



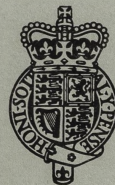
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. 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, 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. By arrangement with that Department the Registrar General undertakes the statistical processing and analysis of the notification forms. This Supplement to his Statistical Review gives some statistics derived from them for England and Wales covering the period from 27th April to 31st December 1968. 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 such 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 certifying practitioners 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 up to the end of January 1969 relating to legally induced abortions which took place in England and Wales in the eight months four days from the commencement of the Act to the end of 1968; therapeutic abortions before 27th April 1968 in N.H.S. hospitals or elsewhere are not included.

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 1,309 cases in this table include 163 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-1968 multiplied by the factor 249/366. As population estimates by marital status for regions are not available, the regional rates are age-specific only.

#### 5. Place of Termination

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 1968 there were 59 registered nursing homes which had received approval for an initial period up to 26th April 1969, and 13 approved Services' hospitals. In the tables these latter hospitals are included under the heading 'Other Places'.

In 1968 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 analysis is by the number of live and still births together. The answers under (c) are probably incomplete. Subject to any other information on the form, the absence of an answer under (a), (b) or (c) was assumed to mean 'nil'.

#### 8. Type of Termination

Five main types of operation are listed on the form. Any other type should be specified. 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 2-4% 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 0.3% 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, civil engineers, architects.

Intermediate: e.g. shop proprietors, teachers, technicians.

Skilled: e.g. weavers, tailors, secretaries.

Semi-skilled: e.g. machine tool operators, farm workers.

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

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. Conditions associated with medical grounds

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 (1.6% of the total), there were 4,042 cases (17%) 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 three. They took place in N.H.S. hospitals in the S.E. Metropolitan, S.W. Metropolitan, and East Anglian hospital regions, and related to married women aged 25, 38 and 39 years.

#### 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.

Some additional analyses of the 1968 provisional figures, with notes, appeared in Appendix L of the Quarterly Return for the quarter ended 31st December 1968.

## TABLES

SUMMARY TABLE 1. Legally induced abortions: 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  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
All cases

	All ages	under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,641</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>6,553</b>	<b>4,282</b>	<b>3,658</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>(a) Marital status</b>										
Single	11,120	553	3,312	4,921	1,417	390	174	46	4	303
Married	10,497	-	123	1,274	2,308	2,752	2,447	1,190	135	268
Widowed, divorced or separated	1,945	-	36	345	541	497	345	129	13	39
Not stated	79	-	4	13	16	19	16	7	1	3
<b>(b) Type of premises</b>										
N H S hospitals	14,560	473	1,846	3,031	2,705	2,675	2,237	1,060	124	409
Approved places	9,030	78	1,626	3,515	1,564	976	734	307	29	201
Other places	51	2	3	7	13	7	11	5	-	3
<b>(c) Statutory grounds*</b>										
1	1,167	7	113	229	189	246	237	100	12	34
2	16,900	508	3,086	5,354	2,761	2,069	1,743	839	102	438
3	957	8	31	160	236	238	182	62	6	34
4	906	6	119	260	237	160	73	30	5	16
5	16	-	2	2	4	3	5	-	-	-
6	45	2	4	9	12	5	6	2	2	3
2 with 4	422	12	58	104	86	70	45	31	7	9
3 with others	3,228	10	62	435	757	867	691	308	19	79
<b>(d) Number of previous live and stillborn children</b>										
0	11,158	552	3,230	4,815	1,453	458	260	79	11	300
1	2,478	1	192	810	622	371	265	140	12	65
2	3,507	-	44	542	895	906	704	293	34	89
3	2,863	-	7	277	633	817	694	314	39	82
4	1,762	-	2	81	405	558	469	197	23	27
5 and over	1,873	-	-	28	274	548	590	349	34	50
<b>(e) Gestation weeks†</b>										
Under 9 weeks	2,970	40	322	882	589	507	387	134	23	86
9 and under 13 weeks	11,354	252	1,624	3,235	2,033	1,771	1,426	649	70	294
13 weeks and over	8,751	248	1,459	2,309	1,541	1,289	1,109	553	56	187
Not stated	566	13	70	127	119	91	60	36	4	46

\* For statutory grounds see page 111.

† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
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†
<b>Numbers</b>								
All	180	3,648	6,105	7,472	4,186	150	591	22,152
Married	-	121	1,216	4,843	3,517	132	261	10,137
Single	180	3,489	4,542	1,605	192	4	290	10,122
Widowed	-	2	17	94	107	7	4	231
Divorced separated	-	33	317	896	347	6	33	1,632
Unknown	-	3	13	34	23	1	2	77
<b>Rates‡</b>								
All	-	3.19	5.49	3.80	2.07	0.13	-	Per 1,000 women 15-44 15-49 3.46 2.94
Married	-	1.38	1.88	2.86	1.97	0.14	-	2.35 1.92
Others**	-	3.34	9.10	9.69	2.88	0.10	-	5.76 5.34

\* 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: age by area of residence with rates per 1,000 women

Area of residence	England and Wales, standard regions, Wales, conurbations, urban and rural aggregates 27th April - 31st December 1968 Cases resident in England and Wales							Total 16 and over†
	Under 16	16-19*	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over†	Age not stated	
	Numbers							
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	543	3,286	6,105	7,471	4,186	150	591	21,789
<b>Standard regions:</b>								
North	45	212	307	509	293	9	26	1,356
Yorkshire and Humberside	36	133	225	375	271	6	24	1,034
North West	65	274	398	685	468	17	32	1,874
East Midlands	17	117	179	277	193	6	11	783
West Midlands	34	275	384	517	362	11	26	1,575
East Anglia	24	146	179	254	135	4	19	737
South East	256	1,797	3,913	4,124	1,938	75	367	12,214
South West	41	178	325	396	280	10	40	1,229
Wales	25	154	195	334	246	12	46	987
<b>Urban and rural aggregates:</b>								
Conurbations	211	1,528	3,545	3,683	1,720	61	303	10,840
<b>Areas outside conurbations:</b>								
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 or over	65	362	640	803	496	14	62	2,377
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	67	336	519	680	406	21	51	2,013
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	113	564	778	1,270	847	32	95	3,586
Rural districts	87	496	623	1,035	717	22	80	2,973

Area of residence	England and Wales, standard regions, Wales, conurbations, urban and rural aggregates 27th April - 31st December 1968 Cases resident in England and Wales							Total 16 and over†
	Under 16	16-19*	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over†	Age not stated	
	Rates							
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	-	2.87	4.88	3.75	2.07	0.13	-	2.90
<b>Standard regions:</b>								
North	-	2.56	3.83	3.71	2.05	0.12	-	2.61
Yorkshire and Humberside	-	1.15	1.91	1.92	1.37	0.06	-	1.40
North West	-	1.72	2.39	2.54	1.70	0.11	-	1.83
East Midlands	-	1.50	2.09	2.02	1.38	0.08	-	1.52
West Midlands	-	2.26	2.83	2.41	1.68	0.09	-	1.96
East Anglia	-	3.81	4.32	3.78	2.04	0.11	-	2.96
South East	-	4.53	8.40	5.71	2.70	0.19	-	4.52
South West	-	2.07	3.53	2.75	1.88	0.12	-	2.21
Wales	-	2.33	2.97	3.18	2.18	0.19	-	2.38
<b>Urban and rural aggregates:</b>								
Conurbations	-	3.92	7.74	5.42	2.51	0.16	-	4.16
<b>Areas outside conurbations:</b>								
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 or over	-	2.21	3.71	3.23	1.87	0.09	-	2.37
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	-	2.91	4.38	3.52	2.01	0.19	-	2.72
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	-	2.30	3.01	2.96	1.95	0.14	-	2.23
Rural districts	-	2.16	2.56	2.35	1.67	0.10	-	1.89

\* 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: age by type of premises and marital status

Type of premises and Marital status	England and Wales 27th April - 31st December 1968 All cases									
	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
<b>All premises</b>										
Total	23,641	553	3,475	6,553	4,282	3,658	2,982	1,372	153	613
Single	11,120	553	3,312	4,921	1,417	390	174	46	4	303
Married	10,497	-	123	1,274	2,308	2,752	2,447	1,190	135	268
Widowed/divorced/separated	1,945	-	36	345	541	497	345	129	13	39
Not stated	79	-	4	13	16	19	16	7	1	3
<b>N.H.S. hospitals</b>										
Total	14,560	473	1,846	3,031	2,705	2,675	2,237	1,060	124	409
Single	4,878	473	1,712	1,784	498	153	75	20	2	161
Married	8,246	-	102	1,000	1,811	2,147	1,905	951	111	219
Widowed/divorced/separated	1,377	-	29	238	384	361	246	83	10	26
Not stated	59	-	3	9	12	14	11	6	1	3
<b>Approved places</b>										
Total	9,030	78	1,626	3,515	1,564	976	734	307	29	201
Single	6,233	78	1,597	3,135	917	237	99	26	2	142
Married	2,210	-	21	269	486	598	531	234	24	47
Widowed/divorced/separated	567	-	7	107	157	136	99	46	3	12
Not stated	20	-	1	4	4	5	5	1	-	-
<b>Other places</b>										
Total	51	2	3	7	13	7	11	5	-	3
Single	9	2	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Married	41	-	-	5	11	7	11	5	-	2
Widowed/divorced/separated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

