

# 2017 Abortion Statistics

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# 2017 ABORTION STATISTICS

## Executive Summary

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

In 2017, there were 30,011 abortions performed in Pennsylvania. Nearly half, (14,726) of all abortions performed in Pennsylvania were to white women, and 12,865 were to black or African-American women. Abortions to women of Hispanic origin accounted for 3,038, or 10.1 percent, of all abortions in 2017. More than 87 percent (26,310) of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2017 were to unmarried women.

As in previous years, the largest age group having abortions was 20-24, accounting for 9,047 (30.1 percent) of all 2017 abortions. Patients under age 20 accounted for 8.8 percent, and patients under age 18 accounted for 2.7 percent. Comparatively, in 2016, females under age 20 accounted for 9.1 percent, and females under age 18 accounted for 2.9 percent.

Similar to 2016, 94.1 percent of the abortions performed in 2017 were on Pennsylvania residents. Residents of other states, territories and other countries accounted for just 1,777 abortions in 2017.

Of the abortions performed in 2017 in Pennsylvania, 83.6 percent were performed in five counties: Allegheny, Dauphin, Delaware, Northampton and Philadelphia.

More than 39 percent of Pennsylvania residents receiving abortions were residents of Philadelphia County. Other counties with a large number of resident abortions included: Allegheny (3,120), Delaware (1,865), Montgomery (1,565), and Bucks (950). Of all 67 counties, 32 (47.8 percent) showed a decrease in the number of resident abortions performed in 2017 compared to 2016.

In 2017, there were 143 reports of complications from abortions that were submitted by physicians, representing 7.7 percent less than the 155 reported in 2016. More than 71 percent of the complications were related to retained products of conception, 15 percent to bleeding and 7 percent to infection.

Notes: The source for the number of abortions reported in Pennsylvania in 2017 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 2017**

**Table 1**

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

<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Number</u>
12 or Under	10
13	14
14	52
15	138
16	231
17	365
18	779
19	1,045
20 - 24	9,047
25 - 29	9,001
30 - 34	5,459
35 - 39	2,932
40 - 44	851
45 or Older	87
Unknown	0
Total	30,011

**Table 2**

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

<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>
8 or Less	18,507
9 - 10	5,119
11 - 12	2,418
13 - 14	1,548
15 - 17	1,307
18 - 20	676
21 - 23	436
24 or More	0
Total	30,011

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

**Table 3**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In**  
**Pennsylvania by Race of Woman**  
**January - December 2017**

<u>Race of Woman</u>	<u>Number</u>
White	14,726
Black or African-American	12,865
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,201
Multi-Race	753
All Other Races	331
Unknown	135
Total	30,011

**Table 4**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In**  
**Pennsylvania by Hispanic Origin of Woman**  
**January - December 2017**

<u>Hispanic Origin</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hispanic	3,038
Non-Hispanic	26,931
Unknown	42
Total	30,011

Note: Hispanic origin can be of any race.

**Table 5**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In**  
**Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure**  
**January - December 2017**

<u>Primary Abortion Procedure</u>	<u>Number</u>
Suction Curettage	16,879
Sharp Curettage	1
Dilation and Evacuation	1,627
Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)	0
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	3
Medical (Nonsurgical)	11,496
Other	5
Total	30,011

**Table 6**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In**  
**Pennsylvania by Marital Status of Woman**  
**January - December 2017**

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Married	3,682
Unmarried	26,310
Unknown	19
Total	30,011

