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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 1969. The following paragraphs set out the background of these statistics and the definitions used in compiling them.

2. Grounds for Legally Induced Abortion

The Act lays down that an 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 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 also 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 1969 and up to the end of January 1970 relating to legally induced abortions which took place in England and Wales in 1969.

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, 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 Table 15. The 4,990 cases in this table include 386 from other parts of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

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-1969. 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 premises approved by the Secretary of State. At the end of 1969 there were 60 such approved places, and 13 approved Services' hospitals. In the tables these latter hospitals are included under the heading "Other Places".

In 1969 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.

7. Parity

The form requires the number of the woman's previous (a) live births (b) still-births (c) abortions to be stated. In Tables 7, 9, 11 and 16b analysis is by the number of previous live births, and in Tables 1d and 5 by the number of live and still births together. Answers under (c) are probably incomplete.

8. Type of Termination

Five main types of operation are listed on the form, with provision for specifying any other type. Where more than one type is shown on the form, in Table 13 and 16e the case is classified under the major type.

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 no exact date of l.m.p. is stated, a date is assumed, e.g. "early April" becomes 7th April, "third week June" becomes 22nd June. No date was stated in 1.6% of cases.

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 0.2% of cases.

11. Region of operation

Hospitals and approved places have been 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 1968 volume, Part II, pages xxx-xxxiii.

12. Area of residence

Tables 2, 15, 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 1968 volume, Part II, pages xiv-xvii.

13. Sterilisation

Table 11 analyses by age and previous live-born children and occupation group those cases where sterilisation was performed in conjunction with the abortion operation. 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 reliable coding. 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

Table 10 analyses the data according to the number of existing children living in the woman's family. This means 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 this particular context.

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 cases where the answer to this question mistakenly referred back to the statutory grounds (2.2% of the total), there were 12,376 cases (23%) where such circumstances were stated. These have been analysed in Table 12 according to a classification which has necessarily been empirical, but which attempts to indicate the nature of such environmental factors as the practitioner has seen fit to record. Where more than one classifiable condition was stated, assignment was to the condition which appeared to be of major importance.

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. Deaths recorded on the forms totalled 17. On reference to the death certificate in each case it was found that the certifying practitioner or coroner had not necessarily attributed the cause of death to the abortion operation but sometimes to the illness which was considered the underlying cause of death. Only 9 of the deaths showed abortion as the underlying cause. The remaining 8 deaths were attributed to causes such as venous thrombosis, cancer and cerebral haemorrhage. 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.

TABLES

SUMMARY TABLE 1. Legally induced abortions in 1969: age of woman by:-

- (a) marital status
- (b) type of premises
- (c) statutory grounds
- (d) number of previous live and still born children
- (e) gestation weeks

England and Wales

All cases

	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Total	54,819	1,231	8,935	14,593	9,938	8,641	6,832	3,078	296	1,275
(a) Marital status										
Single	25,499	1,231	6,566	10,658	3,032	956	374	99	10	573
Married	24,403	-	279	2,983	5,510	6,509	5,616	2,674	262	570
Widowed, divorced or separated	4,762	-	78	922	1,368	1,141	822	293	22	116
Not stated	155	-	12	30	28	35	20	12	2	16
(b) Type of premises										
N H S hospitals	33,728	1,004	4,817	7,116	6,225	6,076	4,992	2,387	233	978
Approved places	20,943	221	4,103	7,454	3,674	2,532	1,821	683	63	392
Other places	148	6	15	23	39	33	19	8	-	5
(c) Statutory grounds*										
1	1,941	30	179	354	326	404	351	226	25	46
2	39,865	1,167	8,248	12,184	6,428	4,940	3,933	1,862	183	920
3	2,294	6	84	419	550	558	433	162	15	67
4	1,118	3	117	275	310	217	138	34	2	22
5	14	-	1	3	3	2	1	3	-	1
6	31	-	2	5	4	9	5	2	2	2
2 with 4	828	14	94	165	157	174	125	77	7	15
3 with others	8,728	11	210	1,188	2,160	2,337	1,846	712	62	202
(d) Number of previous live and stillborn children										
0	24,478	1,213	8,138	9,964	2,915	1,023	507	158	17	543
1	5,760	9	512	2,006	1,364	875	573	270	18	133
2	8,562	-	110	1,378	2,324	2,110	1,617	740	75	208
3	6,889	-	14	715	1,732	1,939	1,623	635	61	170
4	4,103	-	5	234	891	1,272	1,065	491	48	97
5 and over	4,394	-	1	62	610	1,356	1,427	767	77	94
Not stated	633	9	155	234	102	66	20	17	-	30
(e) Gestation weeks†										
Under 9 weeks	7,427	113	852	1,986	1,537	1,328	981	425	40	165
9 and under 13 weeks	27,821	587	4,462	7,544	5,052	4,365	3,567	1,509	116	619
13 weeks and over	18,676	502	3,504	4,872	3,177	2,785	2,187	1,089	133	427
Not stated	895	29	117	191	172	163	97	55	7	64

* For statutory grounds see page iii.

† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 2(a). Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by marital status, with rates per 1,000 women

England and Wales

Cases resident in England and Wales

Marital status	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over*	Age not stated	Total 15 and over†
Numbers								
All	326	8,907	12,914	16,982	9,248	276	1,176	49,503
Married	-	256	2,817	11,300	7,825	249	532	22,979
Single	326	8,567	9,194	3,304	369	5	522	21,961
Widowed	-	-	37	195	211	7	14	464
Divorced/separated	-	74	838	2,125	812	13	93	3,955
Unknown	-	10	28	58	31	2	15	144
Rates‡								
All	-	5.39	6.91	5.71	3.17	0.16	-	Per 1,000 women 15-44 5.26 15-49 4.46
Married	-	1.96	2.63	4.40	3.03	0.17	-	3.62 2.95
Others**	-	5.69	12.70	14.12	4.30	0.10	-	8.70 8.06

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

† Including age not stated.

‡ Cases of unknown marital status are distributed proportionately.

** Single, widowed, divorced and separated women. Rates per 1,000 single, widowed and divorced women.

TABLE 2(b). Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by area of residence with rates per 1,000 women

England and Wales, standard regions, Wales, conurbations, urban and rural aggregates								
Cases resident in England and Wales								
Area of residence	Under 16	16-19*	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over†	Age not stated	Total 16 and over‡
Numbers								
ENGLAND AND WALES	1,174	8,059	12,914	16,982	9,248	276	1,176	48,655
Standard regions:								
North	54	518	649	1,048	649	18	48	2,930
Yorkshire and Humberside	74	462	632	1,021	716	14	52	2,897
North West	126	748	1,070	1,757	1,101	30	116	4,822
East Midlands	76	304	425	658	495	11	28	1,921
West Midlands	115	775	1,001	1,409	831	21	71	4,108
East Anglia	31	258	352	499	302	11	35	1,457
South East	508	3,944	7,444	8,658	3,992	128	707	24,873
South West	117	621	768	1,055	643	26	77	3,190
Wales	73	429	573	877	519	17	42	2,457
Urban and rural aggregates:								
Conurbations	390	3,431	6,939	7,915	3,481	93	615	22,474
Areas outside conurbations:								
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 or over	179	1,090	1,549	2,050	1,167	39	126	6,021
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	129	889	1,235	1,551	929	32	112	4,748
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	298	1,525	1,919	3,059	2,028	60	170	8,761
Rural districts	178	1,124	1,272	2,407	1,643	52	153	6,651
Rates								
ENGLAND AND WALES	-	4.88	6.91	5.71	3.17	0.16	-	4.39
Standard regions:								
North	-	4.35	5.44	5.11	3.14	0.16	-	3.83
Yorkshire and Humberside	-	2.77	3.60	3.52	2.51	0.09	-	2.68
North West	-	3.26	4.31	4.38	2.78	0.13	-	3.20
East Midlands	-	2.70	3.31	3.21	2.44	0.10	-	2.52
West Midlands	-	4.37	4.90	4.36	2.65	0.12	-	3.43
East Anglia	-	4.62	5.64	4.93	3.13	0.20	-	3.93
South East	-	6.90	10.72	8.04	3.86	0.21	-	6.25
South West	-	4.98	5.55	4.88	2.97	0.21	-	3.88
Wales	-	4.51	5.86	5.60	3.19	0.18	-	4.04
Urban and rural aggregates:								
Conurbations	-	6.15	10.23	7.85	3.54	0.16	-	5.89
Areas outside conurbations:								
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 or over	-	4.64	6.06	5.56	3.07	0.17	-	4.11
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	-	5.33	6.97	5.36	3.18	0.19	-	4.35
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	-	4.27	4.93	4.74	3.20	0.17	-	3.68
Rural districts	-	3.36	3.45	3.62	2.62	0.15	-	2.84

* 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 in 1969: age by type of premises and marital status

England and Wales										
All cases										
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 premises										
Total	54,819	1,231	8,935	14,593	9,938	8,641	6,832	3,078	296	1,275
Single	25,499	1,231	8,566	10,658	3,032	956	374	99	10	573
Married	24,403	-	279	2,983	5,510	6,509	5,616	2,674	262	570
Widowed/divorced/separated	4,762	-	78	922	1,368	1,141	822	293	22	116
Not stated	155	-	12	30	28	35	20	12	2	16
N.H.S. hospitals										
Total	33,728	1,004	4,817	7,116	6,225	6,076	4,992	2,387	233	878
Single	11,820	1,004	4,553	4,213	1,107	401	153	48	3	338
Married	18,484	-	202	2,217	4,165	4,874	4,264	2,112	213	437
Widowed/divorced/separated	3,309	-	56	667	933	777	558	215	15	88
Not stated	115	-	6	19	20	24	17	12	2	15
Approved places										
Total	20,943	221	4,103	7,454	3,674	2,532	1,821	683	63	392
Single	13,642	221	3,998	6,432	1,925	555	221	51	7	232
Married	5,810	-	77	757	1,308	1,603	1,333	554	49	131
Widowed/divorced/separated	1,452	-	22	254	435	364	264	78	7	28
Not stated	39	-	6	11	8	10	3	-	-	1
Other places										
Total	148	6	15	23	39	33	19	8	-	5
Single	37	6	15	13	-	-	-	-	-	3
Married	109	-	-	9	39	32	19	8	-	2
Widowed/divorced/separated	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

TABLE 4. Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by statutory grounds and marital status

England and Wales											
All cases											
*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
1	Total	1,941	30	179	354	326	404	351	226	25	46
	Single	515	30	167	207	64	21	8	7	1	10
	Married	1,276	-	11	119	232	352	302	13	24	32
	Widowed/divorced/separated	139	-	1	26	30	28	39	20	-	2
	Not stated	11	-	-	2	-	3	2	2	-	2
2	Total	39,865	1,167	8,248	12,184	6,428	4,940	3,933	1,862	183	920
	Single	23,650	1,167	8,032	9,951	2,730	824	330	77	8	511
	Married	13,445	-	160	1,669	2,883	3,482	3,162	1,609	163	317
	Widowed/divorced/separated	2,679	-	46	545	796	619	429	170	12	62
	Not stated	91	-	10	19	19	15	12	6	-	10
3	Total	2,294	6	84	419	550	558	433	162	15	67
	Single	259	6	60	106	47	28	5	2	-	5
	Married	1,562	-	20	215	385	408	336	139	12	47
	Widowed/divorced/separated	461	-	3	93	116	122	91	21	2	13
	Not stated	12	-	1	5	2	-	1	-	1	2
4	Total	1,118	3	117	275	310	217	138	34	2	22
	Single	192	3	93	67	17	4	3	1	-	4
	Married	897	-	24	198	284	208	131	33	2	17
	Widowed/divorced/separated	26	-	-	9	9	3	4	-	-	1
	Not stated	3	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
5	Total	14	-	1	3	3	2	1	3	-	1
	Single	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Married	11	-	1	2	2	2	1	3	-	1
	Widowed/divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Total	31	-	2	5	4	9	5	2	2	2
	Single	9	-	2	4	-	1	-	2	-	2
	Married	21	-	-	1	4	8	4	2	-	-
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 with 4	Total	828	14	94	165	157	174	125	77	7	15
	Single	252	14	89	89	36	15	2	5	-	2
	Married	528	-	2	65	112	149	115	69	6	10
	Widowed/divorced/separated	47	-	2	11	9	10	8	3	1	3
	Not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 with others	Total	8,728	11	210	1,188	2,160	2,337	1,846	712	62	202
	Single	619	11	123	232	137	63	26	7	1	19
	Married	6,663	-	61	715	1,608	1,900	1,565	615	53	146
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,409	-	26	238	408	359	250	86	7	35
	Not stated	37	-	-	3	7	15	5	4	1	2

* For statutory grounds see page iii.

