

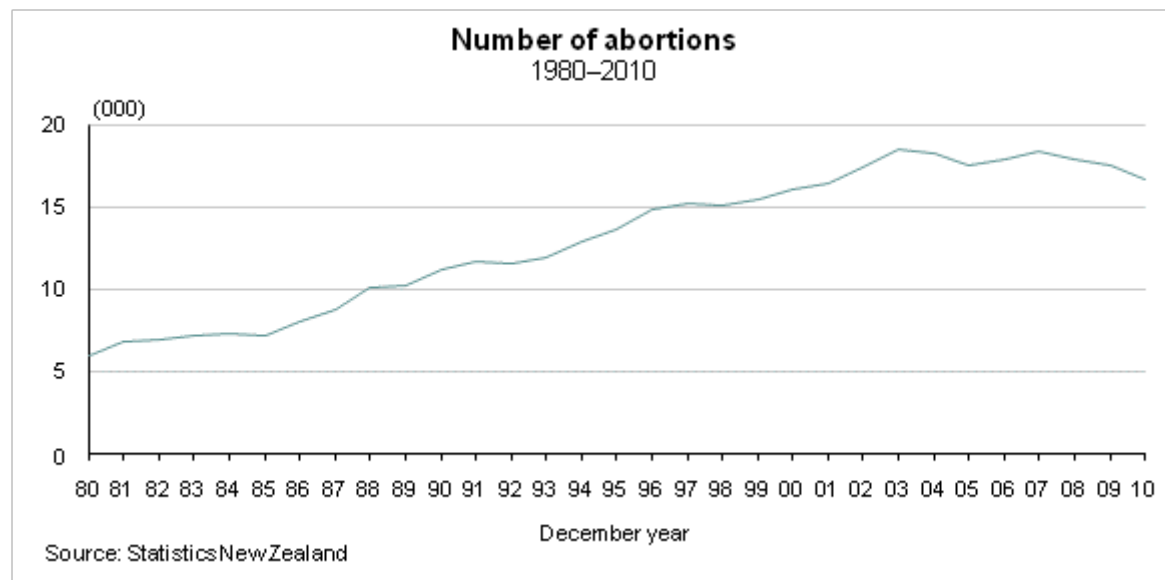
Abortion Statistics: Year ended December 2010

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Key facts

In the year ended December 2010:

- 16,630 abortions were performed in New Zealand, the lowest number since 2001 (16,410).
- The general abortion rate was 18.1 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years, down from 19.2 per 1,000 in 2009.
- Women aged 20–24 years had the highest abortion rate (33 abortions per 1,000 women aged 20–24 years).
- The median age of women having an abortion was 25 years.
- Most abortions (61 percent) were a woman's first abortion.
- 56 percent of abortions were performed before the 10th week.



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Delayed release of 2010 abortion statistics

The Christchurch earthquake on 22 February 2011 disrupted the processing of abortion statistics. Processing is usually undertaken in Statistics New Zealand's Christchurch office, which was damaged in the February earthquake.

The disruption delayed the release of the abortion statistics for the year ended December 2010 originally scheduled for 17 June 2011.

Induced abortions down in 2010

Number of abortions: A total of 16,630 abortions were performed in New Zealand in the year ended December 2010, down from 17,550 in 2009, and the lowest number since 2001 (16,410). The highest number of induced abortions recorded in New Zealand was 18,510 in 2003.