* Statutory grounds	Marital status	England and Wales 27th April - 31st December 1968 All cases									
		All ages	under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b>	1,167	7	113	229	189	246	237	100	12	34
	Single	330	7	108	154	29	15	6	1	-	10
	Married	743	-	5	58	131	205	219	91	12	22
	Widowed/divorced/separated	91	-	-	15	29	26	11	8	-	2
	Not stated	3	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>	16,900	508	3,086	5,354	2,761	2,069	1,743	839	102	438
	Single	10,087	508	2,939	4,509	1,279	350	149	40	4	269
	Married	5,666	-	57	639	1,167	1,448	1,390	728	87	150
	Widowed/divorced/separated	1,090	-	26	196	303	281	191	67	10	16
	Not stated	57	-	4	10	12	10	13	4	1	3
<b>3</b>	<b>Total</b>	957	8	31	160	236	238	182	62	6	34
	Single	101	8	22	34	19	12	2	1	-	3
	Married	662	-	6	92	163	171	148	51	6	25
	Widowed/divorced/separated	191	-	3	34	53	53	32	10	-	6
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>	906	6	119	260	237	160	73	30	5	16
	Single	180	6	93	58	17	1	1	-	-	4
	Married	710	-	26	197	216	154	71	29	5	12
	Widowed/divorced/separated	12	-	-	4	3	4	1	-	-	-
	Not stated	4	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	16	-	2	2	4	3	5	-	-	-
	Single	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Married	14	-	2	1	4	3	4	-	-	-
	Widowed/divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>	45	2	4	9	12	5	6	2	2	3
	Single	16	2	4	3	4	1	-	-	-	2
	Married	27	-	-	5	8	4	6	2	1	1
	Widowed/divorced/separated	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>2 with 4</b>	<b>Total</b>	422	12	58	104	86	70	45	31	7	9
	Single	177	12	53	78	20	7	1	2	-	4
	Married	224	-	5	23	60	56	41	27	7	5
	Widowed/divorced/separated	21	-	-	3	6	7	3	2	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>3 with others</b>	<b>Total</b>	3,228	10	62	435	757	867	691	308	19	79
	Single	227	10	33	84	49	24	14	2	-	11
	Married	2,451	-	22	259	559	711	568	262	17	53
	Widowed/divorced/separated	538	-	7	92	147	126	107	42	2	15
	Not stated	12	-	-	-	2	6	2	2	-	-

\* For statutory grounds see page iii.

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
All cases

Number of previous live and stillborn children	Marital status	All ages	England and Wales								Not stated
			under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	
0	<b>Total</b>	11,158	552	3,230	4,815	1,453	458	260	79	11	300
	Single	10,132	552	3,181	4,481	1,184	297	132	33	3	269
	Married	722	-	39	244	181	103	95	32	6	24
	Widowed divorced separated	280	-	8	83	82	55	31	14	2	5
	Not stated	24	-	2	7	6	3	4	-	-	2
1	<b>Total</b>	2,478	1	192	810	622	371	265	140	12	65
	Single	780	1	124	374	171	60	19	6	1	24
	Married	1,194	-	47	317	301	207	173	109	10	30
	Widowed divorced separated	494	-	19	115	149	102	73	24	1	11
	Not stated	10	-	2	4	1	2	-	1	-	-
2	<b>Total</b>	3,507	-	44	542	895	906	704	293	34	89
	Single	113	-	6	50	36	11	5	2	-	3
	Married	2,862	-	29	400	702	756	603	288	29	75
	Widowed divorced separated	512	-	9	91	154	133	89	21	4	11
	Not stated	20	-	-	1	3	6	7	2	1	-
3	<b>Total</b>	2,863	-	7	277	633	817	694	314	39	82
	Single	44	-	-	7	12	11	8	3	-	3
	Married	2,479	-	7	227	536	699	619	283	35	73
	Widowed divorced separated	331	-	-	43	83	105	65	26	4	5
	Not stated	9	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	-	1
4	<b>Total</b>	1,762	-	2	81	405	558	469	197	23	27
	Single	25	-	1	8	6	6	3	6	1	1
	Married	1,566	-	1	63	356	496	419	185	23	23
	Widowed divorced separated	163	-	-	9	40	53	46	12	-	3
	Not stated	8	-	-	1	3	3	1	-	-	-
5	<b>Total</b>	935	-	-	23	180	287	262	147	10	26
	Single	11	-	-	2	4	3	-	-	-	2
	Married	834	-	-	19	154	261	235	134	9	22
	Widowed divorced separated	86	-	-	4	23	22	23	11	1	2
	Not stated	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-
6	<b>Total</b>	482	-	-	2	67	151	160	81	9	12
	Single	6	-	-	2	4	-	2	-	-	-
	Married	436	-	-	2	56	134	152	73	9	10
	Widowed divorced separated	37	-	-	-	7	15	5	8	-	2
	Not stated	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
7	<b>Total</b>	218	-	-	1	19	58	79	47	7	7
	Single	7	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	-	-
	Married	189	-	-	-	14	51	72	39	6	7
	Widowed divorced separated	22	-	-	-	3	6	5	7	1	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	<b>Total</b>	118	-	-	1	6	30	47	30	2	2
	Single	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Married	109	-	-	1	6	27	43	28	2	2
	Widowed divorced separated	8	-	-	-	-	2	4	2	-	-
	Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
9 and over	<b>Total</b>	120	-	-	1	2	22	42	44	6	3
	Single	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	Married	106	-	-	1	2	18	38	39	6	2
	Widowed divorced separated	12	-	-	-	-	4	4	4	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
All cases

Gestation weeks† and Marital status	All ages	England and Wales								Not stated	
		Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over		
<b>Under 9 weeks</b>											
<b>Total</b>	2,970	40	322	882	589	507	387	134	23	86	
Single	1,451	40	302	713	248	64	27	10	2	45	
Married	1,289	-	18	138	280	373	313	110	21	36	
Widowed divorced separated	222	-	2	30	60	68	43	14	-	5	
Not stated	8	-	-	1	1	2	4	-	-	-	
<b>9 and under 13 weeks</b>											
<b>Total</b>	11,354	252	1,624	3,235	2,033	1,771	1,426	649	70	294	
Single	5,440	252	1,569	2,475	701	197	83	20	1	142	
Married	5,005	-	42	597	1,082	1,348	1,176	563	61	136	
Widowed divorced separated	869	-	11	155	242	215	162	63	7	14	
Not stated	40	-	2	8	8	11	5	3	1	2	
<b>13 weeks and over</b>											
<b>Total</b>	8,751	248	1,459	2,309	1,541	1,289	1,109	553	56	187	
Single	4,007	248	1,377	1,652	440	119	61	16	1	93	
Married	3,912	-	58	502	870	960	910	485	49	78	
Widowed divorced separated	806	-	23	152	225	204	132	49	6	15	
Not stated	26	-	1	3	6	6	6	3	-	1	
<b>Not stated</b>											
<b>Total</b>	566	13	70	127	119	91	60	36	4	46	
Single	222	13	64	81	28	10	3	-	-	23	
Married	291	-	5	37	76	71	48	32	4	18	
Widowed divorced separated	48	-	-	8	14	10	8	3	-	5	
Not stated	5	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	

† For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous liveborn children							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over
All ages	22,332	10,378	2,370	3,404	2,750	1,693	885	444	408
11	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	150	149	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	363	363	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	559	553	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	693	664	25	4	-	-	-	-	-
18	945	873	62	10	-	-	-	-	-
19	1,088	957	94	29	6	2	-	-	-
20	1,185	1,002	123	41	19	-	-	-	-
21	1,523	1,235	154	92	32	9	-	-	1
22	1,257	891	162	121	65	12	5	-	1
23	1,095	724	162	123	65	16	5	-	-
24	1,045	606	162	137	91	36	10	2	1
25	882	428	110	160	99	63	19	2	1
26	848	331	139	165	98	71	32	8	4
27	732	224	115	156	107	75	36	14	5
28	776	178	125	171	148	89	45	16	4
29	751	142	100	198	155	90	41	15	10
30	751	129	75	194	155	105	56	23	14
31	687	87	62	185	142	118	53	26	14
32	724	76	95	177	166	106	51	31	22
33	688	55	72	173	163	106	68	30	21
34	633	69	62	155	152	97	46	26	26
35	607	58	45	143	136	119	53	34	19
36	593	52	56	149	136	88	53	19	40
37	593	37	45	141	157	79	63	39	32
38	584	53	65	142	128	90	44	29	33
39	491	37	46	122	111	83	33	32	27
40	418	22	46	90	81	75	42	26	36
41	321	18	28	74	74	53	31	21	22
42	266	16	22	59	75	30	26	17	21
43	196	15	23	40	43	21	26	9	19
44	117	5	14	30	28	13	12	4	11
45	72	7	4	13	21	10	4	5	8
46	41	4	5	10	9	3	4	1	5
47	23	-	2	6	8	4	2	1	-
48	10	-	-	3	3	2	1	1	-
49 and over	4	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-
Not stated	591	288	62	91	74	28	24	13	11

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous liveborn children							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over
All ages	10,090	701	1,170	2,790	2,375	1,506	789	402	357
16	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	16	9	5	2	-	-	-	-	-
18	36	8	21	7	-	-	-	-	-
19	63	16	21	19	6	1	-	-	-
20	122	35	43	27	17	-	-	-	-
21	195	40	57	67	25	6	-	-	-
22	258	43	61	89	52	9	3	-	1
23	298	54	77	92	56	14	5	-	-
24	343	63	65	103	73	28	8	2	1
25	380	46	56	127	76	58	16	1	-
26	424	48	70	125	78	65	29	6	3
27	407	22	54	127	94	67	29	11	3
28	480	24	58	139	130	71	41	13	4
29	507	32	53	153	133	79	33	14	10
30	527	26	44	156	132	85	51	21	12
31	520	21	30	159	122	109	46	23	10
32	554	24	51	149	139	99	46	28	18
33	546	11	47	146	143	92	64	25	18
34	498	20	39	132	130	88	42	22	25
35	501	22	30	124	120	108	47	33	17
36	474	20	35	120	123	76	47	18	35
37	493	13	28	127	135	69	55	37	29
38	485	17	45	122	117	86	41	28	29
39	416	19	33	103	101	73	31	30	26
40	357	10	34	83	73	70	35	23	29
41	280	7	20	71	64	51	29	19	19
42	231	5	20	53	67	26	24	16	20
43	170	8	20	35	37	20	25	9	16
44	110	3	13	28	27	13	12	4	10
45	62	3	3	10	21	10	3	5	7
46	36	3	4	8	8	3	4	1	5
47	22	-	2	6	7	4	2	1	-
48	10	-	-	3	3	2	1	1	-
49 and over	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Not stated	261	23	30	78	65	24	20	11	10

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
Cases resident in England and Wales

