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Introduction

Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 2000 presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System (IARS), established under section 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes. Since January 1, 1987, medical facilities have been required to report selected information on patients who obtained induced abortions. A copy of the statute and reporting form can be found in the Appendix.

The Induced Abortion Report form collects only statutorily required information. Each facility that receives a supply of reporting forms is given a code number by which it is identified on the forms. That facility code and the patient medical record number are used solely for data collection purposes, as stipulated in section 69.186, Wis. Stats. The original reporting forms are destroyed after data entry. The facility code and patient medical record numbers are used for purposes of information accuracy only and are deleted from the data set after editing. This is required to ensure the anonymity of the patient who receives an induced abortion; the health care provider who provides an induced abortion; and the hospital, clinic or other facility in which an induced abortion is performed. The cooperation of medical personnel who carry out the responsibility of reporting is acknowledged and appreciated.

The tables in this publication summarize data for the calendar year 2000 as well as three-year annual average information and rates for the years 1996 through 2000. The tables categorize and cross-classify reported induced abortions by patient characteristics that include age, educational attainment, marital status, race/ethnicity, and state and county of residence; by an estimate of gestational age; and by reported complications. The data are occurrence-based: they consist of reports on induced abortions performed in Wisconsin for both 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 education measure is defined in the reporting form as the highest grade completed; however, some patients may overlook the definitions 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 is not a measure of all Wisconsin residents who sought and obtained abortions. Illinois, Iowa and Michigan do not have reporting systems. Minnesota has a case-based reporting system for induced abortions. (In 1999, 1,017 Wisconsin residents obtained induced abortions in Minnesota.) Inclusion of out-of-state data would increase the total reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents.

Assessing the incidence of complications is somewhat problematic. Facilities are asked to complete the reporting form during the visit in which the procedure is performed. However, some

complications do not occur immediately or become apparent while the patient is in post-procedure recovery. A few providers, particularly hospitals, complete the report form at a later date using medical records. These reports are more likely to reflect later complications and they also are much more likely to be for second-trimester procedures, for which there are higher attendant risks.

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Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2000 was 11,040, compared with 11,013 in 1999 (see Table 1). This represents a slight increase in the number, after three consecutive years of decrease.
- The total number of abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2000 was 10,729, slightly higher than the 10,703 reported in 1999.
- The estimated 2000 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 10 per 1,000 women age 15-44 (up slightly from 9 per 1,000 in 1999). According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 20 per 1,000 women age 15-44 in 1997; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.¹
- The estimated induced abortion ratio is the number of reported induced abortions per 100 live births. This ratio was 16 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2000, the same as in 1999. The most recent national ratio was 31 per 100 live births in 1997 (see Table 1).²
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (33 percent) of reported induced abortions in 2000. Those aged 18-19 obtained 12 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 7 percent. Twelve percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older.
- Seventy-three percent of reported abortions were obtained by women who had never been married; 14 percent by currently married women; 9 percent by women who were divorced; 4 percent by women who were separated; and less than 1 percent by women who were widowed. In 2000, marital status was not reported in less than 1 percent of abortions.
- Sixty-nine percent of reported induced abortions were obtained by white women, 25 percent by black women, 2 percent by American Indian women, and 4 percent by Asian/Pacific Islander women. Seven percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 93 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women.
- Fifty-two percent of reported induced abortions in 2000 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion Surveillance: Preliminary Analysis – United States, 1997. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, Vol. 48, Nos. 51 and 52, January 7, 2000.

