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Introduction

Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 2002 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 number are used solely for data collection purposes, as stipulated in section 69.186, Wis. Stats. The original reporting forms are destroyed after the data set is complete. The facility code is used for purposes of information accuracy only and is deleted from the data set after editing (the patient number is never entered). These practices are 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 calendar year 2002, trend information for the years 1998-2002, 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/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 2001, 1,117 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 (see page 30, item 12). 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 more likely to be for second-trimester procedures, for which there are higher risks.

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Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2002 was 10,489, down from 10,925 in 2001 (see Table 1).
- The total number of abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2002 was 10,305, lower than the 10,703 reported in 2001.
- The estimated 2002 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 9 per 1,000 women age 15-44 (the same as in 2001). According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 17 per 1,000 women age 15-44 in 1999; 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 15 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2002, lower than in 2001 (16 per 100) (see Table 1).² The most recent national ratio was 26 per 100 live births in 1999.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (34 percent) of reported induced abortions in 2002. Those aged 18-19 obtained 12 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 6 percent. Twelve percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older.
- In 2002 there were 710 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 623 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 21; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 63. There were 3 procedures where written consent by an adult was not required because the pregnancy was the result of sexual assault. There were no procedures for which written consent by an adult was not required because the procedure was a medical emergency or because the pregnancy was the result of sexual intercourse with a caregiver.
- Seventy-five percent of reported abortions were obtained by women who had never been married; 14 percent by currently married women; 7 percent by women who were divorced; 3 percent by women who were separated; and less than 1 percent by women who were widowed. In 2002, marital status was not reported in less than 1 percent of abortions.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Surveillance Summaries*, November 29, 2002. MMWR 2002;51(No. SS-9).

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 2002 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (10,305) and in Minnesota (1,117 in 2001, the latest year for which figures are available) with 69,012 Wisconsin resident live births for 2001 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2001 (1,169,737). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2002 was 17 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2002 estimated resident abortion rate was about 10 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

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- Sixty-eight percent of Wisconsin residents that reported induced abortions were obtained by white women, 24 percent by black women, 1 percent by American Indian women, and 5 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.
 - Of the 10,305 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2002, 92 percent were surgical, 8 percent were chemically induced, and 0.2 percent were surgical abortions following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2001, these proportions were 95 percent, 5 percent, and 0.3 percent, respectively.
 - Fifty-seven percent of reported induced abortions in 2002 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation.

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions Occurring in Wisconsin, 1974-2002

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
2001	10,925	16	9
2002	10,489	15	9

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 2002 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2001.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2002 rate is based on population estimates for 2001.)

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, 2002

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	10,305	98%
Michigan	84	1
Illinois	59	1
Minnesota	11	<1
Iowa	9	<1
Other State	13	<1
Other Country	8	<1
Total	10,489	100%

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

Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin 2002

Age	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	81	1%	78	1%		
15-17	646	6	632	6	(<18)	5.9
18-19	1,223	12	1,200	12		14.8
20-24	3,548	34	3,475	34		19.7
25-29	2,310	22	2,279	22		13.8
30-34	1,449	14	1,433	14		7.7
35-39	878	8	862	8		3.9
40-44	329	3	322	3	(40+)	1.6
45+	25	<1	24	<1		
Total	10,489	100%	10,305	100%		8.8

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 2001 population counts); 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.

Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2002

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.	21
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	63
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	623
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	3
Total <18	710
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	556
2. Guardian or legal custodian	3
3. Adult family member	64
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	623
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; the assault was reported as required by law.	3
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; this was reported as required by law.	0
5. The minor provided a written statement that she has been abused by a person empowered to give consent; this was reported 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.

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Summary Distributions

Table 5. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Wisconsin 2002

Marital Status	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	1,482	14%	1,448	14%	98%
Separated	322	3	320	3	99
Not married:					
Never married	7,851	75	7,719	75	98
Divorced	771	7	756	7	98
Widowed	21	<1	20	<1	95
Unknown	42	<1	42	<1	100
Total	10,489	100%	10,305	100%	98%

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 6. Reported Induced Abortions by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin 2002

Race/Ethnicity	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	7,207	69%	7,047	68%	98%
Black	2,529	24	2,520	24	100
Amer. Indian	131	1	128	1	98
Asian/Pacific Isl.	494	5	484	5	98
Other/Unknown	128	1	126	1	98
Total	10,489	100%	10,305	100%	98%
Hispanic	757	7%	743	7%	98%
Non-Hispanic	9,731	93	9,561	93	98
Unknown	1	<1	1	<1	100
Total	10,489	100%	10,305	100%	98%

