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Introduction

Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 2001 presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System (IARS), established under section 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes. Since January 1, 1987, medical facilities have been required to report selected information on patients who obtained induced abortions. A copy of the statute and reporting form can be found in the Appendix.

The Induced Abortion Report form collects only statutorily required information. Each facility that receives a supply of reporting forms is given a code number by which it is identified on the forms. That facility code and the patient number are used solely for data collection purposes, as stipulated in section 69.186, Wis. Stats. The original reporting forms are destroyed after the data set is complete. The facility code is used for purposes of information accuracy only and is deleted from the data set after editing (the patient number is never entered). These practices are required to ensure the anonymity of the patient who receives an induced abortion; the health care provider who provides an induced abortion; and the hospital, clinic or other facility in which an induced abortion is performed. The cooperation of medical personnel who carry out the responsibility of reporting is acknowledged and appreciated.

The tables in this publication summarize data for calendar year 2001, trend information for the years 1997-2001, and three-year annual average information by county. The tables categorize and cross-classify reported induced abortions by patient characteristics that include age, educational attainment, marital status, race/ethnicity, and state and county of residence; by an estimate of gestational age; and by reported complications. The data are occurrence-based: they consist of reports on induced abortions performed in Wisconsin for both residents and non-residents.

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 measure is defined in the reporting form as the highest grade completed; however, some patients may overlook the definitions 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 is not a measure of all Wisconsin residents who sought and obtained abortions. Illinois, Iowa and Michigan do not have reporting systems. Minnesota has a case-based reporting system for induced abortions. (In 2000, 1,051 Wisconsin residents obtained induced abortions in Minnesota.) Inclusion of out-of-state data would increase the total reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents.

Assessing the incidence of complications is somewhat problematic. Facilities are asked to complete the reporting form during the visit in which the procedure is performed (see page 30, item 12). However, some complications do not occur immediately or become apparent while the

patient is in post-procedure recovery. A few providers, particularly hospitals, complete the report form at a later date using medical records. These reports are more likely to reflect later complications and they also are more likely to be for second-trimester procedures, for which there are higher risks.

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Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2001 was 10,925, down from 11,040 in 2000 (see Table 1).
- The total number of abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2001 was 10,703, slightly lower than the 10,729 reported in 2000.
- The estimated 2001 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 9 per 1,000 women age 15-44 (down slightly from 10 per 1,000 in 2000). According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 20 per 1,000 women age 15-44 in 1997; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.¹
- The estimated induced abortion ratio is the number of reported induced abortions per 100 live births. This ratio was 16 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2001, the same as in 2000 (see Table 1).² The most recent national ratio was 31 per 100 live births in 1997.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (35 percent) of reported induced abortions in 2001. Those aged 18-19 obtained 12 percent of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 7 percent. Eleven percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older.
- In 2001 there were 797 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (aged less than 18 years). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 645 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in 51; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 95. No written consent by an adult was required in 6 of the abortions provided to minors because the procedure was a medical emergency (2 procedures), because the pregnancy was the result of sexual assault (3 procedures) or because the pregnancy was the result of sexual intercourse with a caregiver (1 procedure).
- Seventy-four percent of reported abortions were obtained by women who had never been married; 14 percent by currently married women; 8 percent by women who were divorced; 3 percent by women who were separated; and less than 1 percent by women who were widowed. In 2001, marital status was not reported in less than 1 percent of abortions.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion Surveillance: Preliminary Analysis – United States, 1997. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, Vol. 48, Nos. 51 and 52, January 7, 2000.

² Calculation of a true Wisconsin resident induced abortion ratio and rate would require knowing the number of Wisconsin residents obtaining induced abortions in other states. Estimates can be made for 2001 by combining the number of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents obtained in Wisconsin (10,703) and in Minnesota (1,051 in 2000, the latest year for which figures are available) with 69,289 Wisconsin resident live births for 2000 and the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2000 (1,157,508). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2001 was 17 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2001 estimated resident abortion rate was about 10 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

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- Sixty-eight percent of reported induced abortions were obtained by white women, 25 percent by black women, 1 percent by American Indian women, and 4 percent by Asian/Pacific Islander women. Eight percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 92 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women.
 - Of the 10,703 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2001, 95 percent were surgical, 5 percent were chemically induced, and 0.3 percent were surgical abortions following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2000, these proportions were 99 percent, 2 percent, and 0.2 percent, respectively.
 - Fifty-five percent of reported induced abortions in 2001 were obtained within the first 8 weeks of gestation.

Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions Occurring in Wisconsin, 1974-2001

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
Annual Facility Survey			
1974	10,920	17	11
1975	12,319	19	12
1976	14,243	22	14
1977	16,133	24	16
1978	17,764	26	17
1979	20,035	28	18
1980	21,754	29	20
1981	20,819	28	19
1982	19,412	26	18
1983	18,866	26	17
1984	18,836	26	17
1985	17,309	24	15
1986	17,454	24	15
Case-Based Continuous Reporting System			
1987	17,318	24	16
1988	17,986	25	16
1989	17,575	25	16
1990	16,848	23	15
1991	16,237	23	14
1992	15,549	22	14
1993	14,671	21	13
1994	13,396	20	12
1995	12,782	19	11
1996	13,673	20	12
1997	13,218	20	11
1998	11,681	18	10
1999	11,013	16	9
2000	11,040	16	10
2001	10,925	16	9

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services. The source for the pre-1987 numbers reported in this table is *Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986*.

* The ratio is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births. (The 2001 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2000.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2001 rate is based on population estimates for 2000.)

Note: 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.

Table 2. Reported Induced Abortions Occurring in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 2001

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	10,703	98%
Michigan	88	1
Illinois	79	1
Iowa	11	<1
Minnesota	9	<1
Other State	35	<1
Other Country	0	0
Total	10,925	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin 2001

Age	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	76	1%	76	1%		
15-17	736	7	721	7	(<18)	6.7
18-19	1,275	12	1,244	12		15.5
20-24	3,820	35	3,734	35		21.3
25-29	2,375	22	2,333	22		14.2
30-34	1,446	13	1,419	13		7.7
35-39	871	8	854	8		3.9
40-44	300	3	297	3	(40+)	1.5
45+	26	<1	25	<1		
Total	10,925	100%	10,703	100%		9.2

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

* The total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44 (based on 2000 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 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2001

Legal Status	Number
A. If the patient is less than 18 years old, indicate the circumstances of the patient.	
1. Patient is an emancipated minor.	51
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	95
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	645
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	6
Total <18	797
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	561
2. Guardian or legal custodian	5
3. Adult family member	79
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	645
C. Specify the reason that consent was not legally required in this case.	
1. A medical emergency exists that requires an immediate abortion.	2
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.	3
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.	1
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: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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 5. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Wisconsin 2001

Marital Status	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	1,578	14%	1,546	14%	98%
Separated	328	3	319	3	97
Not married:					
Never married	8,082	74	7,920	74	98
Divorced	870	8	852	8	98
Widowed	33	<1	32	<1	97
Unknown	34	<1	34	<1	100
Total	10,925	100%	10,703	100%	98%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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.

Table 6. Reported Induced Abortions by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin 2001

Race/Ethnicity	Occurring in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	7,470	68%	7,276	68%	97%
Black	2,653	24	2,642	25	100
Amer. Indian	161	1	158	1	98
Asian/Pacific Isl.	462	4	450	4	97
Other/Unknown	179	2	177	2	99
Total	10,925	100%	10,703	100%	98%
Hispanic	845	8%	835	8%	99%
Non-Hispanic	10,078	92	9,866	92	98
Unknown	2	<1	2	<1	100
Total	10,925	100%	10,703	100%	98%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

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Summary Distributions

Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 2001

Years of Education	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	281	3%	278	3%	99%
9-11	1,750	16	1,722	16	98
12	4,762	44	4,677	44	98
13-15	3,021	28	2,946	28	98
16 or more	1,111	10	1,080	10	97
Total	10,925	100%	10,703	100%	98%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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.