**Table 7**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Age of Woman**  
**January - December 2017**

<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	28,234	75	695	1,712	8,465	8,512	5,139	2,749	887	0
Adams	62	0	1	6	23	16	11	3	2	0
Allegheny	3,120	10	100	173	920	954	562	301	100	0
Armstrong	51	0	1	3	19	13	9	4	2	0
Beaver	232	1	3	12	78	66	40	30	2	0
Bedford	20	0	1	1	7	4	7	0	0	0
Berks	796	0	26	57	247	232	128	81	25	0
Blair	105	0	2	10	29	25	30	9	0	0
Bradford	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Bucks	950	2	22	60	268	238	198	121	41	0
Butler	158	0	5	8	49	54	13	18	11	0
Cambria	134	0	5	16	47	33	15	10	8	0
Cameron	5	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0
Carbon	82	0	2	7	21	17	23	5	7	0
Centre	149	0	1	9	73	29	24	10	3	0
Chester	820	0	17	54	223	249	151	87	39	0
Clarion	29	0	1	5	10	8	3	1	1	0
Clearfield	54	1	3	2	13	14	13	6	2	0
Clinton	28	0	1	1	11	4	5	4	2	0
Columbia	64	0	0	7	30	18	8	1	0	0
Crawford	47	0	1	4	17	11	9	3	2	0
Cumberland	287	0	1	19	81	79	62	32	13	0
Dauphin	585	1	13	33	177	175	99	68	19	0
Delaware	1,865	4	40	101	549	508	401	194	68	0
Elk	24	0	0	0	10	10	2	1	1	0
Erie	184	0	7	14	47	62	27	21	6	0
Fayette	178	0	9	13	61	41	26	22	6	0
Forest	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Franklin	24	0	1	3	5	6	5	3	1	0
Fulton	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
Greene	41	1	1	3	11	10	8	6	1	0
Huntingdon	21	0	0	4	5	7	2	1	2	0
Indiana	83	0	1	14	39	11	11	6	1	0
Jefferson	32	0	1	1	12	9	4	3	2	0
Juniata	15	0	0	1	6	4	3	1	0	0
Lackawanna	334	0	7	18	109	89	65	32	14	0
Lancaster	541	1	16	31	157	163	96	53	24	0
Lawrence	101	1	3	4	33	27	19	10	4	0
Lebanon	138	0	1	13	44	36	24	16	4	0
Lehigh	827	0	17	53	255	240	157	79	26	0
Luzerne	483	4	11	27	135	133	99	60	14	0

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**Table 7**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Age of Woman**  
**January - December 2017**

<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>
Lycoming	102	0	1	6	19	36	26	8	6	0
McKean	6	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0
Mercer	75	1	1	4	25	24	13	5	2	0
Mifflin	24	0	0	1	8	10	2	1	2	0
Monroe	302	0	10	19	104	88	45	23	13	0
Montgomery	1,565	2	25	94	413	465	312	185	69	0
Montour	15	0	0	0	6	5	3	0	1	0
Northampton	534	0	14	44	151	152	92	58	23	0
Northumberland	69	0	5	6	21	15	9	12	1	0
Perry	79	0	1	4	23	27	11	9	4	0
Philadelphia	11,140	41	277	625	3,355	3,619	1,985	978	260	0
Pike	46	0	0	2	14	15	10	5	0	0
Potter	23	0	0	1	9	9	4	0	0	0
Schuylkill	177	0	2	16	53	53	29	20	4	0
Snyder	19	0	0	2	6	5	1	3	2	0
Somerset	54	0	1	4	9	20	14	5	1	0
Sullivan	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	5	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
Tioga	5	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
Union	23	0	1	2	4	7	6	1	2	0
Venango	41	0	1	3	11	15	7	3	1	0
Warren	11	0	0	1	5	3	2	0	0	0
Washington	255	1	11	24	73	67	43	30	6	0
Wayne	32	0	1	1	9	10	3	7	1	0
Westmoreland	404	1	9	25	134	107	68	44	16	0
Wyoming	18	1	0	0	8	4	2	2	1	0
York	528	1	13	41	178	145	89	45	16	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>										
Delaware	612	1	13	40	183	196	107	56	16	0
Maryland	31	0	0	3	12	4	8	1	3	0
New Jersey	345	0	6	15	110	79	69	51	15	0
New York	16	0	0	1	5	4	4	1	1	0
Ohio	343	0	11	18	111	100	58	37	8	0
West Virginia	343	0	9	28	126	83	61	29	7	0
Other States/Territories	86	0	0	7	35	23	13	7	1	0
Other Countries	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,777	1	39	112	582	489	320	183	51	0
Total All Abortions	30,011	76	734	1,824	9,047	9,001	5,459	2,932	938	0

