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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, 2014 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 tables in this publication summarize data for calendar year 2014, trend information for the years 2010-2014, 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 2014 was 5,640, down 10 percent from the 6,251 reported in 2013.
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2014 was 5,800, a 10 percent decrease from 6,462 in 2013 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2014 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 5.2 per 1,000 women ages 15-44, compared to 5.8 in 2013. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 13.9 per 1,000 women ages 15-44 in 2011; 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 9.5 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2014, compared to 9.6 in 2013. The most recent national ratio was 22 per 100 live births in 2011.²
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (34 percent) of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2014. 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 2014, there were 196 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 161 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 20; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 15 (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 2014.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2011. *Surveillance Summaries*, November 28, 2014. MMWR 2014:63 (No. SS-11).

² Calculation of an estimated 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 2014 based on the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (5,640) and in Minnesota (712 in 2014), the number of Wisconsin resident live births for 2013 (66,566), and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2013 (1,084,657). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2014 was 10 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2014 estimated resident abortion rate calculated using these figures was 6 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

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- Seventy-seven percent of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 12 percent by currently married women; 7 percent by women who were divorced; 3 percent by women who were separated; and 1 percent by women who were widowed (see Table 5).
 - Sixty-four percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 26 percent by black women, 2 percent by American Indian women, 5 percent by Asian/Pacific Islander women, and 5 percent by women of other or unknown race. Eleven percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 90 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 6).
 - Forty-four percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2014 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation (see Table 8).
 - Of the 5,640 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2014, 81 percent were surgical, 19 percent were chemically induced, and 0.4 percent were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2013, these proportions were 81 percent, 18 percent, and 1 percent, respectively (see Table 10).

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1977-2014

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
2013	6,462	10	6
2014	5,800	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 2014 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2013.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2014 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2013.)

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, 2014

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	5,640	97%
Michigan	92	2
Illinois	55	1
Iowa	4	<1
Minnesota	3	<1
Other State	6	<1
Other Country	0	0
Total	5,800	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 2014

Age	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	16	0.3%	15	0.3%		
15-17	187	3.2	181	3.2	(<18)	1.6
18-19	480	8.3	461	8.2		5.9
20-24	1,941	33.5	1,892	33.5		9.7
25-29	1,516	26.1	1,473	26.1		8.4
30-34	925	15.9	902	16.0		4.9
35-39	529	9.1	515	9.1		3.1
40-44	196	3.4	191	3.4	(40+)	1.1
45+	10	0.2	10	0.2		
Total (15-44)	5,800	100.0%	5,640	100.0%		5.2

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, 2013, 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, 2014

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.	20
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	15
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	161
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	196
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	140
2. Guardian or legal custodian	3
3. Adult family member	18
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	161
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 2014

Marital Status	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	669	12%	649	12%	97%
Separated	198	3	188	3	95
Not married:					
Never married	4,473	77	4,365	77	98
Divorced	420	7	400	7	95
Widowed	29	1	27	1	93
Unknown	11	0	11	0	100
Total	5,800	100%	5,640	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 2014

Race/Ethnicity	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	3,712	64%	3,579	64%	96%
Black	1,445	25	1,439	26	100
Amer. Indian	96	2	85	2	89
Asian/Pacific Isl.	284	5	280	5	99
Other/Unknown	263	5	257	5	98
Total	5,800	100%	5,640	100%	97%
Hispanic	604	10%	595	11%	99%
Non-Hispanic	5,196	90	5,045	90	97
Total	5,800	100%	5,640	100%	97%

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

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

Summary Distributions

Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 2014

Years of Education	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	100	2%	95	2%	95%
9-11	526	9	513	9	98
12	1,952	34	1,894	34	97
13-15	2,115	37	2,059	37	97
16 or more	1,107	19	1,079	19	98
Total	5,800	100%	5,640	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 2014

Weeks of Gestation	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	2,548	44%	2,490	44%	98%
9-10	1,381	24	1,341	24	97
11-12	809	14	776	14	96
13-15	630	11	605	11	96
16-20	349	6	345	6	99
Over 20	83	1	83	2	100
Total	5,800	100%	5,640	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 2014

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	5,784	5,624
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	10	10
Infection	3	3
Uterine Perforation	0	0
Cervical Laceration	0	0
Retained Products	3	3
Other	2	2
Total Reported Induced Abortions	5,800	5,640

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, 2014

Type of Procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	1,064	19%
Surgical	4,554	81
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	22	<1
Total	5,640	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, 2014