² Calculation of a true Wisconsin resident induced abortion ratio and rate would require knowing the number of Wisconsin residents obtaining induced abortions in other states. Estimates can be made for 2000 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (10,729) and in Minnesota (1,017 in 1999, the latest year for which figures are available) with 68,181 Wisconsin resident live births for 1999 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 1999 (1,159,099). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2000 was 17 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2000 estimated resident abortion rate was about 10 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions Occurring in Wisconsin, 1974-2000

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
Annual Facility Survey			
1974	10,920	17	11
1975	12,319	19	12
1976	14,243	22	14
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
Case-Based Continuous Reporting System			
1987	17,318	24	16
1988	17,986	25	16
1989	17,575	25	16
1990	16,848	23	15
1991	16,237	23	14
1992	15,549	22	14
1993	14,671	21	13
1994	13,396	20	12
1995	12,782	19	11
1996	13,673	20	12
1997	13,218	20	11
1998	11,681	18	10
1999	11,013	16	9
2000	11,040	16	10

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services. The source for the pre-1987 numbers reported in this table is *Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986*.

* The ratio is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births. (The 2000 ratio is based on the number of live births in 1999.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2000 rate is based on population estimates for 1999.)

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.

Table 2. Reported Induced Abortions Occurring in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 2000

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	10,729	97%
Illinois	106	1
Michigan	138	1
Iowa	18	<1
Minnesota	13	<1
Other State	32	<1
Other Country	3	<1
Total	11,040	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: Total column includes one induced abortion for which residence was “unknown”.

Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin 2000

Age	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	76	1%	74	1%		
15-17	743	7	715	7	(<18)	6.6
18-19	1,389	13	1,341	12		16.2
20-24	3,615	33	3,510	33		20.4
25-29	2,457	22	2,407	22		14.6
30-34	1,464	13	1,427	13		7.7
35-39	976	9	947	9		4.4
40-44	300	3	289	3	(40+)	1.4
45+	20	<1	19	<1		
Total	11,040	100%	10,729	100%		9.3

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

* The total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44 (based on 1999 population estimates); age-specific rates are the number per 1,000 women in each age group. The rate among females less than 18 years of age was calculated using the female population aged 15-17; the rate among females aged 40 and older was calculated using the female population aged 40-44.

Note: The “Wisconsin Residents” columns include only 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 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2000

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.	43
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	78
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	668
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	789
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	570
2. Guardian or legal custodian	5
3. Adult family member	93
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	668
C. Specify the reason that consent was not legally required in this case.	
1. A medical emergency exists that requires an immediate abortion.	0
2. The minor provided a written statement that the pregnancy was the result of a sexual assault. I reported this assault as required by law.	0
3. A psychiatrist or licensed psychologist provided a written statement that the minor is 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 is the result of sexual intercourse with a caregiver. I reported this as required by law.	0
5. The minor provided a written statement that she has been abused by a person empowered to give consent. I reported this as required by law.	0

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: This table includes only 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 2000

Marital Status	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	1,576	14%	1,531	14%	97%
Separated	400	4	388	4	97
Not married:					
Never married	8,025	73	7,794	73	97
Divorced	972	9	951	9	98
Widowed	47	<1	46	<1	98
Unknown	20	<1	19	<1	95
Total	11,040	100%	10,729	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns include only 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 2000

Race/Ethnicity	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	7,655	69%	7,372	69%	96%
Black	2,682	24	2,669	25	99
Amer. Indian	165	1	164	2	99
Asian/Pacific Isl.	480	4	469	4	98
Other/Unknown	58	1	55	1	95
Total	11,040	100%	10,729	100%	97%
Hispanic	732	7%	719	7%	98%
Non-Hispanic	10,306	93	10,008	93	97
Unknown	2	<1	2	<1	100
Total	11,040	100%	10,729	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns include only 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 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 2000

Years of Education	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	290	3%	283	3%	98%
9-11	1,780	16	1,747	16	98
12	4,661	42	4,529	42	97
13-15	3,056	28	2,977	28	97
16 or more	1,216	11	1,158	11	95
Unknown	37	<1	35	<1	95
Total	11,040	100%	10,729	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Note: The “Wisconsin Residents” columns include only 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 2000

