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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. General

The Abortion Act 1967, which came into effect on 27th April 1968, permits termination of pregnancy by a registered medical practitioner subject to certain conditions. Regulations made under the Act (The Abortion Regulations 1968, Statutory Instrument 1968 no. 390 as amended by 1969 no. 636, in relation to England and Wales) require any such termination to be notified within seven days, in a form prescribed in Schedule 2 of the Regulations, to the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Security, if the termination took place in England or to the Chief Medical Officer of the Welsh Office, if the termination took place in Wales or Monmouthshire. By arrangement with these Departments the Director and Registrar General of the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys undertakes the statistical processing and analysis of the notification forms. This supplement to the Registrar General's Statistical Review gives some statistics derived from them for England and Wales for 1970. The following paragraphs set out the background to these statistics and the definitions used in compiling them.

2. Conditions of the Act

A legally induced abortion must be

- (a) performed by a registered medical practitioner,
- (b) performed, except in emergency, in a National Health Service Hospital or in a place for the time being approved for the purpose of the Act,
- (c) certified by two registered medical practitioners as necessary on one or other of the grounds:
 - 1. the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk to the life of the pregnant woman greater than if the pregnancy were terminated.
 - 2. the continuance of the pregnancy would involve the risk of injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman greater than if the pregnancy were terminated.
 - 3. the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk of injury to the physical or mental health of any existing children of the family greater than if the pregnancy were terminated.
 - 4. there is a substantial risk that if the child were born it would suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities as to be seriously handicapped,
 or in emergency cases, certified by the operating practitioner as immediately necessary-
 - 5. to save the life of the pregnant woman, or
 - 6. to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman.

The above numbering of the grounds for termination appears in the notification form itself, and is used for brevity in the tables. Combinations of grounds are not infrequently recorded, and the tabulations distinguish two such: 2 and 4 together, and 3 with any others (usually 2 and/or 4). Where ground 1 is stated with any other, the case is treated as ground 1.

The Act provides that in relation to grounds numbered above as 2 and 3 the certifying practitioner may take account of the pregnant woman's actual or reasonably foreseeable environment.

3. Scope of data

The figures in these tables are derived from notification forms received during 1970 and up to the end of March 1971 relating to legally induced abortions which took place in England and Wales in 1970.

The relative categories of the *International Classification of Diseases, Injuries, and Causes of Death, 8th Revision (1965)* are those numbered 640 (abortion induced for

medical indications) and 641 (abortion induced for other legal indications).

Tables 2, 7-11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 21 being primarily of demographic rather than medical interest, exclude abortions of women whose usual residence was stated to be outside England and Wales. These are shown in Tables 15A and B.

4. Rates

Tables 2A and B give annual abortion rates for England and Wales as a whole, and for standard regions and area aggregates, according to the declared usual residence of the woman. The denominator is the estimated population of women in the age-range 15-49 at mid-1970. The marital status categories used in the denominator do not coincide with those used for the abortions. In the former separated women are counted as married, whereas in the latter they are included with the divorced and widowed women. (see note 6). As population estimates by marital status for regions are not available, regional rates are age-specific only.

5. Place of Termination (type of premises)

Except in emergency, abortion operations must be carried out in N.H.S. hospitals, in certain approved Services' hospitals, or in other premises specifically approved by the Secretary of State. At the end of 1970 there were 50 such approved places, and 13 approved Services' hospitals. In the tables these latter hospitals are included under the heading "Other Places".

In 1970 no operation was recorded as having been performed as an emergency, in places other than the three categories of premises mentioned.

6. Marital status

The categories of marital status distinguished on the notification form are (a) single (b) married (c) widowed (d) divorced or separated. Except in Tables 8, 10, 14 and 15, the relatively small categories (c) and (d) are combined for tabulation purposes. This classification differs from that used for measuring the population estimates. (see note 4)

7. Parity

The form requires the number of the woman's previous (a) live births (b) stillbirths (c) abortions to be stated. In Tables 7 and 9 analysis is by the number of previous live births, and in Tables 1A, 5 and 16C(i) by the number of live and stillbirths together. Answers under (c) are probably incomplete.

8. Method of Termination

Five main operative methods are listed on the form, with provision for specifying any other method. Where more than one is used, in Table 13 and 16C(iv) the case is classified under the major operation.

9. Gestation period

The form provides for a statement of the date of the last menstrual period as well as the date of operation. In accordance with international convention the gestation period is calculated as the number of completed weeks between these two dates. Where the l.m.p. is stated vaguely, for example as in "early April" or "third week in June", a guessed single date is inserted, such as 7th April and 22nd June. When no date is stated for a case it is included in the "not stated" category.

10. Duration of stay

Duration of stay in hospital or approved place is tabulated as the interval in days between date of admission and date of discharge (the latter actual or expected). An interval of 0 days means admission and discharge on the same date. As notification forms should be completed and forwarded within seven days of operation, the tabulated durations are limited at the upper end to "7 days and over". A date of discharge was

not stated and could not be inferred in 1.9% of cases resident in England and Wales.

11. Region of operation

Hospitals and approved places are tabulated according to the hospital region in which they are situated, except that London teaching hospitals are shown as a separate group. The composition of hospital regions in terms of entire local government areas is set out in the Registrar General's Statistical Review from year to year, e.g. the 1969 volume, Part II, pages xvii-xx.

12. Area of residence

Tables 2, 15, 16, 17 and 18 are derived from the statement of the woman's usual address. Table 17 is limited to standard regions, conurbations, aggregates of types of area, and local government areas with a resident population of 100,000 or over. Figures for smaller areas are not provided in the interests of preserving confidentiality.

The composition of standard regions and conurbations is set out in the Registrar General's Statistical Review from year to year, e.g. the 1969 volume, Part II, pages xiii-xiv.

13. Sterilisation

Tables 10 and 11B provide analyses of cases where sterilisation accompanied the abortion operation, and Table 16B gives some additional figures for regions. Where no answer was provided to the question, it was assumed that sterilisation was not performed unless the nature of the operation implied the opposite; all women who were stated to have had hysterectomy have been counted among those sterilised.

14. Occupation

The form asks for the woman's occupation, or that of her husband if she is married. Unfortunately, the information provided under this heading is often incomplete or too vague or general to permit satisfactory classification. However, in view of the sociological interest, an attempt has been made to analyse the data in terms of groups of occupations, whether of the woman or her husband, which correspond (to some extent) with conventional social classes used in various of the Registrar General's publications. Since, however, assessment of job status is not always possible, the classification is not strictly that of social class. These groups of occupations are:

Professional: e.g. doctors, architects, lecturers.

Intermediate: e.g. nurses, sales managers, entertainers.

Skilled: e.g. secretaries, salesmen, hairdressers.

Semi-skilled: e.g. waitresses, farm workers, telephonists.

Unskilled: e.g. kitchen hands, dock labourers, window cleaners.

Not classified: e.g. students, housewives, members of the armed forces, occupations inadequately described or not stated, unemployed.

15. Existing children

Tables 11A and B analyse the data according to the number of existing children living in the woman's family. This is defined on the form as a woman's natural children and any adopted, foster or step-children up to the age of 16 years living with her.

16. Medical grounds

Questions 11(a) and (b) on the notification form ask about the medical condition of the woman in terms of any obstetric or non-obstetric disease found or reported,

and any suspected medical condition of the foetus. The answers were coded according to the *International Classification of Diseases, Injuries, and Causes of Death, 8th Revision (1965)*, slightly adapted to the context of abortions. In particular, Category 307 (Transitional situational disturbances) is allocated as a residual group and includes general and miscellaneous terms and vague references to the mental state of the pregnant woman, e.g. mental health (risk to), mental illness (risk of), attempted suicide or tendency to suicide. Also included are disorders not specified as psychotic associated with other or unspecified physical conditions, which would otherwise be included in ICD 309.9. Two codes outside the range of the ICD, 649 and 669, have been added to accommodate certain reported conditions, as described in **Table 19**. The large variety of medical conditions reported are aggregated into significant groups of the International Classification (ICD) code numbers and presented in **Table 19**. This shows numbers of conditions stated, and not numbers of cases.

17. Environmental and other conditions (non-medical)

Question 11(c) on the notification form asks about non-medical grounds for termination, pursuant to the statutory provision that certifying practitioners may take account of "the pregnant woman's actual or reasonably foreseeable environment" in relation to statutory grounds 2 and 3. Apart from some cases where Question 11(c) was mistakenly answered by a reference back to the statutory grounds already stated, twenty five per cent (22,067) of all cases included some information about social conditions. These were cited in most cases in addition to medical reasons. The reasons, as the practitioner has seen fit to record them, have been classified to broad social groupings which have been used in the analysis shown in **Table 12**. Where more than one condition was stated an arbitrary order of priority was used for selecting the condition to be considered.

18. Complications or death

The question under this heading relates to the occurrence of complications or death prior to notification of an abortion. Notification should be made within seven days and the notifying doctor may not hear of complications or death occurring after the patient has been discharged from the place of operation. Data available from answers to this question will be analysed from time to time and discussed and published in medical journals.

Deaths recorded on the forms totalled 14. On reference to the death certificate in each case it was found that the certifying practitioner or coroner had not necessarily attributed cause of death to the abortion operation but sometimes to the illness which was considered the underlying cause of death. In 11 cases abortion was shown to be the underlying cause, whilst in the remaining 3, death was attributed to other conditions. The method of termination, period of gestation and age at death are presented in **Table 22**.

19. Provisional data

Current figures of legally induced abortions are published in the Registrar General's *Weekly and Quarterly Returns*. The Weekly Return periodically shows the provisional numbers of abortions notified in the preceding four or five weeks by (a) statutory grounds, age and marital status, and (b) hospital region and place of termination. The Quarterly Return shows similar figures consolidated for the relative quarter, and occasionally special analyses of other factors.

CORRECTIONS

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Table 17, Page 24

Lincolnshire (Parts of Kesteven)
Administrative county

Place of Operation
Home region for 16 read 3
Other region for 31 read 13

TABLES

TABLE 1A. Legally induced abortions by age of woman and:-

	England and Wales, 1970									
	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All legally induced abortions	86,565	1,822	15,208	23,194	15,871	13,520	10,207	4,544	440	1,759
(i) Marital status										
Single	40,734	1,822	14,568	16,519	4,801	1,529	538	162	13	782
Married	38,096	-	485	5,020	8,816	10,086	8,553	3,953	394	789
Widowed, divorced or separated	7,611	-	147	1,628	2,232	1,876	1,095	422	32	179
Not stated	124	-	8	27	22	29	21	7	1	9
(ii) Type of premises										
N H S hospitals	47,678	1,409	7,260	10,325	8,866	8,472	6,711	3,144	316	1,175
Approved places	38,671	404	7,926	12,818	6,971	5,009	3,466	1,387	121	569
Other places	216	9	22	51	34	39	30	13	3	15
(iii) Statutory grounds*										
1	2,335	33	266	418	388	473	419	265	30	43
2	66,136	1,733	14,268	19,833	11,026	8,433	6,318	2,952	268	1,305
3	3,524	15	105	633	850	897	674	249	18	83
4	1,248	8	153	282	329	261	132	46	6	31
5	10	-	2	4	2	1	-	1	-	-
6	36	2	4	4	6	5	7	4	-	4
2 with 4	906	15	99	142	173	208	156	73	19	21
3 with others	12,370	16	311	1,878	3,097	3,242	2,501	954	99	272
(iv) Number of previous live and still born children										
0	39,505	1,792	13,977	15,682	4,704	1,594	732	258	11	755
1	9,360	7	841	3,181	2,349	1,405	904	435	33	205
2	14,055	-	159	2,449	3,760	3,619	2,619	1,061	102	286
3	10,799	-	20	1,134	2,700	3,178	2,414	1,044	100	209
4	6,325	-	2	376	1,436	1,980	1,624	721	63	123
5 and over	5,672	-	-	102	790	1,663	1,869	998	128	122
Not stated	849	23	209	270	132	81	45	27	3	59
(v) Gestation weeks†										
Under 9 weeks	12,147	174	1,560	3,079	2,396	2,204	1,676	724	66	268
9 and under 13 weeks	47,913	914	8,542	13,314	8,706	7,384	5,580	2,377	230	866
13 weeks and over	23,945	666	4,786	6,208	4,290	3,490	2,616	1,283	138	468
Not stated	2,560	68	320	593	479	442	335	160	6	157
(vi) Occupation group										
Professional	2,123	-	39	330	500	562	429	204	19	40
Intermediate	12,481	10	1,090	4,109	2,588	2,067	1,621	725	64	207
Skilled	32,814	303	6,520	9,332	5,934	4,931	3,623	1,535	146	490
Semi-skilled	9,085	92	1,501	2,442	1,747	1,468	1,096	545	43	151
Unskilled	3,118	32	392	658	661	594	479	231	20	51
Not classified	26,944	1,385	5,666	6,323	4,441	3,898	2,959	1,304	148	820

* For statutory grounds see page iii.
† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 1B. Legally induced abortions. Quarterly and annual notifications; annual occurrences for residents of England and Wales and non-residents; rates per 1,000 women aged 15-44 (residents) England and Wales 1968-1970

Year	Notifications received				Occurrences reported				
	Quarter				Total	Total	Residents	Non-residents	Rates per 1,000 women 15-44 (residents)
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th					
1968 (8 months)	-	4,411	7,938	9,907	22,256	23,641	22,332	1,309	3.46
1969	11,342	13,116	13,871	15,828	54,157	54,819	49,829	4,990	5.26
1970	17,742	21,082	22,253	22,774	83,851	86,565	75,962	10,603	7.97

TABLE 2A. Legally induced abortions by age and marital status, with rates per 1,000 women

England and Wales, 1970
Cases resident in England and Wales

Marital status	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over*	Not stated	Total 15 and over†	
								15-44	15-49
Numbers									
All	499	14,751	19,838	25,652	13,248	394	1,580	75,463	
Married	-	440	4,540	16,945	11,315	352	722	34,314	
Single	499	14,160	13,747	4,884	507	11	684	33,993	
Widowed	-	3	47	289	268	13	14	634	
Divorced/separated	-	140	1,482	3,486	1,133	17	151	6,409	
Unknown	-	8	22	48	25	1	9	113	
Rates‡									
All	-	9.05	10.52	8.48	4.60	0.24	-	7.97	6.82
Single	-	9.48	17.72	14.10	2.37	0.09	-	12.01	11.50
Married/Widowed/Divorced/Separated	-	4.30	5.48	7.75	4.78	0.25	-	6.23	5.12

* Rates per 1,000 women aged 45-49.