Age	Total	Number of previous liveborn children							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over
All ages	10,302	9,386	721	102	44	23	11	6	9
11	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	150	149	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	363	363	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	552	546	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	673	654	18	1	-	-	-	-	-
18	901	861	38	2	-	-	-	-	-
19	1,000	938	58	3	-	1	-	-	-
20	1,032	959	64	8	1	-	-	-	-
21	1,268	1,177	82	7	-	1	-	-	1
22	918	831	71	11	3	2	-	-	-
23	731	652	64	13	-	2	-	-	-
24	593	517	63	8	3	2	-	-	-
25	400	357	29	7	5	1	-	-	1
26	321	268	39	8	4	-	-	1	1
27	226	185	31	5	1	1	1	2	-
28	187	138	38	6	2	2	-	1	-
29	127	100	18	6	-	2	1	-	-
30	103	86	10	-	2	3	2	-	-
31	68	54	10	-	2	2	-	-	-
32	67	45	15	4	3	-	-	-	-
33	50	33	10	4	1	-	1	-	1
34	56	41	10	-	3	1	1	-	-
35	39	31	4	-	2	1	1	-	-
36	31	23	2	2	1	1	1	-	1
37	28	21	5	-	1	-	1	-	-
38	33	24	4	1	3	-	-	-	1
39	19	13	2	1	1	-	-	2	-
40	14	7	3	1	2	-	-	-	1
41	12	9	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
42	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	7	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
44	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
45	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	290	258	22	3	3	1	2	-	1

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
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
<b>All occupations</b>										
<b>Total</b>	22,332	543	3,285	6,105	3,989	3,483	2,868	1,318	150	591
Single	10,302	543	3,126	4,542	1,261	344	150	42	4	290
Married	10,090	-	121	1,216	2,198	2,645	2,369	1,148	132	261
Widowed	231	-	2	17	45	49	68	39	7	4
Divorced/separated	1,632	-	33	317	470	426	265	82	6	33
Not known	77	-	3	13	15	19	16	7	1	3
<b>Professional</b>										
<b>Total</b>	645	-	7	122	124	175	130	64	5	18
Single	133	-	4	73	35	12	3	-	-	6
Married	490	-	3	46	80	157	123	64	5	12
Widowed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	20	-	-	3	9	5	3	-	-	-
Not known	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
<b>Intermediate</b>										
<b>Total</b>	3,522	3	282	1,206	685	530	478	217	35	86
Single	1,913	3	274	1,066	364	101	39	8	-	58
Married	1,382	-	7	109	265	368	383	194	34	22
Widowed	29	-	1	1	4	8	10	3	-	2
Divorced/separated	187	-	-	28	47	51	46	12	1	2
Not known	11	-	-	2	5	2	-	-	-	2
<b>Skilled</b>										
<b>Total</b>	8,167	99	1,415	2,444	1,408	1,164	979	459	46	153
Single	4,155	99	1,368	1,898	507	132	56	13	2	80
Married	3,452	-	40	440	754	888	820	402	42	66
Widowed	39	-	-	2	8	9	11	8	-	1
Divorced/separated	493	-	7	100	136	129	82	33	1	5
Not known	28	-	-	4	3	6	10	3	1	1
<b>Semi-skilled</b>										
<b>Total</b>	2,324	15	297	657	437	356	331	166	15	50
Single	981	15	273	459	138	37	21	11	-	27
Married	1,118	-	19	156	241	268	266	136	14	18
Widowed	29	-	-	2	5	5	9	7	1	-
Divorced/separated	191	-	5	37	53	44	35	12	-	5
Not known	5	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-
<b>Unskilled</b>										
<b>Total</b>	735	5	72	150	164	170	99	52	6	17
Single	157	5	52	60	26	4	3	-	-	7
Married	524	-	17	79	123	154	88	50	5	8
Widowed	6	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	-	-
Divorced/separated	48	-	3	11	14	11	5	1	1	2
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>*Not classified</b>										
<b>Total</b>	6,939	421	1,212	1,526	1,171	1,088	851	360	43	267
Single	2,963	421	1,155	986	191	58	28	10	2	112
Married	3,124	-	35	386	735	810	689	302	32	135
Widowed	128	-	1	12	27	26	35	20	6	1
Divorced/separated	693	-	18	138	211	186	94	24	3	19
Not known	31	-	3	4	7	8	5	4	-	-

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

Occupation	Total	Single	Married	Others
Not stated	3,349	873	2,065	411
Not occupied or student	2,150	2,020	80	50
Housewife	1,285	58	843	384

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
Cases resident in England and Wales

Previous liveborn children and occupation	All ages	England and Wales								
		Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
<b>All</b>										
<b>Total</b>	22,332	543	3,285	6,105	3,989	3,483	2,868	1,318	150	591
Professional	645	-	7	122	124	175	130	64	5	18
Intermediate	3,522	3	282	1,206	685	530	478	217	35	86
Skilled	8,167	99	1,415	2,444	1,408	1,164	979	459	46	153
Semi-skilled	2,324	15	297	657	437	356	331	166	15	50
Unskilled	735	5	72	150	164	170	99	52	6	17
Not classified	6,939	421	1,212	1,526	1,171	1,088	851	360	43	267
<b>0</b>										
<b>Total</b>	10,378	542	3,047	4,458	1,303	416	237	76	11	288
Professional	190	-	6	89	49	26	12	2	-	6
Intermediate	1,927	3	269	1,048	370	108	56	12	4	57
Skilled	4,249	99	1,329	1,885	541	172	106	35	3	79
Semi-skilled	927	15	253	431	129	40	22	8	1	28
Unskilled	133	5	51	46	16	5	3	-	-	6
Not classified	2,952	420	1,139	959	198	65	38	18	3	112
<b>1</b>										
<b>Total</b>	2,370	1	187	763	589	366	257	133	12	62
Professional	74	-	1	14	23	13	16	5	-	2
Intermediate	388	-	10	117	111	61	53	27	3	6
Skilled	874	-	72	270	223	141	92	53	5	18
Semi-skilled	289	-	33	100	70	40	26	15	1	4
Unskilled	92	-	16	28	21	14	4	5	-	4
Not classified	653	1	55	234	141	97	66	28	3	28
<b>2</b>										
<b>Total</b>	3,404	-	43	514	850	884	697	293	32	91
Professional	158	-	-	11	34	51	36	18	2	6
Intermediate	556	-	2	34	133	158	142	68	7	12
Skilled	1,110	-	11	182	263	297	230	90	11	26
Semi-skilled	358	-	10	66	89	86	55	22	2	2
Unskilled	115	-	4	34	28	28	14	6	-	1
Not classified	1,107	-	16	187	303	264	207	76	10	44
<b>3</b>										
<b>Total</b>	2,750	-	6	272	607	778	668	301	44	74
Professional	136	-	-	8	14	51	38	19	3	3
Intermediate	356	-	-	5	49	120	116	52	8	6
Skilled	871	-	3	77	184	246	222	114	11	14
Semi-skilled	302	-	1	41	72	72	29	5	7	7
Unskilled	139	-	1	32	35	36	21	12	5	2
Not classified	946	-	1	109	253	253	196	75	17	42
<b>4</b>										
<b>Total</b>	1,693	-	2	73	388	532	459	192	19	28
Professional	60	-	-	-	3	26	22	9	-	-
Intermediate	178	-	1	2	13	58	71	25	6	2
Skilled	530	-	-	26	123	158	139	72	7	5
Semi-skilled	203	-	-	14	45	56	54	26	2	6
Unskilled	102	-	-	8	38	30	18	7	1	-
Not classified	620	-	1	23	166	204	155	53	3	15
<b>5</b>										
<b>Total</b>	885	-	-	20	173	274	246	137	11	24
Professional	23	-	-	-	1	8	4	9	-	1
Intermediate	69	-	-	-	6	18	24	16	3	2
Skilled	281	-	-	4	52	87	87	41	4	6
Semi-skilled	118	-	-	4	20	31	38	22	1	2
Unskilled	70	-	-	-	20	28	13	5	3	1
Not classified	324	-	-	12	74	102	80	44	-	12
<b>6</b>										
<b>Total</b>	444	-	-	2	55	136	153	77	8	13
Professional	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Intermediate	26	-	-	-	3	4	7	8	3	1
Skilled	139	-	-	-	13	39	56	26	2	3
Semi-skilled	69	-	-	-	9	18	21	20	1	-
Unskilled	36	-	-	-	14	11	5	1	-	-
Not classified	171	-	-	2	25	61	57	16	1	9
<b>7 and over</b>										
<b>Total</b>	408	-	-	3	24	97	151	109	13	11
Professional	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Intermediate	22	-	-	-	-	3	9	1	-	-
Skilled	113	-	-	-	9	24	47	28	3	2
Semi-skilled	58	-	-	1	3	13	27	11	2	1
Unskilled	48	-	-	2	1	15	15	11	1	3
Not classified	166	-	-	-	11	42	52	50	6	5

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
Cases resident in England and Wales

