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Foreword

Since January 1, 1987, medical facilities in Wisconsin have been required to report selected information on patients who obtained induced terminations of pregnancy. Section 69.186, Wis. Stats., also mandates the Department of Health Services to publish an annual demographic summary of the information reported. A copy of the statute can be found in the Appendix.

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Introduction

Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy in Wisconsin, 2008 presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System.

The Induced Termination of Pregnancy 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 termination of pregnancy; the health care provider who performs an induced termination of pregnancy; and the hospital, clinic or other facility in which a termination 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 2008, trend information for the years 2004-2008, and three-year annual average information by county. The tables categorize and cross-classify reported induced terminations of pregnancy 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 of induced terminations of pregnancy 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 terminations of pregnancy obtained by Wisconsin residents in other states. This report includes only those reported induced terminations that occurred in Wisconsin and cannot provide information on all Wisconsin residents who sought and obtained terminations.

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.

Key Findings

- The number of induced terminations of pregnancy reported for Wisconsin residents in 2008 was 8,008, compared to the 8,099 reported in 2007.
- The total number of induced terminations of pregnancy reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2008 was 8,229, down from 8,267 in 2007 (see Table 1). This is the lowest recorded number of induced terminations in Wisconsin since 1974.
- The estimated 2008 Wisconsin resident induced termination of pregnancy rate was 7 per 1,000 women age 15-44, the same as in 2007. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 15 per 1,000 women age 15-44 in 2005; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.¹
- The estimated resident induced termination of pregnancy ratio is the number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy per 100 live births. This ratio was 11 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2008, the same as in 2007 (see Table 1).² The most recent national ratio was 23 per 100 live births in 2005.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (34 percent) of reported induced terminations of pregnancy to Wisconsin residents in 2008. Twelve percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older. Those aged 18-19 obtained 11 percent of the reported induced terminations and those aged 15-17 obtained 6 percent (see Table 3).
- In 2008, there were 500 induced terminations of pregnancy reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 452 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 17; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 31 (see Table 4).
- By law, the adult consent requirement for a minor's induced termination of pregnancy is waived if the pregnancy was the result of sexual assault, if the procedure was a medical emergency, or if the pregnancy was the result of sexual intercourse with a caregiver. There were no such waivers reported in 2008.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2005. *Surveillance Summaries*, November 28, 2008. MMWR 2008;57 (No. SS-13).

² Calculation of a true Wisconsin resident induced termination of pregnancy ratio and rate would require knowing the number of Wisconsin residents obtaining induced terminations in other states. Estimates can be made for 2008 by combining the number of reported induced terminations for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (8,008) and in Minnesota (832 in 2007, the latest year for which figures are available) with 72,757 Wisconsin resident live births for 2007 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2007 (1,128,458). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident termination of pregnancy ratio in 2008 was 12 reported induced terminations per 100 live births. The 2008 estimated resident termination of pregnancy rate calculated using these figures was 8 reported induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

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- Seventy-six percent of reported induced terminations of pregnancy to Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 12 percent by currently married women; 8 percent by women who were divorced; 4 percent by women who were separated; and less than 1 percent by women who were widowed (see Table 5).
 - Sixty-nine percent of induced terminations of pregnancy reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 24 percent by black women, 1 percent by American Indian women, and 4 percent by Asian/Pacific Islander women. Nine percent of terminations were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 91 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 6).
 - Of the 8,008 reported induced terminations of pregnancy among Wisconsin residents in 2008, 80 percent were surgical, 19 percent were chemically induced, and 0.4 percent were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced termination of pregnancy. In 2007, these proportions were 84 percent, 15 percent, and 0.2 percent, respectively (see Table 10).
 - Fifty-three percent of reported induced terminations of pregnancy among Wisconsin residents in 2008 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation (see Table 8).

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1974-2008

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
2004	9,943	14	9
2005	9,817	14	8
2006	9,580	14	8
2007	8,267	11	7
2008	8,229	11	7

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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 terminations of pregnancy occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births. (The 2008 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2007.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2008 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2007.)