† Including age not stated.

‡ Cases of unknown marital status are distributed proportionately.

TABLE 2B. Legally induced abortions by age and area of residence, with rates per 1,000 women

England and Wales, standard regions, Wales, conurbations, urban and rural aggregates 1970
Cases resident in England and Wales

Area of residence	All ages	Under 16	16-19*	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over†	Not stated	Total 16 and over‡
Numbers									
ENGLAND AND WALES	75,962	1,732	13,518	19,838	25,652	13,248	394	1,580	74,230
Standard regions:									
North	4,758	98	798	1,071	1,680	1,020	23	68	4,660
Yorkshire and Humberside	5,249	126	895	1,166	1,839	1,126	23	74	5,123
North West	7,660	191	1,342	1,870	2,599	1,485	44	129	7,469
East Midlands	3,582	102	681	826	1,188	710	22	53	3,480
West Midlands	7,901	196	1,609	1,965	2,480	1,455	49	147	7,705
East Anglia	2,075	73	422	500	683	346	11	40	2,002
South East	35,901	706	6,087	10,389	12,255	5,365	159	940	35,195
South West	5,001	163	1,025	1,151	1,591	933	33	105	4,838
Wales	3,835	77	659	900	1,337	808	30	24	3,758
Urban and rural aggregates:									
Conurbations	33,719	577	5,600	10,238	11,494	4,877	144	789	33,142
Areas outside conurbations:									
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 or over	9,731	285	1,805	2,519	3,152	1,738	61	171	9,446
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	7,502	181	1,450	1,839	2,440	1,404	34	154	7,321
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	14,153	396	2,670	3,125	4,794	2,825	93	250	13,757
Rural districts	10,857	293	1,993	2,117	3,772	2,404	62	216	10,564
Rates									
ENGLAND AND WALES	-	-	8.30	10.52	8.48	4.60	0.24	-	6.71
Standard regions:									
North	-	-	6.76	8.85	8.03	4.97	0.20	-	6.08
Yorkshire and Humberside	-	-	5.46	6.61	6.26	4.02	0.15	-	4.78
North West	-	-	5.94	7.46	6.37	3.80	0.19	-	4.97
East Midlands	-	-	6.14	6.38	5.70	3.54	0.20	-	4.59
West Midlands	-	-	9.18	9.51	7.52	4.68	0.28	-	6.44
East Anglia	-	-	7.63	7.90	6.60	3.62	0.20	-	5.39
South East	-	-	10.83	14.87	11.22	5.26	0.27	-	8.89
South West	-	-	8.31	8.21	7.22	4.34	0.27	-	5.89
Wales	-	-	7.01	9.13	8.38	5.02	0.32	-	6.19
Urban and rural aggregates:									
Conurbations	-	-	10.27	15.11	11.33	5.08	0.26	-	8.81
Areas outside conurbations:									
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 or over	-	-	7.81	9.78	8.42	4.64	0.28	-	6.48
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	-	-	8.79	10.24	8.27	4.85	0.21	-	6.71
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	-	-	7.53	7.90	7.26	4.49	0.27	-	5.75
Rural districts	-	-	5.98	5.65	5.54	3.84	0.18	-	4.48

* Rates per 1,000 women aged 15-19.

† Rates per 1,000 women aged 45-49.

‡ Rates per 1,000 women aged 15-49. Not stated ages included.

TABLE 3. Legally induced abortions by age, type of premises and marital status

England and Wales, 1970

Type of premises and marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All cases										
All premises	86,565	1,822	15,208	23,194	15,871	13,520	10,207	4,544	440	1,759
Total	40,734	1,822	14,568	16,519	4,801	1,529	538	162	13	782
Single	38,098	-	485	5,020	8,816	10,086	8,553	3,953	394	789
Married	7,611	-	147	1,628	2,232	1,876	1,095	422	32	179
Widowed/divorced/separated	124	-	8	27	22	29	21	7	1	9
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.H.S. hospitals	47,678	1,409	7,260	10,325	8,866	8,472	6,711	3,144	316	1,175
Total	16,966	1,409	6,824	5,880	1,581	548	204	58	6	456
Single	25,707	-	351	3,324	5,878	6,804	5,804	2,799	285	589
Married	4,916	-	101	1,105	1,392	1,201	688	281	24	124
Widowed/divorced/separated	89	-	4	16	15	26	15	6	1	6
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Approved places	38,671	404	7,926	12,818	6,971	5,009	3,466	1,387	121	569
Total	23,702	404	7,223	10,611	3,218	978	353	104	7	324
Single	12,248	-	153	1,674	2,911	3,355	2,720	1,142	106	187
Married	2,686	-	46	522	835	673	407	140	8	55
Widowed/divorced/separated	35	-	4	11	7	3	6	1	-	3
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other places	216	9	22	51	34	39	30	13	3	15
Total	66	9	21	28	2	3	1	-	-	2
Single	141	-	1	22	27	34	29	12	3	13
Married	9	-	-	1	5	2	1	-	-	-
Widowed/divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 4. Legally induced abortions by age, statutory grounds and marital status

England and Wales, 1970

Statutory grounds	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All cases											
1	Total	2,335	33	266	418	388	473	419	265	30	43
	Single	618	33	248	236	54	22	6	5	1	13
	Married	1,561	-	16	158	289	411	392	239	28	28
	Widowed/divorced/separated	149	-	1	24	43	38	20	20	1	2
	Not stated	7	-	1	-	2	2	1	1	-	-
2	Total	66,136	1,733	14,268	19,833	11,026	8,433	6,318	2,952	268	1,305
	Single	38,370	1,733	13,851	15,635	4,394	1,371	496	146	11	733
	Married	23,023	-	306	3,104	5,242	5,974	5,169	2,542	238	448
	Widowed/divorced/separated	4,661	-	104	1,071	1,376	1,070	644	262	18	116
	Not stated	82	-	7	23	14	18	9	2	1	8
3	Total	3,524	15	105	633	850	897	674	249	18	83
	Single	375	15	82	149	85	29	6	2	-	7
	Married	2,430	-	14	333	575	667	548	216	16	61
	Widowed/divorced/separated	707	-	9	149	189	198	116	30	2	14
	Not stated	12	-	-	2	1	3	4	1	-	1
4	Total	1,248	8	153	282	329	261	132	46	6	31
	Single	218	8	108	71	22	2	1	-	-	6
	Married	998	-	45	204	299	249	128	42	6	25
	Widowed/divorced/separated	30	-	-	7	8	8	3	4	-	-
	Not stated	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
5	Total	10	-	2	4	2	1	-	1	-	-
	Single	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Married	7	-	-	4	1	1	-	1	-	-
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Total	36	2	4	4	6	5	7	4	-	4
	Single	12	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	3
	Married	24	-	1	2	5	4	7	4	-	1
	Widowed/divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 with 4	Total	906	15	99	142	173	208	156	73	19	21
	Single	227	15	91	72	26	11	8	1	18	5
	Married	629	-	7	66	133	176	141	71	18	17
	Widowed/divorced/separated	47	-	1	4	13	7	1	1	1	1
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
3 with others	Total	12,370	16	311	1,878	3,097	3,242	2,501	954	99	272
	Single	912	16	183	354	219	93	21	8	1	17
	Married	9,424	-	96	1,149	2,272	2,604	2,168	838	88	209
	Widowed/divorced/separated	2,016	-	32	373	602	543	305	105	10	46
	Not stated	18	-	-	2	4	2	7	3	-	-

* For statutory grounds see page 111.

TABLE 5. Legally induced abortions by age, number of previous live and still born children and marital status

England and Wales, 1970											
All cases											
Number of previous live and still born children	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
0	Total	39,505	1,792	13,977	15,682	4,704	1,594	732	258	11	755
	Single	36,088	1,792	13,787	14,489	3,739	1,090	400	114	8	669
	Married	2,331	-	144	858	607	311	234	114	3	60
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,053	-	38	319	355	190	97	30	-	24
	Not stated	33	-	8	16	3	3	1	-	-	2
1	Total	9,360	7	841	3,181	2,349	1,405	904	435	33	205
	Single	3,118	7	532	1,466	707	247	77	23	1	58
	Married	4,279	-	224	1,116	1,072	773	643	335	28	88
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,951	-	85	595	566	381	184	77	4	59
	Not stated	12	-	-	4	4	4	-	-	-	-
2	Total	14,055	-	159	2,449	3,760	3,619	2,619	1,061	102	286
	Single	552	-	41	233	147	80	26	12	2	11
	Married	11,319	-	98	1,713	2,972	3,000	2,289	937	89	221
	Widowed/divorced/separated	2,159	-	20	502	654	532	298	110	11	52
	Not stated	25	-	-	1	7	7	6	2	-	2
3	Total	10,799	-	20	1,134	2,700	3,178	2,414	1,044	100	209
	Single	200	-	3	89	66	32	18	4	1	7
	Married	9,378	-	15	914	2,257	2,789	2,167	965	95	176
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,195	-	2	149	373	348	219	75	4	25
	Not stated	26	-	-	2	4	9	10	-	-	1
4	Total	6,325	-	2	376	1,436	1,980	1,624	721	63	123
	Single	83	-	-	18	35	20	3	3	-	4
	Married	5,576	-	2	312	1,208	1,739	1,475	668	61	111
	Widowed/divorced/separated	654	-	-	44	191	218	143	49	1	8
	Not stated	12	-	-	2	2	3	5	1	-	-
5	Total	2,923	-	-	82	513	947	863	408	49	61
	Single	39	-	-	4	16	12	4	1	-	2
	Married	2,584	-	-	66	426	824	791	377	48	52
	Widowed/divorced/separated	295	-	-	11	70	109	68	29	1	7
	Not stated	5	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	-
6	Total	1,407	-	-	17	200	402	488	248	24	28
	Single	18	-	-	1	8	6	2	1	-	-
	Married	1,242	-	-	13	170	345	446	226	18	26
	Widowed/divorced/separated	146	-	-	3	21	53	40	21	6	2
	Not stated	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
7	Total	670	-	-	3	52	182	260	142	19	12
	Single	11	-	-	-	4	6	1	-	-	-
	Married	603	-	-	3	44	156	242	128	18	12
	Widowed/divorced/separated	53	-	-	-	4	20	16	12	1	-
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
8	Total	357	-	-	-	17	84	129	97	19	11
	Single	5	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
	Married	311	-	-	-	10	66	118	90	17	10
	Widowed/divorced/separated	39	-	-	-	6	13	11	6	2	1
	Not stated	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
9 and over	Total	315	-	-	-	8	48	129	103	17	10
	Single	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Married	275	-	-	-	6	42	113	90	15	9
	Widowed/divorced/separated	38	-	-	-	2	6	16	12	2	-
	Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not stated	Total	849	23	209	270	132	81	45	27	3	59
	Single	619	23	205	239	78	32	7	5	1	31
	Married	198	-	2	25	44	43	35	23	2	24
	Widowed/divorced/separated	28	-	2	5	10	6	3	1	-	1
	Not stated	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3

TABLE 6. Legally induced abortions by age, gestation weeks and marital status

England and Wales, 1970											
All cases											
Gestation weeks and marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated	
Under 9 weeks †											
Total	12,147	174	1,560	3,079	2,396	2,204	1,676	724	66	268	
Single	5,543	174	1,487	2,380	914	335	96	37	3	117	
Married	5,631	-	56	556	1,209	1,618	1,389	625	59	119	
Widowed/divorced/separated	963	-	16	141	271	250	118	61	4	32	
Not stated	10	-	1	2	2	1	3	1	-	-	
9 and under 13 weeks											
Total	47,913	914	8,542	13,314	8,706	7,384	5,580	2,377	230	866	
Single	23,021	914	8,242	9,605	2,660	822	304	82	8	384	
Married	20,791	-	236	2,824	4,830	5,544	4,688	2,063	207	399	
Widowed/divorced/separated	4,030	-	61	866	1,206	1,000	574	228	15	80	
Not stated	71	-	3	19	10	18	14	4	-	3	
13 weeks and over											
Total	23,945	666	4,786	6,208	4,290	3,490	2,616	1,283	138	468	
Single	11,240	666	4,546	4,178	1,122	339	123	39	2	225	
Married	10,311	-	173	1,458	2,470	2,587	2,191	1,122	123	187	
Widowed/divorced/separated	2,362	-	64	566	688	559	299	121	12	53	
Not stated	32	-	3	6	10	5	3	1	1	3	
Not stated											
Total	2,560	68	320	593	479	442	335	160	6	157	
Single	930	68	293	356	105	33	15	4	-	56	
Married	1,363	-	20	182	307	337	285	143	5	84	
Widowed/divorced/separated	256	-	6	55	67	67	34	12	1	14	
Not stated	11	-	1	-	-	5	1	1	-	3	

† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 7A. Legally induced abortions: all women by number of previous live born children and by age

