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## Introduction

**R**eported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 1998 presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System (IARS), established under Wisconsin Statute 69.186. Since January 1, 1987, medical facilities have been required to report selected information on patients who obtained induced abortions. A copy of the statute and reporting form can be found in the Appendix.

The Induced Abortion Report collects only statutorily required information. Each facility that receives a supply of forms is given a code number by which it is identified on the reporting forms. That code and the patient medical record number are used solely for data collection purposes, as stipulated in Section 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes. The original reporting forms are destroyed after data entry. The facility code and patient medical record numbers are used for purposes of information accuracy only and are deleted from the data set after editing. This is required to ensure the anonymity of the patient who receives an induced abortion; the health care provider who provides an induced abortion; and the hospital, clinic or other facility in which an induced 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 the calendar year 1998 as well as three-year annual average information and rates for the years 1994 through 1998. 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 occurrence-based: they consist of reports on induced abortions performed in Wisconsin for both residents and non-residents.

Please note that two new tables were added to the report this year to reflect changes enacted in 1997 to the Induced Abortion Reporting Statute. The new tables are "Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors by Legal Status of Patient" (Table 4) and "Reported Induced Abortions by Type of Abortion" (Table 10). The insertion of two new tables means that the order of tables in this publication differs somewhat from previous publications. Tables have accordingly been renumbered.

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## Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 1998 was 11,681, a decrease from the 13,218 reported in 1997 (see Table 1).
- The total number of abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 1998 was 11,322 (12,675 in 1997).
- The estimated 1998 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 10 per 1,000 women age 15-44. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the comparable national rate was 20 per 1,000 women age 15-44 in 1996, the most recent year for which national data are available.<sup>1</sup>
- The estimated induced abortion ratio is the number of reported induced abortions per 100 live births. This ratio was 18 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 1998, down from 20 in 1997. The most recent national ratio was 31 per 100 live births in 1996 (see Table 1).<sup>2</sup>
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (32 percent) of reported induced abortions in 1998. Those aged 18-19 obtained 12 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 7 percent. Eleven percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older.
- Seventy-two percent of reported abortions were obtained by women who had never been married; 15 percent by currently married women; 9 percent by women who were divorced; 3 percent by women who were separated; and less than 1 percent by women who were widowed. In 1998, marital status was not reported in less than 1 percent of abortions.
- Seventy percent of reported induced abortions were obtained by white women, 24 percent by black women.
- Fifty-two percent of reported induced abortions in 1998 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation.

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<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control. Abortion Surveillance: Preliminary Analysis - United States, 1996, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Atlanta, Georgia, Vol. 47, No. 47, December 4, 1998.

<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 1998 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (11,322) and in Minnesota (914 in 1997, the latest date for which figures are available) with 66,490 Wisconsin resident live births for 1997 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 1997 (1,155,085). The estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 1998 was 18 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 1998 estimated resident abortion rate was about 11 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.



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**Historical Data.** Table 1 shows the numbers of induced abortions in Wisconsin reported on the Annual Facility Survey for the years 1974-1986, and the total number of induced abortions reported through the case-based Induced Abortion Reporting System for 1987 through 1998. This table presents counts of the total reported abortions occurring in Wisconsin for both Wisconsin residents and non-residents. For each year, it also translates those aggregate numbers into the ratio per 100 Wisconsin live births and the rate per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44.

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**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 report 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 is not a measure of all Wisconsin residents who sought and obtained abortions. Illinois, Iowa and Michigan do not have reporting systems. Minnesota has a case-based reporting system for induced abortions. (In 1997, 914 Wisconsin residents obtained induced abortions in Minnesota.) Inclusion of out-of-state data would increase the total reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents.

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 much more likely to be for second-trimester procedures, with higher attendant risks.

**Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions Occurring in Wisconsin, 1974-1998**

Year	Number	Ratio	Rate
<b>Annual Facility Survey</b>			
1974	10,920	17	11
1975	12,319	19	12
1976	14,243	22	14
1977	16,133	24	16
1978	17,764	26	17
1979	20,035	28	18
1980	21,754	29	20
1981	20,819	28	19
1982	19,412	26	18
1983	18,866	26	17
1984	18,836	26	17
1985	17,309	24	15
1986	17,454	24	15
<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

Notes: 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. 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 rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. The 1998 ratio is based on the number of live births in 1997; the 1998 rate is based on population estimates for 1997.