**Table 8**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by County of Procedure**  
**January - December 2017**

<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
Adams	-	Lackawanna	-
Allegheny	6,140	Lancaster	-
Armstrong	-	Lawrence	-
Beaver	-	Lebanon	-
Bedford	-	Lehigh	925
Berks	823	Luzerne	-
Blair	-	Lycoming	-
Bradford	-	McKean	-
Bucks	720	Mercer	-
Butler	-	Mifflin	-
Cambria	-	Monroe	-
Cameron	-	Montgomery	802
Carbon	-	Montour	2
Centre	1	Northampton	2,772
Chester	880	Northumberland	-
Clarion	-	Perry	-
Clearfield	-	Philadelphia	13,999
Clinton	-	Pike	-
Columbia	-	Potter	-
Crawford	-	Schuylkill	-
Cumberland	-	Snyder	-
Dauphin	1,152	Somerset	-
Delaware	1,016	Sullivan	-
Elk	-	Susquehanna	-
Erie	-	Tioga	-
Fayette	-	Union	-
Forest	-	Venango	-
Franklin	-	Warren	-
Fulton	-	Washington	-
Greene	-	Wayne	-
Huntingdon	-	Westmoreland	-
Indiana	-	Wyoming	-
Jefferson	-	York	779
Juniata	-		
		Total	30,011

**Induced Abortions: Report of Complications  
January - December 2017**

**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	5	0	2	1	2
20 - 24	43	4	30	7	2
25 - 29	43	4	32	6	1
30 - 34	34	0	23	7	4
35 - 39	12	1	11	0	0
40+	5	1	3	1	0
Unknown	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>

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

Weeks of Gestation	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
8 or Less	84	5	66	8	5
9 - 10	25	2	19	4	0
11 - 12	13	1	8	2	2
13 - 14	3	0	3	0	0
15 - 17	8	0	3	5	0
18 - 20	3	0	0	2	1
21 - 23	5	2	1	1	1
24+	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	2	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>

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

Procedure	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
Suction Curettage	41	2	33	4	2
Sharp Curettage	17	1	9	5	2
Dilation/Evacuation	23	3	10	6	4
Medical	60	4	48	7	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	2	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>

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 2017**

<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	76	18	21	18	6	7	4	2	0
15 - 17	734	320	153	95	64	46	42	14	0
18 - 19	1,824	985	374	179	109	102	47	28	0
20 - 24	9,047	5,502	1,619	749	477	432	180	88	0
25 - 29	9,001	5,675	1,520	708	467	321	186	124	0
30 - 34	5,459	3,444	884	399	252	233	131	116	0
35 - 39	2,932	1,932	416	211	127	125	71	50	0
40+	938	631	132	59	46	41	15	14	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30,011	18,507	5,119	2,418	1,548	1,307	676	436	0

**Table 11**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by Primary Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation**  
**January - December 2017**

<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	16,879	8,616	3,505	2,291	1,085	895	385	102	0
Sharp Curettage	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dilation and Evacuation	1,627	76	47	103	443	392	266	300	0
Intra-Uterine Instillation- Saline or Prostaglandin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	11,496	9,812	1,567	22	18	20	24	33	0
Other	5	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Total	30,011	18,507	5,119	2,418	1,548	1,307	676	436	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 2017**

