

Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin

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Foreword

Since January 1, 1987, medical facilities in Wisconsin have been required to report selected information on patients who obtained induced abortions. Wisconsin Statute § 69.186 also mandates the Department of Health Services (DHS) to publish an annual demographic summary of the information reported. A copy of the statute can be found in the Appendix.

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Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 2019 presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 69.186.

The tables in this publication summarize data for calendar year 2019, trend information for the years 2015-2019, and three-year annual average information by county. The tables categorize and cross-classify reported induced abortions by patient characteristics that include age, educational attainment, marital status, race and ethnicity, and state and county of residence; by an estimate of gestational age; and by reported complications. The data are based on reports of induced abortions performed in Wisconsin both for residents and non-residents.

Data Limitations and Caveats. The accuracy of the data presented in these tables is affected by a number of factors. State and county of residence, race, ethnicity, and marital status are self-defined and reported by patients, which can affect accuracy of the characteristics measured. The educational attainment measure is defined in the reporting form as the highest grade completed. However, some patients may overlook the definition and give the highest grade attended.

A major limitation is the unknown number of induced abortions obtained by Wisconsin residents in other states. This report includes only those reported induced abortions that occurred in Wisconsin and cannot provide information on all Wisconsin residents who sought and obtained abortions.

Assessing the incidence of complications is somewhat problematic. Some complications do not occur immediately or become apparent while the patient is in post-procedure recovery, Therefore some complications are missed or misreported.

Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2019 was 6,372, an increase of five percent over the 6,042 induced abortions reported in 2018.
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2019 was 6,511, an increase of 287, close to a five percent increase over the 6,224 induced abortions reported in 2018 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2019 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 5.9 per 1,000 women ages 15-44, compared to 5.6 in 2018¹. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 11.6 per 1,000 women ages 15-44 in 2016 (this is the most recent year for which national data are available²).
- The estimated Wisconsin resident induced abortion ratio is the number of reported induced abortions per 100 live births. This ratio was 10.1 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2019, compared to 9.0 in 2018. The most recent national ratio was 18.6 per 100 live births in 2016.^{1, 2}
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (29.5 percent) of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents in 2019. Thirteen and a half percent of reported induced abortions were for women 35 years of age or older. Those aged 18-19 obtained almost eight percent of the reported induced abortions, and those aged 15-17 obtained almost three percent (see Table 3).
- In 2019, there were 195 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or adult family member) was provided in 187 (96 percent) of the cases; the patient was an emancipated minor in fewer than five cases; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in five cases (see Table 4).
- By law, the adult consent requirement for a minor's induced abortion is waived if the pregnancy was the result of sexual assault, if the procedure was a medical emergency, or if the pregnancy was the result of sexual intercourse with a caregiver. There were no such waivers reported in 2019.

1 Some abortions obtained by Wisconsin residents happened in Minnesota (616 in 2019). Thus, the 2019 ratio and rate estimates can be obtained using the Wisconsin reported induced abortions by Wisconsin residents (6,372) plus 616 reported in Minnesota in 2019, divided by the number of Wisconsin resident live births for 2018 (64,143), and by the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2018 (1,081,499). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2019 was 10.9 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2019 estimated resident abortion rate calculated using these figures was 6.5 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

2 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2016. *Surveillance Summaries*, November 29, 2019, 68(11); 1–41, MMWR.

Key Findings

- Eighty-two percent of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married, 13 percent were obtained by currently married women, four percent were obtained by women who were divorced, less than one percent were obtained by women who were widowed, and one percent were obtained by women whose marital status was unknown (see Table 5).
- Fifty-one percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 29 percent by African American women, one percent by American Indian women, four percent by Asian or Pacific Islander women, two percent by women of multiple races, and 13 percent by women of other or unknown race. Twelve percent of induced abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 88 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 6).
- Fifty-eight percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2019 were obtained within the first eight weeks of gestation (see Table 8).
- Of the 6,372 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2019, 66 percent were surgical, 33 percent were chemically induced, and one percent were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2018, these proportions were 71 percent, 29 percent, and less than one percent, respectively (see Table 10).