Table 8. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation, Wisconsin 2001

Weeks of Gestation	<u>Occurring in Wisconsin</u>		<u>Wisconsin Residents</u>		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	6,032	55%	5,924	55%	98%
9-10	2,109	19	2,066	19	98
11-12	1,260	12	1,238	12	98
13-15	767	7	750	7	98
16-20	550	5	535	5	97
Over 20	207	2	190	2	92
Total	10,925	100%	10,703	100%	98%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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 last menstrual period; in other cases, it is the physician’s estimate of weeks since conception. Reporting instructions (Appendix) ask for the number of weeks since 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 will generally 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 so that readers can apply several assumptions about the measure to derive reasonable minimum and maximum ranges for analytical categories of weeks of gestation. This is a conventional classification of weeks of gestation, used by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Summary Distributions

Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Reported Complications, Wisconsin 2001

Complications	Occurring in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	10,889	10,670
Complication:		
Hemorrhage	17	16
Infection	8	8
Uterine Perforation	4	3
Cervical Laceration	0	0
Retained Products	3	3
Other	8	7
Total	10,929	10,707

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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 (Appendix) ask providers to report "any and all complications that are identified which are a result of the abortion procedure and which occurred during the visit in which the abortion procedure was performed. For chemically induced abortions, wait until the procedure is completed to answer this question."

Table 10. Reported Induced Abortions by Type of Abortion, Wisconsin Residents, 2001

Type of Abortion	Number
Chemically Induced (any non-surgical procedure including oral, injected and vaginally inserted chemicals)	497
Surgical	10,179
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	27
Total	10,703

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2001

Age	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
Less than 15	42	29	2	1	2	76	10
15-17	488	182	15	17	19	721	44
15	79	44	2	1	3	129	5
16	170	53	4	5	6	238	19
17	239	85	9	11	10	354	20
18-19	914	267	15	32	16	1,244	87
18	406	138	5	9	8	566	37
19	508	129	10	23	8	678	50
20-24	2,517	964	59	125	69	3,734	311
20	528	180	11	36	14	769	65
21	566	220	21	20	13	840	66
25-29	1,454	714	30	97	38	2,333	234
30-34	966	323	20	90	20	1,419	92
35-39	639	141	13	54	7	854	44
40+	256	22	4	34	6	322	13
Total	7,276	2,642	158	450	177	10,703	835
(Percent)							
Less than 15	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
15-17	7	7	9	4	11	7	5
18-19	13	10	9	7	9	12	10
20-24	35	36	37	28	39	35	37
25-29	20	27	19	22	21	22	28
30-34	13	12	13	20	11	13	11
35-39	9	5	8	12	4	8	5
40+	4	1	3	8	3	3	2
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2001

Age	Marital Status						Total
	Married	Separated	Never Married	Divorced	Widowed	Unknown	
(Number)							
Less than 15	0	0	76	0	0	0	76
15-17	8	1	702	0	4	6	721
18-19	34	5	1,199	0	0	6	1,244
20-24	259	70	3,317	74	4	10	3,734
25-29	391	107	1,622	206	3	4	2,333
30-34	422	74	644	264	9	6	1,419
35-39	293	44	297	212	6	2	854
40+	139	18	63	96	6	0	322
Total	1,546	319	7,920	852	32	34	10,703
(Percent)							
Less than 15	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
15-17	1	<1	9	0	13	18	7
18-19	2	2	15	0	0	18	12
20-24	17	22	42	9	13	29	35
25-29	25	34	20	24	9	12	22
30-34	27	23	8	31	28	18	13
35-39	19	14	4	25	19	6	8
40+	9	6	1	11	19	0	3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Education and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2001

Years of Education	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
	(Number)						
11 or less	1,179	570	43	145	63	2,000	295
12	3,262	1,131	82	137	65	4,677	373
13-15	2,018	782	28	83	35	2,946	127
16 or more	817	159	5	85	14	1,080	40
Total	7,276	2,642	158	450	177	10,703	835
	(Percent)						
11 or less	16%	22%	27%	32%	36%	19%	35%
12	45	43	52	30	37	44	45
13-15	28	30	18	18	20	28	15
16 or more	11	6	3	19	8	10	5
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Demographic Characteristics of Patients

Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2001

Marital Status	Race						Ethnicity
	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Unknown	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
(Number)							
Married	1,116	154	17	227	32	1,546	155
Separated	229	61	8	10	11	319	40
Not married:							
Never married	5,166	2,329	124	185	116	7,920	571
Divorced	724	83	8	25	12	852	58
Widowed	25	3	0	3	1	32	3
Unknown	16	12	1	0	5	34	8
Total	7,276	2,642	158	450	177	10,703	835
(Percent)							
Married	15%	6%	11%	50%	18%	14%	19%
Separated	3	2	5	2	6	3	5
Not married:							
Never married	71	88	78	41	66	74	68
Divorced	10	3	5	6	7	8	7
Widowed	<1	<1	0	1	1	<1	<1
Unknown	<1	<1	1	0	3	<1	1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Patient Characteristics by Estimated Gestation

Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2001

Weeks of Gestation	Age								Total
	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
(Number)									
8 weeks or less	25	301	611	2,014	1,368	858	538	209	5,924
9-10	9	153	272	771	415	264	135	47	2,066
11-12	11	115	166	429	259	144	82	32	1,238
13-15	15	71	97	274	153	76	49	15	750
16-20	13	54	76	184	102	54	38	14	535
Over 20	3	27	22	61	35	22	12	5	187
Unknown	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Total	76	721	1,244	3,734	2,333	1,419	854	322	10,703
(Percent)									
8 weeks or less	33%	42%	49%	54%	59%	60%	63%	65%	55%
9-10	12	21	22	21	18	19	16	15	19
11-12	14	16	13	11	11	10	10	10	12
13-15	20	10	8	7	7	5	6	5	7
16-20	17	7	6	5	4	4	4	4	5
Over 20	4	4	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
Unknown	0	0	0	<1	<1	<1	0	0	<1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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.

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 (see Appendix) 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 will generally 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 so that readers can apply several assumptions about the measure to derive reasonable minimum and maximum ranges for analytical categories of weeks of gestation. This is a conventional classification of weeks of gestation used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2001

County	Age					Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	45	36	153	160	52	446
Dane	88	144	524	495	189	1,440
Dodge	9	17	39	27	7	99
Fond du Lac	14	9	42	37	18	120
Jefferson	8	24	34	34	9	109
Kenosha	28	40	104	97	34	303
Manitowoc	11	16	35	32	15	109
Marathon	17	24	41	39	9	130
Milwaukee	290	459	1,618	1,739	407	4,513
Outagamie	25	27	79	95	36	262
Ozaukee	6	15	33	32	20	106
Racine	41	53	175	140	48	457
Rock	15	23	55	47	16	156
Sauk	7	17	30	38	7	99
Sheboygan	11	26	63	47	13	160
Walworth	14	18	53	37	17	139
Washington	9	18	46	52	33	158
Waukesha	45	66	166	175	76	528
Waupaca	5	8	14	21	9	57
Winnebago	25	43	94	88	29	279
Wood	7	13	17	22	5	64
Other Counties	77	148	319	298	127	969
Total	797	1,244	3,734	3,752	1,176	10,703

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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 abortion frequencies for some counties.

Only counties that had at least five reports for each age group are shown in this table.

Table 17. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1997-2001

Age	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	1,071	9.1	860	7.2	755	6.2	789	6.6	797	6.7
18-19	1,595	22.2	1,399	18.7	1,339	16.9	1,341	16.2	1,244	15.5
20-24	4,089	24.9	3,656	22.2	3,533	21.0	3,510	20.4	3,734	21.3
25-29	2,822	16.0	2,610	15.1	2,424	14.3	2,407	14.6	2,333	14.2
30-34	1,752	8.8	1,542	8.0	1,425	7.5	1,427	7.7	1,419	7.7
35-39	1,019	4.7	943	4.3	926	4.2	947	4.4	854	3.9
40+	327	1.6	311	1.5	301	1.4	308	1.4	322	1.5
Unknown	0		1		0		0		0	
Total	12,675	11.0	11,322	9.8	10,703	9.2	10,729	9.3	10,703	9.2

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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 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.