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	5,788	52%	5,630	52%	97%
9-10	2,318	21	2,253	21	97
11-12	1,310	12	1,277	12	97
13-15	821	7	799	7	97
16-20	595	5	579	5	97
Over 20	208	2	191	2	92
Total	11,040	100%	10,729	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: The “Wisconsin Residents” columns include only 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 last menstrual period; in other cases, it is the physician’s estimate of weeks since conception. Reporting instructions (Appendix) 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 will generally be several weeks less than the patient’s reported weeks since last menstrual period. Readers should be aware of the imprecision in the measure. The table groups the reported weeks so that readers can apply several assumptions about the measure to derive reasonable minimum and maximum ranges for analytical categories of weeks of gestation. This is a conventional classification of weeks of gestation, used by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Summary Distributions

Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Complications During the Visit, Wisconsin 2000

Complications	Occurring in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	11,011	10,703
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	12	11
Infection	6	4
Uterine Perforation	0	0
Cervical Laceration	0	0
Retained Products	8	7
Other	4	4
Total	11,040	10,729

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: The "Wisconsin Residents" column includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

Each induced abortion could have more than one type of complication reported.

Table 10. Reported Induced Abortions by Type of Abortion, Wisconsin Residents, 2000

Type of Abortion	Number
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	136
Surgical	10,569
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	24
Total	10,729

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

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2000

Age	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
Less than 15	28	39	4	0	3	74	5
15-17	484	197	15	16	3	715	42
15	83	58	1	1	1	144	9
16	157	67	9	5	2	240	15
17	244	72	5	10	0	331	18
18-19	977	286	18	54	6	1,341	88
18	489	125	7	23	2	646	46
19	488	161	11	31	4	695	42
20-24	2,407	928	54	105	16	3,510	249
20	564	208	14	20	5	811	49
21	538	180	11	32	5	766	49
25-29	1,540	701	50	99	17	2,407	186
30-34	987	322	19	92	7	1,427	92
35-39	718	156	4	66	3	947	44
40+	231	40	0	37	0	308	13
Total	7,372	2,669	164	469	55	10,729	719
(Percent)							
Less than 15	<1%	1%	2%	0%	5%	1%	1%
15-17	7	7	9	3	5	7	6
18-19	13	11	11	12	11	12	12
20-24	33	35	33	22	29	33	35
25-29	21	26	30	21	31	22	26
30-34	13	12	12	20	13	13	13
35-39	10	6	2	14	5	9	6
40+	3	1	0	8	0	3	2
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2000

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
(Number)							
Less than 15	0	0	72	0	0	2	74
15-17	6	1	707	0	0	1	715
18-19	35	5	1,296	1	0	4	1,341
20-24	226	76	3,126	75	3	4	3,510
25-29	404	115	1,631	247	7	3	2,407
30-34	407	106	617	280	15	2	1,427
35-39	317	70	284	256	18	2	947
40+	136	15	61	92	3	1	308
Total	1,531	388	7,794	951	46	19	10,729
(Percent)							
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	11%	1%
15-17	<1	<1	9	0	0	5	7
18-19	2	1	17	<1	0	21	12
20-24	15	20	40	8	7	21	33
25-29	26	30	21	26	15	16	22
30-34	27	27	8	29	33	11	13
35-39	21	18	4	27	39	11	9
40+	9	4	1	10	7	5	3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Education and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2000

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
11 or less	1,227	581	54	151	17	2,030	254
12	3,211	1,098	65	138	17	4,529	290
13-15	2,013	816	38	96	14	2,977	136
16 or more	902	163	7	81	5	1,158	34
Unknown	19	11	0	3	2	35	5
Total	7,372	2,669	164	469	55	10,729	719
(Percent)							
11 or less	17%	22%	33%	32%	31%	19%	35%
12	44	41	40	29	31	42	40
13-15	27	31	23	20	25	28	19
16 or more	12	6	4	17	9	11	5
Unknown	<1	<1	0	1	4	<1	1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

