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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, 2022** presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, as stipulated in [Wis. Stat. § 69.186](#). In Wis. Stat. § 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.

The tables in this publication summarize data for calendar year 2022, trend information for the years 2018–2022. Due to uncertainty in the law, some clinics suspended abortion services for several months, therefore 2022 data should be used with caution and may not be comparable to previous years. 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. Wisconsin residents are patients who reside in Wisconsin and non-residents are patients who reside in states outside of Wisconsin but obtain an abortion in Wisconsin.

**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.

In June 2022, the United States Supreme Court reversed its ruling on the 1973 court case *Roe v Wade* which greatly impacted the number of induced abortions performed in the state of Wisconsin, and as a result, the number of procedures that were reported to the office was significantly reduced. Comparing the 2022 data in this report to data from previous should be done with care.

Tables 22, 23, and 24 have been removed from the 2022 report due to small numbers.

## Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2022 was 3,279 (see Table 2).
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2022 was 3,333 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2022 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 2.8 per 1,000 women aged 15–44. This rate does not include abortions obtained by Wisconsin residents outside of the state. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 11.2 per 1,000 women aged 15–44 in 2020; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.<sup>1</sup>
- The estimated resident induced abortion ratio is the number of reported induced abortions per 100 live births. This ratio was 6 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2022, down from 11 in 2021 (see Table 1). The most recent national ratio was 19.8 per 100 live births in 2020.
- Women in the age group 20–24 accounted for the largest proportion (33%) of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2022. Eleven percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older. Those aged 18–19 obtained 7% of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15–17 obtained 3% (see Table 4).
- In 2022, there were 103 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 94 of these; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 9 (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 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> Kortsmitt K, Nguyen AT, Mandel MG, et al. Abortion Surveillance — United States, 2020. MMWR Surveill Summ 2022;71(No. SS-10):1–27. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.ss7110a1>.

## Key Findings

- Eighty-seven percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 10% by currently married women; 2% by women who were divorced; and less than 1% by women who were widowed (see Table 6).
- Fifty-three percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 36% by Black women, 1% by American Indian women, and 1% by women who were Laotian or Hmong. Thirteen percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 86% were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 7).
- Fifty-four percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2022 were obtained within the first eight weeks of gestation (see Table 9).
- Of the 3,279 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2022, 64% were surgical, 36% were chemically induced, and less than 1% were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2021, these proportions were 61%, 38%, and less than 1%, respectively (see Table 11).

# Statewide Historical Data, 1976–2022

**Table 1. Number, Ratio, and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1976–2022**

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
<b>Case-based continuous reporting system</b>			
2022#	3,333#	6#	3#
2021	6,579	11	6
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 2022 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2022)

\*\* The 2022 rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15–44. (The 2022 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2022.)

# Due to uncertainty in the law, some clinics suspended abortion services for several months, therefore 2022 data should be used with caution and may not be comparable to previous years.

## Statewide Historical Data, 1976–2022

**Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1976–2022**

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

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 2022 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2022)

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## Summary Distributions

**Table 2. Reported Induced Abortions by Month, Wisconsin Residents, 2022**

Month	Number	Percent
January	498	15
February	537	16
March	600	18
April	573	17
May	603	18
June	468	14
July <sup>#</sup>	0	0
August <sup>#</sup>	0	0
September <sup>#</sup>	0	0
October <sup>#</sup>	0	0
November <sup>#</sup>	0	0
December <sup>#</sup>	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>

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

<sup>#</sup> Due to uncertainty in the law, some clinics suspended abortion services for several months, therefore 2022 data should be used with caution and may not be comparable to previous years.

**Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 2022**

State of residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	3,279	98
Illinois	30	1
Michigan	<5	
Iowa	7	0
Minnesota	<5	
Other state	11	0
Other country	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>100</b>

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

## Summary Distributions

**Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin, 2022**

Age	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin residents		Resident age-specific rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Less than 15	13	0	13	0		
15–17	93	3	90	3	Less than 18	0.9
18–19	244	7	241	7		3.1
20–24	1,085	33	1,066	33		5.1
25–29	878	26	864	26		4.5
30–34	619	19	608	19		3.2
35–39	315	9	311	9		1.6
40–44	81	2	81	2	40 and older	0.5
45 and older	5	0	5	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>2.9</b>

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, 2022, 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, 2022**

Legal status	Number
<b>A. If the patient is less than 18 years old, indicate the circumstances of the patient.</b>	
1. Patient is an emancipated minor.	0
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	9
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	94
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
<b>Total &lt;18</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.</b>	
1. Parent	85
2. Guardian or legal custodian	9
3. Adult family member	0
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
<b>Total &lt;18 for whom adult provided consent</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>C. Specify the reason that consent was not legally required in this case.</b>	
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, 2022**

Marital status	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin residents		Percent Wisconsin residents*
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	337	10	329	10	98
Not married:					
Never married	2,911	87	2,867	87	98
Divorced	69	2	67	2	97
Widowed	<5	–	<5	–	100
Unknown	14	0	14	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>

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.

