2020 Abortion Statistics

December 2021



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2020 ABORTION STATISTICS Executive Summary

Pennsylvania has been monitoring and reporting on abortion data since 1975. This report is produced pursuant to Section 3214 of the Abortion Control Act, 18 Pa. C.S. § 3214(e)(1).

In 2020, there were 32,123 abortions performed in Pennsylvania. Nearly half, (14,813) of all abortions performed in Pennsylvania were to white individuals, and 14,177 were to black or African-American individuals. Abortions to individuals of Hispanic origin accounted for 3,479, or 10.9 percent, of all abortions in 2020. More than 88 percent (28,281) of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2020 were to unmarried individuals.

The largest age group having abortions was 25-29, accounting for 9,841 (30.6 percent) of all 2020 abortions. Individuals under age 20 accounted for 7.9 percent of all abortions in 2020, and individuals under age 18 accounted for 2.4 percent. Comparatively, in 2019, individuals under age 20 accounted for 8.2 percent, and individuals under age 18 accounted for 2.4 percent.

Similar to 2019, 93.3 percent of the abortions performed in 2020 were on Pennsylvania residents. Residents of other states, territories and other countries accounted for just 2,144 abortions in 2020.

Of the abortions performed in 2020 in Pennsylvania, 90 percent were performed in eight counties: Allegheny; Chester; Dauphin; Delaware; Lehigh; Northampton; Philadelphia; and York.

More than 37 percent of Pennsylvania residents having abortions were residents of Philadelphia County. Other counties that account for a greater percentage of resident abortions included: Allegheny (3,083); Delaware (1,857); Montgomery (1,712); and Bucks (962). Of all 67 counties, 16 (23.9 percent) showed a decrease in the number of resident abortions performed in 2020 compared to 2019.

In 2020, there were 239 reports of complications from abortions that were submitted by physicians; 16.2 percent fewer than the 285 reported in 2019. More than 75 percent of the complications were related to retained products of conception, 13.8 percent to bleeding and 5 percent to infection.

Unknowns are excluded from all calculations.

Notes: The source for the number of abortions reported in Pennsylvania in 2020 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 an individual because of a complication resulting from an abortion or attempted abortion.

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<u>Table</u> Induced Abortion Pennsylvania by	s Performed in	<u>Table 2</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Weeks of Gestation
<u>Age (Years)</u>	Number	Weeks of Gestation Number
12 or Under	6	8 or Less 21,934
13	21	9 - 10 4,715
14	75	11 - 12 2,096
15	130	13 - 14 1,242
16	212	15 - 17 1,099
17	311	18 - 20 599
18	713	21 - 23 438
19	1,071	24 or More 0
20 - 24	8,627	Total 32,123
25 - 29	9,841	
30 - 34	6,682	Note: Weeks of gestation are based on
35 - 39	3,344	Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.
40 - 44	994	
45 or Older	96	
Unknown	0	
Total	32,123	

<u>Table 3</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Race of Woman January - December 2020

Race of Woman	<u>Number</u>
White	14,813
Black or African-American	14,177
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,099
Multi-Race	1,147
All Other Races	370
Unknown	517
Total	32,123

<u>Table 4</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Hispanic Origin of Woman January - December 2020

<u>Hispanic Origin</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hispanic	3,479
Non-Hispanic	28,568
Unknown	76
Total	32,123

Note: Hispanic origin can be of any race.

<u>Table 5</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure January - December 2020

Primary Abortion Procedure	<u>Number</u>
Suction Curettage	14,278

Sharp Curettage	129

Dilation and Evacuation	1,350
Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)	4
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	5
Medical (Nonsurgical)	16,349
Other	8

Total

<u>Table 6</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Marital Status of Woman January - December 2020

Marital Status	<u>Number</u>
Married	3,755
Unmarried	28,281
Unknown	87
Total	32,123

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<u>Table 7</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Residence and Age of Woman January - December 2020

