

New York City Abortion Ratio by Borough and Ethnic Group, 1994 to 2010

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Definition: The abortion ratio is the number of abortions per 100 reported pregnancies ending in live birth or abortion

Source: All data on live births and abortions by borough and ethnic group are available in the NYC Deperatment of Health and Mental Hygiene's Annual Summary of Vital Statistics, available here: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/vs/vs.shtml>

	Year	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Abortion Ratio by Geography																		
NYC		44%	42%	44%	45%	46%	45%	43%	43%	43%	42%	42%	42%	42%	41%	41%	41%	40%
Manhattan		44%	41%	40%	43%	42%	43%	40%	39%	39%	38%	40%	39%	38%	38%	40%	38%	37%
Bronx		49%	49%	47%	52%	51%	52%	50%	48%	50%	49%	50%	50%	49%	48%	48%	48%	48%
Brooklyn		42%	41%	46%	45%	46%	46%	44%	44%	44%	43%	43%	42%	41%	41%	40%	39%	38%
Queens		45%	42%	43%	44%	45%	43%	41%	42%	41%	42%	41%	39%	40%	38%	38%	39%	39%
Staten Island		25%	25%	29%	31%	31%	31%	30%	32%	31%	30%	31%	32%	32%	33%	33%	32%	32%
Non-Residents		40%	39%	38%	39%	41%	41%	37%	37%	38%	39%	38%	39%	42%	43%	42%	41%	40%
Residence Unknown		57%	47%	63%	98%	97%	95%	97%	100%	98%	98%	98%	99%	98%	97%	100%	99%	99%
NYC Abortion Ratio By Ethnicity																		
Hispanic								43.6%	42.5%	43.0%	43.0%	41.3%	40.8%	42.3%	41.5%	41.7%	41.3%	40.8%
Asian & Pacific Islander								24.4%	25.3%	24.9%	24.4%	22.3%	21.0%	22.2%	22.0%	23.4%	22.7%	20.9%
Non-Hispanic White								22.1%	21.8%	21.4%	20.5%	20.0%	20.8%	20.4%	20.6%	21.4%	20.4%	19.6%
Non-Hispanic Black								57.9%	57.9%	58.9%	58.6%	57.5%	58.2%	59.3%	59.4%	60.0%	59.8%	59.2%
Other								65.0%	63.8%	61.9%	81.7%	72.1%	63.0%	70.2%	69.3%	13.5%	11.6%	18.3%
Unknown								91.1%	92.9%	92.8%	93.8%	97.8%	97.3%	94.6%	96.5%	90.2%	92.0%	92.9%
Live Births																		
NYC		133,662	131,009	126,901	123,313	124,252	123,739	125,563	124,023	122,937	124,345	124,099	122,725	125,506	128,961	127,680	126,774	124,791
Manhattan		20,963	20,320	19,745	19,087	19,162	19,504	19,914	19,759	19,583	20,403	20,357	20,017	20,236	20,513	20,160	20,011	19,646
Bronx		24,351	23,351	22,244	21,352	21,575	21,299	21,547	21,706	21,168	21,189	20,854	20,766	21,274	21,624	21,807	21,857	21,258
Brooklyn		42,921	41,695	40,507	39,370	39,571	39,258	39,523	39,697	39,031	39,182	39,411	39,026	40,096	41,578	41,286	41,803	41,469
Queens		29,631	29,971	29,177	28,310	28,501	28,200	28,517	27,336	27,272	27,344	27,303	27,050	27,488	28,461	27,943	27,374	26,955
Staten Island		6,025	5,971	5,823	5,659	5,702	5,811	5,899	5,596	5,812	5,909	5,821	5,575	5,806	5,845	5,730	5,707	5,580
Non-Residents		9,639	9,568	9,320	9,528	9,729	9,650	10,154	9,928	10,065	10,313	10,346	10,283	10,599	10,932	10,753	10,020	9,879
Residence Unknown		132	133	85	7	12	17	9	1	6	5	7	8	7	8	1	2	4
Abortions																		
NYC		103,900	95,205	97,800	100,926	103,982	102,334	94,466	91,792	91,800	90,820	91,673	88,891	90,157	90,870	89,469	87,273	83,750
Manhattan		16,333	13,852	12,981	14,225	14,068	14,707	13,180	12,398	12,531	12,548	13,389	12,976	12,284	12,730	13,288	12,269	11,331
Bronx		23,650	22,403	19,953	23,137	22,809	22,871	21,757	20,356	21,187	20,263	20,594	20,584	20,696	20,208	20,250	20,221	19,447
Brooklyn		31,398	28,842	34,960	32,403	33,714	33,439	31,313	30,888	30,464	28,972	29,550	28,553	28,353	29,008	27,715	27,229	25,949
Queens		23,764	22,001	21,729	22,091	23,552	21,711	19,485	19,462	18,572	19,676	18,669	17,001	18,110	17,478	17,453	17,386	17,279
Staten Island		2,055	1,938	2,432	2,531	2,613	2,599	2,507	2,593	2,644	2,546	2,663	2,661	2,729	2,898	2,790	2,730	2,608
Non-Residents		6,522	6,078	5,603	6,120	6,765	6,710	5,947	5,821	6,061	6,551	6,404	6,501	7,674	8,250	7,643	7,091	6,608
Residence Unknown		178	118	142	419	461	297	277	274	341	264	404	615	311	298	330	347	528

Live Births

NYC	133,662	131,009	126,901	123,313	124,252	123,739	125,563	124,023	122,937	124,345	124,099	122,725	125,506	128,961	127,680	126,774	124,791
Hispanic	43,480	43,612	41,039	39,055	39,849	40,071	40,310	40,156	39,907	39,759	39,798	39,541	40,411	40,712	40,380	40,286	39,345
Asian & Pacific Islander	11,268	11,632	12,782	13,226	13,132	13,768	15,106	14,662	15,396	16,577	16,736	16,407	17,356	19,291	18,204	17,729	18,047
Non-Hispanic White	38,203	36,711	37,215	37,006	36,957	36,369	36,752	36,581	36,445	38,018	37,659	37,340	38,231	39,351	38,383	38,438	37,780
Non-Hispanic Black	39,195	37,217	34,798	33,500	33,675	32,960	32,879	32,123	30,690	29,646	29,449	28,935	29,077	29,268	27,917	27,405	26,635
Other	1,516	1,837	1,067	526	639	571	287	342	324	134	250	318	270	230	2,548	2,653	2,719
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	229	159	175	211	207	184	161	109	248	236	265

Abortions

NYC	103,900	95,205	97,800	100,926	103,982	102,334	94,466	91,792	91,800	90,820	91,673	88,891	90,157	90,870	89,469	87,274	83,750
Hispanic							31,118	29,684	30,098	29,953	27,946	27,210	29,678	28,896	28,921	28,365	27,112
Asian & Pacific Islander							4,873	4,977	5,097	5,341	4,811	4,354	4,959	5,444	5,557	5,212	4,761
Non-Hispanic White							10,438	10,220	9,903	9,779	9,426	9,804	9,781	10,221	10,451	9,853	9,220
Non-Hispanic Black							45,150	44,213	43,912	41,961	39,847	40,227	42,289	42,814	41,857	40,798	38,574
Other							532	603	526	597	646	541	635	518	396	349	607
Unknown							2,355	2,095	2,264	3,189	8,997	6,755	2,815	2,977	2,287	2,697	3,476

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