England and Wales, 1970
Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous live born children								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated
All ages	75,962	33,196	8,204	12,830	9,980	5,809	2,720	1,284	1,188	751
11	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	85	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	391	387	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Under 15	499	495	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
15	1,233	1,207	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
16	2,530	2,468	33	2	-	-	-	-	-	27
17	3,188	3,000	125	14	2	-	-	-	-	47
18	3,864	3,486	281	39	3	-	-	-	-	55
19	3,936	3,396	359	101	13	1	-	-	-	66
Under 20	15,250	14,052	805	156	18	1	-	-	-	218
20	4,232	3,393	482	240	57	7	2	-	-	51
21	4,264	3,102	610	333	134	27	2	1	-	55
22	4,081	2,681	566	500	236	50	5	-	-	43
23	3,956	2,201	660	607	301	111	27	3	1	45
24	3,305	1,525	517	634	385	158	37	8	1	40
20-24	19,838	12,902	2,835	2,314	1,113	353	73	12	2	234
25	3,037	1,147	476	667	447	194	57	15	3	31
26	2,866	859	457	704	478	235	81	23	6	23
27	2,828	677	383	734	569	299	95	42	12	17
28	2,595	542	358	681	519	308	113	37	20	17
29	2,425	388	307	670	525	294	140	57	21	23
25-29	13,751	3,613	1,981	3,456	2,538	1,330	486	174	62	111
30	2,526	346	295	704	533	384	152	68	29	15
31	2,472	275	280	662	593	369	152	72	55	14
32	2,426	230	239	663	607	371	179	67	53	17
33	2,279	199	204	600	587	343	203	88	50	5
34	2,198	159	180	574	567	349	193	81	79	16
30-34	11,901	1,209	1,198	3,203	2,887	1,816	879	376	266	67
35	2,103	147	168	554	530	339	182	96	75	12
36	1,976	132	173	523	459	329	161	96	96	7
37	1,789	110	138	485	439	278	154	78	98	9
38	1,698	91	145	411	410	273	173	91	100	4
39	1,575	78	159	400	355	256	134	86	97	10
35-39	9,141	558	783	2,373	2,193	1,475	804	447	466	42
40	1,397	80	131	345	334	228	103	83	82	11
41	1,051	49	92	254	248	161	103	50	88	6
42	776	42	62	187	163	126	82	44	68	2
43	538	20	53	119	136	88	44	26	48	4
44	345	10	43	74	67	58	37	24	30	2
40-44	4,107	201	381	979	948	661	369	227	316	25
45	210	6	20	36	44	27	29	13	35	-
46	105	2	8	27	23	20	11	5	8	1
47	43	-	5	11	13	7	3	1	2	1
48	22	-	1	7	6	1	4	2	1	-
45-48	380	8	34	81	86	55	47	21	46	2
49 and over	14	1	-	4	4	1	1	2	1	-
Not stated	1,580	652	187	264	193	117	61	25	29	52

TABLE 7B. Legally induced abortions: married women by number of previous live born children and by age

England and Wales, 1970
Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous live born children								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated
All ages	34,314	1,916	3,637	10,270	8,614	5,102	2,404	1,127	1,054	190
16	9	2	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	40	12	20	6	2	-	-	-	-	-
18	153	51	78	21	1	-	-	-	-	2
19	238	56	102	69	10	1	-	-	-	-
Under 20	440	121	206	97	13	1	-	-	-	2
20	459	105	146	156	43	6	2	-	-	1
21	660	133	167	225	101	24	2	1	-	7
22	916	153	187	337	196	38	3	-	-	2
23	1,246	170	263	447	246	88	22	3	1	6
24	1,259	125	193	452	312	134	29	6	1	7
20-24	4,540	686	956	1,617	898	290	58	10	2	23
25	1,446	136	188	520	369	161	47	10	1	14
26	1,540	122	184	544	392	195	68	20	6	9
27	1,672	83	166	573	473	251	81	34	8	3
28	1,623	89	178	531	421	256	93	31	15	9
29	1,666	72	149	551	446	249	119	53	18	9
25-29	7,947	502	865	2,719	2,101	1,112	408	148	48	44
30	1,772	61	154	559	461	326	127	54	22	8
31	1,845	63	147	547	510	321	136	63	49	9
32	1,850	50	136	549	530	320	154	58	42	11
33	1,773	40	117	493	522	307	175	77	40	2
34	1,758	42	103	481	497	316	172	70	66	11
30-34	8,998	256	657	2,629	2,520	1,590	764	322	219	41
35	1,717	42	107	473	457	306	166	88	68	10
36	1,662	47	126	453	414	296	145	87	89	5
37	1,512	39	98	422	395	254	143	70	84	7
38	1,469	37	110	364	365	246	164	83	96	4
39	1,367	36	115	355	328	240	121	77	86	9
35-39	7,727	201	556	2,067	1,959	1,342	739	405	423	35
40	1,213	40	99	308	309	204	92	75	75	11
41	918	24	65	222	227	149	96	47	82	6
42	670	16	49	165	149	116	75	37	61	2
43	485	14	44	101	129	85	41	21	47	3
44	302	4	33	68	60	54	35	20	27	1
40-44	3,588	98	290	864	874	608	339	200	292	23
45	184	1	16	31	42	26	28	9	31	-
46	94	1	6	23	22	19	9	5	8	1
47	42	-	5	11	12	7	3	1	2	1
48	19	-	1	6	5	4	4	1	1	-
45-48	339	2	28	71	81	53	44	16	42	2
49 and over	13	-	-	4	4	1	1	2	1	-
Not stated	722	50	79	202	164	105	51	24	27	20

TABLE 7C. Legally induced abortions: single women by number of previous live born children and by age

England and Wales, 1970
Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous live born children								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not Stated
All ages	34,492	30,330	2,780	513	189	82	39	14	16	529
11	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	85	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	391	387	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Under 15	499	495	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
15	1,233	1,207	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
16	2,519	2,465	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
17	3,131	2,981	96	8	-	-	-	-	-	46
18	3,672	3,422	181	14	2	-	-	-	-	53
19	3,605	3,317	205	17	1	-	-	-	-	65
Under 20	14,659	13,887	516	39	3	-	-	-	-	214
20	3,630	3,253	277	42	7	1	-	-	-	50
21	3,352	2,925	350	58	11	1	-	-	-	47
22	2,835	2,476	257	49	12	3	-	-	-	38
23	2,302	1,935	263	39	19	6	3	-	-	37
24	1,628	1,324	193	51	18	8	1	-	-	33
20-24	13,747	11,913	1,320	219	67	19	4	-	-	205
25	1,181	931	178	34	10	8	2	1	1	16
26	916	675	161	40	19	5	4	1	-	11
27	713	536	111	27	12	8	5	2	1	11
28	536	393	86	22	14	7	2	3	1	8
29	386	274	68	14	10	6	3	-	1	10
25-29	3,732	2,809	604	137	65	34	16	7	4	56
30	363	250	71	20	5	6	2	-	2	7
31	253	170	52	15	6	3	3	-	2	2
32	213	147	31	13	6	6	3	1	1	5
33	170	120	25	13	3	1	1	3	1	3
34	153	94	26	10	9	3	3	-	4	4
30-34	1,152	781	205	71	29	19	12	4	10	21
35	120	83	20	9	2	2	2	1	-	1
36	89	66	13	5	4	-	-	-	-	1
37	64	48	5	3	4	1	1	1	-	1
38	60	41	10	4	4	-	-	-	1	-
39	55	37	12	3	1	-	-	-	-	1
35-39	388	275	60	24	15	3	4	2	1	4
40	42	28	6	5	1	1	-	-	1	-
41	31	20	5	2	2	1	-	1	-	-
42	26	21	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	11	5	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
44	9	5	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
40-44	119	79	19	11	3	3	1	1	1	1
45	7	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
45-48	10	6	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
49 and over	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	684	579	54	11	6	4	2	-	-	28

TABLE 8. Legally induced abortions by age, occupation group and marital status

England and Wales, 1970
Cases resident in England and Wales

Occupation group and marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not Stated
All groups										
Single	34,492	1,732	12,927	13,747	3,732	1,152	388	119	11	684
Married	34,314	-	440	4,540	7,947	8,998	7,727	3,588	352	722
Widowed	634	-	3	47	118	171	169	99	13	14
Divorced/separated	6,409	-	140	1,482	1,935	1,551	839	294	17	151
Not known	113	-	8	22	19	29	18	7	1	9
Professional										
Total	1,737	-	35	261	399	465	351	177	16	33
Single	291	-	27	128	88	29	9	2	1	7
Married	1,386	-	7	125	298	419	328	171	14	24
Widowed	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	56	-	1	7	12	16	13	4	1	2
Not known	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Intermediate										
Total	10,456	10	974	3,458	2,101	1,701	1,364	619	54	175
Single	5,456	10	945	2,972	1,018	286	92	22	1	110
Married	4,344	-	24	391	893	1,234	1,146	553	50	53
Widowed	70	-	-	3	10	19	24	10	1	3
Divorced/separated	574	-	4	90	177	158	100	34	2	9
Not known	12	-	1	2	3	4	2	-	-	-
Skilled										
Total	28,566	296	6,016	7,976	4,952	4,196	3,193	1,365	129	443
Single	14,394	296	5,829	5,933	1,481	414	151	48	3	239
Married	12,180	-	149	1,596	2,910	3,282	2,768	1,201	120	154
Widowed	142	-	-	11	23	39	36	26	5	2
Divorced/separated	1,827	-	36	429	533	458	235	88	1	47
Not known	23	-	2	7	5	3	3	2	-	1
Semi-skilled										
Total	8,420	90	1,422	2,196	1,602	1,376	1,040	514	40	140
Single	3,707	90	1,354	1,504	435	171	67	17	1	68
Married	3,919	-	57	532	928	1,034	844	432	34	58
Widowed	63	-	-	1	10	15	18	18	1	-
Divorced/separated	719	-	9	156	227	155	108	47	3	14
Not known	12	-	2	3	2	1	3	-	1	-
Unskilled										
Total	2,956	32	374	622	636	557	450	219	19	47
Single	682	32	322	208	71	31	7	-	-	11
Married	2,014	-	42	354	497	459	415	199	17	31
Widowed	23	-	-	1	2	7	6	6	-	1
Divorced/separated	236	-	10	59	66	60	22	14	2	3
Not known	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
*Not classified										
Total	23,827	1,304	4,697	5,325	4,061	3,606	2,743	1,213	136	742
Single	9,962	1,304	4,450	3,002	639	221	62	30	5	249
Married	10,471	-	161	1,542	2,421	2,570	2,226	1,032	117	402
Widowed	334	-	3	31	72	91	84	39	6	8
Divorced/separated	2,997	-	80	741	920	704	361	107	8	76
Not known	63	-	3	9	9	20	10	5	-	7

* Main components of the 'not classified' group in the above table are:

Occupation	Total	Single	Married	Others
Not stated	10,743	3,115	6,340	1,288
Not occupied or student	6,941	6,464	325	152
Housewife	5,571	308	3,343	1,920

TABLE 9. Legally induced abortions by age, number of previous live born children and occupation group

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Previous live born children and occupation group		All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not Stated
Total	Total	75,962	1,732	13,518	19,838	13,751	11,901	9,141	4,107	394	1,580
	Professional	1,737	-	35	261	399	465	351	177	16	33
	Intermediate	10,456	10	974	3,458	2,101	1,701	1,364	619	54	175
	Skilled	28,566	296	6,016	7,976	4,952	4,196	3,193	1,365	129	443
	Semi-skilled	8,420	90	1,422	2,196	1,602	1,376	1,040	514	40	140
	Unskilled	2,956	32	374	622	636	557	450	219	19	47
	Not classified	23,827	1,304	4,697	5,325	4,061	3,606	2,743	1,213	136	742
0	Total	33,196	1,702	12,350	12,902	3,613	1,209	558	201	9	652
	Professional	417	-	30	174	127	50	17	10	1	8
	Intermediate	5,434	10	928	2,876	1,023	321	134	34	1	107
	Skilled	14,178	290	5,622	5,714	1,527	469	247	84	2	223
	Semi-skilled	3,338	90	1,264	1,321	379	149	59	20	-	56
	Unskilled	610	32	305	181	45	22	12	3	1	9
	Not classified	9,219	1,280	4,201	2,636	512	198	89	50	4	249
1	Total	8,204	7	798	2,835	1,981	1,198	783	381	34	187
	Professional	197	-	3	35	59	47	28	19	1	5
	Intermediate	1,164	-	27	328	341	226	143	79	3	17
	Skilled	2,947	2	261	1,033	712	456	272	136	9	66
	Semi-skilled	1,057	-	117	376	250	135	105	43	5	26
	Unskilled	298	-	47	112	58	32	27	13	3	6
	Not classified	2,541	5	343	951	561	302	208	91	13	67
2	Total	12,830	-	156	2,314	3,456	3,203	2,373	979	85	264
	Professional	529	-	-	36	128	168	128	57	4	10
	Intermediate	1,712	-	7	140	421	494	429	191	10	20
	Skilled	4,406	-	52	707	1,234	1,166	831	320	34	62
	Semi-skilled	1,369	-	23	295	370	334	218	107	9	13
	Unskilled	547	-	15	157	140	101	86	39	1	8
	Not classified	4,267	-	59	979	1,165	940	681	265	27	151
3	Total	9,980	-	18	1,113	2,538	2,887	2,193	948	90	193
	Professional	361	-	-	9	59	139	103	42	3	6
	Intermediate	1,203	-	2	56	208	400	351	152	16	18
	Skilled	3,283	-	4	314	812	1,006	753	328	28	38
	Semi-skilled	1,105	-	2	130	300	302	232	113	11	15
	Unskilled	539	-	3	110	160	126	87	37	5	11
	Not classified	3,489	-	7	494	999	914	667	276	27	105
4	Total	5,809	-	1	353	1,330	1,816	1,475	661	56	117
	Professional	145	-	-	3	21	45	24	5	2	2
	Intermediate	528	-	-	14	63	172	183	79	11	6
	Skilled	1,903	-	-	105	406	623	501	227	16	25
	Semi-skilled	762	-	-	43	201	243	179	83	4	9
	Unskilled	414	-	-	42	125	110	84	49	2	2
	Not classified	2,057	-	1	146	514	623	483	199	18	73
5	Total	2,720	-	-	73	486	879	804	369	48	61
	Professional	46	-	-	-	-	12	20	12	1	1
	Intermediate	195	-	-	1	19	52	71	42	8	2
	Skilled	849	-	-	15	151	266	281	105	22	9
	Semi-skilled	394	-	-	8	59	136	116	61	6	8
	Unskilled	245	-	-	14	63	82	52	24	1	9
	Not classified	991	-	-	35	194	331	264	125	10	32
6	Total	1,284	-	-	12	174	376	447	227	23	25
	Professional	16	-	-	-	1	5	9	9	-	-
	Intermediate	70	-	-	-	3	17	24	23	3	-
	Skilled	394	-	-	5	52	111	154	61	4	7
	Semi-skilled	171	-	-	-	28	44	63	32	2	2
	Unskilled	147	-	-	4	33	42	47	20	1	-
	Not classified	486	-	-	3	57	161	154	82	13	16
7 and over	Total	1,188	-	-	2	62	266	466	316	47	29
	Professional	10	-	-	-	1	-	4	4	1	-
	Intermediate	50	-	-	-	3	9	19	16	2	1
	Skilled	355	-	-	-	19	78	144	99	13	8
	Semi-skilled	168	-	-	1	8	27	66	55	3	8
	Unskilled	143	-	-	-	9	39	55	33	5	2
	Not classified	462	-	-	1	22	113	178	109	23	16
Not stated	Total	1,580	23	195	234	111	67	42	25	2	52
	Professional	33	-	2	4	5	3	1	-	-	1
	Intermediate	175	-	10	43	20	10	10	3	-	4
	Skilled	443	4	77	83	39	21	10	5	1	11
	Semi-skilled	140	-	16	22	7	6	2	-	-	3
Unskilled	47	-	4	2	3	3	-	1	-	-	
Not classified	742	19	86	80	37	24	19	16	1	33	

