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Africa	Year Range	Total Abortions	Total for Tabulation	Abortion % (2014)	Abortion Ratio (2014)	Population	Abortions % of Population
Burundi	1981–2015	80,317	80,317	0.70	7.0	11,099,298	0.72%
Comoros	1982–2015	6,995	6,995	0.67	6.7	794,678	0.88%
Mayotte	1992–2015	26,684	26,684	15.91	189.2	213,000	12.53%
Réunion	1976–2015	172,523	172,523	24.61	326.4	822,000	20.99%
Seychelles	1981–2015	9,893	9,893	26.07	352.6	93,186	10.62%
South Africa	1981–2015	1,420,954	1,420,954	6.89	74.0	54,300,704	2.62%
Tunisia	1975–2015	783,002	783,002	6.54	69.9	11,134,588	7.03%
Totals:		2,500,368	2,500,368			78,457,454	3.19%

Americas and the Caribbean	Year Range	Total Abortions	Total for Tabulation	Abortion % (2014)	Abortion Ratio (2014)	Population	Abortions % of Population
Barbados	1983–2015	17,990	17,990	14.70	172.3	291,495	6.17%
Belize	1980–2015	67,009	67,009	26.21	355.3	353,858	18.94%
Bermuda	1983–2015	4,404	4,404	30.17	432.1	70,537	6.24%
Canada	1969–2015	3,981,524	3,981,524	21.12	267.8	35,362,905	11.26%
Chile	1986–1991	281	281	0.00	0.0	17,650,114	0.00%
Costa Rica	1970–2015	252,275	252,275	9.04	99.4	4,872,543	5.18%
Cuba ²	1965–2015	5,754,189	5,754,189	40.96	693.9	11,179,995	51.47%
Dominican Republic	1995–2015	533,379	533,379	13.88	161.2	10,606,865	5.03%
French Guiana	1984–2015	43,281	43,281	21.45	273.1	230,000	18.82%
Greenland	1967–2015	33,062	33,062	51.65	1068.3	57,728	57.27%
Guadeloupe	1976–2015	124,145	124,145	41.86	719.9	403,750	30.75%
Guyana	1970–2015	121,714	121,714	7.14	76.9	735,909	16.54%
Martinique	1976–2015	84,986	84,986	34.5	526.7	395,000	21.52%
Mexico	1995–2015	180,889	180,889	0.96	9.7	123,166,749	0.15%
Panama	1972–2015	499	499	0.01	0.1	3,705,246	0.01%
Puerto Rico	1973–2015	406,960	406,960	12.66	144.9	3,578,056	11.37%
Trinidad and Tobago ²	1991–2004	147	147	0.00	0.0	1,220,479	0.01%
Turks and Caicos Is.	1996–2015	688	688	6.42	68.6	51,430	1.34%
United States	1926–2015	57,773,312	57,773,312	18.85	232.2	323,995,528	17.83%
Totals:		69,380,734	69,380,734			537,928,187	12.90%

Oceania	Year Range	Total Abortions	Total for Tabulation	Abortion % (2014)	Abortion Ratio (2014)	Population	Abortions % of Population
Australia ^{1,2}	1931 . . . 2015	2,801,162	2,801,162	18.11	221.2	22,992,654	12.18%
Guam	1993–2015	2,694	2,694	5.80	61.5	162,742	1.66%
New Caledonia	1997–2015	24,806	24,806	28.96	407.7	275,355	9.01%
New Zealand	1964–2015	501,971	501,971	18.67	229.5	4,474,549	11.22%
Totals:		3,330,633	3,330,633			27,905,300	11.94%

