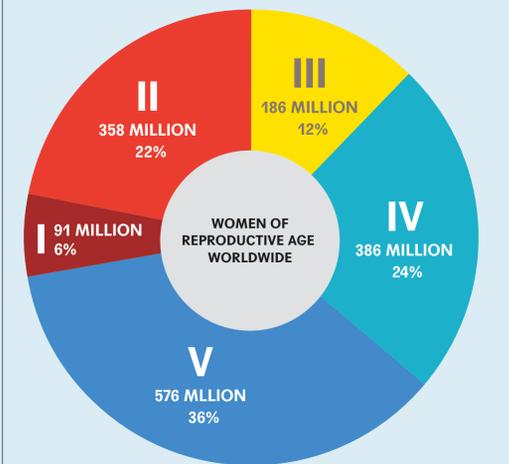


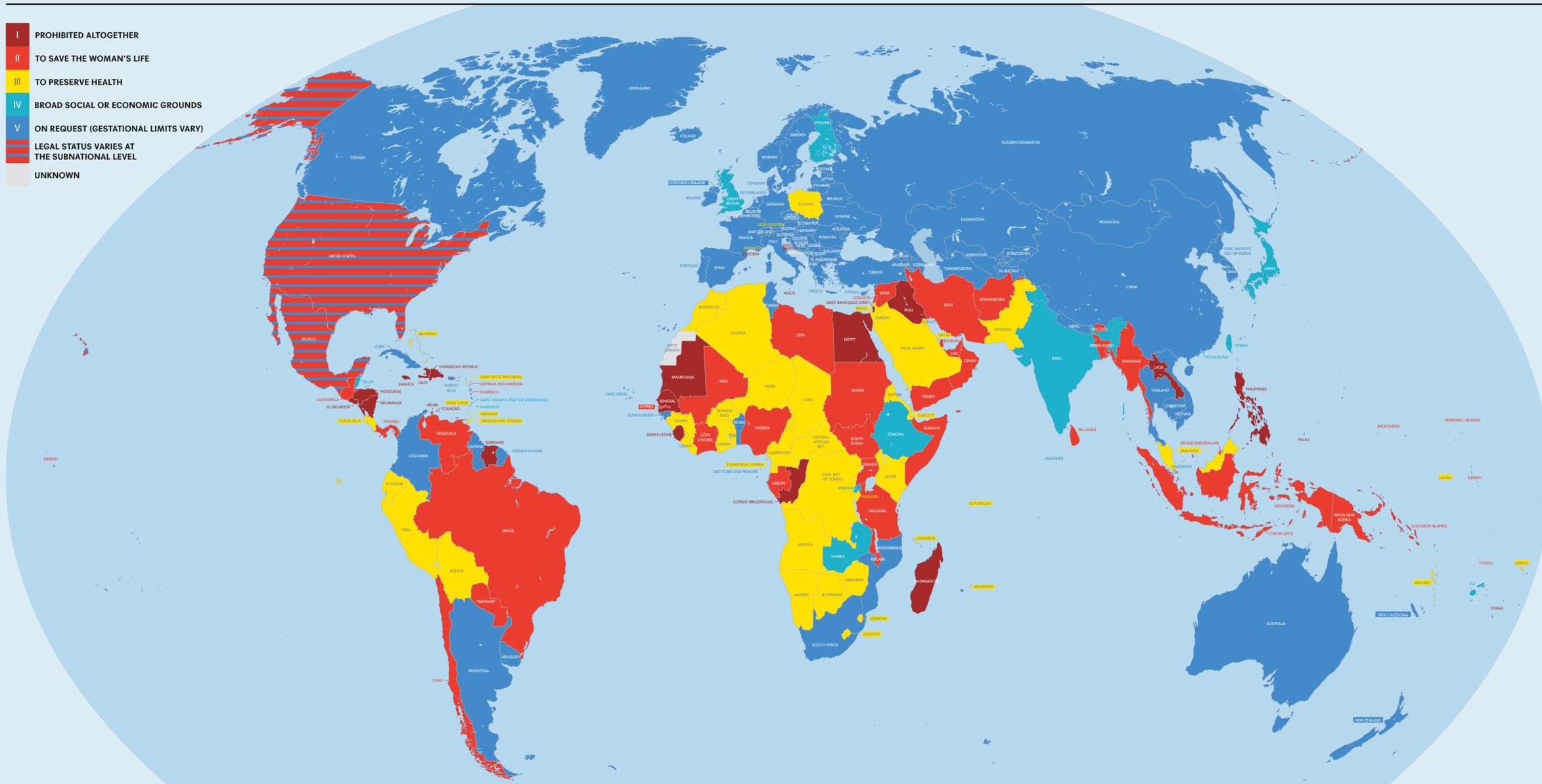
The World's Abortion Laws

How many women of reproductive age live in countries under each category?



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Categories of Abortion Laws from Most to Least Restrictive

Countries in each subsequent category recognize the grounds specified in the preceding category. Additional enumerated grounds are indicated following the country name.

