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Since January 1, 1987, medical facilities in Wisconsin have been required to report selected information on patients who obtained induced abortions. Wisconsin Stat. § 69.186 also mandates the Department of Health Services to publish an annual demographic summary of the information reported. A copy of the statute can be found in the Appendix.

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Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 2016 presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System.

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 Wis. Stat. § 69.186. 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 performs an induced abortion; and the hospital, clinic or other facility in which an abortion is performed.

The tables in this publication summarize data for calendar year 2016, trend information for the years 2012-2016, 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 based on reports of induced abortions performed in Wisconsin for both residents and nonresidents.

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 cannot provide information on all Wisconsin residents who sought and obtained abortions.

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. 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.

Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2016 was 5,472, an increase of 0.2 percent from the 5,461 reported in 2015.
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2016 was 5,612, close to a 1 percent decrease from 5,660 in 2015 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2016 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 5.2 per 1,000 women ages 15-44, compared to 5.6 in 2015. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 12.5 per 1,000 women ages 15-44 in 2013; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.¹
- The estimated Wisconsin resident induced abortion ratio is the number of reported induced abortions per 100 live births. This ratio was 9.1 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2016, the same as in 2015. The most recent national ratio was 20 per 100 live births in 2013.²
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (30%) of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents in 2016. Fourteen percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older. Those aged 18-19 obtained 7 percent of the reported induced abortions, and those aged 15-17 obtained 3 percent (see Table 3).
- In 2016, there were 193 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (by a parent/guardian/legal custodian/adult family member) was provided in 183 of cases; the patient was an emancipated minor in two cases; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in eight cases (see Table 4).
- By law, the adult consent requirement for a minor's induced abortion is waived if the pregnancy was the result of sexual assault, if the procedure was a medical emergency, or if the pregnancy was the result of sexual intercourse with a caregiver. There were no such waivers reported in 2016.

1 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2013. *Surveillance Summaries*, November 25, 2016. MMWR Surveill Summ 2016;65 (No. SS-12).

2 Calculation of estimated ratio and rate of Wisconsin resident induced abortions required the number of induced abortions by Wisconsin residents reported to both Wisconsin and Minnesota. The 2016 ratio and rate estimates can be obtained using the Wisconsin reported induced abortions by Wisconsin residents (5,472) plus 638 reported in Minnesota in 2016, divided by the number of Wisconsin resident live births for 2015 (67,004), and by the estimated population of females aged 15 to 44 in Wisconsin in 2015 (1,084,504). Based on these figures, the estimated Wisconsin resident abortion ratio in 2016 was 9 reported induced abortions per 100 live births. The 2016 estimated resident abortion rate calculated using these figures was 6 reported induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

Key Findings

- Seventy-eight percent of reported induced abortions for Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 14 percent by currently married women; 6 percent by women who were divorced; less than 1 percent by women who were widowed; and 2 percent by women whose marital status was unknown (see Table 5).
- Fifty-five percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 27 percent by black women, 1 percent by American Indian women, 5 percent by Asian/Pacific Islander women, and 13 percent by women of other or unknown race. Eleven percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 89 percent were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 6).
- Fifty-six percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2016 were obtained within the first eight weeks of gestation (see Table 8).
- Of the 5,472 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2016, 78 percent were surgical, 22 percent were chemically induced, and 0.2 percent were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2015, these proportions were 79 percent, 21 percent, and 0.1 percent, respectively (see Table 10).

Table 1. Number, Ratio, and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1977-2016

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
Annual Facility Survey			
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

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Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The source for the pre-1987 numbers reported in this table is Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986.

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.

* The ratio is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 100 Wisconsin live births.
(The 2016 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2015.)

** The rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44.
(The 2016 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2015.)

Table 1. Number, Ratio, and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1977-2015 (cont.)

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
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
2002	10,489	15	9
2003	10,557	16	9
2004	9,943	14	9
2005	9,817	14	8
2006	9,580	14	8
2007	8,267	11	7
2008	8,229	11	7
2009	8,542	12	8
2010	7,825	11	7
2011	7,249	11	7
2012	6,927	10	6
2013	6,462	10	6
2014	5,800	9	5
2015	5,660	8	5
2016	5,612	8	5

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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(The 2016 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2015.)