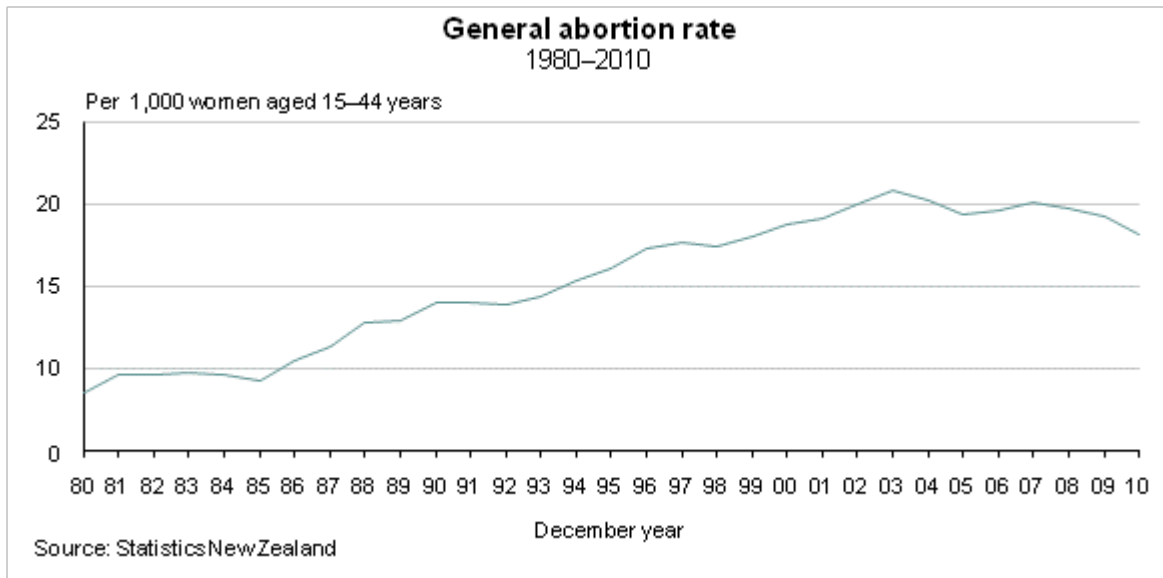
Previous abortions: In 2010, 10,220 abortions were the woman's first abortion, down from 11,100 in 2009. About 27 percent of women having an abortion in 2010 reported having had one previous abortion and 12 percent reported two or more.

Duration of pregnancy: A greater proportion of abortions are now performed earlier in the pregnancy. In 2010, 56 percent of abortions were performed in the ninth week of gestation or earlier, compared with 36 percent in 2006. In contrast, 39 percent of abortions were performed between the 10th and 13th week, compared with 59 percent in 2006.

Abortion rate drops in 2010

It is important to note that the legal environment and the provision of abortion services affect comparisons over time in abortion rates and in the number of abortions. For more information see the [Definitions](#) and [Data quality](#) sections.

Abortion rates: The general abortion rate (abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years) decreased from 19.2 per 1,000 in 2009 to 18.1 per 1,000 in 2010. This is the lowest rate since 1999 (18.0 per 1,000).