TABLE 10. Legally induced abortions with sterilisation: age by number of previous live born children and occupation group

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Previous live born children and occupation group		All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Total	Total	13,946	-	31	777	2,705	4,058	3,985	1,946	165	279
	Professional	299	-	-	6	41	91	98	54	5	4
	Intermediate	1,134	-	1	37	148	314	388	216	17	13
	Skilled	4,613	-	10	235	923	1,379	1,346	608	58	54
	Semi-skilled	1,785	-	2	98	513	497	269	21	24	24
	Unskilled	1,064	-	3	99	234	287	138	14	15	15
	Not classified	5,051	-	15	302	998	1,474	1,382	661	50	169
0	Total	188	-	12	32	27	34	50	27	-	6
	Professional	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
	Intermediate	29	-	1	5	2	6	9	6	-	-
	Skilled	57	-	5	7	8	8	22	7	-	-
	Semi-skilled	16	-	1	5	2	4	3	1	-	-
	Unskilled	5	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
	Not Classified	78	-	4	14	14	15	14	11	-	6
1	Total	600	-	10	42	83	149	173	118	12	13
	Professional	16	-	-	-	1	2	9	3	-	-
	Intermediate	70	-	-	2	6	22	20	20	-	-
	Skilled	197	-	2	14	34	45	52	42	5	3
	Semi-skilled	89	-	1	10	13	21	24	16	2	2
	Unskilled	33	-	2	5	3	5	11	5	2	-
	Not classified	195	-	5	11	26	54	57	32	3	7
2	Total	2,772	-	6	197	578	769	783	358	30	51
	Professional	99	-	-	1	20	34	27	15	2	-
	Intermediate	296	-	-	12	44	79	112	46	2	1
	Skilled	946	-	2	57	225	272	264	102	12	12
	Semi-skilled	325	-	-	29	74	85	88	42	4	3
	Unskilled	139	-	-	20	27	35	36	19	1	1
	Not classified	967	-	4	78	188	264	256	134	9	34
3	Total	3,760	-	1	297	840	1,131	948	433	37	73
	Professional	95	-	-	4	12	29	30	16	2	2
	Intermediate	359	-	-	11	53	109	114	59	6	7
	Skilled	1,280	-	1	94	291	399	324	144	10	17
	Semi-skilled	435	-	-	32	99	135	103	59	6	1
	Unskilled	236	-	-	33	61	66	50	18	3	5
	Not classified	1,355	-	-	123	324	393	327	137	10	41
4	Total	3,071	-	-	152	684	958	824	369	23	61
	Professional	54	-	-	1	7	18	22	5	1	-
	Intermediate	209	-	-	6	28	61	72	36	2	4
	Skilled	1,005	-	-	49	199	344	261	129	9	14
	Semi-skilled	418	-	-	17	107	135	107	45	2	5
	Unskilled	250	-	-	28	71	60	58	30	2	1
	Not classified	1,135	-	-	51	272	340	304	124	7	37
5	Total	1,690	-	-	43	311	555	491	231	24	35
	Professional	18	-	-	-	-	5	6	6	-	1
	Intermediate	92	-	-	1	10	20	33	25	3	-
	Skilled	550	-	-	8	106	173	181	67	12	3
	Semi-skilled	254	-	-	4	45	86	73	37	3	6
	Unskilled	166	-	-	8	39	57	35	19	1	7
	Not classified	610	-	-	22	111	214	163	77	5	18
6	Total	900	-	-	9	118	251	336	157	13	16
	Professional	8	-	-	-	-					

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TABLE 11A. Legally induced abortions by number of existing children, marital status and occupation group

Marital status and occupation group	Existing children												
	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 and over	Not Stated
All	75,962	34,431	7,770	12,725	9,718	5,522	2,322	1,189	537	245	102	99	1,102
Professional	1,737	443	180	517	359	136	44	16	5	3	-	1	33
Intermediate	10,456	5,616	1,058	1,675	1,150	510	181	70	23	13	1	2	157
Skilled	28,566	14,684	2,715	4,364	3,180	1,835	775	362	171	67	24	33	356
Semi-skilled	8,420	3,542	994	1,347	1,107	685	359	145	80	31	19	13	98
Unskilled	2,956	658	302	551	524	399	242	144	48	36	14	11	27
Not classified	23,827	9,488	2,521	4,271	3,398	1,957	921	452	210	95	44	39	431
Single	34,492	30,971	2,277	433	173	75	26	12	11	1	1	-	512
Professional	291	264	13	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Intermediate	5,456	5,010	309	39	14	4	1	1	1	1	-	-	76
Skilled	14,394	13,318	762	97	22	6	-	1	1	1	-	-	187
Semi-skilled	3,707	3,183	372	58	25	16	7	1	1	-	-	-	44
Unskilled	682	559	84	18	6	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	10
Not classified	9,962	8,637	737	221	105	47	16	9	7	-	1	-	182
Married	34,314	2,319	3,693	10,293	8,437	4,880	2,255	1,062	482	215	87	92	499
Professional	1,386	155	502	1,136	887	488	214	106	47	22	9	11	18
Intermediate	4,344	425	558	1,484	1,060	477	166	65	22	11	2	2	73
Skilled	12,180	840	1,316	3,804	2,955	1,734	754	349	166	66	23	32	141
Semi-skilled	3,919	201	425	1,045	982	620	334	131	75	30	17	13	46
Unskilled	2,014	70	164	467	465	370	226	134	47	32	13	11	15
Not classified	10,471	628	1,074	2,991	2,624	1,543	732	367	167	73	33	33	206
Widowed/divorced/separated	7,043	1,114	1,787	1,977	1,083	555	238	113	43	26	14	7	86
Professional	58	23	11	15	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Intermediate	644	176	189	149	74	29	14	4	1	1	-	-	8
Skilled	1,969	518	635	462	198	91	20	12	3	1	1	1	27
Semi-skilled	782	154	194	242	99	47	18	13	4	1	2	-	8
Unskilled	259	29	54	66	53	27	14	10	-	3	1	-	2
Not classified	3,331	214	704	1,043	653	361	171	74	36	20	10	6	59
Not known	113	27	13	22	25	12	3	2	1	3	-	-	5
Professional	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	12	5	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skilled	23	8	2	1	5	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Semi-skilled	12	4	3	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unskilled	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Not classified	63	9	6	16	16	6	2	2	-	2	-	-	4

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TABLE 11B. Legally induced abortions accompanied by sterilisation, by number of existing children, marital status and occupation group

Marital status and occupation group	Existing children												
	Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 and over	Not Stated
All	13,946	303	669	2,900	3,733	2,969	1,612	838	401	181	75	80	185
Professional	299	5	15	99	102	46	17	6	3	1	-	-	5
Intermediate	1,134	41	73	310	337	208	83	41	16	8	-	1	16
Skilled	4,613	86	228	983	1,276	992	513	262	135	50	18	26	44
Semi-skilled	1,785	37	96	349	450	385	243	99	58	24	16	13	15
Unskilled	1,064	14	36	145	241	246	171	112	40	28	11	10	10
Not classified	5,051	120	221	1,014	1,327	1,092	585	318	149	70	30	30	95
Single	295	83	51	50	42	31	19	9	5	-	1	-	4
Professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	20	10	4	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Skilled	36	17	10	4	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Semi-skilled	57	16	14	5	11	5	5	-	1	-	-	-	-
Unskilled	10	2	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Not classified	172	38	20	37	29	24	12	7	2	-	1	-	2
Married	12,669	194	530	2,660	3,457	2,753	1,472	755	375	160	65	75	173
Professional	295	4	14	98	101	46	17	6	3	1	-	-	5
Intermediate	1,066	28	67	292	325	200	77	36	16	6	-	1	18
Skilled	4,430	61	191	946	1,243	962	504	255	134	49	17	25	43
Semi-skilled	1,622	17	69	316	421	366	224	90	55	23	14	13	14
Unskilled	1,014	11	32	138	231	240	165	105	39	25	10	10	8
Not classified	4,242	73	157	870	1,136	939	485	263	128	54	24	26	87
Widowed/divorced/separated	949	26	84	182	225	180	119	72	21	18	9	5	8
Professional	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	45	3	1	13	7	12	5	4	-	-	-	-	1
Skilled	143	8	26	33	30	28	8	6	1	1	1	1	1
Semi-skilled	103	4	13	28	17	12	14	9	2	1	2	-	1
Unskilled	39	1	1	6	10	5	7	7	-	2	1	-	-
Not classified	616	9	42	101	156	127	87	46	19	14	5	4	6
Not known	33	-	4	8	9	5	2	2	-	3	-	-	-
Professional	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skilled	4	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Semi-skilled	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unskilled	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Not classified	21	-	2	6	6	2	1	2	-	2	-	-	-

TABLE 12. Legally induced abortions where environmental and other conditions were stated, with proportions, distinguishing type of premises

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All cases

Note: This table is necessarily restricted to those cases (28% of the total) where the practitioner saw fit to refer to environmental or other factors, mostly in addition to the specific medical reasons given in Table 19, as reasons for termination. See page vi.

Code	Description	NHS Hospitals		Approved and other places	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
	Reference to statutory grounds	1,352	7.3	801	13.8
	Total				
01	Statutory ground 1	13	0.1	12	0.2
02	2	820	4.4	629	10.8
03	3	151	0.8	3	0.1
04	4	13	0.1	-	-
06	6	1	0.0	-	-
07	2 and 4	16	0.1	-	-
08	3 with any other	314	1.7	140	2.4
09	Other multiple	24	0.1	17	0.3
	Concerning the mother	10,325	56.1	3,050	52.8
	Total				
10	Unmarried (16 or over)	446	2.4	196	3.4
11	Under 16 years	197	1.1	21	0.4
12	Widowed, divorced, separated	214	1.2	43	0.7
13	Multiparity	822	4.5	506	8.8
14	Too old - high medical risk in primipara	257	1.4	88	1.5
15	Young or immature	430	2.3	136	2.4
16	Physical handicap or illness	11	0.1	1	0.0
17	Students (nurse, university student, etc.)	165	0.9	83	1.4
18	Other specified reasons pertaining to mother	697	3.8	589	10.2
19	Unspecified social reasons - 'adverse conditions'	7,086	38.4	1,387	24.0
	Concerning the husband or father	410	2.2	245	4.2
	Total				
20	Not available for marriage	61	0.3	91	1.5
21	Drunkard or alcohol addict	18	0.1	4	0.1
22	Drug addict	6	0.0	3	0.1
23	Violent	35	0.2	1	0.0
24	Young, immature	7	0.0	1	0.0
25	Old	4	0.0	4	0.1
26	Abandoned by consort	179	1.0	115	1.9
28	Other specified reasons pertaining to father	100	0.6	26	0.4
	Concerning other children of mother	3,285	17.8	1,015	17.5
	Total				
30	Already caring for previous illegitimate children	286	1.6	80	1.4
31	Adverse affect on existing children in family	2,916	15.8	911	15.7
32	Unspecified reasons relating to existing children	28	0.2	5	0.1
33	Reason relating to family	37	0.2	13	0.2
35	Unborn child - probable lack of care	6	0.0	1	0.0
38	Other specified reasons relating to unborn child	3	0.0	3	0.1
39	Unborn child will suffer	9	0.0	2	0.

