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Foreword

Since January 1, 1987, medical facilities in Wisconsin have been required to report selected information on patients who obtained induced abortions. 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 Abortions in Wisconsin, 2010 presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System.

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 performs an induced abortion; and the hospital, clinic or other facility in which an 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 2010, trend information for the years 2006-2010, 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 of 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.

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 abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2010 was 7,591, compared to the 8,299 reported in 2009.
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2010 was 7,825, down from 8,542 in 2009 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2010 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 6.8 per 1,000 women age 15-44, compared to 7.4 in 2009. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 16.0 per 1,000 women age 15-44 in 2007; 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 11 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2010, compared to 12 in 2009 (see Table 1).² The most recent national ratio was 23 per 100 live births in 2007.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (34 percent) of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2010. Twelve percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older. Those aged 18-19 obtained 10 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 5 percent (see Table 3).
- In 2010, there were 424 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 391 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 22; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 11 (see Table 4).
- By law, the adult consent requirement for a minor's induced abortion is waived if the pregnancy was the result of sexual assault, if the procedure was a medical emergency, or if the pregnancy was the result of sexual intercourse with a caregiver. There were no such waivers reported in 2010.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2007. *Surveillance Summaries*, February 25, 2011. MMWR 2011:60 (No. SS-1).

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 2010 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (7,591) and in Minnesota (759 in 2010) with 70,824 Wisconsin resident live births for 2009 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2009 (1,116,900). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2010 was 12 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2010 estimated resident abortion rate calculated using these figures was 7 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

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- Seventy-seven percent of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 11 percent by currently married women; 7 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-eight percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 24 percent by black women, 2 percent by American Indian women, and 4 percent by Asian/Pacific Islander women. Ten percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 90 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 6).
 - Fifty-six percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2010 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation (see Table 8).
 - Of the 7,591 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2010, 73 percent were surgical, 26 percent were chemically induced, and 0.7 percent were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2009, these proportions were 72 percent, 27 percent, and 0.6 percent, respectively (see Table 10).

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1975-2010

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
Annual Facility Survey			
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
2009	8,542	12	8
2010	7,825	11	7

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, 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 abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births. (The 2010 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2009.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2010 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2009.)

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, 2010

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	7,591	97%
Michigan	159	2
Illinois	49	1
Minnesota	10	<1
Iowa	6	<1
Other State	10	<1
Other Country	0	0
Total	7,825	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin 2010

Age	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	50	1%	50	1%		
15-17	386	5	374	5	(<18)	3.2
18-19	776	10	746	10		9.1
20-24	2,686	34	2,598	34		12.6
25-29	1,840	24	1,798	24		9.9
30-34	1,148	15	1,118	15		6.9
35-39	708	9	687	9		3.9
40-44	214	3	205	3	(40+)	1.1
45+	17	<1	15	<1		
Total	7,825	100%	7,591	100%		6.8

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

* The total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44 (based on July 1, 2009 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, 2010

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.	22
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	11
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	391
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	424
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	342
2. Guardian or legal custodian	6
3. Adult family member	43
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	391
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, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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 2010

Marital Status	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	905	12%	866	11%	96%
Separated	312	4	304	4	97
Not married:					
Never married	5,992	77	5,826	77	97
Divorced	585	7	565	7	97
Widowed	25	<1	24	<1	96
Unknown	6	<1	6	<1	100
Total	7,825	100%	7,591	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Table 6. Reported Induced Abortions by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin 2010

Race/Ethnicity	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	5,381	69%	5,170	68%	96%
Black	1,816	23	1,808	24	100
Amer. Indian	140	2	133	2	95
Asian/Pacific Isl.	321	4	315	4	98
Other/Unknown	167	2	165	2	99
Total	7,825	100%	7,591	100%	97%
Hispanic	795	10%	782	10%	98%
Non-Hispanic	7,030	90	6,809	90	97
Total	7,825	100%	7,591	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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 2010

Years of Education	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	197	3%	196	3%	99%
9-11	990	13	970	13	98
12	2,853	36	2,753	36	96
13-15	2,590	33	2,520	33	97
16 or more	1,195	15	1,152	15	96
Total	7,825	100%	7,591	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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 2010

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	4,368	56%	4,222	56%	97%
9-10	1,481	19	1,435	19	97
11-12	832	11	805	11	97
13-15	653	8	644	8	99
16-20	376	5	372	5	99
Over 20	115	1	113	1	98
Total	7,825	100%	7,591	100%	97%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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.