Statewide Historical Data, 1977-2019

Table 1. Number, Ratio, and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1977-2019

Year	Number	Ratio**	Rate***
Case-Based Continuous Reporting System*			
2019	6,511	10	6
2018	6,224	9	6
2017	5,818	9	5
2016	5,612	8	5
2015	5,660	8	5
2014	5,800	9	5
2013	6,462	10	6
2012	6,927	10	6
2011	7,249	11	7
2010	7,825	11	7
2009	8,542	12	8
2008	8,229	11	7
2007	8,267	11	7
2006	9,580	14	8
2005	9,817	14	8
2004	9,943	14	9
2003	10,557	16	9
2002	10,489	15	9
2001	10,925	16	9
2000	11,040	16	10
1999	11,013	16	9
1998	11,681	18	10
1997	13,218	20	11
1996	13,673	20	12
1995	12,782	19	11
1994	13,396	20	12
1993	14,671	21	13
1992	15,549	22	14
1991	16,237	23	14
1990	16,848	23	15
1989	17,575	25	16
1988	17,986	25	16
1987	17,318	24	16

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The source for the pre-1987 numbers reported in this table is Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986.

* Note: The reporting of induced abortions on a case basis began in Wisconsin on January 1, 1987. Before that date, an annual survey was conducted of medical facilities and provided only the total number of reported induced abortions in the state.

** The ratio is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births.
(The 2019 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2018.)

*** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44.
(The 2019 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2018.)

Statewide Historical Data, 1977-2019

Table 1. Number, Ratio, and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1977-2019 (cont.)

Year	Number	Ratio**	Rate***
Annual Facility Survey*			
1977	16,133	24	16
1978	17,764	26	17
1979	20,035	28	18
1980	21,754	29	20
1981	20,819	28	19
1982	19,412	26	18
1983	18,866	26	17
1984	18,836	26	17
1985	17,309	24	15
1986	17,454	24	15

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The source for the pre-1987 numbers reported in this table is Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986.

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** The ratio is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births.
(The 2019 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2018.)

*** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44.
(The 2019 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2018.)

Summary Distributions

Table 2. Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 2019

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	6,372	98
Illinois	86	1
Michigan	23	<1
Iowa	12	<1
Minnesota	5	<1
Other State	13	<1
Other Country	0	0
Total	6,511	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin 2019

Age	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Rate per 1,000*	
Less than 15	17	0.3	17	0.3		
15-17	184	2.8	177	2.8	Less than 18	1.6
18-19	506	7.8	484	7.6	18-19	6.5
20-24	1,917	29.4	1,880	29.5	20-24	9.7
25-29	1,806	27.7	1,763	27.7	25-29	9.8
30-34	1,202	18.5	1,188	18.6	30-34	6.7
35-39	637	9.8	625	9.8	35-39	3.4
40-44	224	3.4	220	3.5	40 and older	1.3
45 and older	18	0.3	18	0.3		
Total	6,511	100	6,372	100	Rate	5.9

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns only include induced abortions obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

* Total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44 (based on July 1, 2018 population counts); age-specific rates are the number per 1,000 women in each age group. The rate among child-bearing females less than 18 years of age was calculated using the population estimate for 15-17 year old females; the rate among child-bearing females aged 40 and older was calculated using the population estimate for 40-44 females.

Summary Distributions

Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2019

Legal Status	Number
A. If the patient is less than 18 years old, indicate the circumstances of the patient.	
1. Patient is an emancipated minor.	<5
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	5
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	187
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18 years of age	195
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	176
2. Guardian or legal custodian	0
3. Adult family member	11
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	195
C. Specify the reason that consent was not legally required in this case.	
1. A medical emergency exists that required an immediate abortion.	0
2. The minor provided a written statement that the pregnancy was the result of a sexual assault; the assault was reported as required by law.	0
3. A psychiatrist or licensed psychologist provided a written statement that the minor was likely to commit suicide rather than file a petition or approach a person empowered to give consent.	0
4. The minor provided a written statement that the pregnancy was the result of sexual intercourse with a caregiver; this was reported as required by law.	0
5. The minor provided a written statement that she had been abused by a person empowered to give consent; this was reported as required by law.	0