Note: The reporting of induced terminations of pregnancy 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 terminations of pregnancy in the state.

Table 2. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy that Occurred in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 2008

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	8,008	97%
Michigan	154	2
Illinois	39	<1
Minnesota	10	<1
Iowa	3	<1
Other State	12	<1
Other Country	3	<1
Total	8,229	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

Table 3. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Age, Wisconsin 2008

Age	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	39	<1%	39	<1%		
15-17	472	6	461	6	(<18)	3.9
18-19	894	11	873	11		11.2
20-24	2,806	34	2,729	34		14.1
25-29	1,940	24	1,894	24		10.5
30-34	1,053	13	1,029	13		6.2
35-39	743	9	712	9		3.9
40-44	269	3	260	3	(40+)	1.2
45+	13	<1	11	<1		
Total	8,229	100%	8,008	100%		7.1

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

* The total rate is the number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44 (based on July 1, 2007 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 terminations of pregnancy that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced terminations of pregnancy in other states is not available.

Summary Distributions

Table 4. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2008

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.	17
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	31
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	452
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	500
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's procedure.	
1. Parent	396
2. Guardian or legal custodian	4
3. Adult family member	52
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	452
C. Specify the reason that consent was not legally required in this case.	
1. A medical emergency exists that requires an immediate termination of pregnancy.	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 Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Summary Distributions

Table 5. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Marital Status, Wisconsin 2008

Marital Status	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	1,020	12%	987	12%	97%
Separated	302	4	291	4	96
Not married:					
Never married	6,232	76	6,082	76	98
Divorced	647	8	620	8	96
Widowed	16	<1	16	<1	100
Unknown	12	<1	12	<1	100
Total	8,229	100%	8,008	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Table 6. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin 2008

Race/Ethnicity	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	5,729	70%	5,525	69%	96%
Black	1,931	23	1,923	24	100
Amer. Indian	112	1	110	1	98
Asian/Pacific Isl.	357	4	351	4	98
Other/Unknown	100	1	99	1	99
Total	8,229	100%	8,008	100%	97%
Hispanic	712	9%	704	9%	99%
Non-Hispanic	7,517	91	7,304	91	97
Total	8,229	100%	8,008	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Summary Distributions

Table 7. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Education, Wisconsin 2008

Years of Education	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	172	2%	172	2%	100%
9-11	1,087	13	1,071	13	99
12	3,294	40	3,200	40	97
13-15	2,523	31	2,446	31	97
16 or more	1,153	14	1,119	14	97
Total	8,229	100%	8,008	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

Note: The “Wisconsin Residents” columns include only induced terminations of pregnancy that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced terminations of pregnancy in other states is not available.

Table 8. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Estimated Gestation, Wisconsin 2008

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	4,404	54%	4,274	53%	97%
9-10	1,518	18	1,478	18	97
11-12	946	11	927	12	98
13-15	667	8	653	8	98
16-20	496	6	485	6	98
Over 20	198	2	191	2	96
Total	8,229	100%	8,008	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

Notes: The “Wisconsin Residents” columns include only induced terminations of pregnancy that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced terminations of pregnancy 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.

Summary Distributions

Table 9. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Reported Complications, Wisconsin 2008

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	8,213	7,992
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	8	8
Infection	0	0
Uterine Perforation	1	1
Cervical Laceration	1	1
Retained Products	3	3
Other	3	3
Total	8,229*	8,008*

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

Notes: The “Wisconsin Residents” column includes only induced terminations of pregnancy that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced terminations of pregnancy in other states is not available.

