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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# **2015 ABORTION STATISTICS**

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### Executive Summary

Pennsylvania has been monitoring and reporting on abortion data since 1975. Since 1980, the commonwealth has seen a decrease in the number of abortions performed. In 2015, there were 31,818 abortions performed in Pennsylvania.

Nearly half, or 15,820, of all abortions performed in Pennsylvania were to white women and 13,332 were to black or African-American women. Abortions to women of Hispanic origin accounted for 3,050, or 9.6 percent, of all abortions in 2015.

Over 87 percent, or 27,923, of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2015 were to unmarried women.

As in previous years, the largest single age group having abortions was 20-24, accounting for 10,339, or 32.5 percent, of all 2015 abortions. Patients age 19 and under accounted for 9.8 percent and patients aged 17 and under accounted for 3.1 percent. Comparatively, in 2014, females age 19 and under accounted for 10.7 percent and females age 17 and under accounted for 3.3 percent.

Similar to 2014, 95 percent of the abortions performed in 2015 were on Pennsylvania residents. Residents of other states, territories and other countries accounted for just 1,586 abortions in 2015.

Of the abortions performed in 2015 in Pennsylvania, 82 percent were performed in four counties: Allegheny, Dauphin, Northampton and Philadelphia. Procedures took place at 21 hospitals and 19 non-hospital facilities statewide.

Nearly 40 percent of Pennsylvania residents receiving abortions were residents of Philadelphia County. Other counties with a large number of resident abortions included: Allegheny, 3,384; Delaware, 1,843; Montgomery, 1,585; Bucks, 1,101; and Berks, 1,026. Of all 67 counties, 26 (39 percent) showed a decrease in the number of resident abortions performed in 2015 compared to 2014.

In 2015, there were 151 reports of complications from abortions which were submitted by physicians, representing 7 percent fewer than the 162 reported in 2014. More than 71 percent of the complications were related to retained products of conception, 14 percent to bleeding, and 7 percent to infection.

Notes: The source for the number of abortions reported in Pennsylvania in 2015 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 2015**

**Table 1**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In  
Pennsylvania by Age of Woman**

<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Number</u>
12 or Under	2
13	13
14	71
15	168
16	271
17	462
18	910
19	1,217
20 - 24	10,339
25 - 29	9,119
30 - 34	5,303
35 - 39	2,951
40 - 44	909
45 or Older	83
Unknown	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,818</b>

**Table 2**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In  
Pennsylvania by Weeks of Gestation**

<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>
8 or Less	20,164
9 - 10	5,146
11 - 12	2,590
13 - 14	1,571
15 - 17	1,315
18 - 20	652
21 - 23	380
24 or More	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,818</b>

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

**Table 3**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In**  
**Pennsylvania by Race of Woman**  
**January-December 2015**

<u>Race of Woman</u>	<u>Number</u>
White	15,820
Black or African-American	13,332
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,223
Multi-Race	847
All Other Races	296
Unknown	300
Total	31,818

**Table 4**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In**  
**Pennsylvania by Hispanic Origin of Woman**  
**January-December 2015**

<u>Hispanic Origin</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hispanic	3,050
Non-Hispanic	28,505
Unknown	263
Total	31,818

Note: Hispanic origin can be of any race.

**Table 5**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In**  
**Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure**  
**January-December 2015**

<u>Primary Abortion Procedure</u>	<u>Number</u>
Suction Curettage	18,908
Sharp Curettage	1
Dilation and Evacuation	1,588
Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)	1
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	11,314
Other	6
Total	31,818

**Table 6**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In**  
**Pennsylvania by Marital Status of Woman**  
**January-December 2015**

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Married	3,851
Unmarried	27,923
Unknown	44
Total	31,818

