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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, 2012 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 2012, trend information for the years 2008-2012, 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 2012 was 6,692, compared to the 7,019 reported in 2011.
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2012 was 6,927, down from 7,249 in 2011 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2012 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 6.1 per 1,000 women ages 15-44, compared to 6.3 in 2011. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 15.1 per 1,000 women ages 15-44 in 2009; 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 2012, the same as in 2011 (see Table 1).² The most recent national ratio was 23 per 100 live births in 2009.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (34 percent) of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2012. Thirteen percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older. Those aged 18-19 obtained 8 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 4 percent (see Table 3).
- In 2012, there were 294 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 247 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 23; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 24 (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 2012.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2009. *Surveillance Summaries*, November 23, 2012. MMWR 2012;61 (No. SS-08).

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 2012 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (6,692) and in Minnesota (743 in 2012) with 67,740 Wisconsin resident live births for 2011 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2011 (1,091,929). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2012 was 11 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2012 estimated resident abortion rate calculated using these figures was 7 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

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- Eighty percent of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 11 percent by currently married women; 6 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-nine percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 22 percent by black women, 1 percent by American Indian women, 5 percent by Asian/Pacific Islander women, and 3 percent to women of other or unknown race. Ten percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 90 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 6).
 - Forty-nine percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2012 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation (see Table 8).
 - Of the 6,692 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2012, 86 percent were surgical, 14 percent were chemically induced, and 0.4 percent were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2011, these proportions were 76 percent, 24 percent, and 0.6 percent, respectively (see Table 10).

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1977-2012

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
Annual Facility Survey			
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
2012	6,927	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 2012 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2011.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2012 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2011.)

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, 2012

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	6,692	97%
Michigan	153	2
Illinois	66	1
Minnesota	6	<1
Iowa	5	<1
Other State	5	<1
Other Country	0	0
Total	6,927	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 2012

Age	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		<u>Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*</u>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	31	<1%	30	<1%		
15-17	279	4	264	4	(<18)	2.3
18-19	550	8	526	8		6.6
20-24	2,365	34	2,272	34		12.0
25-29	1,711	25	1,671	25		9.2
30-34	1,099	16	1,060	16		6.0
35-39	628	9	611	9		3.7
40-44	245	4	240	4	(40+)	1.3
45+	19	<1	18	<1		
Total	6,927	100%	6,692	100%		6.1

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, 2011 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, 2012

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.	23
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	24
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	247
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	294
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	218
2. Guardian or legal custodian	2
3. Adult family member	27
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	247
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 2012

Marital Status	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	723	10%	703	11%	97%
Separated	197	3	192	3	97
Not married:					
Never married	5,523	80	5,331	80	97
Divorced	441	6	426	6	97
Widowed	21	<1	20	<1	95
Unknown	22	<1	20	<1	91
Total	6,927	100%	6,692	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 2012

Race/Ethnicity	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	4,827	70%	4,613	69%	96%
Black	1,493	22	1,486	22	100
Amer. Indian	85	1	81	1	95
Asian/Pacific Isl.	312	5	309	5	99
Other/Unknown	210	3	203	3	97
Total	6,927	100%	6,692	100%	97%
Hispanic	647	9%	637	10%	98%
Non-Hispanic	6,280	91	6,055	90	96
Total	6,927	100%	6,692	100%	97%

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

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Summary Distributions

Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 2012

Years of Education	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	132	2%	129	2%	98%
9-11	744	11	712	11	96
12	2,351	34	2,270	34	97
13-15	2,436	35	2,354	35	97
16 or more	1,264	18	1,227	18	97
Total	6,927	100%	6,692	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 2012

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	3,402	49%	3,286	49%	97%
9-10	1,503	22	1,444	22	96
11-12	869	13	842	13	97
13-15	625	9	609	9	97
16-20	432	6	419	6	97
Over 20	96	1	92	1	96
Total	6,927	100%	6,692	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 2012

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	6,914	6,681
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	6	6
Infection	0	0
Uterine Perforation	0	0
Cervical Laceration	0	0
Retained Products	4	3
Other	3	2
Total	6,927*	6,692*

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.

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.

