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## Foreword

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 (DHS) 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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## Introduction

**Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin, 2021** presents summary tables of information collected through the Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 69.186. In Wis. Stat. § 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.

The tables in this publication summarize data for calendar year 2021, trend information for the years 2017-2021, 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 and 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 non-residents. Wisconsin residents are patients who reside in Wisconsin and non-residents are patients who reside in states outside of Wisconsin but obtain an abortion in Wisconsin.

**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 educational attainment measure is defined in the reporting form as the highest grade completed; however, some patients may overlook the definition 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 difficult. Some complications do not occur immediately or become apparent while the patient is in post-procedure recovery, therefore, some complications are missed or misreported.

Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Education categories have also changed to match how the data is now collected. Use caution when comparing data by race or education to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

Tables 22, 23, and 24 have been removed from the 2021 report due to small numbers.

## Key Findings

- The number of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents in 2021 was 6,472, compared to the 6,336 reported in 2020 (see Table 3).
- The total number of induced abortions reported as occurring in Wisconsin in 2021 was 6,579, compared to 6,430 in 2020 (see Table 1).
- The estimated 2021 Wisconsin resident induced abortion rate was 5.9 per 1,000 women aged 15-44, compared to 5.8 in 2020. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national rate was 11.4 per 1,000 women aged 15-44 in 2019; this is the most recent year for which national data are available.
- The estimated induced abortion ratio is the number of reported induced abortions per 100 live births. This ratio was 11 per 100 live births in Wisconsin in 2021, the same as in 2020 (see Table 1). The most recent national ratio was 19.5 per 100 live births in 2019.
- Women in the age group 20-24 accounted for the largest proportion (30 percent) of reported induced abortions to Wisconsin residents in 2021. Thirteen percent of reports were for women 35 years of age or older. Those aged 18-19 obtained 7% of the reported induced abortions and those aged 15-17 obtained 3% (see Table 4).
- In 2021, there were 214 induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents who were minors (less than 18 years of age). Written consent (usually by a parent) was provided in 186 of these; the patient was an emancipated minor in five; and a court granted a petition to waive the parental consent requirement in 23 (see Table 5).
- 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 2021.

## Key Findings, Continued

- Eighty-five percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents were obtained by women who had never been married; 12% by currently married women; 3% by women who were divorced; and less than 1% by women who were widowed (see Table 6).
- Fifty-two percent of induced abortions reported for Wisconsin residents were obtained by white women, 35% by Black women, and 1% by American Indian women. Fourteen percent of abortions were obtained by Hispanic women (of any race), while 85% were obtained by non-Hispanic women (see Table 7).
- Fifty-nine percent of reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2021 were obtained within the first eight weeks of gestation (see Table 9).
- Of the 6,472 reported induced abortions among Wisconsin residents in 2021, 61% were surgical, 38% were chemically induced, and less than 1% were surgical procedures following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion. In 2020, these proportions were 61%, 39%, and less than 1%, respectively (see Table 11).

## Statewide Historical Data, 1976-2021

**Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1976-2021**

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
<b>Case-Based Continuous Reporting System</b>			
2021	6,579	11	6
2020	6,430	11	6
2019	6,511	10	6
2018	6,224	9	6
2017	5,818	9	5
2016	5,612	8	5
2015	5,660	8	5
2014	5,800	9	5
2013	6,462	10	6
2012	6,927	10	6
2011	7,249	10	6
2010	7,825	11	7
2009	8,542	12	8
2008	8,229	11	7
2007	8,267	11	7
2006	9,580	14	8
2005	9,817	14	8
2004	9,943	14	9
2003	10,557	16	9
2002	10,489	15	9
2001	10,925	16	9
2000	11,040	16	10
1999	11,013	16	9
1998	11,681	18	10
1997	13,218	20	11
1996	13,673	20	12
1995	12,782	19	11
1994	13,396	20	12
1993	14,671	21	13
1992	15,549	22	14
1991	16,237	23	14
1990	16,848	23	15
1989	17,575	25	16
1988	17,986	25	16
1987	17,318	24	16

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 from Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986. 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 2021 ratio is based on the number of live births in 2021)

\*\* The 2021 rate is the number of reported induced abortions occurring in Wisconsin per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44. (The 2021 rate is based on population estimates for July 1, 2020.)

