

Abortion statistics and other data--Johnston's Archive

Historical abortion statistics, United States

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Definition of table data (see notes after table for additional information):

- *Live births.*
- *Abortions, reported* includes legal reported induced abortions.
- *Abortions, residents, in country only* includes reported abortions obtained within the country by residents only.
- *Abortions, residents, obtained abroad* includes reported abortions by country residents obtained in other countries.
- *Abortions, residents, total* includes reported abortions by residents, obtained both within the country and abroad.
- *Fetal deaths* generally includes fetal deaths or stillbirths of at least 20 weeks' gestation.
- *Miscarriages* generally includes spontaneous fetal losses/ abortions, fetal deaths, or stillbirths, regardless of gestation period.
- *Abortion ratio* is abortions per 1000 live births.
- *Abortion %* is abortions as percentage of pregnancies (excluding fetal deaths/miscarriages).
- *Abortion rate* is abortions per 1000 women ages 15-44.

United States regional level data also available [here](#).

year	live births	live births, estimated	abortions, reported	abortions, estimated	abortions, residents, in country only	abortions, residents, obtained abroad	abortions, residents, total	abortions, occurrences by non-residents	miscarriages	fetal deaths	abortion ratio		abortion %		abortion rate, residents	
											residents, in/out of country	all in country	residents, in/out of country	all in country		
1909		(2718000)														
1910		(2777000)														
1911		(2809000)														
1912		(2840000)														
1913		(2869000)														
1914		(2966000)														
1915		(2965000)														
1916		(2964000)														
1917		(2944000)														
1918		(2948000)														
1919		(2740000)														
1920		(2950000)														

1921																						
1922		(3055000)													113600							
1923		(2882000)													113200							
1924		(2910000)													117100							
1925		(2979000)													110800							
1925		(2909000)																				
1926		(2839000)	(2)												108200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1927		(2802000)	(2)												108700	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1928		(2674000)	(2)												107500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1929		(2582000)	(2)												102000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1930		(2618000)	(2)												102600	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1931		(2506000)	(48)												95700	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1932		(2440000)	(71)												92200	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1933	2081232	(2307000)	(71)												85400	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1934	2167636	(2396000)	(71)												86700	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1935	2155105	(2377000)	89												85100	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1936	2144790	(2355000)	86												81000	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1937	2203337	(2413000)	86												80600	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1938	2286962	(2496000)	86												80100	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1939	2265588	(2466000)	86												78900	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1940	2360399	(2559000)	71												80100	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1941	2513427	(2703000)	49												80800	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1942	2808996	(2989000)	58												84300	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1943	2934860	(3104000)	697												82900	0.22	0.22	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
1944	2794800	(2939000)	706												79400	0.24	0.24	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
1945	2735456	(2858000)	704												76000	0.25	0.25	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
1946	3288672	(3411000)	819												87300	0.24	0.24	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
1947	3699940	(3817000)	749												90500	0.20	0.20	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
1948	3535068	(3637000)	16												85500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1948																						

