

**Summary of Characteristics of Women Receiving Abortions
North Carolina Resident Data, 1993-2003
Percent Distribution¹**

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total Abortions	32,498	31,875	29,938	30,593	28,592	29,868	28,136	26,944	27,096	25,883	26,708
State of Occurrence											
North Carolina	96.9	98.1	98.7	97.8	97.9	97.2	97.7	97.2	96.8	96.8	97.1
Out of State	3.1	1.9	1.3	2.2	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.6	3.2	3.2	2.9
Age											
14 and under	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
15-19	21.7	21.5	21.2	19.6	19.0	18.7	16.9	16.5	16.5	15.9	15.4
20-24	36.0	35.4	34.5	33.7	32.7	32.7	32.9	33.4	33.1	32.7	33.6
25-29	20.3	19.6	20.8	22.8	22.9	23.7	23.8	23.1	22.6	22.7	22.9
30-34	11.8	12.4	11.9	12.3	12.8	12.1	12.8	13.2	13.7	14.6	15.0
35 and over	7.9	8.2	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.7	9.3	10.4	10.0	10.0
Unknown	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.7	3.0	3.4	2.4
Race											
White	54.5	53.3	53.1	51.1	50.1	49.0	47.8	45.7	44.7	44.6	44.7
Minority	43.6	45.3	45.0	46.7	45.7	48.9	50.0	52.1	53.3	51.9	50.4
Unknown	1.9	1.5	2.0	2.2	4.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.5	4.8
Marital Status²											
Married	20.3	18.8	17.8	18.4	20.5	21.2	21.4	22.1	22.5	22.0	21.9
Unmarried	69.3	66.5	60.7	60.5	69.7	74.9	73.6	72.1	64.6	71.3	73.1
Unknown	10.3	14.7	21.5	21.1	9.8	4.0	5.0	5.9	12.8	6.7	5.0
Education											
8 and under	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	3.1	3.2
9-11	11.8	12.1	11.1	10.0	11.3	13.0	12.5	12.8	11.2	12.8	12.3
12	30.1	27.7	26.6	28.3	31.6	34.6	35.2	33.0	31.2	32.1	34.6
13 and over	31.3	30.5	28.1	29.5	37.4	41.7	40.6	40.3	37.7	41.2	39.4
Unknown	25.6	28.3	32.7	30.1	18.1	8.6	9.6	11.4	17.4	10.8	10.6
Number of Living Children											
None	51.7	50.6	50.1	47.1	44.4	42.2	39.7	38.8	35.3	36.7	37.3
1	26.9	27.3	27.3	29.1	30.1	30.6	31.1	29.7	28.2	29.6	28.5
2	15.2	15.5	15.7	16.5	17.1	17.9	18.7	19.4	19.5	20.4	20.1
3 or more	6.2	6.7	6.8	7.3	7.3	8.0	8.8	9.6	10.1	10.5	11.1
Unknown	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.3	1.2	1.3	1.7	2.5	6.9	2.9	3.0
Number of Previous Abortions											
None	61.8	61.0	60.9	61.7	57.9	57.2	55.0	51.8	46.4	48.3	49.0
1	26.9	27.1	27.0	26.3	24.2	23.6	23.1	22.0	23.7	21.1	23.7
2	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.2	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.9	8.3	7.7	9.1
3 or more	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.3
Unknown	2.7	3.7	3.4	5.1	6.6	7.6	10.7	14.5	17.6	19.0	14.0
Weeks of Gestation³											
8 and under	50.2	51.0	48.4	46.6	51.7	54.1	66.6	55.1	53.5	57.8	59.5
9-12	36.4	33.5	30.1	28.8	30.1	32.0	20.6	27.1	28.8	24.2	23.2
13-15	6.8	6.3	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.9	3.8	7.3	6.1	6.3	6.3
16-20	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.1	1.5	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9
21 and over	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.7
Unknown	3.9	6.2	12.4	16.6	9.5	5.5	7.2	6.5	8.4	8.3	7.4
Type of Procedure											
Suction Curettage	98.1	97.5	96.4	89.5	81.4	64.5	56.2	53.2	45.8	46.1	46.3
Medical (nonsurgical) ⁴	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.5	4.7	9.3	9.4
Dilation & Evacuation ⁵	-	0.8	1.9	9.1	17.6	34.5	42.3	45.6	47.2	38.0	39.7
Intra-Uterine Instillation	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Sharp Curettage	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
Hysterectomy/Hysterotomy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown/Other	5.1	6.0	6.2	6.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.8	6.0	4.3

¹Percentages may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. ²Married includes separated but not legally divorced. ³Gestation based on the physician's estimate.

⁴Data not collected until 1997. ⁵Data not collected until 1994.