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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Summary Distributions

Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 2002

Years of Education	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	311	3%	304	3%	98%
9-11	1,477	14	1,457	14	99
12	4,689	45	4,617	45	98
13-15	2,834	27	2,775	27	98
16 or more	1,178	11	1,152	11	98
Total	10,489	100%	10,305	100%	98%

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 2002

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	5,939	57%	5,839	57%	98%
9-10	2,040	19	2,005	19	98
11-12	1,128	11	1,113	11	99
13-15	694	7	686	7	99
16-20	487	5	470	5	97
Over 20	201	2	192	2	96
Total	10,489	100%	10,305	100%	98%

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 Reported Complications, Wisconsin 2002

Complications	Occurring in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	10,462	10,279
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	9	8
Infection	1	1
Uterine Perforation	0	0
Cervical Laceration	1	1
Retained Products	5	5
Other	13	13
Total	10,491	10,307

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Each induced abortion could have more than one type of complication reported. Reporting instructions (Appendix) ask providers to report "any and all complications that are identified which are a result of the abortion procedure and which occurred during the visit in which the abortion 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 Abortion, Wisconsin Residents, 2002

Type of Abortion	Number
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	793
Surgical	9,488
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	24
Total	10,305

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2002

Age	Race					Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown		
(Number)							
Less than 15	36	39	1	1	1	78	5
15-17	449	158	7	11	7	632	36
15	83	30	2	3	3	121	4
16	153	53	4	5	3	218	16
17	213	75	1	3	1	293	16
18-19	893	248	13	30	16	1,200	98
18	380	112	7	13	10	522	41
19	513	136	6	17	6	678	57
20-24	2,340	915	50	120	50	3,475	300
20	470	176	11	34	14	705	49
21	526	183	16	23	18	766	66
25-29	1,462	626	31	132	28	2,279	171
30-34	966	342	16	93	16	1,433	78
35-39	644	148	7	58	5	862	44
40+	257	44	3	39	3	346	11
Total	7,047	2,520	128	484	126	10,305	743
(Percent)							
Less than 15	1%	2%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%
15-17	6	6	5	2	6	6	5
18-19	13	10	10	6	13	12	13
20-24	33	36	39	25	40	34	40
25-29	21	25	24	27	22	22	23
30-34	14	14	13	19	13	14	10
35-39	9	6	5	12	4	8	6
40+	4	2	2	8	2	3	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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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2002

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
(Number)							
Less than 15	0	0	78	0	0	0	78
15-17	5	0	624	0	0	3	632
18-19	27	5	1,157	4	0	7	1,200
20-24	202	61	3,138	57	2	15	3,475
25-29	383	91	1,616	176	3	10	2,279
30-34	379	95	695	251	8	5	1,433
35-39	312	51	324	170	3	2	862
40+	140	17	87	98	4	0	346
Total	1,448	320	7,719	756	20	42	10,305
(Percent)							
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
15-17	<1	0	8	0	0	7	6
18-19	2	2	15	1	0	17	12
20-24	14	19	41	8	10	36	34
25-29	26	28	21	23	15	24	22
30-34	26	30	9	33	40	12	14
35-39	22	16	4	22	15	5	8
40+	10	5	1	13	20	0	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, 2002

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
11 or less	1,027	528	36	137	33	1,761	237
12	3,159	1,188	62	160	48	4,617	359
13-15	1,997	634	24	89	31	2,775	109
16 or more	864	170	6	98	14	1,152	38
Total	7,047	2,520	128	484	126	10,305	743
(Percent)							
11 or less	15%	21%	28%	28%	26%	17%	32%
12	45	47	48	33	38	45	48
13-15	28	25	19	18	25	27	15
16 or more	12	7	5	20	11	11	5
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 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2002

Marital Status	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
Married	1,023	136	14	249	26	1,448	128
Separated	251	52	1	10	6	320	52
Not married:							
Never married	5,099	2,236	106	194	84	7,719	520
Divorced	633	83	5	27	8	756	31
Widowed	12	4	1	2	1	20	3
Unknown	29	9	1	2	1	42	9
Total	7,047	2,520	128	484	126	10,305	743
(Percent)							
Married	15%	5%	11%	51%	21%	14%	17%
Separated	4	2	1	2	5	3	7
Not married:							
Never married	72	89	83	40	67	75	70
Divorced	9	3	4	6	6	7	4
Widowed	<1	<1	1	<1	1	<1	<1
Unknown	<1	<1	1	<1	1	<1	1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Patient Characteristics by Estimated Gestation

Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2002

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
(Number)									
8 weeks or less	28	282	601	1,918	1,364	875	557	214	5,839
9-10	20	124	265	700	439	249	152	56	2,005
11-12	11	98	149	391	220	133	77	34	1,113
13-15	11	68	104	242	127	79	35	20	686
16-20	5	40	57	163	99	70	25	11	470
Over 20	3	20	24	61	30	27	16	11	192
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	78	632	1,200	3,475	2,279	1,433	862	346	10,305
(Percent)									
8 weeks or less	36%	45%	50%	55%	60%	61%	65%	62%	57%
9-10	26	20	22	20	19	17	18	16	19
11-12	14	16	12	11	10	9	9	10	11
13-15	14	11	9	7	6	6	4	6	7
16-20	6	6	5	5	4	5	3	3	5
Over 20	4	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	2
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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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.

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 (see Appendix) ask for the number of weeks since patient’s last menstrual period. If this information is unavailable, the 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2002

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	26	49	131	136	62	404
Columbia	6	23	29	22	15	95
Dane	90	151	503	526	166	1,436
Dodge	14	23	37	41	8	123
Fond du Lac	10	12	36	41	8	107
Jefferson	11	14	19	39	12	95
Kenosha	15	33	78	99	31	256
La Crosse	8	13	31	30	16	98
Manitowoc	10	14	23	24	12	83
Marathon	7	15	44	47	18	131
Milwaukee	258	442	1,510	1,656	441	4,307
Oneida	6	5	8	17	5	41
Outagamie	23	29	97	107	29	285
Ozaukee	10	13	26	25	13	87
Racine	30	51	138	125	33	377
Rock	18	15	56	44	23	156
Sauk	12	13	36	51	5	117
Sheboygan	18	22	59	64	25	188
Walworth	5	18	52	34	14	123
Waukesha	30	66	169	165	104	534
Waupaca	6	5	16	16	5	48
Winnebago	22	40	94	101	26	283
Other Counties	75	134	283	302	137	931
Total	710	1,200	3,475	3,712	1,208	10,305

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, 1998-2002

Age	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number	Rate*								
<18	860	7.2	755	6.2	789	6.6	797	6.7	710	5.9
18-19	1,399	18.7	1,339	16.9	1,341	16.2	1,244	15.5	1,200	14.8
20-24	3,656	22.2	3,533	21.0	3,510	20.4	3,734	21.3	3,475	19.7
25-29	2,610	15.1	2,424	14.3	2,407	14.6	2,333	14.2	2,279	13.8
30-34	1,542	8.0	1,425	7.5	1,427	7.7	1,419	7.7	1,433	7.7
35-39	943	4.3	926	4.2	947	4.4	854	3.9	862	3.9
40+	311	1.5	301	1.4	308	1.4	322	1.5	346	1.6
Unknown	1		0		0		0		0	
Total	11,322	9.8	10,703	9.2	10,729	9.3	10,703	9.2	10,305	8.8

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. Wisconsin provisional population estimates for July 1, 2001, prepared by the Bureau of Health Information, were used to calculate rates.

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.

Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1998-2002

County	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number	Rate*								
Total	11,322	9.8	10,703	9.2	10,729	9.3	10,703	9.2	10,305	8.8
Adams	25	9.0	23	8.2	20	7.1	23	7.5	16	
Ashland	ns									
Barron	ns									
Bayfield	ns									
Brown	478	9.5	510	10.1	477	9.4	446	8.6	404	7.7
Buffalo	ns									
Burnett	ns									
Calumet	35	4.1	36	4.1	35	4.0	39	4.4	39	4.3
Chippewa	9		5		ns		ns		ns	
Clark	21	3.4	11		11		12		16	
Columbia	98	10.1	78	7.9	88	8.9	78	7.5	95	9.0
Crawford	16		13		12		16		14	
Dane	1,503	14.4	1,468	14.0	1,372	13.1	1,440	13.5	1,436	13.2
Dodge	88	5.4	99	5.9	100	6.0	99	5.9	123	7.3
Door	38	7.3	35	6.7	37	7.1	22	4.5	29	5.9
Douglas	ns									
Dunn	6		5		ns		ns		5	
Eau Claire	16		6		9		11		12	
Florence	ns									
Fond du Lac	134	6.4	131	6.3	101	4.9	120	5.8	107	5.1
Forest	9		ns		11		ns		8	
Grant	54	5.4	41	4.1	50	5.0	47	4.7	32	3.2
Green	39	5.9	44	6.6	42	6.4	40	5.9	47	6.9
Green Lake	29	7.6	22	5.7	21	5.5	19		22	6.2
Iowa	29	6.2	23	4.8	28	5.9	21	4.4	18	
Iron	ns									
Jackson	12		11		9		14		7	
Jefferson	139	8.5	114	6.9	113	6.8	109	6.9	95	5.9
Juneau	30	6.6	34	7.4	41	9.0	33	7.3	15	
Kenosha	372	11.9	331	10.6	315	10.1	303	9.1	256	7.5
Kewaunee	6		9		14		11		10	
La Crosse	120	4.6	105	4.0	76	2.9	85	3.3	98	3.8
Lafayette	15		10		7		10		21	6.5
Langlade	15		18		13		14		12	
Lincoln	20	3.4	16		26	4.4	18		23	4.0
Manitowoc	110	6.4	102	5.9	115	6.7	109	6.7	83	5.1
Marathon	176	6.5	162	6.0	147	5.4	130	5.0	131	5.0
Marinette	35	4.2	42	5.0	39	4.6	44	5.3	47	5.6

