
Subject: Re: Abortion in Sud Africa

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 17 Nov 2021 14:22:14 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

In this survey, abortions can only be identified with the letter "A" in vcal_3. The other terminations are C for miscarriage and S for stillbirth. In vcal_1, the letter T is used for all three types of terminations (other than B for births) and in vcal_3, a T is replaced by C or A or S. There is no variable outside the calendar that gives (for example) the number of abortions.

I only find 32 appearances of the letter A in vcal_3, for the past 5 years and for 8,614 women. (There are 293 C's and 38 S's.) I suspect there is under-reporting, but in any case you do not have enough cases to be able to get at risk factors.