**Table 7**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Age of Woman**  
**January-December 2015**

<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	30,232	83	863	1,992	9,843	8,685	5,031	2,802	933	0
Adams	55	0	3	4	15	16	11	4	2	0
Allegheny	3,384	9	106	201	1,081	1,006	578	304	99	0
Armstrong	61	0	3	1	18	22	11	4	2	0
Beaver	258	2	13	16	81	76	42	22	6	0
Bedford	16	0	2	1	8	2	1	2	0	0
Berks	1,026	1	35	89	361	265	150	97	28	0
Blair	77	1	3	6	29	18	14	4	2	0
Bradford	7	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0
Bucks	1,101	0	35	62	308	294	223	137	42	0
Butler	186	1	5	20	57	44	31	21	7	0
Cambria	109	0	4	11	37	26	17	11	3	0
Cameron	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Carbon	93	2	7	5	23	24	17	11	4	0
Centre	127	0	1	11	52	34	20	5	4	0
Chester	907	0	25	65	265	236	178	97	41	0
Clarion	40	0	1	3	23	7	3	1	2	0
Clearfield	49	0	2	3	18	16	8	1	1	0
Clinton	28	0	0	6	5	6	6	3	2	0
Columbia	60	0	0	8	27	11	6	6	2	0
Crawford	57	1	1	5	22	8	12	7	1	0
Cumberland	305	0	4	18	105	78	51	36	13	0
Dauphin	663	1	13	34	223	187	126	59	20	0
Delaware	1,843	2	49	114	561	564	304	196	53	0
Elk	21	0	0	1	9	6	3	1	1	0
Erie	184	3	2	12	65	41	37	20	4	0
Fayette	196	1	10	15	67	53	32	13	5	0
Forest	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Franklin	35	0	3	1	14	7	8	1	1	0
Fulton	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
Greene	35	1	0	1	11	12	8	1	1	0
Huntingdon	20	1	0	1	3	6	4	3	2	0
Indiana	99	1	1	10	47	19	11	7	3	0
Jefferson	35	0	0	3	9	10	8	4	1	0
Juniata	13	0	0	1	4	5	2	1	0	0
Lackawanna	308	0	7	24	93	78	69	30	7	0
Lancaster	520	0	12	34	184	124	91	52	23	0
Lawrence	139	0	1	6	51	43	17	16	5	0
Lebanon	110	0	1	7	40	25	20	13	4	0
Lehigh	842	3	22	53	288	246	109	94	27	0
Luzerne	513	1	19	36	156	145	91	50	15	0

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**Table 7**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Age of Woman**  
**January-December 2015**

<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>
Lycoming	119	0	0	6	43	35	24	8	3	0
McKean	13	0	0	2	3	6	0	2	0	0
Mercer	117	1	5	10	35	30	23	11	2	0
Mifflin	26	0	1	1	11	7	4	2	0	0
Monroe	400	3	10	30	142	104	57	37	17	0
Montgomery	1,585	3	35	116	424	440	330	171	66	0
Montour	16	0	0	1	3	4	5	2	1	0
Northampton	604	2	16	40	193	174	91	67	21	0
Northumberland	78	0	1	6	22	28	12	7	2	0
Perry	36	0	1	3	11	11	5	2	3	0
Philadelphia	12,032	41	346	754	4,048	3,628	1,904	991	320	0
Pike	41	0	1	4	10	15	4	4	3	0
Potter	6	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0
Schuylkill	154	0	4	10	52	50	19	16	3	0
Snyder	18	0	0	0	8	6	1	2	1	0
Somerset	48	0	5	6	13	15	6	2	1	0
Sullivan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	10	0	0	3	1	5	1	0	0	0
Tioga	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Union	21	0	1	3	7	5	3	1	1	0
Venango	30	0	1	1	9	11	3	4	1	0
Warren	9	0	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0
Washington	259	0	5	21	77	73	35	37	11	0
Wayne	30	0	1	0	7	7	6	8	1	0
Westmoreland	432	1	14	24	129	111	78	50	25	0
Wyoming	26	0	1	2	8	7	7	1	0	0
York	585	1	23	56	212	143	92	43	15	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>										
Delaware	405	1	10	25	119	128	80	33	9	0
Maryland	58	0	1	3	26	14	7	4	3	0
New Jersey	374	1	3	32	107	103	63	42	23	0
New York	25	0	0	5	11	4	3	2	0	0
Ohio	329	0	14	32	100	89	56	27	11	0
West Virginia	310	0	9	34	108	74	49	27	9	0
Other States/Territories	83	0	1	4	25	22	13	14	4	0
Other Countries	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,586	3	38	135	496	434	272	149	59	0
Total All Abortions	31,818	86	901	2,127	10,339	9,119	5,303	2,951	992	0