## Statewide Historical Data, 1976-2021

**Table 1. Number, Ratio and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, 1976-2021**

Year	Number	Ratio*	Rate**
<b>Annual Facility Survey</b>			
1986	17,454	24	15
1985	17,309	24	15
1984	18,836	26	17
1983	18,866	26	17
1982	19,412	26	18
1981	20,819	28	19
1980	21,754	29	20
1979	20,035	28	18
1978	17,764	26	17
1977	16,133	24	16
1976	14,243	22	14

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 from Maternal and Child Health Statistics, Wisconsin, 1986. 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.

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## Summary Distributions

**Table 2. Reported Induced Abortions by Month, Wisconsin Residents, 2021**

Month	Number	Percent
January	582	9
February	552	9
March	610	9
April	583	9
May	521	8
June	499	8
July	552	9
August	539	8
September	526	8
October	518	8
November	516	8
December	474	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>

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

**Table 3. Reported Induced Abortions that Occurred in Wisconsin, by State of Residence, 2021**

State of Residence	Number	Percent
Wisconsin	6,472	98
Illinois	66	1
Michigan	19	0
Iowa	<5	0
Minnesota	5	0
Other State	13	0
Other Country	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>100</b>

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

## Summary Distributions

**Table 4. Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin, 2021**

Age	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Resident Age-Specific Rate per 1,000*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<15	13	0	11	0		
15-17	214	3	203	3	Less than 18	1.9
18-19	470	7	459	7		6.1
20-24	1,951	30	1,913	30		9.9
25-29	1,852	28	1,832	28		9.9
30-34	1,222	19	1,207	19		6.8
35-39	649	10	641	10		3.5
40-44	196	3	194	3	40 and older	1.2
45+	12	0	12	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>5.9</b>

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

\* The total rate is the number of reported induced abortions per 1,000 Wisconsin women aged 15-44 (based on July 1, 2020, 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 5. Reported Induced Abortions Among Minors (Age Less Than 18 Years) by Legal Status of Patient, Wisconsin Residents, 2021**

Legal Status	Number
<b>A. If the patient is less than 18 years old, indicate the circumstances of the patient.</b>	
1. Patient is an emancipated minor.	5
2. A court granted a petition to waive the parental consent.	23
3. Consent was provided by an adult on behalf of the patient (go to B).	186
4. None of the above apply (go to C).	0
<b>Total &lt;18</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>B. Specify the status of the adult providing written consent for the patient's abortion.</b>	
1. Parent	167
2. Guardian or legal custodian	0
3. Adult family member	19
4. Foster parent or treatment foster parent	0
<b>Total &lt;18 for whom adult provided consent</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>C. Specify the reason that consent was not legally required in this case.</b>	
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.

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 6. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Wisconsin, 2021**

<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Occurred in Wisconsin</b>		<b>Wisconsin Residents</b>		<b>Percent Wisconsin Residents*</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	
Married	763	12	748	12	98
Not married:					
Never married	5,608	85	5,519	85	98
Divorced	179	3	176	3	98
Widowed	7	0	7	0	100
Unknown	22	0	22	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>

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 Percent Wisconsin Residents column is the number of abortions that occurred in Wisconsin divided by the number of abortions to Wisconsin Residents multiplied by 100.