\* The Percent Wisconsin Residents column is the number of abortions that occurred in Wisconsin divided by the number of abortions to Wisconsin Residents multiplied by 100.

## Summary Distributions

**Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin, 2022**

Race/ethnicity	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin residents		Percent Wisconsin residents*
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Amer. Indian	40	1	40	1	100
Black	1,198	36	1,183	36	99
Laotian or Hmong	41	1	41	1	100
Other Asian or Pacific Isl.	88	3	88	3	100
Other	33	1	33	1	100
White	1,775	53	1,738	53	98
Multi	57	2	55	2	96
Unknown	101	3	101	3	100
Hispanic	443	13	439	13	99
Non-Hispanic	2,859	86	2,809	86	98
Unknown	31	1	31	1	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>

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 2022 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.

\* The Percent Wisconsin Residents column is the number of abortions that occurred in Wisconsin divided by the number of abortions to Wisconsin Residents multiplied by 100.

## Summary Distributions

**Table 8. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin, 2022**

Years of education	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin residents		Percent Wisconsin residents*
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8th grade or less	22	1	22	1	100
9th–12th grade: no diploma	238	7	234	7	98
High school graduate or GED	1,776	53	1,748	53	98
Some college or associate degree	864	26	847	26	98
Bachelor's degree or higher	396	12	392	12	99
Unknown	37	1	36	1	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>

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.

\* The Percent Wisconsin Residents column is the number of abortions that occurred in Wisconsin divided by the number of abortions to Wisconsin Residents multiplied by 100.

## Summary Distributions

**Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation, Wisconsin, 2022**

Weeks of gestation	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin residents		Percent Wisconsin residents*
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	1,797	54	1,765	54	98
9–10	730	22	723	22	99
11–12	342	10	339	10	99
13–15	252	8	247	8	98
16–20	200	6	194	6	97
Over 20	12	0	11	0	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>

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 two abortions performed that were over 20 weeks gestation. Additional details on those two abortions are not available due to the small numbers of procedures.

\* The Percent Wisconsin Residents column is the number of abortions that occurred in Wisconsin divided by the number of abortions to Wisconsin Residents multiplied by 100.

## Summary Distributions

**Table 10. Reported Induced Abortions by Reported Complications, Wisconsin, 2022**

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin residents
None	3,058	3,010
Haemorrhage	5	5
Infection	2	2
Uterine perforation	1	1
Cervical laceration	14	14
Retained products	253	247
Other	3,058	3,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>3,279</b>

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, 2022**

Type of procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any non–surgical procedure including oral, injected, and vaginally inserted chemicals)	1,171	36
Surgical	2,100	64
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	8	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>

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, 2022**

Age	Race																Ethnicity	
	American Indian		Black		Laotian or Hmong		Other Asian or Pac Isl.		Other race		White		Multi		Total		Hispanic	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
<15	0	0	<5	–	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	13	0	<5	–
15–17	<5	–	42	4	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	40	2	0	0	90	3	15	3
18–19	<5	–	73	6	<5	–	10	11	<5	–	134	8	9	16	241	7	44	10
20–24	14	35	353	30	7	17	18	20	14	42	602	35	20	36	1,066	33	192	44
25–29	9	22	364	31	8	20	20	23	10	30	410	24	13	24	864	26	101	23
30–34	6	15	236	20	8	20	19	22	5	15	314	18	8	15	608	19	48	11
35–39	6	15	96	8	11	27	12	14	0	0	173	10	<5	–	311	9	26	6
40+	<5	–	16	1	<5	–	8	9	<5	–	55	3	<5	–	86	3	10	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Note: There were 101 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, 2022**

