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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, 2011 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 2011, trend information for the years 2007-2011, 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 2011 was 7,019, compared to the 7,591 reported in 2010.
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2011 was 7,249, down from 7,825 in 2010 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2011 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 6.3 per 1,000 women age 15-44, compared to 6.8 in 2010. 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 2008; 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 10 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2011, compared to 11 in 2010 (see Table 1).² The most recent national ratio was 23 per 100 live births in 2008.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (34 percent) of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2011. Twelve percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older. Those aged 18-19 obtained 9 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 4 percent (see Table 3).
- In 2011, there were 321 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 296 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 13; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 12 (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 2011.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2008. *Surveillance Summaries*, November 25, 2011. MMWR 2011;60 (No. 15).

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 2011 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (7,019) and in Minnesota (759 in 2010) with 68,367 Wisconsin resident live births for 2010 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2010 (1,097,595). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2011 was 11 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2011 estimated resident abortion rate calculated using these figures was 7 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

- Seventy-eight percent of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 11 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).
- Sixty-eight percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 23 percent by black women, 1 percent by American Indian women, and 4 percent by Asian/Pacific Islander women. Nine percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 91 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 6).
- Fifty-three percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2011 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation (see Table 8).
- Of the 7,019 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2011, 76 percent were surgical, 24 percent were chemically induced, and 0.6 percent were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2010, these proportions were 73 percent, 26 percent, and 0.7 percent, respectively (see Table 10).

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1976-2011

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
Annual Facility Survey			
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
2011	7,249	10	6

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 2011 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2010.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2011 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2010.)

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, 2011

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	7,019	97%
Michigan	144	2
Illinois	65	1
Minnesota	4	<1
Iowa	6	<1
Other State	9	<1
Other Country	2	<1
Total	7,249	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 2011

Age	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	30	<1%	28	<1%		
15-17	302	4	293	4	(<18)	2.5
18-19	634	9	607	9		7.4
20-24	2,488	34	2,409	34		11.6
25-29	1,883	26	1,829	26		10.0
30-34	1,053	15	1,020	15		6.3
35-39	600	8	583	8		3.3
40-44	234	3	225	3	(40+)	1.2
45+	25	<1	25	<1		
Total	7,249	100%	7,019	100%		6.3

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, 2010 population counts); age-specific rates are the number per 1,000 women in each age group. The rate among females less than 18 years of age was calculated using the female population aged 15-17; the rate among females aged 40 and older was calculated using the female population aged 40-44.

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

Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2011

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.	13
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	12
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	296
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	321
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	264
2. Guardian or legal custodian	6
3. Adult family member	26
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	296
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.

Table 5. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Wisconsin 2011

Marital Status	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	799	11%	767	11%	96%
Separated	239	3	231	3	97
Not married:					
Never married	5,627	78	5,454	78	97
Divorced	548	8	531	8	97
Widowed	18	<1	18	<1	100
Unknown	18	<1	18	<1	100
Total	7,249	100%	7,019	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 2011

Race/Ethnicity	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	5,003	69%	4,799	68%	96%
Black	1,599	22	1,590	23	99
Amer. Indian	109	2	104	1	95
Asian/Pacific Isl.	320	4	315	4	98
Other/Unknown	218	3	211	3	97
Total	7,249	100%	7,019	100%	97%
Hispanic	675	9%	663	9%	98%
Non-Hispanic	6,574	91	6,356	91	97
Total	7,249	100%	7,019	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 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 2011

Years of Education	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	163	2%	159	2%	98%
9-11	806	11	788	11	98
12	2,472	34	2,380	34	96
13-15	2,544	35	2,474	35	97
16 or more	1,264	17	1,218	17	96
Total	7,249	100%	7,019	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 2011

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	3,847	53%	3,724	53%	97%
9-10	1,431	20	1,380	20	96
11-12	817	11	790	11	97
13-15	656	9	636	9	97
16-20	384	5	379	5	99
Over 20	114	2	110	2	96
Total	7,249	100%	7,019	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 2011