Summary Distributions

Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Reported Complications, Wisconsin 2010

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	7,818	7,585
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	1	0
Infection	0	0
Uterine Perforation	3	3
Cervical Laceration	0	0
Retained Products	2	2
Other	1	1
Total	7,825*	7,591*

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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 procedure and which occurred during the visit in which the procedure was performed. For chemically induced abortions, wait until the procedure is completed to answer this question.”

Table 10. Reported Induced Abortions by Type of Procedure, Wisconsin Residents, 2010

Type of Procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	1,986	26%
Surgical	5,550	73
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	55	1
Total	7,591	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2010

Age	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
Less than 15	27	19	2	0	2	50	7
15-17	236	114	6	3	15	374	40
15	42	28	0	0	3	73	11
16	73	38	1	1	7	120	13
17	121	48	5	2	5	181	16
18-19	518	170	17	19	22	746	91
18	249	66	9	9	10	343	42
19	269	104	8	10	12	403	49
20-24	1,788	629	53	73	55	2,598	262
20	383	132	16	17	16	564	58
21	364	133	10	15	12	534	51
22-24	1,041	364	27	41	27	1,500	153
25-29	1,167	470	27	98	36	1,798	177
30-34	758	262	18	56	24	1,118	112
35-39	496	121	10	53	7	687	71
40+	180	23	0	13	4	220	22
Total	5,170	1,808	133	315	165	7,591	782
	Percent						
Less than 15	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%
15-17	5	6	5	1	9	5	5
18-19	10	9	13	6	13	10	12
20-24	35	35	40	23	33	34	34
25-29	23	26	20	31	22	24	23
30-34	15	14	14	18	15	15	14
35-39	10	7	8	17	4	9	9
40+	3	1	0	4	2	3	3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2010

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
	Number						
Less than 15	0	0	50	0	0	0	50
15-17	1	0	373	0	0	0	374
18-19	9	4	733	0	0	0	746
20-24	104	49	2,398	44	3	0	2,598
25-29	238	80	1,350	121	4	5	1,798
30-34	211	88	633	180	6	0	1,118
35-39	215	62	245	158	7	0	687
40+	88	21	44	62	4	1	220
Total	866	304	5,826	565	24	6	7,591
	Percent						
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
15-17	<1	0	6	0	0	0	5
18-19	1	1	13	0	0	0	10
20-24	12	16	41	8	13	0	34
25-29	27	26	23	21	17	83	24
30-34	24	29	11	32	25	0	15
35-39	25	20	4	28	29	0	9
40+	10	7	1	11	17	17	3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Education and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2010

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
11 or less	723	347	25	30	34	1,159	262
12	1,768	771	61	93	60	2,753	295
13-15	1,780	563	35	88	54	2,520	177
16 or more	893	127	12	103	17	1,152	44
Unknown	6	0	0	1	0	7	4
Total	5,170	1,808	133	315	165	7,591	782
	Percent						
11 or less	14%	19%	19%	10%	21%	15%	34%
12	34	43	46	30	36	36	38
13-15	34	31	26	28	33	33	23
16 or more	17	7	9	33	10	15	6
Unknown	<1	0	0	<1	0	<1	1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2010

Marital Status	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Number							
Married	622	71	8	157	8	866	101
Separated	244	39	7	9	5	304	58
Not married:							
Never married	3,793	1,653	108	128	144	5,826	567
Divorced	493	39	9	17	7	565	53
Widowed	14	5	1	4	0	24	0
Unknown	4	1	0	0	1	6	3
Total	5,170	1,808	133	315	165	7,591	782
Percent							
Married	12%	4%	6%	50%	5%	11%	13%
Separated	5	2	5	3	3	4	7
Not married:							
Never married	73	91	81	41	87	77	73
Divorced	10	2	7	5	4	7	7
Widowed	<1	<1	1	1	0	<1	0
Unknown	<1	<1	0	0	1	<1	<1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Estimated Gestation and Patient Age

Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2010

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
	Number								
8 weeks or less	16	162	363	1,396	1,036	680	425	144	4,222
9-10	11	85	168	519	326	167	120	39	1,435
11-12	5	42	76	287	194	119	69	13	805
13-15	10	53	85	226	141	81	37	11	644
16-20	8	27	40	130	76	57	26	8	372
Over 20	0	5	14	40	25	14	10	5	113
Total	50	374	746	2,598	1,798	1,118	687	220	7,591
	Percent								
8 weeks or less	32%	43%	49%	54%	58%	61%	62%	65%	56%
9-10	22	23	23	20	18	15	17	18	19
11-12	10	11	10	11	11	11	10	6	11
13-15	20	14	11	9	8	7	5	5	8
16-20	16	7	5	5	4	5	4	4	5
Over 20	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

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Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2010

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	22	37	122	136	46	363
Dane	46	101	357	379	110	993
Jefferson	6	6	21	35	13	81
Kenosha	18	33	75	59	20	205
Milwaukee	158	262	1,019	1,245	315	2,999
Outagamie	9	22	89	89	28	237
Portage	5	7	37	31	7	87
Racine	24	29	97	114	33	297
Rock	9	17	34	33	12	105
Walworth	6	5	39	28	11	89
Washington	8	16	35	51	29	139
Waukesha	14	29	108	150	64	365
Winnebago	13	20	67	76	26	202
Other Counties	86	162	498	490	193	1,429
Total	424	746	2,598	2,916	907	7,591

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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 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, 2006-2010

Age	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	596	5.0	551	4.7	500	4.3	495	4.3	424	3.7
18-19	1,066	13.2	838	10.7	873	11.2	874	11.0	746	9.1
20-24	3,162	15.7	2,780	14.0	2,729	14.1	2,851	14.7	2,598	12.6
25-29	2,187	12.3	1,905	10.9	1,894	10.5	2,119	11.5	1,798	9.9
30-34	1,288	7.7	1,036	6.2	1,029	6.2	1,078	6.5	1,118	6.9
35-39	763	4.0	728	3.9	712	3.9	630	3.5	687	3.9
40+	290	1.3	261	1.2	271	1.3	252	1.3	220	1.1
Total	9,352	8.1	8,099	7.1	8,008	7.1	8,299	7.4	7,591	6.8

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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, 2009, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2010 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.

Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2006-2010

County	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Total	9,352	8.1	8,099	7.1	8,008	7.1	8,299	7.4	7,591	6.8
Adams	17		15		14		12		18	
Ashland	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Barron	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Bayfield	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Brown	470	8.9	420	8.1	388	7.6	414	8.1	363	7.1
Buffalo	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Burnett	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Calumet	50	5.3	31	3.4	25	2.8	27	3.0	41	4.6
Chippewa	6		ns		7		6		ns	
Clark	11		7		5		14		16	
Columbia	76	7.1	70	6.7	63	6.1	85	8.2	64	6.3
Crawford	5		7		12		13		9	
Dane	1,218	11.1	1,176	10.8	1,176	10.9	1,011	9.4	993	9.2
Dodge	112	6.7	87	5.3	108	6.7	109	6.8	81	5.1
Door	16		20	4.5	36	8.3	18		17	
Douglas	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Dunn	ns		5		ns		ns		ns	
Eau Claire	15		10		17		7		10	
Florence	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Fond du Lac	101	4.9	103	5.1	107	5.3	97	4.9	89	4.5
Forest	7		8		8		8		12	
Grant	37	3.8	41	4.3	35	3.7	35	3.7	37	4.0
Green	51	7.5	31	4.6	39	5.8	26	3.9	24	3.6
Green Lake	16		16		12		19		10	
Iowa	21	4.4	18		21	4.5	18		19	
Iron	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Jackson	15		18		17		11		16	
Jefferson	114	6.7	82	4.8	87	5.2	82	4.9	81	4.9
Juneau	22	4.5	26	5.5	21	4.5	19		15	
Kenosha	211	6.0	153	4.4	142	4.1	198	5.8	205	6.0
Kewaunee	18		8		13		19		18	
La Crosse	85	3.4	84	3.4	95	3.8	85	3.4	65	2.6
Lafayette	11		8		10		9		6	
Langlade	10		10		12		11		12	
Lincoln	17		12		12		11		15	
Manitowoc	86	5.4	76	4.9	76	5.0	86	5.7	64	4.3
Marathon	111	4.2	129	4.9	102	3.9	134	5.2	112	4.3
Marinette	47	5.8	38	4.8	30	3.9	34	4.5	36	4.8
Marquette	20	7.7	28	11.0	19		18		14	

