

Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin

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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. Wisconsin Statute § 69.186 also mandates the Department of Health Services (DHS) 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, 2020 presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 69.186.

The tables in this publication summarize data for calendar year 2020, trend information for the years 2016-2020, 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 and ethnicity, and state and county of residence; by an estimate of gestational age; and by reported complications. The data is 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 attainment measure is defined in the reporting form as the highest grade completed; however, some patients may overlook the definition 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. Some complications do not occur immediately or become apparent while the patient is in post-procedure recovery, therefore, some complications are missed or misreported.

Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Education categories have also changed to match how the data is now collected. Use caution when comparing data by race or education to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2020 was 6,336, compared to the 6,372 reported in 2019 (see Table 3).
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2020 was 6,430, down from 6,511 in 2019 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2020 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 5.8 per 1,000 women aged 15-44, compared to 5.9 in 2019. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 11.4 per 1,000 women age 15-44 in 2019; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.¹
- The estimated resident induced abortion ratio is the number of reported induced abortions per 100 live births. This ratio was 10 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2020, the same as in 2019 (see Table 1).² The most recent national ratio was 19.5 per 100 live births in 2019.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (30 percent) of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2020. Thirteen percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older. Those aged 18-19 obtained 7 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 3 percent (see Table 4).
- In 2020, there were 185 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 165 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 1; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 19 (see Table 5).
- 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 2020.

¹ Kortsmit K, Mandel MG, Reeves JA, et al. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2019. *MMWR Surveill Summ* 2021;70(No. SS-9):1-29. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.ss7009a1>.

² Calculation of a true Wisconsin resident induced abortion ratio and rate would require knowing the number of Wisconsin residents obtaining induced abortions in other states. Estimates can be made for 2020 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (6,336) and in Minnesota (548 in 2020) with 60,615 Wisconsin resident live births for 2020 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2020 (1,093,638). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2020 was 11 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2020 estimated resident abortion rate calculated using these figures was 6 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

Key Findings

- Eighty-four percent of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 12 percent by currently married women; 3 percent by women who were divorced; and less than 1 percent by women who were widowed (see Table 6).
- Fifty-four percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 34 percent by black women, and 1 percent by American Indian women. Twelve percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 87 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 7).
- Fifty-nine percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2020 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation (see Table 9).
- Of the 6,336 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2020, 61 percent were surgical, 39 percent were chemically induced, and less than 1 percent were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2019, these proportions were 66 percent, 33 percent, and 1 percent, respectively (see Table 11).

Statewide Historical Data, 1976-2020

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1976-2020

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
Case-Based Continuous Reporting System			
2020	6,430	11	6
2019	6,511	10	6
2018	6,224	9	6
2017	5,818	9	5
2016	5,612	8	5
2015	5,660	8	5
2014	5,800	9	5
2013	6,462	10	6
2012	6,927	10	6
2011	7,249	10	6
2010	7,825	11	7
2009	8,542	12	8
2008	8,229	11	7
2007	8,267	11	7
2006	9,580	14	8
2005	9,817	14	8
2004	9,943	14	9
2003	10,557	16	9
2002	10,489	15	9
2001	10,925	16	9
2000	11,040	16	10
1999	11,013	16	9
1998	11,681	18	10
1997	13,218	20	11
1996	13,673	20	12
1995	12,782	19	11
1994	13,396	20	12
1993	14,671	21	13
1992	15,549	22	14
1991	16,237	23	14
1990	16,848	23	15
1989	17,575	25	16
1988	17,986	25	16
1987	17,318	24	16

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The source for the pre-1987 numbers reported in this table is Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986. 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 ratio is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births. (The 2020 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2020)

** The 2020 rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2020 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2020.)

Statewide Historical Data, 1976-2020

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1976-2020

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
Annual Facility Survey			
1976	14,243	22	14
1977	16,133	24	16
1978	17,764	26	17
1979	20,035	28	18
1980	21,754	29	20
1981	20,819	28	19
1982	19,412	26	18
1983	18,866	26	17
1984	18,836	26	17
1985	17,309	24	15
1986	17,454	24	15

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The source for the pre-1987 numbers reported in this table is Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986. 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 ratio is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births. (The 2020 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2020)

** The 2020 rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2020 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2020.)

