

**Summary of Characteristics of Women Receiving Abortions
North Carolina Resident Data, 1995-2004
Percent Distribution¹**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Number	29,938	30,593	28,592	29,868	28,136	26,944	27,096	25,883	26,708	29,337
State of Occurrence										
North Carolina	98.7	97.8	97.9	97.2	97.7	97.2	96.8	96.8	97.1	97.1
Out of State	1.3	2.2	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.6	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.9
Age										
14 and under	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
15-19	21.2	19.6	19.0	18.7	16.9	16.5	16.5	15.9	15.4	15.3
20-24	34.5	33.7	32.7	32.7	32.9	33.4	33.1	32.7	33.6	33.3
25-29	20.8	22.8	22.9	23.7	23.8	23.1	22.6	22.7	22.9	23.4
30-34	11.9	12.3	12.8	12.1	12.8	13.2	13.7	14.6	15.0	15.3
35 and over	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.7	9.3	10.4	10.0	10.0	9.9
Unknown	1.8	1.8	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.7	3.0	3.4	2.4	2.2
Race										
White	53.1	51.1	50.1	49.0	47.8	45.7	44.7	44.6	44.7	42.8
Minority	45.0	46.7	45.7	48.9	50.0	52.1	53.3	51.9	50.4	48.5
Unknown	2.0	2.2	4.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.5	4.8	8.7
Marital Status										
Married	17.8	18.4	20.5	21.2	21.4	22.1	22.5	22.0	21.9	21.9
Unmarried	60.7	60.5	69.7	74.9	73.6	72.1	64.6	71.3	73.1	73.4
Unknown	21.5	21.1	9.8	4.0	5.0	5.9	12.8	6.7	5.0	4.7
Education										
8 and under	1.5	1.3	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	3.1	3.2	3.6
9-11	11.1	10.0	11.3	13.0	12.5	12.8	11.2	12.8	12.3	12.5
12	26.6	28.3	31.6	34.6	35.2	33.0	31.2	32.1	34.6	33.2
13 and over	28.1	29.5	37.4	41.7	40.6	40.3	37.7	41.2	39.4	40.4
Unknown	32.7	30.1	18.1	8.6	9.6	11.4	17.4	10.8	10.6	10.2
Number of Living Children										
None	50.1	47.1	44.4	42.2	39.7	38.8	35.3	36.7	37.3	37.1
1	27.3	29.1	30.1	30.6	31.1	29.7	28.2	29.6	28.5	28.5
2	15.7	16.5	17.1	17.9	18.7	19.4	19.5	20.4	20.1	20.3
3 or more	6.8	7.3	7.3	8.0	8.8	9.6	10.1	10.5	11.1	11.4
Unknown	1.8	2.3	1.2	1.3	1.7	2.5	6.9	2.9	3.0	2.7
Number of Previous Abortions										
None	60.9	61.7	57.9	57.2	55.0	51.8	46.4	48.3	48.9	50.2
1	27.0	26.3	24.2	23.6	23.1	22.0	23.7	21.1	23.7	24.6
2	8.6	8.2	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.9	8.3	7.7	9.1	9.4
3 or more	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.8
Unknown	3.4	5.1	6.6	7.6	10.7	14.5	17.6	19.0	14.0	11.0
Weeks of Gestation										
8 and under	48.4	46.6	51.7	54.1	66.6	55.1	53.5	57.8	59.5	59.9
9-12	30.1	28.8	30.1	32.0	20.6	27.1	28.8	24.2	23.2	23.8
13-15	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.9	3.8	7.3	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.6
16-20	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.1	1.5	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.2
21 and over	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5
Unknown	12.4	16.6	9.5	5.5	7.2	6.5	8.4	8.3	7.4	6.0
Type of Procedure										
Suction Curettage	96.4	89.5	81.4	64.5	56.2	53.2	45.8	46.1	46.3	45.2
Medical (nonsurgical)	-	-	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.5	4.7	9.3	9.4	9.9
Dilation & Evacuation	1.9	9.1	17.6	34.5	42.3	45.6	47.2	38.0	39.7	41.7
Intra-Uterine Instillation	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4
Sharp Curettage	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
Hysterectomy/Hysterotomy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown/Other	6.2	6.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.8	6.0	4.3	2.9

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.