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

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2000

Marital Status	Race					Total	Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown		Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
Married	1,107	152	13	243	16	1,531	112
Separated	309	73	2	3	1	388	41
Not married:							
Never married	5,130	2,313	135	182	34	7,794	505
Divorced	784	120	13	32	2	951	53
Widowed	32	6	1	7	0	46	4
Unknown	10	5	0	2	2	19	4
Total	7,372	2,669	164	469	55	10,729	719
(Percent)							
Married	15%	6%	8%	52%	29%	14%	16%
Separated	4	3	1	1	2	4	6
Not married:							
Never married	70	87	82	39	62	73	70
Divorced	11	4	8	7	4	9	7
Widowed	<1	<1	1	1	0	<1	1
Unknown	<1	<1	0	<1	4	<1	1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

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Patient Characteristics by Estimated Gestation

Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2000

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
(Number)									
8 weeks or less	21	287	607	1,777	1,373	835	554	176	5,630
9-10	17	161	301	742	475	293	194	70	2,253
11-12	17	112	186	452	266	141	83	20	1,277
13-15	7	76	135	278	143	84	56	20	799
16-20	8	59	82	204	112	56	43	15	579
Over 20	4	20	30	57	38	18	17	7	191
Total	74	715	1,341	3,510	2,407	1,427	947	308	10,729
(Percent)									
8 weeks or less	28%	40%	45%	51%	57%	59%	59%	57%	52%
9-10	23	23	22	21	20	21	20	23	21
11-12	23	16	14	13	11	10	9	6	12
13-15	9	11	10	8	6	6	6	6	7
16-20	11	8	6	6	5	4	5	5	5
Over 20	5	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

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Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2000

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	33	51	152	183	58	477
Columbia	7	17	8	41	15	88
Dane	84	162	495	473	158	1,372
Dodge	8	16	28	34	14	100
Fond du Lac	5	13	35	37	11	101
Jefferson	12	16	29	37	19	113
Kenosha	23	43	84	125	40	315
Manitowoc	11	12	45	32	15	115
Marathon	10	24	33	53	27	147
Milwaukee	335	507	1,513	1,743	429	4,527
Outagamie	20	39	101	86	37	283
Ozaukee	7	15	27	36	28	113
Portage	11	18	36	32	15	112
Racine	41	54	143	146	35	419
Rock	13	26	55	59	24	177
Sauk	8	12	36	38	9	103
Sheboygan	12	37	65	56	26	196
Walworth	5	24	45	33	21	128
Washington	18	25	46	51	18	158
Waukesha	34	69	148	174	86	511
Winnebago	20	25	93	84	37	259
Other Counties	72	136	293	281	133	915
Total	789	1,341	3,510	3,834	1,255	10,729

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only 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 abortion frequencies for some counties.

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

Table 17. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1996-2000

Age	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	1,090	9.3	1,071	9.1	860	7.2	755	6.2	789	6.6
18-19	1,593	22.1	1,595	22.2	1,399	18.7	1,339	16.9	1,341	16.2
20-24	4,348	26.5	4,089	24.9	3,656	22.2	3,533	21.0	3,510	20.4
25-29	2,921	16.6	2,822	16.0	2,610	15.1	2,424	14.3	2,407	14.6
30-34	1,781	8.9	1,752	8.8	1,542	8.0	1,425	7.5	1,427	7.7
35-39	1,053	4.8	1,019	4.7	943	4.3	926	4.2	947	4.4
40+	322	1.6	327	1.6	311	1.5	301	1.4	308	1.4
Unknown	0		0		1		0		0	0
Total	13,108	11.4	12,675	11.0	11,322	9.8	10,703	9.2	10,729	9.3

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

* 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 females less than 18 years of age was calculated using the female population aged 15-17; the rate among females aged 40 and older was calculated using the female population aged 40-44.

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

Rates based on fewer than 20 reports are omitted because they are subject to large random fluctuations.

