

2018 Abortion Statistics

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Executive Summary

Pennsylvania has been monitoring and reporting on abortion data since 1975.

In 2018, there were 30,364 abortions performed in Pennsylvania. Nearly half, (14,613) of all abortions performed in Pennsylvania were to white women, and 13,150 were to black or African-American women. Abortions to women of Hispanic origin accounted for 3,147, or 10.4 percent, of all abortions in 2018. More than 88 percent (26,832) of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2018 were to unmarried women.

The largest age group having abortions was 25-29, accounting for 9,252 (30.5 percent) of all 2018 abortions. Patients under age 20 accounted for 8.6 percent, and patients under age 18 accounted for 2.7 percent. Comparatively, in 2017, females under age 20 accounted for 8.8 percent, and females under age 18 accounted for 2.7 percent.

Similar to 2017, 93.0 percent of the abortions performed in 2018 were on Pennsylvania residents. Residents of other states, territories and other countries accounted for just 2,124 abortions in 2018.

Of the abortions performed in 2018 in Pennsylvania, 87.0 percent were performed in six counties: Allegheny, Dauphin, Delaware, Montgomery, Northampton and Philadelphia.

More than 40 percent of Pennsylvania residents receiving abortions were residents of Philadelphia County. Other counties with a large number of resident abortions included: Allegheny (3,007), Delaware (1,835), Montgomery (1,670), and Bucks (938). Of all 67 counties, 39 (58.2 percent) showed a decrease in the number of resident abortions performed in 2018 compared to 2017.

In 2018, there were 179 reports of complications from abortions that were submitted by physicians, representing 25.2 percent more than the 143 reported in 2017. More than 77 percent of the complications were related to retained products of conception, 15 percent to bleeding and 3 percent to infection.

Notes: The source for the number of abortions reported in Pennsylvania in 2018 is the "Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy," which is an individual report filed for each procedure. The source for the complications data is "Abortions: Report of Complications," a separate reporting form completed by physicians who have provided medical care to a woman because of a complication resulting from an abortion or attempted abortion.

Unknowns are excluded from all calculations.

**Pennsylvania Induced Abortion Report
January - December 2018**

Table 1

**Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Age of Woman**

<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Number</u>
12 or Under	2
13	12
14	58
15	134
16	227
17	377
18	745
19	1,046
20 - 24	8,644
25 - 29	9,252
30 - 34	5,753
35 - 39	3,191
40 - 44	850
45 or Older	73
Unknown	0
Total	30,364

Table 2

**Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Weeks of Gestation**

<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>
8 or Less	18,707
9 - 10	5,176
11 - 12	2,521
13 - 14	1,474
15 - 17	1,243
18 - 20	786
21 - 23	457
24 or More	0
Total	30,364

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

Table 3
Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Race of Woman
January - December 2018

<u>Race of Woman</u>	<u>Number</u>
White	14,613
Black or African-American	13,150
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,259
Multi-Race	811
All Other Races	399
Unknown	132
Total	30,364

Table 4
Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Hispanic Origin of Woman
January - December 2018

<u>Hispanic Origin</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hispanic	3,147
Non-Hispanic	27,201
Unknown	16
Total	30,364

Note: Hispanic origin can be of any race.

Table 5
Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure
January - December 2018

<u>Primary Abortion Procedure</u>	<u>Number</u>
Suction Curettage	16,296
Sharp Curettage	20
Dilation and Evacuation	1,580
Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)	1
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	1
Medical (Nonsurgical)	12,466
Other	0
Total	30,364

Table 6
Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Marital Status of Woman
January - December 2018

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Married	3,521
Unmarried	26,832
Unknown	11
Total	30,364

Table 7
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Age of Woman
January - December 2018