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

Summary Distributions

Table 5. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Wisconsin 2019

Marital Status	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	852	13	837	13	98
Not married:					
Never married	5,351	82	5,237	82	98
Divorced	256	4	249	4	97
Widowed	8	<1	7	<1	88
Unknown	44	1	42	1	96
Total	6,511	100	6,372	100	98

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns only include induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

Table 6. Reported Induced Abortions by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin 2019

Race/Ethnicity	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	3,305	51	3,219	51	97
Black	1,846	28	1,826	29	99
American Indian	89	1	86	1	97
Asian or Pacific Islander	280	4	278	4	99
Multiple Races	113	2	110	2	97
Other or Unknown	878	14	853	13	97
Hispanic	758	12	733	12	97
Non-Hispanic	5,706	88	5,592	88	98
Unknown	47	1	47	1	100
Total	6,511	100	6,372	100	98

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Summary Distributions

Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 2019

Years of Education	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	46	1	45	1	98
9-11	496	8	479	8	97
12	2,548	39	2,504	39	98
13-15	2,329	36	2,273	36	98
16 or more	1,015	16	995	16	98
Unknown	77	1	76	1	99
Total	6,511	100	6,372	100	98

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns only include induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

Table 8. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation, Wisconsin 2019

Weeks of Gestation	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	3,778	58	3696	58	98
9-10	1,234	19	1,209	19	98
11-12	606	9	592	9	98
13-15	446	7	433	7	97
16-20	387	6	382	6	99
Over 20	60	1	60	1	100
Total	6,511	100	6,372	100	98

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns only include induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

The data provided for what is termed "weeks of gestation" in the tables cannot be classified precisely or consistently. In some cases, it refers to the patient's reported weeks since the last menstrual period. In other cases, it is the physician's estimate of weeks since conception. Reporting instructions ask for the number of weeks since the patient's last menstrual period. If this information is unavailable, reporters are asked to substitute a clinical estimate of gestation. It is not known which reports used which measure, nor the proportion of reports using each. A physician's estimate of gestational age based on clinical observation is generally more reliable and may be several weeks less than the patient's reported weeks since the last menstrual period. Readers should be aware of the imprecision in the measure. The table groups the reported weeks into categories used by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Summary Distributions

Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Reported Complications, Wisconsin 2019

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	5,824	5,709
Hemorrhage	5	5
Infection	3	3
Uterine Perforation	4	4
Cervical Laceration	54	51
Retained Products	621	600
Other	552	536
Total Reported Induced Abortions	6,511	6,372

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Each induced abortion could have more than one type of complication reported. Reporting instructions ask providers to report "any and all complications that are identified which are a result of the procedure and which occurred during the visit in which the procedure was performed. For chemically induced abortions, wait until the procedure is completed to answer this question."

Table 10. Reported Induced Abortions by Type of Procedure, Wisconsin Residents, 2019

Type of Procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any nonsurgical procedure including oral, injected, and vaginally inserted chemicals)	2,130	33
Surgical	4,207	66
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	35	1
Total	6,372	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2019

Age	Race												Ethnicity	
	White		African American		American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian or Pacific Islander		Other or Unknown		Total		Hispanic (Any Race)	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
<15	<5	<1	7	<1	0	0	0	0	6	1	17	<1	6	1
15-17	75	2	61	3	5	6	<5	1	31	4	177	3	28	4
15	9		12		<5		<5		<5		27		<5	
16	32		26		<5		<5		12		73		11	
17	34		23		<5		<5		16		77		15	
18-19	247	8	124	7	6	7	6	2	94	11	484	8	87	12
18	100		57		<5		<5		34		195		33	
19	147		67		<5		<5		60		289		54	
20-24	913	28	569	31	15	17	48	17	287	34	1880	30	257	35
20	138		90		5		11		61		315		55	
21	177		107		<5		8		75		380		68	
22-24	598		372		7		29		151		1,185		134	
25-29	858	27	576	32	27	31	73	26	201	24	1,763	28	165	23
30-34	598	19	334	18	23	27	79	28	138	16	1,188	19	108	15
35-39	381	12	111	6	<5	5	55	20	67	8	625	10	60	8
40+	143	4	44	2	6	7	15	5	29	3	238	4	22	3
Total	3,219	100	1,826	100	86	100	278	100	853	100	6,372	100	733	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports.