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

Table 10. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Type of Procedure, Wisconsin Residents, 2008

Type of Procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	1,533	19%
Surgical	6,444	80
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced termination of pregnancy)	31	<1
Total	8,008	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 11. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Age and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2008

Age	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
Less than 15	18	20	0	0	1	39	6
15-17	289	146	8	7	11	461	39
15	42	28	1	0	2	73	8
16	104	60	4	2	3	173	8
17	143	58	3	5	6	215	23
18-19	621	196	14	33	9	873	76
18	274	96	5	12	6	393	29
19	347	100	9	21	3	480	47
20-24	1,909	667	23	87	43	2,729	234
20	375	136	1	10	6	528	50
21	367	125	6	16	6	520	45
22-24	1,167	406	16	61	31	1,681	139
25-29	1,243	490	41	98	22	1,894	169
30-34	698	244	17	62	8	1,029	105
35-39	523	132	7	45	5	712	57
40+	224	28	0	19	0	271	18
Total	5,525	1,923	110	351	99	8,008	704
	Percent						
Less than 15	<1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	<1%	1%
15-17	5	8	7	2	11	6	6
18-19	11	10	13	9	9	11	11
20-24	35	35	21	25	43	34	33
25-29	22	25	37	28	22	24	24
30-34	13	13	15	18	8	13	15
35-39	9	7	6	13	5	9	8
40+	4	1	0	5	0	3	3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 12. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2008

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
	Number						
Less than 15	0	0	39	0	0	0	39
15-17	0	0	461	0	0	0	461
18-19	13	2	858	0	0	0	873
20-24	144	51	2,487	42	1	4	2,729
25-29	248	88	1,405	149	1	3	1,894
30-34	249	74	537	160	6	3	1,029
35-39	218	55	243	189	6	1	712
40+	115	21	52	80	2	1	271
Total	987	291	6,082	620	16	12	8,008
	Percent						
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	<1%
15-17	0	0	8	0	0	0	6
18-19	1	1	14	0	0	0	11
20-24	15	18	41	7	6	33	34
25-29	25	30	23	24	6	25	24
30-34	25	25	9	26	38	25	13
35-39	22	19	4	30	38	8	9
40+	12	7	1	13	13	8	3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 13. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Education and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2008

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
11 or less	755	384	26	55	23	1,243	223
12	2,132	862	41	127	38	3,200	304
13-15	1,776	524	35	86	25	2,446	139
16 or more	862	153	8	83	13	1,119	38
Total	5,525	1,923	110	351	99	8,008	704
	Percent						
11 or less	14%	20%	24%	16%	23%	16%	32%
12	39	45	37	36	38	40	43
13-15	32	27	32	25	25	31	20
16 or more	16	8	7	24	13	14	5
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 14. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2008

Marital Status	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Number							
Married	735	79	8	158	7	987	89
Separated	231	44	5	9	2	291	55
Not married:							
Never married	4,023	1,738	87	147	87	6,082	508
Divorced	514	60	10	33	3	620	47
Widowed	13	1	0	2	0	16	0
Unknown	9	1	0	2	0	12	5
Total	5,525	1,923	110	351	99	8,008	704
Percent							
Married	13%	4%	7%	45%	7%	12%	13%
Separated	4	2	5	3	2	4	8
Not married:							
Never married	73	90	79	42	88	76	72
Divorced	9	3	9	9	3	8	7
Widowed	<1	<1	0	1	0	<1	0
Unknown	<1	<1	0	1	0	<1	1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Estimated Gestation and Patient Age

Table 15. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2008

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
Number									
8 weeks or less	13	189	398	1,412	1,067	608	427	160	4,274
9-10	7	89	187	527	335	159	124	50	1,478
11-12	4	74	114	337	202	103	71	22	927
13-15	3	57	82	229	149	70	43	20	653
16-20	11	37	73	171	96	57	29	11	485
Over 20	1	15	19	53	45	32	18	8	191
Total	39	461	873	2,729	1,894	1,029	712	271	8,008
Percent									
8 weeks or less	33%	41%	46%	52%	56%	59%	60%	59%	53%
9-10	18	19	21	19	18	15	17	18	18
11-12	10	16	13	12	11	10	10	8	12
13-15	8	12	9	8	8	7	6	7	8
16-20	28	8	8	6	5	6	4	4	6
Over 20	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced terminations of pregnancy that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced terminations of pregnancy 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, 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 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Table 16. Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2008

