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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

**R**eported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 2013 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 2013, trend information for the years 2009-2013, 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.

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## Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2013 was 6,251, compared to the 6,692 reported in 2012.
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2013 was 6,462, down from 6,927 in 2012 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2013 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 5.8 per 1,000 women ages 15-44, compared to 6.1 in 2012. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 14.6 per 1,000 women ages 15-44 in 2010; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.<sup>1</sup>
- 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 2013, the same as in 2012 (see Table 1).<sup>2</sup> The most recent national ratio was 23 per 100 live births in 2010.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (34 percent) of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2013. 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 3 percent (see Table 3).
- In 2013, there were 215 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 186 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 12; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 17 (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 2013.
- Seventy-nine 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; 3 percent by women who were separated; and less than 1 percent by women who were widowed (see Table 5).

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2010. *Surveillance Summaries*, November 29, 2013. MMWR 2013;62 (No. SS-08).

<sup>2</sup> 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 2013 by dividing the total number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (6,251) and in Minnesota (674 in 2013) by 67,229 Wisconsin resident live births for 2012 and by the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2012 (1,086,321). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2013 was 10 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2013 estimated resident abortion rate calculated using these figures was 6 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

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- Sixty-six percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 25 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-eight percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2013 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation (see Table 8).
  - Of the 6,251 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2013, 81 percent were surgical, 18 percent were chemically induced, and 1 percent were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2012, these proportions were 86 percent, 14 percent, and 0.4 percent, respectively (see Table 10).

**Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1977-2013**

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
<b>Annual Facility Survey</b>			
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
<b>Case-Based Continuous Reporting System</b>			
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
2013	6,462	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 2013 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2012.)

\*\* The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2013 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2012.)

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, 2013**

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	6,251	97%
Michigan	115	2
Illinois	70	1
Minnesota	6	<1
Iowa	1	<1
Other State	18	<1
Other Country	1	<1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>100%</b>

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 2013**

Age	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
<15	16	<1%	15	<1%	
15-17	210	3	200	3	1.8
18-19	528	8	507	8	6.5
20-24	2,196	34	2,117	34	11.1
25-29	1,708	26	1,656	26	9.2
30-34	997	15	967	15	5.4
35-39	590	9	580	9	3.6
40-44	205	3	198	3	1.1
45+	12	<1	11	<1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.8</b>

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, 2012, population counts); age-specific rates are the number per 1,000 women in each age group.

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

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**Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2013**

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<b>Legal Status</b>	<b>Number</b>
A. If the patient is less than 18 years old, indicate the circumstances of the patient.	
1. Patient is an emancipated minor.	12
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	17
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	186
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	215
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	167
2. Guardian or legal custodian	1
3. Adult family member	18
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	186
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

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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 2013**

Marital Status	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	714	11%	685	11%	96%
Separated	177	3	173	3	98
Not married:					
Never married	5,082	79	4,922	79	97
Divorced	441	7	424	7	96
Widowed	32	<1	31	<1	97
Unknown	16	<1	16	<1	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>

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 2013**

Race/Ethnicity	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	4,303	67%	4,120	66%	96%
Black	1,559	24	1,546	25	99
Amer. Indian	95	1	92	1	97
Asian/Pacific Isl.	304	5	297	5	98
Other/Unknown	201	3	196	3	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>
Hispanic	602	9%	595	10%	99%
Non-Hispanic	5,860	91	5,656	90	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>

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 2013**

Years of Education	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	113	2%	111	2%	98%
9-11	615	10	596	10	97
12	2,112	33	2,044	33	97
13-15	2,371	37	2,293	37	97
16 or more	1,251	19	1,207	19	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>

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 2013**

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurred in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	3,116	48%	3,026	48%	97%
9-10	1,523	24	1,470	24	97
11-12	776	12	740	12	95
13-15	597	9	574	9	96
16-20	361	6	356	6	99
Over 20	89	1	85	1	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>

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 2013**

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	6,447	6,238
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	10	8
Infection	1	1
Uterine Perforation	1	1
Cervical Laceration	0	0
Retained Products	3	2
Other	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,463*</b>	<b>6,251*</b>

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, 2013**

Type of Procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	1,105	18%
Surgical	5,083	81
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	63	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>100%</b>