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2019

Age	Marital Status											
	Married		Never Married		Divorced		Widowed		Unknown		Total	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
<15	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	<1
15-17	0	0	177	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	177	3
18-19	<5	<1	482	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	484	8
20-24	74	9	1,780	34	19	8	0	0	7	17	1,880	30
25-29	196	23	1,495	29	58	23	<5	14	13	31	1,763	28
30-34	269	32	821	16	83	33	<5	43	12	29	1,188	19
35-39	220	26	343	7	53	21	<5	43	6	14	625	10
40+	76	9	122	2	36	15	0	0	<5	10	238	4
Total	837	100	5,237	100	249	100	7	100	42	100	6,372	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2019

Years of Education		Race														Ethnicity		
		White		African American		American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian or Pacific Islander		Multiple Races		Other or Unknown		Total		Hispanic (Any Race)		
		Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	
8 or less	8	<1	6	<1	<5	2	<5	1	<5	2	24	3	45	<1	19	3		
9-11	179	6	176	10	10	12	10	4	<5	4	100	12	479	8	88	12		
12	1,110	35	893	49	35	41	63	23	47	43	356	42	2,504	39	314	43		
13-15	1,236	38	603	33	26	30	73	26	46	42	289	34	2,273	36	255	35		
16+	651	20	128	7	13	15	123	44	11	10	69	8	995	16	50	7		
Unknown	35	1	20	1	0	0	6	2	0	0	15	2	76	1	7	1		
Total			3,219	100	1,826	100	86	100	278	100	110	100	853	100	6,372	100	733	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2019

Marital Status	Race														Ethnicity	
	White		African American		American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian or Pacific Islander		Multiple Races		Other or Unknown		Total		Hispanic (Any Race)	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
Married	507	16	73	4	14	16	139	50	9	8	95	11	837	13	83	11
Not married																
Never married	2,501	78	1,719	94	67	78	126	45	97	88	727	85	5,237	82	622	85
Divorced	186	6	20	1	<5	5	10	4	<5	4	25	3	249	4	22	3
Widowed	5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Unknown	20	1	14	1	1	1	<5	<1	0	0	6	1	42	1	6	1
Total	3,219	100	1,826	100	86	100	278	100	110	100	853	100	6,372	100	733	100

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Estimated Gestation and Patient Age

Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2019

Weeks of Gestation	Age																	
	<15		15-17		18-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40+		Total	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
8 weeks or less	7	41	76	43	244	50	1,050	56	1,032	59	742	63	388	62	157	66	3,696	58
9-10	<5	12	48	27	99	21	395	21	325	18	195	16	112	18	33	14	1,209	19
11-12	<5	18	19	11	64	13	174	9	156	9	112	9	49	8	15	6	592	9
13-15	<5	12	15	9	38	8	130	7	117	7	81	7	37	6	13	6	433	7
16-20	<5	18	15	9	33	7	106	6	122	7	50	4	35	6	18	8	382	6
Over 20	0	0	<5	2	6	1	25	1	11	1	8	1	<5	1	<5	1	60	1
Total	17	100	177	100	484	100	1,880	100	1,763	100	1,188	100	625	100	238	100	6,372	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns only include induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports.