TABLE 12 - continued

Code	Description	NHS Hospitals		Approved and other places	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
	Concerning economic factors				
	Total	1,234	6.7	232	4.0
60	Insufficient income for family - husband not able to support	19	0.1	1	0.0
61	Loss of employment for woman	135	0.7	42	0.7
63	Other specified economic reasons	19	0.1	5	0.1
64	Unspecified economic reasons, financial difficulties	1,061	5.8	184	3.2
	Concerning housing				
	Total	325	1.8	102	1.8
65	Inadequate housing	111	0.6	4	0.1
68	Material home conditions inadequate	14	0.1	-	-
68	Other specified environmental reasons	10	0.1	1	0.0
69	Unspecified environmental reasons	190	1.0	97	1.7
	Concerning rape and violence				
	Total	100	0.5	17	0.3
70	Unwanted intercourse under 16	-	-	2	0.0
71	Unwanted intercourse 16 and over	7	0.0	3	0.1
72	Rape, single girl under 16	11	0.1	1	0.0
73	Rape, single girl 16 or over	48	0.3	7	0.2
74	Rape, married woman	9	0.0	2	0.0
75	Incest	25	0.1	2	0.0
	All cases with question 11(c) completed	18,433	100.0	5,787	100.0
	All cases with medical reasons and question 11(c) not completed	28,439		32,773	
	All cases with question 11(a)-(c) not completed	806		327	
	Total cases treated for abortion	47,678		38,887	

TABLE 13. Legally induced abortions by age, main operation and gestation weeks

England and Wales, 1970

Main operation	Gestation weeks†	All ages	All cases								
			Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not Stated
Hysterotomy - abdominal	Total	12,681	237	926	1,523	2,430	3,111	2,770	1,304	113	267
	Under 9	328	2	4	17	75	79	96	47	1	7
	9-12	3,856	37	101	297	705	1,099	1,066	449	33	69
	13	1,531	17	75	135	282	454	380	139	18	31
	14	1,520	31	116	170	289	386	315	171	10	32
	15-16	2,483	44	226	365	507	569	464	231	25	52
	17-19	1,734	62	248	309	350	303	269	145	17	31
	20-23	550	27	107	132	99	66	55	46	6	12
	24 and over	114	3	13	22	24	19	17	14	1	1
	Not stated	565	14	36	76	99	136	108	62	2	32
Hysterotomy - vaginal	Total	427	14	51	84	92	81	62	27	4	12
	Under 9	27	1	4	4	4	7	7	-	-	-
	9-12	251	10	33	48	54	48	39	13	2	4
	13	39	2	2	10	11	4	4	4	1	1
	14	27	-	4	6	5	5	3	2	-	2
	15-16	37	1	3	7	5	10	4	5	1	1
	17-19	23	-	1	5	9	1	3	3	-	1
	20-23	6	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-
	24 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	17	-	3	4	3	3	1	-	-	3
Hysterectomy	Total	1,051	-	4	33	109	234	373	247	29	22
	Under 9	69	-	-	1	7	19	29	12	-	1
	9-12	467	-	-	13	45	99	183	106	12	8
	13	113	-	1	2	11	25	35	34	4	1
	14	93	-	-	3	8	26	26	23	4	3
	15-16	141	-	-	5	15	26	54	32	3	5
	17-19	91	-	-	6	12	18	23	27	5	-
	20-23	29	-	1	1	4	7	11	5	-	-
	24 and over	5	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	1
	Not stated	43	-	-	2	5	12	12	8	1	3
Vacuum aspiration	Total	33,676	809	6,122	9,480	6,342	4,983	3,514	1,543	151	732
	Under 9	5,350	102	677	1,264	1,059	983	759	350	30	126
	9-12	22,064	512	4,036	6,304	4,120	3,276	2,302	975	105	434
	13	2,848	73	657	910	530	318	191	99	12	58
	14	1,275	49	308	402	219	137	85	47	1	27
	15-16	791	30	209	241	150	83	41	17	1	19
	17-19	268	14	73	79	49	27	20	3	1	2
	20-23	64	1	19	14	12	10	4	3	-	1
	24 and over	13	-	3	5	1	2	1	-	-	1
	Not stated	1,003	28	140	261	202	147	111	49	1	64
Dilatation	Total	35,027	573	7,202	10,921	6,232	4,737	3,265	1,322	133	642
	Under 9	6,288	65	859	1,768	1,247	1,107	766	310	35	131
	9-12	20,535	319	4,218	6,457	3,630	2,768	1,935	798	75	335
	13	3,112	64	784	1,034	533	337	224	77	5	54
	14	1,926	44	522	653	303	196	123	46	8	31
	15-16	1,665	42	481	568	271	143	86	39	5	30
	17-19	611	21	195	194	90	46	35	11	3	16
	20-23	111	2	33	45	13	9	3	5	-	1
	24 and over	15	-	3	6	2	2	2	-	-	-
	Not stated	764	16	107	196	143	129	91	36	2	44
Other types of termination (not listed above)	Total	3,437	182	854	1,086	621	333	193	90	5	73
	Under 9	55	4	15	11	3	4	14	4	-	2
	9-12	596	33	122	165	123	71	40	31	1	10
	13	364	14	81	123	63	40	32	5	1	5
	14	420	17	113	138	65	42	25	12	1	7
	15-16	895	41	235	287	169	87	41	17	-	18
	17-19	769	45	202	256	142	65	26	12	1	20
	20-23	159	16	47	53	24	9	4	3	1	2
	24 and over	24	2	8	3	5	3	2	1	-	-
	Not stated	155	10	33	50	27	12	9	5	-	9
Not stated	Total	266	7	49	67	45	41	30	11	5	11
	Under 9	30	-	3	14	1	5	5	1	-	1
	9-12	144	3	31	30	29	23	15	5	2	6
	13	19	2	2	7	2	1	3	2	-	-
	14	14	1	3	4	2	1	2	-	-	-
	15-16	27	-	4	5	5	6	2	2	2	1
	17-19	16	1	4	2	6	1	2	1	-	1
	20-23	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	24 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	13	-	1	4	-	3	3	-	-	2

†For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 14. Legally induced abortions by month of operation, age and marital status

England and Wales, 1970
Cases resident in England and Wales

Age and marital status	Total	Month of operation											
		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
All ages	75,962	5,025	5,287	5,790	5,990	6,501	6,580	6,871	6,146	6,674	7,283	6,960	6,855
Total	34,492	2,139	2,375	2,573	2,610	2,879	2,951	3,114	2,945	3,099	3,437	3,296	3,074
Single	34,314	2,381	2,376	2,662	2,818	3,031	3,004	3,131	2,622	2,914	3,175	3,090	3,110
Married	634	57	52	50	54	43	63	61	45	51	56	45	57
Widowed	6,409	436	474	496	494	536	549	560	529	599	604	524	608
Divorced/separated	113	12	10	9	14	12	13	5	5	11	11	5	6
Not known													
10-15	1,732	105	127	139	111	139	140	147	124	152	206	163	179
Total	1,732	105	127	139	111	139	140	147	124	152	206	163	179
Single													
Married													
Widowed													
Divorced/separated													
Not known													
16-19	13,518	869	930	996	1,028	1,094	1,099	1,183	1,144	1,249	1,374	1,290	1,262
Total	12,927	831	900	941	977	1,038	1,055	1,139	1,107	1,195	1,309	1,232	1,203
Single	440	30	20	42	39	42	32	29	26	43	49	45	43
Married	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Widowed	140	8	10	13	11	14	12	13	10	9	14	11	15
Divorced/separated	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	-
Not known													
20-24	19,838	1,231	1,388	1,547	1,573	1,734	1,774	1,778	1,686	1,704	1,885	1,849	1,689
Total	13,747	825	953	1,032	1,055	1,184	1,228	1,254	1,206	1,169	1,325	1,347	1,169
Single	4,540	327	389	384	405	423	394	356	389	400	382	382	401
Married	47	3	3	4	3	7	5	2	4	5	2	5	5
Widowed	1,482	110	104	121	128	140	114	123	121	141	152	116	112
Divorced/separated	22	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	2
Not known													
25-29	13,751	936	951	1,058	1,158	1,189	1,182	1,190	1,138	1,222	1,256	1,231	1,240
Total	3,732	235	252	283	296	313	313	342	326	357	374	331	310
Single	7,947	560	552	613	705	697	677	675	632	679	690	722	745
Married	118	17	8	14	9	9	7	6	9	7	11	10	11
Widowed	1,935	122	136	147	145	169	181	166	171	178	179	168	173
Divorced/separated	19	2	3	1	3	1	4	1	-	1	2	-	1
Not known													
30-34	11,901	818	820	911	978	1,034	1,058	1,140	895	1,044	1,104	1,032	1,067
Total	1,152	68	70	85	87	93	100	120	89	127	114	108	91
Single	8,998	644	614	702	753	795	797	866	673	745	832	790	787
Married	171	12	14	10	19	13	19	16	10	15	14	12	17
Widowed	1,551	93	121	111	116	127	137	123	153	142	121	121	170
Divorced/separated	29	1	1	3	3	6	5	1	4	2	1	1	2
Not known													
35-39	9,141	673	653	682	699	793	839	851	679	757	858	818	839
Total	388	22	28	32	28	38	40	37	30	27	29	34	43
Single	7,727	564	545	569	601	687	695	719	575	639	735	709	689
Married	169	13	10	15	12	10	23	20	10	15	12	14	14
Widowed	839	71	67	63	56	79	75	62	75	62	75	63	93
Divorced/separated	18	3	3	3	2	2	2	-	2	1	-	-	-
Not known													
40-44	4,107	271	294	295	294	362	339	401	330	352	374	404	391
Total	119	7	7	10	6	15	11	9	8	6	11	15	14
Single	3,588	234	247	253	256	321	305	352	281	313	334	351	341
Married	99	10	13	4	8	5	7	8	14	9	8	6	7
Widowed	294	18	26	27	22	21	16	31	27	24	21	32	29
Divorced/separated	7	2	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Not known													
45 and over	394	28	34	37	33	30	22	27	24	37	43	41	38
Total	11	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	5	1	1
Single	352	24	31	35	28	29	19	26	32	32	35	37	34
Married	13	1	1	2	2	1	-	1	2	3	3	1	2
Widowed	17	2	2	1	2	2	2	-	2	3	-	2	1
Divorced/separated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Not known													
Not stated	1,580	94	90	125	116	126	127	154	126	157	183	132	150
Total	684	45	38	50	49	59	63	66	55	66	64	65	64
Single	722	35	40	59	52	55	56	70	57	74	100	54	70
Married	14	1	3	3	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	2	-
Widowed	151	12	8	13	14	9	8	15	13	16	17	11	15
Divorced/separated	9	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	1
Not known													

TABLE 15A. Legally induced abortions by age, occupation group and marital status

England and Wales, 1970
Cases not resident in England and Wales

Occupation group and marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not Stated
Total	6,242	90	1,641	2,772	1,069	377	150	43	2	

TABLE 16A. Legally induced abortions by hospital region of residence, age and marital status

England and Wales:
Hospital regions, 1970
Cases resident in England and Wales

Hospital region	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
ENGLAND AND WALES	Total	75,962	1,732	13,618	19,838	13,751	11,901	9,141	4,107	394	1,580
	Single	34,492	1,732	12,927	13,747	3,732	1,152	388	119	11	684
	Married	34,314	-	440	4,540	7,947	8,998	7,727	3,588	352	722
	Widowed/divorced/separated	7,043	-	143	1,529	2,053	1,722	1,008	393	30	165
	Not stated	113	-	8	22	19	29	18	7	1	9
Newcastle	Total	4,508	94	745	1,015	786	820	668	297	22	61
	Single	1,588	94	708	589	116	46	12	4	-	19
	Married	2,473	-	28	319	539	665	602	267	22	31
	Widowed/divorced/separated	440	-	9	106	130	107	52	25	-	11
	Not stated	7	-	-	1	1	2	2	1	-	-
Leeds	Total	3,352	70	590	763	567	583	493	217	14	55
	Single	1,382	70	572	541	125	29	15	5	2	23
	Married	1,645	-	13	166	353	468	402	202	11	30
	Widowed/divorced/separated	321	-	4	56	89	85	74	10	1	2
	Not stated	4	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Sheffield	Total	5,089	143	917	1,137	860	876	698	336	29	73
	Single	2,035	143	878	745	163	56	17	5	1	27
	Married	2,560	-	26	268	554	707	609	312	28	36
	Widowed/divorced/separated	460	-	11	102	141	110	69	18	-	9
	Not stated	14	-	2	2	2	3	3	-	-	1
East Anglian	Total	2,195	78	438	528	388	334	258	118	12	41
	Single	935	78	422	318	89	18	9	5	-	16
	Married	1,057	-	14	156	270	263	222	96	11	25
	Widowed/divorced/separated	197	-	2	53	48	50	27	16	1	-
	Not stated	6	-	-	1	1	3	-	1	-	-
North West Metropolitan	Total	12,035	174	1,890	3,765	2,481	1,705	1,152	520	55	353
	Single	6,482	174	1,752	2,876	1,047	315	90	34	3	191
	Married	4,476	-	64	683	1,093	1,134	903	425	47	127
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,065	-	14	200	340	256	155	61	5	34
	Not stated	12	-	-	6	1	-	4	-	-	1
North East Metropolitan	Total	5,484	117	951	1,334	1,006	892	663	287	24	210
	Single	2,324	117	910	893	233	74	28	9	1	59
	Married	2,681	-	29	353	623	701	567	255	22	131
	Widowed/divorced/separated	468	-	12	87	148	114	66	23	1	17
	Not stated	11	-	-	1	2	3	2	-	-	3
South East Metropolitan	Total	6,129	155	1,177	1,564	1,102	932	715	326	32	126
	Single	2,683	155	1,112	1,015	240	87	21	4	1	48
	Married	2,854	-	48	409	692	706	624	282	28	65
	Widowed/divorced/separated	579	-	17	138	168	134	68	38	3	13
	Not stated	13	-	-	2	2	5	2	2	-	-
South West Metropolitan	Total	8,133	127	1,338	2,782	1,627	1,085	663	310	25	176
	Single	4,763	127	1,275	2,255	727	212	67	14	1	105
	Married	2,898	-	48	410	692	704	512	257	20	55
	Widowed/divorced/separated	660	-	14	135	203	166	83	39	4	16
	Not stated	12	-	-	2	5	3	1	-	-	-
Wessex	Total	2,431	79	458	550	407	415	286	149	14	73
	Single	1,052	79	447	367	91	32	11	2	-	23
	Married	1,138	-	8	136	250	312	239	137	15	43
	Widowed/divorced/separated	237	-	2	46	66	70	36	9	1	7
	Not stated	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford	Total	2,834	88	550	625	491	491	362	181	18	30
	Single	1,165	88	531	398	88	40	7	4	-	9
	Married	1,407	-	15	156	342	384	318	158	14	20
	Widowed/divorced/separated	259	-	3	70	60	67	37	19	2	1
	Not stated	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Western	Total	4,336	141	898	1,023	696	678	559	231	28	82
	Single	1,814	141	857	870	145	33	16	8	-	44
	Married	1,998	-	32	263	426	535	484	204	25	29
	Widowed/divorced/separated	419	-	9	90	123	108	59	19	3	8
	Not stated	5	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1
Welsh	Total	3,835	77	659	900	671	666	588	220	30	24
	Single	1,405	77	624	519	112	37	19	3	1	13
	Married	2,080	-	22	285	476	544	524	205	18	6
	Widowed/divorced/separated	339	-	13	96	83	84	45	12	1	5
	Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birmingham	Total	7,901	196	1,609	1,985	1,362	1,118	1,015	440	49	147
	Single	3,574	196	1,545	1,338	310	80	32	16	-	57
	Married	3,601	-	49	465	852	875	872	371	45	72
	Widowed/divorced/separated	718	-	13	159	199	162	111	52	4	18
	Not stated	8	-	2	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
Manchester	Total	5,584	151	1,002	1,315	958	959	736	342	29	92
	Single	2,235	151	947	827	182	63	28	5	1	31
	Married	2,689	-	37	346	591	735	616	299	24	41
	Widowed/divorced/separated	653	-	18	142	184	158	91	38	3	19
	Not stated	7	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	1
Liverpool	Total	2,136	42	356	572	349	347	285	133	15	37
	Single	955	42	347	416	84	30	16	1	-	19
	Married	947	-	7	105	194	265	233	118	14	11
	Widowed/divorced/separated	228	-	2	49	71	51	35	14	1	5
	Not stated	6	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	2