Marital status and occupation	Total	Existing children										10 and over	Not stated		
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
<b>All</b>															
<b>Total</b>	22,332	10,749	2,267	3,366	2,710	1,622	830	427	187	86	43	39	6		
Professional	645	191	76	156	135	60	23	3	1	-	-	-	-		
Intermediate	3,522	1,992	361	545	347	159	71	27	11	6	-	3	-		
Skilled	8,167	4,408	814	1,095	841	523	266	122	53	27	8	9	1		
Semi-skilled	2,324	979	272	359	300	184	113	64	28	8	8	8	1		
Unskilled	735	149	86	118	139	103	62	41	17	9	6	5	-		
Not classified	6,939	3,030	658	1,093	948	593	295	170	77	36	21	14	4		
<b>Single</b>															
<b>Total</b>	10,302	9,589	535	94	39	23	7	7	6	1	-	1	-		
Professional	133	128	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Intermediate	1,913	1,799	99	9	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Skilled	4,155	3,930	192	23	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Semi-skilled	981	879	75	3	3	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	-		
Unskilled	157	120	24	7	3	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-		
Not classified	2,963	2,733	141	37	25	15	5	5	1	-	-	1	-		
<b>Married</b>															
<b>Total</b>	10,090	826	1,235	2,774	2,355	1,453	742	386	164	75	42	32	6		
Professional	490	56	64	151	132	60	23	3	1	-	-	-	-		
Intermediate	1,382	133	195	476	319	149	66	26	9	6	-	3	-		
Skilled	3,452	327	456	933	768	500	252	119	53	27	7	9	1		
Semi-skilled	1,118	67	136	277	260	164	107	62	24	6	8	6	1		
Unskilled	524	20	46	103	125	98	58	38	16	9	6	5	-		
Not classified	3,124	223	338	834	751	482	236	138	61	27	21	9	4		
<b>Widowed</b>															
<b>Total</b>	231	28	46	70	48	15	11	7	3	2	-	1	-		
Professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Intermediate	29	6	7	9	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Skilled	39	10	8	14	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Semi-skilled	29	2	5	11	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Unskilled	6	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Not classified	128	9	25	36	26	11	9	7	3	1	-	1	-		
<b>Divorced/separated</b>															
<b>Total</b>	1,632	279	443	409	259	124	66	25	13	8	1	5	-		
Professional	20	7	8	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Intermediate	187	47	58	49	20	8	3	1	1	-	-	-	-		
Skilled	493	132	156	118	58	16	10	2	-	-	1	-	-		
Semi-skilled	191	30	55	52	29	14	6	2	-	1	-	2	-		
Unskilled	48	8	15	8	7	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Not classified	693	55	151	180	142	81	43	19	12	7	-	3	-		
<b>Not known</b>															
<b>Total</b>	77	27	8	19	9	7	4	2	1	-	-	-	-		
Professional	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Intermediate	11	7	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Skilled	28	9	2	7	5	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Semi-skilled	5	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Unskilled	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Not classified	31	10	3	6	4	4	2	1	1	-	-	-			

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
Cases resident in England and Wales

Previous liveborn children and occupation	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
<b>All cases</b>	<b>5,128</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,128</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>121</b>
Professional	134	-	-	5	8	52	41	25	2	1
Intermediate	524	-	-	6	46	125	204	115	18	10
Skilled	1,695	-	3	66	298	470	524	279	23	32
Semi-skilled	644	1	4	40	108	173	191	107	10	10
Unskilled	327	-	1	27	79	105	63	42	4	6
Not classified	1,804	-	5	82	357	536	506	229	27	62
<b>0</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Professional	7	-	-	1	-	3	3	-	-	-
Intermediate	12	-	-	-	2	1	5	1	3	-
Skilled	42	-	3	2	7	9	17	4	-	-
Semi-skilled	23	1	3	5	7	6	1	-	-	-
Unskilled	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not classified	50	-	4	12	12	7	6	6	-	3
<b>1</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Professional	9	-	-	1	1	-	4	3	-	-
Intermediate	43	-	-	1	3	10	17	10	1	1
Skilled	112	-	-	8	14	24	33	30	1	2
Semi-skilled	35	-	-	4	5	5	11	7	1	2
Unskilled	15	-	-	2	3	4	2	3	-	1
Not classified	89	-	-	9	14	25	24	14	3	-
<b>2</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>
Professional	33	-	-	1	2	16	9	4	1	-
Intermediate	170	-	-	4	18	43	63	36	3	3
Skilled	339	-	-	29	57	88	107	43	5	10
Semi-skilled	127	-	1	14	15	34	36	25	2	-
Unskilled	36	-	-	5	8	12	7	4	-	-
Not classified	354	-	-	19	71	100	108	41	3	12
<b>3</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>
Professional	44	-	-	2	4	16	12	8	1	1
Intermediate	133	-	-	1	10	36	58	21	4	3
Skilled	431	-	-	17	86	121	123	70	8	6
Semi-skilled	141	-	-	8	35	41	32	17	4	4
Unskilled	78	-	-	14	20	21	12	10	-	1
Not classified	439	-	-	31	102	114	112	47	13	20
<b>4</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>
Professional	30	-	-	-	1	13	10	6	-	-
Intermediate	88	-	-	-	8	22	36	20	2	-
Skilled	332	-	-	8	72	102	89	53	4	4
Semi-skilled	124	-	-	7	22	36	38	17	1	3
Unskilled	67	-	-	4	25	19	12	6	1	-
Not classified	366	-	1	4	82	135	101	34	1	8
<b>5</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>
Professional	9	-	-	-	-	4	2	3	-	-
Intermediate	44	-	-	-	4	8	16	12	2	2
Skilled	223	-	-	2	42	71	66	33	3	6
Semi-skilled	85	-	-	2	15	24	28	14	1	1
Unskilled	61	-	-	-	19	22	11	5	3	1
Not classified	231	-	-	5	48	74	63	33	-	8
<b>6</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>
Professional	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Intermediate	16	-	-	-	1	2	3	7	2	1
Skilled	116	-	-	-	11	33	47	23	-	2
Semi-skilled	60	-	-	-	7	17	19	16	1	-
Unskilled	27	-	-	-	3	13	7	4	-	-
Not classified	136	-	-	2	19	49	43	14	1	8
<b>7 and over</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
Professional	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Intermediate	18	-	-	-	-	3	6	8	1	-
Skilled	100	-	-	-	9	22	42	23	2	2
Semi-skilled	49	-	-	-	2	10	26	11	-	-
Unskilled	41	-	-	1	1	14	12	10	-	3
Not classified	139	-	-	-	9	32	49	40	6	3

TABLE 12. Environmental and other conditions for legally induced abortions with proportions by type of premises

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
All cases

(Includes answers to question 11c on the notification form and excludes medical conditions of the woman or suspected medical condition of foetus, questions 11a and 11b).

Code	Description	NHS Hospitals		Approved and other places	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
<b>REFERENCE TO STATUTORY GROUNDS</b>					
01	Statutory Ground 1 .. .. .	4	0.1	-	-
02	2 .. .. .	143	4.0	102	11.9
03	3 .. .. .	26	0.7	4	0.5
04	4 .. .. .	2	0.1	-	-
07	2+4 .. .. .	5	0.1	-	-
08	3 with any other .. .. .	61	1.8	15	1.7
09	Other multiple .. .. .	8	0.2	7	0.8
	<b>Total in sub-group</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>14.9</b>
<b>CONCERNING THE MOTHER</b>					
10	Unmarried (16 or over) .. .. .	125	3.6	64	7.5
11	Under 16 years .. .. .	105	2.9	14	1.6
12	Widowed, divorced, separated .. .. .	80	2.2	10	1.2
13	Multiparity .. .. .	267	7.5	104	12.2
14	Too old - high medical risk in prima para .. .. .	46	1.3	20	2.3
15	Young or immature .. .. .	44	1.2	34	4.0
16	Physical handicap or illness .. .. .	15	0.4	3	0.3
17	Students (nurse, university student, etc.) .. .. .	26	0.7	8	0.9
18	Other specified reasons pertaining to woman .. .. .	64	1.8	31	3.6
19	Unspecified social reasons - 'adverse conditions' .. .. .	857	24.1	26	3.0
	<b>Total in sub-group</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>36.6</b>
<b>CONCERNING THE HUSBAND OR FATHER</b>					
20	Not available for marriage .. .. .	7	0.2	3	0.3
21	Drunkard or alcohol addict .. .. .	11	0.3	1	0.1
22	Drug addict .. .. .	1	0.0	-	-
23	Violent .. .. .	3	0.1	-	-
24	Young; immature .. .. .	-	-	1	0.1
25	Old .. .. .	1	0.0	-	-
26	Abandoned by consort .. .. .	35	1.0	4	0.5
27	Other specified reasons pertaining to father .. .. .	27	0.8	5	0.6
	<b>Total in sub-group</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>CONCERNING OTHER CHILDREN OF THE MOTHER</b>					
30	Already caring for previous illegitimate children .. .. .	54	1.5	10	1.2
31	Adverse effects on existing children in family .. .. .	776	21.8	222	25.9
32	Other reasons relating to existing children .. .. .	39	1.1	5	0.6
33	Reasons relating to 'family' .. .. .	33	0.9	10	1.2
34	Unborn child - probable lack of care .. .. .	3	0.1	-	-
35	Other specified reasons relating to unborn child .. .. .	1	0.0	1	0.1
36	Unborn child will suffer (unspecified reasons) .. .. .	3	0.1	-	-
	<b>Total in sub-group</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>29.0</b>
<b>CONCERNING ILLNESS IN THE DEPENDENTS OF THE MOTHER</b>					
40	Husband - ill or disabled .. .. .	67	1.9	4	0.5
41	Existing children - ill or disabled .. .. .	105	2.9	17	2.0
42	Parents or other sick or disabled dependents .. .. .	10	0.3	1	0.1
43	Other specified chronic illness in family .. .. .	7	0.2	-	-
	<b>Total in sub-group</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>CONCERNING THE MARRIAGE</b>					
50	Husband away from home .. .. .	14	0.4	-	-
51	Husband opposed to pregnancy .. .. .	-	-	1	0.1
52	Extra marital conception .. .. .	54	1.5	22	2.5
53	Failed contraception .. .. .	68	1.9	12	1.4
54	Unsuccessfully sterilised husband .. .. .	3	0.1	1	0.1
55	Unsuccessfully sterilised woman .. .. .	10	0.3	-	-
56	Other specified factors tending to break up marriage .. .. .	31	0.9	5	0.6
57	Break up of marriage .. .. .	29	0.8	10	1.2
	<b>Total in sub-group</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>CONCERNING ECONOMIC FACTORS</b>					
60	Insufficient income for family - husband not able to support .. .. .	26	0.7	2	0.2
61	Loss of employment for woman .. .. .	52	1.5	20	2.3
62	Other specified economic reason .. .. .	61	1.7	5	0.6
63	Unspecified economic reasons, financial difficulties .. .. .	51	1.4	6	0.7
	<b>Total in sub-group</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.8</b>