Table 2. Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 2016

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	5,472	98
Illinois	97	2
Michigan	26	<1
Iowa	4	<1
Minnesota	2	<1
Other State	11	<1
Other Country	0	0
Total	5,612	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin 2016

Age	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	11	0.2	11	0.2		
15-17	186	3.3	182	3.3	(<18)	1.6
18-19	403	7.2	383	7.0		5.1
20-24	1,687	30.1	1,640	30.0		8.2
25-29	1,559	27.8	1,525	27.9		8.7
30-34	1,007	17.9	985	18.0		5.4
35-39	571	10.2	559	10.2		3.3
40-44	173	3.1	172	3.1	(40+)	1.0
45+	15	0.3	15	0.3		
Total (15-44)	5,612	100	5,472	100	100	5.0

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: The "Wisconsin Residents" columns include only induced abortions obtained in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. Information about Wisconsin residents who obtained induced abortions in other states is not available.

* Total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44 (based on July 1, 2015 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.

Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2016

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.	2
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	8
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	183
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
Total <18	193
B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.	
1. Parent	169
2. Guardian or legal custodian	2
3. Adult family member	12
Total <18 for whom adult provided consent	183
C. Specify the reason that consent was not legally required in this case.	
1. A medical emergency exists that requires an immediate abortion.	0
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.	0
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.	0
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: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Table 5. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Wisconsin 2016

Marital Status	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Married	764	14	740	14	97
Not married:					
Never married	4,389	78	4,283	78	98
Divorced	333	6	324	6	97
Widowed	18	<1	17	<1	94
Unknown	108	2	108	2	100
Total	5,612	100	5,472	100	98

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Table 6. Reported Induced Abortions by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin 2016

Race/Ethnicity	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	3,084	55	2,982	55	97
Black	1,489	27	1,477	27	99
American Indian	51	1	51	1	100
Asian/Pacific Islander	252	5	245	5	97
Other/Unknown	736	13	717	13	97
Total	5,612	100	5,472	100	98
Hispanic	645	11	627	11	97
Non-Hispanic	4,967	89	4,845	89	98
Total	5,612	100	5,472	100	98

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin 2016

Years of Education	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 or less	43	1	42	1	98
9-11	502	9	490	9	98
12	1,761	31	1,715	31	97
13-15	2,158	39	2,105	39	98
16 or more	1,056	19	1,031	19	98
Unknown	92	2	89	2	97
Total	5,612	100	5,472	100	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Table 8. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation, Wisconsin 2016

Weeks of Gestation	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	3,116	56	3,048	56	98
9-10	1,113	20	1,080	20	97
11-12	548	10	534	10	97
13-15	445	8	430	8	97
16-20	353	6	343	6	97
Over 20	37	1	37	1	100
Total	5,612	100	5,472	100	98

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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.

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 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 may 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 into categories used by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Reported Complications, Wisconsin 2016

Complications	Occurred in Wisconsin	Wisconsin Residents
None	5,366	5,230
Hemorrhage	5	5
Infection	0	0
Uterine Perforation	0	0
Cervical Laceration	0	0
Retained Products	15	15
Other	226	222
Total Reported Induced Abortions	5,612	5,472

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Each induced abortion could have more than one type of complication reported. Reporting instructions ask providers to report "any and all complications that are identified which are a result of the procedure and which occurred during the visit in which the 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 Procedure, Wisconsin Residents, 2016

Type of Procedure	Number	Percent
Chemically Induced (any nonsurgical procedure including oral, injected, and vaginally inserted chemicals)	1,190	22
Surgical	4,281	78
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	1	<1
Total	5,472	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Table 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2016

