Among pregnant women, 81.7 percent report a live birth and 18.3 percent report other pregnancy outcomes, including stillbirth (0.4 percent), induced abortion (5.5 percent), miscarriage (4.2 percent), and missed abortion (8.2 percent).

The total abortion rate, an estimate of the average number of induced abortions a woman will have by the end of her reproductive life, is estimated at 0.15, the general abortion rate is estimated at 4.7 per 1,000 women, and the abortion ratio at 68 per 1,000 live births.

The abortion ratio is highest in the Ha Noi, 196.9 per 1,000 live births. In the Red River Delta region, it is 127.5 per 1,000 live births.

The abortion ratio is higher among women having primary education (94.5 per 1,000 live births), belonging to Kinh/Hoa ethnicity (74.0 per 1,000 live births), residing in rural areas (75.8 per 1,000 live births) and belonging to the richest quintile (130.5 per 1,000 live births).
Reason for last abortion

- Failure of family planning/contraception (53.6%)
- Unwanted pregnancy (20.1%)
- Unwanted gender of fetus (6.6%)
- Insufficient economic/income to take care of a child (8.9%)
- Health status of a woman (6.6%)
- Health status of fetus/deformed fetus (2.7%)
- Other/DK (1.6%)

Type of provider during last abortion

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Place of last abortion

- National or provincial health facility (23.6%)
- District health facility (40.3%)
- Commune health facility (24.6%)
- Private health facility (6.2%)
- Non-profit/NGO health facility (2.6%)
- Pharmacy or self-medication (0.7%)
- Other/DK (2.0%)

Key Messages

- Unwanted pregnancies are accounted for more than half of the reported latest abortions, 53.6 percent.
- Nine percent of abortion are related to contraceptive failure.
- Concerns about the health status of the mother or fetus contribute to 20.1 percent and 19.8 percent of the abortion cases.
- Fetal sex preference is accounted for 1.6 percent of the abortion cases.

A majority of abortions are performed by trained health providers (94.1 percent), including medical doctors or OB-GYN specialists (90.6 percent), assistant doctors and midwives (2.8 percent). However, 6.5 percent of induced abortions are still performed by unqualified providers such as village health workers, population collaborators, traditional birth attendants, traditional healers or other untrained individuals.

Most abortions are performed in healthcare facilities (95.4 percent), including 54.4 percent in public, 40.3 percent in private and 0.7 percent in NGO facilities, compared to 5.6 percent performed outside of healthcare facilities.