TABLE 5. Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by number of previous live and still born children and marital status

England and Wales
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	24,478	1,213	8,138	9,964	2,915	1,023	507	158	17	543
	Single	22,432	1,213	8,036	9,292	2,372	866	277	86	7	483
	Married	1,363	-	78	488	358	198	143	68	8	42
	Widowed/divorced/separated	643	-	13	174	198	132	84	24	2	16
	Not stated	40	-	11	10	7	7	3	-	-	2
1	Total	5,760	9	512	2,006	1,364	875	573	270	18	133
	Single	1,958	9	350	957	564	364	217	15	2	53
	Married	2,581	-	111	890	620	511	368	192	11	58
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,201	-	51	351	352	216	143	63	5	20
	Not stated	20	-	-	8	8	2	-	-	-	2
2	Total	8,562	-	110	1,378	2,324	2,110	1,617	740	75	208
	Single	359	-	24	143	117	43	17	4	1	10
	Married	6,910	-	72	977	1,821	1,770	1,383	661	65	161
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,258	-	13	251	382	287	213	71	7	34
	Not stated	35	-	1	7	4	10	4	2	3	
3	Total	6,889	-	14	715	1,732	1,939	1,623	635	61	170
	Single	133	-	4	42	44	22	11	5	-	5
	Married	5,932	-	10	573	1,440	1,681	1,446	574	60	148
	Widowed/divorced/separated	798	-	-	97	243	226	164	52	1	15
	Not stated	26	-	-	3	5	10	2	4	-	2
4	Total	4,103	-	5	234	891	1,272	1,065	491	48	97
	Single	52	-	-	7	19	15	8	2	-	1
	Married	3,617	-	4	187	764	1,118	959	461	45	79
	Widowed/divorced/separated	421	-	1	40	106	136	93	26	3	16
	Not stated	13	-	-	-	2	3	5	2	-	1
5	Total	2,232	-	-	55	392	727	644	336	28	50
	Single	34	-	-	4	15	9	4	1	-	1
	Married	1,997	-	-	46	333	648	581	319	27	43
	Widowed/divorced/separated	194	-	-	5	44	68	55	16	1	5
	Not stated	7	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	1	
6	Total	1,143	-	1	6	155	376	388	170	19	28
	Single	17	-	-	-	8	4	4	1	-	-
	Married	1,015	-	1	6	124	334	356	155	17	22
	Widowed/divorced/separated	105	-	-	-	24	35	27	13	2	4
	Not stated	6	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	2
7	Total	517	-	-	1	48	148	193	111	12	4
	Single	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	2
	Married	448	-	-	1	40	125	173	96	11	2
	Widowed/divorced/separated	64	-	-	-	8	22	18	14	1	1
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
8	Total	256	-	-	-	11	63	111	62	5	4
	Single	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-
	Married	229	-	-	-	10	57	97	56	5	4
	Widowed/divorced/separated	23	-	-	-	1	5	12	5	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 and over	Total	246	-	-	-	4	42	91	88	13	8
	Single	6	-	-	-	1	3	2	-	-	-
	Married	216	-	-	-	3	34	81	80	13	5
	Widowed/divorced/separated	24	-	-	-	-	5	8	8	-	3
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	Total	633	9	155	234	102	66	20	17	-	30
	Single	502	9	152	213	74	24	6	4	-	20
	Married	95	-	3	15	17	33	9	12	-	6
	Widowed/divorced/separated	31	-	-	4	10	9	5	1	-	2
	Not stated	5	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2

TABLE 6. Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by gestation weeks and marital status

England and Wales
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	7,427	113	852	1,986	1,537	1,328	981	425	40	165
Single	3,445	113	824	1,560	607	174	68	18	4	77
Married	3,394	-	23	337	756	981	810	378	33	76
Widowed/divorced/separated	575	-	5	87	171	167	103	28	3	11
Not stated	13	-	-	2	3	6	-	1	-	1
9 and under 13 weeks										
Total	27,821	587	4,462	7,544	5,052	4,365	3,567	1,509	116	619
Single	12,995	587	4,290	5,565	1,547	488	177	46	3	292
Married	12,435	-	136	1,516	2,815	3,312	2,974	1,310	108	264
Widowed/divorced/separated	2,313	-	31	447	677	546	406	145	4	57
Not stated	78	-	5	16	13	19	10	8	1	6
13 weeks and over										
Total	18,676	502	3,504	4,872	3,177	2,785	2,187	1,089	133	427
Single	8,722	502	3,340	3,413	845	280	124	34	3	181
Married	8,100	-	117	1,068	1,823	2,092	1,752	936	114	198
Widowed/divorced/separated	1,796	-	41	379	498	403	301	116	15	43
Not stated	58	-	6	12	11	10	10	3	1	5
Not stated										
Total	895	29	117	191	172	163	97	55	7	64
Single	337	29	112	120	33	14	5	1	-	23
Married	474	-	3	62	116	124	80	50	7	32
Widowed/divorced/separated	78	-	1	9	22	25	12	4	-	5
Not stated	6	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	4

† For gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 7(a). Legally induced abortions in 1969: all women by number of previous live born children and by age

England and Wales
Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous liveborn children								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated
All ages	49,829	21,389	5,345	8,200	6,514	3,874	2,100	1,043	916	448
11	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	38	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	279	275	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
15	848	835	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
16	1,445	1,403	27	4	-	-	-	-	-	11
17	1,816	1,713	71	8	1	1	-	-	-	22
18	2,255	2,045	153	29	2	-	-	-	-	26
19	2,543	2,182	239	64	13	3	-	-	-	42
20	2,720	2,182	333	129	38	6	2	1	-	29
21	3,066	2,310	386	203	88	26	3	-	-	50
22	2,789	1,844	425	309	136	44	4	1	-	26
23	2,320	1,308	370	340	198	64	13	-	-	27
24	2,019	941	352	367	220	79	27	4	1	28
25	2,065	805	320	447	294	138	38	5	7	11
26	1,870	575	286	453	288	141	64	31	5	27
27	1,681	393	242	417	322	188	64	33	7	15
28	1,638	338	206	415	358	177	87	32	13	12
29	1,747	288	201	461	397	214	106	47	23	10
30	1,664	219	185	420	348	254	132	63	34	9
31	1,626	186	161	423	365	225	152	52	50	12
32	1,629	167	156	391	388	241	162	73	36	15
33	1,616	149	166	384	394	257	139	73	47	7
34	1,446	128	129	400	324	215	103	78	58	11
35	1,412	95	122	360	331	223	133	78	68	2
36	1,420	96	108	338	355	235	132	78	73	5
37	1,253	89	111	323	290	184	121	56	75	4
38	1,202	69	109	300	294	158	122	77	68	5
39	1,086	67	88	232	252	204	111	60	70	2
40	996	46	98	257	219	127	110	58	77	4
41	715	39	54	171	149	141	76	29	53	3
42	553	26	52	143	100	80	68	37	46	1
43	376	16	38	84	77	69	33	13	44	2
44	235	6	12	59	52	47	22	18	19	-
45	144	9	6	40	34	16	18	11	10	-
46	75	1	6	20	10	19	7	3	9	-
47	43	-	4	8	14	6	3	2	6	-
48	10	2	-	4	-	-	1	2	1	-
49 and over	4	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-
Not stated	1,176	495	120	197	161	91	47	28	15	22

TABLE 7(b). Legally induced abortions in 1969: married women by number of previous live born children and by age

England and Wales
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	22,979	1,201	2,424	6,642	5,606	3,418	1,877	923	802	86
16	6	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
17	24	7	13	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
18	65	17	28	18	1	-	-	-	-	1
19	161	39	62	47	11	2	-	-	-	-
20	268	57	91	82	31	4	-	1	-	2
21	449	101	119	135	74	16	2	-	-	2
22	613	100	141	221	111	36	3	1	-	-
23	699	98	135	244	158	49	13	-	-	2
24	788	79	153	281	172	69	24	4	1	5
25	982	87	153	347	233	120	27	5	6	4
26	949	64	116	336	233	111	57	25	5	2
27	1,004	50	115	324	261	165	53	26	5	5
28	1,063	49	97	341	305	154	75	25	12	5
29	1,191	40	99	375	341	185	93	39	17	2
30	1,207	42	109	344	293	214	117	54	29	5
31	1,226	35	92	343	319	204	136	45	45	7
32	1,243	26	90	330	336	221	136	65	30	9
33	1,261	31	103	328	348	224	124	60	37	6
34	1,174	41	83	353	281	189	96	74	52	5
35	1,154	23	86	305	293	198	116	72	61	-
36	1,174	29	70	289	313	215	120	72	63	3
37	1,050	30	86	286	252	167	112	50	65	2
38	1,010	29	74	255	264	144	112	69	60	3
39	922	22	62	201	234	183	99	56	64	1
40	875	27	73	231	193	118	106	52	72	3
41	623	15	40	152	138	132	71	27	46	2
42	472	8	36	127	89	72	65	35	39	1
43	329	8	23	75	73	65	31	12	40	2
44	216	3	10	53	49	47	21	16	17	-
45	133	7	4	36	34	15	17	10	10	-
46	65	-	4	17	9	17	7	2	9	-
47	39	-	2	7	14	6	3	2	5	-
48	8	-	-	4	-	-	1	2	1	-
49 and over	4	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-
Not stated	532	36	52	151	141	74	40	22	10	6

TABLE 7(c). Legally induced abortions in 1969: single women by number of previous live born children and by age