Trend Information, 1996-2000

Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1996-2000

County	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Total	13,108	11.4	12,675	11.0	11,322	9.8	10,703	9.2	10,729	9.3
Adams	25	9.0	32	11.5	25	9.0	23	8.2	20	7.1
Ashland	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Barron	10		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Bayfield	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Brown	523	10.4	532	10.6	478	9.5	510	10.1	477	9.4
Buffalo	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Burnett	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Calumet	50	5.9	39	4.6	35	4.1	36	4.1	35	4.0
Chippewa	15		10		9		5		ns	
Clark	27	4.3	15		21	3.4	11		11	
Columbia	82	8.4	86	8.8	98	10.1	78	7.9	88	8.9
Crawford	19		26	8.2	16		13		12	
Dane	1,800	17.4	1,802	17.4	1,503	14.4	1,468	14.0	1,372	13.1
Dodge	123	7.5	108	6.6	88	5.4	99	5.9	100	6.0
Door	28	5.3	42	7.9	38	7.3	35	6.7	37	7.1
Douglas	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Dunn	ns		ns		6		5		ns	
Eau Claire	27	1.2	35	1.6	16		6		9	
Florence	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Fond du Lac	160	7.7	131	6.3	134	6.4	131	6.3	101	4.9
Forest	11		7		9		ns		11	
Grant	68	6.8	67	6.7	54	5.4	41	4.1	50	5.0
Green	62	9.3	57	8.5	39	5.9	44	6.6	42	6.4
Green Lake	23	6.1	30	8.0	29	7.6	22	5.7	21	5.5
Iowa	24	5.1	21	4.5	29	6.2	23	4.8	28	5.9
Iron	ns		5		ns		ns		ns	
Jackson	24	7.2	29	8.7	12		11		9	
Jefferson	121	7.4	125	7.6	139	8.5	114	6.9	113	6.8
Juneau	43	9.5	36	8.0	30	6.6	34	7.4	41	9.0
Kenosha	477	15.3	432	13.9	372	11.9	331	10.6	315	10.1
Kewaunee	16		16		6		9		14	
La Crosse	240	9.3	209	8.1	120	4.6	105	4.0	76	2.9
Lafayette	14		17		15		10		7	
Langlade	20	5.0	10		15		18		13	
Lincoln	19		25	4.3	20	3.4	16		26	4.4
Manitowoc	125	7.3	89	5.2	110	6.4	102	5.9	115	6.7
Marathon	224	8.4	219	8.2	176	6.5	162	6.0	147	5.4
Marinette	54	6.4	57	6.8	35	4.2	42	5.0	39	4.6

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1996-2000 (continued)

County	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	
Marquette	28	11.0	25	9.8	22	8.8	31	12.1	25	9.8
Menominee	16		6		11		21	23.1	13	
Milwaukee	4,993	22.4	4,889	21.9	4,541	20.4	4,238	19.1	4,527	20.6
Monroe	46	5.8	47	6.0	43	5.5	48	6.0	26	3.2
Oconto	41	6.3	50	7.7	30	4.6	28	4.2	30	4.5
Oneida	53	8.4	42	6.6	43	6.9	25	4.0	37	5.9
Outagamie	326	9.4	336	9.7	273	7.8	289	8.2	283	8.0
Ozaukee	124	7.4	134	8.0	141	8.4	100	6.0	113	6.8
Pepin	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Pierce	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Polk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Portage	149	9.1	132	8.1	107	6.5	98	5.9	112	6.8
Price	12		12		5		6		ns	
Racine	482	11.7	490	11.9	476	11.6	447	10.9	419	10.2
Richland	22	6.3	23	6.6	18		22	6.3	14	
Rock	307	9.5	307	9.5	244	7.6	196	6.1	177	5.5
Rusk	ns		7		ns		ns		ns	
St. Croix	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Sauk	112	10.3	84	7.7	84	7.7	92	8.3	103	9.3
Sawyer	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Shawano	45	6.1	40	5.4	50	6.7	41	5.5	36	4.8
Sheboygan	203	8.8	196	8.5	188	8.1	169	7.2	196	8.4
Taylor	13		13		8		ns		6	
Trempealeau	27	5.3	15		12		6		10	
Vernon	37	7.2	32	6.2	17		21	4.1	19	
Vilas	29	9.3	30	9.6	27	8.8	19		17	
Walworth	195	10.5	202	10.9	177	9.5	141	7.4	128	6.7
Washburn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Washington	214	8.8	169	7.0	152	6.3	173	7.1	158	6.5
Waukesha	597	8.0	575	7.7	520	7.0	503	6.7	511	6.8
Waupaca	79	7.8	62	6.1	65	6.4	70	6.8	55	5.4
Waushara	29	7.6	19		22	5.8	18		20	5.3
Winnebago	302	8.8	312	9.1	241	6.9	286	8.2	259	7.5
Wood	130	7.9	95	5.8	116	7.0	89	5.4	89	5.4