The data provided for what is termed "weeks of gestation" in the tables cannot be classified precisely or consistently. In some cases, it refers to the patient's reported weeks since the last menstrual period. In other cases, it is the physician's estimate of weeks since conception. Reporting instructions ask for the number of weeks since patient's last menstrual period. If this information is unavailable, reporters are asked to substitute a clinical estimate of gestation. It is not known which reports used which measure, nor the proportion of reports using each. A physician's estimate of gestational age based on clinical observation is generally more reliable and may be several weeks less than the patient's reported weeks since the last menstrual period. Readers should be aware of the imprecision in the measure. The table groups the reported weeks into categories used by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

County of Residence and Patient Age

Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2019

County	Age				Total
	<20	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	39	91	128	27	285
Columbia	7	21	28	10	66
Dane	80	248	341	146	815
Dodge	7	15	24	6	52
Fond du Lac	14	26	31	10	81
Jefferson	8	26	28	13	75
Kenosha	19	59	62	13	153
La Crosse	8	18	33	6	65
Manitowoc	5	25	18	9	57
Marathon	10	20	31	12	73
Milwaukee	247	743	1,313	322	2,625
Oconto	7	9	10	6	32
Outagamie	18	53	87	19	177
Racine	34	67	109	31	241
Rock	18	53	87	27	185
Sheboygan	17	30	49	17	113
Walworth	6	34	37	12	89
Washington	9	32	40	16	97
Waukesha	24	70	130	61	285
Winnebago	6	41	62	15	124
Wood	10	14	31	8	63
Other Counties	85	185	272	77	619
Total	678	1,880	2,951	863	6,372

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies for some counties.

Only counties that had at least five reports for each age group are shown in this table.

Trend Information, 2015-2019

Table 17. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2015-2019

Age	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	214	1.9	193	1.7	188	1.6	169	1.5	194	1.8
18-19	422	5.4	383	5.1	361	4.7	409	5.5	484	6.5
20-24	1,813	9.3	1,640	8.2	1,684	8.2	1,839	9.3	1,880	9.7
25-29	1,403	8.0	1,525	8.8	1,649	9.1	1,771	10.1	1,763	9.8
30-34	955	5.2	985	5.4	1,008	5.4	1,080	6.0	1,188	6.7
35-39	482	2.9	559	3.3	565	3.2	615	3.4	625	3.4
40+	172	1.0	187	1.1	185	1.1	159	1.0	238	1.5
Total	5,461	5.0	5,472	5.0	5,640	5.0	6,042	5.6	6,372	5.9

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

*The total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44; age-specific rates are the number per 1,000 women in each age group. The rate among child-bearing females less than 18 years of age was calculated using the female population aged 15-17; the rate among child-bearing females aged 40 and older was calculated using the female population aged 40-44.

Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2015-2019

County	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Total	5,461	5.0	5,472	5.0	5,640	5.2	6,042	5.6	6,372	5.9
Adams	9		<5		10		8		11	
Ashland	<5		0		0		<5		<5	
Barron	<5		<5		<5		<5		0	
Bayfield	<5		0		<5		<5		0	
Brown	234	4.7	199	3.9	168	3.3	223	4.4	285	5.6
Buffalo	<5		<5		<5		0		<5	
Burnett	<5		0		0		0		0	
Calumet	11		16		14		12		16	
Chippewa	<5		7		<5		<5		6	
Clark	9		9		9		10		10	
Columbia	45	4.7	50	5.3	63	6.7	62	6.6	66	7
Crawford	9		9		<5		<5		9	
Dane	748	6.7	777	6.9	860	7.5	821	7.2		7.1
Dodge	47	3.3	52	3.7	61	4.3	40	2.9	52	3.7
Door	22	5.8	13		11		23	6.3	23	6.2
Douglas	<5		0		0		0		0	
Dunn	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Eau Claire	6		10		15		10		11	
Florence	<5		0		<5		0		0	
Fond du Lac	47	2.5	57	3.1	74	4.0	70	3.8	81	4.4
Forest	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Grant	17		22	2.4	24	2.6	32	3.5	30	3.3
Green	19		28	4.5	22	3.6	25	4.1	35	5.7
Green Lake	10		11		11		<5		19	
Iowa	14		8		20	5.3	18		28	7.3
Iron	<5		0		0		<5		0	
Jackson	11		12		7		10		10	
Jefferson	60	3.7	55	3.4	53	3.3	60	3.7	75	4.7
Juneau	11		12		16		14		21	5.4
Kenosha	121	3.6	143	4.2	149	4.4	153	4.6	153	4.5
Kewaunee	8		9		10		7		11	
La Crosse	52	2.1	39	1.6	53	2.1	55	2.2	65	2.6
Lafayette	<5		10		9		9		10	
Langlade	6		7		6		8		6	
Lincoln	12		10		17		18		9	
Manitowoc	35	2.6	39	3.0	43	3.3	60	4.6	57	4.4