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	7,225	6,999
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	13	12
Infection	1	0
Uterine Perforation	1	0
Cervical Laceration	0	0
Retained Products	9	7
Other	1	1
Total	7,250*	7,019*

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, 2011

Type of Procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	1,675	24%
Surgical	5,299	76
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	45	1
Total	7,019	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, 2011

Age	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
Less than 15	17	8	1	1	1	28	0
15-17	199	72	4	7	11	293	33
15	42	21	0	1	6	70	5
16	64	25	2	1	1	93	11
17	93	26	2	5	4	130	17
18-19	422	123	12	27	23	607	76
18	184	58	3	13	9	267	30
19	238	65	9	14	14	340	46
20-24	1,668	539	34	79	89	2,409	197
20	299	99	11	11	20	440	38
21	347	106	5	11	21	490	38
22-24	1,022	334	18	57	48	1,479	121
25-29	1,200	458	25	88	58	1,829	173
30-34	676	252	16	56	20	1,020	98
35-39	423	100	10	44	6	583	73
40+	194	38	2	13	3	250	13
Total	4,799	1,590	104	315	211	7,019	663
	Percent						
Less than 15	<1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%
15-17	4	5	4	2	5	4	5
18-19	9	8	12	9	11	9	11
20-24	35	34	33	25	42	34	30
25-29	25	29	24	28	27	26	26
30-34	14	16	15	18	9	15	15
35-39	9	6	10	14	3	8	11
40+	4	2	2	4	1	4	2
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, 2011

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
	Number						
Less than 15	0	0	28	0	0	0	28
15-17	0	1	289	0	3	0	293
18-19	4	3	599	1	0	0	607
20-24	82	30	2,263	32	2	0	2,409
25-29	230	69	1,410	111	1	8	1,829
30-34	187	61	600	164	5	3	1,020
35-39	182	50	200	143	4	4	583
40+	82	17	65	80	3	3	250
Total	767	231	5,454	531	18	18	7,019
	Percent						
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	<1%
15-17	0	<1	5	0	17	0	4
18-19	1	1	11	<1	0	0	9
20-24	11	13	41	6	11	0	34
25-29	30	30	26	21	6	44	26
30-34	24	26	11	31	28	17	15
35-39	24	22	4	27	22	22	8
40+	11	7	1	15	17	17	4
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, 2011

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
11 or less	563	263	21	40	38	925	196
12	1,623	562	45	82	68	2,380	229
13-15	1,660	614	31	93	76	2,474	187
16 or more	938	149	7	96	28	1,218	44
Unknown	15	2	0	4	1	22	7
Total	4,799	1,590	104	315	211	7,019	663
	Percent						
11 or less	12%	17%	20%	13%	18%	13%	30%
12	34	35	43	26	32	34	35
13-15	35	39	30	30	36	35	28
16 or more	20	9	7	30	13	17	7
Unknown	<1	<1	0	1	<1	<1	1
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.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2011

Marital Status	Race					Total	Ethnicity Hispanic (Any Race)
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown		
Number							
Married	538	53	10	144	22	767	80
Separated	176	33	3	10	9	231	45
Not married:							
Never married	3,622	1,442	79	143	168	5,454	488
Divorced	438	55	11	17	10	531	39
Widowed	11	3	1	1	2	18	5
Unknown	14	4	0	0	0	18	6
Total	4,799	1,590	104	315	211	7,019	663
Percent							
Married	11%	3%	10%	46%	10%	11%	12%
Separated	4	2	3	3	4	3	7
Not married:							
Never married	75	91	76	45	80	78	74
Divorced	9	3	11	5	5	8	6
Widowed	<1	<1	1	<1	1	<1	1
Unknown	<1	<1	0	0	0	<1	1
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.