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2006-2010 (continued)

County	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate**	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Menominee	6		8		8		9		14	
Milwaukee	3,874	18.7	3,266	16.1	3,160	15.6	3,424	17.1	2,999	15.0
Monroe	38	4.6	34	4.1	29	3.6	41	5.0	39	4.8
Oconto	22	3.0	19		32	4.5	27	3.8	27	3.9
Oneida	27	4.2	29	4.6	26	4.2	20	3.2	30	4.9
Outagamie	233	6.2	251	6.8	238	6.5	256	7.0	237	6.5
Ozaukee	116	7.2	67	4.2	85	5.4	77	5.0	74	4.8
Pepin	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Pierce	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Polk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Portage	89	5.7	60	3.9	78	5.2	81	5.4	87	5.8
Price	5		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Racine	363	9.2	278	7.1	305	8.0	289	7.6	297	7.8
Richland	16		17		15		20	6.2	11	
Rock	125	3.8	135	4.2	132	4.1	117	3.7	105	3.3
Rusk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
St. Croix	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Sauk	80	6.8	99	8.5	100	8.7	96	8.4	79	6.9
Sawyer	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Shawano	28	3.6	38	4.9	38	5.0	49	6.6	43	5.8
Sheboygan	146	6.5	127	5.7	82	3.7	126	5.8	98	4.5
Taylor	9		10		8		10		5	
Trempealeau	11		9		7		9		11	
Vernon	22	4.2	15		16		15		17	
Vilas	18		12		20	6.0	17		24	7.4
Walworth	111	5.4	112	5.5	98	4.9	106	5.4	89	4.6
Washburn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Washington	152	5.9	116	4.5	109	4.3	138	5.5	139	5.6
Waukesha	481	6.5	375	5.2	354	5.0	391	5.6	365	5.2
Waupaca	45	4.5	35	3.6	29	3.0	32	3.3	37	3.9
Waushara	20	5.0	10		22	5.7	17		13	
Winnebago	240	6.8	172	5.0	218	6.4	230	6.8	202	6.0
Wood	59	4.0	50	3.5	75	5.3	51	3.7	63	4.6

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

* The rate is the number of induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44. Wisconsin provisional population estimates for July 1, 2009, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2010 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; 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 Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2008-2010

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	15	Iron	ns	Price	3
Ashland	ns	Jackson	15	Racine	297
Barron	2	Jefferson	83	Richland	15
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	18	Rock	118
Brown	388	Kenosha	182	Rusk	ns
Buffalo	ns	Kewaunee	17	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	82	Sauk	92
Calumet	31	Lafayette	8	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	5	Langlade	12	Shawano	43
Clark	12	Lincoln	13	Sheboygan	102
Columbia	71	Manitowoc	75	Taylor	8
Crawford	11	Marathon	116	Trempealeau	9
Dane	1,060	Marinette	33	Vernon	16
Dodge	99	Marquette	17	Vilas	20
Door	24	Menomine	10	Walworth	98
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	3,194	Washburn	ns
Dunn	2	Monroe	36	Washington	129
Eau Claire	11	Oconto	29	Waukesha	370
Florence	3	Oneida	25	Waupaca	33
Fond du Lac	98	Outagamie	244	Waushara	17
Forest	9	Ozaukee	79	Winnebago	217
Grant	36	Pepin	ns	Wood	63
Green	30	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	14	Polk	ns	Three-Year Annual	
Iowa	19	Portage	82	Average Total	7,966

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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.