Age	Marital Status										Total	
	Married		Never married		Divorced		Widowed		Unknown		Num	Pct
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
<15	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
15–17	0	0	90	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	3
18–19	<5	–	240	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	241	7
20–24	32	10	1,023	36	5	7	0	0	6	43	1,066	33
25–29	81	25	764	27	14	21	0	0	5	36	864	26
30–34	99	30	492	17	13	19	<5	–	<5	–	608	19
35–39	82	25	203	7	25	37	<5	–	0	0	311	9
40+	34	10	42	1	10	15	0	0	0	0	86	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,867</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>

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, 2022**

Years of education	Race														Ethnicity			
	American Indian		Black		Laotian or Hmong		Other Asian or Pac Isl.		Other race		White		Multi		Total		Hispanic	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
8 <sup>th</sup> grade or less	0	0	<5		0	0	<5	–	<5		11	1	0	0	22	1	13	3
9–12 <sup>th</sup> grade; no Diploma	6	15	107	9	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	98	6	<5	–	234	7	45	10
High school graduate or GED	22	55	745	63	17	41	33	38	14	42	837	48	29	53	1,748	53	251	57
Some college or associate degree	12	30	235	20	16	39	18	20	13	39	515	30	20	36	847	26	102	23
Bachelor's degree or higher	0	0	77	7	6	15	27	31	<5	–	268	15	<5	–	392	12	22	5
Unknown	0	0	16	1	0	0	<5		0	0	9	1	<5	–	36	1	6	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Note: There were 101 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. 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.

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**Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2022**

Marital status	Race																Ethnicity	
	American Indian		Black		Laotian or Hmong		Other Asian or Pac Isl.		Other race		White		Multi		Total		Hispanic	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
Married	<5		22	2	15	37	40	45	<5		242	14	<5		329	10	44	10
Not married																		
Never married	39	98	1,142	97	26	63	47	53	30	91	1,436	83	54	98	2,867	87	387	88
Divorced	0	0	7	1	0	0	<5	-	<5	-	57	3	0	0	67	2	6	1
Widowed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	-	0	0	<5		0	0
Unknown	0	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	-	0	0	14	0	<5	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Note: There were 101 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.

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**Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2022**

Weeks of gestation	Age																	
	<15		15–17		18–19		20–24		25–29		30–34		35–39		40+		Total	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
8 weeks or less	5	38	38	42	124	51	528	50	500	58	355	58	168	54	47	55	1,765	54
9–10	<5	–	17	19	63	26	267	25	176	20	119	20	63	20	16	19	723	22
11–12	<5	–	21	23	23	10	112	11	82	9	58	10	33	11	8	9	339	10
13–15	<5	–	9	10	17	7	84	8	60	7	38	6	32	10	5	6	247	8
16–20	<5	–	5	6	12	5	69	6	46	5	37	6	14	5	9	10	194	6
Over 20	0	0	0	0	<5	–	6	1	0	0	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	11	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>100</b>

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 two 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, 2022**

County	Age				Total
	<20	20–24	25–34	35+	
Brown	17	53	47	21	138
Dane	43	140	174	57	414
Dodge	8	9	10	6	33
Fond Du Lac	5	17	15	6	43
Kenosha	8	21	31	8	68
Marathon	6	16	14	6	42
Milwaukee	144	453	723	168	1488
Outagamie	12	24	37	9	82
Racine	14	40	49	12	115
Rock	10	33	47	6	96
Waukesha	12	39	44	19	114
Winnebago	10	29	23	9	71
Other counties	55	192	258	70	575
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>3,279</b>

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, 2018–2022

**Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2018–2022**

Age	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022 <sup>#</sup>	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	169	1.5	194	1.8	185	1.7	214	1.9	103	0.9
18–19	409	5.5	484	6.5	445	5.9	459	6.1	241	3.1
20–24	1,839	9.3	1,880	9.7	1,876	9.7	1,913	9.9	1,066	5.1
25–29	1,771	10.1	1,763	9.8	1,835	9.9	1,832	9.9	864	4.5
30–34	1,080	6.0	1,188	6.7	1,188	6.7	1,207	6.8	608	3.2
35–39	615	3.4	625	3.4	607	3.3	641	3.5	311	1.6
40+	159	1.0	238	1.5	200	1.2	206	1.2	86	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,042</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6,372</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6,336</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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, 2022, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2022 rates.

# Due to uncertainty in the law, some clinics suspended abortion services reducing the number of induced abortions reported to the state after June 24, 2022. Including 2022-year data in any trend analysis should be done with caution.