**Table 2. Reported Induced Abortions Occurring in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 1998**

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	11,322	97%
Illinois	135	1
Michigan	147	1
Iowa	29	<1
Minnesota	16	<1
Other State	30	<1
Other Country	2	<1
Total	11,681	100%

**Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, 1998**

Age	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	71	1%	68	1%		
15-17	816	7	792	7	(<18)	7.2
18-19	1,462	13	1,399	12		18.7
20-24	3,769	32	3,656	32		22.2
25-29	2,682	23	2,610	23		15.1
30-34	1,589	14	1,542	14		8.0
35-39	971	8	943	8		4.3
40-44	300	3	291	3	(40+)	1.5
45+	20	<1	20	<1		
Unknown	1	<1	1	<1		
Total	11,681	100%	11,322	100%		9.8

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 total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44 (based on 1997 population estimates); 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.

**Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 1998**

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	41
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent	84
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B)	735
4. None of the above apply (go to C)	0
Total <18	860
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion	
1. Parent	655
2. Guardian or legal custodian	6
3. Adult family member	74
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	735
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. I reported this assault 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. I reported this as required by law.	0
5. The minor provided a written statement that she has been abused by a person empowered to give consent. I reported this as required by law.	0

Note: This table is new; it reflects changes enacted in 1997 in the Induced Abortion Reporting Statute. 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, 1998**

Marital Status	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	1,701	15%	1,645	15%	97%
Separated	403	3	391	3	97
Not Married:					
Never Married	8,425	72	8,172	72	97
Divorced	1,079	9	1,042	9	97
Widowed	45	<1	44	<1	98
Unknown	28	<1	28	<1	100
Total	11,681	100%	11,322	100%	97%

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, 1998**

Race/Ethnicity	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	8,206	70%	7,887	70%	96%
Black	2,753	24	2,727	24	99
Amer. Indian	179	2	174	2	97
Asian/Pacific Isl.	543	5	534	5	98
Other/Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11,681	100%	11,322	100%	97%
Hispanic	657	6%	647	6%	98%
Non-Hispanic	11,017	94	10,668	94	97
Unknown	7	<1	7	<1	100
Total	11,681	100%	11,322	100%	97%

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, 1998**

Years of Education	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	326	3%	321	3%	98%
9-11	1,917	16	1,871	17	98
12	4,700	40	4,557	40	97
13-15	3,264	28	3,160	28	97
16 or more	1,422	12	1,361	12	96
Unknown	52	<1	52	<1	100
Total	11,681	100%	11,322	100%	97%

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, 1998**

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	6,026	52%	5,842	52%	97%
9-10	2,577	22	2,489	22	97
11-12	1,528	13	1,490	13	98
13-15	820	7	801	7	98
16-20	579	5	559	5	97
Over 20	151	1	141	1	93
Total	11,681	100%	11,322	100%	97%

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. 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 (Appendix) 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 will generally 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 so that readers can apply several assumptions about the measure to derive reasonable minimum and maximum ranges for analytical categories of weeks of gestation. This is a conventional classification of weeks of gestation, used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

**Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Complications During the Visit, 1998**

<b>Complications</b>	<b>Occurring in Wisconsin</b>	<b>Wisconsin Residents</b>
None	11,650	11,292
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	7	7
Infection	4	4
Uterine Perforation	3	2
Cervical Laceration	-	-
Retained Products	3	3
Other	14	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,681</b>	<b>11,322</b>

Note: 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.

**Table 10. Reported Induced Abortions by Type of Abortion, Wisconsin Residents, 1998**

<b>Type of Abortion</b>	<b>Number</b>
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	77
Surgical	11,228
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,322</b>

Note: This table is new; it reflects changes enacted in 1997 in the Induced Abortion Reporting Statute. 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, 1998

**Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, Wisconsin Residents, 1998**

Age	Race					Total	Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown		Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
Less than 15	38	29	0	1	0	68	2
15-17	580	182	12	18	0	792	38
15	98	54	1	1	0	154	10
16	212	59	5	7	0	283	12
17	270	69	6	10	0	355	16
18-19	1,027	306	21	45	0	1,399	82
18	501	147	8	19	0	675	35
19	526	159	13	26	0	724	47
20-24	2,504	966	67	119	0	3,656	240
20	546	183	12	21	0	762	61
21	596	192	16	19	0	823	49
25-29	1,669	761	37	143	0	2,610	154
30-34	1,090	331	23	98	0	1,542	80
35-39	736	128	9	70	0	943	40
40+	243	23	5	40	0	311	11
Unknown	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,887</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,322</b>	<b>647</b>
(Percent)							
Less than 15	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	0%	1%	<1%
15-17	7	7	7	3	0	7	6
18-19	13	11	12	8	0	12	13
20-24	32	35	39	22	0	32	37
25-29	21	28	21	27	0	23	24
30-34	14	12	13	18	0	14	12
35-39	9	5	5	13	0	8	6
40+	3	1	3	7	0	3	2
Unknown	0	<1	0	0	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>