## Summary Distributions

**Table 7. Reported Induced Abortions by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin, 2021**

Race and Ethnicity	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents*
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White	3,420	52	3,343	52	98
Black	2,289	35	2,276	35	99
Amer. Indian	86	1	84	1	98
Laotian or Hmong	59	1	59	1	100
Other Asian or Pac Isl	185	3	182	3	98
Other	107	2	106	2	99
Multi	139	2	135	2	97
Unknown	294	4	287	4	98
Hispanic	910	14	889	14	98
Non-Hispanic	5,609	85	5,524	85	99
Unknown	60	1	59	1	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>

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. Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Use caution when comparing data by race to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

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## Summary Distributions

**Table 8. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Wisconsin, 2021**

Years of Education	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents*
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 <sup>th</sup> grade or less	39	1	39	1	100
9-12 <sup>th</sup> grade: no diploma	531	8	514	8	97
High school graduate or GED	3,008	46	2,970	46	99
Some college or associate degree	2,034	31	1,994	31	98
Bachelor's degree or higher	900	14	888	14	99
Unknown	67	1	67	1	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>

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

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## Summary Distributions

**Table 9. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation, Wisconsin, 2021**

Weeks of Gestation	Occurred in Wisconsin		Wisconsin Residents		Percent Wisconsin Residents*
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
8 weeks or less	3,878	59	3,817	59	98
9-10	1,310	20	1,297	20	99
11-12	574	9	565	9	98
13-15	412	6	399	6	97
16-20	363	5	355	5	98
Over 20	42	1	39	1	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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 the 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 the 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 the 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. Data based on the probable post-fertilization age shows that there were five abortions performed that were over 20 weeks gestation. Additional details on those five abortions are not available due to the small numbers of procedures.

\* The Percent Wisconsin Residents column is the number of abortions that occurred in Wisconsin divided by the number of abortions to Wisconsin Residents multiplied by 100.

## Summary Distributions

**Table 10. Reported Induced Abortions by Reported Complications, Wisconsin, 2021**

<b>Complications</b>	<b>Occurred in Wisconsin</b>	<b>Wisconsin Residents</b>
None	5,962	5,875
Hemorrhage	9	9
Infection	3	3
Uterine perforation	1	1
Cervical laceration	0	0
Retained products	39	37
Other	567	549
<b>Total*</b>	<b>6,581</b>	<b>6,474</b>

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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 so totals may not match other tables. 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 11. Reported Induced Abortions by Type of Procedure, Wisconsin Residents, 2021**

<b>Type of Procedure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Chemically induced	2,486	38
Surgical	3,969	61
Surgical (following a failed or incomplete chemically induced abortion)	17	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>

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.



# Demographic Characteristics of Persons Obtaining Induced Abortions

**Table 12. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and by Race and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2021**

Age	Race														Ethnicity				
	White		Black		American Indian		Laotian or Hmong		Other Asian/Pac Isl		Other		Multi		Total		Hispanic		
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	
<15	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	<5	0
15-17	107	3	66	3	5	6	0	0	<5	1	<5	1	6	4	203	3	44	5	
15	14		10		0		0		0		0		<5		30		9		
16	33		17		<5		0		<5		<5		<5		58		12		
17	60		39		<5		0		<5		0		<5		115		23		
18-19	253	8	137	6	12	14	<5	5	7	4	8	8	18	13	459	7	87	10	
18	106		55		5		<5		0		5		9		192		38		
19	147		82		7		<5		7		<5		9		267		49		
20-24	1005	30	656	29	20	24	12	20	35	19	40	38	44	33	1,913	30	343	39	
20	174		120		5		<5		9		12		5		354		83		
21	210		110		<5		<5		<5		5		8		359		55		
22-24	621		426		13		9		23		23		31		1,200		205		
25-29	869	26	752	33	24	29	17	29	41	23	29	27	36	27	1,832	28	222	25	
30-34	610	18	441	19	9	11	11	19	42	23	20	19	21	16	1,207	19	115	13	
35-39	369	11	172	8	10	12	10	17	42	23	7	7	9	7	641	10	58	7	
40+	125	4	46	2	<5	5	6	10	13	7	<5	1	<5	1	206	3	19	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,343</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>100</b>	

Source: Wisconsin Induced Abortion Reporting System, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.