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2015-2019 (cont.)

County	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Marathon	69	2.9	72	3.0	52	2.2	75	3.2	73	3.1
Marinette	18		15		16		16		23	3.7
Marquette	5		11		17		9		9	
Menominee	12		9		8		10		8	
Milwaukee	2,366	11.3	2,330	11.0	2,347	11.1	2,529	12.0	2,625	12.5
Monroe	24	3.1	24	3.0	21	2.7	23	2.9	25	3.2
Oconto	15		18		14		16		32	5.6
Oneida	20	4.0	13		10		20	4.1	13	
Outagamie	153	4.4	120	3.5	136	3.9	155	4.5	177	5.1
Ozaukee	64	4.4	50	3.4	40	2.8	53	3.6	50	3.4
Pepin	<5		<5		0		0		0	
Pierce	<5		<5		0		<5		0	
Polk	<5		0		<5		0		0	
Portage	52	3.5	53	3.6	48	3.3	46	3.2	49	3.4
Price	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Racine	159	4.5	205	5.7	176	5.0	231	6.5	241	6.8
Richland	6		15		12		6		<5	
Rock	161	5.2	160	5.2	156	5.1	199	6.5	185	6.1
Rusk	<5		<5		0		<5		<5	
St. Croix	<5		<5		<5		0		0	
Sauk	54	4.9	39	3.5	50	4.6	55	5.1	50	4.6
Sawyer	<5		<5		<5		0		<5	
Shawano	23	3.4	14		16		19		23	3.5
Sheboygan	83	4.2	71	3.6	81	4.1	99	5.1	113	5.8
Taylor	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Trempealeau	5		8		<5		8		7	
Vernon	8		6		6		10		15	
Vilas	6		8		12		11		8	
Walworth	96	5.0	85	4.4	77	4.1	95	5.1	89	4.8
Washburn	<5		<5		<5		0		0	
Washington	90	3.9	92	4.0	79	3.5	96	4.2	97	4.3
Waukesha	172	2.6	238	3.5	283	4.2	274	4.1	285	4.2
Waupaca	27	3.3	29	3.6	23	2.9	25	3.2	32	4.1
Waushara	14		6		10		14		14	
Winnebago	129	3.9	116	3.5	123	3.8	125	3.9	124	3.8
Wood	52	4.2	37	3.0	59	4.8	44	3.6	63	5.2
Unknown	0		<5		<5		0		<5	

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents.

Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

* The rate is the number of induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44. Wisconsin provisional population estimates for July 1, 2018, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2019 rates.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports for county residents. Rates based on fewer than 20 reports are omitted because they are subject to large random fluctuations.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2017-2019

Table 19. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2017-2019

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	10	Marathon	67
Ashland	<5	Marinette	18
Barron	<5	Marquette	12
Bayfield	<5	Menominee	9
Brown	225	Milwaukee	2,500
Buffalo	<5	Monroe	23
Burnett	0	Oconto	21
Calumet	14	Oneida	14
Chippewa	5	Outagamie	156
Clark	10	Ozaukee	48
Columbia	64	Pepin	0
Crawford	5	Pierce	<5
Dane	832	Polk	<5
Dodge	51	Portage	48
Door	19	Price	<5
Douglas	0	Racine	216
Dunn	<5	Richland	7
Eau Claire	12	Rock	180
Florence	<5	Rusk	<5
Fond du Lac	75	St. Croix	<5
Forest	<5	Sauk	52
Grant	29	Sawyer	<5
Green	27	Shawano	19
Green Lake	11	Sheboygan	98
Iowa	22	Taylor	<5
Iron	<5	Trempealeau	6
Jackson	9	Vernon	10
Jefferson	63	Vilas	10
Juneau	17	Walworth	87
Kenosha	152	Washburn	<5
Kewaunee	9	Washington	91
La Crosse	58	Waukesha	281
Lafayette	9	Waupaca	27
Langlade	7	Wausara	13
Lincoln	15	Winnebago	124
Manitowoc	53	Wood	55
		Unknown	<5
		Three-Year Annual Average	6,018