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, 2018–2022

**Table 19. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2018–2022**

County	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022 <sup>#</sup>	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<b>Total</b>	<b>6042</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6372</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6336</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6472</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>3279</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Adams	8	–	11	–	8	–	5	–	6	–
Ashland	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	0	–
Barron	<5	–	0	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–
Bayfield	<5	–	0	–	0	–	0	–	0	–
Brown	223	4.2	285	5.4	250	4.6	270	4.9	138	2.5
Buffalo	0	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–
Burnett	0	–	0	–	<5	–	0	–	0	–
Calumet	12	–	16	–	13	–	16	–	8	–
Chippewa	5	–	6	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–
Clark	10	–	10	–	5	–	9	–	6	–
Columbia	62	5.7	66	6.1	70	6.3	72	6.4	34	3.1
Crawford	<5	–	9	–	5	–	<5	–	<5	–
Dane	821	6.5	815	6.3	793	5.9	815	6.1	414	3.0
Dodge	40	2.2	52	2.8	55	2.9	57	3.1	33	1.8
Door	23	5.9	23	5.9	15	–	16	–	10	–
Douglas	0	–	0	–	0	–	0	–	0	–
Dunn	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–
Eau Claire	10	–	11	–	10	–	16	–	6	–
Florence	0	–	0	–	<5	–	<5	–	0	–
Fond du Lac	70	3.7	81	4.3	85	4.4	75	3.8	43	2.2
Forest	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–
Grant	32	2.6	30	2.5	24	2.0	20	1.7	14	–
Green	25	4.0	35	5.6	22	3.4	32	4.9	13	–
Green Lake	<5	–	19	–	10	–	12	–	5	–
Iowa	18	–	28	7.0	29	7.0	12	–	7	–
Iron	<5	–	0	–	0	–	<5	–	<5	–
Jackson	10	–	10	–	9	–	<5	–	<5	–
Jefferson	60	3.7	75	4.7	64	3.8	61	3.7	31	1.8
Juneau	14	–	21	4.2	22	4.3	15	–	9	–
Kenosha	153	4.6	153	4.6	148	4.4	124	3.7	68	2.0
Kewaunee	7	–	11	–	6	–	7	–	<5	–
La Crosse	55	2.2	65	2.6	47	1.8	30	1.2	18	–
Lafayette	9	–	10	–	8	–	<5	–	<5	–
Langlade	8	–	6	–	8	–	9	–	<5	–
Lincoln	18	–	9	–	9	–	14	–	8	–
Manitowoc	60	4.5	57	4.3	66	4.7	74	5.2	25	1.8
Marathon	75	3.0	73	2.9	91	3.5	84	3.2	42	1.6
Marinette	16	–	23	3.7	33	4.9	18	–	13	–
Marquette	9	–	9	–	17	–	11	–	<5	–
Menominee	10	–	8	–	6	–	9	–	<5	–

(Continued)

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**Table 19. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2018–2022 (continued)**

County	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022 <sup>#</sup>	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Milwaukee	2529	12.8	2625	13.2	2768	13.9	2905	14.9	1488	7.6
Monroe	23	2.7	25	2.9	24	2.8	36	4.2	11	–
Oconto	16	–	32	5.2	15	–	19	–	7	–
Oneida	20	3.9	13	–	12	–	13	–	11	–
Outagamie	155	4.1	177	4.7	167	4.3	163	4.2	82	2.1
Ozaukee	53	3.4	50	3.2	52	3.2	52	3.2	32	1.9
Pepin	0	–	0	–	<5	–	0	–	<5	–
Pierce	<5	–	0	–	0	–	0	–	<5	–
Polk	0	–	0	–	<5	–	0	–	0	–
Portage	46	2.9	49	3.1	53	3.4	43	2.8	26	1.7
Price	<5	–	5	–	<5	–	<5	–	0	0.0
Racine	231	6.3	241	6.6	268	7.3	273	7.4	115	3.1
Richland	6	–	<5	–	8	–	7	–	<5	–
Rock	199	6.5	185	6.1	179	5.7	167	5.3	96	3.1
Rusk	<5	–	<5	–	0	–	0	–	0	–
St. Croix	0	–	0	–	0	–	0	–	0	–
Sauk	55	4.7	50	4.3	54	4.5	50	4.1	33	2.7
Sawyer	0	–	<5	–	0	–	<5	–	0	–
Shawano	19	–	23	3.5	21	3.1	37	5.4	12	–
Sheboygan	99	4.6	113	5.2	98	4.3	107	4.7	63	2.8
Taylor	<5	–	5	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–
Trempealeau	8	–	7	–	<5	–	7	–	5	–
Vernon	10	–	15	–	5	–	7	–	<5	–
Vilas	11	–	8	–	6	–	6	–	<5	–
Walworth	95	4.7	89	4.4	81	3.9	88	4.2	25	1.2
Washburn	0	–	0	–	<5	–	<5	–	<5	–
Washington	96	4.0	97	4.1	74	3.0	90	3.7	48	2.0
Waukesha	274	3.9	285	4.0	260	3.6	242	3.3	114	1.5
Waupaca	25	2.9	32	3.7	30	3.3	23	2.6	11	–
Waushara	14	–	14	–	7	–	8	–	8	–
Winnebago	125	3.5	124	3.4	159	4.3	167	4.6	71	1.9
Wood	44	3.6	63	5.1	41	3.2	49	3.8	23	1.8