Note: There were 287 procedures where race was unknown. 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. Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Use caution when comparing data by race to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

# Demographic Characteristics of Persons Obtaining Induced Abortions

**Table 13. Reported Induced Abortions by Age and Marital Status, Wisconsin Residents, 2021**

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
15-17	0	0	202	4	0	0	0	0	<5	5	203	3
18-19	5	1	449	8	0	0	0	0	5	23	459	7
20-24	53	7	1,844	33	8	5	<5	14	7	32	1,913	30
25-29	191	26	1,593	29	43	24	<5	14	<5	18	1,832	28
30-34	237	32	918	17	51	29	0	0	<5	5	1,207	19
35-39	186	25	394	7	56	32	<5	43	<5	9	641	10
40+	76	10	108	2	18	10	<5	29	<5	9	206	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5,519</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>

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. A “<5” indicates there were fewer than five reports.

**Table 14. Reported Induced Abortions by Education, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2021**

Years of Education	Race														Ethnicity			
	White		Black		American Indian		Laotian or Hmong		Other Asian or Pac Isl		Other		Multi		Total		Hispanic	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
8 <sup>th</sup> grade or less	16	1	6	0	<5	2	<5	2	<5	2	<5	1	0	0	39	1	22	3
9-12 <sup>th</sup> grade; no diploma	231	7	194	9	10	12	5	9	7	4	10	9	17	13	514	8	108	12
High school graduate or GED	1,323	40	1,308	58	38	45	26	44	37	20	51	48	64	47	2,970	46	412	46
Some college or associate degree	1,112	33	638	28	30	36	21	36	48	26	30	28	39	29	1,994	31	253	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	640	19	101	4	<5	4	6	10	85	47	10	9	12	9	888	14	76	9
Unknown	21	1	29	1	<5	1	0	0	<5	1	<5	4	<5	2	67	1	18	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,343</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Note: There were 287 procedures where race was unknown. 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. A “<5” indicates there were fewer than five reports. Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Education categories have also changed to match how the data is now collected. Use caution when comparing data by race or education to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

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**Table 15. Reported Induced Abortions by Marital Status, Race, and Hispanic Origin, Wisconsin Residents, 2021**

Marital Status	Race																Ethnicity	
	White		Black		American Indian		Laotian or Hmong		Other Asian or Pac Isl		Other		Multi		Total		Hispanic	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
Married	497	15	67	3	9	11	24	41	92	51	10	9	8	6	748	12	101	11
Not married	2,693	81	2,173	96	71	85	34	58	87	48	93	88	126	93	5,519	85	768	86
Never married	142	4	20	1	<5	5	<5	2	<5	2	<5	2	<5	1	176	3	16	2
Divorced	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	<5	0
Widowed	<5	0	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	1	0	0	22	0	<5	0
Unknown																		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,343</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Note: There were 287 procedures where race was unknown. 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. A “<5” indicates there were fewer than five reports. Beginning with the 2020 report, race categories are now being reported in a manner that is similar to other Vital Records reports. Use caution when comparing data by race to data from previous years as the new categories are not comparable to previous years.

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**Table 16. Reported Induced Abortions by Estimated Gestation and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2021**

Weeks of Gestation	Age																	
	<15		15-17		18-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40+		Total	
	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct	Num	Pct
8 weeks or less	<5	36	89	44	245	53	1,099	57	1,141	62	737	61	377	59	125	61	3,817	59
9-10	<5	36	45	22	105	23	417	22	332	18	226	19	131	20	37	18	1,297	20
11-12	<5	18	29	14	46	10	172	9	163	9	80	7	53	8	20	10	565	9
13-15	0	0	16	8	34	7	121	6	95	5	71	6	45	7	17	8	399	6
16-20	<5	9	20	10	25	5	96	5	89	5	84	7	34	5	6	3	355	6
Over 20	0	0	<5	2	<5	1	8	0	12	1	9	1	<5	0	<5	1	39	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>100</b>

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

A “<5” indicates there were fewer than five reports.

