1	17	-	54	32	22	-	-	5	991	-	-	16
Louisiana . . . . .	30	-	3	1	3	-	13	2	11	-	-	-	9	-	-	1
Maine . . . . .	48	-	-	-	-	-	43	15	28	-	1	-	-	1	1	2
Maryland . . . . .	392	2	3	-	-	-	137	18	119	-	-	3	-	-	-	247
Massachusetts . . . . .	882	4	2	-	-	1	228	81	147	-	632	2	-	-	7	6
Michigan . . . . .	102	1	41	-	-	1	51	11	40	-	1	-	5	-	-	2
Minnesota . . . . .	30	1	3	-	2	2	18	10	8	2	-	-	1	-	-	1
Mississippi . . . . .	1,603	3	1	-	2	-	9	5	4	-	-	1	1,585	-	-	2
Missouri . . . . .	20,864	15	934	4,753	14,931	-	60	4	56	-	-	-	171	-	-	-
Montana . . . . .	3,340	22	-	-	-	3,315	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Nebraska . . . . .	185	144	1	31	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Nevada . . . . .	18	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	9	-	1
New Hampshire . . . . .	56	-	-	-	-	-	19	12	7	-	2	-	-	-	34	1
New Jersey . . . . .	4,481	1	1	-	1	1	4,452	329	4,123	-	3	1	1	-	1	19
New Mexico . . . . .	144	140	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York . . . . .	144,244	9	10	-	1	1	143,591	47,060	96,531	2	5	7	2	1	588	27
Upstate New York . . . . .	50,973	4	7	-	1	1	50,357	45,793	4,564	1	3	1	1	-	586	11
New York City . . . . .	93,271	5	3	-	-	-	93,234	1,267	91,967	1	2	6	1	1	2	16
North Carolina . . . . .	1,382	1	3	-	1	-	43	21	22	-	-	196	56	-	1	1,081
North Dakota . . . . .	19	6	2	1	-	5	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio . . . . .	157	2	10	-	-	1	131	50	81	-	-	4	4	-	-	5
Oklahoma . . . . .	188	52	2	114	13	1	5	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Oregon . . . . .	13,889	2	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	13,876	-	1	2	1	-	2
Pennsylvania . . . . .	1,882	2	6	1	2	-	1,832	1,184	648	-	2	4	2	-	-	31
Rhode Island . . . . .	4,749	1	-	-	-	-	80	19	61	-	4,666	-	-	-	-	2
South Carolina . . . . .	10,666	-	-	-	-	-	21	17	4	-	1	10,630	8	-	-	6
South Dakota . . . . .	20	12	-	1	1	2	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Table 13. Number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy by place of occurrence and place of residence: Each of 13 States and New York City, 1979—Con.

[Data include only induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the reporting area]

Place of residence	Total	Place of occurrence														
		Colorado	Illinois	Kansas	Missouri	Montana	New York			Oregon	Rhode Island	South Carolina	Tennessee	Utah	Vermont	Virginia
							Total	Upstate	City							
Tennessee .....	18,815	1	3	2	3	-	25	16	9	-	-	6	18,752	1	-	22
Texas .....	159	80	11	5	9	1	33	10	23	-	-	2	9	-	-	9
Utah .....	3,579	82	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	3,493	-	-
Vermont .....	2,287	-	-	-	-	-	19	8	11	-	-	-	-	-	2,268	-
Virginia .....	29,767	3	3	1	4	-	85	20	65	-	-	4	303	1	-	29,363
Washington .....	448	2	1	1	-	4	4	2	2	435	-	1	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	472	-	1	-	-	-	40	5	35	-	-	1	13	-	-	417
Wisconsin .....	294	1	235	-	3	-	50	2	48	-	-	1	1	1	-	2
Wyoming .....	746	548	-	-	-	47	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	149	-	-
Nonresidents .....	1,027	6	4	3	1	16	972	573	399	8	-	2	-	-	14	1
Puerto Rico .....	45	-	3	-	-	-	40	1	39	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Virgin Islands .....	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Canada .....	828	-	-	1	-	14	793	557	236	7	-	-	-	-	13	-
Mexico .....	8	3	-	1	-	-	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Remainder of world .....	142	3	1	1	1	2	132	14	118	-	-	1	-	-	1	-



## Technical notes

### Nature and sources of data

Data in this report are based on information for 13 States in 1979 (Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia). Data for Nebraska are not shown because of the absence of data on race and other items. Data for Illinois are not included in the comparisons between 1978 and 1979 because the data by race are not comparable.

These areas provided data on magnetic tape for individual events coded from copies of the original reports of induced termination of pregnancy. The data were provided to the National Center for Health Statistics through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Two other sources currently publish information on induced abortions: the Centers for Disease Control, another component of the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a private organization.

### Item completeness

Item completeness, measured by the percent of records with codes other than "not stated," is shown in table I for the varying number of States included in the analysis of each item. States were excluded from analysis either if they did not collect information on the item or if reporting of an item was incomplete. Table I shows that resident status was 100 percent complete for both 1978 and 1979. Residence information, if unknown or incomplete, is allocated at the coding level according to the following rules: records with unknown residence are allocated to place of occurrence; records in which

only State of residence is reported with no city or county specified and in which the State named is different from the State of occurrence are allocated to the largest city of the State of residence.

