

Table 3-1 • Pregnancy outcomes by age of woman, 1976 and 2000 (numbers are in thousands)

Among women in their twenties, the percentages of pregnancies that were ended by abortion were somewhat higher in 2000 than in 1976. However, the comparable percentages were down slightly among women overall and down dramatically among women age 35 and over.

| Age | 1976 | | | 2000 | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| | Number of Pregnancies | Outcome ¹ (in percentages) | | Number of Pregnancies | Outcome ¹ (in percentages) | |
| | | Live Births | Abortions | | Live Births | Abortions |
| Under 15 | 32 | 37.5 | 50.0 | 21 | 41.4 | 41.4 |
| 15–19 | 1,073 | 52.1 | 33.8 | 831 | 56.5 | 28.3 |
| 20–24 | 1,644 | 66.4 | 23.8 | 1,653 | 61.6 | 26.0 |
| 25–29 | 1,381 | 70.4 | 16.0 | 1,622 | 67.0 | 18.7 |
| 30–34 | 602 | 65.1 | 18.3 | 1,347 | 69.0 | 14.1 |
| 35–39 | 214 | 54.2 | 26.6 | 756 | 59.8 | 14.5 |
| 40 and over | 56 | 46.4 | 37.5 | 172 | 55.1 | 21.3 |
| Total | 5,002 | 63.3 | 23.6 | 6,401 | 63.4 | 20.5 |

¹The remaining pregnancies ended in miscarriage (fetal loss)

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, *Vital and Health Statistics*, 21, no. 56, 2000, Table 2, and *National Vital Statistics Reports*, 23, no. 52, 2004, Table 2,

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