			<u>Ag</u>	e of Woman	<u>(In Years)</u>					
Residence	<u>All Ages</u>	Under 15	<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	29,979	96	626	1,674	7,993	9,215	6,250	3,099	1,026	0
Adams	58	0	0	2	20	18	11	6	1	0
Allegheny	3,083	15	76	146	845	946	652	305	98	0
Armstrong	48	0	0	4	11	14	15	1	3	0
Beaver	290	3	6	15	82	87	60	25	12	0
Bedford	13	0	0	4	2	3	2	2	0	0
Berks	888	3	16	44	299	254	174	70	28	0
Blair	106	0	3	12	35	28	16	6	6	0
Bradford	6	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0
Bucks	962	2	10	60	222	270	199	138	61	0
Butler	157	0	1	13	39	48	32	19	5	0
Cambria	141	0	4	9	45	43	28	9	3	0
Cameron	5	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
Carbon	99	0	3	3	32	27	17	15	2	0
Centre	117	1	0	5	44	27	23	12	5	0
Chester	882	0	33	47	220	225	197	116	44	0
Clarion	23	0	0	0	5	7	8	2	1	0
Clearfield	59	0	4	1	15	16	14	6	3	0
Clinton	26	0	0	1	13	10	2	0	0	0
Columbia	79	0	0	5	27	30	7	5	5	0
Crawford	41	0	0	3	13	9	8	5	3	0
Cumberland	275	0	2	12	81	84	61	26	9	0
Dauphin	931	1	26	55	262	271	206	82	28	0
Delaware	1,857	4	34	96	443	553	439	213	75	0
Elk	20	0	1	0	9	5	4	0	1	0
Erie	233	0	10	12	68	79	36	21	7	0
Fayette	175	0	4	10	48	54	34	19	6	0
Forest	5	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0
Franklin	36	1	1	6	9	9	6	2	2	0
Fulton	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Greene	47	0	1	4	16	17	7	2	0	0
Huntingdon	23	0	0	1	7	8	5	0	2	0
Indiana	81	1	0	6	26	16	22	9	1	0
Jefferson	26	0	2	3	5	6	7	2	1	0
Juniata	13	0	0	2	2	4	2	2	1	0
Lackawanna	311	1	7	16	88	90	60	38	11	0
Lancaster	617	3	10	38	183	177	118	74	14	0
Lawrence	116	0	2	7	28	37	24	11	7	0
Lebanon	160	1	3	7	51	46	24	24	4	0
Lehigh	960	0	18	73	273	284	173	100	39	0
Luzerne	709	7	12	47	210	216	127	72	18	0

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<u>Table 7</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Residence and Age of Woman January - December 2020

<u>Age of Woman (In Years)</u>										
Residence	All Ages	Under 15	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-19</u>	20-24	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40+</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
Lycoming	121	1	1	8	43	28	29	8	3	0
McKean	12	0	0	1	4	4	1	2	0	0
Mercer	101	1	3	9	32	30	17	5	4	0
Mifflin	33	1	0	3	9	15	3	2	0	0
Monroe	373	0	9	28	95	110	77	39	15	0
Montgomery	1,712	2	26	90	412	483	366	249	84	0
Montour	13	0	0	0	2	3	4	1	3	0
Northampton	557	4	11	35	127	168	112	74	26	0
Northumberland	105	0	1	11	32	33	14	11	3	0
Perry	42	0	0	1	13	16	8	4	0	0
Philadelphia	11,301	37	231	590	2,892	3,751	2,429	1,059	312	0
Pike	49	0	2	1	14	15	11	4	2	0
Potter	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Schuylkill	225	1	1	14	59	65	51	23	11	0
Snyder	23	0	3	5	5	7	1	2	0	0
Somerset	44	0	1	6	13	8	9	3	4	0
Sullivan	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Susquehanna	22	0	1	1	3	5	6	3	3	0
Tioga	12	0	1	3	1	2	3	2	0	0
Union	20	0	0	1	4	7	3	3	2	0
Venango	28	0	1	0	10	6	5	5	1	0
Warren	10	0	1	0	3	2	2	1	1	0
Washington	263	1	9	15	63	66	66	35	8	0
Wayne	37	0	0	0	10	13	6	8	0	0
Westmoreland	390	3	15	24	117	106	74	36	15	0
Wyoming	38	0	3	3	13	9	6	3	1	0
York	759	2	17	51	230	239	123	76	21	0
Unknown	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Other States/Countries										
Delaware	715	0	9	39	195	223	145	84	20	0
Maryland	23	0	0	1	6	5	8	3	0	0
New Jersey	336	0	3	18	80	92	75	50	18	0
New York	30	0	0	4	10	8	4	4	0	0
Ohio	570	6	10	23	163	176	123	53	16	0
West Virginia	374	0	5	23	137	95	64	43	7	0
Other States/Territories	95	0	0	2	43	26	13	8	3	0
Other Countries	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/										
Countries	2,144	6	27	110	634	626	432	245	64	0
Total All Abortions	32,123	102	653	1,784	8,627	9,841	6,682	3,344	1,090	0

<u>Table 8</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by County of Procedure January - December 2020