TABLE 12 - continued

Code	Description	NHS Hospitals		Approved and other places	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
<b>CONCERNING HOUSING</b>					
65	Inadequate housing .. .. .	20	0.6	7	0.8
6	Material home conditions inadequate .. .. .	8	0.2	15	1.8
8	Other specified environmental .. .. .	11	0.3	9	1.0
9	Unspecified environmental reasons .. .. .	3	0.1	4	0.5
	<b>Total in sub-group</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>CONCERNING RAPE AND VIOLENCE</b>					
70	Unwanted intercourse - under 16 .. .. .	1	0.0	2	0.2
1	- 16 or over .. .. .	2	0.1	3	0.4
2	Rape - single girl under 16 .. .. .	13	0.4	1	0.1
3	- single girl 16 or over .. .. .	28	0.8	6	0.7
4	- married woman .. .. .	5	0.1	1	0.1
5	Incest .. .. .	10	0.3	-	-
	<b>Total in sub-group</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.5</b>
	All cases with question 11(c) completed .. .. .	3,561	100.0	858	100.0
	All cases with medical reasons and question 11(c) not completed ..	10,951		8,206	
	All cases with question 11(a)-(c) not completed .. .. .	48		17	
	<b>Total cases treated for abortion</b>	<b>14,560</b>		<b>9,081</b>	

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
All cases

Main operation	Gestation weeks†	All ages	Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Hysterotomy-abdominal	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,084</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>149</b>
	under 9	167	2	3	13	35	46	49	14	-	5
	9-12	1,651	13	37	116	275	453	460	235	19	43
	13	683	9	28	66	124	160	179	90	7	20
	14	672	8	56	82	130	152	156	68	5	15
	15-16	1,121	24	103	179	207	246	225	108	12	17
	17-19	1,069	41	130	229	189	198	161	80	13	28
	20-23	454	18	81	127	86	50	43	34	3	12
	24 and over	100	5	14	19	15	18	19	7	1	2
	Not stated	167	4	16	22	40	39	21	15	3	7
	Hysterotomy-vaginal	<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
under 9		13	-	1	-	4	3	4	-	-	1
9-12		47	1	7	10	5	15	1	1	2	-
13		19	-	2	3	7	2	2	-	-	-
14		12	-	1	1	3	2	3	1	1	-
15-16		18	-	1	6	3	2	4	1	-	1
17-19		12	1	2	4	3	-	2	-	-	-
20-23		4	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
24 and over		2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated		8	1	-	-	2	2	2	1	-	-
Hysterectomy		<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>15</b>
	under 9	24	-	-	-	2	5	11	4	2	4
	9-12	130	-	-	1	9	26	44	42	6	2
	13	30	-	-	-	2	6	11	11	-	-
	14	44	-	1	1	3	6	11	11	-	1
	15-16	53	-	-	1	3	8	12	17	1	1
	17-19	46	-	-	1	6	13	17	10	5	1
	20-23	13	-	-	1	5	8	13	17	1	1
	24 and over	1	-	-	3	1	3	4	2	-	-
	Not stated	12	1	-	-	2	3	2	3	-	1
	Vacuum aspiration	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,009</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>27</b>
under 9		925	10	107	263	195	167	110	38	6	29
9-12		3,792	96	623	1,109	731	567	388	151	19	108
13		550	16	114	189	110	61	36	9	2	13
14		292	7	60	105	55	36	21	5	-	3
15-16		222	5	52	86	27	26	13	6	-	7
17-19		83	5	23	23	12	8	7	5	-	-
20-23		20	-	8	7	2	3	-	-	-	-
24 and over		3	-	1	-	-	3	4	1	-	-
Not stated		122	2	18	34	25	14	12	8	-	9
Dilatation		<b>Total</b>	<b>9,899</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>3,467</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>43</b>
	under 9	1,815	28	204	595	349	284	212	78	15	50
	9-12	5,509	130	914	1,932	973	696	500	208	24	132
	13	908	32	199	331	154	84	63	25	3	17
	14	578	9	148	208	87	52	39	18	-	17
	15-16	572	13	135	224	94	54	31	12	1	8
	17-19	253	10	72	99	48	14	4	2	-	4
	20-23	47	2	12	13	12	5	1	2	-	-
	24 and over	9	-	-	5	1	-	1	2	-	-
	Not stated	208	4	28	60	45	27	17	8	-	19
	Other types of termination (not listed above)	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>
under 9		15	-	5	6	2	1	1	-	-	-
9-12		177	12	36	51	31	18	17	9	-	3
13		111	7	24	29	30	8	7	4	-	2
14		122	4	29	51	17	11	4	2	1	3
15-16		234	8	63	74	46	16	15	7	-	5
17-19		270	16	64	100	50	24	8	2	-	6
20-23		82	4	23	32	12	7	3	-	-	1
24 and over		16	3	6	3	-	2	2	-	-	-
Not stated		41	1	8	10	4	6	4	-	1	7
Not stated		<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
	under 9	11	-	2	5	2	1	-	-	-	1
	9-12	48	-	7	16	9	6	2	3	1	4
	13	7	-	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	1
	14	9	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	2
	15-16	4	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
	17-19	6	-	1	2	-	-	2	1	-	-
	20-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	24 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	8	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	3

\* For definition of gestation weeks see page iv.



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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
Cases resident in England and Wales

Age and marital status	Total	Month of operation									
		April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
<b>All ages</b>	<b>22,332</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>2,739</b>	<b>2,596</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>3,070</b>	
Total	10,302	87	1,166	1,106	1,269	1,241	1,126	1,385	1,442	1,480	
Single	10,090	90	1,274	1,188	1,243	1,141	1,116	1,318	1,387	1,333	
Married	231	2	28	25	21	23	25	41	38	28	
Widowed	1,632	9	176	186	201	188	176	265	213	218	
Divorced/separated	77	-	8	3	5	3	14	16	17	11	
Not known											
<b>10-15</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>69</b>	
Total	543	4	59	57	66	58	64	79	87	69	
Single	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Married	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Widowed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>16-19</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>513</b>	
Total	3,126	25	325	301	405	368	354	404	453	491	
Single	121	2	24	12	16	16	9	9	16	17	
Married	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	5	
Widowed	33	-	4	2	4	5	2	7	4	5	
Divorced/separated	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Not known											
<b>20-24</b>	<b>6,105</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>800</b>	
Total	4,542	44	512	525	575	555	481	622	617	611	
Single	1,216	12	173	171	161	139	122	127	166	145	
Married	17	-	3	1	3	1	1	2	5	5	
Widowed	317	1	28	40	38	38	36	46	52	38	
Divorced/separated	13	-	2	-	-	1	-	4	5	1	
Not known											
<b>25-29</b>	<b>3,989</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>555</b>	
Total	1,261	10	148	129	133	165	135	165	183	193	
Single	2,198	17	278	250	276	250	243	289	307	288	
Married	45	-	4	8	2	4	4	14	4	5	
Widowed	470	5	54	58	50	53	40	78	67	65	
Divorced/separated	15	-	2	1	1	1	3	-	3	4	
Not known											
<b>30-34</b>	<b>3,483</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>504</b>	
Total	344	2	42	38	45	43	37	49	45	45	
Single	2,645	21	349	306	310	290	284	342	351	392	
Married	49	1	7	3	7	2	8	9	9	4	
Widowed	426	3	49	42	60	39	51	76	43	63	
Divorced/separated	19	-	1	-	1	-	3	6	6	2	
Not known											
<b>35-39</b>	<b>2,868</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>358</b>	
Total	150	-	20	16	11	12	23	22	20	26	
Single	2,369	27	265	272	293	277	271	343	330	291	
Married	68	1	5	10	5	7	4	11	17	8	
Widowed	265	-	29	34	36	34	25	39	37	31	
Divorced/separated	16	-	2	1	1	-	4	5	1	2	
Not known											
<b>40-44</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>175</b>	
Total	42	1	4	3	6	3	7	6	4	8	
Single	1,148	8	125	131	146	127	130	157	174	150	
Married	39	-	7	1	4	5	5	6	6	5	
Widowed	82	-	7	8	10	14	15	11	6	11	
Divorced/separated	7	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	1	1	
Not known											
<b>45 and over</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	
Total	4	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	
Single	132	-	21	10	15	17	19	22	12	16	
Married	7	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Widowed	6	-	1	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	
Divorced/separated	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Not known											
<b>Not stated</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>79</b>	
Total	290	1	56	37	27	37	24	37	33	38	
Single	261	3	39	36	26	25	38	29	31	34	
Married	4	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Widowed	33	-	4	2	3	2	5	8	4	5	
Divorced/separated	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	
Not known											

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
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
<b>All occupations</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>
Total	818	10	186	379	156	46	24	4	-	13
Single	407	-	2	58	110	107	78	42	3	7
Married	14	-	-	2	5	2	1	3	-	1
Widowed	68	-	1	9	21	20	11	5	-	1
Divorced/separated	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Not known										
<b>Professional</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Total	24	-	-	10	11	2	1	-	-	-
Single	30	-	-	2	10	7	5	6	-	-
Married	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Widowed	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known										
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Total	150	-	9	77	41	14	4	3	-	2
Single	95	-	-	15	18	26	19	12	2	3
Married	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Widowed	5	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	-
Divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known										
<b>Skilled</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
Total	332	1	56	158	72	22	16	1	-	6
Single	186	-	-	25	56	51	35	17	1	1
Married	4	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
Widowed	45	-	-	6	14	14	8	2	-	1
Divorced/separated	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Not known										
<b>Semi-skilled</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>
Total	55	-	10	22	15	5	2	-	-	1
Single	22	-	-	3	3	7	5	3	-	1
Married	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Widowed	6	-	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known										
<b>Unskilled</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Total	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Single	5	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Married	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Widowed	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Divorced/separated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known										
<b>Not classified</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>
Total	255	9	110	112	16	3	1	-	-	4
Single	69	-	2	12	23	14	12	4	-	2
Married	10	-	-	-	5	1	1	2	-	1
Widowed	8	-	-	1	2	3	2	-	-	-
Divorced/separated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known										

TABLE 16(a). Legally induced abortions: age by Hospital Region of operation and marital status

