

2023 Abortion Statistics

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2023 ABORTION STATISTICS

Executive Summary

Pennsylvania has monitored and reported 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 2023, there were 35,412 abortions performed in Pennsylvania. White (15,822) and Black or African-American (15,474) individuals accounted in almost equal measure for more than 88 percent of abortions. Abortions to individuals of Hispanic origin accounted for 12.8 percent (4,517). More than 87 percent (31,018) of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2023 were to unmarried individuals.

Nearly all abortions in 2023 (32,798 or 92.6%) were performed in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy.

The age group having the most abortions was 25-29, accounting for 10,044 (28.4 percent) of all 2023 abortions. Individuals under age 20 accounted for 8.1 percent of all abortions in 2023, and individuals under age 18 accounted for 2.5 percent. Comparatively, in 2022, individuals under age 20 accounted for 8.0 percent, and individuals under age 18 accounted for 2.2 percent.

91.7 percent of the abortions performed in 2023 were to Pennsylvania residents. Residents of other states, territories and other countries accounted for 2,926 abortions in 2023, a decrease from 3,311 in 2022.

Of the abortions performed in 2023 in Pennsylvania, about 94 percent were performed in ten counties: Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Dauphin, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and York.

More than 30 percent of Pennsylvania residents having abortions were residents of Philadelphia County. Other counties with higher number of resident abortions included: Allegheny (3,374); Montgomery (2,053); Delaware (2,038); Lehigh (1,133); Bucks (1,054); and Dauphin (939).

In 2023, there were 524 reports of complications from abortions that were submitted by physicians; 11.7 percent more than the 469 reported in 2022. More than 79 percent of the complications were related to retained products of conception, 15.5 percent to bleeding, and 2.2 percent to infection.

Notes: The source for the number of abortions reported in Pennsylvania in 2023 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.

Unknowns are excluded from all calculations.

**PENNSYLVANIA INDUCED ABORTION REPORT
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2023**

Table 1

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

<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Number</u>
12 or Under	3
13	24
14	68
15	153
16	237
17	391
18	814
19	1,195
20 - 24	9,362
25 - 29	10,044
30 - 34	7,827
35 - 39	4,045
40 - 44	1,163
45 or Older	86
Unknown	0
Total	35,412

Table 2

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

<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>
8 or Less	23,593
9 - 10	5,650
11 - 12	2,137
13 - 14	1,418
15 - 17	1,332
18 - 20	722
21 - 23	560
24 or More	0
Total	35,412

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

Table 3
Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Race of Woman
January-December 2023

<u>Race of Woman</u>	<u>Number</u>
White	15,822
Black	15,474
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,287
Multi-Race	1,349
All Other Races	316
Unknown	1,164
Total	35,412

Table 4
Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Hispanic Origin of Woman
January-December 2023

<u>Hispanic Origin</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hispanic	4,517
Non-Hispanic	30,739
Unknown	156
Total	35,412

Note: Hispanic origin can be of any race.

Table 5
Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure
January-December 2023

<u>Primary Abortion Procedure</u>	<u>Number</u>
Suction Curettage	13,569
Sharp Curettage	12
Dilation and Evacuation	1,826
Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)	5
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	5
Medical (Nonsurgical)	19,993
Other	2
Total	35,412

Table 6
Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Marital Status of Woman
January-December 2023

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Married	4,113
Unmarried	31,018
Unknown	281
Total	35,412

Table 7
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Age of Woman
January-December 2023