<u>County</u>	Number	County	<u>Number</u>
Adams	-	Lackawanna	-
Allegheny	6,480	Lancaster	-
Armstrong	-	Lawrence	-
Beaver	-	Lebanon	-
Bedford	-	Lehigh	1,479
Berks	823	Luzerne	503
Blair	-	Lycoming	-
Bradford	-	McKean	-
Bucks	885	Mercer	-
Butler	-	Mifflin	-
Cambria	-	Monroe	-
Cameron	-	Montgomery	989
Carbon	-	Montour	2
Centre	-	Northampton	2,174
Chester	1,153	Northumberland	-
Clarion	-	Perry	-
Clearfield	-	Philadelphia	13,197
Clinton	-	Pike	-
Columbia	-	Potter	-
Crawford	-	Schuylkill	-
Cumberland	-	Snyder	-
Dauphin	1,254	Somerset	-
Delaware	1,754	Sullivan	-
Elk	-	Susquehanna	-
Erie	-	Tioga	-
Fayette	-	Union	1
Forest	-	Venango	-
Franklin	-	Warren	-
Fulton	-	Washington	-
Greene	-	Wayne	-
Huntingdon	-	Westmoreland	-
Indiana	-	Wyoming	-
Jefferson	-	York	1,429
Juniata	-		
		Total	32,123

Induced Abortions: Report of Complications January - December 2020

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	14	0	11	3	0
20 - 24	52	1	42	4	5
25 - 29	65	3	43	13	6
30 - 34	66	5	49	10	2
35 - 39	33	3	26	3	1
40+	9	0	9	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Total	239	12	180	33	14

Table 9B Type of Complication by Weeks of Gestation

Weeks of Gestation	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
8 or Less	132	8	103	13	8
9 - 10	41	0	32	6	3
11 - 12	18	0	17	1	0
13 - 14	9	0	7	1	1
15 - 17	10	0	5	5	0
18 - 20	7	1	4	2	0
21 - 23	11	2	3	5	1
24+	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	11	1	9	0	1
Total	239	12	180	33	14

Table 9C Type of Complication by Termination Procedure Used

Procedure	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
Suction Curettage	72	8	51	8	5
Sharp Curettage	9	0	8	1	0
Dilation/Evacuation	34	3	15	12	4
Medical	119	0	103	12	4
Other	1	0	1	0	0
Unknown	4	1	2	0	1
Total	239	12	180	33	14

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.

<u>Table 10</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Age of Woman and Weeks of Gestation January - December 2020

	Weeks of Gestation								
<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Total</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>	24 or More
Under 15	102	48	14	13	8	7	4	8	0
15 - 17	653	320	130	82	40	41	23	17	0
18 - 19	1,784	1,081	322	139	81	99	39	23	0
20 - 24	8,627	5,853	1,342	609	329	267	136	91	0
25 - 29	9,841	6,878	1,439	604	338	292	185	105	0
30 - 34	6,682	4,683	882	380	277	230	120	110	0
35 - 39	3,344	2,292	456	201	128	120	78	69	0
40+	1,090	779	130	68	41	43	14	15	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32,123	21,934	4,715	2,096	1,242	1,099	599	438	0

<u>Table 11</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation January - December 2020

	Weeks of Gestation								
Primary Procedure	<u>Total</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>	24 or More
Suction Curettage	14,278	7,761	2,528	1,937	895	670	349	138	0
Sharp Curettage	129	74	24	16	14	1	0	0	0
Dilation and Evacuation	1,350	49	29	47	315	414	222	274	0
Intra-Uterine Instillation- Saline or Prostaglandin	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	16,349	14,041	2,133	96	16	12	26	25	0
Other	8	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Total	32,123	21,934	4,715	2,096	1,242	1,099	599	438	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

<u>Table 12</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Residence and Weeks of Gestation January - December 2020