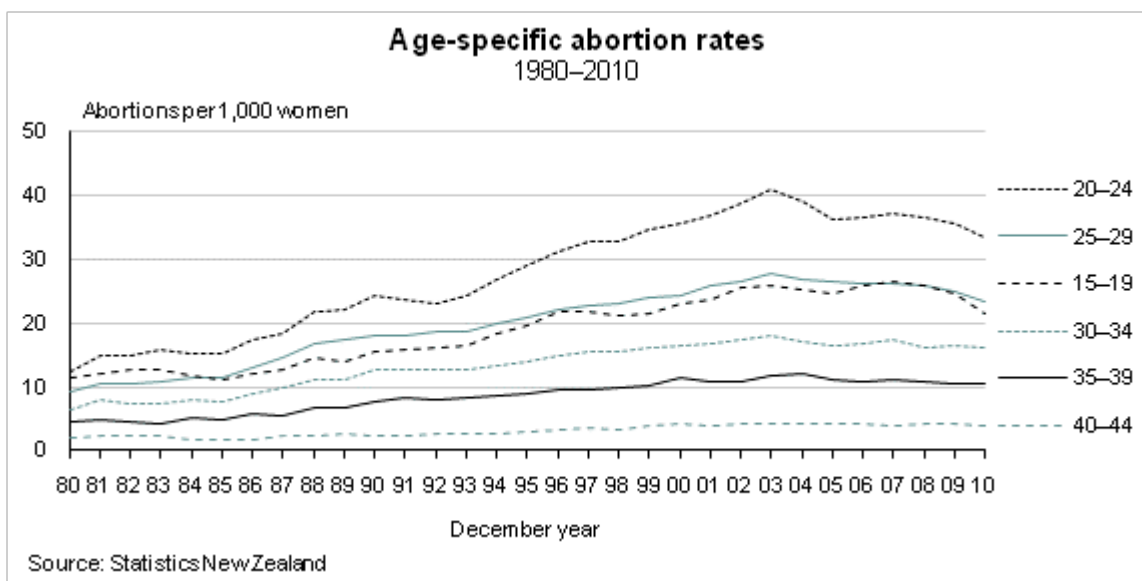


The total abortion rate measures the average number of abortions that 1,000 women would have during their life (based on current age-specific abortion rates). The total abortion rate for 2010 was 547 abortions per 1,000 women, 6 percent lower than the rate of 583 per 1,000 in 2009.

Abortion rates and age of woman: Women aged 20-24 years have more abortions than any other age group, accounting for approximately 3 out of 10 abortions in any year. Women in this age group also have the highest abortion rate (33 abortions per 1,000 women aged 20-24 years in 2010).

Age-specific abortion rates decreased for most age groups between 2009 and 2010. The 15-19 year age group had the biggest decrease, down 12 percent compared with 2009.

Lower abortion rates indicate that the decrease in the number of abortions was due to fewer women having abortions rather than to changes in the size or age structure of the population.



Proportion of known pregnancies ending in an abortion: In 2010, the abortion ratio was 205 abortions per 1,000 known pregnancies, down from 218 per 1,000 in 2009 and the lowest

recorded since 1996 (204 per 1,000). Known pregnancies include live births, stillbirths, and induced abortions combined.

International comparisons should be interpreted with care

Statistical coverage and laws relating to induced abortion affect international comparisons of abortion statistics. Induced abortions are not a notifiable procedure in many countries and statistics on abortion rates are not available for many countries. Consequently, differences between abortion rates for New Zealand and other countries should be interpreted with care.

International data for 2010 is not available for many countries, so comparisons are made using 2009 data unless otherwise stated. In 2009, the general abortion rate (number of abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years) for New Zealand was 19.2 per 1,000.

The following countries had lower rates:

- Germany (7.2)
- the Netherlands (8.8)
- Finland (10.6)
- Scotland (12.6)
- Denmark (15.3)
- Norway (16.4)
- England and Wales (17.0)
- France (17.2).

In Australia (19.3 in 2004), and the United States (19.6 in 2008) the abortion rate was similar to New Zealand, while Sweden (20.8) had a higher rate.

For more detailed data see the Excel tables in the 'Downloads' box.

Definitions

About Abortion statistics

Abortion is defined as foetal loss excluding stillbirths. Induced abortions are those initiated voluntarily with the intention of terminating a pregnancy. All other abortions are called spontaneous abortions, even if an external cause is involved, such as injury or high fever.

All abortion statistics and derived abortion rates included in this release are based on legally induced abortions registered in New Zealand. In New Zealand the grounds on which an abortion is permitted are described in the [Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977](#) and in section 187A of the [Crimes Act 1961](#). In any year, 98–99 percent of all abortions are performed because of serious danger to the mental health of the woman. No information is available on spontaneous or illegal abortions.

Statistics New Zealand produces and disseminates induced abortion statistics on behalf of the Abortion Supervisory Committee.

More definitions

Duration of pregnancy: refers to the Xth week not complete weeks. For example, 7 weeks and 5 days is recorded as 8 weeks.

Estimated de facto population: is an estimate of all people present in a given area at a given date. The estimated de facto population of New Zealand includes all people present in New Zealand. Visitors from overseas are included, but New Zealand residents who are temporarily overseas are excluded.

Estimated resident population: is an estimate of all people who usually live in a given area at a given date. The estimated resident population of New Zealand includes all residents present in New Zealand. Visitors from overseas are excluded and New Zealand residents who are temporarily overseas are included.

Live births: are live births registered in New Zealand by date of registration.

Median age: means half are younger and half are older than this age.