Summary Distributions

Table 2. Reported Induced Abortions by Month, Wisconsin Residents, 2020

Month	Number	Percent
January	545	9
February	536	8
March	517	8
April	605	10
May	557	9
June	544	9
July	543	9
August	526	8
September	501	8
October	515	8
November	421	7
December	526	8
Total	6,336	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 2020

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	6,336	99
Illinois	56	1
Michigan	13	0
Iowa	12	0
Minnesota	4	0
Other State	9	0
Other Country	0	0
Total	6,430	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Summary Distributions

Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin, 2020

Age	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Less than 15	14	0	14	0		
15-17	174	3	171	3	Less than 18	1.7
18-19	453	7	445	7	18-19	5.9
20-24	1,908	30	1,876	30	20-24	9.7
25-29	1,864	29	1,835	29	25-29	9.9
30-34	1,196	19	1,188	19	30-34	6.7
35-39	617	10	607	10	35-39	3.3
40-44	196	3	192	3	40 and older	1.2
45 and older	8	0	8	0		
Total	6,430	100	6,336	100		5.8

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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, 2020 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 5. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2020

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.	<5
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	19
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	165
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	185
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	138
2. Guardian or legal custodian	<5
3. Adult family member	24
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	165
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: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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 6. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Wisconsin, 2020

Marital Status	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	792	12	782	12	99
Not married:					
Never married	5,386	84	5,312	84	99
Divorced	185	3	176	3	95
Widowed	7	0	6	0	86
Unknown	60	1	60	1	100
Total	6,430	100	6,336	100	99

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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

Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin, 2020

Race/Ethnicity	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	3,517	55	3,446	54	98
Black	2,157	34	2,143	34	99
Amer. Indian	67	1	66	1	99
Laotian/Hmong	47	1	47	1	100
Other Asian/Pac Isl	145	2	143	2	99
Other	157	2	154	2	98
Multi	217	3	214	3	99
Unknown	123	2	123	2	100
Hispanic	766	12	754	12	98
Non-Hispanic	5,588	87	5,506	87	99
Unknown	76	1	76	1	100
Total	6,430	100	6,336	100	99

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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. Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Use caution when comparing data by race to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

Summary Distributions

Table 8. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin, 2020

Years of Education	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 th Grade or Less	36	1	36	1	100
9-12 th Grade: No diploma	484	8	479	8	99
High School Graduate or GED	2,821	44	2,782	44	99
Some College/Associate Degree	2,188	34	2,151	34	98
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	821	13	810	13	99
Unknown	80	1	78	1	98
Total	6,430	100	6,336	100	99

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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. Beginning with the 2020 report, education categories have changed to match how the data is now collected. Use caution when comparing data by education to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation, Wisconsin, 2020

Weeks of Gestation	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	3,780	59	3,718	59	98
9-10	1,251	20	1,237	20	99
11-12	585	9	579	9	99
13-15	420	7	417	7	99
16-20	341	5	333	5	98
Over 20	53	1	52	1	98
Total	6,430	100	6,336	100	99

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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 the 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 the 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 the 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. Data based on the probable post-fertilization age shows that there were 2 abortions performed that were over 20 weeks gestation. Additional details on those 2 abortions are not available due to the small numbers of procedures.

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Table 10. Reported Induced Abortions by Reported Complications, Wisconsin, 2020

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	5,768	5,691
Hemorrhage	15	15
Infection	5	5
Uterine Perforation	0	0
Cervical Laceration	0	0
Retained Products	36	36
Other	607	590
Total	6,430	6,336

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Notes: The "Wisconsin Residents" column includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

* Each induced abortion could have more than one type of complication reported. Reporting instructions ask providers to report "any and all complications that are identified which are a result of the procedure and which occurred during the visit in which the procedure was performed. For chemically induced abortions, wait until the procedure is completed to answer this question."

Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Type of Procedure, Wisconsin Residents, 2020

Type of Procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	2,478	39
Surgical	3,837	61
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	21	0
Total	6,336	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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 by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2020

Age	Race														Ethnicity			
	White		Black		American Indian		Laotian or Hmong		Other Asian/Pac Isl		Other		Multi		Total		Hispanic	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
<15	6	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	1	<5	1	14	0	5	1	
15-17	90	3	55	3	<5	6	0	0	<5	1	6	4	10	5	171	3	25	3
15	12		17		<5		0		0		0		<5		34		5	
16	35		13		0		0		0		<5		<5		54		11	
17	43		25		<5		0		<5		<5		5		83		9	
18-19	249	7	141	7	7	11	<5	9	9	6	9	6	17	8	445	7	80	11
18	103		67		<5		<5		<5		6		7		199		40	
19	146		74		<5		0		6		<5		10		246		40	
20-24	1,046	30	625	29	19	29	11	23	18	13	65	42	66	31	1,876	30	266	35
20	179		101		<5		<5		<5		9		12		315		51	
21	220		113		<5		5		<5		17		14		383		63	
22-24	647		411		11		<5		11		39		40		1,178		152	
25-29	911	26	711	33	21	32	8	17	39	27	39	25	68	32	1,835	29	199	26
30-34	636	19	408	19	7	11	16	34	37	26	17	11	34	16	1,188	19	108	14
35-39	378	11	157	7	<5	6	7	15	25	18	13	8	15	7	607	10	58	8
40+	130	4	42	2	<5	6	<5	2	13	9	<5	2	<5	1	200	3	13	2
Total	3,446	100	2,143	100	66	100	47	100	143	100	154	100	214	100	6,336	100	754	100

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

Note: There were 123 procedures where race was unknown. 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. . Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Use caution when comparing data by race to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2020

Age	Marital Status											
	Married		Never Married		Divorced		Widowed		Unknown		Total	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
<15	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
15-17	0	0	171	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	171	3
18-19	<5	0	436	8	0	0	0	0	7	12	445	7
20-24	53	7	1,799	34	9	5	<5	17	14	23	1,876	30
25-29	217	28	1,568	30	36	21	0	0	14	23	1,835	29
30-34	239	31	874	17	55	31	<5	67	16	27	1,188	19
35-39	195	25	354	7	50	28	<5	17	7	12	607	10
40+	76	10	96	2	26	15	0	0	<5	3	200	3
Total	782	100	5,312	100	176	100	6	100	60	100	6,336	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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. A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports.

Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2020

Years of Education	Race														Ethnicity			
	White		Black		American Indian		Laotian or Hmong		Other Asian/Pac Isl		Other		Multi		Total		Hispanic	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
8 th Grade or Less	19	1	<5	0	<5	3	<5	2	5	4	<5	2	<5	1	36	1	16	2
9-12 th Grade; No Diploma	225	7	184	9	7	11	<5	6	6	4	16	10	23	11	479	8	89	12
High School Graduate or GED	1,312	38	1,179	55	30	46	16	34	30	21	70	46	82	38	2,782	44	331	44
Some College/Associate Degree	1,285	37	635	30	19	29	20	43	30	21	51	33	83	39	2,151	34	254	34
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	573	17	113	5	7	11	6	13	71	50	9	6	23	11	810	13	47	6
Unknown	32	1	29	1	<5	2	<5	2	<5	1	5	3	<5	1	78	1	17	2
Total	3,446	100	2,143	100	66	100	47	100	143	100	154	100	214	100	6,336	100	754	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2020

Marital Status	Race														Ethnicity			
	White		Black		American Indian		Laotian or Hmong		Other Asian/Pac Isl		Other		Multi		Total		Hispanic	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
Married	534	16	82	4	<5	5	18	38	79	55	25	16	15	7	782	12	84	11
Not married																		
Never married	2,738	80	2,018	94	61	92	26	55	62	43	125	81	189	88	5,312	84	645	86
Divorced	145	4	18	1	<5	3	<5	4	<5	1	<5	1	6	3	176	3	16	2
Widowed	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	2	0	0	0	0	<5	1	6	0	<5	0
Unknown	25	1	25	1	0	0	0	0	<5	1	<5	2	<5	1	60	1	8	1
Total	3,446	100	2,143	100	66	100	47	100	143	100	154	100	214	100	6,336	100	754	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: There were 123 procedures where race was unknown. 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. A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports. Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Use caution when comparing data by race to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2020

Weeks of Gestation	Age																Total	
	<15		15-17		18-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40+		Num	Pct
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct				
8 weeks or less	6	43	73	43	240	54	1,050	56	1,122	61	719	61	385	63	123	62	3,718	59
9-10	<5	14	33	19	97	22	427	23	331	18	210	18	103	17	34	17	1,237	20
11-12	<5	29	27	16	46	10	171	9	167	9	97	8	51	8	16	8	579	9
13-15	0	0	22	13	28	6	118	6	115	6	80	7	39	6	15	8	417	7
16-20	<5	14	12	7	30	7	103	6	85	5	64	5	26	4	11	6	333	5
Over 20	0	0	<5	2	<5	1	7	0	15	1	18	2	<5	1	<5	1	52	1
Total	14	100	171	100	445	100	1,876	100	1,835	100	1,188	100	607	100	200	100	6,336	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports.