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Asia	Year Range	Total Abortions	Total for Tabulation	Abortion % (2014)	Abortion Ratio (2014)	Population	Abortions % of Population
Armenia ^{3,4}	1955–2015	1,754,753	1,754,753	21.77	278.3	3,051,250	57.51%
Azerbaijan ^{3,4}	1955–2015	2,493,367	2,493,367	13.77	159.6	9,872,765	25.26%
Bahrain ⁵	1976–2015	51,188	51,188	10.09	112.2	1,378,904	3.71%
China, People’s Rep. ⁶	1956–2015	381,356,112	381,356,112	28.43	397.2	1,373,541,278	27.76%
China, Rep. (Taiwan) ⁷	1967 . . . 2015	1,072,428	1,072,428	14.01	163.0	23,464,787	4.57%
Georgia ^{3,4,8}	1955–2015	2,901,057	2,901,057	35.57	552.0	4,928,052	58.87%
Hong Kong	1973–2015	630,105	630,105	14.26	166.3	7,167,403	8.79%
India ⁷	1972–2015	24,341,196	24,341,196	2.77	28.5	1,266,883,598	1.92%
Israel	1977–2015	690,916	690,916	9.94	110.3	8,174,527	8.45%
Japan ¹⁴	1948–2015	39,083,620	39,083,620	15.34	181.3	126,702,133	30.85%
Kazakhstan ^{2,4}	1925 . . . 2015	16,187,942	16,187,942	17.31	209.3	18,360,353	88.17%
Korea, Republic of ⁷	1961–2015	18,370,733	18,370,733	20.17	252.6	50,924,172	36.07%
Kyrgyzstan ^{4,5}	1955–2015	2,502,779	2,502,779	8.23	89.7	5,727,553	43.70%
Mongolia	1984–2015	477,309	477,309	18.10	220.9	3,031,330	15.75%
Nagorno-Karabakh ^{1,9}	1996–2015	24,188	24,188	21.90	280.5	146,600	16.50%
Qatar	1983–2015	2,533	2,533	0.39	3.9	2,258,283	0.11%
Singapore	1966–2015	669,257	669,257	16.78	201.6	5,781,728	11.58%
Tajikistan ⁴	1955–2015	1,773,306	1,773,306	5.48	57.9	8,330,946	21.29%
Turkey ^{1,7}	1965–2015	5,407,300	5,407,300	3.60	37.4	80,274,604	6.74%
Turkmenistan ⁴	1955–2015	1,527,356	1,527,356	10.68	119.6	5,291,317	28.87%
Uzbekistan ⁴	1955–2015	6,842,296	6,842,296	5.45	57.6	29,473,614	23.21%
Vietnam ^{1,2,6}	1971–2015	26,725,659	26,725,659	15.33	181.0	95,261,021	28.06%
Totals:		534,885,400	534,885,400			3,130,026,218	17.09%

Europe	Year Range	Total Abortions	Total for Tabulation	Abortion % (2014)	Abortion Ratio (2014)	Population	Abortions % of Population
Albania	1975–2015	553,348	553,348	4.48	47.0	3,038,594	18.21%
Austria	1974–2015	184,723	184,723	1.56	15.8	8,711,770	2.12%
Belarus ⁴	1954–2015	9,360,409	9,360,409	17.31	209.4	9,570,376	97.81%
Belgium	1979–2015	543,310	543,310	14.56	170.4	11,409,077	4.76%
Bosnia and Herzeg. ^{5,10}	1960–2015	1,414,626	1,414,626	6.01	64.0	3,861,912	36.63%
Bulgaria	1953–2015	5,881,144	5,881,144	29.40	416.4	7,144,653	82.32%
Croatia ^{2,5,10}	1960–2015	1,444,969	1,444,969	7.09	76.3	4,313,707	33.50%
Czech Republic ¹¹	1950–2015	3,351,077	3,351,077	16.62	199.3	10,644,842	31.48%
Czechoslovakia ¹²	1950–1992	3,688,030	36,489	na	na	na	na
Denmark	1937–2015	965,023	965,023	20.98	265.5	5,593,785	17.25%
East Germany ¹³	1945–1990	1,820,400	1,820,400	na	na	na	na
Estonia ^{2,4,5}	1954–2015	1,545,358	1,545,358	27.35	376.4	1,258,545	122.79%
Faeroe Islands	1966–2015	1,929	1,929	4.48	46.9	50,456	3.82%
Finland	1950–2015	704,581	704,581	14.62	171.2	5,498,211	12.81%
France ^{2,14}	1936 . . . 2015	7,677,656	7,677,656	21.42	272.6	62,814,233	12.22%
France + overseas ²²	1936 . . . 2015	8,129,275				64,877,983	12.53%
Germany ^{2,15}	1927–2015	4,307,698	4,307,698	12.24	139.5	80,722,792	5.34%

