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Introduction

Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 2003 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 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 2003, trend information for the years 1999-2003, 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 based on 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 cannot provide information on 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 2002, 1,014 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 more likely to be for second-trimester procedures, for which there are higher risks.

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Key Findings

- The number of abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2003 was 10,327, compared to the 10,305 reported in 2002.
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2003 was 10,557, up slightly from 10,489 in 2002 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2003 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 9 per 1,000 women age 15-44 (the same as in 2002). According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 16 per 1,000 women age 15-44 in 2000; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.¹
- The estimated resident 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 2003, higher than in 2002 (15 per 100, see Table 1).² The most recent national ratio was 25 per 100 live births in 2000.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (34 percent) of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2003. Those aged 18-19 obtained 11 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 7 percent. Thirteen percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older (see Table 3).
- In 2003, there were 737 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 625 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 26; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 86 (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 procedures reported in 2003.
- Seventy-six percent of reported abortions to Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 13 percent by currently married women; 8 percent by women who were divorced; 3 percent by women who were separated; and less than 1 percent by women who were widowed (see Table 5).

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Surveillance Summaries*, November 28, 2003. MMWR 2003:52(No. SS-12).

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 2003 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (10,327) and in Minnesota (1,014 in 2002, the latest year for which figures are available) with 68,510 Wisconsin resident live births for 2002 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2002 (1,166,873). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2003 was 17 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2003 estimated resident abortion rate calculated using these figures was 10 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

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- Seventy percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 24 percent by black women, 1 percent by American Indian women, and 5 percent by Asian/Pacific Islander women. Eight percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 92 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 6).
 - Of the 10,327 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2003, 90 percent were surgical, 10 percent were chemically induced, and 0.2 percent were surgical abortions following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2002, these proportions were 92 percent, 8 percent, and 0.2 percent, respectively (see Table 10).
 - Fifty-seven percent of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2003 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation (see Table 8).

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1974-2003

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
2003	10,557	16	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 2003 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2002.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2003 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2002.)

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 that Occurred in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 2003

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	10,327	98%
Michigan	99	1
Illinois	78	1
Minnesota	9	<1
Iowa	13	<1
Other State	24	<1
Other Country	7	<1
Total	10,557	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 2003

Age	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		<u>Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*</u>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	64	1%	63	1%		
15-17	690	7	674	7	(<18)	5.7
18-19	1,208	11	1,181	11		14.5
20-24	3,566	34	3,477	34		17.9
25-29	2,282	22	2,255	22		14.1
30-34	1,411	13	1,379	13		7.7
35-39	968	9	945	9		4.6
40-44	338	3	325	3	(40+)	1.4
45+	30	<1	28	<1		
Total	10,557	100%	10,327	100%		8.9

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 July 1, 2002 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.

Summary Distributions

Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2003

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.	26
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	86
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	625
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	737
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	560
2. Guardian or legal custodian	3
3. Adult family member	62
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	625
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.	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; 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.

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 2003

Marital Status	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	1,397	13%	1,366	13%	98%
Separated	323	3	315	3	98
Not married:					
Never married	7,981	76	7,815	76	98
Divorced	813	8	790	8	97
Widowed	22	<1	22	<1	100
Unknown	21	<1	19	<1	91
Total	10,557	100%	10,327	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 2003

Race/Ethnicity	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	7,379	70%	7,174	70%	97%
Black	2,451	23	2,432	24	99
Amer. Indian	127	1	125	1	98
Asian/Pacific Isl.	466	4	464	5	100
Other/Unknown	134	1	132	1	99
Total	10,557	100%	10,327	100%	98%
Hispanic	848	8%	831	8%	98%
Non-Hispanic	9,709	92	9,496	92	98
Total	10,557	100%	10,327	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.

Summary Distributions

Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 2003

Years of Education	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	216	2%	215	2%	100%
9-11	1,500	14	1,471	14	98
12	4,858	46	4,758	46	98
13-15	2,775	26	2,715	26	98
16 or more	1,208	11	1,168	11	97
Total	10,557	100%	10,327	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 2003

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	6,042	57%	5,920	57%	98%
9-10	1,885	18	1,846	18	98
11-12	1,162	11	1,136	11	98
13-15	724	7	710	7	98
16-20	534	5	514	5	96
Over 20	210	2	201	2	96
Total	10,557	100%	10,327	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 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 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.

Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Reported Complications, Wisconsin 2003

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	10,491	10,261
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	3	3
Infection	3	3
Uterine Perforation	2	2
Cervical Laceration	1	1
Retained Products	6	6
Other	52	52
Total	10,558*	10,328*

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. Reporting instructions 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, 2003

Type of Abortion	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	1,013	10%
Surgical	9,297	90
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	17	<1
Total	10,327	100%

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2003

Age	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Number							
Less than 15	40	21	0	0	2	63	12
15-17	468	167	12	16	11	674	55
15	83	39	1	3	4	130	14
16	153	42	4	4	3	206	18
17	232	86	7	9	4	338	23
18-19	877	233	21	31	19	1,181	85
18	395	102	10	20	5	532	37
19	482	131	11	11	14	649	48
20-24	2,406	855	40	123	53	3,477	315
20	461	151	11	24	9	656	64
21	519	187	6	29	9	750	56
22-24	1,426	517	23	70	35	2,071	195
25-29	1,491	596	25	117	26	2,255	204
30-34	900	370	17	80	12	1,379	97
35-39	710	159	7	61	8	945	50
40+	282	31	3	36	1	353	13
Total	7,174	2,432	125	464	132	10,327	831
Percent							
Less than 15	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%
15-17	7	7	10	3	8	7	7
18-19	12	10	17	7	14	11	10
20-24	34	35	32	27	40	34	38
25-29	21	25	20	25	20	22	25
30-34	13	15	14	17	9	13	12
35-39	10	7	6	13	6	9	6
40+	4	1	2	8	1	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, 2003

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
	Number						
Less than 15	0	0	63	0	0	0	63
15-17	5	0	667	1	0	1	674
18-19	19	4	1,151	5	0	2	1,181
20-24	206	65	3,119	77	4	6	3,477
25-29	374	83	1,628	166	2	2	2,255
30-34	315	91	752	211	7	3	1,379
35-39	318	52	349	218	5	3	945
40+	129	20	86	112	4	2	353
Total	1,366	315	7,815	790	22	19	10,327
	Percent						
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
15-17	<1	0	9	<1	0	5	7
18-19	1	1	15	1	0	11	11
20-24	15	21	40	10	18	32	34
25-29	27	26	21	21	9	11	22
30-34	23	29	10	27	32	16	13
35-39	23	17	5	28	23	16	9
40+	9	6	1	14	18	11	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, 2003

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Number							
11 or less	1,049	480	31	97	29	1,686	269
12	3,330	1,140	66	171	51	4,758	366
13-15	1,921	640	20	92	42	2,715	143
16 or more	874	172	8	104	10	1,168	53
Total	7,174	2,432	125	464	132	10,327	831
Percent							
11 or less	15%	20%	25%	21%	22%	16%	32%
12	46	47	53	37	39	46	44
13-15	27	26	16	20	32	26	17
16 or more	12	7	6	22	8	11	6
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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Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2003

Marital Status	Race					Total	Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown		Hispanic (Any Race)
Number							
Married	962	138	12	232	22	1,366	139
Separated	254	41	2	14	4	315	41
Not married:							
Never married	5,249	2,173	104	191	98	7,815	609
Divorced	681	72	6	25	6	790	37
Widowed	13	4	1	2	2	22	3
Unknown	15	4	0	0	0	19	2
Total	7,174	2,432	125	464	132	10,327	831
Percent							
Married	13%	6%	10%	50%	17%	13%	17%
Separated	4	2	2	3	3	3	5
Not married:							
Never married	73	89	83	41	74	76	73
Divorced	10	3	5	5	5	8	5
Widowed	<1	<1	1	<1	2	<1	<1
Unknown	<1	<1	0	0	0	<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, 2003