Stillbirth: from 1 September 1995, is a child born dead that either weighs 400g or more at birth or is born after the 20th week of gestation. Before 1 September 1995, a stillbirth is defined as a child born dead after 28 weeks of gestation.

For more definitions, see [Glossary of Common Terms](#).

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Data source

Abortion information is obtained from the Abortion Supervisory Committee. For every abortion carried out as approved under the [Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977](#), a 'Notification of Abortion' form (ASC Form No. 4) must be filled in by the licensed abortion institution. This is then sent to the Abortion Supervisory Committee. Statistics New Zealand produces and disseminates induced abortion statistics on behalf of the committee.

Ethnicity

Women having an abortion can state more than one ethnicity on the abortion notification form. For this reason, the number of abortions by ethnicity sum to more than the total number of abortions. In abortion statistics, almost all women in the 'other' ethnic group identify with the New Zealander ethnic group.

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Abortion figures contained in the tables attached to this release are unrounded. All other figures are rounded. Derived figures (for example, abortion rates and ratios) are calculated using unrounded data.

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Tables

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Table 1

Induced abortions, rates, and ratios
1980–2010

December year	Induced abortions ⁽¹⁾	Crude abortion rate ⁽²⁾	General abortion rate ⁽³⁾	Abortion ratio ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
Series ref: ABNA	S30AGEZD	S10CD	S15GD	S25AGEZD
1980	5,945	1.9	8.5	105
1981	6,759	2.1	9.6	117
1982	6,903	2.2	9.6	121
1983	7,198	2.2	9.7	124
1984	7,275	2.2	9.6	123
1985	7,130	2.2	9.3	120
1986	8,079	2.5	10.5	132
1987	8,789	2.7	11.3	137
1988	10,044	3.0	12.8	148
1989	10,200	3.1	12.9	149
1990	11,173	3.3	14.0	156
1991	11,613	3.3	14.0	162
1992	11,595	3.3	13.9	163
1993	11,893	3.3	14.3	168
1994	12,835	3.5	15.3	182
1995	13,652	3.7	16.1	191
1996	14,805	4.0	17.3	204
1997	15,208	4.0	17.6	208
1998	15,029	3.9	17.4	207
1999	15,501	4.0	18.0	213
2000	16,103	4.2	18.7	220
2001	16,410	4.2	19.1	226
2002	17,380	4.4	19.9	242
2003	18,511	4.6	20.8	247
2004	18,211	4.5	20.2	237
2005	17,531	4.2	19.3	232
2006	17,934	4.3	19.6	231
2007	18,382	4.3	20.1	222
2008	17,940	4.2	19.7	217
2009	17,550	4.1	19.2	218
2010	16,630	3.8	18.1	205

1. Induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

2. Per 1,000 mean estimated population.

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

4. Per 1,000 live births, stillbirths, and abortions.

5. The abortion ratio for 1998 is based on the total number of birth notifications received by the Department of Internal Affairs. The abortion ratio for all other years is based on the number of births registered.

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

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 2

Induced abortions by previous abortions⁽¹⁾
1991–2010

December year	Previous abortions						Total abortions
	None		One		Two or more		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Series ref: ABNA	S5000D		S5001D		S50G2D		S50ZZD
1991	8,913	76.8	2,163	18.6	537	4.6	11,613
1992	8,716	75.2	2,249	19.4	630	5.4	11,595
1993	8,813	74.1	2,340	19.7	740	6.2	11,893
1994	9,400	73.2	2,613	20.4	822	6.4	12,835
1995	9,806	71.8	2,892	21.2	954	7.0	13,652
1996	10,576	71.4	3,162	21.4	1,067	7.2	14,805
1997	10,667	70.1	3,356	22.1	1,185	7.8	15,208
1998	10,302	68.5	3,504	23.3	1,223	8.1	15,029
1999	10,442	67.4	3,710	23.9	1,349	8.7	15,501
2000	10,710	66.5	3,851	23.9	1,542	9.6	16,103
2001	10,830	66.0	3,961	24.1	1,619	9.9	16,410
2002	11,458	65.9	4,164	24.0	1,758	10.1	17,380
2003	12,169	65.7	4,473	24.2	1,869	10.1	18,511
2004	11,696	64.2	4,490	24.7	2,025	11.1	18,211
2005	11,210	63.9	4,345	24.8	1,976	11.3	17,531
2006	11,548	64.4	4,360	24.3	2,026	11.3	17,934
2007	11,884	64.7	4,380	23.8	2,118	11.5	18,382
2008	11,312	63.1	4,469	24.9	2,159	12.0	17,940
2009	11,104	63.3	4,423	25.2	2,023	11.5	17,550
2010	10,223	61.5	4,427	26.6	1,980	11.9	16,630

1. Induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 3

Induced abortions by age of woman⁽¹⁾

1991–2010

December year	Age group (years)								
	11–14	15–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+	All ages
Series ref: ABNA	S30GRPAD	S30GRPBD	S30GRPC	S30GRPDD	S30GRPED	S30GRPFD	S30GRPGD	S30GRUZD	S30AGEZD
Number									
1991	43	2,283	3,450	2,592	1,845	1,085	300	15	11,613
1992	42	2,232	3,398	2,661	1,869	1,063	308	22	11,595
1993	52	2,250	3,575	2,608	1,920	1,142	322	24	11,893
1994	43	2,457	3,900	2,787	2,056	1,214	350	28	12,835
1995	42	2,594	4,164	2,985	2,158	1,282	390	37	13,652
1996	60	2,909	4,397	3,239	2,315	1,419	430	36	14,805
1997	56	2,906	4,484	3,378	2,369	1,502	492	21	15,208
1998	65	2,832	4,355	3,381	2,368	1,559	444	25	15,029
1999	56	2,846	4,477	3,447	2,435	1,642	560	38	15,501
2000	74	3,107	4,548	3,399	2,496	1,823	613	43	16,103
2001	66	3,240	4,728	3,450	2,555	1,730	593	48	16,410
2002	78	3,602	5,124	3,450	2,676	1,715	686	49	17,380
2003	89	3,757	5,670	3,619	2,800	1,846	692	38	18,511
2004	85	3,758	5,528	3,501	2,644	1,916	721	58	18,211
2005	92	3,718	5,203	3,491	2,520	1,773	687	47	17,531
2006	105	3,978	5,314	3,530	2,497	1,777	691	42	17,934
2007	104	4,173	5,445	3,574	2,547	1,814	667	58	18,382
2008	83	4,097	5,396	3,591	2,290	1,754	675	54	17,940
2009	79	3,873	5,332	3,539	2,311	1,692	674	50	17,550
2010	84	3,389	5,150	3,411	2,242	1,649	655	50	16,630
Percent									
1991	0.4	19.7	29.7	22.3	15.9	9.3	2.6	0.1	100.0
1992	0.4	19.2	29.3	22.9	16.1	9.2	2.7	0.2	100.0
1993	0.4	18.9	30.1	21.9	16.1	9.6	2.7	0.2	100.0
1994	0.3	19.1	30.4	21.7	16.0	9.5	2.7	0.2	100.0
1995	0.3	19.0	30.5	21.9	15.8	9.4	2.9	0.3	100.0
1996	0.4	19.6	29.7	21.9	15.6	9.6	2.9	0.2	100.0
1997	0.4	19.1	29.5	22.2	15.6	9.9	3.2	0.1	100.0
1998	0.4	18.8	29.0	22.5	15.8	10.4	3.0	0.2	100.0
1999	0.4	18.4	28.9	22.2	15.7	10.6	3.6	0.2	100.0
2000	0.5	19.3	28.2	21.1	15.5	11.3	3.8	0.3	100.0
2001	0.4	19.7	28.8	21.0	15.6	10.5	3.6	0.3	100.0
2002	0.4	20.7	29.5	19.9	15.4	9.9	3.9	0.3	100.0
2003	0.5	20.3	30.6	19.6	15.1	10.0	3.7	0.2	100.0
2004	0.5	20.6	30.4	19.2	14.5	10.5	4.0	0.3	100.0
2005	0.5	21.2	29.7	19.9	14.4	10.1	3.9	0.3	100.0
2006	0.6	22.2	29.6	19.7	13.9	9.9	3.9	0.2	100.0
2007	0.6	22.7	29.6	19.4	13.9	9.9	3.6	0.3	100.0
2008	0.5	22.8	30.1	20.0	12.8	9.8	3.8	0.3	100.0
2009	0.5	22.1	30.4	20.2	13.2	9.6	3.8	0.3	100.0
2010	0.5	20.4	31.0	20.5	13.5	9.9	3.9	0.3	100.0

1. Induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Note: Percentages may not sum to stated totals due to rounding.**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 4

Abortion rates by age of woman⁽¹⁾

1991–2010

December year	Age group (years)									Total abortion rate ⁽³⁾	Median age (years) ⁽⁴⁾
	11–14	15–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40–44	45+ ⁽²⁾			
Series ref: ABNA	S20GRPAD	S20GRPBD	S20GRPCD	S20GRPDD	S20GRPED	S20GRPFD	S20GRPGD	S20GRU2D	S20ABRTD	S30XMEDD	
1991	0.4	15.9	23.8	17.9	12.8	8.4	2.4	0.2	406.7	25.1	
1992	0.4	16.0	23.2	18.7	12.6	8.0	2.5	0.2	406.5	25.2	
1993	0.5	16.6	24.3	18.5	12.7	8.4	2.6	0.2	417.4	25.1	
1994	0.4	18.5	26.7	19.8	13.4	8.7	2.8	0.2	450.7	25.0	
1995	0.4	19.7	28.9	20.9	14.0	8.9	3.0	0.3	479.2	25.0	
1996	0.6	22.0	31.3	22.2	15.0	9.4	3.2	0.3	519.3	25.0	
1997	0.5	21.9	32.8	22.9	15.4	9.7	3.6	0.2	534.2	25.2	
1998	0.6	21.3	32.8	23.1	15.5	9.8	3.1	0.2	531.6	25.3	
1999	0.5	21.4	34.6	24.1	16.0	10.2	3.9	0.3	554.2	25.5	
2000	0.7	23.1	35.7	24.5	16.4	11.4	4.1	0.3	580.4	25.4	
2001	0.6	23.8	36.9	25.9	16.8	10.9	3.9	0.4	594.9	25.2	
2002	0.6	25.6	38.8	26.4	17.4	10.8	4.4	0.4	621.3	24.9	
2003	0.7	25.9	41.1	27.9	18.0	11.6	4.3	0.3	648.2	24.7	
2004	0.7	25.4	39.1	26.8	17.0	12.0	4.3	0.4	628.7	24.7	
2005	0.7	24.6	36.2	26.5	16.4	11.0	4.1	0.3	600.8	24.7	
2006	0.9	25.8	36.5	26.4	16.7	10.9	4.1	0.3	608.2	24.5	
2007	0.9	26.6	37.2	26.2	17.5	11.0	4.0	0.4	619.0	24.5	
2008	0.7	26.0	36.7	25.8	16.2	10.7	4.1	0.3	601.2	24.3	
2009	0.7	24.5	35.6	24.9	16.5	10.5	4.2	0.3	583.3	24.4	
2010	0.7	21.6	33.4	23.4	16.0	10.4	4.0	0.3	547.3	24.6	

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

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

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

4. Half of those women having an abortion are younger and half are older than this age.

Note: Abortion rates refer to induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 5