England and Wales
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	22,287	19,573	1,803	348	124	47	33	18	10	331
11	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	38	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	279	275	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
15	848	835	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
16	1,437	1,400	24	3	-	-	-	-	-	10
17	1,781	1,704	50	4	1	-	-	-	-	22
18	2,165	2,022	110	7	1	-	-	-	-	25
19	2,336	2,131	151	10	2	-	-	-	-	42
20	2,355	2,109	188	26	3	-	2	-	-	27
21	2,462	2,183	201	24	6	2	-	-	-	46
22	1,978	1,701	212	31	8	2	-	-	-	24
23	1,398	1,166	159	35	11	2	-	-	-	25
24	1,001	819	126	23	10	-	1	-	-	22
25	810	667	91	29	8	5	4	-	-	6
26	640	470	96	32	10	5	3	2	-	22
27	425	313	61	27	9	3	2	2	-	8
28	346	258	54	10	9	3	4	1	-	7
29	304	224	48	15	6	2	2	1	1	5
30	198	140	29	12	5	4	1	2	1	4
31	175	121	30	10	4	2	3	1	1	3
32	164	119	25	7	5	1	2	2	-	3
33	137	93	24	7	2	3	3	2	2	1
34	105	72	20	4	4	2	-	-	-	3
35	72	51	8	4	3	4	1	-	1	-
36	79	54	10	4	2	2	2	1	3	1
37	53	41	2	4	4	-	-	1	-	1
38	46	34	7	1	-	1	1	1	-	1
39	42	29	5	3	2	-	-	1	1	1
40	22	13	5	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
41	26	19	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
42	18	12	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
43	9	4	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
44	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	522	442	50	10	5	1	1	-	-	13

TABLE 8. Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by occupation and marital status

England and Wales
Cases resident in England and Wales

Occupation 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	49,829	1,174	8,059	12,914	9,001	7,981	6,373	2,875	276	1,176
Single	22,287	1,174	7,719	9,194	2,525	779	292	77	5	522
Married	22,979	-	256	2,817	5,189	6,111	5,310	2,515	249	532
Widowed	464	-	-	37	86	109	156	55	7	14
Divorced/separated	3,955	-	74	838	1,176	949	596	216	13	93
Not known	144	-	10	28	25	33	19	12	2	15
Professional	1,100	-	15	154	273	256	244	114	19	25
Total	1,100	-	15	154	273	256	244	114	19	25
Single	170	-	13	69	63	11	7	1	-	6
Married	870	-	1	77	192	233	224	108	17	18
Widowed	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	56	-	1	8	17	11	11	5	2	1
Not known	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Intermediate	6,871	7	592	2,249	1,361	1,115	930	438	38	141
Total	6,871	7	592	2,249	1,361	1,115	930	438	38	141
Single	3,581	7	574	1,956	679	194	70	18	2	81
Married	2,821	-	14	238	551	789	766	385	34	44
Widowed	57	-	-	3	12	10	24	5	-	3
Divorced/separated	393	-	2	50	114	115	68	30	2	12
Not known	19	-	2	2	5	7	2	-	-	1
Skilled	18,190	181	3,558	5,078	3,175	2,733	2,128	936	81	320
Total	18,190	181	3,558	5,078	3,175	2,733	2,128	936	81	320
Single	9,093	181	3,446	3,855	973	510	111	23	2	192
Married	7,790	-	90	960	1,826	2,109	1,797	829	73	106
Widowed	105	-	-	6	15	24	35	19	3	3
Divorced/separated	1,168	-	21	246	357	280	180	63	3	18
Not known	34	-	1	11	4	10	5	2	-	1
Semi-skilled	5,573	56	807	1,496	1,098	898	772	325	28	93
Total	5,573	56	807	1,496	1,098	898	772	325	28	93
Single	2,485	56	756	1,089	360	110	49	18	-	47
Married	2,542	-	38	313	591	654	623	266	27	30
Widowed	59	-	-	4	10	18	19	7	1	-
Divorced/separated	474	-	11	89	134	114	80	31	-	15
Not known	13	-	2	1	3	2	1	3	-	1
Unskilled	1,800	25	208	372	338	398	284	136	8	31
Total	1,800	25	208	372	338	398	284	136	8	31
Single	412	25	182	142	20	25	6	5	-	7
Married	1,237	-	20	192	281	337	256	123	6	22
Widowed	18	-	-	2	2	4	8	2	-	-
Divorced/separated	129	-	6	35	34	32	13	5	2	2
Not known	4	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
*Not classified	16,295	905	2,879	3,565	2,756	2,581	2,015	926	102	566
Total	16,295	905	2,879	3,565	2,756	2,581	2,015	926	102	566
Single	6,546	905	2,748	2,083	430	129	49	12	1	189
Married	7,719	-	93	1,037	1,748	1,989	1,644	804	92	312
Widowed	224	-	-	22	47	53	69	22	3	8
Divorced/separated	1,735	-	33	410	520	397	244	82	4	45
Not known	71	-	5	13	11	13	9	6	2	12

* Certain occupations in the 'not classified' group of the above table by marital status

Occupation	Total	Single	Married	Others
Not stated	7,170	2,017	4,353	800
Not occupied or student	4,632	4,322	235	75
Housewife	4,088	176	2,774	1,138

TABLE 9. Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by number of previous live born children and occupation

England and Wales
Cases resident in England and Wales

Previous live born children and occupation	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All										
Total	49,829	1,174	8,059	12,914	9,001	7,981	6,373	2,875	276	1,176
Professional	1,100	-	15	154	273	256	244	114	19	25
Intermediate	6,871	7	592	2,249	1,361	1,115	930	438	38	141
Skilled	18,190	181	3,558	5,078	3,175	2,733	2,128	936	81	320
Semi-skilled	5,573	56	807	1,496	1,098	898	772	325	28	93
Unskilled	1,800	25	208	372	338	398	284	136	8	31
Not classified	16,295	905	2,879	3,565	2,756	2,581	2,015	926	102	566
0										
Total	21,389	1,157	7,343	8,585	2,399	849	416	133	12	495
Professional	249	-	14	90	89	24	17	4	2	9
Intermediate	3,505	7	556	1,887	649	199	96	34	3	74
Skilled	8,947	180	3,293	3,678	997	387	174	51	5	182
Semi-skilled	2,185	55	699	939	284	95	56	13	5	44
Unskilled	371	25	168	115	20	7	7	9	-	7
Not classified	6,132	890	2,613	1,876	360	124	66	22	2	179
1										
Total	5,345	9	490	1,866	1,255	797	538	254	16	120
Professional	134	-	-	27	46	27	14	-	-	3
Intermediate	753	-	23	209	220	146	85	47	6	30
Skilled	1,927	-	176	671	452	279	220	93	6	17
Semi-skilled	684	-	82	259	153	96	63	19	-	12
Unskilled	176	-	25	79	25	21	16	8	-	5
Not classified	1,671	9	184	621	359	228	137	73	4	56
2										
Total	8,200	-	105	1,348	2,193	2,018	1,553	714	72	197
Professional	323	-	1	22	78	87	78	45	6	6
Intermediate	1,120	-	3	79	265	334	288	118	6	29
Skilled	2,670	-	31	400	717	689	528	250	24	31
Semi-skilled	853	-	15	162	252	187	156	63	5	13
Unskilled	313	-	9	79	71	52	24	18	-	6
Not classified	2,921	-	46	606	810	649	451	216	31	112
3										
Total	6,514	-	16	680	1,659	1,819	1,522	597	60	161
Professional	236	-	-	12	43	82	65	26	5	3
Intermediate	802	-	-	31	145	245	240	123	8	10
Skilled	2,110	-	4	192	554	620	509	250	16	37
Semi-skilled	714	-	3	87	191	187	167	63	6	10
Unskilled	316	-	3	69	85	80	57	18	1	3
Not classified	2,336	-	6	289	641	605	484	189	24	98
4										
Total	3,874	-	4	219	858	1,192	1,004	464	42	91
Professional	103	-	-	11	26	45	28	14	3	2
Intermediate	365	-	1	3	44	117	128	64	2	6
Skilled	1,222	-	1	66	261	393	320	151	13	17
Semi-skilled	498	-	1	25	129	146	113	67	7	5
Unskilled	256	-	1	20	67	86	53	19	4	6
Not classified	1,430	-	-	105	346	424	342	147	11	55
5										
Total	2,100	-	-	49	359	688	619	309	29	47
Professional	37	-	-	2	9	17	6	2	1	1
Intermediate	154	-	-	2	15	45	54	30	7	1
Skilled	602	-	-	12	113	182	180	99	8	8
Semi-skilled	314	-	-	6	50	110	97	43	5	3
Unskilled	168	-	-	7	43	58	30	26	-	4
Not classified	825	-	-	22	136	284	241	105	7	30
6										
Total	1,043	-	-	6	148	339	349	155	18	28
Professional	10	-	-	1	2	4	4	1	1	1
Intermediate	58	-	-	1	4	18	14	2	2	2
Skilled	314	-	-	-	45	107	108	46	2	6
Semi-skilled	147	-	-	1	26	42	58	16	2	2
Unskilled	97	-	-	2	16	34	31	13	1	-
Not classified	417	-	-	2	55	138	130	65	10	17
7 and over										
Total	916	-	-	1	55	225	354	239	27	15
Professional	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-
Intermediate	37	-	-	-	-	4	9	2	1	1
Skilled	242	-	-	-	1	63	89	67	7	4
Semi-skilled	135	-	-	-	5	32	55	39	3	1
Unskilled	97	-	-	-	11	26	37	19	2	2
Not classified	401	-	-	-	27	99	152	103	13	7
Not stated										
Total	448	8	101	160	75	54	18	10	-	22
Professional	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate	77	-	9	38	18	7	3	1	-	1
Skilled	156	1	53	58	25	13	-	1	-	5
Semi-skilled	43	1	7	17	8	3	2	-	-	3
Unskilled	6	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not class	162	6	30	44	22	30	12	6	-	12

TABLE 10. Legally induced abortions in 1969: existing children by marital status and occupation

England and Wales
Cases resident in England and Wales

Marital status and occupation	Total	Existing children													
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 and over	Not stated		
All															
Total	49,829	22,220	5,043	8,148	6,415	3,791	1,951	953	418	206	91	83	510		
Professional	1,100	269	133	313	230	104	31	10	2	1	1	-	6		
Intermediate	6,871	3,608	686	1,110	793	364	136	56	19	4	7	4	84		
Skilled	18,190	9,294	1,747	2,653	2,073	1,188	571	275	118	55	18	26	172		
Semi-skilled	5,573	2,309	636	852	707	488	281	128	60	31	18	14	49		
Unskilled	1,800	400	180	314	323	250	156	90	43	26	4	8	6		
Not classified	16,295	6,340	1,661	2,906	2,289	1,397	776	394	176	89	43	31	193		
Single															
Total	22,287	20,014	1,473	284	113	49	25	16	1	3	1	2	306		
Professional	170	163	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		
Intermediate	3,581	3,266	206	26	11	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	67		
Skilled	9,093	8,383	510	50	14	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	131		
Semi-skilled	2,485	2,090	256	59	27	12	4	4	1	-	-	1	31		
Unskilled	412	334	53	10	9	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2		
Not classified	6,546	5,778	443	139	52	31	16	10	-	2	1	1	73		
Married															
Total	22,979	1,479	2,442	6,680	5,549	3,363	1,752	847	373	183	81	75	155		
Professional	870	78	115	303	224	102	30	10	2	1	1	1	4		
Intermediate	2,821	233	349	967	709	336	129	53	16	4	7	3	25		
Skilled	7,790	569	851	2,272	1,929	1,122	547	262	115	55	18	25	25		
Semi-skilled	2,542	135	233	665	593	425	254	111	53	29	16	13	15		
Unskilled	1,237	47	93	269	280	237	143	68	40	25	4	8	3		
Not classified	7,719	417	801	2,204	1,814	1,141	649	323	147	69	35	26	93		
Widowed															
Total	464	39	88	132	100	57	27	11	2	5	-	1	2		
Professional	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Intermediate	57	7	18	17	9	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Skilled	105	20	24	32	14	10	2	1	-	-	-	1	1		
Semi-skilled	59	6	12	13	16	7	3	2	-	-	-	-	-		
Unskilled	18	1	2	5	5	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Not classified	224	5	32	64	56	35	16	8	2	5	-	-	1		
Divorced/separated															
Total	3,955	651	1,022	1,019	629	311	139	73	40	15	9	5	42		
Professional	56	27	13	8	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	2		
Intermediate	393	96	110	97	60	18	4	3	2	-	-	1	14		
Skilled	1,168	310	358	291	111	55	17	9	3	-	-	-	14		
Semi-skilled	474	75	133	111	70	43	20	9	6						