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than an average of five reports for county residents per year.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2017-2019

Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2017-2019

County	Age			Total	County	Age			Total
	<20	20-24	25+			<20	20-24	25+	
Brown	29	65	132	225	Monroe	<5	7	13	23
Columbia	5	22	37	64	Oconto	<5	5	12	21
Dane	79	258	495	832	Outagamie	17	50	89	156
Dodge	5	17	29	51	Ozaukee	<5	10	34	48
Door	<5	5	11	19	Portage	6	20	22	48
Eau Claire	<5	<5	5	12	Racine	27	65	124	216
Fond du Lac	9	24	42	75	Rock	19	60	101	180
Grant	<5	11	14	29	Sauk	6	18	28	52
Green	<5	7	17	27	Shawano	5	6	8	19
Iowa	<5	8	11	22	Sheboygan	14	26	58	98
Jefferson	7	21	35	63	Vilas	<5	<5	6	10
Juneau	<5	<5	9	17	Walworth	7	32	48	87
Kenosha	18	55	79	152	Washington	8	28	55	91
La Crosse	6	20	32	58	Waukesha	21	78	182	281
Lafayette	<5	<5	5	9	Waupaca	<5	6	17	27
Lincoln	<5	<5	9	15	Waushara	<5	<5	7	13
Manitowoc	6	18	29	53	Winnebago	12	41	71	124
Marathon	8	19	40	67	Wood	8	14	33	55
Marinette	<5	5	10	18	Other	18	51	94	163
Milwaukee	219	709	1,572	2,500					
					Three-Year Annual Average Total				
					602 1,801 3,615 6,018				

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Due to low numbers, abortions to women age 25 and older were grouped into a single category for the three-year averages in this table.

Columns may not sum to the three-year annual average totals due to rounding.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than an average of five reports for county residents per age group, per year.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2017-2019

Table 21. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Selected Racial Categories, Wisconsin Residents, 2017-2019

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	24	55	258	495	832
White	12	24	147	302	485
Black	8	14	65	86	173
Milwaukee	66	153	709	1,572	2,500
White	10	36	165	415	625
Black	43	85	395	837	1,359
Racine	8	19	65	124	216
White	<5	7	32	65	107
Black	<5	7	17	39	65
Three-Year Annual Average Total	184	418	1,801	3,615	6,018
White	86	213	918	1,883	3,100
Black	63	117	532	1,043	1,755

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents.

Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Counties shown had at least five reported induced abortions in each age group during 2017-2019.

Women age 25 and older were grouped into a single category for which three-year averages could be shown.

Columns may not sum to the three-year annual average totals due to rounding.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2017-2019

Table 22. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2017-2019

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	10	19	65	132	225
Non-Hispanic	8	16	54	117	195
Hispanic	<5	<5	9	12	26
Unknown	0	0	<5	<5	5
Dane	24	55	258	495	832
Non-Hispanic	21	42	231	447	742
Hispanic	<5	12	27	45	87
Unknown	0	<5	0	<5	<5
Milwaukee	66	153	709	1,572	2,500
Non-Hispanic	54	125	592	1,375	2,146
Hispanic	11	26	104	166	307
Unknown	1	<5	13	31	47
Racine	8	19	65	124	216
Non-Hispanic	6	14	51	108	180
Hispanic	<5	5	13	15	35
Unknown	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Three-Year Annual Average Total	184	418	1,801	3,615	6,018
Non-Hispanic	156	346	1,542	3,238	5,282
Hispanic	26	68	237	331	662
Unknown	<5	<5	22	47	74

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Counties shown had at least five reported induced abortions in each age group during 2017-2019.

