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Induced abortions, by age group, Canada, provinces and territories^{1,2,3,10,18,19,21}

Annual	v31232447 - Canada; All ages (number of induced abortions)
1974	52,435
1975	53,705
1976	58,712
1977	59,864
1978	66,710
1979	69,745
1980	72,099
1981	71,911
1982	75,071
1983	69,368
1984	69,449
1985	69,216
1986	69,572
1987	70,023
1988	72,693
1989	79,315
1990	92,901
1991	95,059
1992	102,085
1993	104,403
1994	106,255
1995	108,248
1996	111,659
1997	111,709
1998	110,331
1999	105,666
2000	105,427
2001	106,418
2002	105,154
2003	103,768
2004	100,039
2005	96,815

Source: Statistics Canada

Footnotes:

- 1 . Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Vital Statistics, Birth Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Database. Data users should be aware of certain limitations to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. There are recognized issues concerning coverage, increased submission of aggregate counts instead of detailed records and an increased reliance on age estimation. Further information on methods and data quality is available in the "Definitions, data sources and methods" section on the Statistics Canada website, under the survey number 3209.
- 2 . Induced abortion counts are taken from the Therapeutic Abortion Survey that collects information on abortions performed in hospitals and clinics in Canada, as well as on abortions performed on Canadian residents in

selected American states, for data years prior to 2004. Abortions performed on non-residents of Canada are excluded.

- 3 .** Induced abortion is defined as the medical termination of pregnancy. Equivalent terms include: artificial abortion, therapeutic abortion, voluntary termination of pregnancy, elective termination of pregnancy and active termination of pregnancy. Only counts of legally induced abortions are included.
- 10 .** Caution should be taken when comparing 1999 and later data years with data from 1998 and earlier. As of 1999, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care no longer maintains a system for the collection of detailed information on abortions performed in clinics in Ontario. Ontario now uses the billing system of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) to provide counts of clinic abortions to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. As a result, information is no longer available for clinic abortions performed on non-residents of Ontario or on Ontario residents who do not submit a claim to OHIP. A comparison of the data collected using both sources for the years 1995 to 1998 shows that the new data source underestimated the clinic abortions performed on Ontario residents by an average of 5.4% (950 cases) per year, or approximately 1% of all abortions performed in Canada. The new source does not include non-resident cases which averaged 70 cases per year or 0.4% of total clinic abortions performed in Ontario.
- 18 .** The population estimates used to calculate the rates for data years 1974 to present were taken from CANSIM table 051-0001: Estimates of population, by age group and sex, Canada, provinces and territories, annual.
- 19 .** Percentage distribution of induced abortions across age groups, excluding abortions with no reported age.
- 21 .** The CANSIM table 106-9034 is an update of table CANSIM 106-9024.

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