TABLE 11. Legally induced abortions in 1969 with sterilisation: age by number of previous live born children and occupation

England and Wales
Cases resident in England and Wales

Previous live born children and occupation	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All cases	Total	11,126	54	517	2,024	3,283	3,235	1,612	159	242
	Professional	249	-	6	35	66	82	47	10	3
	Intermediate	977	-	16	120	280	331	188	22	16
	Skilled	3,575	-	8	157	683	1,072	505	44	51
	Semi-skilled	1,430	-	4	79	261	395	217	13	22
	Unskilled	735	-	8	41	155	240	95	5	14
	Not classified	4,160	-	30	218	770	1,230	560	65	136
0	Total	220	-	28	44	21	33	48	37	5
	Professional	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Intermediate	73	-	3	3	1	1	2	1	-
	Skilled	18	-	1	1	3	6	5	-	-
	Semi-skilled	28	-	4	15	8	11	17	2	2
	Unskilled	14	-	3	5	5	6	3	-	1
	Not classified	81	-	2	4	1	2	4	-	1
1	Total	529	-	9	36	81	118	163	98	14
	Professional	9	-	-	-	1	2	2	4	-
	Intermediate	77	-	1	1	13	15	28	14	1
	Skilled	181	-	2	7	29	46	55	36	5
	Semi-skilled	68	-	1	8	11	13	24	7	4
	Unskilled	20	-	1	1	3	2	9	3	-
	Not classified	174	-	4	19	24	40	45	34	7
2	Total	2,240	-	12	139	408	625	631	336	42
	Professional	78	-	-	2	13	16	25	18	4
	Intermediate	299	-	2	6	38	93	97	53	7
	Skilled	746	-	2	45	152	202	223	100	14
	Semi-skilled	237	-	3	22	41	63	70	35	-
	Unskilled	95	-	-	8	15	28	24	18	2
	Not classified	785	-	5	56	149	223	192	112	27
3	Total	2,821	-	2	172	652	819	758	319	30
	Professional	77	-	-	3	15	26	20	9	3
	Intermediate	274	-	-	5	42	75	89	57	4
	Skilled	955	-	-	55	221	296	260	97	8
	Semi-skilled	334	-	-	27	81	90	88	38	2
	Unskilled	145	-	-	16	37	46	31	13	-
	Not classified	1,036	-	2	66	256	286	270	105	13
4	Total	2,268	-	2	89	464	748	620	283	21
	Professional	48	-	-	3	16	19	8	1	1
	Intermediate	165	-	-	15	53	61	30	3	3
	Skilled	754	-	-	26	157	256	211	90	6
	Semi-skilled	308	-	1	12	70	92	51	2	2
	Unskilled	174	-	1	7	49	63	35	11	4
	Not classified	819	-	-	44	170	268	216	93	5
5	Total	1,461	-	-	29	241	480	432	228	18
	Professional	21	-	-	1	4	10	5	-	1
	Intermediate	77	-	-	1	7	24	14	5	1
	Skilled	426	-	-	8	75	130	124	77	7
	Semi-skilled	221	-	-	4	30	74	72	36	4
	Unskilled	128	-	-	4	32	47	23	19	3
	Not classified	588	-	-	12	96	201	178	77	4
6	Total	780	-	-	5	104	255	276	108	14
	Professional	7	-	-	1	1	-	3	1	-
	Intermediate	36	-	-	3	12	11	8	1	1
	Skilled	235	-	-	30	77	89	34	2	3
	Semi-skilled	116	-	-	1	18	31	52	10	2
	Unskilled	76	-	-	1	11	30	24	-	-
	Not classified	310	-	-	2	41	105	97	45	8
7 and over	Total	758	-	-	1	43	184	300	198	20
	Professional	3	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
	Intermediate	28	-	-	1	3	14	7	2	1
	Skilled	200	-	-	1	9	51	76	57	4
	Semi-skilled	114	-	-	3	26	45	36	3	1
	Unskilled	82	-	-	8	23	32	17	1	1
	Not classified	331	-	-	22	80	132	80	12	5
Not stated	Total	49	-	1	2	10	21	7	5	3
	Professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Intermediate	3	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
	Skilled	5	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-
	Semi-skilled	4	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-
	Unskilled	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Not classified	36	-	1	2	5	15	6	-	3

TABLE 12. Legally induced abortions in 1969: environmental and other conditions with proportions by type of premises

England and Wales
All cases

Code	Description	NHS Hospitals		Approved and other places	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
REFERENCE TO STATUTORY GROUNDS					
01	Statutory Ground 1	9	0.1	-	-
2	2	418	3.8	412	15.2
3	3	119	1.1	8	0.3
4	4	12	0.1	-	-
7	2+4	9	0.1	3	0.1
8	3 with any other	153	1.4	50	1.8
9	Other multiple	9	0.1	1	0.0
	Total in sub-group	729	6.7	474	17.4
CONCERNING THE MOTHER					
10	Unmarried (16 or over)	332	3.0	129	4.7
1	Under 16 years	147	1.4	15	0.6
2	Widowed, divorced, separated	220	2.0	26	1.0
3	Multiparity	646	5.9	244	8.9
4	Too old - high medical risk in primipara	130	1.2	48	1.8
5	Young or immature	190	1.7	59	2.2
6	Physical handicap or illness	21	0.2	4	0.1
7	Students (nurse, university student, etc.)	132	1.2	62	2.3
8	Other specified reasons pertaining to mother	338	3.1	257	9.5
9	Unspecified social reasons - 'adverse condition'	3,378	31.2	197	7.2
	Total in sub-group	5,524	50.9	1,041	38.3
CONCERNING THE HUSBAND OR FATHER					
20	Not available for marriage	29	0.3	19	0.7
1	Drunkard or alcohol addict	22	0.2	2	0.1
3	Violent	22	0.2	1	0.0
4	Young, immature	5	0.0	3	0.1
5	Old	1	0.0	-	-
6	Abandoned by consort	127	1.2	41	1.5
8	Other specified reasons pertaining to father	98	0.9	25	0.9
	Total in sub-group	304	2.8	91	3.3
CONCERNING OTHER CHILDREN OF MOTHER					
30	Already caring for previous illegitimate children	225	2.0	36	1.4
1	Adverse effect on existing children in family	2,021	18.6	681	25.1
2	Other reasons relating to existing children NOS	31	0.3	5	0.2
3	Reason relating to 'family' NOS	34	0.3	12	0.4
5	Unborn child - probable lack of care	8	0.1	3	0.1
8	Other specified reasons relating to unborn child	1	0.0	1	0.0
9	Unborn child will suffer NOS	6	0.1	1	0.0
	Total in sub-group	2,326	21.4	739	27.2
CONCERNING ILLNESS IN THE DEPENDENTS OF THE MOTHER					
40	Husband ill or disabled	157	1.4	16	0.6
1	Existing children - ill or disabled	257	2.4	26	1.0
2	Parents or other sick or disabled dependents	26	0.2	13	0.5
8	Other specified chronic illness in family	6	0.1	2	0.1
9	Illness in family NOS	1	0.0	1	0.0
	Total in sub-group	447	4.1	58	2.2
CONCERNING THE MARRIAGE					
50	Husband away from home	46	0.4	4	0.1
1	Husband opposed to pregnancy	5	0.0	1	0.0
2	Extra marital conception	127	1.2	57	2.1
5	Failed contraception	175	1.7	65	2.4
6	Unsuccessfully sterilised husband	3	0.0	-	-
7	Unsuccessfully sterilised woman	16	0.1	-	-
8	Other specified factors tending to break up marriage	132	1.3	25	1.0
9	Break up of marriage	59	0.5	21	0.8
	Total in sub-group	562	5.2	173	6.4

Table 12 - continued

Code	Description	NHS Hospitals		Approved and other places	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
CONCERNING ECONOMIC FACTORS					
60	Insufficient income for family - husband not able to support	26	0.2	1	0.0
1	Loss of employment for woman	91	0.8	20	0.7
3	Other specified economic reasons	35	0.3	7	0.3
4	Economic reasons, financial difficulties NOS	555	5.2	24	0.9
	Total in sub-group	707	6.5	52	1.9
CONCERNING HOUSING					
65	Inadequate housing	83	0.8	11	0.4
6	Material home conditions inadequate	12	0.1	14	0.5
8	Other specified environmental	12	0.1	2	0.1
9	Environmental reason NOS	58	0.5	44	1.6
	Total in sub-group	165	1.5	71	2.6
CONCERNING RAPE AND VIOLENCE					
70	Unwanted intercourse under 16	5	0.0	3	0.1
1	Unwanted intercourse 16 and over	7	0.1	4	0.1
2	Rape, Single girl under 16	12	0.1	1	0.0
3	Rape, Single girl 16 or over	50	0.5	9	0.4
4	Rape, Married woman	6	0.1	2	0.1
5	Incest	16	0.1	-	-
	Total in sub-group	96	0.9	19	0.7
	All cases with question 11(c) completed	10,861	100	2,718	100
	All cases with medical reasons and question 11(c) not completed	22,780		18,214	
	All cases with question 11(a)-(c) not completed	87		159	
	Total cases treated for abortion	33,728		21,091	

Note: Abortions counted in this table are only those for which environmental or other factors were reported, usually in association with the medical grounds shown in Table 19, as reasons for terminating the pregnancy - 25% of the total.