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.

Rates based on fewer than 20 reports are omitted because they are subject to large random fluctuations.

Trend Information, 1997-2001

Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1997-2001

County	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Total	12,675	11.0	11,322	9.8	10,703	9.2	10,729	9.3	10,703	9.2
Adams	32	11.5	25	9.0	23	8.2	20	7.1	23	7.5
Ashland	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Barron	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Bayfield	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Brown	532	10.6	478	9.5	510	10.1	477	9.4	446	8.6
Buffalo	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Burnett	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Calumet	39	4.6	35	4.1	36	4.1	35	4.0	39	4.4
Chippewa	10		9		5		ns		ns	
Clark	15		21	3.4	11		11		12	
Columbia	86	8.8	98	10.1	78	7.9	88	8.9	78	7.5
Crawford	26	8.2	16		13		12		16	
Dane	1,802	17.4	1,503	14.4	1,468	14.0	1,372	13.1	1,440	13.5
Dodge	108	6.6	88	5.4	99	5.9	100	6.0	99	5.9
Door	42	7.9	38	7.3	35	6.7	37	7.1	22	4.5
Douglas	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Dunn	ns		6		5		ns		ns	
Eau Claire	35	1.6	16		6		9		11	
Florence	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Fond du Lac	131	6.3	134	6.4	131	6.3	101	4.9	120	5.8
Forest	7		9		ns		11		ns	
Grant	67	6.7	54	5.4	41	4.1	50	5.0	47	4.7
Green	57	8.5	39	5.9	44	6.6	42	6.4	40	5.9
Green Lake	30	8.0	29	7.6	22	5.7	21	5.5	19	
Iowa	21	4.5	29	6.2	23	4.8	28	5.9	21	4.4
Iron	5		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Jackson	29	8.7	12		11		9		14	
Jefferson	125	7.6	139	8.5	114	6.9	113	6.8	109	6.9
Juneau	36	8.0	30	6.6	34	7.4	41	9.0	33	7.3
Kenosha	432	13.9	372	11.9	331	10.6	315	10.1	303	9.1
Kewaunee	16		6		9		14		11	
La Crosse	209	8.1	120	4.6	105	4.0	76	2.9	85	3.3
Lafayette	17		15		10		7		10	
Langlade	10		15		18		13		14	
Lincoln	25	4.3	20	3.4	16		26	4.4	18	
Manitowoc	89	5.2	110	6.4	102	5.9	115	6.7	109	6.7
Marathon	219	8.2	176	6.5	162	6.0	147	5.4	130	5.0
Marinette	57	6.8	35	4.2	42	5.0	39	4.6	44	5.3

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1997-2001 (continued)

County	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	
Marquette	25	9.8	22	8.8	31	12.1	25	9.8	27	10.7
Menominee	6		11		21	23.1	13		16	
Milwaukee	4,889	21.9	4,541	20.4	4,238	19.1	4,527	20.6	4,513	21.0
Monroe	47	6.0	43	5.5	48	6.0	26	3.2	32	3.9
Oconto	50	7.7	30	4.6	28	4.2	30	4.5	37	5.3
Oneida	42	6.6	43	6.9	25	4.0	37	5.9	34	5.2
Outagamie	336	9.7	273	7.8	289	8.2	283	8.0	262	7.3
Ozaukee	134	8.0	141	8.4	100	6.0	113	6.8	106	6.5
Pepin	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Pierce	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Polk	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Portage	132	8.1	107	6.5	98	5.9	112	6.8	80	5.0
Price	12		5		6		ns		ns	
Racine	490	11.9	476	11.6	447	10.9	419	10.2	457	11.4
Richland	23	6.6	18		22	6.3	14		31	9.1
Rock	307	9.5	244	7.6	196	6.1	177	5.5	156	4.8
Rusk	7		ns		ns		ns		ns	
St. Croix	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Sauk	84	7.7	84	7.7	92	8.3	103	9.3	99	8.8
Sawyer	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Shawano	40	5.4	50	6.7	41	5.5	36	4.8	45	5.8
Sheboygan	196	8.5	188	8.1	169	7.2	196	8.4	160	7.0
Taylor	13		8		ns		6		10	
Trempealeau	15		12		6		10		7	
Vernon	32	6.2	17		21	4.1	19		16	
Vilas	30	9.6	27	8.8	19		17		20	6.0
Walworth	202	10.9	177	9.5	141	7.4	128	6.7	139	6.6
Washburn	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Washington	169	7.0	152	6.3	173	7.1	158	6.5	158	6.3
Waukesha	575	7.7	520	7.0	503	6.7	511	6.8	528	7.1
Waupaca	62	6.1	65	6.4	70	6.8	55	5.4	57	5.7
Waushara	19		22	5.8	18		20	5.3	29	7.3
Winnebago	312	9.1	241	6.9	286	8.2	259	7.5	279	7.9
Wood	95	5.8	116	7.0	89	5.4	89	5.4	64	4.1