Age	Race					Total	Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown		Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
Less than 15	6	6	1	0	2	15	3
15-17	111	47	6	2	15	181	31
15	25	7	0	0	2	34	9
16	35	17	2	0	4	58	11
17	51	23	4	2	9	89	11
18-19	324	99	5	12	21	461	67
18	144	37	0	5	10	196	30
19	180	62	5	7	11	265	37
20-24	1,174	535	35	62	86	1,892	187
20	205	79	4	6	18	312	46
21	225	103	8	7	23	366	40
22-24	744	353	23	49	45	1,214	101
25-29	918	392	23	78	62	1,473	147
30-34	532	247	8	64	51	902	98
35-39	374	85	6	40	10	515	44
40+	140	28	1	22	10	201	18
Total	3,579	1,439	85	280	257	5,640	595
	Percent						
Less than 15	<1%	<1%	1%	0%	1%	<1%	1%
15-17	3	3	7	1	6	3	5
18-19	9	7	6	4	8	8	11
20-24	33	37	41	22	34	34	31
25-29	26	27	27	28	24	26	25
30-34	15	17	9	23	20	16	17
35-39	10	6	7	14	4	9	7
40+	4	2	1	8	4	4	3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2014

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
	Number						
Less than 15	0	0	15	0	0	0	15
15-17	0	0	176	1	4	0	181
18-19	2	2	453	0	1	3	461
20-24	61	23	1,778	24	3	3	1,892
25-29	161	60	1,168	77	5	2	1,473
30-34	186	54	518	137	5	2	902
35-39	161	33	196	118	6	1	515
40+	78	16	61	43	3	0	201
Total	649	188	4,365	400	27	11	5,640
	Percent						
Less than 15	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15-17	0	0	4	0	15	0	3
18-19	0	1	10	0	4	27	8
20-24	9	12	41	6	11	27	34
25-29	25	32	27	19	19	18	26
30-34	29	29	12	34	19	18	16
35-39	25	18	5	30	22	9	9
40+	12	9	1	11	11	0	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.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Education and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2014

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	Number						
11 or less	345	179	16	22	42	604	143
12	1,159	553	32	62	88	1,894	214
13-15	1,316	552	29	71	91	2,059	174
16 or more	757	154	7	125	36	1,079	64
Unknown	2	1	1	0	0	4	0
Total	3,579	1,439	85	280	257	5,640	595
	Percent						
11 or less	10%	12%	19%	8%	16%	11%	24%
12	32	38	38	22	34	34	36
13-15	37	38	34	25	35	37	29
16 or more	21	11	8	45	14	19	11
Unknown	0	0	1	0	0	0	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, 2014

Marital Status	Race					Total	Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Other/ Unknown		Hispanic (Any Race)
Number							
Married	442	52	3	134	18	649	62
Separated	139	25	2	4	18	188	41
Not married:							
Never married	2,656	1,315	72	123	199	4,365	443
Divorced	323	35	7	16	19	400	43
Widowed	14	9	1	2	1	27	4
Unknown	5	3	0	1	2	11	2
Total	3,579	1,439	85	280	257	5,640	595
Percent							
Married	12%	4%	4%	48%	7%	12%	10%
Separated	4	2	2	1	7	3	7
Not married:							
Never married	74	91	85	44	77	77	75
Divorced	9	2	8	6	7	7	7
Widowed	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	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.

Estimated Gestation and Patient Age

Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2014

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
Number									
8 weeks or less	2	62	174	787	660	424	269	112	2,490
9-10	7	38	117	455	345	233	110	36	1,341
11-12	1	33	74	291	186	110	59	22	776
13-15	3	26	61	215	160	73	50	17	605
16-20	2	18	31	121	89	50	21	13	345
Over 20	0	4	4	23	33	12	6	1	83
Total	15	181	461	1,892	1,473	902	515	201	5,640
Percent									
8 weeks or less	13%	34%	38%	42%	45%	47%	52%	56%	44%
9-10	47	21	25	24	23	26	21	18	24
11-12	7	18	16	15	13	12	12	11	14
13-15	20	14	13	11	11	8	10	9	11
16-20	13	10	7	6	6	6	4	7	6
Over 20	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

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	12	15	58	96	24	205
Dane	25	61	252	318	116	772
Milwaukee	80	173	826	1,089	280	2,448
Outagamie	6	9	62	79	29	185
Rock	6	13	48	56	14	137
Waukesha	8	15	74	73	45	215
Winnebago	5	14	61	66	21	167
Other counties	54	161	511	598	187	1,511
Total	196	461	1,892	2,375	716	5,640