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. Data based on the probable post-fertilization age shows that there were 2 abortions performed that were over 20 weeks gestation. Additional details on those 2 abortions are not available due to the small numbers of procedures.

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Table 17. Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2020

County	Age				Total
	<20	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	28	92	98	32	250
Columbia	5	26	31	8	70
Dane	69	238	363	123	793
Dodge	9	16	24	6	55
Fond du Lac	12	24	37	12	85
Jefferson	6	14	36	8	64
Kenosha	11	53	74	10	148
Manitowoc	8	17	29	12	66
Milwaukee	261	764	1,447	296	2,768
Outagamie	16	42	76	33	167
Ozaukee	8	8	26	10	52
Portage	6	17	24	6	53
Racine	25	93	116	34	268
Rock	32	57	78	12	179
Sheboygan	12	28	51	7	98
Walworth	11	25	32	13	81
Washington	7	22	35	10	74
Waukesha	20	70	104	66	260
Winnebago	19	67	54	19	159
Wood	6	12	17	6	41
Other Counties	59	191	271	84	605
Total	630	1,876	3,023	807	6,336

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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.

Trend Information, 2016-2020

Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2016-2020

Age	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	193	1.7	188	1.6	169	1.5	194	1.8	185	1.7
18-19	383	5.1	361	4.7	409	5.5	484	6.5	445	5.9
20-24	1,640	8.2	1,684	8.2	1,839	9.3	1,880	9.7	1,876	9.7
25-29	1,525	8.8	1,649	9.1	1,771	10.1	1,763	9.8	1,835	9.9
30-34	985	5.4	1,008	5.4	1,080	6.0	1,188	6.7	1,188	6.7
35-39	559	3.3	565	3.2	615	3.4	625	3.4	607	3.3
40+	187	1.1	185	1.1	159	1.0	238	1.5	200	1.2
Total	5,472	5.0	5,640	5.0	6,042	5.6	6,372	5.9	6,336	5.8

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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 child-bearing females less than 18 years of age was calculated using the female population aged 15-17; the rate among child-bearing females aged 40 and older was calculated using the female population aged 40-44. Wisconsin provisional population estimates for July 1, 2020, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2020 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.

Trend Information, 2016-2020

Table 19. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2016-2020

County	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Total	5,461	5.0	5,640	5.2	6,042	5.6	6,372	5.9	6,336	5.8
Adams	9		10		8		11		8	
Ashland	<5		0		<5		<5		<5	
Barron	<5		<5		<5		0		<5	
Bayfield	<5		<5		<5		0		0	
Brown	234	4.7	168	3.3	223	4.4	285	5.6	250	4.9
Buffalo	<5		<5		0		<5		<5	
Burnett	<5		0		0		0		<5	
Calumet	11		14		12		16		13	
Chippewa	<5		<5		<5		6		<5	
Clark	9		9		10		10		<5	
Columbia	45	4.7	63	6.7	62	6.6	66	7.0	70	7.4
Crawford	9		<5		<5		9		<5	
Dane	748	6.7	860	7.5	821	7.2	815	7.1	793	6.8
Dodge	47	3.3	61	4.3	40	2.9	52	3.7	55	4.0
Door	22	5.8	11		23	6.3	23	6.2	15	
Douglas	<5		0		0		0		0	
Dunn	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Eau Claire	6		15		10		11		10	
Florence	<5		<5		0		0		<5	
Fond du Lac	47	2.5	74	4.0	70	3.8	81	4.4	85	4.5
Forest	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Grant	17		24	2.6	32	3.5	30	3.3	24	2.6
Green	19		22	3.6	25	4.1	35	5.7	22	3.6
Green Lake	10		11		<5		19		10	
Iowa	14		20	5.3	18		28	7.3	29	7.6
Iron	<5		0		<5		0		0	
Jackson	11		7		10		10		9	
Jefferson	60	3.7	53	3.3	60	3.7	75	4.7	64	4.0
Juneau	11		16		14		21	5.4	22	5.6
Kenosha	121	3.6	149	4.4	153	4.6	153	4.5	148	4.3
Kewaunee	8		10		7		11		6	
La Crosse	52	2.1	53	2.1	55	2.2	65	2.6	47	1.9
Lafayette	<5		9		9		10		8	
Langlade	6		6		8		6		8	
Lincoln	12		17		18		9		9	
Manitowoc	35	2.6	43	3.3	60	4.6	57	4.4	66	5.1
Marathon	72	3.0	52	2.2	75	3.2	73	3.1	91	3.9
Marinette	15		16		16		23	3.7	33	5.2
Marquette	11		17		9		9		17	
Menominee	9		8		10		8		6	