<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	28,234	17,529	4,845	2,290	1,438	1,198	591	343	0
Adams	62	34	14	6	4	4	0	0	0
Allegheny	3,120	1,784	624	310	149	115	81	57	0
Armstrong	51	28	8	9	3	2	0	1	0
Beaver	232	118	57	26	12	10	6	3	0
Bedford	20	10	4	1	0	4	0	1	0
Berks	796	502	132	78	41	18	13	12	0
Blair	105	58	21	8	6	3	5	4	0
Bradford	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bucks	950	665	128	53	42	33	15	14	0
Butler	158	91	25	16	11	7	3	5	0
Cambria	134	59	36	17	7	6	2	7	0
Cameron	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Carbon	82	44	22	4	9	1	0	2	0
Centre	149	98	29	11	6	1	3	1	0
Chester	820	549	133	55	38	23	15	7	0
Clarion	29	22	2	3	1	0	1	0	0
Clearfield	54	29	8	11	2	3	1	0	0
Clinton	28	17	6	4	0	1	0	0	0
Columbia	64	44	11	3	1	5	0	0	0
Crawford	47	22	12	7	2	2	2	0	0
Cumberland	287	212	37	16	12	3	4	3	0
Dauphin	585	398	91	45	27	14	6	4	0
Delaware	1,865	1,228	270	135	93	79	45	15	0
Elk	24	12	4	3	0	3	0	2	0
Erie	184	83	36	31	13	8	6	7	0
Fayette	178	94	29	17	13	14	5	6	0
Forest	5	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Franklin	24	14	4	3	1	2	0	0	0
Fulton	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Greene	41	15	10	9	3	3	1	0	0
Huntingdon	21	11	4	2	3	1	0	0	0
Indiana	83	52	13	8	5	4	0	1	0
Jefferson	32	14	3	6	3	2	2	2	0
Juniata	15	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lackawanna	334	221	43	29	21	14	6	0	0
Lancaster	541	356	89	58	19	14	4	1	0
Lawrence	101	53	14	6	14	5	6	3	0
Lebanon	138	89	24	14	6	3	0	2	0
Lehigh	827	508	146	73	41	33	18	8	0
Luzerne	483	297	84	40	23	27	6	6	0

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**Table 12**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Weeks of Gestation**  
**January - December 2017**

<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	102	62	20	7	5	4	3	1	0
McKean	6	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mercer	75	38	16	9	2	3	3	4	0
Mifflin	24	15	6	2	1	0	0	0	0
Monroe	302	188	49	22	16	17	6	4	0
Montgomery	1,565	1,092	221	84	66	60	24	18	0
Montour	15	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Northampton	534	343	75	41	29	30	10	6	0
Northumberland	69	47	10	7	2	2	0	1	0
Perry	79	54	12	6	3	3	1	0	0
Philadelphia	11,140	6,850	1,944	835	604	543	255	109	0
Pike	46	20	7	8	5	2	3	1	0
Potter	23	15	6	1	0	1	0	0	0
Schuylkill	177	109	22	17	12	8	6	3	0
Snyder	19	13	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Somerset	54	27	12	7	3	3	2	0	0
Sullivan	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tioga	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Union	23	13	3	0	2	4	1	0	0
Venango	41	22	9	4	0	2	1	3	0
Warren	11	4	1	1	2	1	0	2	0
Washington	255	150	44	24	13	10	7	7	0
Wayne	32	21	4	3	2	0	2	0	0
Westmoreland	404	228	87	37	16	20	9	7	0
Wyoming	18	11	3	2	0	1	1	0	0
York	528	328	113	51	22	11	0	3	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>									
Delaware	612	328	83	53	47	55	39	7	0
Maryland	31	16	7	1	2	1	4	0	0
New Jersey	345	216	40	15	24	18	13	19	0
New York	16	12	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Ohio	343	159	68	36	24	13	11	32	0
West Virginia	343	197	62	19	12	16	13	24	0
Other States/Territories	86	49	14	4	1	5	3	10	0
Other Countries	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,777	978	274	128	110	109	85	93	0
Total All Abortions	30,011	18,507	5,119	2,418	1,548	1,307	676	436	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 2017**

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	11,608	38.7
One	7,844	26.1
Two	6,140	20.5
Three	2,772	9.2
Four or More	1,647	5.5
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	30,011	100.0

**Table 14**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by Number of Previous Induced Abortions and Percentage Distribution**  
**January - December 2017**

<u>Induced Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	15,839	52.8
One	7,786	25.9
Two	3,776	12.6
Three	1,528	5.1
Four or More	1,082	3.6
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	30,011	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 2017**

<u>Medical Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>
Pre-existing Medical Conditions Which Would Complicate Pregnancy	255
Complication Resulting From Termination	7