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

* The rate is the number of induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

An "ns" ("not shown") 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.

The total for 1999 includes two reports for which county of residence was unknown.

Table 19. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 1999-2001

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	22	Iron	2	Price	4
Ashland	ns	Jackson	11	Racine	441
Barron	ns	Jefferson	112	Richland	22
Bayfield	ns	Juneau	36	Rock	176
Brown	478	Kenosha	316	Rusk	2
Buffalo	ns	Kewaunee	11	St. Croix	ns
Burnett	ns	La Crosse	89	Sauk	98
Calumet	37	Lafayette	9	Sawyer	ns
Chippewa	3	Langlade	15	Shawano	41
Clark	11	Lincoln	20	Sheboygan	175
Columbia	81	Manitowoc	109	Taylor	7
Crawford	14	Marathon	146	Trempealeau	8
Dane	1,427	Marinette	42	Vernon	19
Dodge	99	Marquette	28	Vilas	19
Door	31		17	Walworth	136
Douglas	ns	Milwaukee	4,426	Washburn	ns
Dunn	4	Monroe	35	Washington	163
Eau Claire	9	Oconto	32	Waukesha	514
Florence	2	Oneida	32	Waupaca	61
Fond du Lac	117	Outagamie	278	Waushara	22
Forest	6	Ozaukee	106	Winnebago	275
Grant	46	Pepin	ns	Wood	81
Green	42	Pierce	ns		
Green Lake	21	Polk	ns		
Iowa	24	Portage	97	Three-Year Annual Average Total	10,712

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes: This table includes only induced abortions that were obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained abortions in other states is not available; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

An “ns” (“not shown”) indicates there were fewer than five reports for county residents.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown.

Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 1999-2001

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	40	48	153	237	478
Calumet	3	6	11	17	37
Columbia	5	14	18	44	81
Crawford	2	3	4	5	14
Dane	88	157	515	666	1,427
Dodge	10	18	30	41	99
Door	2	6	9	14	31
Fond du Lac	9	11	43	55	117
Grant	3	7	19	16	46
Green	2	5	14	21	42
Green Lake	2	5	7	7	21
Jackson	2	3	2	4	11
Jefferson	11	17	34	51	112
Kenosha	25	42	101	148	316
La Crosse	3	14	33	39	89
Lincoln	3	2	6	9	20
Manitowoc	11	14	35	48	109
Marathon	12	25	39	70	146
Marinette	4	6	14	17	42
Marquette	2	5	5	16	28
Milwaukee	292	481	1,522	2,131	4,426
Monroe	4	2	12	17	35
Oconto	3	5	8	16	32
Oneida	3	3	6	20	32
Outagamie	23	33	95	127	278
Ozaukee	6	13	29	59	106
Portage	5	16	34	42	97
Racine	39	57	154	191	441
Richland	2	5	7	9	22
Rock	15	29	58	74	176
Sauk	8	15	32	44	98
Shawano	3	7	10	20	41
Sheboygan	15	30	58	72	175