* 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, 2012

Type of Procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	932	14%
Surgical	5,734	86
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	26	<1
Total	6,692	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, 2012

Age	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
Less than 15	18	11	0	0	1	30	2
15-17	173	66	5	10	10	264	36
15	23	15	1	1	2	42	4
16	58	23	4	1	3	89	11
17	92	28	0	8	5	133	21
18-19	373	101	6	17	29	526	52
18	158	33	3	9	15	218	18
19	215	68	3	8	14	308	34
20-24	1,585	510	25	81	71	2,272	202
20	295	93	4	14	18	424	50
21	346	97	4	19	18	484	49
22-24	944	320	17	48	35	1,364	103
25-29	1,105	422	27	78	39	1,671	163
30-34	716	232	14	68	30	1,060	100
35-39	439	111	3	40	18	611	69
40+	204	33	1	15	5	258	13
Total	4,613	1,486	81	309	203	6,692	637
	Percent						
Less than 15	<1%	1%	0%	0%	<1%	<1%	<1%
15-17	4	4	6	3	5	4	6
18-19	8	7	7	6	14	8	8
20-24	34	34	31	26	35	34	32
25-29	24	28	33	25	19	25	26
30-34	16	16	17	22	15	16	16
35-39	10	7	4	13	9	9	11
40+	4	2	1	5	2	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.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2012

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
	Number						
Less than 15	0	0	30	0	0	0	30
15-17	0	0	262	0	2	0	264
18-19	10	1	515	0	0	0	526
20-24	86	28	2,130	23	3	2	2,272
25-29	173	52	1,343	94	2	7	1,671
30-34	199	55	668	128	4	6	1,060
35-39	158	37	280	124	8	4	611
40+	77	19	103	57	1	1	258
Total	703	192	5,331	426	20	20	6,692
	Percent						
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	<1%
15-17	0	0	5	0	10	0	4
18-19	1	1	10	0	0	0	8
20-24	12	15	40	5	15	10	34
25-29	25	27	25	22	10	35	25
30-34	28	29	13	30	20	30	16
35-39	22	19	5	29	40	20	9
40+	11	10	2	13	5	5	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, 2012

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
11 or less	524	218	13	43	41	839	184
12	1,544	535	38	79	74	2,270	214
13-15	1,613	580	27	76	58	2,354	175
16 or more	930	153	3	111	30	1,227	64
Unknown	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total	4,613	1,486	81	309	203	6,692	637
	Percent						
11 or less	11%	15%	16%	14%	20%	13%	29%
12	33	36	47	26	36	34	34
13-15	35	39	33	25	29	35	27
16 or more	20	10	4	36	15	18	10
Unknown	<1	0	0	0	0	<1	0
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 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2012

Marital Status	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Number							
Married	507	45	8	124	19	703	73
Separated	150	28	1	4	9	192	38
Not married:							
Never married	3,562	1,374	66	165	164	5,331	489
Divorced	364	33	5	13	11	426	28
Widowed	17	2	0	1	0	20	4
Unknown	13	4	1	2	0	20	5
Total	4,613	1,486	81	309	203	6,692	637
Percent							
Married	11%	3%	10%	40%	9%	11%	11%
Separated	3	2	1	1	4	3	6
Not married:							
Never married	77	92	81	53	81	80	77
Divorced	8	2	6	4	5	6	4
Widowed	<1	<1	0	<1	0	<1	1
Unknown	<1	<1	1	1	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.

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.

Estimated Gestation and Patient Age

Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2012

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
Number									
8 weeks or less	6	78	225	1,062	841	542	368	164	3,286
9-10	7	64	119	526	357	229	103	39	1,444
11-12	7	49	82	293	201	117	73	20	842
13-15	8	42	52	215	147	91	38	16	609
16-20	2	28	40	138	110	64	21	16	419
Over 20	0	3	8	38	15	17	8	3	92
Total	30	264	526	2,272	1,671	1,060	611	258	6,692
Percent									
8 weeks or less	20%	30%	43%	47%	50%	51%	60%	64%	49%
9-10	23	24	23	23	21	22	17	15	22
11-12	23	19	16	13	12	11	12	8	13
13-15	27	16	10	9	9	9	6	6	9
16-20	7	11	8	6	7	6	3	6	6
Over 20	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	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.

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

The data provided for what is termed “weeks of gestation” in the tables cannot be classified precisely or consistently. In some cases, it refers to the patient’s reported weeks since last menstrual period; in other cases, it is the physician’s estimate of weeks since conception. Reporting instructions 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 Abortions by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2012

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	8	29	129	139	39	344
Dane	35	71	280	375	126	887
Dodge	5	9	35	29	12	90
Kenosha	8	9	72	59	23	171
Milwaukee	102	182	905	1,154	324	2,667
Outagamie	10	18	68	89	28	213
Racine	23	30	83	118	37	291
Rock	9	13	53	59	11	145
Sauk	6	5	23	32	10	76
Sheboygan	5	6	37	40	12	100
Walworth	6	10	26	25	5	72
Washington	6	6	29	49	15	105
Waukesha	12	29	80	117	62	300
Winnebago	9	11	69	60	24	173
Other Counties	50	98	383	386	141	1,058
Total	294	526	2,272	2,731	869	6,692