Women age 25 and older were grouped into a single category for which three-year averages could be shown.

Columns may not sum to the three-year annual average totals due to rounding.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2017-2019

Table 23. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2017-2019

County	Race						Total	Ethnicity
	White	African American	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Multiple Races	Other Races		Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	147	20	13	9	<5	33	225	26
Dane	470	173	<5	69	22	96	832	87
Milwaukee	589	1,359	14	91	51	397	2,500	307
Outagamie	120	7	<5	8	<5	13	156	11
Racine	103	65	<5	<5	5	39	216	35
Total	3,021	1,755	65	265	109	803	6,018	662

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: This table only includes induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Columns may not sum to the three-year annual average totals due to rounding.

Induced Abortion Reporting (Wis. Stat. § 69.186)

1) On or before January 15 annually, each hospital, clinic or other facility in which an induced abortion is performed shall file with the department a report for each induced abortion performed in the hospital, clinic or other facility in the previous calendar year. Each report shall contain all of the following information with respect to each patient obtaining an induced abortion in the hospital, clinic or other facility:

- (a) The state and, if this state, the county, of residence.
- (b) Patient number.
- (c) Race.
- (d) Age.
- (e) Marital status.
- (f) Month and year in which the induced abortion was performed.
- (g) Education.
- (h) The number of weeks since the patient's last menstrual period.
- (hf) The probable postfertilization age of the unborn child, as defined in s. 253.107 (1) (c), and whether an ultrasound was used to assist in making the determination of postfertilization age of the unborn child, or, if the probable postfertilization age of the unborn child was not determined, the nature of the medical emergency, as defined in s. 253.10 (2) (d).
- (hm) Whether the abortion was a chemically induced abortion, a surgical abortion or a surgical abortion following a failed or incomplete chemical abortion.
- (i) Complications, if any, resulting from performance of the induced abortion.
- (j) If the patient is a minor, whether consent was provided under s. 48.375 (4) (a) 1. for the abortion and, if so, the relationship of the individual providing consent to the minor; or, if consent under s. 48.375 (4) (a) 1. was not provided, on which of the bases under s. 48.375 (4) (a) 2. or (b) 1., 1 g., 1 m., 2. or 3. the abortion was performed.
- (k) If the unborn child is considered to be capable of experiencing pain under s. 253.107 (3) (a), the nature of the medical emergency, as defined in s. 253.10 (2) (d), that the pregnant woman had.
- (l) If the unborn child is considered to be capable of experiencing pain under s. 253.107 (3) (a), a statement whether the method of abortion used was one that, in reasonable medical judgment, provided the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive or, if such a method was not used, the basis of the determination that termination of the pregnancy in that manner posed a greater risk either of the death of the pregnant woman or of the substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the woman than other available methods.

(2) The department shall collect the information under sub. (1) in a manner which the department shall specify and which ensures the anonymity of a patient who receives an induced abortion, a health care provider who provides an induced abortion and a hospital, clinic or other facility in which an induced abortion is performed. The department shall publish annual demographic summaries of the information obtained under this section, except that the department may not disclose any information obtained under this section that reveals the identity of any patient, health care provider or hospital, clinic or other facility and shall ensure anonymity in all of the following ways:

- (a) The department may use information concerning the patient number under sub. (1) (b) or concerning the identity of a specific reporting hospital, clinic or other facility for purposes of information collection only and may not reproduce or extrapolate this information for any purpose.
- (b) The department shall immediately destroy all reports submitted under sub. (1) after information is extrapolated from the reports for use in publishing the annual demographic summary under this subsection. information is extrapolated from the reports for use in publishing the annual demographic summary under this subsection.

In section 69.186, the term "induced abortion" means:

The termination of a uterine pregnancy by a physician of a woman known by the physician to be pregnant, for a purpose other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus.