**Table 8**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by County of Procedure**  
**January-December 2015**

<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
Adams	-	Lackawanna	-
Allegheny	6,319	Lancaster	-
Armstrong	-	Lawrence	-
Beaver	-	Lebanon	-
Bedford	-	Lehigh	1,034
Berks	837	Luzerne	-
Blair	-	Lycoming	-
Bradford	-	McKean	-
Bucks	916	Mercer	-
Butler	-	Mifflin	-
Cambria	-	Monroe	-
Cameron	-	Montgomery	804
Carbon	-	Montour	4
Centre	-	Northampton	2,756
Chester	1,023	Northumberland	-
Clarion	-	Perry	-
Clearfield	-	Philadelphia	15,274
Clinton	-	Pike	-
Columbia	-	Potter	-
Crawford	-	Schuylkill	-
Cumberland	-	Snyder	-
Dauphin	1,660	Somerset	-
Delaware	443	Sullivan	-
Elk	-	Susquehanna	-
Erie	-	Tioga	-
Fayette	-	Union	-
Forest	-	Venango	-
Franklin	-	Warren	-
Fulton	-	Washington	-
Greene	-	Wayne	-
Huntingdon	-	Westmoreland	-
Indiana	-	Wyoming	-
Jefferson	-	York	748
Juniata	-		
		Total	31,818

**Induced Abortions: Report of Complications  
January-December 2015**

**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	9	1	6	1	1
20 - 24	42	2	28	8	4
25 - 29	48	6	33	6	3
30 - 34	29	1	22	4	2
35 - 39	19	0	15	2	2
40+	4	0	4	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>

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

Weeks of Gestation	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
8 or Less	94	7	72	11	4
9 - 10	23	0	18	2	3
11 - 12	10	1	5	2	2
13 - 14	6	0	2	2	2
15 - 17	3	1	1	1	0
18 - 20	5	0	3	1	1
21 - 23	2	0	1	1	0
24+	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	8	1	6	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>

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

Procedure	Total	Infection	Retained Products of Conception	Bleeding	Other
Suction Curettage	59	1	44	10	4
Sharp Curettage	1	0	0	1	0
Dilation/Evacuation	18	2	10	3	3
Medical	57	3	47	5	2
Other	10	4	3	1	2
Unknown	6	0	4	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</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 2015**

<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	86	33	15	13	10	7	7	1	0
15 - 17	901	430	185	102	64	60	41	19	0
18 - 19	2,127	1,197	413	197	152	97	47	24	0
20 - 24	10,339	6,394	1,762	916	527	456	184	100	0
25 - 29	9,119	5,922	1,426	740	404	361	169	97	0
30 - 34	5,303	3,499	797	372	233	199	110	93	0
35 - 39	2,951	1,998	425	186	128	105	72	37	0
40+	992	691	123	64	53	30	22	9	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31,818	20,164	5,146	2,590	1,571	1,315	652	380	0

**Table 11**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Primary Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation**  
**January-December 2015**

<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	18,908	9,895	3,839	2,439	1,271	965	384	115	0
Sharp Curettage	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dilation and Evacuation	1,588	234	123	120	287	340	249	235	0
Intra-Uterine Instillation- Saline or Prostaglandin	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	11,314	10,033	1,184	31	11	10	18	27	0
Other	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0
Total	31,818	20,164	5,146	2,590	1,571	1,315	652	380	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 2015**