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, 2022, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2022 rates.

# Due to uncertainty in the law, some clinics suspended abortion services for several months, therefore 2022 data should be used with caution and may not be comparable to previous years.

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, 2020–2022

**Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2020–2022**

County	Annual average number #	County	Annual average number #
Adams	6	Marinette	21
Ashland	<5	Marquette	11
Barron	<5	Menominee	6
Bayfield	0	Milwaukee	2,387
Brown	219	Monroe	24
Buffalo	<5	Oconto	14
Burnett	<5	Oneida	12
Calumet	12	Outagamie	137
Chippewa	<5	Ozaukee	45
Clark	7	Pepin	<5
Columbia	59	Pierce	<5
Crawford	<5	Polk	<5
Dane	674	Portage	41
Dodge	48	Price	<5
Door	14	Racine	219
Douglas	0	Richland	6
Dunn	<5	Rock	147
Eau Claire	11	Rusk	0
Florence	<5	St. Croix	0
Fond du Lac	68	Sauk	46
Forest	<5	Sawyer	<5
Grant	19	Shawano	23
Green	22	Sheboygan	89
Green Lake	9	Taylor	<5
Iowa	16	Trempealeau	<5
Iron	<5	Vernon	<5
Jackson	5	Vilas	5
Jefferson	52	Walworth	65
Juneau	15	Washburn	<5
Kenosha	113	Washington	71
Kewaunee	6	Waukesha	205
La Crosse	32	Waupaca	21
Lafayette	5	Waushara	8
Langlade	7	Winnebago	132
Lincoln	10	Wood	38
Manitowoc	55	Unknown	<5
Marathon	72		
		<b>Three-Year Annual Average</b>	<b>5,362</b>

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.

# Due to uncertainty in the law, some clinics suspended abortion services for several months, therefore 2022 data should be used with caution and may not be comparable to previous years.

## Three-Year Annual Averages, 2020–2022

**Table 21. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2020–2022**

County	Age			Total #	County	Age			Total #
	<20	20–24	25+			<20	20–24	25+	
Brown	25	76	118	219	Oconto	<5	<5	6	14
Columbia	6	22	31	59	Outagamie	17	38	82	137
Dane	66	207	402	674	Ozaukee	<5	9	32	45
Dodge	7	15	26	48	Portage	<5	12	24	41
Door	<5	<5	7	14	Racine	25	72	122	219
Eau Claire	<5	<5	<5	11	Rock	19	49	79	147
Fond Du Lac	9	21	38	68	Sauk	<5	11	30	46
Green	<5	7	13	22	Shawano	<5	6	14	23
Jefferson	<5	14	34	52	Sheboygan	9	30	50	89
Kenosha	11	41	62	113	Walworth	10	22	32	65
La Crosse	<5	11	16	32	Washington	7	20	44	71
Lincoln	<5	<5	<5	10	Waukesha	18	59	129	205
Manitowoc	8	17	30	55	Waupaca	<5	7	11	21
Marathon	<5	24	45	72	Winnebago	18	52	63	132
Marinette	<5	6	14	21	Wood	<5	11	23	38
Milwaukee	221	678	1,488	2,387	Other Counties	20	57	110	188
Monroe	<5	7	13	24					
					<b>Three-year annual average total</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>5,362</b>

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.

# Due to uncertainty in the law, some clinics suspended abortion services for several months, therefore 2022 data should be used with caution and may not be comparable to previous years.

## 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.

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.