Age	Race											Ethnicity		
	White		Black/African American		American Indian/ Alaska Native		Asian/Pacific Islander		Other/ Unknown		Total		Hispanic (Any Race)	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
<15	<5	<1	5	<1	0		0		<5	<1	11	<1	<5	<1
15-17	84	3	60	4	<5	4	<5	1	33	5	182	3	31	5
15	14		15		0		0		6		35		6	
16	30		19		0		<5		13		63		11	
17	40		26		<5		<5		14		84		14	
18-19	203	7	84	6	5	10	19	8	72	10	383	7	70	11
18	93		32		<5		12		42		180		42	
19	110		52		<5		7		30		203		28	
20-24	871	29	488	33	15	29	46	19	220	31	1,640	30	188	30
20	125		75		5		7		37		249		32	
21	168		100		<5		6		47		325		42	
22-24	578		313		6		33		136		1,066		114	
25-29	800	27	458	31	17	33	62	25	188	26	1,525	28	165	26
30-34	551	19	244	17	5	10	63	26	122	17	985	18	101	16
35-39	337	11	117	8	5	10	40	16	60	8	559	10	53	9
40+	132	4	21	1	<5	4	12	5	20	3	187	3	17	3
Total	2,982	100	1,477	100	51	100	245	100	717	100	5,472	100	627	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports.

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Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2016

Age	Marital Status											
	Married		Never Married		Divorced		Widowed		Unknown		Total	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
<15	0	0	11	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	<1
15-17	0	0	181	4	0	0	0	0	<5	1	182	3
18-19	<5	1	378	9	0	0	0	0	<5	1	383	7
20-24	58	8	1,535	36	17	5	<5	6	29	27	1,640	30
25-29	175	24	1,241	29	74	23	<5	12	33	31	1,525	28
30-34	249	34	598	14	106	33	5	29	27	25	985	18
35-39	173	23	279	7	91	28	6	35	10	9	559	10
40+	81	11	60	1	36	11	3	18	7	7	187	3
Total (15-44)	740	100	4,283	100	324	100	17	100	108	100	5,472	100

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2016

Years of Education	Race										Ethnicity			
	White		Black/African American		American Indian/Alaska Native		Asian/Pacific Islander		Other/Unknown		Total		Hispanic (Any Race)	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
11 or less	204	7	181	12	6	12	12	5	129	18	532	10	122	20
12	821	28	552	37	26	51	63	26	253	35	1,715	31	223	36
13-15	1,236	41	569	39	14	28	58	24	228	32	2,105	39	199	32
16+	697	23	153	10	5	10	100	41	76	11	1,031	19	56	9
Unknown	24	1	22	2	0	0	12	5	31	4	89	2	27	4
Total	2,982	100	1,477	100	51	100	245	100	717	100	5,472	100	627	100

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Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2016

Marital Status	Race												Ethnicity	
	White		Black/African American		American Indian/Alaska Native		Asian/Pacific Islander		Other/Unknown		Total		Hispanic (Any Race)	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
Married	452	15	53	4	5	10	115	47	115	16	740	14	94	15
Not married:														
Never married	2,241	75	1,348	91	45	88	114	47	535	75	4,283	78	476	76
Divorced	232	8	46	3	0	0	11	5	35	5	324	6	31	5
Widowed	10	<1	<5	<1	<5	2	0	0	<5	<1	17	<1	<5	1
Unknown	47	2	27	2	0	0	5	2	29	4	108	2	23	4
Total	2,982	100	1,477	100	51	100	245	100	717	100	5,472	100	627	100

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Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2016

Weeks of Gestation	Age																Total	
	<15		15-17		18-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40+		Num	Pct
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct				
8 weeks or less	<5	9	71	39	195	51	874	53	878	58	570	58	345	62	114	61	3,048	56
9-10	<5	36	47	26	82	21	336	21	279	18	211	21	97	17	24	13	1,080	20
11-12	<5	18	28	15	39	10	174	11	160	11	78	8	32	6	21	11	534	10
13-15	<5	18	21	12	33	9	137	8	109	7	64	7	49	9	15	8	430	8
16-20	<5	18	14	8	32	8	105	6	91	6	56	6	31	6	12	6	343	6
Over 20	0	0	<5	1	<5	1	14	1	8	1	6	1	5	1	<5	1	37	1
Total	11	100	182	100	383	100	1,640	100	1,525	100	985	100	559	100	187	100	5,472	100

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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.