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	286	602	1,970	1,389	841	586	225	5,920
9-10	11	153	219	647	359	234	171	52	1,846
11-12	14	87	168	391	230	146	73	27	1,136
13-15	12	73	100	238	146	71	51	19	710
16-20	3	52	69	165	97	59	46	23	514
Over 20	2	23	23	66	34	28	18	7	201
Total	63	674	1,181	3,477	2,255	1,379	945	353	10,327
Percent									
8 weeks or less	33%	42%	51%	57%	62%	61%	62%	64%	57%
9-10	18	23	19	19	16	17	18	15	18
11-12	22	13	14	11	10	11	8	8	11
13-15	19	11	9	7	7	5	5	5	7
16-20	5	8	6	5	4	4	5	7	5
Over 20	3	3	2	2	2	2	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, 2003

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	17	60	147	155	63	442
Calumet	9	7	10	12	7	45
Dane	82	161	479	516	196	1,434
Dodge	9	10	30	50	16	115
Fond Du Lac	12	20	41	27	13	113
Jefferson	12	11	37	40	15	115
Kenosha	20	36	92	73	37	258
Marathon	9	21	34	48	25	137
Milwaukee	296	397	1,435	1,640	426	4,194
Outagamie	18	35	91	87	40	271
Ozaukee	11	11	45	31	18	116
Portage	5	14	41	21	12	93
Racine	31	40	148	150	54	423
Rock	11	13	52	43	29	148
Walworth	11	21	54	27	22	135
Washington	14	19	44	44	28	149
Waukesha	31	73	157	163	98	522
Waupaca	6	6	18	8	13	51
Winnebago	29	36	82	89	23	259
Other Counties	104	190	440	410	163	1,307
Total	737	1,181	3,477	3,634	1,298	10,327

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, 1999-2003

Age	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Number	Rate*								
<18	755	6.2	789	6.6	797	6.7	710	5.9	737	6.2
18-19	1,339	16.9	1,341	16.2	1,244	15.5	1,200	14.8	1,181	14.5
20-24	3,533	21.0	3,510	20.4	3,734	21.3	3,475	19.7	3,477	17.9
25-29	2,424	14.3	2,407	14.6	2,333	14.2	2,279	13.8	2,255	14.1
30-34	1,425	7.5	1,427	7.7	1,419	7.7	1,433	7.7	1,379	7.7
35-39	926	4.2	947	4.4	854	3.9	862	3.9	945	4.6
40+	301	1.4	308	1.4	322	1.5	346	1.6	353	1.6
Total	10,703	9.2	10,729	9.3	10,703	9.2	10,305	8.8	10,327	8.9

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, 2002, 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, 1999-2003

County	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Number	Rate*								
Total	10,703	9.2	10,729	9.3	10,703	9.2	10,305	8.8	10,327	8.9
Adams	23	8.2	20	7.1	23	7.5	16		22	7.1
Ashland	ns									
Barron	ns									
Bayfield	ns									
Brown	510	10.1	477	9.4	446	8.6	404	7.7	442	8.4
Buffalo	ns									
Burnett	ns									
Calumet	36	4.1	35	4.0	39	4.4	39	4.3	45	4.9
Chippewa	5		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Clark	11		11		12		16		15	
Columbia	78	7.9	88	8.9	78	7.5	95	9.0	83	7.9
Crawford	13		12		16		14		19	
Dane	1,468	14.0	1,372	13.1	1,440	13.5	1,436	13.2	1,434	13.2
Dodge	99	5.9	100	6.0	99	5.9	123	7.3	115	6.8
Door	35	6.7	37	7.1	22	4.5	29	5.9	32	6.7
Douglas	ns									
Dunn	5		ns		ns		5		ns	
Eau Claire	6		9		11		12		10	
Florence	ns									
Fond du Lac	131	6.3	101	4.9	120	5.8	107	5.1	113	5.4
Forest	ns		11		ns		8		ns	
Grant	41	4.1	50	5.0	47	4.7	32	3.2	57	5.7
Green	44	6.6	42	6.4	40	5.9	47	6.9	51	7.5
Green Lake	22	5.7	21	5.5	19		22	6.2	21	6.1
Iowa	23	4.8	28	5.9	21	4.4	18		22	4.6
Iron	ns									
Jackson	11		9		14		7		16	
Jefferson	114	6.9	113	6.8	109	6.9	95	5.9	115	6.8
Juneau	34	7.4	41	9.0	33	7.3	15		39	8.4
Kenosha	331	10.6	315	10.1	303	9.1	256	7.5	258	7.5
Kewaunee	9		14		11		10		13	
La Crosse	105	4.0	76	2.9	85	3.3	98	3.8	87	3.4
Lafayette	10		7		10		21	6.5	14	
Langlade	18		13		14		12		13	
Lincoln	16		26	4.4	18		23	4.0	27	4.7
Manitowoc	102	5.9	115	6.7	109	6.7	83	5.1	94	5.8
Marathon	162	6.0	147	5.4	130	5.0	131	5.0	137	5.2
Marinette	42	5.0	39	4.6	44	5.3	47	5.6	40	4.8
Marquette	31	12.1	25	9.8	27	10.7	17		26	10.1

