

Abortions (NHCc) – per 1000 women

Year		1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Geography	Woman's age																				
Nordland	15-19 yrs	23.6	25.7	21.4	23.7	23.8	22.5	25.5	21.1	..	..	21.7	25.4	23.1	22.6	24.0	25.7	23.9	22.4	20.2	17.9
	20-24 yrs	26.2	27.2	27.1	30.0	27.5	28.7	29.0	24.9	..	..	29.2	26.7	27.6	23.2	31.4	25.5	29.3	27.9	31.3	24.5
	25-29 yrs	18.4	19.3	20.4	22.2	20.4	22.8	20.5	22.9	..	..	22.1	23.0	20.3	19.2	22.7	24.0	20.9	21.3	21.2	22.4
	30-34 yrs	14.8	15.7	14.7	12.9	18.0	16.9	14.8	14.5	..	..	17.0	16.6	14.1	18.7	15.2	13.9	12.7	14.1	14.7	13.0
	35-39 yrs	12.2	11.5	9.1	9.2	11.6	12.6	10.9	10.4	..	..	10.2	11.4	11.3	12.8	10.8	10.6	7.2	8.6	9.3	8.4
	40-44 yrs	5.8	5.8	:	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.2	3.4	..	..	3.4	2.7	3.8	:	:	:	3.7	3.3	4.4	:
	45-49 yrs	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Troms og Finnmark	15-19 yrs	28.9	24.9	26.2	23.3	25.6	26.9	26.1	25.8	..	..	27.1	22.8	24.0	28.7	28.2	29.1	28.1	24.7	22.5	22.6
	20-24 yrs	28.8	38.1	32.3	34.4	35.7	36.3	31.7	32.5	..	..	37.2	35.5	32.4	35.0	36.9	35.8	32.9	36.2	33.5	37.1
	25-29 yrs	22.9	22.5	25.1	23.6	22.9	25.1	24.8	24.5	..	..	24.1	25.0	26.5	25.2	27.0	26.7	24.0	24.1	26.3	25.8
	30-34 yrs	15.6	16.4	18.6	17.0	17.2	13.5	13.8	16.6	18.6	15.6	15.8	16.9	19.8	18.5	21.2	19.0	19.6	18.8
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	40-44 yrs	5.2	:	4.3	3.8	:	:	:	3.4	:	:	:	:	:	:	4.6	4.2	:	3.7
	45-49 yrs	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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Description

Number of abortions performed per year per 1000 women in the shown age group. All abortions are included, regardless of in what stage of the pregnancy the abortion was performed.

Two measures are available:

1. Per 1000 = Number of abortions performed per year per 1000 women.
2. Ratio (Norway = 100) = Ratio between the county's percentage and the national percentage for a given year. Examples; ratio = 130 means that the county's percentage is 30% higher than the national level. A ratio of 87 means that the county's percentage is 13% lower than the national level.

Rationale for indicator

Abortion statistics is important to follow the trend in discontinuation of pregnancies. The percentage of discontinued pregnancies has been decreasing for the last decade, especially among teenagers.

Source

Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Collection

As of 1.1.2006, the Norwegian Institute of Public Health is solely responsible for the Abortion Register. During 1999-2005, responsibility was shared between Statistics Norway and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. Data on abortions is sent from local health services performing the abortions via the Chief County Medical Officer. New registrations should be sent at least once a week. These include information such as the pregnancy duration, legal act, method of abortion, woman's age and county of residence. Nationally representative data.

Interpretation and sources of error

For technical reasons, the data series has two parts. Data for the years before 1986 are static, based on an earlier version of the Abortion registry (previous to the 2014 restructuring). These values are calculated using a slightly different definition for the denominator (mid-year population). All data starting 1986 originate in the present version of the registry. When updating, data can include corrections for the last five years. In the Abortion registry proper, all data (i.e. data for all years) are corrected if necessary.

Data quality

Good data quality, assuming complete information is delivered by the local health services which perform the abortions.

When numbers are missing

Statistics based on fewer than 3 cases is hidden to protect the identity of the patients. Figures are also hidden when the population group in which the cases originate, is smaller than 10 persons. If more than 20 per cent of the cases in a time series are hidden due to the abovementioned reasons, the complete time series is hidden to avoid giving a skewed impression.

The complete time series is also hidden if more than 50 per cent of the values in the series are based on 6 or fewer cases. In this case, the figures are regarded as too uncertain.

For technical reasons, 1986 is the first year to which these criteria are applied.

For years earlier than 1986, only the national rate per 1000 is shown.

In 1994 and 1995 data is only available for all ages combined (15-49 years) because date of birth of the mother was not registered for these two years, so exact age of the mother is therefore unknown.

Time periods

1979-2021. From 1979 to 1985 numbers are only available on country level. In 1994 and 1995 data is only available for all ages combined (15-49 years).

Geographical level

Country, health regions, counties, 4 largest cities: Oslo (presented both as county and city), Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger.

Gender

Women

Age groups

15-49 years, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44 and 45-49 years

Frequency of updates

Annually

Last updated

3/1/23

Keywords

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Fact sheets

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- [Induced abortion in Norway - fact sheet](#)