

Abortion Survey: February 2008

1) How long ago did you have the abortion?

	No. of women	Percentage
Less than 6 months ago	13	6%
Between 6 months and 5 years ago	51	24%
More than 5 but less than 10 years ago	79	38%
More than 10 years ago	65	31%
Skipped Question	1	0%

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2) How old were you when you had the abortion?

	No. of women	Percentage
Under 16	10	5%
16 - 19	66	32%
20 - 24	69	33%
25 - 29	38	18%
30 - 34	18	9%
35 - 39	6	3%
40 or over	0	0%
Skipped question	2	1%

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3) At the time of the abortion were you:

	No. of women	Percentage
At school	19	9%
At college or in further education	49	23%
In paid employment	98	47%
Neither in education nor in paid employment	43	21%
Skipped question	0	0%

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4) How many children did you have at the time of the abortion?

	No. of women	Percentage
0	137	66%
1	37	18%
2	20	10%
3	13	6%
4 or more	1	0%
Skipped question	1	0%

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5a) Which of the following factors were important in your decision to have the abortion?

	Very Important		Fairly Important		Not Important		No Answer	
	No. of women	%	No. of women	%	No. of women	%	No. of women	%
Your relationship with the father	112	54%	38	18%	50	24%	9	4%
Financial concerns	108	52%	46	22%	45	22%	10	5%
The reaction of your parents	73	35%	46	22%	78	37%	12	6%
The father's reaction	66	32%	40	19%	91	44%	12	6%
The reaction of other relatives and friends	48	23%	46	22%	99	47%	16	8%
Total for any reaction:	106	51%	50	24%	45	22%	8	4%
Concerns about your education/training	48	23%	31	15%	115	55%	15	7%
Childcare issues	37	18%	48	23%	108	52%	20	10%
Concerns about the chance to progress	28	13%	32	15%	131	63%	18	9%
Concerns about losing your job	19	9%	24	11%	146	70%	20	10%
Total for any education/employment issue:	88	42%	52	25%	57	27%	12	6%
Fear of other people's reactions	40	19%	41	20%	112	54%	16	8%

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5b) Which of the following factors were important in your decision to have an abortion?

	Very Important		Fairly Important		Not Important		No answer	
	No. of women	%	No. of women	%	No. of women	%	No. of women	%
Concerns about how having a baby would change your life	104	50%	48	23%	46	22%	11	5%
Simply didn't want to be pregnant	88	42%	50	24%	61	29%	10	5%
Had no choice	55	26%	52	25%	89	43%	13	6%

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7) To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Agree Strongly		Agree		Neither		Disagree		Disagree Strongly		No answer	
	No. of women	%	No. of women	%	No. of women	%	No. of women	%	No. of women	%	No. of women	%
When I first found out I was pregnant I was upset	93	44%	60	29%	31	15%	14	7%	10	5%	1	0%
When I first found out I was pregnant I was happy	14	7%	15	7%	38	18%	63	30%	76	36%	3	1%
In the weeks after finding out I was in turmoil	107	51%	55	26%	19	9%	12	6%	13	6%	3	1%
At the time I had the abortion I felt it was the right decision	121	58%	42	20%	17	8%	16	8%	11	5%	2	1%
In the month after the abortion I felt a sense of relief	55	26%	40	19%	37	18%	40	19%	32	15%	5	2%
In the month after the abortion I felt a sense of regret	44	21%	56	27%	35	17%	29	14%	41	20%	4	2%
Now I feel I made the right decision	105	50%	44	21%	29	14%	12	6%	17	8%	2	1%
I wish my decision could have been different	46	22%	37	18%	44	21%	30	14%	49	23%	3	1%
I don't think about the abortion these days	37	18%	30	14%	44	21%	57	27%	39	19%	2	1%

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9) Which of the following age groups applies to you now?

	No. of women	Percentage
19 or younger	1	0%
20-24	16	8%
25-30	62	30%
30-35	104	50%
36-40	23	11%
Skipped question	3	1%

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10) Which of the following ITV regions do you live in?

	No. of women	Percentage
Anglia	18	9%
Border	4	2%
Central	33	16%
Granada	35	17%
London	45	22%
Meridian	21	10%
Tyne Tees	9	4%
Wales	10	5%
West	4	2%
Westcountry	6	3%
Yorkshire	14	7%
Skipped question	10	5%

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11) Which one of the following daily newspapers do you read most regularly?

	No. of women	Percentage
The Financial Times	0	0%
The Daily Telegraph	5	2%
The Daily Express	6	3%
The Daily Star	3	1%
The Independent	0	0%
The Daily Mail	15	7%
The Daily Mirror	8	4%
The Sun	47	22%
The Guardian	13	6%
The Times	3	1%
None	85	41%
Other	21	10%
Skipped question	3	1%