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Similar to New Zealand, in England and Wales, the abortion rate peaked in 2007 and has been steadily decreasing since, with only a slight increase between 2014 and 2015.

Abortion rates are also declining in America. According to a report conducted by the Guttmacher Institute, current rates are at an all-time low since the landmark case Roe vs Wade legalised abortion in the United States.

Reasons put forward for the decreasing abortion rates include improved access to contraception and, in the case of America, increased restrictions to abortion in some states. Although increased use of contraception use offers one possible explanation for lower abortion rates in New Zealand, an equally plausible explanation that should not be overlooked is that more mothers facing unintended pregnancy may be choosing to continue their pregnancy and have their baby.

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