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
All cases

Hospital regions	Marital status	All ages	Age group								Not stated
			Under 16	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	
Newcastle	Total	1,344	43	214	286	213	272	194	88	9	25
	Single	501	43	202	190	32	10	10	-	-	14
	Married	715	-	9	75	142	223	164	84	9	9
	Widowed/divorced/separated	125	-	3	21	38	37	20	4	-	2
Not stated		3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
Leeds	Total	621	24	66	105	103	128	129	48	3	15
	Single	196	24	63	75	19	6	5	1	-	3
	Married	346	-	2	21	64	97	107	41	3	11
	Widowed/divorced/separated	75	-	1	9	19	25	15	5	-	1
Not stated		4	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-
Sheffield	Total	716	20	74	106	124	159	136	78	7	12
	Single	157	20	67	47	13	3	5	-	-	2
	Married	480	-	6	44	91	135	114	73	7	10
	Widowed/divorced/separated	70	-	-	13	20	20	12	5	-	-
Not stated		9	-	1	2	-	1	5	-	-	-
East Anglian	Total	738	24	129	166	145	113	104	34	4	19
	Single	268	24	118	92	18	5	3	-	-	8
	Married	401	-	8	57	105	96	94	29	4	8
	Widowed/divorced/separated	67	-	3	16	22	11	7	5	-	3
Not stated		2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
North West Metropolitan	Total	9,919	101	1,715	3,718	1,783	1,173	826	350	33	220
	Single	6,406	101	1,672	3,183	948	239	26	26	2	140
	Married	2,830	-	31	397	654	768	614	274	29	63
	Widowed/divorced/separated	662	-	10	134	176	161	115	49	2	15
Not stated		21	-	2	4	5	5	2	1	-	2
North East Metropolitan	Total	1,018	34	117	187	193	209	172	71	12	23
	Single	308	34	109	109	32	10	5	1	-	8
	Married	620	-	8	63	135	173	149	65	12	15
	Widowed/divorced/separated	87	-	-	14	25	26	17	5	-	-
Not stated		3	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
South East Metropolitan	Total	1,306	42	193	302	233	213	186	84	9	44
	Single	501	42	186	174	45	22	10	4	-	18
	Married	688	-	4	102	155	166	153	74	8	26
	Widowed/divorced/separated	104	-	3	26	29	22	19	5	-	-
Not stated		13	-	-	-	4	3	4	1	-	-
South West Metropolitan	Total	839	39	110	208	146	148	101	51	10	26
	Single	357	39	106	144	37	11	3	4	-	13
	Married	405	-	3	53	87	117	88	41	5	11
	Widowed/divorced/separated	74	-	1	10	21	19	10	6	5	2
Not stated		3	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
Wessex	Total	435	11	54	84	83	61	76	41	3	22
	Single	125	11	48	44	14	3	-	-	-	4
	Married	266	-	3	35	61	46	64	38	3	16
	Widowed/divorced/separated	43	-	2	5	8	12	11	3	-	2
Not stated		1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford	Total	577	14	62	106	101	116	112	49	9	8
	Single	144	14	58	51	12	1	3	3	-	2
	Married	381	-	3	47	72	104	99	43	8	5
	Widowed/divorced/separated	52	-	1	8	17	11	10	3	1	1
Not stated		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Western	Total	840	32	93	192	152	133	131	75	8	24
	Single	276	32	87	116	18	11	4	-	-	8
	Married	493	-	6	62	117	105	111	70	6	16
	Widowed/divorced/separated	70	-	-	14	17	16	16	5	2	-
Not stated		1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Welsh	Total	873	25	114	149	150	156	136	89	11	43
	Single	254	25	105	80	19	6	1	2	-	16
	Married	541	-	7	61	106	127	124	83	10	23
	Widowed/divorced/separated	70	-	2	5	25	21	10	3	1	3
Not stated		8	-	-	3	-	2	1	1	-	1
Birmingham	Total	979	27	119	155	177	197	183	96	10	15
	Single	266	27	112	78	25	11	4	1	1	7
	Married	618	-	5	61	127	159	165	85	9	7
	Widowed/divorced/separated	87	-	2	16	23	25	13	7	-	1
Not stated		8	-	-	-	2	2	1	3	-	-
Manchester	Total	1,357	46	181	238	255	258	238	115	9	17
	Single	442	46	166	149	52	12	8	-	-	9
	Married	766	-	11	63	170	209	194	105	8	6
	Widowed/divorced/separated	147	-	4	25	32	37	36	10	1	2
Not stated		2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool	Total	352	19	34	65	59	66	58	39	4	8
	Single	107	19	30	37	13	3	2	-	-	3
	Married	201	-	3	24	36	50	49	31	4	4
	Widowed/divorced/separated	43	-	1	4	10	12	7	8	-	-
Not stated		1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
London Teaching Hospitals	Total	1,727	52	200	486	365	256	200	64	12	92
	Single	812	52	183	352	120	37	15	4	1	48
	Married	746	-	14	109	186	177	158	54	10	38
	Widowed/divorced/separated	169	-	3	25	59	42	27	6	1	6
Not stated		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 16(b-e). Legally induced abortions: Hospital Region of operation by

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
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	1,344	621	716	738	9,919	1,018	1,306	839	435	577	840	873	979	1,357	352	1,727
0	485	187	158	280	6,540	308	496	336	133	143	268	265	291	423	105	740
1	157	67	72	77	1,018	91	142	97	55	65	81	80	94	142	31	209
2	207	112	144	139	1,094	186	225	155	76	111	152	154	167	237	56	292
3	170	105	136	110	672	188	193	115	82	113	169	164	158	219	56	213
4	135	59	92	71	354	114	132	73	45	69	87	88	113	170	47	113
5	86	49	53	28	132	68	74	35	22	35	45	57	66	75	29	81
6	49	20	38	15	68	34	21	15	11	18	21	36	43	48	13	32
7	28	11	13	9	29	11	9	6	5	12	5	14	16	19	8	23
8	16	7	6	4	7	9	3	2	4	8	9	8	14	10	1	10
9 and over	11	4	4	5	5	9	11	5	2	3	3	7	17	14	6	14
(c) Statutory grounds*																
1	80	45	96	43	246	91	96	39	33	39	48	73	69	71	23	75
2	871	410	380	427	8,013	655	908	582	253	295	578	596	627	891	231	1,183
3	165	35	44	30	109	58	44	38	21	39	56	53	39	67	14	145
4	50	16	43	77	136	46	65	63	43	95	47	53	51	42	18	61
5	1	2	1	1	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	2	3	-	-
6	-	2	5	1	10	4	1	3	-	6	-	4	-	4	2	3
2 with 4	11	7	22	14	171	22	22	23	10	9	13	18	18	23	6	33
3 with others	166	104	125	145	1,233	142	168	89	74	94	98	76	173	256	58	227
(d) Gestation weeks†																
Under 9 weeks	143	73	95	49	1,603	112	206	61	33	48	96	63	95	105	42	146
9 and under 13 weeks	647	306	291	363	5,132	470	655	358	190	273	433	306	415	558	140	817
13 weeks and over	525	227	302	307	3,023	400	407	387	198	242	281	458	447	672	162	713
Not stated	29	15	28	19	161	36	38	33	14	14	30	46	22	22	8	51
(e) Type of operation																
Hysterotomy-abdominal	334	243	401	297	798	390	411	264	191	166	298	430	500	653	151	557
Hysterotomy-vaginal	2	5	4	10	25	7	9	5	8	12	4	12	10	8	1	13
Hysterectomy	37	5	13	6	25	19	14	19	4	32	29	29	60	24	9	28

TABLE 16(f). Legally induced abortions: Hospital Region of operation by type of premises and duration of stay

Type of premises and duration of stay	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	London Teaching Hospitals
<b>All premises Total</b>	<b>23,641</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>9,919</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1,727</b>
0 days	1,728	21	-	1	-	1,541	-	118	2	-	-	-	-	18	1	-	26
1 day	3,874	83	2	6	8	3,501	15	61	6	4	3	64	6	57	27	3	28
2 days	3,896	308	34	66	81	2,650	55	126	33	22	54	158	20	72	91	17	109
3 days	3,221	217	135	87	145	763	176	282	240	68	150	135	111	115	154	47	396
4 days	1,622	140	70	62	79	228	119	128	103	36	67	59	105	53	113	39	221
5 days	870	70	32	33	35	120	50	49	41	21	39	41	58	26	99	23	133
6 days	620	46	29	20	28	108	47	29	38	20	18	33	33	23	68	9	71
7 days and over	7,730	457	317	439	360	995	553	504	372	263	239	347	540	613	801	213	717
Not stated	80	2	2	2	2	13	3	9	4	1	7	3	-	2	3	1	26
<b>N.H.S. hospitals Total</b>	<b>14,560</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1,427</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1,727</b>
0 days	109	21	-	-	-	5	-	36	2	-	-	-	-	18	1	-	26
1 day	294	82	1	4	2	19	15	31	5	3	3	20	6	45	27	3	28
2 days	1,245	302	33	65	53	102	55	99	32	21	52	137	20	62	86	17	109
3 days	2,635	213	128	82	119	280	175	237	238	67	150	130	111	111	151	47	396
4 days	1,550	139	66	60	73	190	119	116	103	33	66	56	105	52	112	39	221
5 days	835	70	29	30	31	103	50	48	41	21	37	38	58	24	99	23	133
6 days	582	46	28	18	28	82	47	28	36	19	17	33	33	20	67	9	71
7 days and over	7,234	456	314	429	331	636	552	480	367	252	226	333	540	598	790	213	717
Not stated	76	2	2	2	2	10	3	9	4	1	7	3	-	2	2	1	26
<b>Approved places Total</b>	<b>9,030</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
0 days	1,619	-	-	1	-	1,536	-	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 day	3,578	1	1	2	6	3,482	-	29	1	-	-	44	-	12	-	-	-
2 days	2,648	6	1	1	26	2,548	-	27	1	-	2	21	-	10	5	-	-
3 days	584	4	7	5	25	483	1	45	2	-	-	5	-	4	3	-	-
4 days	66	1	4	2	4	38	-	12	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	-
5 days	31	-	3	3	1	17	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	2	-	-	-
6 days	36	-	1	2	-	26	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-
7 days and over	464	1	3	10	24	359	1	22	4	-	2	14	-	13	11	-	-
Not stated	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