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, 2013**

Age	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	<b>Number</b>						
Less than 15	8	6	0	1	0	15	0
15-17	132	45	9	6	8	200	17
15	27	7	4	0	0	38	2
16	41	18	3	4	3	69	7
17	64	20	2	2	5	93	8
18-19	337	125	7	12	26	507	54
18	134	59	4	6	15	218	28
19	203	66	3	6	11	289	26
20-24	1,400	532	30	80	75	2,117	184
20	247	71	8	13	16	355	36
21	268	88	7	21	15	399	37
22-24	885	373	15	46	44	1,363	111
25-29	1,047	454	28	85	42	1,656	161
30-34	632	236	8	58	33	967	103
35-39	406	121	8	35	10	580	62
40+	158	27	2	20	2	209	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>595</b>
	<b>Percent</b>						
Less than 15	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	0%	<1%	0%
15-17	3	3	10	2	4	3	3
18-19	8	8	8	4	13	8	9
20-24	34	34	33	27	38	34	31
25-29	25	29	30	29	21	26	27
30-34	15	15	9	20	17	15	17
35-39	10	8	9	12	5	9	10
40+	4	2	2	7	1	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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, 2013**

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
	<b>Number</b>						
Less than 15	1	0	14	0	0	0	15
15-17	0	0	194	0	6	0	200
18-19	3	2	502	0	0	0	507
20-24	75	26	1,981	30	1	4	2,117
25-29	177	52	1,324	93	5	5	1,656
30-34	215	44	581	115	9	3	967
35-39	141	38	272	120	6	3	580
40+	73	11	54	66	4	1	209
<b>Total</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>4,922</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6,251</b>
	<b>Percent</b>						
Less than 15	<1%	0%	<1%	0%	0%	0%	<1%
15-17	0	0	4	0	19	0	3
18-19	<1	1	10	0	0	0	8
20-24	11	15	40	7	3	25	34
25-29	26	30	27	22	16	31	26
30-34	31	25	12	27	29	19	15
35-39	21	22	6	28	19	19	9
40+	11	6	1	16	13	6	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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, 2013**

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	<b>Number</b>						
11 or less	408	200	21	36	38	703	157
12	1,321	555	34	74	60	2,044	205
13-15	1,488	619	33	80	73	2,293	172
16 or more	901	172	4	105	25	1,207	61
Unknown	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,120</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>595</b>
	<b>Percent</b>						
11 or less	10%	13%	23%	12%	19%	11%	26%
12	32	36	37	25	31	33	34
13-15	36	40	36	27	37	37	29
16 or more	22	11	4	35	13	19	10
Unknown	0	0	0	1	0	<1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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, 2013**

Marital Status	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	<b>Number</b>						
Married	468	65	5	134	13	685	69
Separated	134	25	3	5	6	173	43
Not married:							
Never married	3,124	1,411	77	140	170	4,922	440
Divorced	361	35	7	15	6	424	38
Widowed	22	5	0	3	1	31	3
Unknown	11	5	0	0	0	16	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,120</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>595</b>
	<b>Percent</b>						
Married	11%	4%	5%	45%	7%	11%	12%
Separated	3	2	3	2	3	3	7
Not married:							
Never married	76	91	84	47	87	79	74
Divorced	9	2	8	5	3	7	6
Widowed	1	<1	0	1	1	<1	1
Unknown	<1	<1	0	0	0	<1	<1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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, 2013**

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
<b>Number</b>									
8 weeks or less	5	68	198	989	820	508	313	125	3,026
9-10	3	53	126	499	370	238	142	39	1,470
11-12	4	27	70	268	203	95	52	21	740
13-15	2	30	68	207	142	68	40	17	574
16-20	0	17	38	118	101	49	27	6	356
Over 20	1	5	7	36	20	9	6	1	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>6,251</b>
<b>Percent</b>									
8 weeks or less	33%	34%	39%	47%	50%	53%	54%	60%	48%
9-10	20	27	25	24	22	25	24	19	24
11-12	27	14	14	13	12	10	9	10	12
13-15	13	15	13	10	9	7	7	8	9
16-20	0	9	7	6	6	5	5	3	6
Over 20	7	3	1	2	1	1	1	<1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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, 2013**

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	11	40	94	111	33	289
Dane	23	41	275	314	112	765
Kenosha	5	19	47	70	16	157
Milwaukee	84	179	872	1,159	297	2,591
Outagamie	6	17	41	85	22	171
Racine	6	24	87	90	37	244
Rock	9	15	39	59	14	136
Sauk	6	10	18	36	6	76
Waukesha	9	32	113	124	60	338
Winnebago	10	16	71	61	16	174
Other Counties	46	114	460	514	176	1,310
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>2,623</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>6,251</b>

