

# 2019 Abortion Statistics

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## Executive Summary

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

In 2019, there were 31,018 abortions performed in Pennsylvania. Nearly half, (14,816) of all abortions performed in Pennsylvania were to white women, and 13,516 were to black or African-American women. Abortions to women of Hispanic origin accounted for 3,336, or 10.8 percent, of all abortions in 2019. More than 87 percent (27,221) of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2019 were to unmarried women.

The largest age group having abortions was 25-29, accounting for 9,529 (29.9 percent) of all 2019 abortions. Women under age 20 accounted for 8.2 percent of all abortions in 2019, and women under age 18 accounted for 2.4 percent. Comparatively, in 2018, women under age 20 accounted for 8.6 percent, and women under age 18 accounted for 2.7 percent.

Similar to 2018, 92.8 percent of the abortions performed in 2019 were on Pennsylvania residents. Residents of other states, territories and other countries accounted for just 2,222 abortions in 2019.

Of the abortions performed in 2019 in Pennsylvania, 83.3 percent were performed in five counties: Allegheny; Delaware; Northampton; Philadelphia; and York.

More than 40 percent of Pennsylvania residents having abortions were residents of Philadelphia County. Other counties with a large number of resident abortions included: Allegheny (3,265); Delaware (1,839); Montgomery (1,652); and Bucks (934). Of all 67 counties, 34 (50.7 percent) showed a decrease in the number of resident abortions performed in 2019 compared to 2018.

In 2019, there were 285 reports of complications from abortions that were submitted by physicians; 59.2 percent more than the 179 reported in 2018. More than 82 percent of the complications were related to retained products of conception, 12.3 percent to bleeding and 1.8 percent to infection.

Notes: The source for the number of abortions reported in Pennsylvania in 2019 is the "Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy," which is an individual report filed for each procedure. The source for the complications data is "Abortions: Report of Complications," a separate reporting form completed by physicians who have provided medical care to a woman because of a complication resulting from an abortion or attempted abortion.

Unknowns are excluded from all calculations.

**Pennsylvania Induced Abortion Report  
January - December 2019**

**Table 1**

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

<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Number</u>
12 or Under	4
13	12
14	55
15	116
16	224
17	346
18	736
19	1,052
20 - 24	8,435
25 - 29	9,529
30 - 34	6,188
35 - 39	3,244
40 - 44	1,008
45 or Older	69
Unknown	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,018</b>

**Table 2**

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

<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>
8 or Less	19,762
9 - 10	5,120
11 - 12	2,371
13 - 14	1,389
15 - 17	1,262
18 - 20	652
21 - 23	462
24 or More	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,018</b>

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

**Table 3**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in**  
**Pennsylvania by Race of Woman**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Race of Woman</u>	<u>Number</u>
White	14,816
Black or African-American	13,516
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,251
Multi-Race	926
All Other Races	243
Unknown	266
Total	31,018

**Table 4**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in**  
**Pennsylvania by Hispanic Origin of Woman**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Hispanic Origin</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hispanic	3,336
Non-Hispanic	27,655
Unknown	27
Total	31,018

Note: Hispanic origin can be of any race.

**Table 5**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in**  
**Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Primary Abortion Procedure</u>	<u>Number</u>
Suction Curettage	15,618
Sharp Curettage	29
Dilation and Evacuation	1,512
Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)	3
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	8
Medical (Nonsurgical)	13,845
Other	3
Total	31,018

**Table 6**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in**  
**Pennsylvania by Marital Status of Woman**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Married	3,766
Unmarried	27,221
Unknown	31
Total	31,018