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, 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 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alan Guttmacher Institute. Data based on the probable post-fertilization age shows that there were five abortions performed that were over 20 weeks gestation. Additional details on those five abortions are not available due to the small numbers of procedures.

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**Table 17. Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence and Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2021**

County	Age				Total
	<20	20-24	25-34	35+	
Brown	31	84	121	34	270
Columbia	10	22	32	8	72
Dane	85	242	365	123	815
Dodge	5	19	26	7	57
Fond du Lac	10	21	34	10	75
Green	5	9	10	8	32
Jefferson	5	18	27	11	61
Kenosha	13	49	49	13	124
La Crosse	5	7	13	5	30
Manitowoc	11	25	30	8	74
Milwaukee	259	816	1,492	338	2,905
Monroe	6	13	10	7	36
Outagamie	23	49	66	25	163
Portage	7	10	20	6	43
Racine	36	83	124	30	273
Rock	16	58	77	16	167
Sauk	6	12	23	9	50
Sheboygan	11	34	43	19	107
Walworth	16	32	30	10	88
Washington	9	24	47	10	90
Waukesha	21	68	100	53	242
Winnebago	25	59	64	19	167
Other Counties	58	159	236	78	531
<b>Total</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>6,472</b>

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

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

## Trend Information, 2017-2021

**Table 18. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2017-2021**

Age	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<18	188	1.6	169	1.5	194	1.8	185	1.7	214	1.9
18-19	361	4.7	409	5.5	484	6.5	445	5.9	459	6.1
20-24	1,684	8.2	1,839	9.3	1,880	9.7	1,876	9.7	1,913	9.9
25-29	1,649	9.1	1,771	10.1	1,763	9.8	1,835	9.9	1,832	9.9
30-34	1,008	5.4	1,080	6.0	1,188	6.7	1,188	6.7	1,207	6.8
35-39	565	3.2	615	3.4	625	3.4	607	3.3	641	3.5
40+	185	1.1	159	1.0	238	1.5	200	1.2	206	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,640</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>6,042</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6,372</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6,336</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>5.9</b>

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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 child-bearing females less than 18 years of age was calculated using the female population aged 15-17; the rate among child-bearing females aged 40 and older was calculated using the female population aged 40-44. Wisconsin provisional population estimates for July 1, 2020, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2021 rates.

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.

## Trend Information, 2017-2021

**Table 19. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2017-2021**

County	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,640</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>6,042</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6,372</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6,336</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6,472</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Adams	10		8		11		8		5	
Ashland	0		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Barron	<5		<5		0		<5		<5	
Bayfield	<5		<5		0		0		0	
Brown	168	3.3	223	4.4	285	5.6	250	4.9	270	5.2
Buffalo	<5		0		<5		<5		<5	
Burnett	0		0		0		<5		0	
Calumet	14		12		16		13		16	
Chippewa	<5		<5		6		<5		<5	
Clark	9		10		10		<5		9	
Columbia	63	6.7	62	6.6	66	7.0	70	7.4	72	7.6
Crawford	<5		<5		9		<5		<5	
Dane	860	7.5	821	7.2	815	7.1	793	6.8	815	7.0
Dodge	61	4.3	40	2.9	52	3.7	55	4.0	57	4.1
Door	11		23	6.3	23	6.2	15		16	
Douglas	0		0		0		0		0	
Dunn	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Eau Claire	15		10		11		10		16	
Florence	<5		0		0		<5		<5	
Fond du Lac	74	4.0	70	3.8	81	4.4	85	4.5	75	4.0
Forest	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Grant	24	2.6	32	3.5	30	3.3	24	2.6	20	2.2
Green	22	3.6	25	4.1	35	5.7	22	3.6	32	5.2
Green Lake	11		<5		19		10		12	
Iowa	20	5.3	18		28	7.3	29	7.6	12	
Iron	0		<5		0		0		<5	
Jackson	7		10		10		9		<5	
Jefferson	53	3.3	60	3.7	75	4.7	64	4.0	61	3.8
Juneau	16		14		21	5.4	22	5.6	15	
Kenosha	149	4.4	153	4.6	153	4.5	148	4.3	124	3.6
Kewaunee	10		7		11		6		7	
La Crosse	53	2.1	55	2.2	65	2.6	47	1.9	30	1.2
Lafayette	9		9		10		8		<5	
Langlade	6		8		6		8		9	
Lincoln	17		18		9		9		14	
Manitowoc	43	3.3	60	4.6	57	4.4	66	5.1	74	5.7
Marathon	52	2.2	75	3.2	73	3.1	91	3.9	84	3.6
Marinette	16		16		23	3.7	33	5.2	18	
Marquette	17		9		9		17		11	
Menominee	8		10		8		6		9	