TABLE 13. Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by main operation and gestation weeks

England and Wales

All cases

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	11,768	219	960	1,499	2,155	2,785	2,549	1,215	108	278	
	Under 9	323	2	6	21	54	109	85	41	-	5	
	9-12	3,407	27	92	209	617	959	969	433	25	76	
	13	1,426	16	82	155	242	396	337	146	19	33	
	14	1,258	12	93	152	253	311	281	118	9	29	
	15-16	2,152	51	196	314	421	476	425	202	19	48	
	17-19	1,904	58	264	332	353	353	300	177	17	50	
	20-23	893	39	180	251	141	100	95	60	12	15	
	24 and over	135	5	25	32	21	20	16	11	3	2	
	Not stated	270	9	22	33	53	61	41	27	4	20	
	Hysterotomy-vaginal	Total	275	12	36	42	47	59	45	22	4	8
Under 9		19	1	1	4	1	5	4	2	-	-	
9-12		146	7	18	16	30	32	24	12	2	5	
13		28	-	7	5	4	5	5	1	-	1	
14		27	1	2	3	6	4	3	1	-	1	
15-16		27	2	4	4	3	6	5	2	1	-	
17-19		17	-	1	6	3	4	2	1	-	-	
20-23		5	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24 and over		1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Not stated		5	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	
Hysterectomy		Total	802	-	11	27	80	167	278	187	40	12
	Under 9	58	-	1	5	15	22	12	12	-	2	
	9-12	355	-	4	11	33	76	140	72	16	3	
	13	101	-	1	3	10	27	29	24	3	4	
	14	72	-	1	4	8	16	23	16	5	5	
	15-16	96	-	2	2	10	16	31	31	4	-	
	17-19	66	-	2	2	5	10	21	21	5	-	
	20-23	27	-	1	3	2	2	5	8	4	1	
	24 and over	7	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	
	Not stated	20	-	-	1	4	2	7	2	1	2	
	Vacuum aspiration	Total	18,553	451	3,249	5,480	3,487	2,634	1,898	818	63	473
Under 9		3,078	50	344	614	639	548	393	187	17	86	
9-12		12,112	296	2,126	3,558	2,265	1,731	1,281	532	37	285	
13		1,558	60	353	514	261	175	100	58	4	33	
14		761	14	186	259	140	78	45	11	1	27	
15-16		563	17	149	182	92	44	47	13	3	16	
17-19		169	5	42	71	26	8	2	-	-	4	
20-23		32	-	4	16	4	5	-	1	-	2	
24 and over		9	1	4	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	
Not stated		271	8	44	65	56	39	24	14	1	20	
Dilatation		Total	20,395	400	3,921	6,589	3,646	2,666	1,908	778	71	416
	Under 9	3,873	56	485	1,127	826	637	471	178	23	70	
	9-12	11,168	233	2,090	3,576	1,970	1,462	1,102	442	33	240	
	13	1,839	29	461	613	319	195	120	56	9	37	
	14	1,254	33	316	432	197	124	91	38	1	22	
	15-16	1,274	28	332	492	178	113	72	37	-	22	
	17-19	599	14	166	227	82	56	26	17	4	7	
	20-23	114	2	32	44	20	5	4	2	-	5	
	24 and over	19	1	4	4	5	3	-	-	-	-	
	Not stated	255	4	35	74	49	51	20	8	1	13	
	Other types of termination (not listed above)	Total	2,858	144	730	914	489	299	139	49	10	84
Under 9		50	3	12	9	7	10	6	2	-	1	
9-12		544	23	110	159	116	70	42	12	3	9	
13		341	11	92	93	57	48	20	10	3	7	
14		390	21	102	128	62	41	17	6	1	12	
15-16		726	33	177	256	133	68	28	7	1	23	
17-19		559	32	165	192	86	43	18	6	2	15	
20-23		154	12	53	50	15	10	4	2	-	8	
24 and over		24	1	4	4	4	3	-	1	-	1	
Not stated		70	8	15	17	9	6	4	3	-	8	
Not stated		Total	168	5	28	42	34	31	15	9	-	4
	Under 9	26	-	3	10	5	4	-	3	-	1	
	9-12	89	1	22	15	20	15	9	6	-	1	
	13	17	1	1	8	4	2	2	-	-	-	
	14	8	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	
	15-16	17	1	1	6	1	1	3	-	-	1	
	17-19	6	2	1	6	2	1	1	-	-	-	
	20-23	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	24 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Not stated	4	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	

† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

TABLE 14. Legally induced abortions in 1969: month of operation by age and marital status

England and Wales
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													
Total	49,829	3,503	3,683	4,190	3,896	3,998	3,890	4,581	4,240	4,042	4,744	4,464	4,598
Single	22,287	1,635	1,690	1,939	1,750	1,777	1,668	1,987	1,892	1,778	2,096	2,017	2,058
Married	22,979	1,598	1,672	1,882	1,787	1,859	1,873	2,144	1,953	1,862	2,188	2,045	2,116
Widowed	464	28	25	46	36	34	32	46	54	41	53	42	27
Divorced/separated	3,955	230	283	307	314	321	302	392	330	343	391	353	389
Not known	144	12	13	16	9	7	15	12	11	18	16	7	8
10-15													
Total	1,174	86	83	99	81	103	72	92	96	95	137	110	120
Single	1,174	86	83	99	81	103	72	92	96	95	137	110	120
Married	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Widowed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-19													
Total	8,059	507	600	649	622	654	632	693	691	641	782	777	811
Single	7,719	495	576	619	601	622	588	657	662	619	747	751	782
Married	256	10	16	25	15	21	37	28	19	17	26	17	25
Widowed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	74	2	7	3	6	11	5	6	9	5	9	8	3
Not known	10	-	1	2	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	1	1
20-24													
Total	12,914	979	993	1,145	1,040	1,025	1,012	1,198	1,078	1,026	1,165	1,142	1,111
Single	9,194	728	727	840	745	722	712	856	773	714	810	796	771
Married	2,817	199	191	233	221	235	239	251	225	228	270	264	261
Widowed	37	1	2	4	3	3	2	6	4	4	4	2	2
Divorced/separated	838	49	72	66	69	64	58	82	73	73	75	80	77
Not known	28	2	1	2	2	1	3	3	3	7	6	-	-
25-29													
Total	9,001	598	672	788	726	734	683	838	737	703	886	827	809
Single	2,525	190	193	227	199	217	169	243	191	214	245	212	225
Married	5,189	340	387	459	423	424	409	465	440	379	502	495	466
Widowed	86	6	4	9	7	6	7	6	12	8	10	8	3
Divorced/separated	1,176	57	85	91	94	86	96	123	94	100	126	110	114
Not known	25	5	3	2	3	1	2	1	-	2	3	2	1
30-34													
Total	7,981	594	587	633	629	646	627	760	694	650	739	675	747
Single	779	70	54	75	58	52	51	66	80	61	69	66	77
Married	6,111	443	458	474	481	504	500	591	519	506	553	520	562
Widowed	109	9	7	10	7	12	3	10	11	9	10	11	10
Divorced/separated	949	68	64	68	81	76	71	90	82	73	103	77	96
Not known	33	4	4	6	2	2	2	3	2	1	4	1	2
35-39													
Total	6,373	443	446	550	482	490	525	608	556	553	613	538	569
Single	292	18	27	30	23	13	22	24	38	20	31	23	23
Married	5,310	374	375	446	401	415	445	503	463	452	506	454	476
Widowed	156	9	11	14	14	9	10	18	14	16	21	11	9
Divorced/separated	596	41	32	58	42	53	45	60	40	64	53	49	59
Not known	19	1	1	2	2	-	3	3	1	1	2	1	2
40-44													
Total	2,875	191	218	219	206	218	220	279	270	245	278	258	273
Single	77	6	3	9	7	5	6	8	7	6	3	9	8
Married	2,515	173	196	193	184	188	185	243	231	216	251	222	233
Widowed	55	2	1	6	3	2	9	5	8	4	5	8	2
Divorced/separated	216	10	17	10	12	21	17	23	21	18	18	19	30
Not known	12	-	1	1	-	2	3	-	3	1	1	-	-
45 and over													
Total	276	25	19	18	23	25	19	19	21	28	30	21	28
Single	5	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Married	249	23	18	16	19	23	17	19	19	27	25	17	26
Widowed	7	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
Divorced/separated	13	1	1	1	3	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	2
Not known	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Not stated													
Total	1,176	80	65	89	87	103	100	94	97	101	114	116	130
Single	522	42	27	39	35	43	46	41	45	49	53	50	52
Married	532	36	31	36	43	49	41	44	37	37	55	56	67
Widowed	14	-	-	3	2	1	1	-	4	-	-	1	1
Divorced/separated	93	2	5	10	7	9	10	8	10	10	6	8	8
Not known	15	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	1	5	-	1	2

TABLE 15. Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by occupation and marital status

England and Wales
Cases not resident in England and Wales

Occupation 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 occupations								
Total	4,990	57	876	1,679	937	660	459	203	20	99
Single	3,212	57	847	1,464	507	177	82	22	5	51
Married	1,424	-	23	166	321	398	306	159	13	38
Widowed	47	-	-	3	8	16	12	5	1	2
Divorced/separated	296	-	4	44	98	67	58	17	1	7
Not known	11	-	2	2	3	2	1	-	-	1
Professional										
Total	208	-	5	49	48	55	32	17	-	2
Single	82	-	5	38	20	13	4	-	-	2
Married	114	-	-	9	24	40	25	16	-	-
Widowed	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	11	-	-	2	4	1	3	1	-	-
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intermediate										
Total	930	-	34	339	246	140	105	49	3	14
Single	585	-	31	301	163	54	21	5	1	9
Married	281	-	3	29	63	70	71	40	1	4
Widowed	7	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	-
Divorced/separated	54	-	-	7	18	15	10	3	-	1
Not known	3	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Skilled										
Total	1,930	3	241	666	407	285	208	80	8	32
Single	1,187	3	228	585	219	78	43	15	3	13
Married	594	-	9	64	145	170	130	56	5	15
Widowed	22	-	-	2	5	8	4	2	-	1
Divorced/separated	122	-	3	15	37	27	31	7	-	2
Not known	5	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	1
Semi-skilled										
Total	285	1	29	99	78	42	19	11	1	5
Single	182	1	28	83	44	17	5	1	-	3
Married	67	-	1	11	19	17	8	8	1	2
Widowed	5	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	29	-	-	4	13	6	4	2	-	-
Not known	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Unskilled										
Total	49	-	3	9	12	13	8	3	1	-
Single	18	-	3	4	5	4	2	-	-	-
Married	28	-	-	4	5	9	6	3	1	-
Widowed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	3	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not classified										
Total	1,588	53	564	517	146	125	87	43	7	46
Single	1,158	53	552	453	56	11	7	1	1	24
Married	340	-	10	49	65	92	66	36	5	17
Widowed										

TABLE 16(a). Legally induced abortions in 1969: age by hospital region of operation and marital status