Induced abortions by previous live births⁽¹⁾
1991–2010

December year	Previous live births						Total abortions
	None		One		Two or more		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Series ref: ABNA	S5500D		S5501D		S55G2D		S55ZZD
1991	5,810	50.0	2,091	18.0	3,712	32.0	11,613
1992	5,616	48.4	2,152	18.6	3,827	33.0	11,595
1993	5,733	48.2	2,162	18.2	3,998	33.6	11,893
1994	6,186	48.2	2,312	18.0	4,337	33.8	12,835
1995	6,507	47.7	2,555	18.7	4,590	33.6	13,652
1996	7,130	48.2	2,777	18.8	4,898	33.1	14,805
1997	7,189	47.3	2,948	19.4	5,071	33.3	15,208
1998	6,977	46.4	3,082	20.5	4,970	33.1	15,029
1999	7,141	46.1	3,090	19.9	5,270	34.0	15,501
2000	7,547	46.9	3,133	19.5	5,423	33.7	16,103
2001	7,682	46.8	3,148	19.2	5,580	34.0	16,410
2002	8,547	49.2	3,223	18.5	5,610	32.3	17,380
2003	9,451	51.1	3,312	17.9	5,748	31.1	18,511
2004	9,216	50.6	3,366	18.5	5,629	30.9	18,211
2005	8,894	50.7	3,245	18.5	5,392	30.8	17,531
2006	9,078	50.6	3,401	19.0	5,455	30.4	17,934
2007	9,197	50.0	3,582	19.5	5,603	30.5	18,382
2008	8,721	48.6	3,596	20.0	5,623	31.3	17,940
2009	8,370	47.7	3,580	20.4	5,600	31.9	17,550
2010	7,785	46.8	3,419	20.6	5,426	32.6	16,630

1. Induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 6

Induced abortions by duration of pregnancy⁽¹⁾
1991–2010

December year	Duration of pregnancy (weeks)								Total abortions
	Under 8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14+	
Series ref: ABNA	S35L07D	S35P08D	S35P09D	S35P10D	S35P11D	S35P12D	S35P13D	S35&&&D	S35ZZZD
Number									
1991	826	2,662	2,592	2,757	1,113	976	272	415	11,613
1992	715	2,305	2,733	2,868	1,202	935	296	541	11,595
1993	418	2,121	2,704	3,246	1,373	1,155	311	565	11,893
1994	350	1,969	2,741	3,527	1,792	1,420	442	594	12,835
1995	351	1,633	2,354	2,919	2,436	2,322	912	725	13,652
1996	351	1,613	2,559	3,560	2,898	2,316	754	754	14,805
1997	449	1,757	2,747	3,799	2,987	2,064	715	690	15,208
1998	574	1,923	3,189	3,436	2,323	1,913	957	714	15,029
1999	775	1,948	3,047	3,502	2,496	1,935	1,030	768	15,501
2000	854	2,047	3,135	3,564	2,627	2,062	985	829	16,103
2001	925	1,790	2,969	3,622	2,721	2,270	1,227	886	16,410
2002	1,129	1,751	2,773	3,820	3,019	2,633	1,300	955	17,380
2003	1,281	1,824	2,710	3,882	3,456	2,903	1,494	961	18,511
2004	1,263	1,835	3,505	3,933	3,007	2,613	1,164	891	18,211
2005	1,271	1,782	2,928	3,620	3,011	2,640	1,350	929	17,531
2006	1,526	1,843	3,012	3,729	2,990	2,634	1,259	941	17,934
2007	1,478	2,413	3,558	3,671	3,131	2,631	478	1,022	18,382
2008	1,687	2,875	3,743	3,535	2,655	2,026	438	981	17,940
2009	1,941	3,294	3,580	3,149	2,412	1,768	408	998	17,550
2010	2,168	3,836	3,316	2,601	1,993	1,364	470	882	16,630
Percent									
1991	7.1	22.9	22.3	23.7	9.6	8.4	2.3	3.6	100.0
1992	6.2	19.9	23.6	24.7	10.4	8.1	2.6	4.7	100.0
1993	3.5	17.8	22.7	27.3	11.5	9.7	2.6	4.8	100.0
1994	2.7	15.3	21.4	27.5	14.0	11.1	3.4	4.6	100.0
1995	2.6	12.0	17.2	21.4	17.8	17.0	6.7	5.3	100.0
1996	2.4	10.9	17.3	24.0	19.6	15.6	5.1	5.1	100.0
1997	3.0	11.6	18.1	25.0	19.6	13.6	4.7	4.5	100.0
1998	3.8	12.8	21.2	22.9	15.5	12.7	6.4	4.8	100.0
1999	5.0	12.6	19.7	22.6	16.1	12.5	6.6	5.0	100.0
2000	5.3	12.7	19.5	22.1	16.3	12.8	6.1	5.1	100.0
2001	5.6	10.9	18.1	22.1	16.6	13.8	7.5	5.4	100.0
2002	6.5	10.1	16.0	22.0	17.4	15.1	7.5	5.5	100.0
2003	6.9	9.9	14.6	21.0	18.7	15.7	8.1	5.2	100.0
2004	6.9	10.1	19.2	21.6	16.5	14.3	6.4	4.9	100.0
2005	7.3	10.2	16.7	20.6	17.2	15.1	7.7	5.3	100.0
2006	8.5	10.3	16.8	20.8	16.7	14.7	7.0	5.2	100.0
2007	8.0	13.1	19.4	20.0	17.0	14.3	2.6	5.6	100.0
2008	9.4	16.0	20.9	19.7	14.8	11.3	2.4	5.5	100.0
2009	11.1	18.8	20.4	17.9	13.7	10.1	2.3	5.7	100.0
2010	13.0	23.1	19.9	15.6	12.0	8.2	2.8	5.3	100.0