	3326632	1316700	1316700	1010924	58	1010982		687000		303.9	395.8	23.3	28.4	26.4
1978	3333279	1409600	1409600	1409600	70	1409670		690000		422.9	422.9	29.7	29.7	27.7
1979	3494398	1497670	1497700	1489460	64	1489524	8210	722000		426.3	428.6	29.9	30.0	28.8
1980	3612258	1553890	1553900	1545170	69	1545239	8720	746000	78879	427.8	430.2	30.0	30.1	29.3
1981	3629238	1577340	1577300	1566230	91	1566321	11110	751000	75901	431.6	434.6	30.1	30.3	29.3
1982	3680537	1573920	1573920	1565030	103	1565133	8890	769000	75095	425.2	427.6	29.8	30.0	28.8
1983	3638933	1575000	1575000	1064352	101	1064453		763000	71379	292.5	432.8	22.6	30.2	28.5
1984	3669141	1577180	1577200	1566620	118	1566738	10560	773000	69679	427.0	429.9	29.9	30.1	28.1
1985	3760561	1588550	1588600	1578800	112	1578912	9750	795000	69691	419.9	422.4	29.6	29.7	28.0
1986	3756547	1574000	1574000	944947	87	945034		798000	67863	251.6	419.0	20.1	29.5	27.4
1987	3809394	1559110	1559100	1549310	100	1549410	9800	815000	67757	406.7	409.3	28.9	29.0	26.9
1988	3909510	1590750	1590800	1580710	100	1580810	10040	893000	68352	404.3	406.9	28.8	28.9	27.4
1989	4040958	1566870	(1566900)	712261	69	712330		919000	70124	176.3	387.8	15.0	27.9	26.9
1990	4158212	1608620	(1608600)	896660	68	896728		1011000	67696	215.7	386.9	17.7	27.9	27.4
1991	4110907	1556510	1556510	1549180	49	1549229	7330	1007000	65000	376.9	378.6	27.4	27.5	26.3
1992	4065014	1528930	1528930	1520810	36	1520846	2028	1002000	63153	374.1	376.1	27.2	27.3	25.9
1993	4000240	1495000	(1495000)	750074	42	750116	2283	993000	55387	187.5	373.7	15.8	27.2	25.2
1994	3952767	1423000	(1423000)	720524	52	720576	2401	989000		182.3	360.0	15.4	26.5	24.0
1995	3899589	1359440	1359400	729749	29	729778	1860	982000		187.1	348.6	15.8	25.8	22.8
1996	3891494	1365700	1360160	1351470	22	1351492	1239	983000		347.3	350.9	25.8	26.0	22.8
1997	3880894	1335000	(1335000)	905607	19	905626	1336	982000		233.4	344.0	18.9	25.6	22.3
1998	3941553	1319000	(1319000)	890668	17	890685	1397	999000		226.0	334.6	18.4	25.1	22.0
1999	3959417	1315000	1314800	1308950	19	1308969	1496	1003000		330.6	332.1	24.8	24.9	21.9
2000	4058814	1313000	1312990	1306680	29	1306709	1278	1029000	13948	321.9	323.5	24.4	24.4	21.3
2001	4025933	1291000	(1291000)	1216050	35	1216085	1637		13704	302.1	320.7	23.2	24.3	20.9
2002	4021726	1269000	(1269000)	840068*	21	840089*	1525		13285	208.9*	315.5	17.3*	24.0	20.5
2003	4089950	1250000	(1250000)	933163*	20	933183*	1341			228.2*	305.6	18.6*	23.4	21.0
2004	4112052	1222100	1222100	818942*	18	818960*	1210			199.0*	296.9	16.6*	22.9	19.7
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year	live births	live births, estimated	abortion, reported	abortion, estimated	abortion, residents, in country only	abortion, residents, obtained abroad	abortion, residents, total	abortion, occurrences by non-residents	miscarriages	fetal deaths	abortion ratio, residents, in/out of country	abortion ratio, all in country	abortion %, residents, in/out of country	abortion %, all in country	abortion rate, residents
	4138349		1206200	1206200	810168*	26	810194*	1096			195.8*	291.5	16.4*	22.6	19.4
2006	4265555		1242200	(1242200)	813825*	20	813845*	2739			190.8*	291.2	16.0*	22.6	19.9
2007	4317119		1209640	1209640	676808*	15	676823*				156.8*	280.3	13.6*	21.9	19.5
2008	4247694		1212350	1212350	544378*	13	544391*					285.4		22.2	19.6
2009	4136000		319807*		248922*	10	248932*								
2010			10113*		10113*		9147*								

Notes:

- Some figures for 2002-2010 (indicated by *) are incomplete.
- Figures or abortions by residents are based on data from different sources and are not a consistent time series.
- Parenthetical figures are estimates, some of which are derived from reported data.
- Abortion ratios, percentages, and rates may be based on a mix of data from different sources and thus may not represent a consistent time series.

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