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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 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 may 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 into categories used by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute.

Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2016

County	Age				Total
	<20	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	25	54	96	24	199
Dane	66	236	356	119	777
Fond du Lac	8	14	28	7	57
Jefferson	8	10	26	11	55
Kenosha	18	45	64	16	143
Manitowoc	6	15	13	5	39
Marathon	11	20	30	11	72
Milwaukee	218	678	1,154	280	2,330
Outagamie	14	38	50	18	120
Ozaukee	6	10	24	10	50
Portage	6	17	22	8	53
Racine	31	66	76	32	205
Rock	20	54	66	20	160
Sauk	6	10	16	7	39
Sheboygan	12	19	30	10	71
Walworth	16	35	26	8	85
Washington	8	29	43	12	92
Waukesha	20	70	96	52	238
Winnebago	8	46	45	17	116
Other counties	69	174	249	79	571
Total	576	1,640	2,510	746	5,472

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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; therefore, the counts underestimate 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, 2012-2016

Age	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	294	2.6	215	1.9	196	1.8	214	1.9	193	1.7
18-19	526	6.6	507	6.5	461	5.9	422	5.4	383	5.1
20-24	2,272	12.0	2,117	11.1	1,892	9.7	1,813	9.3	1,640	8.2
25-29	1,671	9.2	1,656	9.2	1,473	8.4	1,403	8.0	1,525	8.8
30-34	1,060	6.0	967	5.4	902	4.9	955	5.2	985	5.4
35-39	611	3.7	580	3.6	515	3.1	482	2.9	559	3.3
40+	258	1.4	209	1.1	201	1.1	172	1.0	187	1.1
Total (15-44)	6,692	6.1	6,251	5.8	5,640	5.2	5,461	5.0	5,472	5.0

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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.

* 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.

Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2012-2016

County	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Total	6,692	6.1	6,251	5.8	5,640	5.2	5,461	5.0	5,472	5.0
Adams	14		6		13		9		<5	
Ashland	<5		<5		<5		<5		0	
Barron	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Bayfield	<5		<5		<5		<5		0	
Brown	344	6.9	289	5.8	205	4.1	234	4.7	199	3.9
Buffalo	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Burnett	<5		<5		<5		<5		0	
Calumet	23	2.5	22	2.4	14		11		16	
Chippewa	<5		7		<5		<5		7	
Clark	6		8		11		9		9	
Columbia	53	5.2	60	6.0	49	5.2	45	4.7	50	5.3
Crawford	6		8		9		9		9	
Dane	887	8.2	765	7.1	772	6.9	748	6.7	777	6.9
Dodge	90	5.9	55	3.6	44	3.1	47	3.3	52	3.7
Door	10		15		14		22	5.8	13	
Douglas	<5		<5		<5		<5		0	
Dunn	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Eau Claire	10		<5		<5		6		10	
Florence	<5		<5		<5		<5		0	
Fond du Lac	63	3.2	58	3.0	68	3.6	47	2.5	57	3.1
Forest	9		11		5		<5		<5	
Grant	27	3.0	16		20	2.2	17		22	2.4
Green	26	4.0	33	5.1	22	3.5	19		28	4.5
Green Lake	16		12		11		10		11	
Iowa	15		15		5		14		8	
Iron	<5		<5		<5		<5		0	
Jackson	8		<5		<5		11		12	
Jefferson	64	3.8	65	3.9	60	3.7	60	3.7	55	3.4
Juneau	16		14		8		11		12	
Kenosha	171	5.0	157	4.6	136	4.0	121	3.6	143	4.2
Kewaunee	13		13		7		8		9	
La Crosse	66	2.7	44	1.8	35	1.4	52	2.1	39	1.6
Lafayette	8		5		5		<5		10	
Langlade	7		9		<5		6		7	
Lincoln	12		12		7		12		10	
Manitowoc	51	3.6	56	4.0	46	3.5	35	2.6	39	3.0

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Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2012-2016 (cont.)