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, 2009-2013**

Age	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate*								
<18	495	4.3	424	3.7	321	2.8	294	2.6	215	1.9
18-19	874	11.0	746	9.1	607	7.6	526	6.6	507	6.5
20-24	2,851	14.7	2,598	12.6	2,409	12.7	2,272	12.0	2,117	11.1
25-29	2,119	11.5	1,798	9.9	1,829	10.0	1,671	9.2	1,656	9.2
30-34	1,078	6.5	1,118	6.9	1,020	6.0	1,060	6.0	967	5.4
35-39	630	3.5	687	3.9	583	3.4	611	3.7	580	3.6
40+	252	1.3	220	1.1	250	1.3	258	1.4	209	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,299</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7,591</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>7,019</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6,692</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>5.8</b>

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, 2012, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2013 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, 2009-2013**

County	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate*								
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,299</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7,591</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>7,019</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6,692</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Adams	12		18		12		14		6	
Ashland	ns									
Barron	ns									
Bayfield	ns									
Brown	414	8.1	363	7.1	373	7.4	344	6.9	289	5.8
Buffalo	ns									
Burnett	ns									
Calumet	27	3.0	41	4.6	24	2.6	23	2.5	22	2.4
Chippewa	6		ns		ns		ns		7	
Clark	14		16		11		6		8	
Columbia	85	8.2	64	6.3	55	5.6	53	5.2	60	6.0
Crawford	13		9		7		6		8	
Dane	1,011	9.4	993	9.2	937	8.5	887	8.2	765	7.1
Dodge	109	6.8	81	5.1	80	5.4	90	5.9	55	3.6
Door	18		17		11		10		15	
Douglas	ns									
Dunn	ns									
Eau Claire	7		10		11		10		ns	
Florence	ns									
Fond du Lac	97	4.9	89	4.5	84	4.4	63	3.2	58	3.0
Forest	8		12		7		9		11	
Grant	35	3.7	37	4.0	32	3.4	27	3.0	16	
Green	26	3.9	24	3.6	27	4.2	26	4.0	33	5.1
Green Lake	19		10		14		16		12	
Iowa	18		19		22	5.5	15		15	
Iron	ns									
Jackson	11		16		11		8		ns	
Jefferson	82	4.9	81	4.9	66	4.0	64	3.8	65	3.9
Juneau	19		15		11		16		14	
Kenosha	198	5.8	205	6.0	151	4.4	171	5.0	157	4.6
Kewaunee	19		18		8		13		13	
La Crosse	85	3.4	65	2.6	67	2.7	66	2.7	44	1.8
Lafayette	9		6		9		8		5	
Langlade	11		12		17		7		9	
Lincoln	11		15		16		12		12	
Manitowoc	86	5.7	64	4.3	81	5.9	51	3.6	56	4.0
Marathon	134	5.2	112	4.3	114	4.6	91	3.6	74	3.0
Marinette	34	4.5	36	4.8	30	4.6	21	3.1	16	
Marquette	18		14		7		10		14	

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**Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2009-2013 (continued)**

County	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Rate*								
Menominee	9		14		5		9		10	
Milwaukee	3,424	17.1	2,999	15.0	2,763	13.2	2,667	13.5	2,591	13.0
Monroe	41	5.0	39	4.8	26	3.3	25	3.1	15	
Oconto	27	3.8	27	3.9	25	4.0	21	3.2	17	
Oneida	20	3.2	30	4.9	28	5.3	24	4.3	21	3.8
Outagamie	256	7.0	237	6.5	251	7.2	213	5.9	171	4.8
Ozaukee	77	5.0	74	4.8	65	4.4	66	4.4	83	5.6
Pepin	ns									
Pierce	ns									
Polk	ns									
Portage	81	5.4	87	5.8	76	5.1	80	5.6	60	4.2
Price	ns		ns		5		ns		ns	
Racine	289	7.6	297	7.8	239	6.6	291	7.9	244	6.7
Richland	20	6.2	11		11		12		6	
Rock	117	3.7	105	3.3	116	3.7	145	4.7	136	4.4
Rusk	ns									
St. Croix	ns									
Sauk	96	8.4	79	6.9	81	7.3	76	6.7	76	6.8
Sawyer	ns									
Shawano	49	6.6	43	5.8	35	5.0	34	4.8	33	4.6
Sheboygan	126	5.8	98	4.5	98	4.8	100	4.8	95	4.5
Taylor	10		5		6		ns		ns	
Trempealeau	9		11		6		9		7	
Vernon	15		17		21	4.4	10		9	
Vilas	17		24	7.4	22	8.1	16		10	
Walworth	106	5.4	89	4.6	85	4.3	72	3.8	95	5.1
Washburn	ns									
Washington	138	5.5	139	5.6	117	5.0	105	4.3	93	3.9
Waukesha	391	5.6	365	5.2	319	4.7	300	4.3	338	4.9
Waupaca	32	3.3	37	3.9	32	3.7	30	3.3	30	3.3
Waushara	17		13		19		16		14	
Winnebago	230	6.8	202	6.0	206	6.2	173	5.2	174	5.2
Wood	51	3.7	63	4.6	54	4.2	47	3.6	52	4.0

