

TABLE 1. Measures of legal abortion in countries where reporting is relatively complete, by country and year

Country	No.*		Rate†			Ratio,‡ 2003	Total abortion rate,§ 2003
	2003	1996	2003	1996	Average annual % change		
Eastern Europe							
Belarus**	80,200	u	35	u	u	91	1.1††
Bulgaria	34,700	89,000	22	51	-11.7	52	0.6††
Czech Republic	27,100	46,500	13	21	-6.9	29	0.4
Hungary	53,800	76,600	26	35	-4.2	57	0.7
Russian Federation	1,504,000	2,284,600	45	69	-6.0	104	1.3
Slovakia	16,200	25,200	13	20	-6.1	31	0.4††
Northern Europe							
Denmark	15,600	18,100	15	16	-1.6	24	0.4
England and Wales‡‡	181,600	167,900	17	16	0.9	29	0.5
Estonia	10,600	16,900	36	56	-6.1	82	1.1
Finland	10,700	10,400	11	10	1.1	19	0.3
Latvia	19,000	23,100	29	44	-6.0	69	0.9
Lithuania	11,500	27,800	15	34	-11.0	38	0.5
Norway	13,800	14,300	15	16	-0.5	25	0.5
Scotland§§	12,600	12,300	12	11	0.5	23	0.4
Sweden	34,400	32,100	20	19	1.1	34	0.6
Southern Europe							
Italy	132,800	u	11	u	u	25	0.3
Slovenia	6,900	10,400	16	23	-5.2	40	0.5
Western Europe							
Belgium*†	16,200	14,800	8	7	1.7	14	0.2
France	208,800	189,800	17	15	1.6	26	0.5††
Germany*†	129,300	130,900	8	8	0.2	18	0.2
Netherlands‡‡	28,800	22,400	9	7	4.0	14	0.3
Switzerland	10,500	u	7	u	u	15	0.2††
North America							
Canada*‡	104,200	111,800	15	16	-0.3	31	0.5
United States*§	1,287,000	1,360,200	21	22	-1.2	31	0.6
Oceania							
Australia	84,500	89,100	20	22	-1.3	34	0.6††
New Zealand	18,500	14,800	21	17	2.8	33	0.7
South/Southeast Asia							
Nepal†*	33,100	u	5	u	u	4	0.2††
Singapore	12,300	14,400	15	16	-0.9	31	0.4††
Western Asia							
Israel†‡	20,800	17,400	14	14	0.6	14	0.4
Caribbean							
Cuba†§	151,500	209,900	57	78	-3.8	109	1.7††
Puerto Rico*‡	15,600	19,200	18	23	-2.2	28	0.5††
Africa							
South Africa	70,100	u	6	u	u	6	0.2††
Tunisia††	16,000	19,000	7	9	-6.1	9	0.2††

*Rounded to the nearest 100. †Abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44. ‡Abortions per 100 live births. §The number of abortions that the average woman would have during her reproductive lifetime, given present age-specific abortion rates. **May include spontaneous abortions. ††Estimated by dividing the general abortion rate by 1,000 and multiplying by 30. ‡‡Residents only. §§Includes abortions residents obtained in England or Wales. *†Includes abortions residents obtained in the Netherlands. *‡Includes abortions residents obtained in selected U.S. states. *§Estimates are provisional and may change as more data become available. †*Abortions from March 2005 to February 2006. †‡Abortion applications approved, as reported to the Central Bureau of Statistics. †§Estimates are for 1996 and 2004. *‡Estimates are for 1991 and 2001. ††Estimates are for 1996 and 2000. Note: u=unavailable.