TABLE 16B. Legally induced abortions accompanied by sterilisation, by hospital region of residence, age and marital status

England and Wales:
Hospital regions, 1970
Cases resident in England and Wales

Hospital region	Marital status	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
England and Wales	Total	13,946	-	31	777	2,705	4,058	3,985	1,946	165	279
	Single	295	-	18	62	85	71	33	15	1	10
	Married	12,669	-	12	673	2,413	3,655	3,701	1,814	152	249
	Widowed/divorced/separated	949	-	1	42	201	321	242	113	11	18
	Not stated	33	-	-	6	11	9	4	1	-	2
Newcastle	Total	1,318	-	3	73	253	380	405	177	12	15
	Single	13	-	3	6	4	-	-	-	-	-
	Married	1,233	-	2	68	231	354	384	168	12	14
	Widowed/divorced/separated	69	-	1	2	16	21	20	8	-	1
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
Leeds	Total	762	-	-	38	149	227	215	106	5	22
	Single	18	-	-	6	5	3	1	1	-	2
	Married	683	-	-	28	131	202	193	104	5	20
	Widowed/divorced/separated	58	-	-	4	13	21	19	1	-	-
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
Sheffield	Total	1,081	-	3	48	194	338	297	175	15	11
	Single	32	-	3	7	8	3	2	2	1	-
	Married	978	-	-	41	173	300	273	167	14	10
	Widowed/divorced/separated	63	-	-	-	11	27	18	6	-	1
	Not stated	8	-	-	-	2	3	3	-	-	-
East Anglian	Total	548	-	3	37	125	156	129	72	9	17
	Single	11	-	3	2	3	1	2	2	-	-
	Married	496	-	-	34	116	142	118	61	8	17
	Widowed/divorced/separated	38	-	-	1	5	12	11	8	1	-
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
North West Metropolitan	Total	1,171	-	-	53	216	344	341	166	11	40
	Single	35	-	-	6	10	12	4	1	-	2
	Married	1,049	-	-	44	192	301	310	156	11	35
	Widowed/divorced/separated	84	-	-	3	13	31	25	9	-	3
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
North East Metropolitan	Total	848	-	1	92	158	268	243	115	3	28
	Single	26	-	-	7	6	5	1	1	-	-
	Married	761	-	1	23	136	241	224	106	3	27
	Widowed/divorced/separated	59	-	-	2	15	20	14	8	-	-
	Not stated	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

TABLE 16C. Legally induced abortions by hospital region of residence and

(i) number of previous live and still born children
 (ii) statutory grounds
 (iii) age for cases of previous abortion under the Act
 (iv) type of operation
 (v) type of premises and duration of stay
 (vi) type of premises, gestation weeks, and sterilisation

England and Wales, 1970
 Hospital regions
 Cases resident in England and Wales

	England and Wales	Newcastle	Leeds	Sheffield	East Anglian	North West Metropolitan	North East Metropolitan	South East Metropolitan	South West Metropolitan	Wessex	Oxford	South Western	Welsh	Birmingham	Manchester	Liverpool
Total	75,962	4,508	3,352	5,069	2,195	12,035	5,484	6,129	8,133	2,431	2,834	4,336	3,835	7,901	5,584	2,136
(i) Number of previous live and still born children																
0	33,069	1,472	1,285	1,963	915	6,273	2,260	2,511	4,804	977	1,156	1,845	1,387	3,433	2,098	890
1	8,118	487	308	527	209	1,375	539	711	899	238	277	424	392	927	585	220
2	12,560	754	578	844	405	1,779	1,024	1,085	1,095	405	499	735	709	1,364	965	319
3	9,989	751	531	727	297	1,245	781	845	722	342	397	651	618	964	832	286
4	5,996	495	280	470	197	666	455	503	420	213	249	370	365	571	554	188
5	2,806	256	164	242	67	298	189	202	171	109	123	146	184	298	244	113
6	1,363	132	74	120	43	135	91	116	74	51	55	62	71	142	141	56
7	656	64	45	55	20	74	42	44	20	24	31	25	52	81	54	25
8	352	32	24	42	11	25	26	25	17	16	10	29	47	30	11	11
9 and over	308	24	25	39	11	25	17	20	15	5	14	16	16	41	29	11
Not stated	745	41	38	40	20	140	60	67	96	62	15	52	12	33	52	17
(ii) Statutory grounds*																
1	2,163	98	142	168	66	221	185	148	156	103	53	153	92	217	322	39
2	57,021	3,175	2,394	3,636	1,517	9,436	4,112	4,833	6,785	1,608	1,900	3,334	3,023	5,869	3,843	1,556
3	3,486	355	168	235	78	431	234	223	209	187	305	224	183	229	291	134
4	1,225	75	67	105	47	147	76	75	76	54	84	101	85	80	110	43
5	10	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1
6	35	3	1	3	-	2	1	1	6	1	1	2	3	2	8	1
2 with 4	823	47	44	85	22	97	54	71	50	33	44	33	49	91	82	21
3 with others	11,199	755	536	836	465	1,699	822	777	851	445	447	488	398	1,412	927	341
(iii) Previous abortion cases by age																
All ages	1,219	67	45	62	41	237	88	128	172	25	51	69	35	125	50	24
Under 16	11	-	1	-	1	3	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
16-19	183	5	6	9	5	22	20	27	17	7	7	15	4	31	5	3
20-24	403	24	17	17	14	92	23	40	59	6	12	15	11	42	19	12
25-29	266	18	3	13	9	60	22	22	43	4	11	16	7	23	11	4
30-39	299	16	15	20	9	52	18	30	44	8	16	19	12	21	15	4
40 and over	35	1	2	3	1	3	3	4	6	-	5	1	1	5	-	-
Not stated	22	3	1	-	2	5	1	3	1	-	-	3	-	2	-	1
(iv) Type of operation																
Hysterotomy-abdominal	12,433	1,057	559	984	567	1,225	824	909	762	626	288	726	1,042	860	1,582	422
Hysterotomy-vaginal	427	12	8	15	15	40	27	20	18	17	13	28	19	23	20	20
Hysterectomy	1,042	76	37	63	30	93	74	73	65	23	107	126	61	103	56	55
Vacuum aspiration	30,657	2,249	1,634	2,262	1,032	5,450	2,210	3,052	3,467	948	1,488	1,906	1,687	1,858	1,795	619
Dilatation	27,770	636	1,063	2,621	466	4,679	2,223	1,775	3,346	753	735	1,099	625	4,949	1,929	871
Other types of termination (not listed above)	3,384	463	43	113	74	492	106	278	451	50	189	318	387	96	185	139
Not stated	249	15	8	11	11	56	20	15	22	13	10	23	5	16	14	10

* For statutory grounds see page 111.

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	England and Wales	Newcastle	Leeds	Sheffield	East Anglian	North West Metropolitan	North East Metropolitan	South East Metropolitan	South West Metropolitan	Wessex	Oxford	South Western	Welsh	Birmingham	Manchester	Liverpool
(v) Type of premises and duration of stay																
All premises																
Total	75,962	4,508	3,352	5,069	2,195	12,035	5,484	6,129	8,133	2,431	2,834	4,336	3,835	7,901	5,584	2,136
0 days	5,097	41	190	396	57	1,164	607	365	1,043	130	116	159	101	321	316	91
1 day	21,421	260	906	1,450	325	3,467	1,471	1,243	2,523	608	824	897	459	5,265	1,066	657
2 days	11,964	978	404	662	437	1,919	822	1,194	1,266	340	578	1,304	733	507	622	198
3 days	10,312	964	634	641	379	1,776	609	1,142	978	327	445	535	518	334	784	246
4 days	4,828	407	239	309	126	813	398	421	527	146	145	247	360	124	440	126
5 days	2,478	196	102	202	86	469	172	188	265	58	63	132	154	80	252	59
6 days	1,799	111	82	111	70	302	132	113	162	56	81	116	109	57	228	69
7 days and over	16,615	1,429	759	1,249	637	1,901	1,164	1,360	1,251	712	518	877	1,308	1,078	1,735	637
not stated	1,448	122	36	49	78	224	109	103	118	54	64	69	93	135	141	53
N H S hospitals																
Total	47,370	4,275	2,243	3,183	1,677	6,312	3,398	4,444	3,862	1,584	1,927	3,153	3,235	2,264	4,436	1,377
0 days	559	5	23	2	-	36	177	90	29	4	1	28	2	17	141	4
1 day	2,252	121	95	156	20	209	221	204	130	31	241	153	68	302	258	43
2 days	8,173	951	323	518	342	799	473	909	572	261	430	1,073	645	217	511	149
3 days	9,861	947	619	619	360	1,671	585	1,106	906	307	424	503	510	298	765	241
4 days	4,710	405	228	302	123	789	391	411	502	140	141	240	359	119	434	126
5 days	2,408	194	98	197	81	458	163	182	261	52	61	127	150	75	250	59
6 days	1,749	111	60	109	65	296	129	109	156	52	79	111	108	50	225	69
7 days and over	16,253	1,419	742	1,232	609	1,842	1,151	1,331	1,197	685	491	851	1,301	1,057	1,711	634
not stated	1,405	122	35	48	77	212	108	102	109	52	59	67	92	129	141	52
Approved places																
Total	28,391	227	1,103	1,872	495	5,718	2,083	1,676	4,239	800	885	1,177	598	5,615	1,144	759
0 days	4,538	36	167	394	57	1,128	430	275	1,014	126	115	131	99	304	175	87
1 day	19,167	139	811	1,294	305	3,258	1,250	1,038	2,393	577	582	744	391	4,963	808	614
2 days	3,760	27	81	142	90	1,119	348	284	694	77	146	231	87	274	111	49
3 days	409	16	13	20	11	104	24	36	66	10	13	29	8	35	19	5
4 days	83	1	11	3	3	24	6	6	17	2	3	4	1	4	4	1
5 days	56	-	4	4	5	11	9	5	12	2	2	4	4	4	4	1
6 days	42	-	1	2	5	6	3	2	5	1	1	5	1	7	3	1
7 days and over	285	8	14	13	18	57	12	26	39	5	18	26	6	17	23	3
not stated	41	-	1	-	1	11	1	1	9	2	5	2	1	6	-	1
(vi) Type of premises, gestation weeks* and sterilisation																
N H S hospitals																
Under 9 weeks																
All cases	4,699	527	308	307	129	601	340	545	332	107	146	319				

England and Wales, Standard regions, Conurbations, Urban/Rural aggregates Selected administrative areas, 1970 Cases resident in England and Wales

TABLE 17. Legally induced abortions by marital status, age and place of operation, by area of usual residence

Area of usual residence	Total	Marital status			Age						Place of operation			
		Single	Married	Others	Under 16	16-19	20-34	35-44	45 and over	Not Stated	Home region		Other region	
											N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.	N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.
ENGLAND AND WALES	75,962	34,492	34,314	7,156	1,732	13,518	45,490	13,248	394	1,580	43,672	11,915	3,698	16,677
Standard regions														
North	4,758	1,696	2,599	463	98	798	2,751	1,020	23	68	4,417	60	45	236
Yorkshire and Humberside	5,249	2,066	2,672	511	126	895	3,005	1,126	23	74	3,422	184	247	1,396
North West	7,660	3,155	3,612	893	191	1,342	4,469	1,485	44	129	5,539	62	237	1,822
East Midlands	3,582	1,501	1,743	338	102	681	2,014	710	22	53	1,916	6	123	1,537
West Midlands	7,901	3,574	3,601	728	196	1,609	4,445	1,455	49	147	2,155	4,762	109	875
East Anglia	2,075	890	999	186	73	422	1,183	346	11	40	1,549	204	38	284
South East	35,901	18,029	14,651	3,221	706	6,087	22,644	5,365	159	940	18,047	6,038	2,665	9,151
South West	5,001	2,176	2,347	478	163	1,025	2,742	933	33	105	3,473	599	153	776
Wales	3,835	1,405	2,090	340	77	659	2,237	808	30	24	3,154	-	81	600
Conurbations														
Tyneside	1,615	609	854	152	25	268	989	297	10	26	1,546	22	4	43
West Yorkshire	1,657	722	750	185	21	292	970	355	4	15	867	4	54	732
South East Lancashire	3,181	1,344	1,435	402	86	552	1,903	577	14	49	2,568	50	26	537
Mereside	1,259	599	519	141	22	221	760	230	9	17	772	-	12	475
West Midlands	4,258	2,078	1,794	386	107	908	2,438	722	23	60	726	3,025	11	496
Greater London	21,749	11,987	7,861	1,901	316	3,359	14,672	2,696	84	622	9,557	4,368	2,056	5,768
Urban and Rural aggregates														
Conurbations	33,719	17,339	13,213	3,167	577	5,600	21,732	4,877	144	789	16,036	7,469	2,163	8,051
Areas outside conurbations:														
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 and over	9,731	4,295	4,413	1,023	285	1,805	5,671	1,738	61	171	6,406	1,039	87	2,199
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	7,502	3,216	3,509	777	181	1,450	4,279	1,404	34	154	5,042	805	173	1,482
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	14,153	5,608	7,205	1,340	396	2,670	7,919	2,825	93	250	9,323	1,414	649	2,768
Rural districts	10,857	4,034	5,974	849	293	1,993	5,889	2,404	62	216	6,865	1,188	627	2,177
County and London Boroughs administrative county:														
Bedfordshire														
Luton C.B.	222	85	112	25	6	40	129	39	3	5	121	75	4	22
Administrative county	494	172	264	58	11	76	297	98	6	6	352	80	36	26
Berkshire														
Reading C.B.	210	87	103	20	9	31	123	46	-	1	93	6	17	94
Administrative county	705	311	333	61	23	152	382	133	3	12	392	144	44	125
Buckinghamshire														
Administrative county	914	369	465	80	20	186	503	186	5	14	490	145	48	231
Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely														
Administrative county	653	313	292	48	18	127	392	102	1	13	539	88	-	26
Cheshire														
Birkenhead C.B.	102	43	46	13	1	13	68	20	-	-	55	-	-	47
Stockport C.B.	179	79	84	15	6	30	113	28	-	2	124	3	1	51
Wallasey C.B.	58	27	22	9	2	10	38	6	-	2	30	-	-	28
Administrative county	1,160	495	571	94	26	223	638	236	10	27	650	21	159	330
Cornwall														
Administrative county	280	138	120	22	7	66	159	45	1	2	119	19	6	136
Cumberland														
Administrative county	244	72	156	16	4	38	147	53	-	2	218	1	2	23
Derbyshire														
Derby C.B.	262	95	143	24	8	45	156	51	2	-	144	-	2	116
Administrative county	623	203	371	49	10	109	353	137	5	9	389	4	15	215
Devon														
Plymouth C.B.	159	66	66	27	8	37	76	30	1	7	121	3	2	33
Torbay C.B.	224	131	82	31	4	66	119	30	2	3	200	6	2	16
Administrative county	475	200	229	46	20	100	259	86	2	8	327	24	14	110
Dorset														
Administrative county	376	158	175	43	12	81	191	79	3	10	227	26	18	105
Durham														
Gateshead C.B.	186	71	100	15	2	34	104	39	2	5	180	3	-	3
South Shields C.B.	256	91	135	30	7	43	159	42	2	3	248	-	-	8
Sunderland C.B.	317	82	198	37	2	30	184	92	-	9	306	3	-	8
Administrative county	998	362	554	82	26	168	573	214	5	12	947	8	5	38
Essex														
Southend-on-Sea C.B.	201	96	89	16	10	29	122	37	-	3	125	4	5	67
Administrative county	1,905	692	1,059	154	42	327	1,043	369	9	95	1,396	32	48	429
Gloucestershire														
Bristol C.B.	1,012	526	394	92	39	204	591	159	7	12	690	273	4	45
Administrative county	910	326	503	81	26	163	528	174	6	13	688	83	40	99

