
Abortion data updates for 2014-2018

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Abstract: This document updates the abortion data in the Sacred Accounting Tables in the *Abortion Worldwide Report (Informe Mundial del Aborto)* with new figures for 2014-2018. Reported and estimated abortions for the 110 countries and other areas from 1921 to 2018 are 1,051,962,000, with 11,545,000 estimated for 2018.

The *Abortion Worldwide Report (AWR) [Informe Mundial del Aborto (IMA)]* (Jacobson and Johnston, 2018) provides reported and estimated abortions by year for 100 countries and other areas through 2015. Table 1 below provides updates to these figures for 2014-2018. These figures supersede the updates in AWR Working Paper 21 [WP21] (Johnston, 2018b). Note that some regions of controversial status are listed; see AWR/IMA pp. 90-92 or Johnston (2014) for discussion.

Ten countries and territories are newly added to the tabulation since publication of the AWR/IMA: Anguilla, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Luxembourg, Panama Canal Zone, Paraguay, Saint Helena, and Uruguay. Seven of these countries/territories are in mainland Latin America with reported figures prior to 2014 available in AWR WP22 (Johnston, 2018c). Table 2 provides figures prior to 2014 for Anguilla, Luxembourg, and Saint Helena, plus updated figures for Austria and some Latin American countries. All updated figures prior to 2014 are reflected in the Table 1 totals for all years.

Updated estimates follow the same methodologies described in AWR/IMA, generally extrapolated using the average of annual percentage changes for the last five years. Incomplete reporting is a known issue for many developing countries, including listed countries of Latin America.

As in the AWR/IMA, figures for countries emerging from the breakup of Czechoslovakia, the U.S.S.R., and Yugoslavia include known figures for the corresponding republics/regions prior to those breakups. Thus 1921-2018 totals permit conclusions on demographic impacts to these modern countries. Consistent with this approach, totals for Germany here also include figures for East Germany prior to reunification. Total figures for Europe are adjusted to avoid double counting.

Figures in Table 1 for Guernsey, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey, and Malta include abortions occurring abroad (in Netherlands and the United Kingdom) as they represent most known abortions for these countries and territories. Figures for Netherlands and the United Kingdom include these abortions. Total figures for Europe are adjusted to avoid double counting.

Many country-specific data issues are discussed in AWR/IMA, but a few updated comments are warranted. Estimates for 2015-2018 for the United States are from AWR WP26 (Johnston, 2018d). Data for India are for officially reported induced abortions. Underreporting is likely significant for India, though the recently published figures by Singh et al. (2018) warrant investigation. Estimates for Austria have been revised but are still known to be significantly incomplete (Johnston, 2018a).

Total worldwide known or reliably estimated abortions in 2018 are 11,545,000, and total abortions from 1921 to 2018 are estimated at 1,051,962,000.

Table 1: Abortions by year and country, 2014-2018, updates with italics for estimates, parenthesis for less constrained estimates, and grey for figures unchanged from the 2018 AWR/IMA. Countries identified with (*) are additional to those listed in the 2018 AWR/IMA.

country	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	total 1921-2018
Burundi	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100	89,617
Comoros	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	7,445
Mayotte	1,382	1,609	1,586	1,621	1,600	31,491
Réunion	4,600	4,334	4,227	4,355	4,400	185,505
<i>Saint Helena*</i>	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	201
Seychelles	549	478	509	521	520	11,443
South Africa	89,400	93,600	94,000	98,000	101,000	1,713,954
Tunisia	15,800	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	831,002
Africa total	114,986	119,276	119,577	123,752	126,775	2,870,658
<i>Anguilla*</i>	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)	358
Barbados	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	19,490
Belize	(2,600)	(2,600)	(2,600)	(2,600)	(2,600)	74,809
Bermuda	248	239	227	226	231	5,088
Canada	104,100	101,400	98,800	97,000	95,000	4,271,624
Costa Rica	7,137	7,000	6,900	6,800	6,700	272,675
Cuba	85,782	91,500	85,445	85,000	85,000	6,016,016
Dominican Rep.	25,999	25,900	25,800	25,700	25,600	610,479
Greenland	860	864	855	883	870	35,670
Guadeloupe	3,600	3,143	3,104	3,003	2,900	133,152
Martinique	2,300	2,332	2,184	2,108	2,100	91,378
Mexico	20,559	18,942	18,104	17,595	17,000	233,588