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Estimated Gestation and Patient Age

Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2011

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
	Number								
8 weeks or less	8	121	277	1,204	1,036	594	323	161	3,724
9-10	7	63	127	518	326	197	109	33	1,380
11-12	3	41	81	294	201	93	61	16	790
13-15	7	44	71	222	146	82	44	20	636
16-20	2	16	45	127	97	40	37	15	379
Over 20	1	8	6	44	23	14	9	5	110
Total	28	293	607	2,409	1,829	1,020	583	250	7,019
	Percent								
8 weeks or less	29%	41%	46%	50%	57%	58%	55%	64%	53%
9-10	25	22	21	22	18	19	19	13	20
11-12	11	14	13	12	11	9	10	6	11
13-15	25	15	12	9	8	8	8	8	9
16-20	7	5	7	5	5	4	6	6	5
Over 20	4	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
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, 2011

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	20	39	127	138	49	373
Dane	38	75	349	357	118	937
Dodge	6	11	25	30	8	80
Kenosha	7	15	60	55	14	151
Marathon	5	6	33	52	18	114
Milwaukee	107	198	942	1,228	288	2,763
Outagamie	10	28	84	103	26	251
Racine	19	25	78	81	36	239
Sauk	7	10	20	34	10	81
Sheboygan	6	5	37	36	14	98
Washington	7	13	32	44	21	117
Waukesha	22	26	86	134	51	319
Winnebago	6	17	94	72	17	206
Other Counties	61	139	442	485	163	1,290
Total	321	607	2,409	2,849	833	7,019

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, 2007-2011

Age	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	551	4.7	500	4.3	495	4.3	424	3.7	321	2.8
18-19	838	10.7	873	11.2	874	11.0	746	9.1	607	7.6
20-24	2,780	14.0	2,729	14.1	2,851	14.7	2,598	12.6	2,409	12.7
25-29	1,905	10.9	1,894	10.5	2,119	11.5	1,798	9.9	1,829	10.0
30-34	1,036	6.2	1,029	6.2	1,078	6.5	1,118	6.9	1,020	6.0
35-39	728	3.9	712	3.9	630	3.5	687	3.9	583	3.4
40+	261	1.2	271	1.3	252	1.3	220	1.1	250	1.3
Total	8,099	7.1	8,008	7.1	8,299	7.4	7,591	6.8	7,019	6.4

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, 2010, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2011 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, 2007-2011

County	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Total	8,099	7.1	8,008	7.1	8,299	7.4	7,591	6.8	7,019	6.4
Adams	15		14		12		18		12	
Ashland	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Barron	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Bayfield	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Brown	420	8.1	388	7.6	414	8.1	363	7.1	373	7.4
Buffalo	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Burnett	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Calumet	31	3.4	25	2.8	27	3.0	41	4.6	24	2.6
Chippewa	ns		7		6		ns		ns	
Clark	7		5		14		16		11	
Columbia	70	6.7	63	6.1	85	8.2	64	6.3	55	5.6
Crawford	7		12		13		9		7	
Dane	1,176	10.8	1,176	10.9	1,011	9.4	993	9.2	937	8.5
Dodge	87	5.3	108	6.7	109	6.8	81	5.1	80	5.4
Door	20	4.5	36	8.3	18		17		11	
Douglas	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Dunn	5		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Eau Claire	10		17		7		10		11	
Florence	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Fond du Lac	103	5.1	107	5.3	97	4.9	89	4.5	84	4.4
Forest	8		8		8		12		7	
Grant	41	4.3	35	3.7	35	3.7	37	4.0	32	3.4
Green	31	4.6	39	5.8	26	3.9	24	3.6	27	4.2
Green Lake	16		12		19		10		14	
Iowa	18		21	4.5	18		19		22	5.5
Iron	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Jackson	18		17		11		16		11	
Jefferson	82	4.8	87	5.2	82	4.9	81	4.9	66	4.0
Juneau	26	5.5	21	4.5	19		15		11	
Kenosha	153	4.4	142	4.1	198	5.8	205	6.0	151	4.4
Kewaunee	8		13		19		18		8	
La Crosse	84	3.4	95	3.8	85	3.4	65	2.6	67	2.7
Lafayette	8		10		9		6		9	
Langlade	10		12		11		12		17	
Lincoln	12		12		11		15		16	
Manitowoc	76	4.9	76	5.0	86	5.7	64	4.3	81	5.9
Marathon	129	4.9	102	3.9	134	5.2	112	4.3	114	4.6
Marinette	38	4.8	30	3.9	34	4.5	36	4.8	30	4.6
Marquette	28	11.0	19		18		14		7	