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	15	35	129	140	69	388
Columbia	9	8	19	19	8	63
Dane	75	115	423	438	125	1,176
Dodge	14	21	27	27	19	108
Kenosha	15	20	42	44	21	142
La Crosse	9	8	36	31	11	95
Manitowoc	7	10	26	24	9	76
Marathon	10	19	32	29	12	102
Milwaukee	194	314	1,089	1,241	322	3,160
Outagamie	12	26	82	86	32	238
Racine	20	38	100	118	29	305
Rock	6	20	43	43	20	132
Sauk	6	17	27	36	14	100
Walworth	5	11	41	30	11	98
Washington	10	14	30	29	26	109
Waukesha	22	37	102	127	66	354
Winnebago	10	18	95	62	33	218
Wood	5	10	26	24	10	75
Other Counties	56	132	360	375	146	1,069
Total	500	873	2,729	2,923	983	8,008

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

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

Table 17. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2004-2008

Age	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	659	5.5	630	5.3	596	5.0	551	4.7	500	4.3
18-19	1,068	13.3	1,096	13.5	1,066	13.2	838	10.7	873	11.2
20-24	3,391	17.1	3,341	16.6	3,162	15.7	2,780	14.0	2,729	14.1
25-29	2,113	13.0	2,083	12.2	2,187	12.3	1,905	10.9	1,894	10.5
30-34	1,337	7.7	1,309	7.7	1,288	7.7	1,036	6.2	1,029	6.2
35-39	850	4.3	791	4.1	763	4.0	728	3.9	712	3.9
40+	301	1.3	316	1.4	290	1.3	261	1.2	271	1.3
Total	9,719	8.4	9,566	8.2	9,352	8.1	8,099	7.1	8,008	7.1

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

* The total rate is the number of reported induced terminations of pregnancy 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, 2007, prepared by the Bureau of Health Information and Policy, were used to calculate the 2008 rates.

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

Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2004-2008

County	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Total	9,719	8.4	9,566	8.2	9,352	8.1	8,099	7.1	8,008	7.1
Adams	14		20	6.6	17		15		14	
Ashland	ns		5		ns		ns		ns	
Barron	6		5		ns		ns		ns	
Bayfield	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Brown	362	6.9	389	7.4	470	8.9	420	8.1	388	7.6
Buffalo	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Burnett	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Calumet	35	3.8	35	3.7	50	5.3	31	3.4	25	2.8
Chippewa	9		8		6		ns		7	
Clark	10		16		11		7		5	
Columbia	67	6.4	80	7.5	76	7.1	70	6.7	63	6.1
Crawford	15		13		5		7		12	
Dane	1,307	12.0	1,378	12.6	1,218	11.1	1,176	10.8	1,176	10.9
Dodge	84	5.0	90	5.3	112	6.7	87	5.3	108	6.7
Door	14		31	6.6	16		20	4.5	36	8.3
Douglas	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Dunn	ns		5		ns		5		ns	
Eau Claire	21	0.9	14		15		10		17	
Florence	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Fond du Lac	108	5.2	103	5.0	101	4.9	103	5.1	107	5.3
Forest	6		15		7		8		8	
Grant	41	4.1	33	3.3	37	3.8	41	4.3	35	3.7
Green	38	5.6	29	4.3	51	7.5	31	4.6	39	5.8
Green Lake	20	5.9	29	8.6	16		16		12	
Iowa	20	4.2	17		21	4.4	18		21	4.5
Iron	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Jackson	22	6.3	15		15		18		17	
Jefferson	102	6.0	93	5.5	114	6.7	82	4.8	87	5.2
Juneau	25	5.4	33	7.1	22	4.5	26	5.5	21	4.5
Kenosha	263	7.7	230	6.6	211	6.0	153	4.4	142	4.1
Kewaunee	6		17		18		8		13	
La Crosse	93	3.6	85	3.3	85	3.4	84	3.4	95	3.8
Lafayette	10		10		11		8		10	
Langlade	18		12		10		10		12	
Lincoln	14		26	4.6	17		12		12	
Manitowoc	73	4.5	75	4.7	86	5.4	76	4.9	76	5.0
Marathon	131	5.0	124	4.7	111	4.2	129	4.9	102	3.9
Marinette	39	4.8	35	4.3	47	5.8	38	4.8	30	3.9
Marquette	15		19		20	7.7	28	11.0	19	