**Table 7**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Age of Woman**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Age of Woman (In Years)</u>									
	<u>All Ages</u>	<u>Under 15</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40+</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
Total Pennsylvania	28,796	66	648	1,655	7,752	8,875	5,751	3,054	995	0
Adams	54	0	0	8	16	20	6	4	0	0
Allegheny	3,265	7	96	156	877	1,056	650	320	103	0
Armstrong	46	0	3	4	17	13	3	5	1	0
Beaver	243	0	5	13	88	62	42	26	7	0
Bedford	10	0	0	1	3	5	0	1	0	0
Berks	794	4	20	49	234	235	153	77	22	0
Blair	77	0	2	7	26	15	13	11	3	0
Bradford	8	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0
Bucks	934	2	18	54	233	243	208	131	45	0
Butler	169	0	2	13	52	47	28	22	5	0
Cambria	139	1	3	9	47	33	29	13	4	0
Cameron	8	0	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	0
Carbon	77	0	2	2	29	16	15	8	5	0
Centre	105	0	0	6	42	21	21	14	1	0
Chester	809	1	13	40	231	213	172	107	32	0
Clarion	27	0	0	2	11	6	7	0	1	0
Clearfield	44	1	1	3	14	12	5	7	1	0
Clinton	26	0	1	1	9	9	3	2	1	0
Columbia	64	0	1	2	22	12	17	7	3	0
Crawford	48	0	4	1	13	20	8	2	0	0
Cumberland	257	0	7	15	62	76	56	30	11	0
Dauphin	602	2	11	34	160	180	121	67	27	0
Delaware	1,839	3	41	108	426	569	401	227	64	0
Elk	15	0	0	1	5	4	2	2	1	0
Erie	215	0	5	13	59	80	36	18	4	0
Fayette	162	2	6	17	47	41	32	12	5	0
Forest	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Franklin	21	0	1	1	8	8	3	0	0	0
Fulton	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Greene	49	0	2	2	17	13	13	2	0	0
Huntingdon	26	0	2	2	3	6	6	4	3	0
Indiana	67	0	1	5	29	14	9	7	2	0
Jefferson	24	0	1	0	7	8	5	1	2	0
Juniata	6	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	0
Lackawanna	284	2	4	9	75	95	59	31	9	0
Lancaster	535	0	8	40	158	152	93	59	25	0
Lawrence	95	0	4	6	24	32	16	6	7	0
Lebanon	129	0	0	9	42	36	24	10	8	0
Lehigh	842	4	16	54	239	231	159	101	38	0
Luzerne	566	2	12	43	166	157	107	60	19	0

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**Table 7**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Age of Woman**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Age of Woman (In Years)</u>									<u>Unknown</u>
	<u>All Ages</u>	<u>Under 15</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40+</u>	
Lycoming	81	0	1	9	23	26	16	4	2	0
McKean	5	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Mercer	103	0	0	6	22	38	23	10	4	0
Mifflin	24	0	2	2	3	8	3	6	0	0
Monroe	320	2	4	20	108	81	71	19	15	0
Montgomery	1,652	3	33	84	390	470	337	243	92	0
Montour	8	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0
Northampton	601	0	22	33	154	170	117	74	31	0
Northumberland	77	0	3	3	24	25	12	7	3	0
Perry	38	0	0	4	12	11	6	4	1	0
Philadelphia	11,521	28	249	656	3,049	3,801	2,323	1,087	328	0
Pike	32	0	1	4	8	11	4	3	1	0
Potter	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	166	0	3	11	46	57	22	22	5	0
Snyder	22	0	1	3	4	3	6	5	0	0
Somerset	38	0	1	2	9	8	9	7	2	0
Sullivan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Susquehanna	12	0	0	0	4	3	2	2	1	0
Tioga	30	0	1	3	12	6	6	2	0	0
Union	24	0	1	3	9	8	1	1	1	0
Venango	35	0	0	2	11	13	5	3	1	0
Warren	13	1	1	1	4	2	3	1	0	0
Washington	247	0	5	16	59	67	45	42	13	0
Wayne	32	0	3	0	11	11	5	2	0	0
Westmoreland	394	0	8	19	100	133	76	47	11	0
Wyoming	17	0	0	2	5	6	1	2	1	0
York	613	1	16	38	179	161	131	66	21	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>										
Delaware	815	3	13	29	218	280	169	73	30	0
Maryland	34	0	0	4	14	10	4	1	1	0
New Jersey	411	0	2	21	114	104	99	48	23	0
New York	23	0	0	3	10	6	3	0	1	0
Ohio	453	1	14	35	144	128	80	35	16	0
West Virginia	364	1	8	31	134	98	58	26	8	0
Other States/Territories	121	0	0	10	49	28	24	7	3	0
Other Countries	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	2,222	5	38	133	683	654	437	190	82	0
Total All Abortions	31,018	71	686	1,788	8,435	9,529	6,188	3,244	1,077	0

