

Table III.5. Legal grounds on which abortion is permitted, 1996–2013

Year	Number of countries										Percentage					
	To save a woman's life	To preserve a woman's physical health	To preserve a woman's mental health	In case of incest or foetal impairment	Because of economic or social reasons	On request	Not permitted	Total number of countries	To save a woman's life	To preserve a woman's physical health	To preserve a woman's mental health	In case of incest or foetal impairment	Because of economic or social reasons	On request	Not permitted	
World																
1996	187	120	99	82	79	60	47	5	192	97	63	52	43	41	24	3
2005	189	127	123	91	84	65	54	4	193	98	66	64	47	44	28	2
2013	190	132	126	101	102	70	59	6	196	97	67	64	52	52	30	3
More developed regions																
1996	45	42	41	39	39	36	28	3	48	94	88	85	81	81	58	6
2005	46	42	41	40	40	37	32	2	48	96	88	85	83	83	67	4
2013	47	43	42	42	42	40	35	2	49	96	88	86	86	86	71	4
Less developed regions																
1996	142	78	58	43	40	24	19	2	144	99	54	40	30	28	13	1
2005	143	85	82	51	44	28	22	2	145	99	59	57	35	30	15	1
2013	143	89	84	59	60	30	24	4	147	97	61	57	40	41	16	3
Least developed countries																
1996	49	18	11	4	4	3	1	0	49	100	37	22	8	8	2	0
2005	49	24	21	9	9	4	3	0	49	100	49	43	18	18	6	0
2013	48	24	22	13	14	3	2	0	48	100	50	46	27	29	4	0

Table III.5. (Continued)

Year	Number of countries										By major area						
	To save a woman's life	To preserve a woman's physical health	To preserve a woman's mental health	In case of incest or foetal impairment	Because of economic or social reasons	On request	Not permitted	Total number of countries	To save a woman's life	To preserve a woman's physical health	To preserve a woman's mental health	In case of incest or foetal impairment	Because of economic or social reasons	On request	Not permitted		
<i>Africa</i>																	
1996	53	25	16	12	10	4	2	0	53	100	47	30	23	19	8	4	0
2005	53	31	29	15	15	4	3	0	53	100	58	55	28	28	8	6	0
2013	53	33	30	19	21	4	3	0	53	100	62	57	36	40	8	6	0
<i>Asia</i>																	
1996	46	30	26	22	24	17	15	0	46	100	65	57	48	52	37	33	0
2005	46	31	28	23	24	19	17	0	46	100	67	61	50	52	41	37	0
2013	48	32	30	25	28	19	17	0	48	100	67	63	52	58	40	35	0
<i>Europe</i>																	
1996	40	37	36	34	35	32	26	3	43	93	86	84	79	81	74	60	7
2005	41	37	37	35	36	33	29	2	43	95	86	86	81	84	77	67	5
2013	42	38	38	37	38	36	32	2	44	95	86	86	84	86	82	73	5
<i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i>																	
1996	31	17	11	10	6	4	2	2	33	94	52	33	30	18	12	6	6
2005	31	17	18	13	5	5	2	2	33	94	52	55	39	15	15	6	6
2013	29	19	18	14	10	7	4	4	33	88	58	55	42	30	21	12	12
<i>Northern America</i>																	
1996	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0
2005	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0
2013	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0
<i>Oceania</i>																	
1996	15	9	8	2	2	1	0	0	15	100	60	53	13	13	7	0	0
2005	16	9	9	3	2	2	1	0	16	100	56	56	19	13	13	6	0
2013	16	8	8	4	3	2	1	0	16	100	50	50	25	19	13	6	0