Panama	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	529
<i>Panama Canal Zone*</i>						398
Puerto Rico	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	421,960
Trinidad and Tobago						147
Turks & Caicos Islands	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	778
United States	926,190	901,000	872,000	852,000	843,000	60,326,312
North America total	1,184,935	1,160,480	1,121,579	1,098,475	1,086,561	72,514,451
<i>Argentina*</i>	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	963
<i>Brazil*</i>	1,612	1,704	1,680	1,636	1,600	19,559
Chile				111	(100)	706
<i>Colombia*</i>	876	3,002	1,588	(1,600)	(1,600)	10,104
<i>Ecuador*</i>	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)	29,800
French Guiana	1,600	1,917	1,852	2,338	2,300	49,571
Guyana	(900)	800	(800)	(800)	(800)	124,114
<i>Paraguay*</i>	3,021	7,411	7,156	7,200	7,200	108,627
<i>Uruguay*</i>	8,537	9,362	9,719	9,830	10,000	54,619
South America total	17,796	25,446	24,045	24,765	24,850	398,063
Australia	66,300	63,200	57,800	54,600	52,200	2,965,762
Guam	209	263	289	239	240	3,462
New Caledonia	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	29,906
New Zealand	13,137	13,155	12,823	13,285	13,300	541,379
Australia/Oceania total	81,346	78,318	72,612	69,824	67,440	3,540,509
Armenia	12,019	11,259	11,458	11,500	11,500	1,789,366
Azerbaijan	27,220	27,452	34,569	34,600	34,600	2,597,136
Bahrain	2,349	2,370	2,400	2,400	2,400	58,388
China PR	6,700,000	6,700,000	(6,700,000)	(6,700,000)	(6,700,000)	401,456,112
China, Rep. of (Taiwan)	34,287	33,557	34,000	34,000	34,000	1,174,428
Georgia	33,469	33,377	29,641	27,700	25,900	2,984,298
Hong Kong	10,359	9,890	9,481	8,780	8,400	656,766
India	701,415	721,381	741,055	767,000	794,000	26,643,251
Israel	19,467	18,246	17,990	17,800	17,600	744,312
Japan	181,905	176,388	168,015	162,000	156,000	39,569,635
Kazakhstan	83,709	81,440	78,857	80,328	80,000	16,427,127
Korea, Rep. of	(110,000)	(100,000)	(90,000)	(80,000)	(70,000)	18,610,733
Kyrgyzstan	14,513	14,500	13,500	13,000	12,500	2,541,779
Mongolia	18,145	18,168	18,316	17,530	17,500	530,655
Nagorno-Karabakh	681	833	776	800	800	26,697

Qatar	100	100	100	100	100	2,833
Singapore	8,515	7,942	7,217	6,815	6,200	689,489
Tajikistan	17,347	16,864	14,957	15,000	15,000	1,818,263
Turkey	45,580	39,276	43,428	43,000	43,000	5,521,584
Turkmenistan	12,082	11,465	10,056	10,000	10,000	1,557,412
Uzbekistan	41,352	40,201	40,000	40,000	40,000	6,962,296
Vietnam	275,000	(275,000)	(275,000)	(275,000)	(275,000)	27,550,659
Asia total	8,349,514	8,339,709	8,340,816	8,347,353	8,354,500	559,913,219
Albania	1,679	1,433	1,206	1,193	1,200	556,947
Austria	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)	193,123
Belarus	29,797	29,217	27,467	26,700	26,000	9,451,769
Belgium	21,300	21,900	22,500	23,100	23,700	612,610
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1,871	1,987	1,966	2,000	2,000	1,420,779
Bulgaria	28,145	27,782	26,412	24,287	23,300	5,955,143
Croatia	3,020	3,002	2,520	2,416	2,300	1,452,205
Czech Rep.	21,893	20,403	20,406	19,415	18,700	3,409,598
Czechoslovakia						# 3,688,030
Denmark	15,097	15,325	14,421	14,143	14,000	1,007,912
Germany, East						1,820,400
Estonia	5,188	4,919	4,475	3,997	3,700	1,557,530
Faeroe Islands	30	32	26	19	20	1,994
Finland	9,797	9,504	9,465	9,360	9,200	732,738
France	212,983	203,463	197,777	202,919	203,000	8,281,352
Germany	99,715	99,237	98,721	101,209	100,986	# 6,429,014
Greece	(17,600)	(17,600)	(17,600)	(17,600)	(17,600)	676,623
Guernsey	120	118	118	120	120	5,871
Hungary	32,663	31,176	30,439	28,496	27,200	6,066,925
Iceland	955	926	1,021	1,044	1,100	36,822
Ireland	3,777	3,511	3,312	3,019	3,000	192,682
Isle of Man	90	105	88	80	80	6,412
Italy	97,535	87,639	84,926	80,000	76,000	6,229,221
Jersey	168	199	187	183	200	13,380
Kosovo	(400)	(300)	(300)	(300)	(300)	304,528
Latvia	5,318	4,802	4,366	3,917	3,600	2,432,554
Lithuania	5,231	4,735	4,502	4,200	4,000	1,894,967
Luxembourg*	665	651	580	538	500	5,197
Macedonia, North	4,738	4,587	4,251	4,100	3,900	851,884
Malta	54	58	58	47	50	2,031