1. Induced abortions registered in New Zealand.

Note: Percentages may not sum to stated totals due to rounding.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 7

Induced abortions by ethnicity of woman⁽¹⁾
2002–10

Ethnic group ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	December year								
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
European ⁽⁴⁾	9,763	10,271	10,358	9,732	9,859	10,546	10,499	10,113	9,378
Māori	3,899	4,053	3,906	3,882	4,097	4,304	4,250	4,131	4,056
Pacific	2,009	2,161	2,060	2,050	2,134	2,289	2,230	2,360	2,228
Asian	2,860	3,502	3,175	2,957	2,935	2,947	2,875	2,892	2,778
MELAA ⁽⁵⁾	152	193	214	220	213	203	206	216	207
Other ⁽⁶⁾	51	48	25	23	17
Not stated	0	3	7	149	211	246	64	57	126
Induced abortions	17,380	18,511	18,211	17,531	17,934	18,382	17,940	17,550	16,630

1. Induced abortions registered in New Zealand.
2. People can belong to more than one ethnic group. For this reason, the number of abortions by ethnicity sum to more than the total number of abortions. Ethnicity from 2006 is based on the New Zealand standard classification 2005. For 2002–05, ethnicity is based on the New Zealand standard classification 1996.
3. The series references are ABNA.S45&D
4. Before 2006, New Zealanders were included in the European ethnic group.
5. Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African. MELAA is comparable with 'other' under the 1996 ethnicity classification.
6. Includes New Zealanders and other ethnicities not elsewhere included.

Symbol:

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Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 8

General abortion rate⁽¹⁾**New Zealand and selected low-fertility countries**

2000–09

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Australia	20.6	20.8	20.3	19.7	19.3
Denmark	14.6	14.3	14.1	14.7	14.4	14.5 R	14.5 R	14.9	15.5	15.3
England and Wales ⁽²⁾	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.6	16.9	17.0	17.5	17.9	17.6	17.0
Finland	10.7	10.6	10.9	10.8	11.2	11.1	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.6
France	15.6	16.4	16.8	16.5	17.1	16.7	17.5	17.4	17.1	17.2
Germany	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.7 R	7.8	7.5	7.4 R	7.3	7.3 R	7.2
Netherlands ⁽²⁾	8.0	8.4	8.7	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8
NEW ZEALAND	18.7	19.1	19.9	20.8	20.2	19.3	19.6	20.1	19.7	19.2
Norway	16.0	15.2	14.8	15.1	15.3	15.1	15.5	16.1	16.9	16.4
Scotland	11.1	11.3	11.1	11.6	11.8	12.0	12.5	13.1 R	13.3 R	12.6
Sweden	18.3	18.7	19.6	20.2	20.0	20.2	20.6	21.0	21.3	20.8
United States	21.3	20.9	20.5	20.2	19.7	19.4	19.9	19.5	19.6	..

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

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