		Weeks of Gestation							
Residence	Total	8 or Less	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-20</u>	<u>21-23</u>	24 or More
Total Pennsylvania	29,979	20,596	4,388	1,966	1,158	971	530	370	0
Adams	58	44	5	8	0	0	1	0	0
Allegheny	3,083	2,001	513	247	117	93	46	66	0
Armstrong	48	29	3	8	1	4	1	2	0
Beaver	290	166	57	18	23	8	6	12	0
Bedford	13	8	2	1	0	0	2	0	0
Berks	888	653	114	53	29	18	14	7	0
Blair	106	61	14	8	7	8	4	4	0
Bradford	6	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Bucks	962	698	133	66	23	23	11	8	0
Butler	157	109	15	14	4	7	1	7	0
Cambria	141	90	20	16	5	5	2	3	0
Cameron	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Carbon	99	65	21	7	3	1	1	1	0
Centre	117	91	8	5	5	2	3	3	0
Chester	882	631	110	48	33	26	18	16	0
Clarion	23	10	5	4	1	2	0	1	0
Clearfield	59	32	2	11	3	8	1	2	0
Clinton	26	18	2	4	0	0	1	1	0
Columbia	79	55	8	9	2	4	1	0	0
Crawford	41	23	4	7	1	3	0	3	0
Cumberland	275	203	44	14	9	2	1	2	0
Dauphin	931	654	156	62	32	14	10	3	0
Delaware	1,857	1,343	248	86	47	72	41	20	0
Elk	20	11	3	3	0	2	1	0	0
Erie	233	134	45	24	10	11	4	5	0
Fayette	175	115	27	15	5	5	6	2	0
Forest	5	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Franklin	36	25	3	3	1	1	2	1	0
Fulton	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	47	30	8	4	1	2	1	1	0
Huntingdon	23	17	1	2	1	2	0	0	0
Indiana	81	58	8	8	1	1	2	3	0
Jefferson	26	15	6	1	1	1	2	0	0
Juniata	13	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lackawanna	311	206	62	19	8	9	6	1	0
Lancaster	617	437	91	42	23	13	9	2	0
Lawrence	116	68	21	14	6	4	1	2	0
Lebanon	160	111	22	15	6	2	2	2	0
Lehigh	960	676	122	69	40	26	15	12	0
Luzerne	709	476	122	47	20	23	13	8	0

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<u>Table 12</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Residence and Weeks of Gestation January - December 2020

				<u> </u>	Weeks of Ge	station_			
Residence	<u>Total</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>	24 or More
Lycoming	121	74	24	12	3	4	4	0	0
McKean	12	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mercer	101	60	15	11	5	4	3	3	0
Mifflin	33	21	8	3	0	1	0	0	0
Monroe	373	273	50	26	10	6	5	3	0
Montgomery	1,712	1,262	234	64	51	49	32	20	0
Montour	13	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Northampton	557	412	81	27	18	13	4	2	0
Northumberland	105	76	10	9	2	4	4	0	0
Perry	42	30	6	3	0	0	2	1	0
Philadelphia	11,301	7,674	1,632	707	517	437	220	114	0
Pike	49	30	11	3	2	2	1	0	0
Potter	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Schuylkill	225	170	24	15	8	6	1	1	0
Snyder	23	15	4	2	1	1	0	0	0
Somerset	44	23	10	2	4	2	1	2	0
Sullivan	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	22	16	0	1	1	2	1	1	0
Tioga	12	9	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Union	20	13	3	2	1	1	0	0	0
Venango	28	17	4	3	2	1	0	1	0
Warren	10	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Washington	263	161	55	14	12	9	5	7	0
Wayne	37	25	6	4	1	0	1	0	0
Westmoreland	390	255	64	19	15	16	11	10	0
Wyoming	38	26	6	3	1	1	1	0	0
York	759	542	105	69	31	6	4	2	0
Unknown	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other States/Countries									
Delaware	715	457	102	41	24	55	25	11	0
Maryland	23	17	1	0	0	3	1	1	0
New Jersey	336	229	34	12	18	18	15	10	0
New York	30	23	3	0	0	1	0	3	0
Ohio	570	322	111	39	21	26	16	35	0
West Virginia	374	229	61	33	19	16	10	6	0
Other States/Territories	95	60	15	5	2	9	2	2	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	2,144	1,338	327	130	84	128	69	68	0
Total All Abortions	32,123	21,934	4,715	2,096	1,242	1,099	599	438	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

<u>Table 13</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Number of Previous Live Births and Percentage Distribution January - December 2020

Live Births	Number	Percent
Zero	11,674	36.3
One	8,349	26.0
Тwo	6,726	20.9
Three	3,306	10.3
Four or More	2,068	6.4
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	32,123	100.0

Table 14Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvaniaby Number of Previous Induced Abortions and Percentage DistributionJanuary - December 2020

Induced Abortions	<u>Number</u>	Percent
Zero	16,900	52.6
One	7,839	24.4
Two	3,917	12.2
Three	1,756	5.5
Four or More	1,711	5.3
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	32,123	100.0

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

<u>Table 15</u> Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania by Number of Medical Complications of Pregnancy January - December 2020

Medical Complication	Number
Pre-existing Medical Conditions Which Would Complicate Pregnancy	162
Complication Resulting From Termination	9