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## Trend Information, 2017-2021

**Table 19. Number and Rate of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2017-2021 (continued)**

County	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Milwaukee	2,347	11.1	2,529	12.0	2,625	12.5	2,768	13.0	2,905	13.6
Monroe	21	2.7	23	2.9	25	3.2	24	3.0	36	4.5
Oconto	14		16		32	5.6	15		19	
Oneida	10		20	4.1	13		12		13	
Outagamie	136	3.9	155	4.5	177	5.1	167	4.7	163	4.6
Ozaukee	40	2.8	53	3.6	50	3.4	52	3.4	52	3.4
Pepin	0		0		0		<5		0	
Pierce	0		<5		0		0		0	
Polk	<5		0		0		<5		0	
Portage	48	3.3	46	3.2	49	3.4	53	3.7	43	3.0
Price	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Racine	176	5.0	231	6.5	241	6.8	268	7.6	273	7.7
Richland	12		6		<5		8		7	
Rock	156	5.1	199	6.5	185	6.1	179	5.8	167	5.4
Rusk	0		<5		<5		0		0	
St. Croix	<5		0		0		0		0	
Sauk	50	4.6	55	5.1	50	4.6	54	4.9	50	4.5
Sawyer	<5		0		<5		0		<5	
Shawano	16		19		23	3.5	21	3.1	37	5.5
Sheboygan	81	4.1	99	5.1	113	5.8	98	5.0	107	5.5
Taylor	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5	
Trempealeau	<5		8		7		<5		7	
Vernon	6		10		15		<5		7	
Vilas	12		11		8		6		6	
Walworth	77	4.1	95	5.1	89	4.8	81	4.3	88	4.7
Washburn	<5		0		0		<5		<5	
Washington	79	3.5	96	4.2	97	4.3	74	3.2	90	3.9
Waukesha	283	4.2	274	4.1	285	4.2	260	3.7	242	3.5
Waupaca	23	2.9	25	3.2	32	4.1	30	3.8	23	2.9
Waushara	10		14		14		7		8	
Winnebago	123	3.8	125	3.9	124	3.8	159	4.9	167	5.1
Wood	59	4.8	44	3.6	63	5.2	41	3.4	49	4.1

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

\* The rate is the number of induced abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44. Wisconsin provisional population estimates for July 1, 2020, prepared by the Office of Health Informatics, were used to calculate the 2021 rates.

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.

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.



