

Paul Gebhard, Wardell B. Pomeroy, Clyde E. Martin, and Cornelia V. Christenson. 1958. *Pregnancy, Birth and Abortion*. NY: Harper & Brothers.

Their disclaimer in the intro reads, "While this and subsequent volumes cannot represent writing and analyses done directly by Dr. Kinsey, it should be obvious that they owe their existence to him. Our future publications will stem from a research organization that he founded, and for years many of the data utilized will be those that he personally accumulated. As the Institute for Sex Research continues to produce work of value, the debt science and society in general owe to Dr. Kinsey will continue to increase."

Here is the brief story of how the abortion data got published:

"As a result of correspondence with Dr. Mary Steichen Calderone, the medical director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which began in 1953, Dr. Kinsey took part in the Arden House Abortion Conference sponsored by the Planned Parenthood Federation and held at Harriman, New York, in 1955. There he was made keenly aware that the data he presented concerning conception and the outcome of conception were of primary and immediate importance to the participants of the conference and to many other persons. Consequently, it was decided to publish those particular data in the proceedings of the meeting, and that the Institute for Sex Research would prepare a more comprehensive study to be issued as a separate volume. It was realized that such a volume would contain information of unique social and scientific value."

"The 5,293 white non-prison women, the subjects of the main body of this study, were interviewed in the years 1938-1955. About 97 percent of the interviews occurred during 1940-1949, with January, 1946 being the median date of interview." (p. 15)

"The majority of the groups was (sic), almost necessarily, made up of persons who had some interest in, and comprehended the value of, sex research: teachers, students, P.T.A. members, women's clubs, civic organizations, social workers, and the staffs of hospitals and clinics....The largest source of case histories consists of college students; there are 2,228 college females of whom 279 had married." (page 14)

58% of the sample was unmarried, and 42% married. Table 22, page 74 reports that 10.3% of the sample age 36 and over experienced premarital conception, and 8% had experienced induced abortion.

Table 27 reports that a total of 417 pre-marital conceptions were reported. Of those in the under 20 group 69% aborted; in the 21-25 group 74.3% aborted; over 26, 85.7% aborted. For the total group, 75.8% of premarital conceptions ended in induced abortion.

Table 28 reports outcome of premarital conceptions by marital status at interview. For terminating by induced abortion, never marrieds reported 86.7%; Married once, still married reported 70.8%; and Ever Single, Divorced or Widowed, reported 70.7%.

Table 44 is from the chapter on married women. It indicates that for conceptions by women who marry between the ages of 16-20, 92.2% have had an induced abortion by age 45. (Page 129).

Table 28. Outcome Ratio  
 For Pre-marital Conceptions  
 By Marital Status at Interview  
 By Age at Marriage  
 By Educational Level  
 By Decade of Birth  
 By Religious Devoutness

CATEGORIES	PRE-MARITAL CONCEPTIONS				
	Type of pre-marital outcome			Outcome in marriage	Total conceptions
	Live birth	Spont. abortion	Induced abortion		
	<i>Per cent</i>			<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>
Marital status at interview					
Never married	8.3	5.0	86.7	...	121
Married once, still married	2.9	5.7	70.8	20.6	175
Ever S.D.W.	4.1	2.4	70.7	22.8	123
Age at marriage					
-20	3.3	3.3	42.6	50.8	61
21-25	3.2	5.6	71.0	20.2	124
26+	3.5	3.5	85.9	7.1	113
Educational level					
9-12	10.1	3.7	63.3	22.9	109
13-16	2.4	4.3	81.7	11.6	164
17+	1.6	6.2	82.9	9.3	129
Decade of birth					
1900-1909	1.6	4.8	81.7	11.9	126
1910-1919	6.2	3.1	76.5	14.2	162
1920-1929	6.5	7.5	67.7	18.3	93
Religious devoutness					
Protestant devout	8.1	8.1	64.9	18.9	37
Protestant moderate	5.6	3.3	68.9	22.2	90
Protestant inactive	5.1	5.1	79.1	10.7	178
Jewish inactive	0	3.5	84.2	12.3	57

Marriage is a social device for preventing socially disruptive and advantageous responsibilities and has been for millennia a tradition. A biological family as a part of human society requires marriage in some form which we have known in any such group are or 90 per cent of the individuals.

An essential aspect of marriage in all cultures and ancient civilizations is that it is more than an infertile marriage; it is a marriage of fertility: the fertility of the individual, the fertility of the couple, the fertility of marriage. This is true in our present society where, once were, they still represent a destitution that may account for human fertility as well as for the become a part of many religions, a monogamous and lasting marriage, fertile, permit second wives.

United States refusal to permit polygamy. Consequently, whatever the outcome is of extreme individual but also to our society.

RELATION TO AGE AND SEX

Our contribution to the total will be modest, but unique.

<sup>1</sup> Ploscowe 1955:60-61 states, "Polygamy is a fraud that goes to the heart of such fraud constitutes grounds for divorce."

Pregnancies

FEMALES

Marital status at interview  
 Ever Married once, Ever  
 married still married S.D.W.

Outcome per 100 females		
27.2	24.6	29.2
60.9	63.6	57.3
105.2	119.7	86.8
138.9	157.3	117.5
156.6	173.5	139.8
165.6	180.7	153.4

Spontaneous Abortion		
5.4	3.0	7.2
14.6	12.5	17.4
26.6	25.9	27.4
35.7	36.1	35.2
46.4	48.5	44.2
51.7	58.6	46.2

Induced Abortion		
3.4	8.2	17.5
9.6	10.9	31.2
11.6	21.9	43.8
11.5	32.6	52.0
17.0	42.9	51.0
20.2	49.2	51.1

Number of Females		
23	232	291
50	714	536
54	699	555
92	534	458
75	336	339
04	181	223

Table 44. Accumulative Experience and Rate: Pregnancies Terminated in Marriage  
For Ever-Married Females  
By Age at Marriage

BY AGE	EVER-MARRIED FEMALES							
	Age at marriage				Age at marriage			
	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35
	Live Birth							
	<i>Per cent of females with experience</i>				<i>Outcome per 100 females</i>			
20	22.8				25.5			
25	62.6	35.3			102.4	42.3		
30	72.8	68.1	35.7		141.9	118.8	46.0	
35	77.2	77.9	62.0	31.7	165.8	161.6	107.4	37.8
40	78.6	79.1	68.3	45.5	177.8	180.4	138.9	72.7
45	75.3	83.5	70.5		177.9	196.6	149.5	
	Spontaneous Abortion							
20	5.1				5.5			
25	17.2	9.0			22.8	11.1		
30	21.9	17.9	11.9		38.4	27.3	15.6	
35	24.4	22.5	22.3	8.5	36.8	39.1	37.6	9.8
40	28.6	27.1	25.7	14.5	50.0	49.7	49.1	20.0
45	27.3	29.5	30.5		48.1	58.5	55.8	
	Induced Abortion							
20	9.7				13.3			
25	22.5	9.0			39.5	10.9		
30	28.0	18.2	7.0		60.2	30.8	8.5	
35	33.2	24.6	13.6	4.9	74.1	46.3	18.2	4.9
40	35.7	25.8	15.6	14.5	83.3	54.6	21.0	18.2
45	37.7	24.1	11.6		92.2	65.3	13.7	
	Number of Females							
20	513				513			
25	377	865			377	865		
30	279	642	328		279	642	328	
35	193	471	242	82	193	471	242	82
40	126	306	167	55	126	306	167	55
45	77	176	95		77	176	95	