**Table 8**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by County of Procedure**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
Adams	-	Lackawanna	-
Allegheny	6,474	Lancaster	-
Armstrong	-	Lawrence	-
Beaver	-	Lebanon	-
Bedford	-	Lehigh	948
Berks	790	Luzerne	-
Blair	-	Lycoming	-
Bradford	-	McKean	-
Bucks	778	Mercer	-
Butler	-	Mifflin	-
Cambria	-	Monroe	-
Cameron	-	Montgomery	920
Carbon	-	Montour	3
Centre	-	Northampton	2,454
Chester	848	Northumberland	-
Clarion	-	Perry	-
Clearfield	-	Philadelphia	14,573
Clinton	-	Pike	-
Columbia	-	Potter	-
Crawford	-	Schuylkill	-
Cumberland	-	Snyder	-
Dauphin	878	Somerset	-
Delaware	1,180	Sullivan	-
Elk	-	Susquehanna	-
Erie	-	Tioga	-
Fayette	-	Union	-
Forest	-	Venango	-
Franklin	-	Warren	-
Fulton	-	Washington	-
Greene	-	Wayne	-
Huntingdon	-	Westmoreland	-
Indiana	-	Wyoming	-
Jefferson	-	York	1,172
Juniata	-		
		Total	31,018

**Induced Abortions: Report of Complications  
January - December 2019**

**Table 9A  
Type of Complication by Age of Woman**

Age Group	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
Under 15	0	0	0	0	0
15 - 19	15	0	11	2	2
20 - 24	72	0	54	16	2
25 - 29	103	2	92	7	2
30 - 34	47	1	38	4	4
35 - 39	36	2	29	4	1
40+	12	0	10	2	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>

**Table 9B  
Type of Complication by Weeks of Gestation**

Weeks of Gestation	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
8 or Less	178	3	155	12	8
9 - 10	48	1	39	7	1
11 - 12	15	0	13	2	0
13 - 14	10	1	5	4	0
15 - 17	6	0	4	2	0
18 - 20	5	0	3	2	0
21 - 23	18	0	10	6	2
24+	1	0	1	0	0
Unknown	4	0	4	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>

**Table 9C  
Type of Complication by Termination Procedure Used**

Procedure	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
Suction Curettage	56	3	41	6	6
Sharp Curettage	13	0	10	3	0
Dilation/Evacuation	32	2	16	13	1
Medical	172	0	155	13	4
Other	10	0	10	0	0
Unknown	2	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>

Notes: These data are based on Reports of Complications submitted by physicians who have provided care to a woman in need of medical care because of a complication resulting from an abortion or attempted abortion.

Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.



**Table 10**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Age of Woman and Weeks of Gestation**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>							
		<u>8 or Less</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-20</u>	<u>21-23</u>	<u>24 or More</u>
Under 15	71	24	9	12	8	4	7	7	0
15 - 17	686	301	133	95	45	59	34	19	0
18 - 19	1,788	1,017	348	169	96	88	44	26	0
20 - 24	8,435	5,237	1,541	659	378	355	167	98	0
25 - 29	9,529	6,249	1,524	704	404	349	173	126	0
30 - 34	6,188	4,019	998	442	286	226	104	113	0
35 - 39	3,244	2,155	450	227	126	137	96	53	0
40+	1,077	760	117	63	46	44	27	20	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31,018	19,762	5,120	2,371	1,389	1,262	652	462	0

**Table 11**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Primary Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Primary Procedure</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>							
		<u>8 or Less</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-20</u>	<u>21-23</u>	<u>24 or More</u>
Suction Curettage	15,618	7,869	3,136	2,299	975	824	361	154	0
Sharp Curettage	29	1	5	1	6	9	7	0	0
Dilation and Evacuation	1,512	83	51	51	391	409	261	266	0
Intra-Uterine Instillation- Saline or Prostaglandin	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	8	5	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	13,845	11,804	1,924	18	16	19	23	41	0
Other	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31,018	19,762	5,120	2,371	1,389	1,262	652	462	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