England and Wales

All cases

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
Newcastle	Total	2,810	51	471	618	498	496	437	174	18	47
	Single	1,030	51	451	386	78	35	6	2	-	19
	Married	1,512	-	14	170	335	410	361	161	18	23
	Widowed/divorced/separated	264	-	5	61	85	49	48	11	-	5
	Not stated	4	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Leeds	Total	1,528	37	227	285	270	290	254	135	10	20
	Single	510	37	212	192	35	13	6	4	2	9
	Married	840	-	12	72	183	231	210	116	8	8
	Widowed/divorced/separated	171	-	3	19	51	45	37	13	-	3
	Not stated	7	-	-	2	1	1	1	2	-	-
Sheffield	Total	2,039	85	266	366	336	377	375	191	10	33
	Single	576	85	248	173	30	19	5	3	-	13
	Married	1,263	-	12	148	258	316	331	171	9	18
	Widowed/divorced/separated	188	-	6	44	44	37	38	17	1	1
	Not stated	12	-	1	1	4	5	1	-	-	1
East Anglian	Total	1,396	33	237	308	250	236	206	84	10	32
	Single	525	33	228	186	47	14	5	-	-	12
	Married	723	-	3	96	162	165	179	74	7	17
	Widowed/divorced/separated	143	-	6	26	40	36	21	9	2	3
	Not stated	5	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-
North West Metropolitan	Total	22,005	273	4,137	7,573	3,961	2,810	1,978	748	75	450
	Single	13,641	273	4,023	6,351	1,908	563	224	49	6	244
	Married	6,694	-	86	918	1,553	1,626	1,471	612	62	166
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,620	-	23	290	490	411	276	86	7	37
	Not stated	50	-	5	14	10	10	7	1	-	3
North East Metropolitan	Total	2,321	67	279	444	441	456	339	188	22	85
	Single	694	67	267	240	63	28	8	4	-	17
	Married	1,417	-	9	165	324	375	292	171	21	60
	Widowed/divorced/separated	207	-	3	39	53	53	37	13	1	8
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
South East Metropolitan	Total	3,636	84	578	940	653	605	476	192	20	88
	Single	1,505	84	549	605	150	47	19	6	1	44
	Married	1,816	-	22	278	413	481	396	175	18	33
	Widowed/divorced/separated	302	-	5	55	86	74	60	11	1	10
	Not stated	13	-	2	2	4	3	1	-	-	1
South West Metropolitan	Total	1,860	58	315	395	327	336	257	113	9	50
	Single	748	58	302	240	86	24	16	3	-	21
	Married	947	-	9	112	203	276	213	103	8	23
	Widowed/divorced/separated	158	-	4	42	37	35	27	9	-	4
	Not stated	7	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	2
Wessex	Total	1,012	39	129	185	185	184	162	73	9	46
	Single	299	39	125	85	21	8	3	-	-	18
	Married	613	-	3	84	129	157	145	63	9	23
	Widowed/divorced/separated	96	-	1	16	34	17	13	10	-	5
	Not stated	4	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	-
Oxford	Total	1,276	51	191	195	224	235	238	119	11	12
	Single	378	51	178	107	24	9	4	1	-	4
	Married	765	-	13	68	165	191	204	105	11	8
	Widowed/divorced/separated	130	-	-	17	35	35	30	13	-	-
	Not stated	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Western	Total	2,452	98	418	549	435	369	341	164	21	57
	Single	969	98	404	346	74	20	4	1	-	22
	Married	1,272	-	9	157	296	300	309	153	18	30
	Widowed/divorced/separated	206	-	5	45	65	48	28	9	3	3
	Not stated	5	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	2
Welsh	Total	2,187	70	337	454	388	410	317	163	17	31
	Single	699	70	310	236	44	17	9	3	-	10
	Married	1,310	-	24	171	297	359	279	146	17	17
	Widowed/divorced/separated	172	-	3	47	47	32	28	13	-	2
	Not stated	6	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	2
Birmingham	Total	2,512	81	333	462	472	486	394	212	19	53
	Single	802	81	311	274	77	25	11	2	-	21
	Married	1,487	-	20	140	329	403	354	194	18	29
	Widowed/divorced/separated	206	-	1	45	63	53	27	14	1	2
	Not stated	17	-	1	3	3	5	2	2	-	1
Manchester	Total	3,354	107	477	634	627	614	549	240	24	82
	Single	1,151	107	451	389	102	40	20	9	1	32
	Married	1,781	-	22	163	410	481	451	200	18	36
	Widowed/divorced/separated	418	-	3	81	115	93	77	31	5	13
	Not stated	4	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Liverpool	Total	938	20	110	171	148	197	165	108	4	15
	Single	298	20	106	118	29	12	5	1	-	7
	Married	523	-	3	37	89	150	138	96	4	6
	Widowed/divorced/separated	112	-	1	16	30	35	21	7	-	2
	Not stated	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-
London Teaching Hospitals	Total	3,493	77	430	1,014	723	540	344	174	17	174
	Single	1,674	77	401	730	264	82	27	13	-	80
	Married	1,440	-	18	204	364	368	263	134	16	73
	Widowed/divorced/separated	369	-	9	79	93	88	54	27	1	18
	Not stated	10	-	2	1	2	2	-	-	-	3

TABLE 16(b-e). Legally induced abortions in 1969: hospital region of operation by

(b) number of previous live and stillborn children
(c) statutory grounds
(d) gestation weeks
(e) type of operation

England and Wales

All cases

	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	London Teaching Hospitals	
(b) Number of previous live and stillborn children	Total	2,810	1,528	2,039	1,396	22,005	2,321	3,636	1,860	1,012	1,276	2,452	2,187	2,512	3,354	938	3,493
0	970	472	557	516	13,377	644	1,434	683	279	353	920	672	780	1,081	273	1,467	
1	272	155	182	140	2,341	217	390	233	109	122	264	241	222	358	73	441	
2	493	263	390	249	2,669	494	621	323	202	240	406	419	482	581	150	580	
3	408	234	355	213	1,753	422	523	260	190	211	365	344	407	564	180	440	
4	304	173	226	134	826	249	323	174	119	154	226	235	246	336	96	282	
5	172	93	137	85	357	140	163	95	57	91	127	135	157	200	72	151	
6	89	58	91	36	155	72	86	55	25	52	59	57	97	111	36	64	
7	54	34	46	6	51	32	34	10	12	24	27	40	58	42	22	25	
8	26	16	16	8	31	16	19	5	5	7	10	21	26	33	8	9	
9 and over	14	18	19	4	17	17	13	8	3	11	8	13	28	35	21	17	
Not stated	8	12	20	5	428	18	30	14	11	11	20	10	9	13	7	17	
(c) Statutory grounds*																	
1	85	59	188	70	385	123	158	82	61	57	98	106	133	181	29	126	
2	1,853	1,043	1,200	842	17,713	1,444	2,645	1,361	519	752	1,786	1,650	1,635	2,310	642	2,470	
3	283	96	126	54	267	137	164	91	88	157	119	100	101	192	67	252	
4	36	40	122	54	91	58	109	57	56	50	92	95	69	75	41	73	
5	-	3	-	1	-	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	
6	-	2	2	1	5	2	1	2	4	-	1	2	-	5	-	4	
2 with 4	40	23	69	22	271	56	49	35	20	21	36	28	39	49	25	45	
3 with others	513	262	332	352	3,273	500	507	231	263	239							

TABLE 16(f). Legally induced abortions in 1969:
hospital region of operation by type of premises and duration of stay

England and Wales
All cases

Type of premises and duration of stay	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	London Teaching Hospitals
All premises Total	54,819	2,810	1,528	2,039	1,396	22,005	2,321	3,636	1,860	1,012	1,276	2,452	2,187	2,512	3,354	938	3,493
0 days	5,351	27	1	-	2	4,657	5	504	6	-	-	1	-	29	69	-	50
1 day	10,528	127	24	67	29	8,852	103	377	28	6	40	192	26	481	108	36	30
2 days	8,307	568	189	247	263	4,048	238	465	157	61	194	716	142	323	348	86	242
3 days	7,639	584	372	361	243	1,331	458	697	440	180	309	399	426	332	480	117	910
4 days	3,834	242	159	179	99	509	285	273	261	130	94	190	322	131	349	79	532
5 days	1,986	121	57	86	65	356	138	79	138	71	55	109	122	51	218	56	264
6 days	1,568	81	84	65	61	287	103	79	105	39	65	61	97	65	180	36	160
7 days and over	15,497	1,038	638	1,034	630	1,944	981	1,154	716	520	514	782	1,041	1,098	1,593	522	1,292
Not stated	109	2	4	-	4	21	10	8	9	3	5	2	11	2	9	6	13
N H S hospitals Total	33,728	2,778	1,484	1,927	1,200	3,223	2,315	2,690	1,847	941	1,226	2,137	2,187	2,028	3,314	938	3,493
0 days	268	26	1	-	2	16	5	79	6	-	-	1	-	13	69	-	50
1 day	1,016	127	24	53	16	63	103	130	28	8	39	82	26	145	106	36	30
2 days	4,118	573	177	232	169	327	238	338	156	59	179	587	142	279	334	86	242
3 days	6,620	575	366	312	220	613	455	596	435	165	301	368	426	295	466	117	910
4 days	3,666	241	150	170	90	415	284	262	260	121	90	186	322	119	345	79	532
5 days	1,871	121	54	85	59	268	138	78	137	69	52	101	122	49	218	56	264
6 days	1,440	81	81	63	52	194	101	75	104	37	63	57	97	61	178	36	160
7 days and over	14,631	1,032	627	1,012	588	1,317	981	1,124	712	479	497	753	1,041	1,065	1,589	522	1,292
Not stated	98	2	4	-	4	10	10	8	9	3	5	2	11	2	9	6	13
Approved places Total	20,943	32	44	112	175	18,782	6	944	13	1	16	315	-	463	40	-	-
0 days	5,083	1	-	-	-	4,641	-	425	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-
1 day	9,511	-	-	14	12	8,789	-	247	-	1	110	-	-	336	2	-	-
2 days	4,177	15	12	15	91	3,721	-	127	1	1	11	129	-	40	14	-	-
3 days	992	9	6	49	20	718	3	100	5	-	-	31	-	37	14	-	-
4 days	150	1	9	9	5	94	1	11	1	-	2	4	-	9	4	-	-
5 days	108	-	3	1	5	88	-	1	1	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	-
6 days	125	-	3	2	9	93	2	4	1	-	1	4	-	4	2	-	-
7 days and over	786	6	11	22	33	627	-	29	4	-	1	29	-	20	4	-	-
Not stated	11	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 17. Legally induced abortions in 1969: marital status, age and place of operation by area of usual residence

England and Wales, standard regions, Wales, conurbations, urban/rural aggregates, and selected administrative areas
Cases resident in England and Wales