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1999-2003 (continued)

County	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate**	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Menominee	21	23.1	13		16		14		8	
Milwaukee	4,238	19.1	4,527	20.6	4,513	21.0	4,307	20.1	4,194	19.7
Monroe	48	6.0	26	3.2	32	3.9	34	4.1	34	4.1
Oconto	28	4.2	30	4.5	37	5.3	29	4.0	31	4.3
Oneida	25	4.0	37	5.9	34	5.2	41	6.2	30	4.6
Outagamie	289	8.2	283	8.0	262	7.3	285	7.8	271	7.3
Ozaukee	100	6.0	113	6.8	106	6.5	87	5.2	116	7.0
Pepin	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Pierce	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Polk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Portage	98	5.9	112	6.8	80	5.0	81	5.0	93	5.8
Price	6		ns		ns		8		ns	
Racine	447	10.9	419	10.2	457	11.4	377	9.4	423	10.6
Richland	22	6.3	14		31	9.1	17		29	8.5
Rock	196	6.1	177	5.5	156	4.8	156	4.8	148	4.5
Rusk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
St. Croix	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Sauk	92	8.3	103	9.3	99	8.8	117	10.3	97	8.5
Sawyer	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Shawano	41	5.5	36	4.8	45	5.8	46	5.8	42	5.3
Sheboygan	169	7.2	196	8.4	160	7.0	188	8.1	143	6.3
Taylor	ns		6		10		ns		ns	
Trempealeau	6		10		7		8		10	
Vernon	21	4.1	19		16		12		17	
Vilas	19		17		20	6.0	17		28	8.2
Walworth	141	7.4	128	6.7	139	6.6	123	5.8	135	6.6
Washburn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Washington	173	7.1	158	6.5	158	6.3	144	5.6	149	5.8
Waukesha	503	6.7	511	6.8	528	7.1	534	7.1	522	7.0
Waupaca	70	6.8	55	5.4	57	5.7	48	4.7	51	5.0
Waushara	18		20	5.3	29	7.3	19		25	6.1
Winnebago	286	8.2	259	7.5	279	7.9	283	8.0	259	7.3
Wood	89	5.4	89	5.4	64	4.1	70	4.5	81	5.3

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, 2002, 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, 2001-2003

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	20	Iron	ns	Price	5
Ashland	ns	Jackson	12	Racine	419
Barron	3	Jefferson	106	Richland	26
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	29	Rock	153
Brown	431	Kenosha	272	Rusk	2
Buffalo	ns	Kewaunee	11	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	90	Sauk	104
Calumet	41	Lafayette	15	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	3	Langlade	13	Shawano	44
Clark	14	Lincoln	23	Sheboygan	164
Columbia	85	Manitowoc	95	Taylor	5
Crawford	16	Marathon	133	Trempealeau	8
Dane	1,437	Marinette	44	Vernon	15
Dodge	112	Marquette	23	Vilas	22
Door	28		13	Walworth	132
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	4,338	Washburn	ns
Dunn	4	Monroe	33	Washington	150
Eau Claire	11	Oconto	32	Waukesha	528
Florence	3	Oneida	35	Waupaca	52
Fond du Lac	113	Outagamie	273	Waushara	24
Forest	5	Ozaukee	103	Winnebago	274
Grant	45	Pepin	ns	Wood	72
Green	46	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	21	Polk	ns	Three-Year Annual	
Iowa	20	Portage	85	Average Total	10,445

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 during the three-year period.

Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2001-2003

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Adams	4	2	6	8	20
Brown	29	48	144	209	431
Calumet	5	5	13	19	41
Columbia	5	19	27	35	85
Crawford	3	2	4	7	16
Dane	87	152	502	696	1,437
Dodge	11	17	35	50	112
Door	2	5	8	13	28
Fond Du Lac	12	14	40	48	113
Grant	3	6	19	17	45
Green	3	4	14	25	46
Green Lake	2	5	6	7	21
Iowa	2	2	4	13	20
Jefferson	10	16	30	50	106
Kenosha	21	36	91	124	272
La Crosse	5	12	34	39	90
Lafayette	2	4	2	8	15
Lincoln	2	3	7	11	23
Manitowoc	8	14	31	42	95
Marathon	11	20	40	62	133
Marinette	5	4	17	18	44
Marquette	2	3	9	10	23
Milwaukee	281	433	1,521	2,103	4,338
Monroe	4	3	11	15	33
Oconto	3	5	9	14	32
Oneida	5	4	6	20	35
Outagamie	22	30	89	131	273
Ozaukee	9	13	35	46	103
Portage	3	14	33	34	85
Racine	34	48	154	183	419
Richland	5	5	8	8	26
Rock	15	17	54	67	153
Sauk	7	16	31	50	104

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Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents 2001-2003 (continued)

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Shawano	5	9	12	19	44
Sheboygan	11	23	58	71	164
Vilas	3	2	7	10	22
Walworth	10	19	53	50	132
Washington	9	18	44	80	150
Waukesha	35	68	164	260	528
Waupaca	6	6	16	24	52
Winnebago	25	40	90	119	274
Wood	4	14	23	31	72
Other Counties	20	28	62	79	189
Three-Year Annual Average Total	748	1,208	3,562	4,927	10,445

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.

Table 21. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Selected Racial Categories, Wisconsin Residents, 2001-2003

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	87	152	502	696	1,437
White	70	123	409	542	1,145
Black	12	18	53	69	152
Milwaukee	281	433	1,521	2,103	4,338
White	94	200	641	913	1,848
Black	171	208	781	1,017	2,178
Racine	34	48	154	183	419
White	24	35	108	135	302
Black	10	11	40	41	101
Three-Year Annual Average Total	748	1,208	3,562	4,927	10,445
White	508	895	2,421	3,342	7,166
Black	199	249	911	1,172	2,531

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.

Table 22. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2001-2003

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	87	152	502	696	1,437
Non-Hispanic	79	142	456	644	1,321
Hispanic	7	10	46	52	116
Kenosha	21	36	91	124	272
Non-Hispanic	18	34	77	108	237
Hispanic	3	3	14	15	35
Milwaukee	281	433	1,521	2,103	4,338
Non-Hispanic	256	388	1,357	1,915	3,915
Hispanic	25	45	164	188	423
Racine	34	48	154	183	419
Non-Hispanic	29	42	128	158	357
Hispanic	5	6	25	25	62
Waukesha	35	68	164	260	528
Non-Hispanic	32	62	151	245	490
Hispanic	4	6	13	15	38
Three-Year Annual Average Total	748	1,208	3,562	4,927	10,445
Non-Hispanic	694	1,118	3,253	4,576	9,642
Hispanic	54	90	309	350	803

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 three induced abortions 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, 2001-2003

County	Race				Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	361	11	29	431	31
Dane	1,145	152	101	1,437	116
Kenosha	234	29	3	272	35
Marathon	119	2	11	133	2
Milwaukee	1,848	2,178	187	4,338	423
Outagamie	248	3	14	273	14
Racine	302	101	8	419	62
Rock	141	9	3	153	4
Sheboygan	134	3	24	164	13
Walworth	125	3	2	132	6
Washington	143	3	3	150	4
Waukesha	475	13	28	528	38
Winnebago	249	5	17	274	10
Three-Year Annual Average Total	7,166	2,531	466	10,445	803

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 three induced abortions for which Hispanic origin was unknown. The total also includes a three-year annual average of 137 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 145 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.)

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