

## Induced Abortion in Turkey

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**Abstract:**

Although induced abortion is used to overcome an unintended pregnancy problem, induced abortions may have negative effects on a woman's health from a public health perspective. For instance, it may cause preterm delivery in the future and have negative psychological effects on women. Therefore, it is important to investigate the factors related with induced abortion decision and changes in induced abortion over time. For this purpose, data is obtained from the Turkey Demographic and Health Surveys for the year 2013 (TDHS-2013) and the year 2008 (TDHS-2008). Turkey Demographic and Health Survey is conducted by the Hacettepe University Institute of Population Studies once every five years. It has a cross-sectional design and collects information about various aspects of a woman's life such as pregnancies, abortions, fertility decisions, family planning methods, child and maternal health, household information and employment. Changes in the determinants of induced abortion over the five-year period are analyzed by regression analysis. The results can be used to make policy implications.

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