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, 2008-2012

Age	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate*								
<18	500	4.3	495	4.3	424	3.7	321	2.8	294	2.6
18-19	873	11.2	874	11.0	746	9.1	607	7.6	526	6.6
20-24	2,729	14.1	2,851	14.7	2,598	12.6	2,409	12.7	2,272	12.0
25-29	1,894	10.5	2,119	11.5	1,798	9.9	1,829	10.0	1,671	9.2
30-34	1,029	6.2	1,078	6.5	1,118	6.9	1,020	6.0	1,060	6.0
35-39	712	3.9	630	3.5	687	3.9	583	3.4	611	3.7
40+	271	1.3	252	1.3	220	1.1	250	1.3	258	1.4
Total	8,008	7.1	8,299	7.4	7,591	6.8	7,019	6.4	6,692	6.1

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, 2011, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2012 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, 2008-2012

County	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate*								
Total	8,008	7.1	8,299	7.4	7,591	6.8	7,019	6.4	6,692	6.1
Adams	14		12		18		12		14	
Ashland	ns									
Barron	ns									
Bayfield	ns									
Brown	388	7.6	414	8.1	363	7.1	373	7.4	344	6.9
Buffalo	ns									
Burnett	ns									
Calumet	25	2.8	27	3.0	41	4.6	24	2.6	23	2.5
Chippewa	7		6		ns		ns		ns	
Clark	5		14		16		11		6	
Columbia	63	6.1	85	8.2	64	6.3	55	5.6	53	5.2
Crawford	12		13		9		7		6	
Dane	1,176	10.9	1,011	9.4	993	9.2	937	8.5	887	8.2
Dodge	108	6.7	109	6.8	81	5.1	80	5.4	90	5.9
Door	36	8.3	18		17		11		10	
Douglas	ns									
Dunn	ns									
Eau Claire	17		7		10		11		10	
Florence	ns									
Fond du Lac	107	5.3	97	4.9	89	4.5	84	4.4	63	3.2
Forest	8		8		12		7		9	
Grant	35	3.7	35	3.7	37	4.0	32	3.4	27	3.0
Green	39	5.8	26	3.9	24	3.6	27	4.2	26	4.0
Green Lake	12		19		10		14		16	
Iowa	21	4.5	18		19		22	5.5	15	
Iron	ns									
Jackson	17		11		16		11		8	
Jefferson	87	5.2	82	4.9	81	4.9	66	4.0	64	3.8
Juneau	21	4.5	19		15		11		16	
Kenosha	142	4.1	198	5.8	205	6.0	151	4.4	171	5.0
Kewaunee	13		19		18		8		13	
La Crosse	95	3.8	85	3.4	65	2.6	67	2.7	66	2.7
Lafayette	10		9		6		9		8	
Langlade	12		11		12		17		7	
Lincoln	12		11		15		16		12	
Manitowoc	76	5.0	86	5.7	64	4.3	81	5.9	51	3.6
Marathon	102	3.9	134	5.2	112	4.3	114	4.6	91	3.6
Marinette	30	3.9	34	4.5	36	4.8	30	4.6	21	3.1
Marquette	19		18		14		7		10	

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2008-2012 (continued)

County	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Rate*								
Menominee	8		9		14		5		9	
Milwaukee	3,160	15.6	3,424	17.1	2,999	15.0	2,763	13.2	2,667	13.5
Monroe	29	3.6	41	5.0	39	4.8	26	3.3	25	3.1
Oconto	32	4.5	27	3.8	27	3.9	25	4.0	21	3.2
Oneida	26	4.2	20	3.2	30	4.9	28	5.3	24	4.3
Outagamie	238	6.5	256	7.0	237	6.5	251	7.2	213	5.9
Ozaukee	85	5.4	77	5.0	74	4.8	65	4.4	66	4.4
Pepin	ns									
Pierce	ns									
Polk	ns									
Portage	78	5.2	81	5.4	87	5.8	76	5.1	80	5.6
Price	ns		ns		ns		5		ns	
Racine	305	8.0	289	7.6	297	7.8	239	6.6	291	7.9
Richland	15		20	6.2	11		11		12	
Rock	132	4.1	117	3.7	105	3.3	116	3.7	145	4.7
Rusk	ns									
St. Croix	ns									
Sauk	100	8.7	96	8.4	79	6.9	81	7.3	76	6.7
Sawyer	ns									
Shawano	38	5.0	49	6.6	43	5.8	35	5.0	34	4.8
Sheboygan	82	3.7	126	5.8	98	4.5	98	4.8	100	4.8
Taylor	8		10		5		6		ns	
Trempealeau	7		9		11		6		9	
Vernon	16		15		17		21	4.4	10	
Vilas	20	6.0	17		24	7.4	22	8.1	16	
Walworth	98	4.9	106	5.4	89	4.6	85	4.3	72	3.8
Washburn	ns									
Washington	109	4.3	138	5.5	139	5.6	117	5.0	105	4.3
Waukesha	354	5.0	391	5.6	365	5.2	319	4.7	300	4.3
Waupaca	29	3.0	32	3.3	37	3.9	32	3.7	30	3.3
Waushara	22	5.7	17		13		19		16	
Winnebago	218	6.4	230	6.8	202	6.0	206	6.2	173	5.2
Wood	75	5.3	51	3.7	63	4.6	54	4.2	47	3.6