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Age of Woman (In Years)</u>									
	<u>All Ages</u>	<u>Under 15</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40+</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
Total Pennsylvania	28,240	70	702	1,664	7,941	8,645	5,409	2,936	873	0
Adams	46	0	1	2	16	16	6	3	2	0
Allegheny	3,007	8	77	177	842	911	591	312	89	0
Armstrong	41	0	2	2	12	12	6	6	1	0
Beaver	228	0	10	13	74	60	48	22	1	0
Bedford	23	0	0	3	3	7	5	5	0	0
Berks	753	5	24	41	225	224	146	63	25	0
Blair	97	0	2	7	25	26	21	11	5	0
Bradford	11	0	0	0	6	4	0	1	0	0
Bucks	938	0	20	52	218	254	192	150	52	0
Butler	152	1	3	7	56	31	29	20	5	0
Cambria	126	1	0	16	44	40	11	8	6	0
Cameron	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Carbon	100	0	3	7	28	26	20	12	4	0
Centre	116	0	1	7	59	27	14	6	2	0
Chester	838	1	11	51	228	245	161	111	30	0
Clarion	31	0	0	3	9	8	3	6	2	0
Clearfield	52	0	0	6	15	17	12	2	0	0
Clinton	19	0	0	2	9	5	1	2	0	0
Columbia	79	0	2	4	34	16	13	6	4	0
Crawford	52	0	1	4	22	10	9	4	2	0
Cumberland	247	0	5	15	71	58	55	35	8	0
Dauphin	554	0	11	34	170	158	101	63	17	0
Delaware	1,835	3	41	92	478	596	373	198	54	0
Elk	18	0	0	2	7	3	6	0	0	0
Erie	170	0	5	6	48	66	29	12	4	0
Fayette	170	0	3	17	51	52	24	17	6	0
Forest	8	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	1	0
Franklin	29	0	1	1	8	12	4	3	0	0
Fulton	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Greene	30	0	0	0	9	5	10	4	2	0
Huntingdon	71	0	2	4	26	20	12	6	1	0
Indiana	78	0	3	10	28	13	17	5	2	0
Jefferson	25	0	0	3	5	8	2	6	1	0
Juniata	13	0	0	2	1	4	4	2	0	0
Lackawanna	301	1	2	17	80	91	66	35	9	0
Lancaster	483	2	5	31	147	139	90	56	13	0
Lawrence	98	1	6	7	32	28	17	7	0	0
Lebanon	115	0	2	11	38	27	23	11	3	0
Lehigh	820	2	23	66	216	244	169	86	14	0
Luzerne	506	2	13	33	140	154	90	56	18	0

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Table 7
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Age of Woman
January - December 2018

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Age of Woman (In Years)</u>									<u>Unknown</u>
	<u>All Ages</u>	<u>Under 15</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40+</u>	
Lycoming	95	0	1	7	35	25	18	7	2	0
McKean	5	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0
Mercer	116	2	2	3	34	34	26	13	2	0
Mifflin	25	0	0	1	7	6	7	4	0	0
Monroe	300	1	4	24	92	91	52	25	11	0
Montgomery	1,670	0	42	104	417	501	312	218	76	0
Montour	17	0	0	0	5	7	3	2	0	0
Northampton	552	3	15	48	162	143	95	59	27	0
Northumberland	77	0	2	3	23	26	13	4	6	0
Perry	34	0	1	1	15	10	5	2	0	0
Philadelphia	11,494	35	303	623	3,186	3,747	2,203	1,085	312	0
Pike	42	0	0	3	16	8	7	7	1	0
Potter	8	0	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	0
Schuylkill	133	1	3	7	38	40	29	11	4	0
Snyder	13	0	1	2	5	2	2	1	0	0
Somerset	68	0	3	2	22	21	10	7	3	0
Sullivan	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	7	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	0
Tioga	14	0	0	1	2	5	4	1	1	0
Union	23	0	1	2	9	4	6	0	1	0
Venango	31	0	2	2	7	11	5	4	0	0
Warren	13	0	0	1	4	1	4	1	2	0
Washington	262	0	6	21	78	68	49	28	12	0
Wayne	45	0	3	3	14	8	11	6	0	0
Westmoreland	392	0	15	24	120	113	65	41	14	0
Wyoming	19	0	0	2	8	4	4	1	0	0
York	496	1	18	23	153	143	91	52	15	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>										
Delaware	855	1	10	42	259	274	143	111	15	0
Maryland	52	0	1	5	22	16	0	4	4	0
New Jersey	384	0	2	27	115	108	74	47	11	0
New York	26	0	0	0	10	7	3	6	0	0
Ohio	365	1	13	27	112	92	71	40	9	0
West Virginia	325	0	10	20	135	78	33	38	11	0
Other States/Territories	117	0	0	6	50	32	20	9	0	0
Other Countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	2,124	2	36	127	703	607	344	255	50	0
Total All Abortions	30,364	72	738	1,791	8,644	9,252	5,753	3,191	923	0

Table 8
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by County of Procedure
January - December 2018

