

TABLE 3. Percentage distribution of women having an abortion, by their most important reason for having the abortion, 2004 and 1987

Reason	2004 (N=957)	1987 (N=1,773)
Not ready for a(nother) child†/timing is wrong	25	27
Can't afford a baby now	23	21
Have completed my childbearing/have other people depending on me/ children are grown	19	8***
Don't want to be a single mother/am having relationship problems	8	13***
Don't feel mature enough to raise a(nother) child/feel too young	7	11**
Would interfere with education or career plans	4	10***
Physical problem with my health	4	3
Possible problems affecting the health of the fetus	3	3
Was a victim of rape	<0.5	1
Husband or partner wants me to have an abortion	<0.5	1
Parents want me to have an abortion	<0.5	<0.5
Don't want people to know I had sex or got pregnant	<0.5	1***
Other	6	1
Total	100	100

p<.01. *p<.001. †This was a write-in response in 2004 and 1987. Source: 1987—reference 4.