TABLE 17 - continued

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		Single	Married	Others	Under 16	16-19	20-34	35-44	45 and over	Not Stated	Home region		Other region	
											N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.	N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.
Greater London Council Area														
Barking L.B.	213	81	118	14	2	43	124	36	1	7	144	2	2	65
Barnet L.B.	791	391	337	63	11	130	508	124	4	14	358	355	38	40
Bexley L.B.	387	170	188	29	16	86	210	68	1	6	302	6	7	72
Brent L.B.	897	454	349	94	11	119	632	99	5	31	463	352	28	54
Bromley L.B.	534	263	232	39	16	109	320	74	2	13	291	23	23	197
Camden L.B.	1,319	895	323	101	16	156	987	130	5	25	585	622	62	50
Croydon L.B.	552	270	222	60	12	98	336	90	2	14	165	-	58	329
Ealing L.B.	880	433	365	82	15	143	556	134	3	29	474	336	41	29
Enfield L.B.	475	242	197	36	11	87	268	85	-	24	124	1	74	276
Greenwich L.B.	583	235	294	54	12	99	366	88	8	10	486	18	7	72
Hackney L.B.	518	254	205	59	15	87	343	58	3	12	239	3	59	217
Hammersmith L.B.	928	601	226	101	6	132	682	90	2	16	204	1	218	505
Haringey L.B.	879	473	330	76	11	130	606	106	6	20	360	379	90	30
Harrow L.B.	437	204	194	39	8	93	236	77	3	20	241	164	24	8
Havering L.B.	345	147	172	26	5	68	195	56	2	19	198	17	11	119
Hillingdon L.B.	619	274	295	50	9	117	377	100	5	11	419	167	14	19
Hounslow L.B.	496	262	209	25	7	63	330	72	1	23	211	215	45	25
Islington L.B.	701	359	275	67	8	104	480	89	2	18	361	242	66	32
Kingston and Chelsea L.B.	1,882	1,511	276	95	6	244	1,476	103	2	51	208	-	297	1,377
Kingston upon Thames L.B.	314	164	125	25	6	52	197	47	-	12	207	3	6	98
Lambeth L.B.	820	441	296	83	16	130	559	96	1	18	172	-	288	360
Lewisham L.B.	611	298	282	50	11	128	354	92	3	23	470	27	18	96
Merton L.B.	408	214	153	41	9	74	269	47	-	9	205	1	17	165
Newham L.B.	485	200	231	54	8	79	318	65						

TABLE 17 - continued

Area of usual residence	Total	Marital status			Age						Place of operation			
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											N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.	N.H.S. Hospital	Non N.H.S.
Nottinghamshire														
Nottingham C.B.	462	236	191	35	15	80	281	72	4	10	274	-	1	187
Administrative county	538	217	278	43	15	105	283	120	2	13	327	-	6	205
Oxfordshire														
Oxford C.B.	353	208	104	41	6	77	229	39	1	1	264	25	2	62
Administrative county	385	152	198	35	18	74	228	62	2	1	254	12	8	111
Shropshire														
Administrative county	414	164	218	32	11	83	219	89	6	6	197	177	6	34
Somerset														
Administrative county	688	278	359	51	27	151	329	152	6	23	467	111	28	82
Staffordshire														
Dudley C.B.	198	64	118	16	3	27	128	39	-	1	30	137	1	30
Stoke on Trent C.B.	319	115	160	44	9	50	170	68	2	20	268	32	3	16
Walsall C.B.	288	122	140	26	10	59	150	63	1	5	64	190	1	33
West Bromwich C.B.	216	89	109	18	6	36	123	48	2	1	8	181	-	27
Wolverhampton C.B.	386	169	192	25	9	72	235	64	1	5	46	286	2	52
Administrative county	811	317	436	58	25	145	444	170	5	22	351	386	9	65
Suffolk, East														
Ipswich C.B.	142	62	63	17	6	31	69	35	1	-	83	19	3	37
Administrative county	237	92	120	25	9	50	119	55	2	2	158	18	4	57
Suffolk, West														
Administrative county	186	66	101	19	5	38	112	27	1	3	138	23	6	19
Surrey														
Administrative county	1,476	730	648	98	35	322	821	265	9	24	701	76	93	606
Sussex, East														
Brighton C.B.	304	167	113	24	3	66	186	42	1	6	129	143	5	27
Administrative county	590	266	257	67	12	111	338	120	3	6	301	170	17	102
Sussex, West														
Administrative county	631	278	288	65	19	107	367	128	4	6	334	1	42	254
Warwickshire														
Birmingham C.B.	2,340	1,275	831	234	63	542	1,348	339	13	35	391	1,674	5	270
Coventry C.B.	562	249	251	62	15	97	340	96	4	10	131	359	2	70
Solihull C.B.	216	90	110	16	5	37	115	55	1	3	76	124	1	15
Administrative county	920	389	444	87	19	193	495	192	7	14	225	551	19	125
Wight, Isle of														
Administrative county	90	42	36	12	3	14	50	21	2	-	36	-	1	53
Wiltshire														
Administrative county	486	181	258	47	14	84	263	104	5	16	303	22	32	129
Worcestershire														
Warley C.B.	212	101	91	20	6	44	128	25	2	7	39	144	-	29
Administrative county	663	259	347	57	9	141	356	144	4	9	252	323	20	68
Yorkshire, East Riding														
Kingston upon Hull C.B.	440	164	231	45	11	77	249	88	2	13	384	19	-	37
Administrative county	309	135	160	14	7	63	181	54	1	3	254	20	8	27
Yorkshire, North Riding														
Teesside C.B.	623	223	324	76	22	128	340	126	4	3	599	-	1	23
Administrative county	337	122	186	29	6	58	181	82	2	8	258	23	22	34
Yorkshire, West Riding														
Bradford C.B.	235	102	113	20	4	39	132	56	1	3	103	-	5	127
Huddersfield C.B.	120	53	59	8	1	20	69	28	1	1	63	3	4	50
Leeds C.B.	592	290	220	82	3	112	357	116	2	2	316	1	6	269
Sheffield C.B.	582	245	291	46	15	94	342	119	3	9	310	24	3	245
York C.B.	104	55	40	9	1	23	56	18	3	3	18	2	5	79
Administrative county	1,653	581	905	167	47	280	906	391	4	25	1,033	63	197	360
Caernarvonshire														
Administrative county	120	47	65	8	2	19	62	37	-	-	87	-	-	33
Carmarthenshire														
Administrative county	273	90	152	31	5	54	159	51	2	2	257	-	1	15
Denbighshire														
Administrative county	170	61	94	15	1	24	103	39	2	1	99	-	11	60
Flintshire														
Administrative county	133	48	66	19	1	22	79	28	1	2	63	-	20	50
Glamorgan														
Cardiff C.B.	432	226	167	39	13	90	245	71	4	9	337	-	4	91
Swansea C.B.	464	165	260	39	10	81	280	93	-	-	446	-	-	18
Administrative county	1,093	354	647	92	23	183	633	241	10	3	967	-	5	121
Monmouthshire														
Newport C.B.	221	87	111	23	4	41	144	30	1	1	202	-	-	19
Administrative county	467	151	279	37	11	74	269	104	5	4	416	-	4	47
Pembrokeshire														
Administrative county	58	25	28	5	1	11	34	11	1	-	12	-	2	44

TABLE 18. Legally induced abortions by marital status, occupation group, hospital region of usual residence and home or other region of operation

England and Wales:
Hospital regions, 1970

Cases resident in England and Wales

Hospital region of usual residence	Home or other region of operation	Total	Single							Married							Others						
			Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated
			ENGLAND AND WALES	Home Other	55,587 20,375	152 139	3,203 2,253	8,495 5,899	2,452 1,255	546 136	4,577 2,270	2,471 644	1,000 386	3,133 1,211	9,678 2,502	3,316 603	1,795 219	3,672 639	5,690 650	41 19	454 202	1,347 645	619 175
Newcastle	Home Other	4,294 214	6 1	174 28	566 67	170 13	61 1	259 24	213 5	71 4	216 10	957 22	374 4	256 3	116 7	424 9	1 -	30 1	93 6	50 3	20 -	161 4	76 2
Leeds	Home Other	2,105 1,247	2 9	99 120	213 323	62 71	19 13	181 141	84 45	29 22	118 100	449 178	158 42	85 8	147 31	218 60	- 2	15 8	41 33	30 6	6 1	98 25	51 9
Sheffield	Home Other	3,161 1,908	- 11	115 183	338 499	110 106	32 11	202 237	134 57	61 24	221 119	648 283	331 87	145 19	146 70	360 46	1 -	24 18	66 65	31 21	9 5	115 30	72 17
East Anglian	Home Other	1,830 365	10 2	81 39	244 96	77 25	45 3	205 42	53 13	51 9	122 22	323 43	120 12	69 4	130 15	126 11	1 -	12 7	32 10	19 1	4 1	72 7	34 3
North West Metropolitan	Home Other	10,508 1,527	74 21	1,006 192	2,380 347	646 103	68 6	992 143	453 51	219 35	525 73	1,396 191	381 43	188 24	394 69	837 101	18 3	118 16	289 46	108 16	38 1	209 33	169 13
North East Metropolitan	Home Other	3,205 2,279	5 10	120 224	381 716	104 143	38 16	222 152	124 69	47 32	169 131	555 369	161 73	103 34	284 47	585 91	- -	14 27	68 69	28 16	16 7	89 34	92 19
South East Metropolitan	Home Other	4,865 1,264	10 4	283 132	755 386	196 73	50 8	403 154	191 38	93 25	318 82	884 148	270 37	146 14	292 45	462 38	1 2	45 10	130 38	61 4	13 2	144 21	118 3
South West Metropolitan	Home Other	2,788 5,345	10 54	204 672	395 1,682	111 366	15 21	243 635	161 194	43 104	135 265	345 499	114 104	62 54	320 168	354 131	4 9	21 54	74 171	27 44	10 5	84 66	56 47
Wessex	Home Other	1,625 806	- 5	58 97	131 244	56 45	13 8	149 96	131 19	21 13	58 54	188 95	52 22	29 1	222 24	339 20	2 1	5 11	32 27	14 7	4 -	73 13	48 4
Oxford	Home Other	1,875 959	1 3	103 97	192 231	68 50	26 15	178 103	67 31	60 28	114 101	388 130	127 24	59 15	101 32	194 34	2 1	17 7	45 28	25 5	8 2	61 13	39 9
South Western	Home Other	3,626 710	8 2	177 68	543 208	142 63	39 4	370 86	181 23	64 13	220 46	588 64	179 18	98 4	252 32	401 19	3 -	27 11	71 25	49 4	9 -	132 19	73 1
Welsh	Home Other	3,154 681	5 3	127 81	319 186	91 34	63 4	243 90	149 10	46 19	155 51	549 92	203 20	152 6	402 18	358 19	- -	11 7	39 13	20 6	23 1	146 11	53 10
Birmingham	Home Other	6,917 984	13 6	405 76	1,376 277	378 61	58 17	521 116	234 36	96 13	450 51	1,228 134	460 44	146 11	481 28	429 30	3 -	64 7	213 25	88 13	29 6	161 24	84 9
Manchester	Home Other	4,310 1,274	7 5	194 132	490 366	198 68	13 4	313 175	240 30	79 25	237 76	884 160	275 43	180 11	165 40	487 27	5 1	43 13	125 57	52 15	24 2	170 13	129 11
Liverpool	Home Other	1,324 812	1 3	57 112	172 271	43 34	6 5	96 76	56 23	20 20	75 30	296 94	111 30	77 11	40 13	116 14	- -	8 5	29 32	17 14	10 4	59 19	35 2

TABLE 19. Medical grounds for legally induced abortions (includes answers to questions 11a and b, and excludes answers to question 11c on the notification form)