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TABLE 17. Legally induced abortions: 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	
											NHS Hospital	Non NHS	NHS Hospital	Non NHS
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>22,332</b>	<b>10,302</b>	<b>10,090</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>13,577</b>	<b>4,186</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>13,104</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>5,109</b>
<b>Standard regions:</b>														
North	1,401	525	742	134	45	212	816	293	9	26	1,330	15	13	43
Yorkshire and Humberside	1,070	381	558	131	36	133	600	271	6	24	785	38	67	180
North West	1,939	735	1,000	204	85	274	1,083	468	17	32	1,597	21	53	268
East Midlands	800	284	454	82	17	117	456	193	6	11	543	2	48	207
West Midlands	1,609	693	757	159	34	275	901	362	4	19	886	45	15	633
East Anglia	761	306	384	71	24	146	433	135	4	19	593	69	15	84
South East	12,470	6,509	4,980	981	256	1,797	8,037	1,938	75	367	5,662	2,454	1,057	3,297
South West	1,270	519	643	108	41	178	721	280	10	40	845	87	58	280
Wales	1,012	350	572	90	25	153	530	246	12	46	863	-	32	117
<b>Conurbations:</b>														
Tyneside	558	234	267	57	16	83	343	101	2	13	535	8	3	12
West Yorkshire	392	152	193	47	12	40	235	96	2	7	296	8	16	72
South East Lancashire	964	372	489	103	27	136	554	228	6	13	832	17	53	110
Merseyside	234	103	106	25	5	33	135	55	2	4	171	-	8	55
West Midland	817	399	351	67	15	149	453	177	10	13	376	12	13	416
Greater London	8,086	4,606	2,822	658	136	1,087	5,508	1,063	39	253	3,175	2,003	782	2,126
<b>Urban/Rural aggregates:</b>														
Conurbations	11,051	5,866	4,228	957	211	1,528	7,228	1,720	61	303	5,385	2,048	827	2,791
Areas outside conurbations:														
Urban areas with populations of 100,000 and over	2,442	1,044	1,169	229	65	361	1,444	496	14	62	1,761	104	50	527
Urban areas with populations of 50,000 and under 100,000	2,080	891	975	214	67	336	1,199	406	21	51	1,403	163	73	441
Urban areas with populations under 50,000	3,699	1,356	2,024	319	113	564	2,048	847	32	95	2,574	210	195	720
Rural districts	3,060	1,145	1,694	221	87	496	1,658	717	22	80	1,981	206	243	630
<b>County and London Boroughs administrative county:</b>														
<b>Bedfordshire</b>														
Luton C.B.	64	29	33	2	3	12	41	7	-	1	37	24	2	1
Administrative county	165	47	100	18	7	25	102	25	2	4	115	28	19	3
<b>Berkshire</b>														
Reading C.B.	65	39	22	4	1	9	40	11	1	3	26	-	4	35
Administrative county	222	104	99	19	8	37	138	31	3	5	97	65	17	43
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>														
Administrative county	317	125	169	23	6	53	179	76	1	2	164	46	34	73
<b>Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely</b>														
Administrative county	273	135	113	25	7	59	162	38	1	6	220	39	4	10
<b>Cheshire</b>														
Birkenhead C.B.	25	10	13	2	-	3	14	6	2	-	20	-	1	4
Stoockport C.B.	46	17	22	7	-	6	23	16	-	1	43	-	1	2
Wallasey C.B.	27	12	9	6	2	5	14	6	-	-	19	-	1	7
Administrative county	365	141	200	24	5	59	202	86	5	8	252	10	31	72
<b>Cornwall</b>														
Administrative county	44	19	20	5	2	7	27	7	-	1	10	2	4	28
<b>Cumberland</b>														
Administrative county	62	20	38	4	5	9	37	11	-	-	55	-	-	7
<b>Derbyshire</b>														
Derby C.B.	34	8	23	3	-	3	23	5	-	3	27	-	1	6
Administrative county	189	61	112	16	5	25	96	57	2	4	142	-	5	42
<b>Devon</b>														
Plymouth C.B.	45	25	17	3	1	6	29	8	-	1	24	-	1	20
Torbay C.B.	70	35	22	13	1	12	38	17	2	1	58	4	3	5
Administrative county	132	61	58	13	7	19	69	33	-	4	67	3	11	51
<b>Dorset</b>														
Administrative county	93	44	39	10	2	17	38	27	-	9	45	-	5	43
<b>Durham</b>														
Gateshead C.B.	46	16	25	5	5	5	27	7	1	1	44	2	-	-
South Shields C.B.	38	13	18	7	-	5	25	8	-	-	33</			



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

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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	15,835	71	989	2,314	615	125	1,321	589	359	976	2,790	983	481	909	1,832	14	158	382	175	47	369	336
	Other	6,497	62	924	1,841	366	32	769	284	131	406	662	135	43	150	233	8	69	178	50	7	72	75
Newcastle	Home	1,300	-	65	174	58	18	85	68	17	70	282	104	67	22	145	-	10	26	11	5	36	37
	Other	42	1	12	10	3	1	6	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Leeds	Home	596	3	32	59	10	2	61	18	15	35	115	49	15	29	80	-	1	21	6	2	20	
	Other	179	-	17	40	10	2	32	15	3	14	19	3	2	8	-	3	4	2	2	-	3	
Sheffield	Home	700	1	17	46	17	1	44	24	23	53	193	72	19	35	78	-	10	21	7	2	15	
	Other	302	2	43	76	9	-	55	9	6	22	30	8	1	11	10	-	3	10	3	2	1	
East Anglian	Home	683	2	34	89	29	11	65	15	17	54	140	46	25	31	58	1	4	16	7	4	13	
	Other	105	-	15	28	9	-	18	1	2	8	5	4	-	7	2	-	2	2	-	-	2	
North West Metropolitan	Home	4,135	49	430	985	282	28	416	169	85	226	485	152	69	154	288	11	44	108	42	10	58	
	Other	433	5	61	93	24	5	33	22	12	28	55	11	4	16	23	1	6	14	2	-	9	
North East Metropolitan	Home	984	-	33	113	18	10	64	36	25	42	167	54	43	112	182	-	8	25	11	2	18	
	Other	784	7	97	216	37	3	70	41	15	53	107	19	8	9	46	-	10	21	4	2	12	
South East Metropolitan	Home	1,342	2	76	157	36	13	109	44	36	85	270	100	45	80	156	1	7	37	17	4	43	
	Other	596	3	77	191	23	4	64	24	12	39	77	15	6	19	19	1	8	11	3	1	8	
South West Metropolitan	Home	920	2	67	132	37	4	97	38	14	57	122	49	13	81	121	-	14	22	13	-	14	
	Other	2,052	26	297	668	149	8	207	79	40	118	161	33	10	52	69	2	17	54	18	2	19	
Wessex	Home	417	-	17	43	10	4	26	21	10	24	78	18	8	42	73	-	6	8	5	1	11	
	Other	266	1	36	75	16	1	27	14	4	16	38	8	2	13	3	-	2	6	-	-	3	
Oxford	Home	525	1	19	44	13	4	35	15	21	47	119	44	13	41	58	-	2	8	7	2	14	
	Other	304	4	41	70	15	4	42	16	4	22	39	6	-	11	12	1	1	9	2	-	3	
South Western	Home	808	2	39	104	19	7	63	28	17	48	151	53	18	64	126	-	7	12	8	1	21	
	Other	284	3	49	67	17	-	51	13	8	20	19	3	-	7	7	-	5	5	4	-	1	
Wales	Home	863	1	31	73	14	16	67	49	18	51	141	56	34	58	177	-	4	11	7	6	23	
	Other	149	1	24	37	4	-	28	5	8	6	13	3	1	1	5	-	1	5	1	-	4	
Birmingham	Home	931	1	32	94	25	2	64	26	16	56	199	64	37	91	132	1	14	28	8	-	20	
	Other	678	6	93	185	37	4	98	26	10	39	70	14	7	6	16	1	5	29	9	-	10	
Manchester	Home	1,309	5	78	167	38	2	100	33	36	104	258	88	57	62	137	-	21	31	22	8	37	
	Other	224	3	42	56	13	-	26	12	3	14	17	6	1	6	12	-	5	4	1	-	3	
Liverpool	Home	322	2	19	34	9	3	25	5	9	24	70	34	18	7	21	-	6	8	4	-	12	
	Other	99	-	20	29	-	-	12	6	3	6	9	2	1	3	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	

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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)

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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										
056	Rubella			757	48					5	1												
000-055) 057-136)	Other infective and parasitic diseases			101	22					12	7									2			
010-019 135	Tuberculosis			66	12					11	3												
	Sarcoidosis			11	-					1	-												
150-159	Malignant neoplasms of digestive organs and peritoneum			4	1																		
180-184	Malignant neoplasms of female reproductive tract			24	-							1											
140-149) 160-174 188-189)	Other malignant neoplasms (including secondary neoplasms)	1	-	50	3					1	-												
200-209	Neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue			11	2							1									1		
218-221	Benign neoplasms of female reproductive tract	1	-	39	16							3											
210-217) 223-228)	Benign neoplasms of other sites			6	-																		
230-239	Neoplasms of unspecified nature			14	1							1											
234	Neoplasms of unspecified nature of uterus			11	1																		
240-258	Endocrine diseases			76	11							11			3					1			3
242	Thyrotoxicosis with or without goitre			21	6							3			1								
250	Diabetes mellitus			43	2							6			2								1
260-269	Nutritional diseases			5	7							-			4								
270-279	Other metabolic diseases			15	9							6			3					3			8
277	Obesity not specified as of endocrine origin			5	9							6			3								
280-289	Diseases of blood and blood forming organs			33	12										3					2			1
290-299	Mental disorders - psychoses	11	1	367	169					2					16								2
295	Schizophrenia	1	-	73	5									2									1
300	Mental disorders - neuroses	10	2	3,411	6,369					1					222					197			
301	Mental disorders - personality disorders			112	101										7					4			1
303-304	Mental disorders - alcoholism, drug dependence			7	3										1					2			
302 ) 305-309)	Mental disorders - other non-psychotic	3	1	5,909	1,822										190					44			
307	Transient situational disturbances	3	-	5,905	1,813										188					40			
310-315	Mental retardation			108	16										19					2			6
320-358	Diseases of nervous system			170	13										11					1			9
340	Multiple sclerosis			50	-																		1
345	Epilepsy			93	10										5					1			1
360-389	Eye and ear diseases			25	4										5					-			3
390-398	Rheumatic heart disease and active rheumatic fever			86	4										4					-			-
394	Diseases of mitral valve			51	-										3					-			-