## Three-Year Annual Averages, 2019-2021

**Table 20. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence, Wisconsin Residents, 2019-2021**

County	Annual Average Number	County	Annual Average Number
Adams	8	Marinette	25
Ashland	<5	Marquette	12
Barron	<5	Menominee	8
Bayfield	0	Milwaukee	2,766
Brown	268	Monroe	28
Buffalo	<5	Oconto	22
Burnett	<5	Oneida	13
Calumet	15	Outagamie	169
Chippewa	<5	Ozaukee	51
Clark	8	Pepin	<5
Columbia	69	Pierce	0
Crawford	5	Polk	<5
Dane	808	Portage	48
Dodge	55	Price	<5
Door	18	Racine	261
Douglas	0	Richland	6
Dunn	<5	Rock	177
Eau Claire	12	Rusk	<5
Florence	<5	St. Croix	0
Fond du Lac	80	Sauk	51
Forest	<5	Sawyer	<5
Grant	25	Shawano	27
Green	30	Sheboygan	106
Green Lake	14	Taylor	<5
Iowa	23	Trempealeau	5
Iron	<5	Vernon	9
Jackson	7	Vilas	7
Jefferson	67	Walworth	86
Juneau	19	Washburn	<5
Kenosha	142	Washington	87
Kewaunee	8	Waukesha	262
La Crosse	47	Waupaca	28
Lafayette	7	Waushara	10
Langlade	8	Winnebago	150
Lincoln	11	Wood	51
Manitowoc	66	Unknown	<5
Marathon	83		
		<b>Three-year annual average</b>	<b>6,393</b>

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

A "<5" indicates there were fewer than five reports for county residents during the three-year period.

## Three-Year Annual Averages, 2019-2021

**Table 21. Three-Year Annual Average Number of Reported Induced Abortions by County of Residence by Age, Wisconsin Residents, 2019-2021**

County	Age			Total	County	Age			Total
	<20	20-24	25+			<20	20-24	25+	
Brown	33	89	147	268	Menominee	<5	<5	<5	8
Columbia	7	23	39	69	Milwaukee	256	774	1,736	2,766
Dane	78	243	487	808	Monroe	6	9	14	28
Dodge	7	17	31	55	Oconto	5	7	11	22
Door	<5	6	10	18	Outagamie	19	48	102	169
Eau Claire	<5	<5	5	12	Ozaukee	5	10	37	51
Fond du Lac	12	24	45	80	Portage	5	16	27	48
Grant	<5	7	15	25	Racine	32	81	148	261
Green	<5	8	18	30	Rock	22	56	99	177
Iowa	<5	9	12	23	Sauk	5	13	33	51
Jackson	<5	<5	<5	7	Shawano	5	6	16	27
Jefferson	6	19	41	67	Sheboygan	13	31	62	106
Juneau	<5	9	9	19	Walworth	11	30	45	86
Kenosha	14	54	74	142	Washington	8	26	53	87
La Crosse	6	15	26	47	Waukesha	22	69	171	262
Langlade	<5	<5	<5	8	Waupaca	<5	9	15	28
Lincoln	<5	<5	5	11	Waushara	<5	<5	5	10
Manitowoc	8	22	35	66	Winnebago	17	56	78	150
Marathon	5	25	52	83	Wood	7	13	31	51
Marinette	<5	6	16	25	Other Counties	15	44	84	143
					<b>Three-year annual average total</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>3,843</b>	<b>6,393</b>

Source: Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health 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 ages less than 20 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 an average of five reports for county residents per age group over the three-year period.

## 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.
  - (hf) The probable postfertilization age of the unborn child, as defined in § 253.107(1)(c), and whether an ultrasound was used to assist in making the determination of postfertilization age of the unborn child, or, if the probable postfertilization age of the unborn child was not determined, the nature of the medical emergency, as defined in § 253.10(2)(d).
  - (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 § 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 § 48.375(4)(a)1 was not provided, on which of the bases under §§ 48.375(4)(a)2 or (b)1, 1g, 1m, 2 or 3 the abortion was performed.
  - (k) If the unborn child is considered to be capable of experiencing pain under § 253.107(3)(a), the nature of the medical emergency, as defined in § 253.10(2)(d), that the pregnant woman had.
  - (l) If the unborn child is considered to be capable of experiencing pain under § 253.107(3)(a), a statement whether the method of abortion used was one that, in reasonable medical judgment, provided the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive or, if such a method was not used, the basis of the determination that termination of the pregnancy in that manner posed a greater risk either of the death of the pregnant woman or of the substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the woman than other available methods.
- 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:
  - (m) 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.
  - (n) 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. 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.