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2007-2011 (continued)

County	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate**	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Menominee	8		8		9		14		5	
Milwaukee	3,266	16.1	3,160	15.6	3,424	17.1	2,999	15.0	2,763	13.2
Monroe	34	4.1	29	3.6	41	5.0	39	4.8	26	3.3
Oconto	19		32	4.5	27	3.8	27	3.9	25	4.0
Oneida	29	4.6	26	4.2	20	3.2	30	4.9	28	5.3
Outagamie	251	6.8	238	6.5	256	7.0	237	6.5	251	7.2
Ozaukee	67	4.2	85	5.4	77	5.0	74	4.8	65	4.4
Pepin	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Pierce	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Polk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Portage	60	3.9	78	5.2	81	5.4	87	5.8	76	5.1
Price	ns		ns		ns		ns		5	
Racine	278	7.1	305	8.0	289	7.6	297	7.8	239	6.6
Richland	17		15		20	6.2	11		11	
Rock	135	4.2	132	4.1	117	3.7	105	3.3	116	3.7
Rusk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
St. Croix	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Sauk	99	8.5	100	8.7	96	8.4	79	6.9	81	7.3
Sawyer	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Shawano	38	4.9	38	5.0	49	6.6	43	5.8	35	5.0
Sheboygan	127	5.7	82	3.7	126	5.8	98	4.5	98	4.8
Taylor	10		8		10		5		6	
Trempealeau	9		7		9		11		6	
Vernon	15		16		15		17		21	4.4
Vilas	12		20	6.0	17		24	7.4	22	8.1
Walworth	112	5.5	98	4.9	106	5.4	89	4.6	85	4.3
Washburn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Washington	116	4.5	109	4.3	138	5.5	139	5.6	117	5.0
Waukesha	375	5.2	354	5.0	391	5.6	365	5.2	319	4.7
Waupaca	35	3.6	29	3.0	32	3.3	37	3.9	32	3.7
Waushara	10		22	5.7	17		13		19	
Winnebago	172	5.0	218	6.4	230	6.8	202	6.0	206	6.2
Wood	50	3.5	75	5.3	51	3.7	63	4.6	54	4.2

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, 2010, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2011 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, 2009-2011

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	14	Iron	ns	Price	4
Ashland	ns	Jackson	13	Racine	275
Barron	2	Jefferson	76	Richland	14
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	15	Rock	113
Brown	383	Kenosha	185	Rusk	ns
Buffalo	ns	Kewaunee	15	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	72	Sauk	85
Calumet	31	Lafayette	8	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	4	Langlade	13	Shawano	42
Clark	14	Lincoln	14	Sheboygan	107
Columbia	68	Manitowoc	77	Taylor	7
Crawford	10	Marathon	120	Trempealeau	9
Dane	980	Marinette	33	Vernon	18
Dodge	90	Marquette	13	Vilas	21
Door	15	Menomine	9	Walworth	93
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	3,062	Washburn	ns
Dunn	2	Monroe	35	Washington	131
Eau Claire	9	Oconto	26	Waukesha	358
Florence	2	Oneida	26	Waupaca	34
Fond du Lac	90	Outagamie	248	Waushara	16
Forest	9	Ozaukee	72	Winnebago	213
Grant	35	Pepin	ns	Wood	56
Green	26	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	14	Polk	ns	Three-Year Annual	
Iowa	20	Portage	81	Average Total	7,636