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, 1998

**Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 1998**

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
(Number)							
Less than 15	0	0	67	0	0	1	68
15-17	4	0	783	0	2	3	792
18-19	23	7	1,364	4	0	1	1,399
20-24	268	72	3,225	80	2	9	3,656
25-29	451	126	1,735	285	7	6	2,610
30-34	428	111	659	327	13	4	1,542
35-39	348	51	279	251	13	1	943
40+	123	24	60	95	7	2	311
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>8,172</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11,322</b>
(Percent)							
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	4%	1%
15-17	<1	0	10	0	5	11	7
18-19	1	2	17	<1	0	4	12
20-24	16	18	39	8	5	32	32
25-29	27	32	21	27	16	21	23
30-34	26	28	8	31	30	14	14
35-39	21	13	3	24	30	4	8
40+	7	6	1	9	16	7	3
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	4	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>

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, 1998**

**Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Education and by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, Wisconsin Residents, 1998**

Years of Education	Race					Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
<b>(Number)</b>						
11 or less	1,369	576	43	204	2,192	235
12	3,249	1,110	82	116	4,557	225
13-15	2,195	832	39	94	3,160	140
16 or more	1,039	199	9	114	1,361	45
Unknown	35	10	1	6	52	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,887</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>11,322</b>	<b>647</b>
<b>(Percent)</b>						
11 or less	17%	21%	25%	38%	19%	36%
12	41	41	47	22	40	35
13-15	28	31	22	18	28	22
16 or more	13	7	5	21	12	7
Unknown	<1	<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>

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 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother, Wisconsin Residents, 1998**

Marital Status	Race					Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
<b>(Number)</b>						
Married	1,148	183	19	295	1,645	117
Separated	304	74	6	7	391	37
Not married:						
Never married	5,479	2,360	132	201	8,172	438
Divorced	912	92	14	24	1,042	50
Widowed	29	7	2	6	44	1
Unknown	15	11	1	1	28	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,887</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>11,322</b>	<b>647</b>
<b>(Percent)</b>						
Married	15%	7%	11%	55%	15%	18%
Separated	4	3	3	1	3	6
Not married:						
Never married	69	87	76	38	72	68
Divorced	12	3	8	4	9	8
Widowed	<1	<1	1	1	<1	<1
Unknown	<1	<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>

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.

## Patient Characteristics by Estimated Gestation, 1998

**Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1998**

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	19	312	592	1,871	1,439	866	561	182	5,842
9-10	15	167	343	793	582	327	200	61	2,489
11-12	13	145	209	500	303	186	94	40	1,490
13-15	8	89	142	268	150	89	47	8	801
16-20	11	61	94	177	107	62	31	16	559
Over 20	2	18	19	47	29	12	10	4	141
Total	68	792	1,399	3,656	2,610	1,542	943	311	11,322
<b>(Percent)</b>									
8 weeks or less	28%	39%	42%	51%	55%	56%	59%	59%	52%
9-10	22	21	25	22	22	21	21	20	22
11-12	19	18	15	14	12	12	10	13	13
13-15	12	11	10	7	6	6	5	3	7
16-20	16	8	7	5	4	4	3	5	5
Over 20	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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. 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 (see Appendix) 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 will generally 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 so that readers can apply several assumptions about the measure to derive reasonable minimum and maximum ranges for analytical categories of weeks of gestation. This is a conventional classification of weeks of gestation used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute. The total column includes one induced abortion for which age was "unknown".

**Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1998**

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	32	53	156	183	54	478
Columbia	12	10	22	39	15	98
Dane	103	190	513	528	169	1,503
Dodge	12	17	26	24	9	88
Fond du Lac	12	11	44	50	17	134
Grant	11	10	12	16	5	54
Jefferson	10	28	39	47	15	139
Kenosha	27	50	132	119	44	372
La Crosse	7	14	47	34	18	120
Manitowoc	6	16	30	43	15	110
Marathon	10	16	47	73	30	176
Milwaukee	298	506	1,520	1,794	422	4,541
Outagamie	22	34	84	107	26	273
Ozaukee	10	15	37	54	25	141
Portage	11	21	32	30	13	107
Racine	41	61	169	164	41	476
Rock	25	39	83	72	25	244
Sheboygan	17	34	53	60	24	188
Walworth	9	22	60	61	25	177
Washington	12	17	40	55	28	152
Waukesha	42	65	151	185	77	520
Waupaca	10	13	16	16	10	65
Winnebago	20	28	83	83	27	241
Wood	11	17	29	48	11	116
Other Counties	90	112	231	267	109	809
<b>Total</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>4,152</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>11,322</b>

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; therefore, the counts underestimate abortion frequencies for some counties. Only counties that had at least five reports for each age group are shown in this table. The total column includes one induced abortion for which age was "unknown".

**Reported Induced Abortion Rates, 1994-1998**

**Table 17. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1994-1998**

Age	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
<18	1,041	9.6	991	8.7	1,090	9.3	1,071	9.1	860	7.2
18-19	1,547	22.5	1,369	19.6	1,593	22.1	1,595	22.2	1,399	18.7
20-24	4,418	25.8	4,060	24.2	4,348	26.5	4,089	24.9	3,656	22.2
25-29	2,731	15.5	2,733	15.5	2,921	16.6	2,822	16.0	2,610	15.1
30-34	1,806	8.7	1,652	8.1	1,781	8.9	1,752	8.8	1,542	8.0
35-39	957	4.5	1,015	4.7	1,053	4.8	1,019	4.7	943	4.3
40+	290	1.5	312	1.6	322	1.6	327	1.6	311	1.5
Unknown	0		0		0		0		1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,790</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>12,132</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>13,108</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>12,675</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11,322</b>	<b>9.8</b>

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. 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. Rates based on fewer than 20 reports are omitted because they are subject to large random fluctuations.

**Reported Induced Abortion Rates, 1994-1998**

**Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1994-1998**

County	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,790</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>12,132</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>13,108</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>12,675</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11,322</b>	<b>9.8</b>
Adams	28	10.0	27	9.8	25	9.0	32	11.5	25	9.0
Ashland	*		*		*		*		*	
Barron	5		*		10		*		*	
Bayfield	*		*		*		*		*	
Brown	487	9.6	456	9.2	523	10.4	532	10.6	478	9.5
Buffalo	*		*		*		*		*	
Burnett	*		*		*		*		*	
Calumet	38	4.6	42	5.1	50	5.9	39	4.6	35	4.1
Chippewa	13		11		15		10		9	
Clark	17		24	3.9	27	4.3	15		21	3.4
Columbia	99	10.3	93	9.7	82	8.4	86	8.8	98	10.1
Crawford	24	7.6	13		19		26	8.2	16	
Dane	1,688	15.9	1,773	17.2	1,800	17.4	1,802	17.4	1,503	14.4
Dodge	112	6.9	110	6.9	123	7.5	108	6.6	88	5.4
Door	31	5.8	31	5.9	28	5.3	42	7.9	38	7.3
Douglas	*		*		*		*		*	
Dunn	*		16		*		*		6	
Eau Claire	31	1.4	32	1.4	27	1.2	35	1.6	16	
Florence	5		5		*		*		*	
Fond du Lac	155	7.4	149	7.3	160	7.7	131	6.3	134	6.4
Forest	10		5		11		7		9	
Grant	93	9.4	68	6.8	68	6.8	67	6.7	54	5.4
Green	50	7.8	58	8.8	62	9.3	57	8.5	39	5.9
Green Lake	24	6.3	28	7.5	23	6.1	30	8.0	29	7.6
Iowa	33	7.3	32	6.9	24	5.1	21	4.5	29	6.2
Iron	*		*		*		5		*	
Jackson	29	8.9	23	6.9	24	7.2	29	8.7	12	
Jefferson	130	8.2	126	7.7	121	7.4	125	7.6	139	8.5
Juneau	36	8.1	49	11.0	43	9.5	36	8.0	30	6.6
Kenosha	409	13.7	409	13.2	477	15.3	432	13.9	372	11.9
Kewaunee	14		16		16		16		6	
La Crosse	223	8.7	240	9.4	240	9.3	209	8.1	120	4.6
Lafayette	20	6.0	28	8.6	14		17		15	
Langlade	24	6.1	17		20	5.0	10		15	
Lincoln	30	5.2	37	6.4	19		25	4.3	20	3.4
Manitowoc	106	6.3	113	6.7	125	7.3	89	5.2	110	6.4