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Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents 1999-2001 (continued)

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Vernon	2	3	6	8	19
Vilas	2	3	5	8	19
Walworth	9	24	49	54	136
Washington	14	19	50	80	163
Waukesha	38	68	157	251	514
Waupaca	6	10	18	27	61
Waushara	2	3	7	10	22
Winnebago	24	37	93	121	275
Wood	5	12	25	38	81
Other Counties	19	23	68	88	198
Three-Year Annual Average Total	780	1,308	3,592	5,031	10,712

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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 age 25 and older 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.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown and one for which age was unknown.

Table 21. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Selected Racial Categories, Wisconsin Residents, 1999-2001

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	88	157	515	666	1,427
White	70	127	420	528	1,145
Black	14	19	58	66	157
Kenosha	25	42	101	148	316
White	21	36	89	129	276
Black	3	5	9	16	33
Milwaukee	292	481	1,522	2,131	4,426
White	99	208	650	917	1,873
Black	174	239	788	1,046	2,246
Racine	39	57	154	191	441
White	29	44	105	138	316
Black	10	12	42	45	108
Rock	15	29	58	74	176
White	13	27	53	70	163
Black	2	2	3	2	9
Waukesha	38	68	157	251	514
White	35	64	144	228	472
Black	2	2	5	5	14
Three-Year Annual Average Total	780	1,308	3,592	5,031	10,712
White	528	950	2,464	3,426	7,368
Black	209	287	924	1,201	2,621

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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 of these race and age groups during the three-year period.

Women age 25 and older 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.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown.

Table 22. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 1999-2001

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	88	157	515	666	1,427
Non-Hispanic	81	151	478	626	1,335
Hispanic	7	6	37	41	91
Kenosha	25	42	101	148	316
Non-Hispanic	22	39	90	130	281
Hispanic	3	3	11	17	35
Milwaukee	292	481	1,522	2,131	4,426
Non-Hispanic	269	434	1,380	1,947	4,029
Hispanic	23	47	141	184	394
Racine	39	57	154	191	441
Non-Hispanic	36	50	129	168	384
Hispanic	4	7	24	22	57
Waukesha	38	68	157	251	514
Non-Hispanic	35	66	145	238	484
Hispanic	3	2	11	13	29
Three-Year Annual Average Total	780	1,308	3,592	5,031	10,712
Non-Hispanic	731	1,227	3,324	4,695	9,978
Hispanic	48	80	267	334	729

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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 ethnicity-by-age group during the three-year period.

Women age 25 and older 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.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown and 15 for which Hispanic origin was unknown.

Table 23. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 1999-2001

County	Race				Ethnicity
	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Total	Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	413	13	24	478	29
Dane	1,145	157	103	1,427	91
Kenosha	276	33	2	316	35
Manitowoc	98	2	6	109	5
Marathon	125	2	18	146	2
Milwaukee	1,873	2,246	189	4,426	394
Outagamie	247	3	20	278	14
Racine	316	108	8	441	57
Rock	163	9	3	176	6
Sheboygan	145	3	24	175	13
Walworth	127	4	2	136	7
Washington	154	5	2	163	6
Waukesha	472	14	24	514	29
Winnebago	251	5	17	275	8
Three-Year Annual Average Total	7,368	2,621	478	10,712	729

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family 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 of these race and ethnic groups during the three-year period.

Columns may not sum to the three-year annual average totals due to rounding.

The total includes two induced abortions for which county of residence was unknown. The total also includes an annual average of 120 reports for which patient race was reported as American Indian, and 83 for which race was reported as "Other" or "Unknown." (These numbers are too small to present them separately by county.)

Induced Abortion Reporting (s. 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes)

(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.
- (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.

(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:

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.

Enacted October 11, 1997.

Note on Statute Revision: The Induced Abortion Reporting Statute (section 69.186, Wisconsin Statutes) was revised in 1997 to add collection of data on minor patient legal status (j) and type of abortion (hm). (1998 was the first year in which these data were collected.)

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