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, 2011, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2012 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, 2010-2012

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	15	Iron	ns	Price	3
Ashland	2	Jackson	12	Racine	276
Barron	ns	Jefferson	70	Richland	11
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	14	Rock	122
Brown	360	Kenosha	176	Rusk	ns
Buffalo	2	Kewaunee	13	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	66	Sauk	79
Calumet	29	Lafayette	8	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	2	Langlade	12	Shawano	37
Clark	11	Lincoln	14	Sheboygan	99
Columbia	57	Manitowoc	65	Taylor	5
Crawford	7	Marathon	106	Trempealeau	9
Dane	939	Marinette	29	Vernon	16
Dodge	84	Marquette	10	Vilas	21
Door	13	Menomine	9	Walworth	82
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	2,810	Washburn	ns
Dunn	ns	Monroe	30	Washington	120
Eau Claire	10	Oconto	24	Waukesha	328
Florence	2	Oneida	27	Waupaca	33
Fond du Lac	79	Outagamie	234	Waushara	16
Forest	9	Ozaukee	68	Winnebago	194
Grant	32	Pepin	ns	Wood	55
Green	26	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	13	Polk	ns	Three-Year Annual	
Iowa	19	Portage	81	Average Total	7,101

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, 2010-2012

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	17	35	126	182	360
Dane	40	82	329	488	939
Dodge	5	10	24	44	84
Fond du Lac	3	10	24	42	79
Iowa	2	2	8	7	19
Jefferson	4	6	20	40	70
Kenosha	11	19	69	77	176
La Crosse	5	5	28	28	66
Marathon	4	8	34	59	106
Marinette	3	3	11	12	29
Milwaukee	122	214	955	1,518	2,810
Monroe	3	4	12	11	30
Outagamie	10	23	80	121	234
Ozaukee	3	11	19	36	68
Portage	4	6	34	37	81
Racine	22	28	86	140	276
Rock	7	13	40	61	122
Sauk	5	7	25	41	79
Shawano	3	2	14	18	37
Sheboygan	5	6	37	51	99
Vilas	2	2	8	8	21
Walworth	5	8	31	38	82
Washington	7	12	32	70	120
Waukesha	16	28	91	193	328
Waupaca	2	2	13	16	33
Waushara	2	4	3	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, 2010-2012 (continued)

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Winnebago	9	16	77	92	194
Wood	2	3	24	25	55
Other Counties	23	57	170	240	491
Three-Year Annual Average Total	346	626	2,426	3,702	7,101

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, 2010-2012

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	40	82	329	488	939
White	26	54	237	351	667
Black	10	15	49	68	141
Milwaukee	122	214	955	1,518	2,810
White	40	93	421	686	1,240
Black	74	102	465	703	1,344
Racine	22	28	86	140	276
White	13	20	63	102	198
Black	8	6	18	31	63
Three-Year Annual Average Total	346	626	2,426	3,702	7,101
White	223	438	1,680	2,519	4,861
Black	97	131	559	841	1,628

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, 2010-2012

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	17	35	126	182	360
Non-Hispanic	14	33	118	171	336
Hispanic	2	2	8	12	24
Dane	40	82	329	488	939
Non-Hispanic	34	70	302	436	843
Hispanic	6	12	26	52	96
Kenosha	11	19	69	77	176
Non-Hispanic	9	14	59	64	146
Hispanic	2	5	10	13	30
Milwaukee	122	214	955	1,518	2,810
Non-Hispanic	108	181	848	1,331	2,468
Hispanic	14	33	108	187	342
Racine	22	28	86	140	276
Non-Hispanic	18	22	70	121	232
Hispanic	4	6	16	18	44
Waukesha	16	28	91	193	328
Non-Hispanic	14	26	85	182	308
Hispanic	2	2	6	10	20
Three-Year Annual Average Total	346	626	2,426	3,702	7,101
Non-Hispanic	307	553	2,206	3,340	6,407
Hispanic	39	73	220	361	694

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, 2010-2012

County	Race				Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	301	15	14	360	24
Dane	667	141	81	939	96
Kenosha	148	15	4	176	30
Milwaukee	1,240	1,344	111	2,810	342
Outagamie	204	6	19	234	16
Racine	198	63	4	276	44
Rock	107	9	2	122	13
Sheboygan	90	2	6	99	8
Washington	109	4	3	120	4
Waukesha	291	8	22	328	20
Winnebago	177	6	9	194	12
Three-Year Annual Average Total	4,861	1,628	313	7,101	694

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 106 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 193 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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