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Trend Information, 2016-2020

Table 19. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2016-2020 (continued)

County	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Milwaukee	2,330	11.0	2,347	11.1	2,529	12.0	2,625	12.5	2,768	13.0
Monroe	24	3.0	21	2.7	23	2.9	25	3.2	24	3.0
Oconto	18		14		16		32	5.6	15	
Oneida	13		10		20	4.1	13		12	
Outagamie	120	3.5	136	3.9	155	4.5	177	5.1	167	4.7
Ozaukee	50	3.4	40	2.8	53	3.6	50	3.4	52	3.4
Pepin	<5		0		0		0		<5	
Pierce	<5		0		<5		0		0	
Polk	0		<5		0		0		<5	
Portage	53	3.6	48	3.3	46	3.2	49	3.4	53	3.7
Price	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Racine	205	5.7	176	5.0	231	6.5	241	6.8	268	7.6
Richland	15		12		6		<5		8	
Rock	160	5.2	156	5.1	199	6.5	185	6.1	179	5.8
Rusk	<5		0		<5		<5		0	
St. Croix	<5		<5		0		0		0	
Sauk	39	3.5	50	4.6	55	5.1	50	4.6	54	4.9
Sawyer	<5		<5		0		<5		0	
Shawano	14		16		19		23	3.5	21	3.1
Sheboygan	71	3.6	81	4.1	99	5.1	113	5.8	98	5.0
Taylor	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Trempealeau	8		<5		8		7		<5	
Vernon	6		6		10		15		<5	
Vilas	8		12		11		8		6	
Walworth	85	4.4	77	4.1	95	5.1	89	4.8	81	4.3
Washburn	<5		<5		0		0		<5	
Washington	92	4.0	79	3.5	96	4.2	97	4.3	74	3.2
Waukesha	238	3.5	283	4.2	274	4.1	285	4.2	260	3.7
Waupaca	29	3.6	23	2.9	25	3.2	32	4.1	30	3.8
Waushara	6		10		14		14		7	
Winnebago	116	3.5	123	3.8	125	3.9	124	3.8	159	4.9
Wood	37	3.0	59	4.8	44	3.6	63	5.2	41	3.4

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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, 2020, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2020 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.

A "<5" 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.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2018-2020

Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2018-2020

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	9	Marinette	24
Ashland	<5	Marquette	12
Barron	<5	Menominee	8
Bayfield	<5	Milwaukee	2,641
Brown	253	Monroe	24
Buffalo	<5	Oconto	21
Burnett	<5	Oneida	15
Calumet	14	Outagamie	166
Chippewa	<5	Ozaukee	52
Clark	8	Pepin	<5
Columbia	66	Pierce	<5
Crawford	5	Polk	<5
Dane	810	Portage	49
Dodge	49	Price	<5
Door	20	Racine	247
Douglas	0	Richland	6
Dunn	<5	Rock	188
Eau Claire	10	Rusk	<5
Florence	<5	St. Croix	0
Fond du Lac	79	Sauk	53
Forest	<5	Sawyer	<5
Grant	29	Shawano	21
Green	27	Sheboygan	103
Green Lake	11	Taylor	<5
Iowa	25	Trempealeau	5
Iron	<5	Vernon	10
Jackson	10	Vilas	8
Jefferson	66	Walworth	88
Juneau	19	Washburn	<5
Kenosha	151	Washington	89
Kewaunee	8	Waukesha	273
La Crosse	56	Waupaca	29
Lafayette	9	Waushara	12
Langlade	7	Winnebago	136
Lincoln	12	Wood	49
Manitowoc	61	Unknown	<5
Marathon	80		
		Three-Year Annual Average	6,250