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, 2009-2011

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	20	39	135	190	383
Columbia	3	9	22	34	68
Dane	45	94	355	487	980
Dodge	6	12	22	50	90
Fond du Lac	5	11	28	46	90
Grant	2	3	18	12	35
Iowa	2	2	8	9	20
Jefferson	4	7	22	43	76
Kenosha	13	23	70	79	185
La Crosse	6	5	30	32	72
Manitowoc	2	11	29	35	77
Marathon	5	12	40	63	120
Marinette	3	3	12	15	33
Milwaukee	152	262	1,046	1,602	3,062
Monroe	4	4	13	15	35
Oconto	2	3	7	15	26
Outagamie	13	27	90	118	248
Ozaukee	4	9	23	37	72
Portage	5	8	32	37	81
Racine	20	29	91	135	275
Rock	8	14	37	54	113
Sauk	6	11	27	42	85
Shawano	4	4	14	21	42
Sheboygan	6	8	42	51	107
Vilas	2	2	7	10	21
Walworth	4	9	36	44	93
Washington	8	13	35	75	131
Waukesha	22	33	100	204	358
Waupaca	2	3	14	15	34
Waushara	2	3	4	7	16

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Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2009-2011 (continued)

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Winnebago	13	20	83	97	213
Wood	4	5	23	24	56
Other Counties	19	45	107	165	336
Three-Year Annual Average Total	413	742	2,619	3,861	7,636

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, 2009-2011

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	45	94	355	487	980
White	30	67	265	357	719
Black	10	16	52	62	140
Kenosha	13	23	70	79	185
White	10	19	61	69	159
Black	2	2	4	7	15
Milwaukee	152	262	1,046	1,602	3,062
White	44	110	448	696	1,298
Black	96	130	527	776	1,529
Racine	20	29	91	135	275
White	11	20	67	99	197
Black	7	7	20	30	65
Three-Year Annual Average Total	413	742	2,619	3,861	7,636
White	263	519	1,806	2,615	5,203
Black	119	162	628	909	1,818

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, 2009-2011

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	20	39	135	190	383
Non-Hispanic	17	36	126	178	357
Hispanic	3	3	9	12	27
Dane	45	94	355	487	980
Non-Hispanic	39	80	326	431	875
Hispanic	6	14	29	56	105
Kenosha	13	23	70	79	185
Non-Hispanic	11	17	61	67	156
Hispanic	2	5	9	12	29
Milwaukee	152	262	1,046	1,602	3,062
Non-Hispanic	136	220	927	1,406	2,688
Hispanic	17	42	119	196	374
Racine	20	29	91	135	275
Non-Hispanic	16	24	73	116	229
Hispanic	4	5	19	19	46
Waukesha	22	33	100	204	358
Non-Hispanic	19	30	92	193	334
Hispanic	3	3	8	11	25
Three-Year Annual Average Total	413	742	2,619	3,861	7,636
Non-Hispanic	367	657	2,375	3,486	6,885
Hispanic	46	85	244	376	751

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, 2009-2011

County	Race				Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	324	14	16	383	27
Dane	719	140	71	980	105
Fond du Lac	83	2	3	90	7
Kenosha	159	15	4	185	29
La Crosse	65	2	2	72	2
Milwaukee	1,298	1,529	116	3,062	374
Outagamie	219	6	19	248	14
Ozaukee	65	2	3	72	4
Portage	76	2	3	81	3
Racine	197	65	3	275	46
Rock	97	9	2	113	9
Sheboygan	97	2	7	107	9
Washington	121	5	3	131	5
Waukesha	318	10	22	358	25
Winnebago	192	6	11	213	11
Three-Year Annual Average Total	5,203	1,818	313	7,636	751

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 117 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 186 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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