**Table 12**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Weeks of Gestation**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>							
		<u>8 or Less</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-20</u>	<u>21-23</u>	<u>24 or More</u>
Total Pennsylvania	28,796	18,474	4,779	2,195	1,282	1,135	570	361	0
Adams	54	38	8	5	2	1	0	0	0
Allegheny	3,265	1,904	663	287	155	110	75	71	0
Armstrong	46	32	8	1	1	2	1	1	0
Beaver	243	147	54	18	7	10	2	5	0
Bedford	10	6	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Berks	794	487	153	58	45	33	12	6	0
Blair	77	49	15	7	0	4	2	0	0
Bradford	8	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0
Bucks	934	657	119	54	40	31	17	16	0
Butler	169	106	30	10	8	4	7	4	0
Cambria	139	77	31	17	6	4	2	2	0
Cameron	8	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Carbon	77	50	10	7	5	2	3	0	0
Centre	105	68	19	8	4	3	0	3	0
Chester	809	549	116	60	30	29	16	9	0
Clarion	27	19	3	1	2	2	0	0	0
Clearfield	44	27	8	3	2	2	0	2	0
Clinton	26	18	2	1	3	2	0	0	0
Columbia	64	49	9	3	1	1	1	0	0
Crawford	48	22	11	8	5	2	0	0	0
Cumberland	257	177	53	17	4	3	3	0	0
Dauphin	602	372	130	55	20	14	6	5	0
Delaware	1,839	1,271	245	109	73	74	40	27	0
Elk	15	12	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Erie	215	112	44	28	8	13	6	4	0
Fayette	162	82	40	19	13	4	2	2	0
Forest	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	21	6	7	5	1	0	0	2	0
Fulton	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Greene	49	30	12	3	1	1	1	1	0
Huntingdon	26	19	1	4	2	0	0	0	0
Indiana	67	43	13	5	1	1	1	3	0
Jefferson	24	13	7	0	1	2	0	1	0
Juniata	6	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lackawanna	284	186	37	28	12	12	5	4	0
Lancaster	535	333	98	44	28	22	7	3	0
Lawrence	95	55	17	7	6	5	1	4	0
Lebanon	129	76	25	10	8	5	4	1	0
Lehigh	842	533	150	65	41	26	15	12	0
Luzerne	566	351	105	44	29	17	14	6	0

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**Table 12**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Weeks of Gestation**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>							
		<u>8 or Less</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>11-12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-20</u>	<u>21-23</u>	<u>24 or More</u>
Lycoming	81	39	22	8	6	6	0	0	0
McKean	5	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mercer	103	54	22	15	3	8	0	1	0
Mifflin	24	13	4	4	3	0	0	0	0
Monroe	320	201	54	30	18	11	4	2	0
Montgomery	1,652	1,189	225	80	55	56	31	16	0
Montour	8	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Northampton	601	387	93	47	24	28	17	5	0
Northumberland	77	42	16	10	3	5	1	0	0
Perry	38	27	2	4	1	4	0	0	0
Philadelphia	11,521	7,467	1,802	849	517	522	248	116	0
Pike	32	19	3	6	1	2	1	0	0
Potter	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	166	98	28	10	9	14	5	2	0
Snyder	22	17	2	1	0	1	1	0	0
Somerset	38	17	10	6	3	1	1	0	0
Sullivan	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	12	5	2	3	0	0	1	1	0
Tioga	30	17	9	2	0	0	1	1	0
Union	24	18	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
Venango	35	20	8	3	1	2	0	1	0
Warren	13	5	3	3	0	2	0	0	0
Washington	247	154	40	16	12	13	6	6	0
Wayne	32	21	3	4	0	2	1	1	0
Westmoreland	394	259	67	29	21	7	4	7	0
Wyoming	17	11	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
York	613	391	109	67	37	3	1	5	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>									
Delaware	815	528	102	64	34	47	22	18	0
Maryland	34	23	2	3	2	4	0	0	0
New Jersey	411	241	52	20	24	25	25	24	0
New York	23	17	4	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ohio	453	212	96	47	26	22	17	33	0
West Virginia	364	199	72	33	15	22	11	12	0
Other States/Territories	121	68	13	8	5	7	7	13	0
Other Countries	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	2,222	1,288	341	176	107	127	82	101	0
Total All Abortions	31,018	19,762	5,120	2,371	1,389	1,262	652	462	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

**Table 13**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Number of Previous Live Births and Percentage Distribution**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	11,760	37.9
One	7,926	25.6
Two	6,367	20.5
Three	3,046	9.8
Four or More	1,919	6.2
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	31,018	100.0

**Table 14**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Number of Previous Induced Abortions and Percentage Distribution**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Induced Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	16,327	52.6
One	7,699	24.8
Two	3,829	12.3
Three	1,726	5.6
Four or More	1,437	4.6
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	31,018	100.0

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

**Table 15**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Number of Medical Complications of Pregnancy**  
**January - December 2019**

<u>Medical Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>
Pre-existing Medical Conditions Which Would Complicate Pregnancy	161
Complication Resulting From Termination	8