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports for county residents during the three-year period.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2018-2020

Table 21. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2018-2020

County	Age			Total	County	Age			Total
	<20	20-24	25+			<20	20-24	25+	
Brown	31	81	141	253	Monroe	<5	7	13	24
Columbia	5	23	38	66	Oconto	<5	6	12	21
Dane	73	251	486	810	Outagamie	16	50	100	166
Dodge	6	15	28	49	Ozaukee	6	10	36	52
Door	<5	6	13	20	Portage	6	19	25	49
Eau Claire	<5	<5	<5	10	Racine	29	77	141	247
Fond du Lac	11	23	45	79	Rock	25	61	102	188
Grant	<5	10	15	29	Sauk	<5	17	32	53
Green	<5	7	17	27	Shawano	<5	5	11	21
Iowa	<5	10	13	25	Sheboygan	15	28	60	103
Jackson	<5	<5	<5	10	Walworth	8	31	50	88
Jefferson	7	21	39	66	Washington	8	27	54	89
Juneau	<5	6	10	19	Waukesha	22	73	179	273
Kenosha	16	56	79	151	Waupaca	<5	9	16	29
La Crosse	6	20	29	56	Waushara	<5	<5	6	12
Manitowoc	8	19	35	61	Winnebago	14	49	73	136
Marathon	7	24	49	80	Wood	7	13	29	49
Marinette	<5	6	14	24	Other Counties	19	54	101	175
Milwaukee	237	743	1,661	2,641					
					Three-Year Annual Average Total	629	1,865	3,756	6,250

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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 ages less than 20 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.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than an average of five reports for county residents per age group over the three year period.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2018-2020

Table 22. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Selected Racial Categories, Wisconsin Residents, 2018-2020

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	8	22	81	141	253
White	<5	17	59	105	185
Black	<5	<5	9	13	26
Dane	20	53	251	486	810
White	12	33	154	316	515
Black	6	14	70	100	190
Milwaukee	70	167	743	1,661	2,641
White	14	47	213	501	774
Black	45	97	427	939	1,507
Racine	9	20	77	141	247
White	5	11	37	84	136
Black	<5	6	23	42	73
Three-Year Annual Average Total	183	446	1,865	3,756	6,250
White	95	260	1,051	2,112	3,518
Black	63	130	587	1,170	1,951

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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 ages 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.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2018-2020

Table 23. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2018-2020

County	Age			Total
	<20	20-24	25+	
Milwaukee	237	743	1,661	2,641
Non-Hispanic	192	620	1,458	2,270
Hispanic	43	111	174	328
Three-Year Annual Average Total	629	1,865	3,756	6,250
Non-Hispanic	518	1,584	3,358	5,460
Hispanic	107	261	357	725

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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 aged less than 20 and 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.

Three-Year Annual Averages, 2018-2020

Table 24. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2018-2020

County	Race							Total	Ethnicity Hispanic
	White	Black	American Indian	Laotian or Hmong	Other Asian/Pac Isl	Other	Multi		
Brown	185	26	19	<5	5	<5	6	285	33
Dane	515	190	<5	13	51	7	29	902	92
Milwaukee	774	1,507	19	13	69	52	78	2,969	328
Total	3,518	1,951	78	63	187	92	162	6,975	725

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin 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. Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Use caution when comparing data by race to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

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 198 reports for which patient race was reported as Unknown.

Induced Abortion Reporting (Wis. Stat. § 69.186)

- 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.
 - (hf) The probable postfertilization age of the unborn child, as defined in s. 253.107 (1) (c), and whether an ultrasound was used to assist in making the determination of postfertilization age of the unborn child, or, if the probable postfertilization age of the unborn child was not determined, the nature of the medical emergency, as defined in s. 253.10 (2) (d).
 - (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.
 - (k) If the unborn child is considered to be capable of experiencing pain under s. 253.107 (3) (a), the nature of the medical emergency, as defined in s. 253.10 (2) (d), that the pregnant woman had.
 - (l) If the unborn child is considered to be capable of experiencing pain under s. 253.107 (3) (a), a statement whether the method of abortion used was one that, in reasonable medical judgment, provided the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive or, if such a method was not used, the basis of the determination that termination of the pregnancy in that manner posed a greater risk either of the death of the pregnant woman or of the substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the woman than other available methods.
- 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:
 - (m) 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.
 - (n) 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. 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.