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**Reported Induced Abortion Rates, 1994-1998**

**Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1994-1998 (continued)**

County	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998	
	Number	Rate								
Marathon	225	8.5	233	8.7	224	8.4	219	8.2	176	6.5
Marinette	51	6.2	43	5.1	54	6.4	57	6.8	35	4.2
Marquette	19		25	10.0	28	11.0	25	9.8	22	8.8
Menominee	6		*		16		6		11	
Milwaukee	4,927	21.8	4,424	19.8	4,993	22.4	4,889	21.9	4,541	20.4
Monroe	47	6.0	37	4.7	46	5.8	47	6.0	43	5.5
Oconto	31	4.9	37	5.8	41	6.3	50	7.7	30	4.6
Oneida	39	6.5	59	9.4	53	8.4	42	6.6	43	6.9
Outagamie	234	6.9	276	8.0	326	9.4	336	9.7	273	7.8
Ozaukee	149	9.4	146	8.7	124	7.4	134	8.0	141	8.4
Pepin	*		*		*		*		*	
Pierce	*		*		*		*		*	
Polk	*		*		*		*		*	
Portage	119	7.4	111	6.9	149	9.1	132	8.1	107	6.5
Price	12		10		12		12		5	
Racine	536	13.4	462	11.3	482	11.7	490	11.9	476	11.6
Richland	24	7.0	20	5.7	22	6.3	23	6.6	18	
Rock	320	10.3	360	11.2	307	9.5	307	9.5	244	7.6
Rusk	5		*		*		7		*	
St. Croix	*		*		*		*		*	
Sauk	123	11.7	107	10.0	112	10.3	84	7.7	84	7.7
Sawyer	*		6		*		*		*	
Shawano	54	7.3	39	5.3	45	6.1	40	5.4	50	6.7
Sheboygan	184	8.1	150	6.6	203	8.8	196	8.5	188	8.1
Taylor	16		17		13		13		8	
Trempealeau	20	4.0	21	4.1	27	5.3	15		12	
Vernon	25	4.9	36	7.1	37	7.2	32	6.2	17	
Vilas	29	10.0	20	6.4	29	9.3	30	9.6	27	8.8
Walworth	227	12.7	182	9.9	195	10.5	202	10.9	177	9.5
Washburn	*		*		*		*		*	
Washington	189	8.2	184	7.6	214	8.8	169	7.0	152	6.3
Waukesha	687	9.8	556	7.6	597	8.0	575	7.7	520	7.0
Waupaca	56	5.6	60	6.0	79	7.8	62	6.1	65	6.4
Waushara	23	6.2	23	6.1	29	7.6	19		22	5.8
Winnebago	284	8.6	320	9.4	302	8.8	312	9.1	241	6.9
Wood	114	7.0	113	6.9	130	7.9	95	5.8	116	7.0

Note: \*Indicates that there were fewer than five reports in a county. 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. The rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44. Rates based on fewer than 20 reports are omitted because they are subject to large random fluctuations.

County of Residence and Age, 1996-1998 Averages

**Table 19. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1996-1998**

<b>County</b>	<b>Three-Year Annual Average Number</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Three-Year Annual Average Number</b>
Adams	27	Marathon	206
Ashland	*	Marinette	49
Barron	5	Marquette	25
Bayfield	2	Menominee	11
Brown	511	Milwaukee	4,808
Buffalo	*	Monroe	45
Burnett	*	Oconto	40
Calumet	41	Oneida	46
Chippewa	11	Outagamie	312
Clark	21	Ozaukee	133
Columbia	89	Pepin	*
Crawford	20	Pierce	2
Dane	1,702	Polk	*
Dodge	106	Portage	129
Door	36	Price	10
Douglas	3	Racine	483
Dunn	5	Richland	21
Eau Claire	26	Rock	286
Florence	2	Rusk	4
Fond du Lac	142	St. Croix	2
Forest	9	Sauk	93
Grant	63	Sawyer	2
Green	53	Shawano	45
Green Lake	27	Sheboygan	196
Iowa	25	Taylor	11
Iron	4	Trempealeau	18
Jackson	22	Vernon	29
Jefferson	128	Vilas	29
Juneau	36	Walworth	191
Kenosha	427	Washburn	*
Kewaunee	13	Washington	178
La Crosse	190	Waukesha	564
Lafayette	15	Waupaca	69
Langlade	15	Waushara	23
Lincoln	21	Winnebago	285
Manitowoc	108	Wood	114
		<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	<b>12,368</b>

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; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties. An asterisk (\*) indicates that there were fewer than five reports during the three-year period.

**Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1996-1998**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Adams	3	2	9	14	27
Brown	36	54	175	246	511
Calumet	7	5	12	17	41
Chippewa	3	2	3	3	11
Clark	4	3	5	9	21
Columbia	12	13	18	46	89
Crawford	3	2	7	8	20
Dane	120	201	573	808	1,702
Dodge	13	17	34	42	106
Door	2	6	9	19	36
Eau Claire	4	5	9	9	26
Fond du Lac	14	17	46	65	142
Grant	9	12	19	23	63
Green	5	7	16	24	53
Green Lake	4	6	6	11	27
Jackson	4	2	7	9	22
Jefferson	13	21	40	55	128
Juneau	5	6	10	14	36
Kenosha	38	63	143	182	427
Kewaunee	3	2	4	4	13
La Crosse	19	27	65	78	190
Lincoln	4	3	5	9	21
Manitowoc	7	16	31	55	108
Marathon	17	23	58	108	206
Marinette	6	9	13	20	49
Marquette	3	3	7	13	25
Milwaukee	334	541	1,650	2,282	4,808
Monroe	4	7	13	21	45
Oconto	7	5	9	19	40
Oneida	5	6	11	25	46
Outagamie	23	41	97	150	312
Ozaukee	9	17	31	76	133
Portage	12	18	46	54	129
Racine	47	62	160	213	483
Richland	2	2	6	11	21
Rock	26	40	95	125	286
Sauk	9	9	25	50	93
Shawano	5	4	15	21	45
Sheboygan	22	25	59	90	196

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**Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1996-1998 (continued)**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Trempealeau	3	3	4	9	18
Vernon	3	6	7	13	29
Vilas	3	4	6	16	29
Walworth	13	26	63	89	191
Washington	15	26	47	91	178
Waukesha	55	70	168	270	564
Waupaca	9	13	18	29	69
Waushara	2	5	8	9	23
Winnebago	21	36	94	133	285
Wood	10	18	33	53	114
Other Counties	11	17	40	61	129
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>5,801</b>	<b>12,368</b>

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 state 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, 1996-1998**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	120	201	573	808	1,702
White	99	172	478	663	1,412
Black	16	19	61	72	168
Kenosha	38	63	143	182	427
White	35	57	123	154	369
Black	3	6	18	24	51
Milwaukee	334	541	1,650	2,282	4,808
White	126	237	705	1,082	2,151
Black	193	276	869	1,046	2,385
Racine	47	62	160	213	483
White	35	50	117	153	356
Black	11	12	40	55	117
Rock	26	40	95	125	286
White	25	35	83	116	259
Black	1	4	9	7	21
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	1,007	1,529	4,031	5,801	12,368
White	742	1,143	2,822	4,142	8,850
Black	228	324	1,022	1,234	2,808

Note: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Counties shown had sufficient numbers of induced abortions among residents to permit reporting by age and race. Totals in the last three rows include all counties. 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, 1996-1998**

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	120	201	573	808	1,702
Non-Hispanic	113	192	549	778	1,633
Hispanic	6	9	23	29	68
Kenosha	38	63	143	182	427
Non-Hispanic	36	59	129	166	390
Hispanic	2	4	14	16	37
Milwaukee	334	541	1,650	2,282	4,808
Non-Hispanic	314	493	1,512	2,136	4,455
Hispanic	20	48	137	146	352
Racine	47	62	160	213	483
Non-Hispanic	39	56	143	191	429
Hispanic	8	7	18	22	54
Waukesha	55	70	168	270	564
Non-Hispanic	53	66	161	259	539
Hispanic	2	4	7	11	24
<b>Three-Year Annual Average Total</b>	1,007	1,529	4,031	5,801	12,368
Non-Hispanic	958	1,447	3,792	5,529	11,726
Hispanic	49	82	238	271	640

Note: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Counties shown had sufficient numbers of induced abortions among residents to permit reporting by age and Hispanic origin. Totals in the last three rows include all counties. 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.

### **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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