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2004-2008 (continued)

County	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate**	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Menominee	6		8		6		8		8	
Milwaukee	4,061	19.3	3,925	18.8	3,874	18.7	3,266	16.1	3,160	15.6
Monroe	33	4.0	38	4.6	38	4.6	34	4.1	29	3.6
Oconto	30	4.2	23	3.1	22	3.0	19		32	4.5
Oneida	34	5.2	33	5.1	27	4.2	29	4.6	26	4.2
Outagamie	248	6.7	245	6.6	233	6.2	251	6.8	238	6.5
Ozaukee	102	6.3	117	7.2	116	7.2	67	4.2	85	5.4
Pepin	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Pierce	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Polk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Portage	103	6.5	108	6.9	89	5.7	60	3.9	78	5.2
Price	7		ns		5		ns		ns	
Racine	399	10.1	369	9.3	363	9.2	278	7.1	305	8.0
Richland	24	7.1	18		16		17		15	
Rock	193	6.0	175	5.4	125	3.8	135	4.2	132	4.1
Rusk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
St. Croix	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Sauk	88	7.6	95	8.1	80	6.8	99	8.5	100	8.7
Sawyer	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Shawano	31	3.9	30	3.8	28	3.6	38	4.9	38	5.0
Sheboygan	152	6.7	124	5.5	146	6.5	127	5.7	82	3.7
Taylor	6		7		9		10		8	
Trempealeau	10		6		11		9		7	
Vernon	26	5.0	16		22	4.2	15		16	
Vilas	25	7.3	16		18		12		20	6.0
Walworth	119	5.8	115	5.6	111	5.4	112	5.5	98	4.9
Washburn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Washington	137	5.4	149	5.8	152	5.9	116	4.5	109	4.3
Waukesha	499	6.7	470	6.3	481	6.5	375	5.2	354	5.0
Waupaca	52	5.2	48	4.8	45	4.5	35	3.6	29	3.0
Waushara	18		21	5.3	20	5.0	10		22	5.7
Winnebago	247	7.0	247	7.0	240	6.8	172	5.0	218	6.4
Wood	67	4.5	54	3.6	59	4.0	50	3.5	75	5.3

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

* The rate is the number of induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 women aged 15-44. Wisconsin provisional population estimates for July 1, 2007, prepared by the Bureau of Health Information and Policy, were used to calculate the 2008 rates.

Notes: This table includes only induced terminations of pregnancy that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced terminations of pregnancy 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.

Table 19. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2006-2008

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	15	Iron	2	Price	3
Ashland	ns	Jackson	17	Racine	315
Barron	2	Jefferson	94	Richland	16
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	23	Rock	131
Brown	426	Kenosha	169	Rusk	ns
Buffalo	2	Kewaunee	13	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	88	Sauk	93
Calumet	35	Lafayette	10	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	5	Langlade	11	Shawano	35
Clark	8	Lincoln	14	Sheboygan	118
Columbia	70	Manitowoc	79	Taylor	9
Crawford	8	Marathon	114	Trempealeau	9
Dane	1,190	Marinette	38	Vernon	18
Dodge	102	Marquette	22	Vilas	17
Door	24	Menomine	7	Walworth	107
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	3,433	Washburn	ns
Dunn	3	Monroe	34	Washington	126
Eau Claire	14	Oconto	24	Waukesha	403
Florence	3	Oneida	27	Waupaca	36
Fond du Lac	104	Outagamie	241	Waushara	17
Forest	8	Ozaukee	89	Winnebago	210
Grant	38	Pepin	ns	Wood	61
Green	40	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	15	Polk	ns		
Iowa	20	Portage	76	Three-Year Annual Average Total	8,486

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced terminations of pregnancy that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced terminations of pregnancy 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 Terminations of Pregnancy by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2006-2008