Moldova	13,930	14,059	13,285	12,025	11,500	3,712,467
Montenegro	1,264	980	763	800	800	224,612
Netherlands	30,361	30,803	30,144	30,000	30,000	1,828,164
Norway	14,061	14,001	13,195	12,733	12,300	756,206
Poland	977	1,044	1,098	1,100	1,100	6,296,183
Portugal	16,762	16,454	15,959	16,000	16,000	215,222
Romania	78,371	70,885	63,518	58,000	52,000	23,043,739
Russia	929,963	848,180	836,611	779,848	733,000	218,881,985
Serbia	12,923	12,242	11,093	10,300	9,600	6,542,838
Slovakia	10,582	10,058	9,390	10,082	10,000	1,523,623
Slovenia	4,060	3,682	3,736	3,700	3,700	612,704
Spain	94,796	94,188	93,131	94,123	94,000	2,398,206
Sweden	36,629	38,071	38,177	36,616	36,600	1,764,111
Switzerland	10,275	10,255	10,085	10,015	9,800	948,567
Transnistria	3,314	3,000	2,700	2,400	2,100	86,021
Ukraine	116,104	106,357	101,121	94,665	88,000	52,357,917
U.S.S.R.						# 278,526,753
United Kingdom	201,885	203,101	202,482	209,745	210,000	9,331,978
Yugoslavia						# 9,485,951
Europe total	2,193,976	2,070,106	2,023,950	1,955,205	1,884,926	412,725,596
World total	11,942,553	11,793,335	11,702,579	11,619,374	11,545,052	1,051,962,496

Notes (#):

- Total abortions for Czechoslovakia include 3,651,541 abortions also included in the totals for the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
- Total abortions for Germany include 1,820,400 abortions included in the totals for East Germany.
- Total abortions for the U.S.S.R. include 256,020,757 abortions also included in the totals for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.
- Total abortions for Yugoslavia include 9,398,525 abortions also included in the totals for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Slovenia.

Table 2: Additional new or updated figures prior to 2014 (see notes)

year	Saint Helena	Anguilla	Colombia	Luxembourg	Paraguay	Uruguay	Austria
1985	15						6,600
1986	22						5,700
1987	4						4,600

1988	3						4,000
1989	12						3,619
1990	5						3,505
1991	(5)						3,366
1992	(5)						3,175
1993	(5)						3,134
1994	(5)						2,752
1995	(5)						2,494
1996	(5)						2,511
1997	(5)						2,341
1998	(5)				3,617		2,367
1999	(5)				4,180		2,414
2000	(5)				3,913		2,380
2001	(5)				4,407		2,306
2002	(5)	27			5,115		2,243
2003	(5)	24			4,850		1,905
2004	(5)	26			6,328		1,831
2005	(5)	21			4,822		1,780
2006	(5)	(20)			5,050		(1,800)
2007	(5)	(20)			4,585		(1,800)
2008	(5)	(20)	322		4,020		(1,800)
2009	(5)	(20)	69	245	4,520		(1,800)
2010	(5)	(20)	82	380	4,353		(1,800)
2011	(5)	(20)	120	470	5,500		(1,800)
2012	(5)	(20)	212	558	6,579		(1,800)
2013	(5)	(20)	633	610	4,800	7,171	(1,800)

Notes:

- Additional reported abortion figures for Chile: 63 in 1964; 38 in 1966.
- Reliability of reported figures for the People's Republic of China since 2008 is questioned.

Abortion Worldwide Report working papers on specific nations and groups of nations are available at:

- "AWR" (Abortion Worldwide Report) page of the Global Life Campaign website: www.GlobalLifeCampaign.com.
- "Abortion Worldwide Report" page on Dr. Johnston's website:

<http://www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/index.html>.

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