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1998-2002 (continued)

County	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	
Marquette	22	8.8	31	12.1	25	9.8	27	10.7	17	
Menominee	11		21	23.1	13		16		14	
Milwaukee	4,541	20.4	4,238	19.1	4,527	20.6	4,513	21.0	4,307	20.1
Monroe	43	5.5	48	6.0	26	3.2	32	3.9	34	4.1
Oconto	30	4.6	28	4.2	30	4.5	37	5.3	29	4.0
Oneida	43	6.9	25	4.0	37	5.9	34	5.2	41	6.2
Outagamie	273	7.8	289	8.2	283	8.0	262	7.3	285	7.8
Ozaukee	141	8.4	100	6.0	113	6.8	106	6.5	87	5.2
Pepin	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Pierce	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Polk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Portage	107	6.5	98	5.9	112	6.8	80	5.0	81	5.0
Price	5		6		ns		ns		8	
Racine	476	11.6	447	10.9	419	10.2	457	11.4	377	9.4
Richland	18		22	6.3	14		31	9.1	17	
Rock	244	7.6	196	6.1	177	5.5	156	4.8	156	4.8
Rusk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
St. Croix	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Sauk	84	7.7	92	8.3	103	9.3	99	8.8	117	10.3
Sawyer	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Shawano	50	6.7	41	5.5	36	4.8	45	5.8	46	5.8
Sheboygan	188	8.1	169	7.2	196	8.4	160	7.0	188	8.1
Taylor	8		ns		6		10		ns	
Trempealeau	12		6		10		7		8	
Vernon	17		21	4.1	19		16		12	
Vilas	27	8.8	19		17		20	6.0	17	
Walworth	177	9.5	141	7.4	128	6.7	139	6.6	123	5.8
Washburn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Washington	152	6.3	173	7.1	158	6.5	158	6.3	144	5.6
Waukesha	520	7.0	503	6.7	511	6.8	528	7.1	534	7.1
Waupaca	65	6.4	70	6.8	55	5.4	57	5.7	48	4.7
Waushara	22	5.8	18		20	5.3	29	7.3	19	
Winnebago	241	6.9	286	8.2	259	7.5	279	7.9	283	8.0
Wood	116	7.0	89	5.4	89	5.4	64	4.1	70	4.5

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. Wisconsin provisional population estimates for July 1, 2001, prepared by the Bureau of Health Information, were used to calculate rates.

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.

Table 19. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2000-2002

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	20	Iron	2	Price	5
Ashland	ns	Jackson	10	Racine	418
Barron	2	Jefferson	106	Richland	21
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	30	Rock	163
Brown	442	Kenosha	291	Rusk	ns
Buffalo	ns	Kewaunee	12	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	86	Sauk	106
Calumet	38	Lafayette	13	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	2	Langlade	13	Shawano	42
Clark	13	Lincoln	22	Sheboygan	181
Columbia	87	Manitowoc	102	Taylor	6
Crawford	14	Marathon	136	Trempealeau	8
Dane	1,416	Marinette	43	Vernon	16
Dodge	107	Marquette	23	Vilas	18
Door	29		14	Walworth	130
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	4,449	Washburn	ns
Dunn	4	Monroe	31	Washington	153
Eau Claire	11	Oconto	32	Waukesha	524
Florence	2	Oneida	37	Waupaca	53
Fond du Lac	109	Outagamie	277	Waushara	23
Forest	7	Ozaukee	102	Winnebago	274
Grant	43	Pepin	ns	Wood	74
Green	43	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	21	Polk	ns	Three-Year Annual	
Iowa	22	Portage	91	Average Total	10,579

