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International Abortion Statistics

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Having traveled to many countries around the world we have heard first hand countless stories of how abortion has impacted and damaged lives and how abortion is growing around the world. When it comes to accurately gathering statistics on how many babies lives are ended by abortion, that is another issue.

Whether in developed or developing nations, it is difficult and sometimes impossible to have an accurate understanding of how many abortions occur annually. The majority of countries do not keep accurate records (or many times any records at all) of abortions committed in their country. With the growth of chemical abortions, knowing how many babies lives are ended by chemical or surgical abortions becomes nearly impossible to determine.

According to the Abortion Worlwide Report, there are a reported 11.8 million abortions around the world annually. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that every year in the world there are an estimated 40-50 million abortions.

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute - affiliated with abortion provider Planned Parenthood - during 2010–2014, an estimated 56 million induced abortions occurred each year worldwide. Abort73 informs us that "Guttmacher's global abortion numbers are speculative and unverifiable. No more than 10% of their global abortion total can be officially accounted for, and only 23% has any basis in empirical evidence.¹ The other 77% are assumed based upon a complex statistical model that estimates regional abortion totals based on the number of women of reproductive age, the assumed distribution of those women across five reproductive categories, and the assumed frequency of abortion for each of these categories." Abortion73.com. Some countries like China and India report extraordinary high levels of abortion. In a 2009 article The Guardian reported that "at least 13 million abortions are carried out in China every year, mostly for single women, a state-run (China) newspaper revealed today. The actual number is believed to be even higher since the figure only covers hospital terminations; and many more are known to be carried out in unregistered rural clinics, according to the China Daily newspaper. The statistics also do not take into account the 10 million pills to induce abortion sold every year in the country."

Region	1990-94	1995-99	2000-04	2005-09	2010-14
Africa	4.6	5.4	6.2	7.0	8.3
Asia	31.5	30.7	30.8	32.7	35.8
Latin America	4.4	4.9	5.4	6.1	6.5
Northern America	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
Europe	8.2	7.1	6.0	5.2	4.4

Estimated abortions per year by region (millions):

Whether it is one life, or one million, abortion is an abomination unto God. The giant called Global Abortion Holocaust must be confronted and defeated, just as David did with Goliath. When we allow the Lord to use us, we become like the five smooth stones David used to slay Goliath. Together, we can defeat the Global Abortion Holocaust and restore the sanctity of human life.