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Adams	3	2	2	9	15
Brown	26	45	142	213	426
Calumet	2	5	12	17	35
Columbia	8	7	23	31	70
Dane	67	125	422	575	1,190
Dodge	11	18	33	41	102
Fond du Lac	5	10	38	50	104
Grant	2	8	11	17	38
Green	5	5	9	21	40
Jefferson	4	12	35	44	94
Kenosha	18	23	52	75	169
La Crosse	7	8	34	39	88
Manitowoc	6	9	29	35	79
Marathon	8	13	36	57	114
Marinette	3	4	14	17	38
Marquette	3	2	9	9	22
Milwaukee	207	338	1,186	1,703	3,433
Monroe	2	4	9	18	34
Oconto	2	4	6	13	24
Oneida	4	5	9	10	27
Outagamie	15	28	79	118	241
Ozaukee	3	11	32	44	89
Portage	2	8	35	30	76
Racine	27	41	98	150	315
Rock	11	16	44	59	131
Sauk	6	14	26	47	93
Shawano	4	3	10	17	35
Sheboygan	7	17	38	56	118
Vernon	2	2	6	8	18
Walworth	7	11	47	42	107
Washington	12	14	35	65	126
Waukesha	21	42	129	212	403

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Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents 2006-2008 (continued)

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Winnebago	11	25	83	91	210
Wood	4	9	20	29	61
Other Counties	25	38	97	160	320
Three-Year Annual Average Total	549	926	2,890	4,121	8,486

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Counties shown had at least five reported induced terminations of pregnancy 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 Terminations of Pregnancy by Selected County of Residence by Age and Selected Racial Categories, Wisconsin Residents, 2006-2008

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	67	125	422	575	1,190
White	50	96	336	459	941
Black	15	20	57	59	151
Milwaukee	207	338	1,186	1,703	3,433
White	58	144	511	731	1,445
Black	135	174	601	838	1,749
Racine	27	41	98	150	315
White	17	32	69	113	230
Black	9	7	26	30	72
Three-Year Annual Average Total	549	926	2,890	4,121	8,486
White	358	659	2,009	2,830	5,856
Black	166	213	714	966	2,059

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Counties shown had at least five reported induced terminations of pregnancy 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 Terminations of Pregnancy by Selected County of Residence by Age and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2006-2008

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	67	125	422	575	1,190
Non-Hispanic	61	113	386	514	1,074
Hispanic	7	12	36	61	116
Kenosha	18	23	52	75	169
Non-Hispanic	15	19	42	65	142
Hispanic	3	4	10	10	27
Milwaukee	207	338	1,186	1,703	3,433
Non-Hispanic	187	297	1,049	1,512	3,045
Hispanic	19	41	137	191	389
Racine	27	41	98	150	315
Non-Hispanic	21	35	84	124	264
Hispanic	5	6	14	26	51
Three-Year Annual Average Total	549	926	2,890	4,121	8,486
Non-Hispanic	505	847	2,628	3,745	7,726
Hispanic	44	78	262	376	761

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Counties shown had at least five reported induced terminations of pregnancy 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.

Table 23. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy by Selected County of Residence by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2006-2008

County	Race			Total	Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander		Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	369	14	20	426	29
Dane	941	151	77	1,190	116
Fond du Lac	95	4	2	104	6
Kenosha	145	15	3	169	27
Marathon	98	2	13	114	4
Milwaukee	1,445	1,749	133	3,433	389
Outagamie	220	2	13	241	13
Ozaukee	81	3	5	89	3
Racine	230	72	4	315	51
Rock	115	10	3	131	8
Sheboygan	101	2	11	118	11
Washington	119	3	2	126	5
Waukesha	363	14	19	403	28
Winnebago	191	5	10	210	9
Three-Year Annual Average Total	5,856	2,059	337	8,486	761

Source: Wisconsin Induced Termination of Pregnancy Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Counties shown had at least five reported induced terminations of pregnancy 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 a three-year annual average of 111 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 123 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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