\*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 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
400-429	Other heart disease and hypertensive disease	1	-	193	18			42	8				
401	Essential benign hypertension			146	12			35	8				
430-438	Cerebrovascular disease	2	-	17	-	2	-	2	-				
440-458	Other diseases of circulatory system	1	1	66	21			19	4				
450, 451 453	Pulmonary embolism and infarction, phlebitis and thrombophlebitis, and other venous embolisms and thrombosis	1	-	43	8			13	1				
460-519	Diseases of respiratory system	1	-	152	25			23	3	1	-	1	-
491	Chronic bronchitis			12	-			1	-				
493	Asthma	1	-	103	13			10	1	1	-	1	-
518	Bronchiectasis			29	3			4	-				
520-569	Other diseases of digestive system			35	7			3	2				
563	Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis			23	2			1	-				
570-577	Diseases of liver, gallbladder and pancreas			9	1			1	2				
580-599	Diseases of urinary system			106	16			23	3				
582	Chronic nephritis			17	-			1	-				
590	Infections of kidney			27	5			5	2				
591	Hydronephrosis			10	-			-	-				
592	Calculus of kidney and ureter			11	1			-	1				
610-611	Diseases of breast			1	-								
612-629	Diseases of female genital tract	4	-	28	5			5	-				
623	Uterovaginal prolapse	3	-	10	1			1	-				
630-634	Complications of pregnancy	49	11	134	24	4	-	11	2				
632	Haemorrhage of pregnancy	1	-	13	5			1	1				
635-639	Urinary infections and toxæmias of pregnancy	88	16	120	24	4	-	9	3				
635+636	Urinary infections arising during pregnancy and puerperium, Renal diseases arising during pregnancy and the puerperium	6	-	3	3			2	1				
637	Pre-eclampsia, eclampsia and toxæmia unspecified	79	16	69	13	3	-	4	1				
638	Hyperemesis gravidarum	3	-	47	7			3	1				
638+639	Hyperemesis gravidarum, Other toxæmias of pregnancy and the puerperium	3	-	48	8	1	-	3	1				
640-645	Complications of abortion (and previous abortions)	17	6	19	25	-	1	2	4			1	-
650-678	Complications of delivery and puerperium (and previous deliveries)	56	12	36	5	10	1	5	3				
669	Surgical procedure in present or previous pregnancy, previous caesarean section	3	1	25	2			5	1				
680-709	Disease of the skin and subcutaneous tissue			13	2					2	-		
710-739	Diseases of musculoskeletal system and connective tissue			78	11			14	2	1	-		
712-715	Rheumatoid arthritis and allied conditions, Osteo-arthritis and allied conditions, Other specified forms of arthritis, Arthritis unspecified			34	4			7	-				
725	Displacement of intervertebral disc			20	5			4	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 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
740-759	Congenital anomalies	1	-	30	4			9	-	105	2	111	63
760-779	Maternal conditions associated with perinatal morbidity (placenta and child)	4	-	4	2					16	4	77	45
780-796	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions (including medical reason unknown)	1	1	42	5			15	4			2	-
N800- N999	Accidents, poisonings and violence (nature of injury)			15	3			5	-			45	22
000-009 020-055	Intestinal infectious diseases, bacterial, viral and enteroviral diseases			13	2			1	2				
651-653	Delivery complicated by placenta praevia or antepartum haemorrhage, retained placenta, other postpartum haemorrhage	31	5	3	-	5	1						
654-678	Complication of delivery, anaesthetic death in uncomplicated delivery, and complications of the puerperium	25	7	33	5	5	-	5	3				
The following apply only to 'Condition of foetus':-													
315-	Unspecified mental retardation									6	1	15	1
3303	Progressive muscular dystrophy									2	-	9	1
7589	Unspecified congenital anomaly									9	-	50	58
7593	Down's disease									19	-	10	1
7599	Multiple congenital anomalies, unspecified									36	1	25	3
7750	Haemolytic disease of newborn, without mention of kernicterus with rh. incompat.									7	1	52	3
7789	Other condition of foetus or newborn									-	1	9	39
9613	Adverse effect of other anti-infectives, Quinoline and hydroquinoline derivatives											3	14
TOTAL REASONS*		251	51	12,428	8,831	23	2	707	314	148	7	312	134

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
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
<b>(a) Statutory grounds*</b>	<b>22,332</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>4,155</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>2,065</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>411</b>
1	1,146	1	48	139	33	8	54	35	23	84	236	98	40	88	165	1	6	25	12	1	26	23
2	15,928	126	1,768	3,772	871	124	1,915	739	288	816	1,861	601	265	573	1,101	16	155	342	128	28	215	224
3	949	1	18	27	12	4	22	15	13	52	225	91	46	70	160	1	12	41	20	5	57	57
4	905	1	27	75	20	9	23	25	45	86	240	83	27	67	161	1	4	4	-	1	4	2
5	15	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	44	-	3	3	1	1	5	3	1	3	13	1	-	2	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
2 with 4	399	1	20	71	20	3	35	10	11	41	68	19	12	21	46	-	1	5	3	1	4	7
3 with others	2,946	3	29	67	23	8	36	46	109	300	802	225	131	237	424	3	48	143	62	18	135	97
<b>(b) Gestation weeks†</b>																						
Under 9	2,776	20	288	525	125	12	266	104	109	246	384	113	33	111	227	5	36	72	18	5	43	34
9	2,341	25	233	455	95	8	223	101	68	177	311	110	43	120	201	7	28	53	23	5	33	22
10	2,871	21	262	515	102	14	285	114	88	193	433	136	60	125	270	2	29	84	31	8	52	47
11	2,917	14	273	559	128	22	275	88	49	181	457	135	75	149	258	2	40	72	26	5	54	55
12	2,598	19	231	504	113	22	236	134	57	158	399	134	52	108	237	-	14	48	29	3	52	48
13	2,201	6	185	439	92	15	204	66	36	100	358	127	66	110	198	4	23	61	29	7	40	35
14	1,638	8	105	304	74	16	131	47	24	99	283	88	49	84	160	1	12	50	19	2	47	35
15	1,173	6	84	206	67	7	81	46	8	48	212	65	36	68	120	-	13	26	12	5	25	38
16	921	6	60	158	40	8	78	35	18	44	164	64	35	49	81	1	6	15	9	5	24	21
17-19	1,651	3	119	292	75	19	176	66	15	75	273	88	40	86	154	-	14	52	16	6	41	41
20-23	572	1	36	119	39	6	64	35	8	21	76	28	17	15	46	-	5	14	6	1	18	17
24 and over	127	-	9	19	4	1	18	5	2	5	24	6	5	4	17	-	2	2	1	-	2	1
Not stated	546	4	28	60	27	7	53	32	8	35	78	24	13	30	96	-	5	11	6	2	10	17

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

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

England and Wales  
27th April - 31st December 1968  
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,492</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>2,773</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>349</b>
N H S hospitals	7,840	92	1,105	2,411	508	33	957	354	166	480	679	157	28	139	222	17	80	218	58	5	69	62
Approved and Others																						
<b>0 days</b>																						
N H S hospitals	108	1	12	25	4	1	10	12	1	7	12	2	-	6	7	-	2	2	1	-	1	2
Approved and Others	1,520	19	202	492	84	9	219	93	16	74	121	36	6	24	37	3	10	39	12	2	10	12
<b>1 day</b>																						
N H S hospitals	289	-	26	47	7	2	42	20	14	18	28	8	3	9	42	-	5	6	-	-	4	8
Approved and Others	2,841	33	429	929	225	13	307	82	61	145	266	55	7	27	61	5	37	82	29	1	31	16
<b>2 days</b>																						
N H S hospitals	1,231	11	90	193	51	9	109	53	38	74	192	65	15	67	141	-	17	31	15	3	19	38
Approved and Others	2,401	27	344	728	143	8	280	144	54	152	195	42	12	40	89	5	26	59	11	1	16	25
<b>3 days</b>																						
N H S hospitals	2,615	16	246	407	110	35	265	106	69	150	357	118	59	127	264	2	29	75	35	11	69	65
Approved and Others	538	10	71	132	28	1	80	10	14	60	46	12	1	17	12	4	5	21	3	1	7	3
<b>4 days</b>																						
N H S hospitals	1,542	-	122	253	66	16	183	76	41	67	192	81	35	80	155	1	28	38	26	4	42	36
Approved and Others	67	-	12	20	2	-	12	1	1	2	4	1	-	4	3	-	-	3	1	-	1	-
<b>5 days</b>																						
N H S hospitals	831	3	66	161	37	11	95	42	17	38	90	40	16	50	77	1	11	15	9	10	21	21
Approved and Others	30	-	6	6	-	-	4	1	-	4	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1
<b>6 days</b>																						
N H S hospitals	579	-	42	103	30	7	63	27	10	31	86	19	13	34	60	-	4	17	4	2	13	14
Approved and Others	29	-	2	8	-	-	4	2	-	3	2	2	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<b>7 days and over</b>																						
N H S hospitals	7,221	10	198	543	165	43	360	180	132	513	1,802	622	351	542	1,090	1	50	158	76	19	201	165
Approved and Others	410	3	38	95	26	2	51	21	19	39	42	9	1	22	19	-	2	11	2	-	4	4
<b>Not stated</b>																						
N H S hospitals	76	-	6	12	3	-	6	3	2	4	14	6	4	5	7	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
Approved and Others	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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