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

* The rate is the number of induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

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

An “ns” (“not shown”) 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.

The total for 1999 includes two reports for which county of residence was unknown.

Annual Averages, 1998-2000

Table 19. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1998-2000

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	23	Iron	ns	Price	5
Ashland	ns	Jackson	11	Racine	447
Barron	ns	Jefferson	122	Richland	18
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	35	Rock	206
Brown	488	Kenosha	339	Rusk	2
Buffalo	ns	Kewaunee	10	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	100	Sauk	93
Calumet	35	Lafayette	11	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	5	Langlade	15	Shawano	42
Clark	14	Lincoln	21	Sheboygan	184
Columbia	88	Manitowoc	109	Taylor	6
Crawford	14	Marathon	162	Trempealeau	9
Dane	1,448	Marinette	39	Vernon	19
Dodge	96	Marquette	26	Vilas	21
Door	37		15	Walworth	149
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	4,435	Washburn	ns
Dunn	5	Monroe	39	Washington	161
Eau Claire	10	Oconto	29	Waukesha	511
Florence	ns	Oneida	35	Waupaca	63
Fond du Lac	122	Outagamie	282	Waushara	20
Forest	8	Ozaukee	118	Winnebago	262
Grant	48	Pepin	ns	Wood	98
Green	42	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	24	Polk	ns		
Iowa	27	Portage	106	Three-Year Annual Average Total	10,918

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

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

An “ns” (“not shown”) indicates there were fewer than five reports for county residents.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown.

Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1998-2000

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	36	54	154	245	488
Calumet	4	7	9	16	35
Clark	2	2	4	7	14
Columbia	8	13	16	51	88
Crawford	2	2	5	5	14
Dane	93	172	511	671	1,448
Dodge	11	18	26	41	96
Door	2	6	10	18	37
Eau Claire	2	3	3	3	10
Fond du Lac	8	12	43	59	122
Grant	6	8	15	18	48
Green	2	7	14	19	42
Green Lake	3	6	6	9	24
Jackson	3	2	3	3	4
Jefferson	11	18	35	57	122
Juneau	2	6	11	16	35
Kenosha	25	46	111	158	339
La Crosse	4	14	38	44	100
Lincoln	4	2	6	9	21
Manitowoc	10	14	33	52	109
Marathon	10	22	41	88	162
Marinette	5	7	14	13	39
Marquette	3	3	5	15	26
Milwaukee	295	496	1,489	2,155	4,435
Monroe	3	4	12	20	39
Oconto	4	4	6	16	29
Oneida	2	3	8	21	35
Outagamie	22	35	97	128	282
Ozaukee	7	13	30	68	118
Portage	8	18	36	43	106
Racine	39	60	152	197	447
Rock	18	35	67	86	206
Sauk	9	10	30	44	93
Shawano	3	6	13	21	42
Sheboygan	17	33	55	80	184

