**Abortion care in a pandemic: An analysis of the number and social profile of people requesting and receiving abortion care during the first COVID-19 lockdown (March 16 to June 14, 2020) in Flanders, Belgium**

**Additional files**

**Table A:** *Descriptive results of the continuous profile characteristics of the clients of an abortion centre in a central city in Flanders (Belgium), for the first COVID-19 lockdown (2020) and each year in the reference period (2015-2019), n=4243*

|  |  |
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| Characteristic | Averages from 2015 to 2020 |
| Age  | 28.58 |
| 28.87 |
| 29.12 |
| 29.00 |
| 29.53 |
| 29.62 |
| Number of children | 1.12 |
| 1.19 |
| 1.15 |
| 1.04 |
| 1.16 |
| 1.24 |
| Number of previous abortions | 0.63 |
| 0.64 |
| 0.65 |
| 0.67 |
| 0.72 |
| 0.72 |
| Number of miscarriages | 0.16 |
| 0.17 |
| 0.26 |
| 0.21 |
| 0.30 |
| 0.27 |

**Table B:** *Descriptive results of the categorical profile characteristics of the clients of an abortion centre in a central city in Flanders (Belgium), for the first COVID-19 lockdown (2020) and each year in the reference period (2015-2019), n=4243*

|  |  |  |  |
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| Characteristics |  | % From 2015 to 2020 |  Number from 2015 to 2020 |
| Migration background | No migration background  | 45.52 | 340 |
| 44.71 | 317 |
| 43.18 | 323 |
| 43.54 | 317 |
| 40.11 | 290 |
| 40.82 | 240 |
| Western- and Southern Europe | 6.56 | 49 |
| 5.08 | 36 |
| 6.42 | 48 |
| 6.32 | 46 |
| 5.81 | 42 |
| 7.14 | 42 |
| Balkan/central Europe/western CIS and Caucasus | 13.92 | 104 |
| 11.14 | 79 |
| 9.76 | 73 |
| 11.95 | 87 |
| 14.38 | 104 |
| 11.73 | 69 |
| Maghreb | 8.97 | 67 |
| 10.72 | 76 |
| 12.17 | 91 |
| 11.40 | 83 |
| 11.89 | 86 |
| 11.39 | 67 |
| Turkey | 1.07 | 8 |
| 2.12 | 15 |
| 1.74 | 13 |
| 1.65 | 12 |
| 1.52 | 11 |
| 1.87 | 11 |
| Middle East | 1.20 | 9 |
| 2.54 | 18 |
| 3.48 | 26 |
| 2.34 | 17 |
| 3.18 | 23 |
| 4.59 | 27 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 10.84 | 81 |
| 12.41 | 88 |
| 12.70 | 95 |
| 12.23 | 89 |
| 11.89 | 86 |
| 11.90 | 70 |
| America and Oceania | 5.35 | 40 |
| 6.06 | 43 |
| 4.95 | 37 |
| 5.36 | 39 |
| 5.26 | 38 |
| 6.97 | 41 |
| Asia | 6.56 | 49 |
| 5.22 | 37 |
| 5.61 | 42 |
| 5.22 | 38 |
| 5.95 | 43 |
| 3.57 | 21 |
| Employment status | In paid employment | 60.91 | 455 |
| 60.23 | 427 |
| 59.49 | 445 |
| 63.60 | 463 |
| 61.13 | 442 |
| 56.46 | 332 |
| Studying | 7.23 | 54 |
| 6.35 | 45 |
| 7.22 | 54 |
| 7.28 | 53 |
| 6.36 | 46 |
| 7.82 | 46 |
| Not employed or studying | 24.10 | 180 |
| 23.41 | 166 |
| 21.26 | 159 |
| 21.43 | 156 |
| 22.13 | 160 |
| 27.21 | 160 |
| Unknown | 7.76 | 58 |
| 10.01 | 71 |
| 12.03 | 90 |
| 7.69 | 56 |
| 10.37 | 75 |
| 8.50 | 50 |
| Educational level | Tertiary education | 20.88 | 156 |
| 18.62 | 132 |
| 22.59 | 169 |