Residence	Age of Woman (In Years)									
	All Ages	Under 15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Unknown
Total Pennsylvania	32,486	87	726	1,815	8,526	9,200	7,223	3,755	1,154	0
Adams	79	0	2	8	26	12	17	13	1	0
Allegheny	3,374	2	94	189	849	990	770	369	111	0
Armstrong	59	0	1	4	18	18	10	7	1	0
Beaver	292	1	4	7	76	100	65	32	7	0
Bedford	26	0	1	1	10	7	3	3	1	0
Berks	1,192	2	30	60	343	341	251	120	45	0
Blair	98	0	6	10	28	21	14	15	4	0
Bradford	7	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	0
Bucks	1,054	1	12	57	262	254	234	186	58	0
Butler	179	0	3	14	48	35	49	19	11	0
Cambria	144	1	8	10	42	42	24	14	3	0
Cameron	8	0	1	0	0	2	4	1	0	0
Carbon	121	0	2	8	41	38	12	16	4	0
Centre	150	0	2	14	59	29	18	19	9	0
Chester	856	4	18	60	202	205	198	125	44	0
Clarion	40	0	1	5	14	11	7	0	2	0
Clearfield	53	0	2	3	13	16	13	6	0	0
Clinton	35	0	0	3	14	9	4	4	1	0
Columbia	90	0	3	12	33	15	16	11	0	0
Crawford	45	1	0	2	14	15	7	5	1	0
Cumberland	391	0	8	20	115	95	90	42	21	0
Dauphin	939	1	26	51	261	252	202	108	38	0
Delaware	2,038	7	28	92	508	551	507	261	84	0
Elk	12	0	0	0	6	2	4	0	0	0
Erie	244	0	9	17	73	75	46	18	6	0
Fayette	197	0	8	15	63	48	32	25	6	0
Forest	10	0	0	1	3	2	3	1	0	0
Franklin	67	1	5	8	16	20	8	5	4	0
Fulton	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Greene	28	0	1	1	10	6	6	4	0	0
Huntingdon	34	1	0	4	16	6	5	1	1	0
Indiana	68	0	4	4	28	13	13	3	3	0
Jefferson	21	0	0	3	4	5	3	4	2	0
Juniata	14	0	0	3	5	2	0	4	0	0
Lackawanna	466	0	9	32	137	132	89	51	16	0
Lancaster	888	4	20	54	258	252	170	94	36	0
Lawrence	134	0	5	7	54	33	24	7	4	0
Lebanon	195	0	1	8	68	58	36	14	10	0
Lehigh	1,133	8	22	62	319	326	235	129	40	0
Luzerne	832	0	17	57	217	259	191	78	13	0

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Table 7
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Age of Woman
January-December 2023

Residence	Age of Woman (In Years)									
	All Ages	Under 15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Unknown
Lycoming	134	0	2	8	46	32	30	11	5	0
McKean	8	0	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	0
Mercer	163	2	4	9	42	59	27	17	3	0
Mifflin	39	0	1	4	11	9	8	6	0	0
Monroe	407	2	7	31	110	111	75	55	16	0
Montgomery	2,053	10	35	109	452	558	481	301	107	0
Montour	20	0	1	0	7	7	3	1	1	0
Northampton	804	2	17	46	196	216	196	106	25	0
Northumberland	100	1	2	8	34	24	21	9	1	0
Perry	44	0	0	2	19	13	5	3	2	0
Philadelphia	10,826	33	245	565	2,736	3,214	2,526	1,184	323	0
Pike	53	0	2	3	12	13	13	9	1	0
Potter	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	203	0	3	12	64	55	43	19	7	0
Snyder	27	1	1	2	1	10	7	5	0	0
Somerset	56	0	2	4	15	13	10	7	5	0
Sullivan	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
Susquehanna	15	0	0	1	4	3	4	3	0	0
Tioga	8	0	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0
Union	25	0	1	3	7	6	6	2	0	0
Venango	33	0	0	0	11	9	6	5	2	0
Warren	13	0	2	1	3	3	2	2	0	0
Washington	412	3	6	27	123	113	84	41	15	0
Wayne	48	0	1	1	13	17	9	4	3	0
Westmoreland	447	2	11	22	99	124	109	66	14	0
Wyoming	32	0	0	3	7	13	5	1	3	0
York	882	5	30	47	250	267	170	79	34	0
Unknown	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>										
Delaware	667	1	8	34	166	218	154	67	19	0
Maryland	14	0	0	1	4	6	1	1	1	0
New Jersey	396	3	2	21	110	102	80	59	19	0
New York	22	0	0	0	7	8	4	2	1	0
Ohio	958	3	21	68	266	280	207	88	25	0
West Virginia	559	1	22	44	188	156	93	37	18	0
Other States/Territories	310	0	2	26	95	74	65	36	12	0
Other Countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	2,926	8	55	194	836	844	604	290	95	0
Total All Abortions	35,412	95	781	2,009	9,362	10,044	7,827	4,045	1,249	0

Table 8
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by County of Procedure
January-December 2023

