

### India: Reported abortions, 1974-2014

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**Abstract:** This document summarizes adopted figures for reported abortions in India for 1974-2014.

The Indian Family Planning agency reports abortion figures for the nation and for individual states by fiscal year (which runs April to the following March). In addition, many individual states report respective figures. Differences between the various sources are common. Given the likelihood of underreporting, the approach here is to adopt the highest authoritative figures for each region and reporting year, including Indian-wide totals derived from combining individual state figures. For totals derived from state-by-state highest reported figures, the individual state reported figures and corresponding national totals are from Johnston (2014). Table 1 summarizes results from various sources and indicates the final adopted figure for each year and the corresponding source of each figure.

**Table 1. Abortions in India by fiscal year, various reports.**

Fiscal year	Abortions, final	Source	Abortions, UN figures	Source	Abortions, India figures (INDI11a)	Abortions, India figures (INDI16*a)	Abortions, India figures (other)	Source
1972-73	24,300	T81a						
1973-74	44,800	T81a						
1974-75	97,756	UN83a	97,756	UN83a				
1975-76	214,332	J14*a	214,197	UN83a				
1976-77	278,870	UN83a	278,870	UN83a				
1977-78	247,049	UN83a	247,049	UN83a				
1978-79	313,028	J14*a	312,754	UN83a				
1979-80	358,002	J14*a	346,327	UN91a				
1980-81	388,405	INDI11a	388,405	UN91a	388,405	388,405	388,405	INDI03a
1981-82	500,624	UN91a	500,624	UN91a	433,527	433,527	433,527	INDI14*a

1982-83	516,142	INDI11a	492,696	UN91a	516,142	516,142	516,142	INDI14*a
1983-84	548,239	J14*a			547,323	547,323	647,323	INDI14*a
1984-85	577,931	INDI11a			577,931	577,931	577,931	INDI14*a
1985-86	583,704	INDI11a			583,704	583,704	583,704	INDI03a
1986-87	588,406	INDI11a	588,406	UN93a	588,406	588,406	588,406	INDI14*a
1987-88	584,870	INDI11a	534,870	UN91a	584,870	584,870	584,870	INDI14*a
1988-89	582,161	INDI11a	582,161	UN92a	582,161	582,161	582,161	INDI14*a
1989-90	596,357	INDI11a	596,345	UN93a	596,357	596,357	596,357	INDI14*a
1990-91	581,215	INDI11a			581,215	581,215	581,215	INDI03a
1991-92	636,456	INDI11a			636,456	636,456	636,456	INDI03a
1992-93	606,015	INDI11a			606,015	606,015	606,015	INDI03a
1993-94	612,291	INDI11a			612,291	612,291	612,291	INDI03a
1994-95	627,748	INDI11a			627,748	627,748	627,748	INDI03a
1995-96	618,373	J14*a			570,914	570,914	570,914	INDI03a
1996-97	542,827	J14*a			538,075	537,075	538,075	INDI03a
1997-98	512,823	INDI11a			512,823	512,823	512,823	INDI03a
1998-99	666,882	INDI11a			666,882	666,882	666,882	INDI03a
1999-00	739,975	INDI05a			708,512	708,512	739,975	INDI05a
2000-01	725,149	INDI11a			725,149	725,149	725,149	INDI05a
2001-02	770,714	INDI11a			770,714	770,714	770,714	INDI05a
2002-03	744,680	INDI11a			744,680	744,680	744,680	INDI05a
2003-04	763,126	INDI11a			763,126	763,126	763,126	INDI05a
2004-05	726,096	J14*a				725,325	725,325	INDI14*a
2005-06	721,859	INDI11a			721,859	721,859	721,859	INDI14*a
2006-07	682,242	INDI11a			682,242	682,242	682,242	INDI14*a
2007-08	642,174	J14*a			641,786	641,786	641,786	INDI14*a
2008-09	651,974	INDI11a			651,974	649,795	649,795	INDI14*a
2009-10	689,534	J14*a			683,736	675,810	675,810	INDI14*a
2010-11	657,191	J14*a			620,472	644,513	648,469	INDI14*a
2011-12	625,448	INDI14*a				620,588	625,448	INDI14*a
2012-13	661,353	J14*a				640,371	636,010	INDI14*a
2013-14	667,279	INDI16*a				667,279		
2014-15	701,415	INDI16*a				701,415		
2015-16	708,000	estimate						

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