Category I. Prohibited Altogether 24 COUNTRIES	Category II. To Save the Woman's Life 41 COUNTRIES	Category III. To Preserve Health 48 COUNTRIES	Category IV. Socioeconomic Grounds 13 COUNTRIES	Category V. On Request (Gestational Limits Vary) 75 COUNTRIES	Indicators
<p>The laws of the countries in this category do not permit abortion under any circumstances, including when the woman's life or health is at risk.</p> <p>Andorra Aruba Congo (Brazzaville) Curaçao Dominican Republic Egypt El Salvador Haiti Honduras Iraq Jamaica Laos Madagascar Malta Mauritania Nicaragua Palau: ? Philippines San Marino Senegal Sierra Leone Suriname Tonga West Bank & Gaza Strip</p>	<p>The laws of the countries in this category permit abortion when the woman's life is at risk.</p> <p>Alghanistan Antigua & Barbuda Bahrain Bangladesh Bhutan: R, I, + Brazil: R, + Brunei Darussalam Chile: R, F Côte d'Ivoire: R Haiti Honduras Iraq Jamaica Laos Madagascar Malta Mauritania Nicaragua Palau: ? Philippines San Marino Senegal Sierra Leone Suriname Tonga West Bank & Gaza Strip</p>	<p>The laws of countries in this category permit abortion on the basis of health or therapeutic grounds. Countries in bold explicitly permit abortion to preserve the woman's mental health. Countries with a * permit abortion only when the woman's physical health is at risk. Countries with a † are based on Rex v. Bourne. The World Health Organization advises that countries permitting abortion on health grounds should interpret "health" to mean "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."</p> <p>Algeria Angola: R, I, F, PA Bahamas Bolivia: R, I Botswana: R, I, F Burkina Faso: R, I, F Burundi Cameroon: R Central African Rep.: R, I, F, + Chad: R, I, F Kiribati Lebanon Costa Rica Dem. Rep. of Congo: R, I, F Djibouti</p>	<p>These laws are generally interpreted liberally to permit abortion under a broad range of circumstances. These countries often take into account a woman's actual or reasonably foreseeable environment and her social or economic circumstances in considering the potential impact of pregnancy and childbearing.</p> <p>Barbados: R, I, F, PA Belize: F Fiji: R, I, F, PA Finland: R, F, + Great Britain: F Hong Kong: R, I, F India: R, I, F, PA Japan: R, SA Rwanda: R, I, F, + Saint Vincent & Grenadines: R, I, F Taiwan: R, I, F, SA, PA Zambia: F</p>	<p>All Countries in Category V have gestational limits of 12 weeks unless otherwise indicated.</p> <p>W8 Gestational limit of 8 weeks W10 Gestational limit of 10 weeks W12 Gestational limit of 12 weeks W14 Gestational limit of 14 weeks</p> <p>Albania: PA Argentina: PA Armenia: PA Australia: PA Austria: PA Azerbaijan Belarus Belgium: PA Benin: W12 Bosnia-Herzegovina: PA Bulgaria Cambodia: PA Canada: PA Cape Verde China: SX Colombia: W14</p> <p>Croatia: PA Cuba: PA Cyprus Czech Rep.: PA Dem. People's Rep. of Korea* Denmark: PA Estonia France: W12 French Guiana Georgia: PA Germany: PA Greece: PA Guinea-Bissau: PA Guyana: PA Hungary</p> <p>Iceland: D120 Ireland: W12 Italy: W12 Northern Ireland Norway: PA Portugal: PA, SX Kyrgyzstan Latvia: PA Lithuania: PA Luxembourg: W14 Maldives: PA Moldova: PA Mongolia: PA Montenegro: PA, SX Mozambique Nepal: SX Netherlands: PA</p> <p>New Caledonia New Zealand: PA Northern Ireland Norway: PA Portugal: PA, SX Puerto Rico: PA Republic of North Macedonia: PA Rep. of Korea: PA Romania: PA Russian Fed. Sao Tome & Principe Serbia: PA Singapore: PA Slovak Rep.: PA Slovenia: PA</p> <p>South Africa Spain: PA Sweden: PA Switzerland Tajikistan Thailand Tunisia: PA Turkey (formerly Turkey): SA, PA Turkmenistan Ukraine Uruguay: PA Uzbekistan Vietnam*</p>	<p>R Abortion permitted in cases of rape I Abortion permitted in cases of incest F Abortion permitted in cases of fetal impairment SA Spousal authorization required PA Parental authorization/notification required + Abortion permitted on additional enumerated grounds relating to such factors as the woman's age or capacity to care for a child SX Sex-selective abortion prohibited * Legislation explicitly permits abortion only to protect the physical health of the woman ? Law unclear ♦ Federal system in which abortion law is determined at state level; classification reflects legal status of abortion for largest group of people</p>
<p>LEGAL STATUS VARIES AT SUBNATIONAL LEVEL: Currently, the legal status of abortion varies widely at the subnational level in Mexico and the United States, spanning from Category II (to save the woman's life) to Category V (on request).</p>					