<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
Adams	-	Lackawanna	-
Allegheny	7,894	Lancaster	512
Armstrong	-	Lawrence	-
Beaver	-	Lebanon	-
Bedford	-	Lehigh	2,057
Berks	945	Luzerne	883
Blair	-	Lycoming	-
Bradford	-	McKean	-
Bucks	1,640	Mercer	-
Butler	-	Mifflin	-
Cambria	-	Monroe	-
Cameron	-	Montgomery	1,014
Carbon	-	Montour	8
Centre	-	Northampton	2,306
Chester	733	Northumberland	-
Clarion	-	Perry	-
Clearfield	-	Philadelphia	12,526
Clinton	-	Pike	-
Columbia	-	Potter	-
Crawford	-	Schuylkill	-
Cumberland	-	Snyder	-
Dauphin	1,474	Somerset	-
Delaware	1,828	Sullivan	-
Elk	-	Susquehanna	-
Erie	-	Tioga	-
Fayette	-	Union	-
Forest	-	Venango	-
Franklin	-	Warren	-
Fulton	-	Washington	-
Greene	-	Wayne	-
Huntingdon	-	Westmoreland	-
Indiana	-	Wyoming	-
Jefferson	-	York	1,592
Juniata	-		
		Total	35,412

INDUCED ABORTIONS: REPORT OF COMPLICATIONS
January-December 2023

Table 9A

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY AGE OF WOMAN

AGE GROUP	TOTAL	INFECTION	RETAINED PRODUCTS OF CONCEPTION	BLEEDING	OTHER
Under 15	4	0	3	1	0
15 - 19	32	0	24	7	1
20 - 24	136	5	109	18	4
25 - 29	146	2	118	20	6
30 - 34	122	3	97	18	4
35 - 39	66	1	50	14	1
40+	18	1	14	3	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	524	12	415	81	16

Table 9B

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY WEEKS OF GESTATION

WEEKS OF GESTATION	TOTAL	INFECTION	RETAINED PRODUCTS OF CONCEPTION	BLEEDING	OTHER
8 or Less	279	5	248	22	4
9 - 10	90	3	71	11	5
11 - 12	44	1	31	11	1
13 - 14	13	0	8	4	1
15 - 17	15	0	9	4	2
18 - 20	22	2	11	9	0
21 - 23	25	1	6	17	1
24+	6	0	5	0	1
Unknown	30	0	26	3	1
TOTAL	524	12	415	81	16

Table 9C

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY TERMINATION PROCEDURE USED

PROCEDURE	TOTAL	INFECTION	RETAINED PRODUCTS OF CONCEPTION	BLEEDING	OTHER
Suction Curettage	76	1	64	10	1
Sharp Curettage	21	0	16	4	1
Dilation/Evacuation	68	4	27	34	3
Medical	342	6	295	30	11
Other	5	1	4	0	0
Unknown	12	0	9	3	0
TOTAL	524	12	415	81	16

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 2023

<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	95	38	20	9	5	13	7	3	0
15 - 17	781	369	173	85	51	48	24	31	0
18 - 19	2,009	1,256	357	127	83	99	53	34	0
20 - 24	9,362	6,195	1,526	614	367	360	194	106	0
25 - 29	10,044	6,853	1,619	565	365	344	165	133	0
30 - 34	7,827	5,287	1,194	459	323	257	159	148	0
35 - 39	4,045	2,736	596	210	173	159	91	80	0
40+	1,249	859	165	68	51	52	29	25	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	35,412	23,593	5,650	2,137	1,418	1,332	722	560	0

Table 11
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Primary Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2023

<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	13,569	7,257	2,241	1,785	1,022	751	372	141	0
Sharp Curettage	12	1	3	1	4	3	0	0	0
Dilation and Evacuation	1,826	92	47	62	372	550	331	372	0
Intra-Uterine Instillation- Saline or Prostaglandin	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	5	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	19,993	16,239	3,359	289	19	26	17	44	0
Other	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total	35,412	23,593	5,650	2,137	1,418	1,332	722	560	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 2023