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, 2012, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2013 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, 2011-2013**

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	11	Iron	ns	Price	2
Ashland	ns	Jackson	8	Racine	258
Barron	ns	Jefferson	65	Richland	10
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	14	Rock	132
Brown	335	Kenosha	160	Rusk	ns
Buffalo	2	Kewaunee	11	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	59	Sauk	78
Calumet	23	Lafayette	7	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	4	Langlade	11	Shawano	34
Clark	8	Lincoln	13	Sheboygan	98
Columbia	56	Manitowoc	63	Taylor	4
Crawford	7	Marathon	93	Trempealeau	7
Dane	863	Marinette	22	Vernon	13
Dodge	75	Marquette	10	Vilas	16
Door	12	Menomine	8	Walworth	84
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	2,674	Washburn	ns
Dunn	ns	Monroe	22	Washington	105
Eau Claire	8	Oconto	21	Waukesha	319
Florence	ns	Oneida	24	Waupaca	31
Fond du Lac	68	Outagamie	212	Waushara	16
Forest	9	Ozaukee	71	Winnebago	184
Grant	25	Pepin	ns	Wood	51
Green	29	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	14	Polk	ns		
Iowa	17	Portage	72	<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	<b>6,654</b>

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, 2011-2013**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	13	36	117	170	335
Columbia	2	3	19	32	56
Dane	32	62	301	467	863
Dodge	4	9	27	35	75
Fond du lac	2	6	24	36	68
Jefferson	2	7	17	39	65
Kenosha	7	14	60	79	160
La Crosse	3	4	29	23	59
Manitowoc	3	9	23	28	63
Marathon	4	5	32	53	93
Marinette	3	2	7	11	22
Milwaukee	98	186	906	1,483	2,674
Outagamie	9	21	64	118	212
Ozaukee	2	8	18	43	71
Portage	2	5	30	35	72
Racine	16	26	83	133	258
Rock	7	12	42	71	132
Sauk	6	8	20	43	78
Shawano	3	2	11	18	34
Sheboygan	4	7	33	53	98
Walworth	4	8	32	40	84
Washington	5	9	34	57	105
Waukesha	14	29	93	183	319
Waushara	2	4	4	7	16
Winnebago	8	15	78	83	184
Wood	2	4	21	23	51
Other counties	19	43	141	203	407
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>6,654</b>

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, 2011-2013**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	32	62	301	467	863
White	21	42	218	334	615
Black	7	9	45	69	129
Milwaukee	98	186	906	1,483	2,674
White	36	74	394	668	1,172
Black	53	93	435	685	1,267
Racine	16	26	83	133	258
White	10	19	59	95	183
Black	5	5	18	29	57
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>6,654</b>
White	<b>182</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>4,511</b>
Black	<b>69</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>1,541</b>

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, 2011-2013**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	32	62	301	467	863
Non-Hispanic	28	54	277	416	775
Hispanic	4	8	25	51	88
Milwaukee	98	186	906	1,483	2,674
Non-Hispanic	86	158	812	1,301	2,357
Hispanic	12	28	95	183	317
Racine	16	26	83	133	258
Non-Hispanic	14	21	72	117	224
Hispanic	2	5	11	16	34
Waukesha	14	29	93	183	319
Non-Hispanic	13	26	87	171	297
Hispanic	2	3	6	11	22
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>6,654</b>
Non-Hispanic	<b>247</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>2,072</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>6,022</b>
Hispanic	<b>29</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>632</b>

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, 2011-2013**

County	Race				Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	276	15	15	335	24
Dane	615	129	75	863	88
Kenosha	134	15	4	160	24
Milwaukee	1,172	1,267	114	2,674	317
Outagamie	183	5	18	212	13
Ozaukee	63	2	4	71	3
Racine	183	57	5	258	34
Rock	114	13	2	132	14
Sheboygan	87	3	6	98	8
Washington	94	4	3	105	4
Waukesha	282	9	20	319	22
Winnebago	163	6	11	184	10
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>6,654</b>	<b>632</b>

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 92 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 203 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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