| 24.04 | 175 |
| 24.48 | 177 |
| 17.35 | 102 |
| Non-tertiary education | 62.38 | 466 |
| 58.82 | 417 |
| 59.63 | 446 |
| 66.35 | 483 |
| 65.84 | 476 |
| 48.64 | 286 |
| Unknown foreign education | 3.75 | 28 |
| 3.53 | 25 |
| 2.67 | 20 |
| 1.92 | 14 |
| 1.52 | 11 |
| 3.74 | 22 |
| Unknown | 12.99 | 97 |
| 19.04 | 135 |
| 15.11 | 113 |
| 7.69 | 56 |
| 8.16 | 59 |
| 30.27 | 178 |
| Marital status | Single/living alone | 45.92 | 343 |
| 48.24 | 342 |
| 50.53 | 378 |
| 53.16 | 387 |
| 50.07 | 362 |
| 51.36 | 302 |
| Married | 20.35 | 153 |
| 19.75 | 140 |
| 17.65 | 132 |
| 17.17 | 125 |
| 18.81 | 136 |
| 22.45 | 132 |
| Unmarried cohabitation | 29.91 | 201 |
| 24.54 | 174 |
| 26.20 | 196 |
| 24.86 | 181 |
| 25.17 | 182 |
| 22.45 | 132 |
| Divorced/in process/widowed | 6.83 | 51 |
| 1.48 | 53 |
| 5.61 | 42 |
| 4.81 | 35 |
| 5.95 | 43 |
| 3.74 | 22 |
| Pregnancy term | 0-8 weeks | 55.15 | 412 |
| 59.10 | 419 |
| 59.63 | 446 |
| 57.01 | 415 |
| 59.20 | 428 |
| 62.41 | 367 |
| 9-14 weeks | 27.98 | 209 |
| 24.82 | 176 |
| 24.60 | 184 |
| 27.61 | 201 |
| 24.76 | 179 |
| 21.77 | 128 |
| No abortion | 16.87 | 126 |
| 16.08 | 114 |
| 15.78 | 118 |
| 15.38 | 112 |
| 16.04 | 116 |
| 15.82 | 93 |
| Contraceptive method | No modern method | 51.14 | 382 |
| 49.37 | 350 |
| 48.26 | 361 |
| 49.04 | 357 |
| 55.33 | 400 |
| 63.78 | 375 |
| Modern method | 48.86 | 365 |
| 50.63 | 359 |
| 51.74 | 387 |
| 50.96 | 371 |
| 44.67 | 323 |
| 36.22 | 213 |
| Contraceptive use | No usage | 45.52 | 340 |
| 44.15 | 313 |
| 45.32 | 339 |
| 44.92 | 327 |
| 47.72 | 345 |
| 57.14 | 336 |
| Irregular or inaccurate usage | 30.12 | 225 |
| 30.75 | 218 |
| 29.68 | 222 |
| 32.97 | 240 |
| 29.32 | 212 |
| 26.02 | 153 |
| Correct usage | 19.81 | 148 |
| 18.48 | 131 |
| 20.32 | 152 |
| 14.29 | 104 |
| 16.74 | 121 |
| 12.76 | 75 |
| Unknown | 4.55 | 34 |
| 6.63 | 47 |
| 4.68 | 35 |
| 7.83 | 57 |
| 6.22 | 45 |
| 4.08 | 24 |

**Table C:** *Descriptive results of the amount of actual abortions and placing of LARC's, performed for the clients of an abortion centre in a central city in Flanders (Belgium), for the first COVID-19 lockdown (2020) and each year in the reference period (2015-2019)*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Characteristics |  | % From 2015 to 2020 | Number from 2015 to 2020 |
| Abortion after request *(n=4243)* | No abortion | 16.78 | 125 |
| 16.13 | 114 |
| 15.89 | 119 |
| 15.60 | 112 |
| 16.28 | 117 |
| 15.94 | 93 |
| Abortion | 83.22 | 622 |
| 83.87 | 595 |
| 84.11 | 629 |
| 84.40 | 616 |
| 83.72 | 606 |
| 84.06 | 495 |
| Long-acting contraceptive device placed after abortion procedure (for those who received a curettage) *(n= 3096)* | Yes | 34.79 | 191 |
| 37.57 | 188 |
| 35.23 | 186 |
| 36.78 | 191 |
| 32.05 | 166 |
| 36.53 | 178 |
| No | 65.21 | 355 |
| 62.43 | 312 |
| 64.77 | 341 |
| 63.22 | 330 |
| 67.95 | 351 |
| 63.47 | 306 |