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.

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.

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

The annual abortion rate is now higher in developing regions (37 per 1,000 women) than in developed regions (27 per 1,000 women).
Globally, 25% of all pregnancies ended in abortion in 2010–2014.

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

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

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.