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, 2010-2014

Age	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	424	3.7	321	2.8	294	2.6	215	1.9	196	1.8
18-19	746	9.1	607	7.6	526	6.6	507	6.5	461	5.9
20-24	2,598	12.6	2,409	12.7	2,272	12	2,117	11.1	1,892	9.7
25-29	1,798	9.9	1,829	10	1,671	9.2	1,656	9.2	1,473	8.4
30-34	1,118	6.9	1,020	6	1,060	6	967	5.4	902	4.9
35-39	687	3.9	583	3.4	611	3.7	580	3.6	515	3.1
40+	220	1.1	250	1.3	258	1.4	209	1.1	201	1.1
Total (15-44)	7,591	6.8	7,019	6.4	6,692	6.1	6,251	5.8	5,640	5.2

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.

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, 2010-2014

County	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Total	7,591	6.8	7,019	6.4	6,692	6.1	6,251	5.8	5,640	5.2
Adams	18		12		14		6		13	
Ashland	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Barron	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Bayfield	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Brown	363	7.1	373	7.4	344	6.9	289	5.8	205	4.1
Buffalo	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Burnett	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Calumet	41	4.6	24	2.6	23	2.5	22	2.4	14	
Chippewa	ns		ns		ns		7		ns	
Clark	16		11		6		8		11	
Columbia	64	6.3	55	5.6	53	5.2	60	6.0	49	5.2
Crawford	9		7		6		8		9	
Dane	993	9.2	937	8.5	887	8.2	765	7.1	772	6.9
Dodge	81	5.1	80	5.4	90	5.9	55	3.6	44	3.1
Door	17		11		10		15		14	
Douglas	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Dunn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Eau Claire	10		11		10		ns		ns	
Florence	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Fond du Lac	89	4.5	84	4.4	63	3.2	58	3.0	68	3.6
Forest	12		7		9		11		5	
Grant	37	4.0	32	3.4	27	3.0	16		20	2.2
Green	24	3.6	27	4.2	26	4.0	33	5.1	22	3.5
Green Lake	10		14		16		12		11	
Iowa	19		22	5.5	15		15		5	
Iron	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Jackson	16		11		8		ns		ns	
Jefferson	81	4.9	66	4.0	64	3.8	65	3.9	60	3.7
Juneau	15		11		16		14		8	
Kenosha	205	6.0	151	4.4	171	5.0	157	4.6	136	4.0
Kewaunee	18		8		13		13		7	
La Crosse	65	2.6	67	2.7	66	2.7	44	1.8	35	1.4
Lafayette	6		9		8		5		5	
Langlade	12		17		7		9		ns	
Lincoln	15		16		12		12		7	
Manitowoc	64	4.3	81	5.9	51	3.6	56	4.0	46	3.5
Marathon	112	4.3	114	4.6	91	3.6	74	3.0	86	3.6
Marinette	36	4.8	30	4.6	21	3.1	16		18	
Marquette	14		7		10		14		11	

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2010-2014 (continued)

County	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Menominee	14		5		9		10		9	
Milwaukee	2,999	15.0	2,763	13.2	2,667	13.5	2,591	13.0	2,448	11.6
Monroe	39	4.8	26	3.3	25	3.1	15		14	
Oconto	27	3.9	25	4.0	21	3.2	17		20	3.4
Oneida	30	4.9	28	5.3	24	4.3	21	3.8	13	
Outagamie	237	6.5	251	7.2	213	5.9	171	4.8	185	5.4
Ozaukee	74	4.8	65	4.4	66	4.4	83	5.6	43	3.0
Pepin	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Pierce	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Polk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Portage	87	5.8	76	5.1	80	5.6	60	4.2	47	3.2
Price	ns		5		ns		ns		ns	
Racine	297	7.8	239	6.6	291	7.9	244	6.7	197	5.5
Richland	11		11		12		6		5	
Rock	105	3.3	116	3.7	145	4.7	136	4.4	137	4.5
Rusk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
St. Croix	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Sauk	79	6.9	81	7.3	76	6.7	76	6.8	76	6.9
Sawyer	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Shawano	43	5.8	35	5.0	34	4.8	33	4.6	28	4.1
Sheboygan	98	4.5	98	4.8	100	4.8	95	4.5	55	2.8
Taylor	5		6		ns		ns		5	
Trempealeau	11		6		9		7		ns	
Vernon	17		21	4.4	10		9		11	
Vilas	24	7.4	22	8.1	16		10		7	
Walworth	89	4.6	85	4.3	72	3.8	95	5.1	94	4.9
Washburn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Washington	139	5.6	117	5.0	105	4.3	93	3.9	72	3.2
Waukesha	365	5.2	319	4.7	300	4.3	338	4.9	215	3.2
Waupaca	37	3.9	32	3.7	30	3.3	30	3.3	36	4.4
Waushara	13		19		16		14		11	
Winnebago	202	6.0	206	6.2	173	5.2	174	5.2	167	5.1
Wood	63	4.6	54	4.2	47	3.6	52	4.0	42	3.4