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, 2008-2010

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	18	38	135	197	388
Columbia	5	10	23	33	71
Dane	57	107	379	516	1,060
Dodge	9	15	22	53	99
Door	2	2	7	13	24
Fond du Lac	5	11	30	51	98
Grant	2	5	15	14	36
Green	3	3	9	14	30
Jefferson	4	9	26	44	83
Kenosha	15	24	64	78	182
La Crosse	7	5	31	38	82
Manitowoc	4	10	28	33	75
Marathon	7	17	39	53	116
Milwaukee	181	301	1,095	1,617	3,194
Monroe	3	4	11	17	36
Oconto	2	4	7	16	29
Oneida	2	4	6	14	25
Outagamie	13	26	90	115	244
Ozaukee	3	8	28	39	79
Portage	5	7	32	37	82
Racine	20	33	99	145	297
Rock	8	18	40	52	118
Sauk	5	13	30	44	92
Shawano	4	4	15	20	43
Sheboygan	4	9	38	50	102
Vilas	2	2	5	10	20
Walworth	4	10	41	43	98
Washington	9	14	34	71	129
Waukesha	22	36	105	206	370

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Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2008-2010 (continued)

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Winnebago	14	20	83	99	217
Wood	5	7	24	27	63
Other Counties	24	54	133	175	386
Three-Year Annual Average Total	473	831	2,726	3,936	7,966

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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, 2008-2010

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	57	107	379	516	1,060
White	38	79	287	392	796
Black	15	18	57	59	149
Milwaukee	181	301	1,095	1,617	3,194
White	47	129	476	693	1,346
Black	120	150	558	793	1,621
Racine	20	33	99	145	297
White	13	24	69	106	211
Black	7	8	26	34	74
Three-Year Annual Average Total	473	831	2,726	3,936	7,966
White	293	585	1,886	2,680	5,445
Black	148	186	671	924	1,929

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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, 2008-2010

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	18	38	135	197	388
Non-Hispanic	15	35	125	181	357
Hispanic	4	2	10	16	32
Dane	57	107	379	516	1,060
Non-Hispanic	49	94	346	462	951
Hispanic	9	13	33	54	109
Kenosha	15	24	64	78	182
Non-Hispanic	13	20	56	67	155
Hispanic	3	5	8	11	27
Milwaukee	181	301	1,095	1,617	3,194
Non-Hispanic	165	255	966	1,424	2,809
Hispanic	17	46	129	193	385
Racine	20	33	99	145	297
Non-Hispanic	15	29	80	125	250
Hispanic	5	4	18	20	47
Waukesha	22	36	105	206	370
Non-Hispanic	19	34	96	196	346
Hispanic	3	2	9	10	24
Three-Year Annual Average Total	473	831	2,726	3,936	7,966
Non-Hispanic	423	746	2,470	3,563	7,201
Hispanic	50	85	256	373	765

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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.

Table 23. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2008-2010

County	Race			Total	Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander		Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	334	13	18	388	32
Dane	796	149	74	1,060	109
Fond du Lac	89	3	4	98	7
Kenosha	158	14	4	182	27
La Crosse	74	3	2	82	2
Milwaukee	1,346	1,621	117	3,194	385
Outagamie	215	4	19	244	12
Ozaukee	71	3	4	79	3
Racine	211	74	3	297	47
Rock	104	8	3	118	9
Sheboygan	90	2	9	102	10
Washington	121	3	3	129	5
Waukesha	329	13	22	370	24
Winnebago	195	6	12	217	10
Three-Year Annual Average Total	5,445	1,929	325	7,966	765

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health 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 a three-year annual average of 119 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 149 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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