<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	30,232	19,218	4,904	2,478	1,503	1,223	593	313	0
Adams	55	35	14	3	1	0	2	0	0
Allegheny	3,384	2,099	545	319	142	142	75	62	0
Armstrong	61	38	10	9	2	0	2	0	0
Beaver	258	142	45	31	12	11	10	7	0
Bedford	16	12	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Berks	1,026	640	195	115	43	21	10	2	0
Blair	77	47	15	7	5	2	1	0	0
Bradford	7	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Bucks	1,101	751	165	83	44	33	14	11	0
Butler	186	126	23	19	6	4	2	6	0
Cambria	109	59	17	14	8	7	2	2	0
Cameron	4	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Carbon	93	56	18	4	6	4	1	4	0
Centre	127	88	27	7	3	1	0	1	0
Chester	907	644	132	53	40	25	9	4	0
Clarion	40	27	4	5	0	4	0	0	0
Clearfield	49	37	6	3	0	1	1	1	0
Clinton	28	21	4	2	1	0	0	0	0
Columbia	60	39	14	2	4	1	0	0	0
Crawford	57	37	8	4	4	2	1	1	0
Cumberland	305	224	35	23	11	8	2	2	0
Dauphin	663	448	107	56	25	18	6	3	0
Delaware	1,843	1,189	297	162	74	70	39	12	0
Elk	21	14	3	1	0	1	1	1	0
Erie	184	114	29	16	6	9	6	4	0
Fayette	196	129	32	13	9	6	3	4	0
Forest	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	35	22	9	1	2	1	0	0	0
Fulton	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	35	19	4	4	5	1	0	2	0
Huntingdon	20	15	2	1	0	1	1	0	0
Indiana	99	69	18	4	2	2	3	1	0
Jefferson	35	23	4	3	0	2	1	2	0
Juniata	13	7	2	2	1	0	0	1	0
Lackawanna	308	200	54	19	14	8	8	5	0
Lancaster	520	337	92	37	26	17	7	4	0
Lawrence	139	95	19	9	3	8	2	3	0
Lebanon	110	84	16	7	2	0	1	0	0
Lehigh	842	523	154	72	39	37	11	6	0
Luzerne	513	323	81	40	31	30	5	3	0

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**Table 12**  
**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania**  
**by Residence and Weeks of Gestation**  
**January-December 2015**

<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	119	69	15	13	13	4	3	2	0
McKean	13	7	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
Mercer	117	64	22	11	5	8	5	2	0
Mifflin	26	20	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Monroe	400	241	72	32	24	18	11	2	0
Montgomery	1,585	1,122	237	76	67	50	18	15	0
Montour	16	8	3	1	1	1	0	2	0
Northampton	604	389	86	48	33	29	16	3	0
Northumberland	78	59	8	2	5	1	2	1	0
Perry	36	25	6	1	1	1	2	0	0
Philadelphia	12,032	7,440	1,951	994	693	564	281	109	0
Pike	41	25	6	5	2	3	0	0	0
Potter	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	154	96	27	10	6	11	3	1	0
Snyder	18	14	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Somerset	48	30	8	3	5	1	1	0	0
Sullivan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	10	2	3	0	3	1	1	0	0
Tioga	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Union	21	16	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
Venango	30	19	3	3	1	3	1	0	0
Warren	9	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	259	163	38	19	15	12	5	7	0
Wayne	30	21	3	1	2	3	0	0	0
Westmoreland	432	277	61	34	20	18	11	11	0
Wyoming	26	16	3	2	2	1	1	1	0
York	585	340	136	61	28	12	6	2	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>									
Delaware	405	221	51	34	22	44	19	14	0
Maryland	58	35	15	1	3	2	0	2	0
New Jersey	374	231	53	19	20	19	18	14	0
New York	25	20	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	329	188	55	33	16	12	8	17	0
West Virginia	310	196	53	20	7	11	10	13	0
Other States/Territories	83	53	10	5	0	4	4	7	0
Other Countries	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,586	946	242	112	68	92	59	67	0
Total All Abortions	31,818	20,164	5,146	2,590	1,571	1,315	652	380	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 2015**

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	12,330	38.9
One	8,592	27.0
Two	6,466	20.3
Three	2,800	8.8
Four or More	1,630	5.0
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	31,818	100.0

**Table 14**  
**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania**  
**by Number of Previous Induced Abortions and Percentage Distribution**  
**January-December 2015**

<u>Induced Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	16,826	52.9
One	8,041	25.3
Two	3,889	12.2
Three	1,738	5.5
Four or More	1,324	4.1
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	31,818	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 2015**

<u>Medical Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>
Pre-existing Medical Conditions Which Would Complicate Pregnancy	155
Complication Resulting From Termination	3