

Table 6 Afghan maternal mortality based on socioeconomic variables and cause of death, 2017–2019 (%)

Variables	Number of maternal deaths			Total number (%)
	2017	2018	2019	
Place of residence				
Urban	12	14	16	42 (58.0)
Rural areas and suburbs	12	10	9	31 (42.0)
Maternal age				
<18	0	1	1	2 (3.0)
18< age <35	19	19	18	56 (76.0)
≥35	5	4	6	15 (21.0)
Residency permission				
Yes	6	6	5	17 (34.0)
No	18	18	20	56 (76.0)
Cause of death				
Abortion	1	0	1	2 (2.7)
Hypertensive disorders	3	4	1	8(11.0)
Bleeding	6	4	6	16 (22.0)
Sepsis and infections	1	1	1	3 (4.1)
Other obstetric causes	4	2	2	8 (11.0)
Complications of anaesthesia	0	0	0	0
Non-obstetric causes	5	9	8	22 (0.03)
Unknown/undetermined causes	3	3	3	9(12.0)
Coincidental	1	1	1	3 (4.1)
X causes ¹	0	0	2	2 (2.7)

¹ This group includes direct deaths without an obstetric code in ICD-10 (X60-X84 in ICD-10)