<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
Adams	-	Lackawanna	-
Allegheny	6,088	Lancaster	-
Armstrong	-	Lawrence	-
Beaver	-	Lebanon	-
Bedford	-	Lehigh	837
Berks	764	Luzerne	-
Blair	-	Lycoming	-
Bradford	-	McKean	-
Bucks	788	Mercer	-
Butler	-	Mifflin	-
Cambria	-	Monroe	-
Cameron	-	Montgomery	913
Carbon	-	Montour	6
Centre	-	Northampton	2,653
Chester	792	Northumberland	-
Clarion	-	Perry	-
Clearfield	-	Philadelphia	14,495
Clinton	-	Pike	-
Columbia	-	Potter	-
Crawford	-	Schuylkill	-
Cumberland	-	Snyder	-
Dauphin	943	Somerset	-
Delaware	1,339	Sullivan	-
Elk	-	Susquehanna	-
Erie	-	Tioga	-
Fayette	-	Union	-
Forest	-	Venango	-
Franklin	-	Warren	-
Fulton	-	Washington	-
Greene	-	Wayne	-
Huntingdon	-	Westmoreland	-
Indiana	-	Wyoming	-
Jefferson	-	York	746
Juniata	-		
		Total	30,364

**Induced Abortions: Report of Complications
January - December 2018**

**Table 9A
Type of Complication by Age of Woman**

Age Group	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
Under 15	0	0	0	0	0
15 - 19	11	1	8	2	0
20 - 24	45	2	37	6	0
25 - 29	59	3	46	6	4
30 - 34	42	0	29	11	2
35 - 39	15	0	13	1	1
40+	7	0	5	2	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Total	179	6	138	28	7

**Table 9B
Type of Complication by Weeks of Gestation**

Weeks of Gestation	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
8 or Less	105	2	89	12	2
9 - 10	35	1	31	3	0
11 - 12	11	2	8	1	0
13 - 14	7	0	6	1	0
15 - 17	2	0	0	2	0
18 - 20	5	0	2	3	0
21 - 23	10	0	1	5	4
24+	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	4	1	1	1	1
Total	179	6	138	28	7

**Table 9C
Type of Complication by Termination Procedure Used**

Procedure	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
Suction Curettage	34	1	29	4	0
Sharp Curettage	20	1	10	7	2
Dilation/Evacuation	20	1	4	11	4
Medical	103	3	95	5	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	2	0	0	1	1
Total	179	6	138	28	7

Notes: These data are based on Reports of Complications submitted by physicians who have provided care to a woman in need of medical care because of a complication resulting from an abortion or attempted abortion.

Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

Table 10
Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania
by Age of Woman and Weeks of Gestation
January - December 2018

<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>							
		<u>8 or Less</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-20</u>	<u>21-23</u>	<u>24 or More</u>
Under 15	72	33	11	8	7	4	7	2	0
15 - 17	738	337	166	83	52	48	33	19	0
18 - 19	1,791	972	362	180	100	87	68	22	0
20 - 24	8,644	5,218	1,534	741	435	416	213	87	0
25 - 29	9,252	5,802	1,603	767	414	314	205	147	0
30 - 34	5,753	3,614	920	440	291	213	155	120	0
35 - 39	3,191	2,087	458	244	140	130	83	49	0
40+	923	644	122	58	35	31	22	11	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30,364	18,707	5,176	2,521	1,474	1,243	786	457	0

Table 11
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Primary Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation
January - December 2018

<u>Primary Procedure</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>							
		<u>8 or Less</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-20</u>	<u>21-23</u>	<u>24 or More</u>
Suction Curettage	16,296	8,060	3,390	2,403	1,033	837	449	124	0
Sharp Curettage	20	1	2	0	4	7	6	0	0
Dilation and Evacuation	1,580	81	37	82	411	377	301	291	0
Intra-Uterine Instillation- Saline or Prostaglandin	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	12,466	10,564	1,747	35	26	22	30	42	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30,364	18,707	5,176	2,521	1,474	1,243	786	457	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

Table 12
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Weeks of Gestation
January - December 2018