County	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Marathon	91	3.6	74	3.0	86	3.6	69	2.9	72	3.0
Marinette	21	3.1	16		18		18		15	
Marquette	10		14		11		5		11	
Menominee	9		10		9		12		9	
Milwaukee	2,667	13.5	2,591	13.0	2,448	11.6	2,366	11.3	2,330	11.0
Monroe	25	3.1	15		14		24	3.1	24	3.0
Oconto	21	3.2	17		20	3.4	15		18	
Oneida	24	4.3	21	3.8	13		20	4.0	13	
Outagamie	213	5.9	171	4.8	185	5.4	153	4.4	120	3.5
Ozaukee	66	4.4	83	5.6	43	3.0	64	4.4	50	3.4
Pepin	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Pierce	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Polk	<5		<5		<5		<5		0	
Portage	80	5.6	60	4.2	47	3.2	52	3.5	53	3.6
Price	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Racine	291	7.9	244	6.7	197	5.5	159	4.5	205	5.7
Richland	12		6		5		6		15	
Rock	145	4.7	136	4.4	137	4.5	161	5.2	160	5.2
Rusk	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
St. Croix	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Sauk	76	6.7	76	6.8	76	6.9	54	4.9	39	3.5
Sawyer	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Shawano	34	4.8	33	4.6	28	4.1	23	3.4	14	
Sheboygan	100	4.8	95	4.5	55	2.8	83	4.2	71	3.6
Taylor	<5		<5		5		<5		<5	
Trempealeau	9		7		<5		5		8	
Vernon	10		9		11		8		6	
Vilas	16		10		7		6		8	
Walworth	72	3.8	95	5.1	94	4.9	96	5.0	85	4.4
Washburn	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Washington	105	4.3	93	3.9	72	3.2	90	3.9	92	4.0
Waukesha	300	4.3	338	4.9	215	3.2	172	2.6	238	3.5
Waupaca	30	3.3	30	3.3	36	4.4	27	3.3	29	3.6
Waushara	16		14		11		14		6	
Winnebago	173	5.2	174	5.2	167	5.1	129	3.9	116	3.5
Wood	47	3.6	52	4.0	42	3.4	52	4.2	37	3.0
Unknown									<5	

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

* The rate is the number of induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44. Wisconsin provisional population estimates for July 1, 2014, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2015 rates.

A "<5" 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.

Table 19. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2014-2016

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	9	Marathon	76
Ashland	<5	Marinette	17
Barron	<5	Marquette	9
Bayfield	<5	Menominee	10
Brown	213	Milwaukee	2,381
Buffalo	0	Monroe	21
Burnett	0	Oconto	18
Calumet	14	Oneida	15
Chippewa	<5	Outagamie	153
Clark	10	Ozaukee	52
Columbia	48	Pepin	<5
Crawford	9	Pierce	<5
Dane	766	Polk	0
Dodge	48	Portage	51
Door	16	Price	<5
Douglas	0	Racine	187
Dunn	<5	Richland	9
Eau Claire	7	Rock	153
Florence	<5	Rusk	<5
Fond du Lac	57	St. Croix	<5
Forest	<5	Sauk	56
Grant	20	Sawyer	<5
Green	23	Shawano	22
Green Lake	11	Sheboygan	70
Iowa	9	Taylor	<5
Iron	<5	Trempealeau	5
Jackson	9	Vernon	8
Jefferson	58	Vilas	7
Juneau	10	Walworth	92
Kenosha	133	Washburn	<5
Kewaunee	8	Washington	85
La Crosse	42	Waukesha	208
Lafayette	6	Waupaca	31
Langlade	6	Waushara	10
Lincoln	10	Winnebago	137
Manitowoc	40	Wood	44
		Unknown	<5
Three-Year Annual Average	5,525		

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports for county residents.

Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2014-2016

County	Age			Total	County	Age			Total
	<20	20-24	25+			<20	20-24	25+	
Brown	26	63	124	213	Marquette	<5	<5	<5	9
Calumet	<5	<5	8	14	Milwaukee	241	759	1,382	2,381
Clark	<5	<5	5	10	Monroe	<5	9	10	21
Columbia	8	15	26	48	Oconto	<5	6	9	18
Dane	77	251	438	766	Oneida	<5	5	9	15
Dodge	6	18	23	48	Outagamie	17	50	86	153
Eau Claire	<5	<5	<5	7	Ozaukee	7	13	32	52
Fond du Lac	10	16	31	57	Portage	5	21	24	51
Grant	<5	8	8	20	Racine	28	64	95	187
Green	<5	8	12	23	Rock	18	52	82	153
Green Lake	<5	<5	6	11	Sauk	6	21	29	56
Iowa	<5	<5	5	9	Shawano	<5	8	11	22
Jackson	<5	<5	<5	9	Sheboygan	9	20	40	70
Jefferson	7	14	37	58	Walworth	15	34	42	92
Juneau	<5	<5	5	10	Washington	9	30	46	85
Kenosha	19	43	71	133	Waukesha	21	64	124	208
La Crosse	5	17	21	42	Waupaca	<5	9	18	31
Lincoln	<5	<5	<5	10	Waushara	<5	<5	5	10
Manitowoc	5	13	21	40	Winnebago	14	50	73	137
Marathon	11	21	43	76	Wood	7	12	25	44
Marinette	<5	<5	9	17	Other	11	30	71	112
Three-Year Annual Average Total				623	1,782	3,120	5,525		

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

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.

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports.

Table 21. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Selected Racial Categories, Wisconsin Residents, 2014-2016

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Dane	23	54	251	438	766
White	12	31	155	285	483
Black	7	10	53	65	135
Milwaukee	80	160	759	1,382	2,381
White	23	60	279	543	905
Black	47	79	394	650	1,170
Racine	10	18	64	95	187
White	8	13	38	64	123
Black	<5	<5	21	20	45
Three-Year Annual Average Total	201	422	1,782	3,120	5,525
White	113	264	1,059	1,893	3,329
Black	60	100	503	787	1,450

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Counties shown had at least five reported induced abortions in each age group during 2014-2016.

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.

Table 22. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Age and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2014-2016

County	Age				Total
	<18	18-19	20-24	25+	
Brown	10	16	63	124	213
Non-Hispanic	8	14	54	115	190
Hispanic	<5	<5	9	9	22
Dane	23	54	251	438	766
Non-Hispanic	20	47	228	394	688
Hispanic	<5	7	23	44	78
Milwaukee	80	160	759	1,382	2,382
Non-Hispanic	66	131	671	1,218	2,086
Hispanic	14	30	88	164	296
Racine	10	18	64	95	187
Non-Hispanic	8	13	55	79	155
Hispanic	<5	5	9	16	32
Three-Year Annual Average Total	201	422	1,782	3,120	5,525
Non-Hispanic	169	358	1,597	2,805	4,929
Hispanic	32	64	185	314	595

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

Counties shown had at least five reported induced abortions in each age group during 2014-2016.

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.

Table 23. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by Selected County of Residence by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2014-2016

County	Race			Total	Ethnicity
	White	Black/African American	Asian/Pacific Islander		Hispanic (Any Race)
Brown	162	12	12	213	22
Dane	483	135	70	766	78
Fond du Lac	49	<5	<5	57	<5
Kenosha	93	24	<5	133	21
Milwaukee	905	1,170	100	2,381	296
Outagamie	123	7	11	153	12
Ozaukee	45	<5	<5	52	<5
Racine	122	44	<5	187	32
Rock	121	15	<5	153	20
Sheboygan	54	<5	7	70	7
Walworth	79	<5	<5	92	15
Washington	76	<5	<5	85	<5
Waukesha	165	8	20	208	22
Winnebago	112	8	9	137	10
Total	3,329	1,451	269	5,525	595

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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; therefore, the counts underestimate frequencies in some counties.

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

The total includes a three-year annual average of 68 abortions whose race was reported as American Indian, and 407 abortions whose race was reported as "Other" or "Unknown."

Induced Abortion Reporting (Wis. Stat. § 69.186)

- (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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