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Europe (continued)	Year Range	Total Abortions	Total for Tabulation	Abortion % (2014)	Abortion Ratio (2014)	Population	Abortions % of Population
Greece	1950–2015	623,823	623,823	16.04	191.0	10,773,253	5.79%
Guernsey ^{16,18}	1968–2015	5,515	2,137	16.06	191.4	66,297	8.32%
Hungary	1949–2015	5,980,790	5,980,790	25.93	350.2	9,874,784	60.57%
Iceland	1960–2015	33,648	33,648	17.86	217.4	335,878	10.02%
Ireland ^{17,18}	1968–2015	183,265	<i>in U.K.</i>	5.27	55.6	4,952,473	3.70%
Isle of Man ^{16,18}	1968–2015	6,164	5	10.06	111.8	88,195	6.99%
Italy	1975–2015	5,988,295	5,988,295	16.25	194.1	62,007,540	9.66%
Jersey ^{16,18}	1968–2015	12,736	6,515	14.51	169.7	98,069	12.99%
Kosovo ^{5,10}	1960–2015	303,628	303,628	1.23	12.5	1,883,018	16.12%
Latvia ⁴	1923 . . . 2015	2,420,671	2,420,671	19.65	244.6	1,965,686	123.15%
Lithuania ⁴	1955–2015	1,882,265	1,882,265	14.33	167.3	2,854,235	65.95%
Macedonia ^{5,10}	1960–2015	839,633	839,633	16.68	200.1	2,100,025	39.98%
Malta ^{17,18}	1981–2015	1,876	<i>in U.K.</i>	1.27	12.9	415,196	0.45%
Moldova, Rep. of ^{3,4}	1955–2015	3,675,657	3,675,657	26.51	360.7	3,510,485	104.71%
Montenegro ^{5,10}	1960–2015	222,249	222,249	14.21	165.7	644,578	34.48%
Netherlands ¹⁹	1970–2015	1,738,020	1,738,020	14.77	173.3	17,016,967	10.21%
Norway	1954–2015	717,978	717,978	19.22	238.0	5,265,158	13.64%
Poland	1955–2015	6,292,875	6,292,875	0.26	2.6	38,523,261	16.34%
Portugal ²	1984–2015	167,263	167,263	16.41	196.4	10,833,816	1.54%
Romania	1957–2015	22,870,221	22,870,221	28.87	405.9	21,599,736	105.88%
Russian Federation ⁴	1921 . . . 2015	216,532,526	216,532,526	32.32	477.6	142,355,415	152.11%
Serbia ^{5,20}	1948–2015	6,511,845	6,511,845	16.11	192.1	7,143,921	91.15%
Slovakia ¹¹	1950–2015	1,494,151	1,494,151	16.13	192.3	5,445,802	27.44%
Slovenia ^{5,10}	1955–2015	601,568	601,568	16.10	191.8	1,978,029	30.41%
Spain	1985–2015	2,116,952	2,116,952	18.20	222.5	48,563,476	4.36%
Sweden	1938–2015	1,652,718	1,652,718	24.17	318.8	9,880,604	16.73%
Switzerland	1937–2015	918,667	918,667	10.93	122.7	8,179,294	11.23%
Transnistria ^{1,9}	2000–2015	78,821	78,821	39.85	662.5	475,665	16.57%
Ukraine ^{3,4,8}	1924 . . . 2015	52,074,131	52,074,131	19.95	249.2	45,553,000	114.32%
U.S.S.R. ^{2,5,12,21}	1921–1991	278,526,753	22,505,996	na	na	na	na
United Kingdom ^{2,19}	1930–2015	8,709,751	8,709,751	20.64	260.0	64,430,428	13.52%
Yugoslavia ^{1,12}	1948–1991	9,485,951	87,426	na	na	na	na
Totals:			406,842,965			743,447,237	54.72%

