

CANADIAN ABORTION STATISTICS FROM 1970-2006

Annual therapeutic abortions and abortion rates for Canada women from 1970-2006 as reported by statistics Canada and the Canadian institute for health information (CIHI).

Note: statistics Canada cautions that the 2006 statistics for NB, BC and PEI are “too unreliable to be published.” We estimate them to be at least 18,000. This chart does not reflect these figures.

Number

Rate per 100 live births

Year	Hospital Events	Clinic Events	From U.S.A.	Total	Hospital Events	Clinic Events	From U.S.A.	Total
1970	11,152			11,152	3.0			3.0
1971	30,923		6,309	37,232	8.5		1.7	10.2
1972	38,853		6,573	45,426	11.2		1.9	13.1
1973	43,201		5,501	48,702	12.6		1.6	14.2
1974	48,136		4,299	52,435	13.7		1.2	14.9
1975	49,311		4,394	53,705	13.7		1.2	14.9
1976	54,478		4,234	58,712	15.1		1.2	16.3
1977	57,564		2,300	59,864	15.9		0.6	16.5
1978	62,290	2,618	1,802	66,710	17.4	0.7	0.5	18.6
1979	65,043	3,629	1,073	69,745	17.8	1.0	0.3	19.1
1980	65,751	4,704	1,644	72,099	17.7	1.3	0.4	19.4
1981	65,053	4,207	2,651	71,911	17.5	1.1	0.7	19.3
1982	66,254	4,506	4,311	75,071	17.8	1.2	1.2	20.2
1983	61,750	3,635	3,983	69,368	16.5	1.0	1.1	18.6
1984	62,247	3,571	3,631	69,449	16.5	0.9	1.0	18.4
1985	62,712	3,706	2,798	69,216	16.7	1.0	0.7	18.4
1986	63,462	3,498	2,612	69,572	17.0	0.9	0.7	18.6
1987	63,585	3,681	2,757	70,023	17.2	1.0	0.7	18.9
1988	66,137	4,617	1,939	72,693	17.6	1.2	0.5	19.3
1989	70,705	7,059	1,551	79,315	18.0	1.8	0.4	20.2
1990	71,092	20,236	1,573	92,901	17.5	5.0	0.4	22.9
1991	70,277	23,343	1,439	95,059	17.5	5.8	0.3	23.6
1992	70,408	31,151	526	102,085	17.7	7.8	0.1	25.6
1993	72,434	31,508	461	104,403	18.7	8.1	0.1	26.9
1994	71,630	34,287	338	106,255	18.6	8.9	0.1	27.6
1995	72,024	35,765	459	108,248				28.6revised
1996	74,579	36,877	301	111,757				30.5revised
1997	71,845	39,681	293	111,819				32.0revised
1998	68,290	41,933	297	110,520				32.2revised
1999	63,832	41,799	231	105,862				31.3revised
2000	63,535	41,919	215	105,669				32.2revised
2001	61,259	45,064	175	106,498				31.9
2002	58,536	46,847	152	105,535				32.1

2003	56,429	46,670	149	104,248				31.0
2004	53,758	47,005		10,,763				29.7
2005				97,254				28.3
2006				91,377				

Total: 2,982,051 therapeutic abortions in Canada from 1970-2006.

All induced abortions are classified as “therapeutic” whether they are performed in a hospital or in a clinic. As of 1995, therapeutic abortion data are collected from reporting areas within and outside the country by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). The data is then transferred to Statistics Canada for analysis and publication as catalogue number 82-219-XPB, Therapeutic Abortions 1995.* Note: after 1995 data is available on Statistics Canada website www.statscan.ca as sourced by CIHI.