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, 2013, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2014 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, 2012-2014

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	11	Iron	ns	Price	ns
Ashland	ns	Jackson	5	Racine	244
Barron	ns	Jefferson	63	Richland	8
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	13	Rock	139
Brown	279	Kenosha	155	Rusk	ns
Buffalo	2	Kewaunee	11	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	48	Sauk	76
Calumet	20	Lafayette	6	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	4	Langlade	7	Shawano	32
Clark	8	Lincoln	10	Sheboygan	83
Columbia	54	Manitowoc	51	Taylor	4
Crawford	8	Marathon	84	Trempealeau	6
Dane	808	Marinette	18	Vernon	10
Dodge	63	Marquette	12	Vilas	11
Door	13	Menomine	9	Walworth	87
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	2,569	Washburn	ns
Dunn	ns	Monroe	18	Washington	90
Eau Claire	6	Oconto	19	Waukesha	284
Florence	ns	Oneida	19	Waupaca	32
Fond du Lac	63	Outagamie	190	Waushara	14
Forest	8	Ozaukee	64	Winnebago	171
Grant	21	Pepin	ns	Wood	47
Green	27	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	13	Polk	ns	Three-Year Annual	
Iowa	12	Portage	62	Average	6,194

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

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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, 2012-2014

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	10	28	94	147	279
Columbia	3	4	18	29	54
Dane	28	58	269	454	808
Dodge	3	7	24	29	63
Fond du lac	2	5	22	34	63
Jefferson	2	9	15	37	63
Kenosha	5	15	55	79	155
La Crosse	2	4	23	20	48
Manitowoc	3	6	19	22	51
Marathon	3	7	30	45	84
Milwaukee	89	178	868	1,434	2,569
Oneida	2	3	6	9	19
Outagamie	7	15	57	111	190
Racine	11	24	81	128	244
Rock	8	14	47	71	139
Sauk	5	7	23	41	76
Shawano	3	3	10	17	32
Sheboygan	4	6	26	47	83
Walworth	4	9	32	42	87
Washington	3	7	32	48	90
Waukesha	10	25	89	160	284
Winnebago	8	14	67	83	171
Wood	2	5	17	23	47
Other counties	19	47	170	258	495
Three-Year Annual Average Total	235	498	2,094	3,368	6,194

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, 2012-2014

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	28	58	269	454	808
White	16	39	184	321	560
Black	7	7	48	64	126
Milwaukee	89	178	868	1,434	2,569
White	34	73	376	646	1,128
Black	47	88	425	653	1,213
Racine	11	24	81	128	244
White	7	18	54	88	168
Black	4	4	21	29	58
Three-Year Annual Average Total	235	498	2,094	3,368	6,194
White	149	345	1,386	2,224	4,104
Black	60	108	526	796	1,490

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, 2012-2014

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	10	28	94	147	279
Non-Hispanic	9	25	84	136	255
Hispanic	2	3	9	11	25
Dane	28	58	269	454	808
Non-Hispanic	24	52	244	406	725
Hispanic	4	6	25	48	83
Milwaukee	89	178	868	1,434	2,569
Non-Hispanic	78	153	775	1,266	2,272
Hispanic	11	25	93	168	297
Waukesha	10	25	89	160	284
Non-Hispanic	8	23	82	148	261
Hispanic	2	3	7	12	24
Three-Year Annual Average Total	235	498	2,094	3,368	6,194
Non-Hispanic	205	440	1,903	3,037	5,585
Hispanic	30	58	191	331	609

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, 2012-2014

County	Race				Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	227	14	13	279	25
Dane	560	126	72	808	83
Kenosha	127	17	2	155	25
Marathon	74	2	7	84	2
Milwaukee	1,128	1,213	103	2,569	297
Outagamie	156	6	19	190	12
Ozaukee	56	3	3	64	2
Racine	168	58	4	244	35
Rock	120	12	2	139	15
Sheboygan	69	4	7	83	8
Walworth	79	3	2	87	11
Washington	78	4	4	90	5
Waukesha	246	9	22	284	24
Winnebago	150	6	11	171	9
Three-Year Annual Average Total	4,104	1,490	295	6,194	609

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 (§ 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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