### Classification of data

Procedures used for coding and classifying the items on the Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy are described in the NCHS *Vital Statistics Instruction Manual*, Part 10, "Classification and coding instructions for induced termination of pregnancy records, 1979."<sup>4</sup> Codes for geographic areas are described in "Vital records geographic classification, 1970 (revised 1975)," part 8 of the *Vital Statistics Instruction Manual*.<sup>5</sup> Additional information on classifying selected items can be found in the Technical Appendix of volume I of *Vital Statistics of the United States*.<sup>6</sup> Definitions of types of procedures used may be found in the publication *Legalized Abortion and the Public Health*.<sup>7</sup> Data on period of gestation are computed from information on "date of termination" and "date of last normal menses." If date last normal menses began is not stated or computed, gestation in weeks is not possible and "physician's estimate of gestation in weeks" is used.

### Ratios, percents, and medians

Measures of incidence in this report are based on ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy to live births. These ratios refer to the number of induced

NOTE: A list of references follows the text.

Table I. Percent completeness for items on reporting form and number of reporting States, 1978 and 1979

Item	1979		1978	
	Percent completeness	Number of reporting States	Percent completeness	Number of reporting States
Age of woman.....	99.1	13	98.0	8
Complications.....	95.5	13	---	---
Education.....	91.9	9	91.1	4
Marital status of woman.....	98.4	<sup>1</sup> 12	98.6	7
Period of gestation.....	99.7	13	99.6	8
Previous induced terminations.....	95.9	13	94.7	8
Previous live births.....	96.9	13	95.0	8
Race of woman.....	96.2	13	97.0	8
Resident status <sup>2</sup> .....	100.0	13	100.0	8
Type of procedure.....	98.9	13	97.7	8

<sup>1</sup>New York City also reported marital status.

<sup>2</sup>Resident status unknown was allocated at the coding level, see Technical notes.

Table II. Comparison of two types of ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy by race and age of woman: 13-State area, 1979

[Type I represents numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births occurring in the area among residents of the area; type II represents numbers of induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in the area among residents of the area per 1,000 live births and induced terminations occurring in the area among residents of the area]

Age of woman	All races <sup>1</sup>		White		Black	
	Type I	Type II	Type I	Type II	Type I	Type II
All ages .....	390.7	280.9	343.7	255.8	599.4	374.8
Under 14 years .....	1,890.8	654.1	2,199.6	687.5	1,734.3	634.3
14 years .....	1,257.1	556.9	1,530.6	604.8	1,075.1	518.1
15-19 years .....	726.1	420.7	809.3	447.3	559.7	358.9
15 years .....	963.4	490.7	1,225.4	550.6	707.0	414.2
16 years .....	838.4	456.0	1,028.1	506.9	575.8	365.4
17 years .....	732.5	422.8	851.1	459.8	514.5	339.7
18 years .....	792.5	442.1	898.2	473.2	564.8	360.9
19 years .....	599.2	374.7	623.6	384.1	538.2	349.9
20-24 years .....	410.1	290.8	363.6	266.6	600.3	375.1
25-29 years .....	246.7	197.9	194.5	162.8	567.0	361.8
30-34 years .....	261.6	207.3	209.0	172.9	594.2	372.7
35-39 years .....	455.1	312.8	382.8	276.8	804.7	445.9
40 years and over .....	882.0	468.6	806.4	446.4	1,169.8	539.1

<sup>1</sup>Includes races other than white and black.

NOTE: The 13-State area comprised Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia.

terminations and live births occurring in the reporting States to residents of the reporting States. In the computation of ratios, "not stated" cases have been distributed according to the known proportion for a particular characteristic. Ratios of induced terminations of pregnancy provide an approximate measure of the frequency of induced abortions to the frequency of pregnancies. Two forms of induced abortion ratios are shown in table II: Type I is the number of induced abortions per 1,000 live births and type II is the number of induced abortions per 1,000 live births and induced abortions. Induced abortion ratios in the text of this report are of type I. These ratios are larger than those of type II because the latter include a larger number of events in the denominator than the former. Both ratios have the same number of events—induced terminations—in the numerator of the ratio. For type I ratios age differentials are greater; that is, the range between the largest and the smallest ratios by age of woman is greater than for type II ratios. Induced abortion differentials by race are also more pronounced using type I than type II ratios.

In the computation of percent distributions and medians, "not stated" cases are excluded. Proportional allocation of "not stated" cases in computing these measures would yield exactly the same results. Medians were computed using single years of age and single weeks of gestation.

Percent change in abortion ratios is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\frac{R_1 - R_2}{R_2} \cdot 100$$

where  $R_1$  is the 1979 ratio and  $R_2$  is the 1978 ratio. The total percent change is a weighted average of the change for the groups of interest. While it is unusual, the total percent change can be greater than either of the percent changes in its component parts as seen in table D.

Data are shown with an asterisk (\*) when the base of the measure includes less than 20 events.

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**Symbols**

- - - Data not available
  - . . . Category not applicable
  - Quantity zero
  - 0.0 Quantity more than zero but less than 0.05
  - Z Quantity more than zero but less than 500 where numbers are rounded to thousands
  - \* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision
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