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. Hospitals	Non N.H.S.	N.H.S. Hospitals	Non N.H.S.
ENGLAND AND WALES	49,829	22,287	22,979	4,563	1,174	8,059	29,896	9,248	276	1,176	30,884	5,404	2,678	10,863
Standard regions														
North	2,984	1,121	1,581	282	54	518	1,697	649	18	48	2,843	33	23	85
Yorkshire and Humberside	2,971	1,115	1,522	334	74	462	1,653	716	14	52	2,098	129	189	555
North West	4,948	1,936	2,434	578	126	748	2,827	1,101	30	116	4,016	40	172	720
East Midlands	1,997	710	1,110	177	76	304	1,083	495	11	28	1,366	11	92	628
West Midlands	4,223	1,827	2,018	378	116	775	2,410	831	21	71	1,893	363	65	1,902
East Anglia	1,488	606	719	163	31	258	851	302	11	35	1,124	149	36	179
South East	25,381	12,609	10,592	2,180	508	3,944	16,102	3,992	128	707	13,017	4,373	1,915	6,076
South West	3,307	1,433	1,599	275	117	621	1,823	643	26	77	2,359	306	131	511
Wales	2,530	930	1,404	196	73	429	1,450	519	17	42	2,168	-	55	307
Conurbations														
Tyneside	1,044	440	502	102	13	192	624	190	5	20	1,014	13	3	14
West Yorkshire	968	404	437	127	17	147	555	230	6	13	676	5	39	258
South East Lancashire	2,322	933	1,131	258	58	358	1,343	492	13	58	2,029	35	27	231
Merseyside	688	304	290	94	10	97	418	146	2	15	504	-	14	170
West Midland	2,158	1,000	962	196	53	424	1,257	384	9	31	764	178	7	1,209
Greater London	15,684	8,570	5,800	1,314	239	2,213	10,657	2,039	58	478	7,019	3,401	1,446	4,818
Urban/Rural aggregates														
Areas outside conurbations:														
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 and over	6,200	2,679	2,873	648	179	1,090	3,599	1,167	39	126	4,553	363	77	1,207
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	4,877	2,152	2,229	496	129	889	2,786	929	32	112	3,340	425	167	945
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	9,059	3,404	4,852	803	298	1,525	4,978	2,208	60	170	6,371	511	453	1,724
Rural districts	6,829	2,401	3,903	525	178	1,124	3,679	1,643	52	153	4,614	473	445	1,297
Conurbations	22,864	11,651	9,122	2,091	390	3,431	14,854	3,481	93	615	12,006	3,632	1,536	5,690
County and London Boroughs administrative county:														
Bedfordshire														
Luton C.B.	171	71	84	16	9	32	84	33	2	11	96	68	4	3
Administrative county	339	119	180	40	4	62	197	69	3	4	239	68	26	6
Berkshire														
Reading C.B.	131	59	60	12	2	20	80	24	2	3	55	1	12	63
Administrative county	436	161	232	43	12	74	234	108	4	4	230	92	36	78
Buckinghamshire														
Administrative county	571	234	285	52	22	106	306	125	5	7	317	96	39	119
Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely														
Administrative county	512	225	244	43	6	89	309	84	2	20	405	81	4	22
Cheshire														
Birkenhead C.B.	55	19	26	10	-	3	37	15	-	-	34	-	-	21
Stockport C.B.	150	55	79	16	9	17	87	35	-	2	138	-	1	11
Wallasey C.B.	39	17	17	5	2	5	23	8	1	-	29	-	1	9
Administrative county	786	307	414	65	18	127	427	179	4	31	552	10	101	123
Cornwall														
Administrative county	158	71	71	16	11	28	76	39	-	4	76	8	7	67
Cumberland														
Administrative county	133	39	81	13	2	27	74	27	2	1	122	1	2	8
Derbyshire														
Derby C.B.	134	33	84	17	4	19	81	29	1	-	114	-	-	20
Administrative county	427	143	250	34	16	59	248	97	3	4	313	5	14	95
Devon														
Plymouth C.B.	104	44	47	13	3	22	58	20	-	1	65	1	-	38
Torbay C.B.	170	108	45	16	1	41	113	14	-	1	158	10	5	17
Administrative county	331	142	158	31	15	64	164	7						

TABLE 18. Legally induced abortions in 1969: marital status and occupation by hospital region of usual residence and home or other region of operation

England and Wales
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	36,288 13,541	91 79	2,110 1,471	5,284 3,809	1,650 835	323 89	2,917 1,612	1,506 511	656 214	2,066 755	6,191 1,599	2,112 430	1,099 138	2,899 467	3,868 485	29 31	318 151	910 397	419 127
Newcastle	Home Other	2,752 87	6 -	139 13	358 32	119 4	43 -	197 13	128 3	61 1	133 3	554 8	199 2	137 -	96 1	319 2	- -	13 -	55 2	25 -	14 -	94 3	62 -
Leeds	Home Other	1,492 539	1 1	67 72	187 124	44 22	18 5	118 63	58 21	20 8	92 34	273 77	132 26	46 4	85 14	174 20	- -	17 7	36 15	17 5	5 1	74 12	28 7
Sheffield	Home Other	1,955 774	3 4	60 66	186 188	62 53	14 7	147 94	69 25	46 4	133 45	429 115	208 31	87 3	125 34	195 34	1 3	18 10	34 24	20 11	3 1	64 14	51 8
East Anglian	Home Other	1,319 246	2 3	98 26	176 64	52 8	27 2	105 37	38 5	32 8	85 13	260 20	85 4	48 3	101 13	79 9	1 2	16 6	32 9	18 1	11 -	43 6	22 7
North West Metropolitan	Home Other	8,021 778	55 7	779 111	1,851 146	588 36	72 2	720 85	395 24	138 23	401 49	943 85	284 26	133 23	439 42	548 55	14 -	77 11	222 19	84 6	19 5	130 13	129 10
North East Metropolitan	Home Other	2,301 1,510	- 8	89 151	240 450	87 84	22 12	123 109	78 65	20 20	110 72	405 217	130 63	70 26	230 52	477 69	2 3	11 14	62 44	31 14	3 4	61 17	50 16
South East Metropolitan	Home Other	3,392 1,036	5 3	189 118	459 312	140 55	21 5	270 119	106 34	65 15	207 55	678 130	204 28	120 13	335 27	266 40	1 8	41 9	83 37	44 4	16 2	100 11	42 17
South West Metropolitan	Home Other	2,037 3,754	4 30	124 458	285 1,125	85 279	13 21	198 432	98 166	31 53	109 196	266 344	79 89	36 30	252 153	274 113	1 4	19 41	55 96	21 31	6 6	44 61	37 26
Wessex	Home Other	947 537	1 1	25 52	86 150	26 39	9 5	77 79	50 24	18 13	59 30	142 43	43 12	19 -	142 23	152 18	- 1	7 11	22 17	10 8	3 1	27 8	29 2
Oxford	Home Other	1,190 543	2 4	47 53	123 126	40 32	9 2	108 73	21 16	26 15	95 55	243 65	83 19	46 7	130 24	91 19	4 2	10 7	49 9	12 5	7 -	28 5	16 5
South Western	Home Other	2,377 512	1 3	141 48	369 151	105 27	14 2	205 94	100 24	37 2	125 34	432 39	129 15	51 2	185 25	278 12	- 1	12 2	56 15	23 1	3 -	81 8	30 7
Welsh	Home Other	2,168 362	- 3	87 34	195 103	64 18	31 -	177 69	138 11	41 7	124 23	381 37	147 10	90 4	243 11	273 13	1 1	12 3	27 6	12 4	6 -	73 2	46 3
Birmingham	Home Other	2,256 1,967	4 6	83 160	273 571	78 129	10 22	160 207	65 59	44 35	142 114	386 325	110 82	55 14	298 53	338 53	1 5	17 20	51 80	29 26	5 6	59 16	48 15
Manchester	Home Other	3,206 587	4 3	141 65	403 176	122 35	12 -	262 94	138 26	56 3	190 31	614 60	203 15	112 5	204 22	341 21	2 -	39 6	100 11	57 8	13 1	129 3	64 2
Liverpool	Home Other	875 309	3 3	51 44	93 91	38 14	8 4	50 44	24 8	21 7	63 7	185 34	76 8	49 4	34 4	63 7	1 -	9 4	26 13	16 3	8 2	39 5	18 3

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TABLE 19. Medical grounds for legally induced abortions in 1969 (includes answers to questions 11a and b, and excludes answers to question 11c on the notification form)

England and Wales
All cases

ICD 8th Rev.	Medical conditions	NUMBER OF REASONS GIVEN*							
		PRIMARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SECONDARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SUSPECTED MEDICAL CONDITION OF FOETUS			
		Relating to present 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
056	Rubella	839	67	1	-	-	-	-	-
000-055)	Other infective and parasitic diseases	193	34	21	2	1	-	4	2
057-136)	Tuberculosis	130	17	13	-	-	-	1	-
010-019	Infectious hepatitis	11	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
070	Sarcoidosis	11	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
135									
150-159	Malignant neoplasms of digestive organs and peritoneum	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
180-184	Malignant neoplasms of female reproductive tract	27	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
180	Malignant neoplasm of cervix uteri	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
140-149)	Other malignant neoplasms of specified sites (including secondary neoplasms)	67	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
160-174)									
188-189)	Malignant neoplasm of breast	49	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
174									
190-199	Malignant neoplasms of other and unspecified sites	8	1	3	-	-	-	2	-
200-209	Neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue	17	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
218-221	Benign neoplasms of female reproductive tract	98	38	23	1	-	-	-	-
218	Uterine fibroma	77	28	18	1	-	-	-	-
220	Benign neoplasm of ovary	18	8	5	-	-	-	-	-
210-217)	Benign neoplasms of other sites	9	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
223-228)									
230-239	Neoplasms of unspecified nature	38	7	1	1	-	-	-	-
234	Neoplasm of unspecified nature of uterus	28	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
240-258	Endocrine disease	166	18	13	5	1	-	3	-
242	Thyrototoxicosis with or without goitre	42	6	6	3	-	-	-	-
250	Diabetes mellitus	99	9	6	2	-	-	-	-
260-269	Nutritional diseases	9	12	1	2	1	-	1	-
269	Other nutritional deficiency	8	11	1	2	-	-	1	-
270-279	Other metabolic diseases	27	23	17	10	12	-	19	-
277	Obesity not specified as of endocrine origin	19	23	13	10	-	-	-	-
280-289	Diseases of blood and blood-forming organs	46	11	22	4	2	-	23	-
285	Other and unspecified anaemias	23	8	17	4	1	-	15	-
286	Coagulation defects	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
290-299	Mental disorders - Psychoses	564	262	35	5	1	-	2	1
295	Schizophrenia	131	18	5	1	-	-	2	1
296	Affective psychoses	319	232	22	4	-	-	-	-
299	Unspecified psychoses	95	9	8	-	-	-	-	-
300	Mental disorders - Neuroses	10,094	15,554	595	389	-	-	-	-
301	Mental disorders - Personality disorders	258	185	19	11	-	-	-	-
300-304	Mental disorders - Alcoholism, drug dependence	23	2	4	2	-	-	-	-
302	Mental disorders - Other non-psychotic	12,386	3,575	310	82	-	-	1	-
305-309)									
307	Transient situational disturbances	12,363	3,568	306	78	-	-	1	-