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 one induced abortion 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, 2000-2002

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Adams	2	2	6	10	20
Brown	35	45	145	217	442
Calumet	2	5	12	18	38
Columbia	6	18	21	42	87
Crawford	2	3	3	7	14
Dane	87	152	507	669	1,416
Dodge	10	19	35	44	107
Door	2	6	8	13	29
Fond du Lac	10	11	38	51	109
Grant	2	6	19	16	43
Green	3	5	13	22	43
Jefferson	10	18	27	50	106
Kenosha	22	39	89	142	291
Kewaunee	2	2	4	4	12
La Crosse	5	12	29	41	86
Langlade	2	2	4	5	13
Lincoln	3	3	6	10	22
Manitowoc	11	14	34	43	102
Marathon	11	21	39	64	136
Marinette	4	6	16	18	43
Milwaukee	294	469	1,547	2,138	4,449
Monroe	4	2	10	14	31
Oconto	3	6	8	16	32
Oneida	5	4	7	22	37
Outagamie	23	32	92	130	277
Ozaukee	8	14	29	51	102
Portage	5	15	32	39	91
Racine	37	53	152	176	418
Richland	3	3	7	7	21
Rock	15	21	55	71	163
Sauk	9	14	34	49	106
Shawano	4	8	12	19	42
Sheboygan	14	28	62	77	181

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Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents 2000-2002 (continued)

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Vernon	2	3	5	6	16
Vilas	3	2	5	8	18
Walworth	8	20	50	52	130
Washington	10	20	44	79	153
Waukesha	36	67	161	260	524
Waupaca	5	8	16	24	53
Waushara	2	3	7	10	23
Winnebago	22	36	94	122	274
Wood	5	16	23	31	74
Other Counties	18	29	65	91	203
Three-Year Annual Average Total	765	1,262	3,573	4,979	10,579

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 one induced abortion for which county of residence 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, 2000-2002

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	87	152	507	669	1,416
White	70	126	415	529	1,140
Black	14	17	52	63	146
Kenosha	22	39	89	143	291
White	18	34	79	123	253
Black	3	4	7	15	29
Milwaukee	294	469	1,547	2,138	4,449
White	93	216	651	914	1,874
Black	182	224	806	1,048	2,261
Racine	37	53	152	176	418
White	27	40	104	130	301
Black	9	11	41	37	98
Three-Year Annual Average Total	765	1,262	3,573	4,979	10,579
White	509	928	2,421	3,373	7,232
Black	214	267	936	1,193	2,610

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 age groups 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 one induced abortion 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, 2000-2002

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	87	152	507	669	1,416
Non-Hispanic	81	143	462	620	1,306
Hispanic	6	9	45	49	109
Kenosha	22	39	89	142	291
Non-Hispanic	19	35	74	123	252
Hispanic	3	3	14	19	39
Milwaukee	294	469	1,547	2,138	4,449
Non-Hispanic	271	417	1,395	1,956	4,039
Hispanic	23	52	152	182	409
Racine	37	53	152	176	418
Non-Hispanic	33	46	128	154	362
Hispanic	5	6	24	21	56
Waukesha	36	67	161	260	524
Non-Hispanic	34	63	151	248	497
Hispanic	2	4	10	12	28
Three-Year Annual Average Total	765	1,262	3,573	4,979	10,579
Non-Hispanic	717	1,170	3,286	4,638	9,812
Hispanic	47	91	287	341	766

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 one induced abortion for which county of residence was unknown and five 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, 2000-2002

County	Race				Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	377	12	26	442	29
Dane	1,140	146	100	1,416	109
Kenosha	253	29	3	291	39
Manitowoc	94	2	6	102	4
Marathon	120	2	12	136	2
Milwaukee	1,874	2,261	186	4,449	409
Outagamie	247	3	18	277	14
Racine	301	98	8	418	56
Rock	151	9	2	163	5
Sheboygan	148	4	27	181	14
Walworth	121	4	2	130	7
Washington	146	4	3	153	4
Waukesha	477	13	26	524	28
Winnebago	251	5	17	274	9
Three-Year Annual Average Total	7,232	2,610	468	10,579	766

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 one induced abortion for which county of residence was unknown. The total also includes an annual average of 150 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 94 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.
- (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., 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.)

