

## **KEY FACTS ON**

# INDUCED ABORTION WORLDWIDE

**On average, 56 million abortions occurred worldwide each year in 2010–2014. This is an increase from 50 million annually in 1990–1994, resulting primarily from population growth.**

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**Each year, globally, there were 35 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 in 2010–2014, down slightly from 40 per 1,000 in 1990–1994.**

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**The abortion rate has declined markedly—by 41%—in developed countries since 1990, but has remained roughly the same in developing countries.**

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**The annual abortion rate is now higher in developing regions (37 per 1,000 women) than in developed regions (27 per 1,000 women).**



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**Globally, 25% of all pregnancies ended in abortion in 2010–2014.**

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**In 2010–2014, 73% of all abortions worldwide, or 41 million annually, were obtained by married women.**

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**The abortion rate is not significantly different in countries where abortion is highly restricted than in those where abortion is broadly legal.**

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**Although abortion is extremely safe when done in accordance with recommended guidelines, many women undergo unsafe procedures.**

**Nearly 7 million women in developing countries are treated for complications from unsafe abortions annually, and at least 22,000 die from abortion-related complications every year.**



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