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

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TABLE 19 - continued

ICD 8th Rev.	Medical conditions	NUMBER OF REASONS GIVEN*							
		PRIMARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SECONDARY CONDITION MENTIONED		SUSPECTED MEDICAL CONDITION OF FOETUS			
		Relating to present 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
310-315	Mental retardation	201	11	25	1	36	2	36	4
315	Unspecified mental retardation	201	11	25	1	36	2	36	4
320-358	Diseases of nervous system	305	27	21	2	23	2	38	2
340	Multiple sclerosis	64	3	4	1				
345	Epilepsy	181	20	9	1	5	-	10	1
360-389	Eye and ear diseases	48	5	11	-	7	-	6	1
390-398	Rheumatic heart disease and active rheumatic fever	154	9	8	-				
394	Diseases of mitral valve	94	2	2	-				
398	Other heart disease specified as rheumatic	30	3	2	-				
400-429	Other heart disease and hypertensive disease	351	24	67	19				1
401	Essential benign hypertension	256	21	58	18				
429	Ill defined heart disease	33	-	2	1				
430-438	Cerebrovascular disease	29	2	4	-				
440-458	Other diseases of circulatory system	182	29	49	9			1	-
450, 451, 453	Pulmonary embolism and infarction, phlebitis and thrombophlebitis and other venous embolisms and thrombosis	103	15	30	3				
454	Varicose veins of lower extremities	49	9	18	3				
460-519	Diseases of respiratory system	228	26	24	2			1	-
491	Chronic bronchitis	16	-	4	-				
493	Asthma	163	20	19	1			1	-
518	Bronchiectasis	36	4	4	-				
520-569	Other diseases of digestive system	59	8	10	2	1	1	2	-
563	Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	33	1	1	-				
570-577	Diseases of liver, gallbladder and pancreas	14	6	5	1				
580-599	Diseases of urinary system	204	27	31	5			1	-
582	Chronic nephritis	18	-	2	-				
590	Infections of kidney	82	14	13	-				
591	Hydronephrosis	14	-	1	-				
592	Calculus of kidney and ureter	9	3	1	1				
593	Other diseases of kidney and ureter	44	3	10	2				
610-611	Diseases of breast	1	2	-	-				
612-629	Diseases of female genital tract	66	14	15	3				
623	Uterovaginal prolapse	17	5	3	1				
626	Disorders of menstruation	17	1	7	1				
630-678	See next page								
680-709	Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue	26	10	5	3				
710-739	Diseases of musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	154	15	16	2	2	-	1	-
712-715	Rheumatoid arthritis and allied conditions, osteo-arthritis and allied conditions, other specified forms of arthritis, arthritis unspecified	48	3	4	1	1	-	1	-
725	Displacement of intervertebral disc	50	7	9	1				
740-759	Congenital anomalies	88	9	14	-	175	12	1,026	113
741	Spina bifida	3	-	-	-	24	2	6	-
758	Other and unspecified congenital anomalies	2	-	-	-	25	2	924	104
759	Congenital syndromes affecting multiple system	3	-	-	-	65	4	41	6

* 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 FOETUS			
		Relating to previous 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
760-779	Maternal conditions associated with perinatal morbidity (placenta and child)			7	3			1	1	18	2	331	74
761	Other maternal conditions unrelated to pregnancy			1	-					8	-	108	12
775	Haemolytic disease of newborn without mention of kernicterus											183	20
778	Other conditions of foetus or newborn											32	34
780-796	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions (including medical reason unknown)			128	27			38	13	2	-	13	3
790	Nervousness and debility			19	3			2	1				
796	Other ill-defined and unknown causes of morbidity and mortality			73	10			15	1			11	1
N800-N999	Accidents, poisoning and violence (nature of injury)			20	9			12	1			140	71
N962	Adverse effect of hormones and synthetic substitutes			1	-			8	-			20	6
N977	Adverse effect of other and unspecified drugs			4	2			2	-			20	32
N990	Effects of radiation											69	15
630-634	Complications of pregnancy	149	28	246	52	11	1	10	4	2	-	-	1
632	Haemorrhage of pregnancy	10	2	16	8	2	-	3	2				
634	Other complications of pregnancy	130	25	226	43	7	1	6	1	2	-	-	1
635-639	Urinary infection and toxaeias of pregnancy	171	22	222	43	14	3	11	5				
635-636	Urinary infections arising during pregnancy and puerperium, renal diseases arising during pregnancy and puerperium	3	4	6	3			4	-				
637	Pre-eclampsia, eclampsia and toxemia, unspecified	161	18	127	20	11	3	4	3				
638	Hyperemesis gravidarum	5	-	89	20	2	-	3	2				
640-645	Complications of abortion (and previous abortions)	37	4	22	40	-	1	-	2				
642	Abortion induced for other reasons	5	1	18	37			-	2				
649	Pregnancy in the presence of IUCD and/or previous recurrent premature or still births			25	1			5	1				
650-678	Complications of delivery and puerperium (and previous delivery)	128	28	98	26	18	7	17	2				
669	Surgical procedure in present or previous pregnancy, previous Caesarian section	5	-	78	20	1	-	14	2				

* 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 in 1969:
marital status and occupation by (a) statutory grounds
(b) gestation weeks

England and Wales
Cases resident in England and Wales

Statutory grounds and gestation weeks	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	49,829	170	3,581	9,093	2,485	412	4,529	2,017	870	2,821	7,790	2,542	1,237	3,366	4,353	60	469	1,307	546	151	1,230	800
(a) Statutory grounds*																						
1	1,842	6	71	189	43	12	83	63	49	147	385	145	58	181	265	1	12	36	13	1	51	31
2	35,969	159	3,352	8,537	2,243	356	4,213	1,718	525	1,669	4,317	1,388	584	1,877	2,456	44	296	823	316	72	601	423
3	2,281	-	23	71	48	11	49	55	37	126	486	181	143	243	337	4	36	92	67	25	154	91
4	1,107	1	31	76	22	8	31	20	50	124	276	79	46	133	181	-	3	5	-	-	14	7
5	14	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	31	-	1	4	-	-	2	2	-	3	6	2	1	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
2 with 4	742	2	30	59	32	8	46	31	19	72	162	45	17	72	97	1	2	15	5	5	7	9
3 with others	7,843	2	73	155	96	17	105	128	190	680	2,156	701	387	849	1,006	10	120	336	145	48	400	239
(b) Gestation weeks†																						
Under 9	6,644	35	588	1,254	264	24	576	265	236	561	944	291	102	453	508	13	84	176	45	13	122	90
9	5,660	27	440	1,021	249	34	512	230	139	392	915	239	118	339	516	12	60	162	62	15	117	61
10	6,702	29	510	1,251	330	51	598	225	129	418	1,062	345	152	457	559	6	60	171	79	27	133	110
11	7,014	23	537	1,280	361	49	675	265	99	391	1,131	348	153	471	592	8	63	184	83	16	173	112
12	6,176	18	439	1,197	324	53	598	249	80	298	939	329	182	402	552	5	51	153	60	18	149	80
13	4,826	10	320	898	277	54	418	192	50	226	777	263	138	339	441	4	41	117	58	16	113	74
14	3,422	6	225	636	173	35	287	123	37	152	566	202	93	205	328	4	22	97	48	13	106	64
15	2,517	9	124	437	135	33	194	118	38	111	418	146	69	184	229	2	30	65	28	7	92	48
16	1,880	5	107	305	109	18	177	93	18	77	335	98	69	133	150	2	15	39	21	11	55	43
17-19	2,984	6	177	496	150	35	287	147	23	98	449	176	98	209	280	2	25	90	42	9	114	71
20-23	998	1	53	201	72	18	115	54	8	36	109	55	26	71	70	2	8	35	15	2	21	26
24 and over	174	-	16	21	7	-	21	4	-	10	27	10	13	13	15	-	2	4	2	-	7	2
Not stated	832	1	45	96	34	8	71	52	13	51	118	40	24	90	113	-	8	14	3	4	28	19

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

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Table 21. Legally induced abortions in 1969:
marital status and occupation by duration of stay
and type of premises

England and Wales
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	33,562	69	1,775	4,201	1,364	312	2,624	1,378	605	1,862	5,976	2,100	1,124	2,900	3,859	21	284	817	415	127	1,071	678
N H S hospitals	16,267	101	1,806	4,892	1,121	100	1,905	639	265	959	1,814	442	113	466	494	39	185	490	131	24	159	122
Approved and Others	16,267	101	1,806	4,892	1,121	100	1,905	639	265	959	1,814	442	113	466	494	39	185	490	131	24	159	122
0 days	263	-	28	51	7	-	12	52	7	7	13	1	4	29	26	-	-	4	1	1	6	14
N H S hospitals	4,327	22	440	1,314	281	29	453	267	56	189	521	133	38	109	171	11	41	134	31	9	39	39
Approved and Others	4,327	22	440	1,314	281	29	453	267	56	189	521	133	38	109	171	11	41	134	31	9	39	39
1 day	1,011	4	86	170	42	10	110	59	40	58	108	35	14	91	109	-	8	15	8	4	21	19
N H S hospitals	6,796	45	784	2,130	532	53	788	177	84	377	801	186	53	147	157	12	73	212	64	9	67	45
Approved and Others	6,796	45	784	2,130	532	53	788	177	84	377	801	186	53	147	157	12	73	212	64	9	67	45
2 days	4,092	13	303	756	180	37	491	160	81	220	514	155	64	315	389	1	47	110	54	13	113	76
N H S hospitals	3,369	27	386	999	209	13	415	148	67	231	331	86	19	93	104	11	47	92	28	4	34	25
Approved and Others	3,369	27	386	999	209	13	415	148	67	231	331	86	19	93	104	11	47	92	28	4	34	25
3 days	6,563	23	557	1,069	369	78	695	309	126	365	828	275	153	423	531	7	68	214	91	26	233	123
N H S hospitals	890	5	112	246	51	1	123	21	30	72	89	19	-	32	28	3	13	28	5	1	11	2
Approved and Others	890	5	112	246	51	1	123	21	30	72	89	19	-	32	28	3	13	28	5	1	11	2
4 days	3,648	11	249	628	197	44	349	200	57	151	504	136	90	279	316	1	38	118	59	10	138	73
N H S hospitals	141	-	17	39	4	-	22	6	2	13	14	3	1	11	2	-	1	2	-	1	2	1
Approved and Others	141	-	17	39	4	-	22	6	2	13	14	3	1	11	2	-	1	2	-	1	2	1
5 days	1,867	5	122	311	99	32	194	131	31	77	226	71	35	161	160	3	13	50	21	12	63	50
N H S hospitals	66	-	7	20	3	1	9	-	3	8	5	-	-	4	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Approved and Others	66	-	7	20	3	1	9	-	3	8	5	-	-	4	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
6 days	1,431	3	72	216	75	10	123	81	25	55	196	70	44	137	169	2	13	33	17	5	48	37
N H S hospitals	75	-	6	20	4	-	10	1	-	8	7	2	-	4	5	-	1	4	-	-	2	1
Approved and Others	75	-	6	20	4	-	10	1	-	8	7	2	-	4	5	-	1	4	-	-	2	1
7 days and over	14,591	10	352	983	388	101	644	382	237	924	3,570	1,351	714	1,457	2,152	7	96	271	163	56	449	284
N H S hospitals	596	2	53	122	37	3	84	19	23	61	45	13	2	65	23	2	8	17	3	-	5	9
Approved and Others	596	2	53	122	37	3	84	19	23	61	45	13	2	65	23	2	8	17	3	-	5	9
Not stated	96	-	6	17	7	-	6	4	1	5	17	6	6	15	7	-	1	2	1	-	-	2
N H S hospitals	7	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Approved and Others	7	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

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TABLE 22. Legally induced abortions in 1969: deaths* by age, period of gestation and method of termination

England and Wales
All 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)								
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods)								
9 to 12 weeks	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy)						(3)	(1)	
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods)		1			(1)			
13 to 16 weeks	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy)			(1)	(1)		(2)		
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods)		1			(1)		1	
17 weeks and over	Abdominal (Hysterotomy (Hysterectomy)				(1)	1	(1)		
	Vaginal (Vacuum aspiration (Other methods)						1		

* For definition of certification of causes of death see page vi.
† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.
All cases in brackets were also reported as sterilised.

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