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Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1998-2000 (continued)

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Vernon	3	4	5	8	19
Vilas	2	4	4	11	21
Walworth	8	25	51	65	149
Washington	15	19	48	79	161
Waukesha	37	68	152	254	511
Waupaca	8	11	19	26	63
Waushara	2	2	6	10	20
Winnebago	22	32	89	119	262
Wood	6	13	29	49	98
Other Counties	16	20	55	76	168
Three-Year Annual Average Total	801	1,360	3,566	5,190	10,918

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only 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 the three-year period.

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.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown and one for which age was unknown.

Table 21. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Selected Racial Categories, Wisconsin Residents, 1998-2000

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	93	172	511	671	1,448
White	75	144	420	534	1,173
Black	15	18	58	66	156
Kenosha	25	46	111	158	339
White	21	39	95	135	290
Black	3	5	13	20	42
Milwaukee	295	496	1,489	2,155	4,435
White	105	210	637	948	1,900
Black	174	252	781	1,047	2,255
Racine	39	60	152	197	447
White	30	47	104	141	322
Black	8	12	43	50	113
Rock	18	35	67	86	206
White	16	31	63	82	192
Black	3	2	3	2	10
Three-Year Annual Average Total	801	1,360	3,566	5,190	10,918
White	558	988	2,460	3,567	7,572
Black	209	300	925	1,215	2,650

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only 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 the three-year period.

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.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown.

Table 22. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 1998-2000

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	93	172	511	671	1,448
Non-Hispanic	88	166	482	638	1,373
Hispanic	5	7	28	33	73
Kenosha	25	46	111	158	339
Non-Hispanic	22	42	99	143	306
Hispanic	3	3	12	15	33
Milwaukee	295	496	1,489	2,155	4,435
Non-Hispanic	273	451	1,358	1,987	4,069
Hispanic	21	45	130	167	363
Racine	39	60	152	197	447
Non-Hispanic	35	52	131	176	394
Hispanic	4	8	20	21	53
Sheboygan	17	33	55	80	184
Non-Hispanic	15	29	53	75	172
Hispanic	2	3	2	5	12
Waukesha	37	68	152	254	511
Non-Hispanic	35	65	143	246	488
Hispanic	2	3	9	8	22
Three-Year Annual Average Total	801	1,360	3,566	5,190	10,918
Non-Hispanic	757	1,281	3,320	4,887	10,245
Hispanic	43	78	243	301	666

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only 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 ethnicity-by-age group during the three-year period.

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.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown and 20 for which Hispanic origin was unknown.

Table 23. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 1998-2000

County	Race				Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	426	13	26	488	23
Dane	1,173	156	104	1,448	73
Fond du Lac	115	2	5	122	3
Kenosha	290	42	4	339	33
La Crosse	90	2	7	100	2
Milwaukee	1,900	2,255	194	4,435	363
Outagamie	247	3	24	282	14
Racine	322	113	8	447	53
Rock	192	10	2	206	8
Sheboygan	156	2	24	184	12
Walworth	139	6	2	149	7
Washington	151	6	2	161	5
Waukesha	469	17	24	511	22
Winnebago	237	5	18	262	8
Three-Year Annual Average Total	7,572	2,650	504	10,918	666

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only 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 of these race and ethnic groups during the three-year period.

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

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown. The total also includes an annual average of 162 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 31 for which race was reported as "Other" or "Unknown." (These numbers are too small to present them separately by county.)

Induced Abortion Reporting (s. 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes)

(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.
- (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.
- (i) 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., 1g., 1m., 2. or 3. the abortion was performed.

(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.

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.

Enacted October 11, 1997.

Note on Statute Revision: The Induced Abortion Reporting Statute (section 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes) was revised in 1997 to add collection of data on minor patient legal status (j) and type of abortion (hm). (1998 was the first year in which these data were collected.)

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