World Summary of Nations in AWR	Total Abortions for Tabulation	Population of Nations in Report	Total Abortions as % of Population of the 100
Africa	2,500,368	78,457,454	3.19%
Americas and the Caribbean	69,380,734	537,928,187	12.90%
Asia	534,885,400	3,130,026,218	17.09%
Europe	406,842,965	743,447,237	54.72%
Oceania	3,330,633	27,905,300	11.94%
Total 100 Nations:	1,016,940,100	4,517,764,396	22.51%

Column Label Notations:

Year range: years of country abortion data (continuous: 1921–2015; incomplete early years: 1931 . . . 2015).

Total abortions include reported and estimated abortions from year of authorization (or first reporting if earlier) through 2015, without rounding the totals. Totals in italics are for former conglomerate countries (i.e., Czechoslovakia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Yugoslavia) for which most reported abortions are included in the separate individual countries; for U.K. territories; and the second France line that includes its overseas departments.

Total for tabulation includes total abortions for all nations and territories in the report, including the balance not attributed to the constituent republics of former nations, but removes duplication (e.g., only abortions occurring in Guernsey, Isle of Man, and Jersey are included here; abortions occurring in the U.K. are in the U.K. “Total Abortions”).

Abortion percentage: abortion percentage gives annual abortions (in 2014) as a percentage of pregnancies ending either in live birth or abortion.

Abortion ratio is the number of abortions per 1,000 live births (in 2014).

Population is the population estimate for 2016 from the CIA *World Factbook*, www.cia.gov/library/publications/download/download-2016/index.html.

Abortions as a percentage of total population is the ratio (as a percent) of total abortions to 2016 population.

General Notes:

- Reported figures are from references identified for each country in “Addendum II: Data Source List.” Estimates are by the authors based on the methodologies described in part IV.
- Data covers induced abortions only. Countries where miscarriages (spontaneous abortions) may not be fully excluded are indicated with notes.
- Tier 1 estimates are indicated by *italics only* for higher confidence figures (within 20%); and tier 2 estimates by italics and parentheses (*100*) for lower confidence figures (uncertain by 30% to a factor of 2).
- Figures are based on abortions occurring within a country or region as they are reported in practice, without necessarily constituting recognition of areas of disputed status.

Specific Country Notes:

1. Data for some years may include spontaneous miscarriages.
2. Data for some years includes reported illegal abortions.
3. Does not include data for regions not reporting to the central government.
4. Figures prior to 1992 are for the republic within the U.S.S.R.
5. Data for some years includes spontaneous miscarriages.
6. Completeness of available data varies significantly from year-to-year.
7. Significant underreporting is suspected for most years.
8. Does not include data for regions under occupation by Russia.
9. Region’s claim of independence is not generally recognized; figures here are those reported by local authorities.
10. Prior to separation from Yugoslavia/Serbia, figures are for the region within Yugoslavia/Serbia.
11. Figures prior to 1993 are for the region within Czechoslovakia.
12. Figures prior to dissolution may be greater than the sum of constituent regions; the remaining balance is listed in the “Total for Tabulation” column (e.g., Czechoslovakia, U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia).
13. Figure for 1990 is through reunification date only.
14. Significant underreporting is suspected for some years.
15. Figure for 1990 includes eastern Germany after reunification date.
16. Includes abortions occurring in country and abortions by residents obtained abroad.
17. Includes abortions by residents obtained abroad (no reported abortions in country).
18. All reported abortions, or a majority, are done in the United Kingdom and included in its reported figures.
19. Abortion figures include significant numbers of abortions to nonresidents.
20. Figures are, as far as possible, for areas within the current boundaries of Serbia.
21. Includes Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania from 1940; some countries did not recognize their annexation by the U.S.S.R.
22. The separate row for France and its overseas departments in table 1-D gives a total accounting for abortions for France. The territories, listed separately, are: Mayotte, Réunion, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, and Martinique.