ICD 8th Rev.	Medical conditions	NUMBER OF REASONS GIVEN*				SUSPECTED MEDICAL CONDITION OF FOETUS			
		PRIMARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SECONDARY CONDITION MENTIONED		Condition of foetus in previous pregnancy		Suspected condition in present foetus	
		N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS
056	Rubella	852	62	4	1			13	4
000-055	Other infective and parasitic diseases	198	20	29	-				
057-136	Tuberculosis	123	10	16	-				
110-019	Sarcoidosis	15	-	-	-				
150-159	Malignant neoplasms of digestive organs and peritoneum	6	-	1	-				
180-184	Malignant neoplasms of female reproductive tract	18	3	2	1				
140-149	Other malignant neoplasms of specified sites (including secondary neoplasms)	68	5	2	-				
160-174	Malignant neoplasm of breast	51	3	1	-				
174	Malignant neoplasms of other and unspecified sites	9	-	1	-			2	-
200-209	Neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue	15	1	27	5			1	-
218-221	Benign neoplasms of female reproductive tract	112	32	20	4				
218	Uterine fibroma	88	28	7	1				
220	Benign neoplasm of ovary	21	4	7	1				
210-217	Benign neoplasms of other sites	4	2	1	-				
223-228	Neoplasms of unspecified nature	59	6	6	-			1	-
230-239	Neoplasm of unspecified nature of uterus	48	4	4	-				
234	Endocrine disease	172	24	13	4			4	-
240-258	Thyrotoxicosis with or without goitre	42	5	5	1				
242	Diabetes mellitus	104	13	2	1			1	-
250	Nutritional diseases	12	-	3	-			2	-
260-269	Other metabolic diseases	37	33	12	4			5	-
270-279	Obesity not specified as of endocrine origin	25	32	11	4			1	-
277	Diseases of blood and blood-forming organs	56	3	7	-			1	-
286	Coagulation defects	2	-	-	-			30	2
280-289	Mental disorders - Psychoses	554	225	38	6			18	2
290-299	Mental disorders - Neuroses	154	9	3	-				
295	Mental disorders - Personality disorders	249	200	12	5				
296	Mental disorders - Alcoholism, drug dependence	14,606	31,408	694	371				
300	Mental disorders - Other non-psychotic	294	220	17	5				
301	Transient situational disturbances	32	5	4	1				1
303,304	Mental retardation	24	4	3	1				1
304	Unspecified mental retardation	16,063	3,783	430	59			3	-
302	Diseases of nervous system	16,026	3,769	425	59			3	-
305-309	Hereditary neuromuscular disorders	195	11	15	2			1	3
310-315	Multiple sclerosis	195	11	15	2			23	3
315	Epilepsy	289	25	26	3			21	5
320-358	Other diseases of nervous system	11	1	4	-			4	2
340	Multiple sclerosis	159	14	11	-			8	1
345	Epilepsy								

* A single case may provide up to three reasons, one in each of the divisions, i.e. primary maternal, secondary maternal, and foetal.

TABLE 19 - continued

ICD 8th Rev.	Medical conditions	NUMBER OF REASONS GIVEN*				SUSPECTED MEDICAL CONDITION OF FOETUS			
		PRIMARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SECONDARY CONDITION MENTIONED		Condition of foetus in previous pregnancy		Suspected condition in present foetus	
		N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS
360-369	Eye and ear diseases	49	10	7	-			6	1
380-388	Rheumatic heart disease and active rheumatic fever	151	12	13	-				
394	Diseases of mitral valve	32	5	6	-				
400-429	Other heart disease and hypertensive disease	484	38	82	8			1	-
420	Myocardial infarction	280	27	62	8				
429	Ill-defined heart disease	54	4	6	-				
430-438	Cerebrovascular disease	24	1	5	-			1	-
440-458	Other diseases of circulatory system	249	30	68	8				
450	Pulmonary embolism and infarction	35	1	11	2				
451	Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis	42	4	8	5				
454	Varicose veins of lower extremities	88	20	33	2				
480-519	Diseases of respiratory system	295	29	50	6			1	-
481	Chronic bronchitis	27	1	4	-				
483	Asthma	184	16	20	4			1	-
491	Erythema	51	4	7	-				
518	Bronchiectasis	85	8	15	-				1
520-569	Other diseases of digestive system	40	3	4	-				
563	Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	27	8	2	-				
570-577	Diseases of liver, gallbladder and pancreas	244	18	41	10				
580-599	Diseases of urinary system	34	3	4	-				
582	Chronic nephritis	110	7	17	2				
590	Infections of kidney	19	-	1	1				
591	Hydronephrosis	-	2	-	-				
610,611	Diseases of breast	89	14	21	7			1	-
612-629	Diseases of female genital tract	17	6	5	3				
623	Uterovaginal prolapse	45	2	10	-				
626	Disorders of menstruation								
630-678	See next page								
680-709	Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue	35	2	5	-			1	-
710-739	Diseases of musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	161	15	14	1			1	-
712	Rheumatoid arthritis and allied conditions	44	2	2	-				
725	Displacement of intervertebral disc	96	19	12	2			203	111
740-759	Congenital anomalies	6	-	10	3			18	3
741	Spina bifida	8	-	10	1			40	1
742	Congenital hydrocephalus	8	-	2	2			18	1
743	Congenital anomalies of heart	28	6	2	-			10	4
744	Congenital anomalies of multiple systems	5	-	1	-			65	9
759	Maternal conditions associated with perinatal morbidity (placenta and child)	13	3	5	1			26	49
760-779	Haemolytic disease of newborn without mention of kernicterus	1	-	-	-			15	19
775	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions (including medical reason unknown)	188	48	33	5			40	9
780-796	Nervousness and debility	30	10	4	-			1	-
790	Accidents, poisoning and violence (nature of injury)	53	5	27	-			227	54
N800-N999	Adverse affect of hormones and synthetic substitutes	1	-	12	-			28	3
N962	Adverse affect of psychotherapeutics	5	1	1	-			98	15
N970	Effects of radiation								

* A single case may provide up to three reasons, one in each of the divisions, i.e. primary maternal, secondary maternal, and foetal.

TABLE 19 - continued

ICD 8th Rev.	Medical conditions	NUMBER OF REASONS GIVEN*																	
		PRIMARY CONDITION MENTIONED						SECONDARY CONDITION MENTIONED						SUSPECTED MEDICAL CONDITION OF FŒTUS					
		Relating to previous pregnancy		Relating to present pregnancy		Relating to present pregnancy		Relating to previous pregnancy		Relating to present pregnancy		Condition of foetus in previous pregnancy		Suspected condition in present foetus					
		N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS	N H S	Non NHS				
630-634	Complications of pregnancy	194	55	360	45	15	2	15	1	2	2	1	1	2	2				
632	Haemorrhage of pregnancy	9	1	19	7	1	-	4	1	-	-	1	1	-	-				
635-639	Urinary infection and toxæmia of pregnancy	193	26	251	52	13	3	30	6	3	3	6	6	3	3				
637	Pre-eclampsia, eclampsia and toxæmia, unspecified	180	25	162	17	9	5	17	3	1	1	9	3	3	3				
636	Hyperemesis gravidarum	7	1	81	34	1	-	9	3	-	-	3	3	-	-				
640-645	Complications of abortion (and previous abortions)	21	2	48	20	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1				
649	Pregnancy in the presence of IUCD and/or previous recurrent premature or still births																		
650-678	Complications of delivery and puerperium (and previous delivery)	129	24	165	35	23	2	26	6	2	2	6	6	1	1				
651	Delivery complicated by placenta prævia or antepartum haemorrhage	20	4	11	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1				
669	Spontaneous abortion in present or previous pregnancy, previous Caesarian section			116	29			20	4			4							

* A single case may provide up to three reasons, one in each of the divisions, i.e. primary maternal, secondary maternal, and foetal.

TABLE 20. Legally induced abortions by marital status, occupation group and (i) statutory grounds (ii) gestation weeks

Statutory grounds and gestation weeks	England and Wales, 1970																			
	Cases resident in England						Cases resident in Wales													
	Single		Married		Others		Single		Married		Others									
Total	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Not stated		
(i) Statutory grounds*	2,163	7	76	213	79	11	65	50	159	482	185	88	201	302	4	12	31	13	48	32
1	57,021	270	5,184	13,683	3,382	605	6,440	2,722	873	7,230	2,302	1,066	2,470	3,657	41	456	1,351	483	1,137	726
2	3,486	2	37	89	64	18	81	64	219	817	285	211	337	466	4	48	145	73	25	275
3	1,255	2	37	90	21	11	30	26	68	322	88	53	103	227	-	5	9	3	1	5
4	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	35	-	-	4	1	1	3	2	1	5	5	3	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	823	3	21	73	34	4	30	28	71	199	59	29	58	142	-	7	6	4	2	17
2 with 4	11,199	7	101	241	126	32	162	190	306	3,122	993	544	958	1,541	11	128	450	218	86	623
3 with others																				
(ii) Gestation weeks†	10,029	66	877	1,789	443	72	694	325	830	1,571	415	169	521	817	13	136	258	88	20	242
Under 9	9,327	45	813	1,709	399	55	819	332	690	1,523	486	187	473	714	13	88	279	86	26	233
9	11,553	46	909	2,235	533	77	1,056	411	776	1,854	602	280	638	886	10	116	299	118	41	267
10	11,889	52	893	2,429	619	128	1,086	467	606	1,927	634	296	605	950	12	81	315	117	35	288
11	9,697	25	674	2,104	536	77	917	398	443	1,492	478	273	485	752	5	77	255	104	29	270
12	6,980	17	479	1,436	389	81	571	313	295	1,128	352	183	368	568	2	49	202	82	30	195
13	4,627	12	249	874	243	62	417	186	197	782	248	159	275	424	2	44	97	45	18	150
14	3,071	7	140	564	147	34	257	139	124	526	174	124	192	295	-	10	74	35	19	115
15	2,327	7	114	356	105	26	198	134	94	411	141	80	139	242	-	16	52	23	11	91
16	3,199	7	148	483	168	40	317	205	107	478	205	137	179	298	1	18	89	50	15	134
17-19	796	2	40	133	38	14	104	43	34	125	44	29	36	65	1	1	16	10	4	39
20-23	157	-	7	21	5	2	11	10	7	22	16	6	17	8	-	1	7	7	-	5
24 and over	2,310	5	113	261	82	14	198	152	42	341	122	71	203	321	1	19	49	27	12	77
Not stated																				

* For statutory grounds see page iii.

† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 21. Legally induced abortions by marital status, occupation group, duration of stay and type of premises

England and Wales, 1970

Cases resident in England and Wales

Duration of stay and type of premises	Total	Single							Married							Others							
		Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	Professional	Intermediate	Skilled	Semi-skilled	Unskilled	Others	Not stated	
Total																							
N H S hospitals	47,370	99	2,455	5,919	1,877	483	3,724	2,226	840	2,549	8,559	3,011	1,728	3,344	5,570	28	335	1,085	538	203	1,703	1,094	
Approved and others	28,592	192	3,001	8,475	1,830	199	3,123	889	546	1,795	3,621	908	286	787	770	32	321	907	256	57	403	194	
0 days																							
N H S hospitals	559	2	33	79	9	5	34	86	14	31	37	15	5	30	111	-	4	19	-	-	7	38	
Approved and others	4,538	32	513	1,440	302	38	483	249	59	237	504	101	38	91	141	5	41	129	34	4	63	34	
1 day																							
N H S hospitals	2,252	7	140	411	94	20	245	112	64	155	281	85	35	161	216	5	31	55	22	7	69	37	
Approved and others	19,169	125	1,989	5,718	1,254	135	2,003	466	359	1,139	2,638	699	210	474	457	24	205	652	186	50	262	124	
2 days																							
N H S hospitals	8,173	26	644	1,389	355	90	801	434	158	447	1,089	350	166	603	777	6	71	201	97	43	245	181	
Approved and others	3,791	31	421	1,086	234	23	468	132	96	290	390	84	28	109	111	3	57	102	31	2	63	30	
3 days																							
N H S hospitals	9,861	34	746	1,549	516	119	1,034	512	182	498	1,374	420	259	581	854	8	85	287	135	31	391	246	
Approved and others	451	2	35	117	20	2	66	11	12	60	32	9	5	30	20	-	9	12	2	1	5	1	
4 days																							
N H S hospitals	4,710	6	285	781	259	76	447	278	67	192	668	234	136	255	448	1	40	119	66	22	200	130	
Approved and others	118	-	9	23	2	-	21	10	2	9	11	2	1	14	7	-	2	3	-	-	2	-	
5 days																							
N H S hospitals	2,408	6	137	378	123	27	225	176	27	111	323	134	68	118	257	2	19	70	27	18	103	59	
Approved and others	70	-	5	11	1	-	13	3	1	8	7	1	1	9	5	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	
6 days																							
N H S hospitals	1,749	3	79	212	88	24	147	91	28	83	295	123	52	133	213	1	11	38	16	8	64	40	
Approved and others	50	1	3	7	2	-	13	3	1	6	4	2	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7 days and over																							
N H S hospitals	16,253	13	322	960	364	111	670	485	267	940	4,205	1,561	958	1,380	2,546	5	68	256	161	73	567	341	
Approved and others	362	1	20	59	15	1	53	14	14	41	31	7	3	53	25	-	6	7	3	-	5	4	
Not stated																							
N H S hospitals	1,405	2	69	160	69	11	121	52	33	92	287	89	49	83	148	-	6	40	14	1	57	22	
Approved and others	43	-	6	14	-	-	3	1	2	5	4	3	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	

TABLE 22. Deaths following legally induced abortion by age, period of gestation and method of termination

England and Wales, 1970

Cases resident in England and Wales

Gestation weeks†	Method	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over
Under 9 weeks	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 to 12 weeks	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2)	-
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods)	-	-	1 (1)	-	1	-	-	-
13 to 16 weeks	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods)	-	-	1	-	-	(1)	-	-
17 weeks and over	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy)	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods)	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Not stated	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy)	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.
 On certification of cause of death see page vi.
 Brackets round numbers indicate that sterilisation was also performed in these cases.
 There were no deaths of non-resident women.

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