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>							
		<u>8 or Less</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-20</u>	<u>21-23</u>	<u>24 or More</u>
Total Pennsylvania	28,240	17,453	4,863	2,363	1,385	1,138	680	358	0
Adams	46	29	10	5	2	0	0	0	0
Allegheny	3,007	1,660	600	315	158	121	87	66	0
Armstrong	41	23	7	5	3	1	1	1	0
Beaver	228	117	57	30	12	2	6	4	0
Bedford	23	11	4	4	0	2	0	2	0
Berks	753	452	147	62	45	31	9	7	0
Blair	97	48	21	13	4	8	1	2	0
Bradford	11	6	0	0	0	3	1	1	0
Bucks	938	610	152	78	43	32	13	10	0
Butler	152	84	31	9	7	10	5	6	0
Cambria	126	70	26	17	6	1	2	4	0
Cameron	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon	100	61	21	6	5	2	5	0	0
Centre	116	78	19	11	3	3	2	0	0
Chester	838	555	125	72	34	26	10	16	0
Clarion	31	18	7	2	1	2	1	0	0
Clearfield	52	20	17	4	4	2	1	4	0
Clinton	19	12	3	1	2	0	0	1	0
Columbia	79	49	14	6	3	3	4	0	0
Crawford	52	18	12	8	3	7	2	2	0
Cumberland	247	172	45	16	7	5	2	0	0
Dauphin	554	345	112	51	17	18	9	2	0
Delaware	1,835	1,295	246	114	59	75	29	17	0
Elk	18	5	6	3	1	3	0	0	0
Erie	170	80	42	15	15	8	5	5	0
Fayette	170	81	51	12	11	5	7	3	0
Forest	8	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	29	14	4	2	4	3	2	0	0
Fulton	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	30	15	7	3	2	3	0	0	0
Huntingdon	71	36	16	12	4	3	0	0	0
Indiana	78	51	12	6	3	2	4	0	0
Jefferson	25	14	6	1	3	1	0	0	0
Juniata	13	10	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Lackawanna	301	180	46	28	13	18	12	4	0
Lancaster	483	297	98	44	26	9	7	2	0
Lawrence	98	51	20	15	0	7	2	3	0
Lebanon	115	74	19	11	7	3	1	0	0
Lehigh	820	476	159	76	51	23	20	15	0
Luzerne	506	306	98	41	17	24	12	8	0

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Table 12
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Weeks of Gestation
January - December 2018

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>							
		<u>8 or Less</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-20</u>	<u>21-23</u>	<u>24 or More</u>
Lycoming	95	53	21	9	5	4	3	0	0
McKean	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mercer	116	54	32	11	9	5	2	3	0
Mifflin	25	19	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Monroe	300	189	53	24	18	9	4	3	0
Montgomery	1,670	1,152	268	105	58	44	27	16	0
Montour	17	13	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Northampton	552	346	99	35	36	22	9	5	0
Northumberland	77	45	14	8	5	4	1	0	0
Perry	34	17	8	3	1	1	3	1	0
Philadelphia	11,494	7,225	1,789	903	582	536	337	122	0
Pike	42	23	9	7	3	0	0	0	0
Potter	8	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Schuylkill	133	74	23	12	12	6	4	2	0
Snyder	13	6	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
Somerset	68	34	12	10	4	4	1	3	0
Sullivan	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	7	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
Tioga	14	8	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
Union	23	17	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
Venango	31	14	7	3	3	0	0	4	0
Warren	13	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	262	157	47	23	11	12	8	4	0
Wayne	45	27	6	4	5	2	0	1	0
Westmoreland	392	229	88	36	17	6	9	7	0
Wyoming	19	12	3	2	2	0	0	0	0
York	496	283	99	61	34	13	5	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>									
Delaware	855	524	121	64	39	54	40	13	0
Maryland	52	30	7	3	3	3	5	1	0
New Jersey	384	255	37	18	20	16	17	21	0
New York	26	15	5	0	0	0	3	3	0
Ohio	365	180	78	29	15	14	13	36	0
West Virginia	325	173	54	35	8	13	22	20	0
Other States/Territories	117	77	11	9	4	5	6	5	0
Other Countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	2,124	1,254	313	158	89	105	106	99	0
Total All Abortions	30,364	18,707	5,176	2,521	1,474	1,243	786	457	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

Table 13
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Number of Previous Live Births and Percentage Distribution
January - December 2018

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	11,533	38.0
One	7,976	26.3
Two	6,149	20.3
Three	2,925	9.6
Four or More	1,781	5.9
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	30,364	100.0

Table 14
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Number of Previous Induced Abortions and Percentage Distribution
January - December 2018

<u>Induced Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	15,880	52.3
One	7,703	25.4
Two	3,798	12.5
Three	1,692	5.6
Four or More	1,291	4.3
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	30,364	100.0

Note: Percents may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Table 15
Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania
by Number of Medical Complications of Pregnancy
January - December 2018

<u>Medical Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>
Pre-existing Medical Conditions Which Would Complicate Pregnancy	213
Complication Resulting From Termination	6