

**Summary of Characteristics of Women Receiving Abortions  
North Carolina Resident Data, 1995-2004  
Percent Distribution<sup>1</sup>**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>Total Number</b>	29,938	30,593	28,592	29,868	28,136	26,944	27,096	25,883	26,708	29,337
<b>State of Occurrence</b>										
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
<b>Age</b>										
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
<b>Race</b>										
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
<b>Marital Status</b>										
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
<b>Education</b>										
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
<b>Number of Living Children</b>										
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
<b>Number of Previous Abortions</b>										
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
<b>Weeks of Gestation</b>										
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
<b>Type of Procedure</b>										
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

<sup>1</sup>Percentages may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. <sup>2</sup>Married includes separated but not legally divorced. <sup>3</sup>Gestation based on the physician's estimate. <sup>4</sup>Data not collected until 1997. <sup>5</sup>Data not collected until 1994.