Residence	Total	Weeks of Gestation							
		8 or Less	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-17	18-20	21-23	24 or More
Total Pennsylvania	32,486	21,876	5,159	1,953	1,296	1,159	608	435	0
Adams	79	60	10	4	2	2	0	1	0
Allegheny	3,374	2,087	587	258	129	159	73	81	0
Armstrong	59	40	6	6	5	1	0	1	0
Beaver	292	160	66	26	12	13	8	7	0
Bedford	26	13	7	3	1	2	0	0	0
Berks	1,192	860	164	62	42	26	21	17	0
Blair	98	58	20	3	5	7	3	2	0
Bradford	7	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bucks	1,054	814	124	43	36	23	18	6	0
Butler	179	117	22	20	8	6	4	2	0
Cambria	144	75	32	13	12	7	3	2	0
Cameron	8	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Carbon	121	82	20	6	5	5	3	0	0
Centre	150	108	24	4	5	5	3	1	0
Chester	856	594	127	40	35	26	14	20	0
Clarion	40	21	9	4	3	1	1	1	0
Clearfield	53	26	11	8	1	0	5	2	0
Clinton	35	22	5	2	2	1	2	1	0
Columbia	90	70	14	3	2	0	1	0	0
Crawford	45	24	8	6	4	0	2	1	0
Cumberland	391	306	51	10	6	12	3	3	0
Dauphin	939	650	151	56	29	31	15	7	0
Delaware	2,038	1,447	285	95	80	67	40	24	0
Elk	12	6	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
Erie	244	141	49	19	10	12	7	6	0
Fayette	197	109	45	14	6	12	5	6	0
Forest	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	67	44	12	7	3	0	0	1	0
Fulton	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	28	24	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Huntingdon	34	23	7	2	0	2	0	0	0
Indiana	68	42	13	5	4	3	1	0	0
Jefferson	21	11	3	4	0	0	0	3	0
Juniata	14	10	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Lackawanna	466	328	69	24	23	14	4	4	0
Lancaster	888	621	146	52	38	20	7	4	0
Lawrence	134	80	35	9	3	3	1	3	0
Lebanon	195	142	28	8	7	6	3	1	0
Lehigh	1,133	823	137	49	44	40	29	11	0
Luzerne	832	573	150	35	34	18	16	6	0

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Table 12
Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2023

<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	134	88	19	14	6	3	4	0	0
McKean	8	5	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Mercer	163	85	36	12	11	8	3	8	0
Mifflin	39	25	6	1	2	2	2	1	0
Monroe	407	308	49	17	17	7	8	1	0
Montgomery	2,053	1,472	302	83	72	61	36	27	0
Montour	20	15	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Northampton	804	577	101	51	28	26	16	5	0
Northumberland	100	77	10	7	0	5	0	1	0
Perry	44	38	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	10,826	7,039	1,829	701	473	434	210	140	0
Pike	53	34	9	3	4	2	1	0	0
Potter	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	203	146	32	6	3	10	5	1	0
Snyder	27	17	4	1	2	3	0	0	0
Somerset	56	37	8	4	2	3	0	2	0
Sullivan	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Susquehanna	15	10	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
Tioga	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union	25	17	2	4	0	1	1	0	0
Venango	33	17	5	4	2	3	1	1	0
Warren	13	6	5	1	0	0	0	1	0
Washington	412	242	80	37	16	20	6	11	0
Wayne	48	36	4	1	2	1	2	2	0
Westmoreland	447	282	75	34	21	19	11	5	0
Wyoming	32	23	3	3	0	1	1	1	0
York	882	363	118	61	35	21	8	3	0
Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>									
Delaware	667	446	97	29	23	33	26	13	0
Maryland	14	9	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
New Jersey	396	266	40	16	17	33	13	11	0
New York	22	14	2	1	2	0	1	2	0
Ohio	958	497	198	80	47	53	27	56	0
West Virginia	559	341	112	41	17	24	13	11	0
Other States/Territories	310	144	39	17	16	28	34	32	0
Other Countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	2,926	1,717	491	184	122	173	114	125	0
Total All Abortions	35,412	23,593	5,650	2,137	1,418	1,332	722	560	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 2023

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	13,484	38.1
One	8,984	25.4
Two	7,246	20.5
Three	3,490	9.9
Four or More	2,208	6.2
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	35,412	100.0

Table 14
Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania
by Number of Previous Induced Abortions and Percentage Distribution
January - December 2023

<u>Induced Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	18,274	51.6
One	8,655	24.4
Two	4,261	12.0
Three	2,006	5.7
Four or More	2,216	6.3
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	35,412	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 2023

<u>Medical Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>
Pre-existing Medical Conditions Which Would Complicate Pregnancy	167
Complication Resulting From Termination	9