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Induced abortions in hospitals and clinics, by area of report and type of facility performing the abortion, Canada, provinces and territories, annual (number) *Terminated*

Survey or program details:

Therapeutic Abortion Survey - [3209](#)

Geography, area of report ^{2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11}	Type of facility ^{9,14}	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Yukon, area of report ⁸	Induced abortions, hospitals and clinics ^{5,12}	6	9	49	82	63	72	76	99	82	118	111	112	102	109	82	86	110	131	117	130	148	156	167	170	146	130	169	134	145	112	143	125	131	131	x	125	131
	Induced abortions, hospitals	6	9	49	82	63	72	76	99	82	118	111	112	102	109	82	86	110	131	117	130	148	156	167	170	146	130	169	134	145	112	143	125	131	131	x	125	131
	Induced abortions, clinics ¹²																																					
Northwest Territories including Nunavut, area of report ^{8,11}	Induced abortions, hospitals and clinics ^{5,12}					41	57	60	59	109	122	99	141	171	159	176	192	183	179	226	199	254	289	266	243	239	241	253	246	250								
	Induced abortions, hospitals					41	57	60	59	109	122	99	141	171	159	176	192	183	179	226	199	254	289	266	243	239	241	253	246	250								
	Induced abortions, clinics ¹²																																					
Northwest Territories, area of report ⁸	Induced abortions, hospitals and clinics ^{5,12}																														256	278	261	238	266	270	x	271
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	Induced abortions, clinics ¹²																																					
Nunavut, area of report ^{8,11,13}	Induced abortions, hospitals and clinics ^{5,12}																														96	108	84	x	x	118
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	Induced abortions, clinics ¹²																																					

Symbol legend:

Series is Terminated

x Suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*

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Footnotes:

1. Sources: Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Data users should be aware of certain important limitations to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. The data represent induced abortions performed only in hospitals and clinics in Canada; all other types of abortions are not within the scope of the survey. The extent to which the number of hospital and clinic abortions collected by the Therapeutic Abortions Survey corresponds to the total number of medically induced abortions performed is unknown. Since 2003, no information is collected on Canadian residents who obtain an abortion outside of Canada. Under coverage issues exist within the survey in that some respondents, representing significant proportions of the population, do not respond. In such cases, data for an entire domain of interest such as a province cannot be estimated and is suppressed due to a deficiency in accuracy (refer to footnotes 15, 16, 17 and 18 addressing coverage). Furthermore, submission of aggregate counts by some respondents instead of detailed records results in the estimation of the age distribution for those respondents. More 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. The number of induced abortions is provided by the province or territory in which the abortion was performed. Counts include abortions performed in Canadian hospitals and clinics on Canadian residents and non-residents of Canada. Where indicated, the counts also include abortions performed in the United States on Canadian residents, for data years prior to 2004.

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.

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Geography, area of report ^{2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11}	Type of facility ^{2,14}	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<p>From 1971 to 2003, health departments in several American states, especially those along the Canada and United States border supplied information about abortions obtained by Canadian residents. These counts, however, should be regarded as a minimum estimate because not all American states submitted reports, some private clinics may not report to the state health department or the residence of the patient was not reported. The reports did not specify if the abortion took place in a hospital or clinic. As of 2004, this information is no longer collected.</p> <p>5. Abortions performed on Canadian residents in the United States are included only at the combined hospital and clinic level, for data years prior to 2004.</p> <p>6. Abortions performed in clinics were first reported by Quebec in 1978. In other provinces such clinics came into operation soon after January 1988, when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the 1969 amended abortion law.</p> <p>7. As of 1983, Prince Edward Island no longer reports hospital abortions to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey.</p> <p>8. Clinic abortions are not reported by Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Northwest Territories or Nunavut. As of 2004, there are no clinics in Nova Scotia.</p> <p>9. 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 .4% of total clinic abortions performed in Ontario.</p> <p>10. Clinic counts in 1991 for Alberta include only the period September to December.</p> <p>11. Nunavut came into being officially as a Territory of Canada on April 1, 1999. Reports of abortions for 1999, however, are based on the full calendar year (January to December). In previous years, the totals for the Northwest Territories included residents of what became Nunavut.</p> <p>12. Blank cells under "Induced abortions, clinics" correspond to figures not applicable for this timeframe.</p> <p>13. For 2002 and 2003, Nunavut residents are excluded due to incomplete reporting.</p> <p>14. The following standard symbols are used in this Statistics Canada table: (.) for figures not available for any reference period, (..) for figures not available for a specific reference period, (...) for figures not applicable, (X) for figures suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act, (E) for figures to be used with caution, and (F) for figures too unreliable to be published.</p> <p>19. In 1995, the collection of the data for this survey was transferred from Statistics Canada to the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). Once the data were collected, they were transferred to Statistics Canada to be released in The Daily, Statistics Canada's main data release vehicle. This process has caused some confusion with the users of the data. Statistics Canada has decided, in consultation with CIHI that the responsibility for disseminating these data should reside with CIHI. This move will bring the Therapeutic Abortion Survey in line with other programs at CIHI. As a result, the 2006 data is the final year therapeutic abortion data will be released by Statistics Canada. For additional information regarding subsequent therapeutic abortion data, please consult the current CIHI website.</p>																																						

Source: Statistics Canada. *Table 106-9005 - Induced abortions in hospitals and clinics, by area of report and type of facility performing the abortion, Canada, provinces and territories, annual (number)*, CANSIM (database). http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca/cgi-win/tnsmcgi.exe?Lang=E&CNSM-FI=C11/G11_1-eng.htm (accessed: November 8, 2010)

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