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In 2008, there were 38,807 abortions performed in Pennsylvania. The 2008 figure is a 41.0 percent decrease from the 1980 total of 65,777 (the highest annual number ever recorded). The 2008 figure represents an increase of 2,144 or 5.8 percent from the 36,663 that occurred in 2007. The lowest annual number of abortions occurred in 1999 (34,494).

Nearly all abortions in 2008 (35,908 or 92.5 percent) were performed in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy (first trimester).

Over 51 percent (19,923) of all abortions performed in Pennsylvania were to white women and 16,193 or 41.8 percent were to black women. Abortions to women of Hispanic origin (regardless of race) accounted for 2,959 or 7.6 percent of all abortions in 2008.

Eighty-seven percent or 33,762 of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2008 were to unmarried women.

Patients age 19 and under accounted for 17.8 percent or 6,910 of the 2008 abortions performed in Pennsylvania. Teenagers age 17 and younger accounted for 6.2 percent or 2,391 of the 2008 abortions. The 2007 percentage for teenagers under 18 was similar at 6.3. As in previous years, the largest single age group was 20-24, accounting for 13,463 or 34.7 percent of all 2008 abortions.

Of all the abortions that occurred in 2008 in Pennsylvania, 37,222 or 95.9 percent were performed on residents. The 2007 figure was similar at 96.1 percent. Residents of other states, territories and other countries accounted for 1,585 abortions in 2008, compared to 1,446 in 2007.

Of the abortion patients who resided in Pennsylvania, 15,377 or 41.3 percent were residents of Philadelphia. Other counties with a large number of resident abortions included Allegheny, 4,481; Delaware, 2,008; Montgomery, 1,828; and Bucks, 1,338. Of all 67 counties, 39 (58.2 percent) showed a decrease in the number of resident abortions performed in 2008 compared to 2007.

Of the abortions performed in 2008 in Pennsylvania, 95.5 percent occurred in seven counties -- Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Lehigh and Philadelphia.

In 2008, there were 67 reports of complications from abortions which were submitted by physicians, representing 10.7 percent fewer than the 75 reported in 2007. Almost 60 percent of the complications in 2008 were related to retained products of conception, 22.4 percent to bleeding and 13.4 percent to infection.

As of December 31, 2008, there were 95 facilities in the commonwealth registered with the Department of Health to perform abortions, as required by the Abortion Control Act.

Notes: The source for the number of abortions reported in Pennsylvania in 2008 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 2008**

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania by Age of Woman		Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania by Weeks of Gestation	
<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>
12 or Under	2	8 or Less	22,427
13	48	9 - 10	7,368
14	186	11 - 12	3,869
15	424	13 - 14	2,244
16	705	15 - 17	1,690
17	1,026	18 - 20	860
18	2,049	21 - 23	349
19	2,470	24 or More	0
20 - 24	13,463	Total	38,807
25 - 29	8,987		
30 - 34	5,135		
35 - 39	3,184		
40 - 44	1,050		
45 or Older	72		
Unknown	6		
Total	38,807		

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on date of last menstrual period, not on date of conception.

**Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Race of Woman
January-December 2008**

<u>Race of Woman</u>	<u>Number</u>
White	19,923
Black	16,193
All Other Races	2,609
Unknown	82
Total	38,807

**Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Hispanic Origin of Woman
January-December 2008**

<u>Hispanic Origin</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hispanic	2,959
Non-Hispanic	35,848
Unknown	0
Total	38,807

Note: Hispanic origin can be of any race.

**Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure
January-December 2008**

<u>Primary Abortion Procedure</u>	<u>Number</u>
Suction Curettage	30,542
Sharp Curettage	40
Dilation and Evacuation	2,801
Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)	14
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	1
Medical (Nonsurgical)	5,407
Other	2
Total	38,807

**Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Marital Status of Woman
January-December 2008**

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Married	5,045
Unmarried	33,762
Unknown	0
Total	38,807

**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Age of Woman
January-December 2008**

<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	37,222	224	2,077	4,330	12,913	8,664	4,908	3,038	1,062	6
Adams	55	1	3	7	24	8	7	4	1	0
Allegheny	4,481	18	270	488	1,508	1,109	573	381	133	1
Armstrong	71	0	4	11	22	13	14	5	2	0
Beaver	346	1	22	44	114	79	41	32	13	0
Bedford	21	0	1	3	7	6	2	2	0	0
Berks	1,100	2	61	126	368	277	149	84	33	0
Blair	114	1	5	13	37	32	12	8	6	0
Bradford	10	0	0	1	3	1	3	2	0	0
Bucks	1,338	4	59	137	460	288	177	140	73	0
Butler	246	1	9	26	72	64	33	31	10	0
Cambria	146	0	10	10	53	35	17	18	3	0
Cameron	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Carbon	130	1	9	22	42	27	19	7	3	0
Centre	213	0	3	20	104	48	18	12	8	0
Chester	1,034	5	31	135	380	223	139	73	48	0
Clarion	41	0	2	6	23	4	3	1	2	0
Clearfield	58	0	3	7	19	10	11	6	2	0
Clinton	45	0	1	6	22	5	6	2	3	0
Columbia	82	1	2	17	34	10	10	5	3	0
Crawford	81	0	8	13	29	14	10	6	1	0
Cumberland	337	0	13	31	104	95	44	35	15	0
Dauphin	712	1	25	80	270	171	96	44	25	0
Delaware	2,008	14	122	244	728	421	267	163	49	0
Elk	29	0	5	4	11	3	1	4	1	0
Erie	266	1	17	31	94	61	38	18	6	0
Fayette	242	2	15	21	103	49	22	20	10	0
Forest	11	0	1	2	7	1	0	0	0	0
Franklin	10	0	0	3	5	0	0	2	0	0
Fulton	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
Greene	59	0	3	10	22	12	6	2	4	0
Huntingdon	25	0	1	6	9	4	1	4	0	0
Indiana	165	0	6	32	65	31	11	18	2	0
Jefferson	35	0	4	5	6	13	5	2	0	0
Juniata	15	0	0	2	3	5	2	2	1	0
Lackawanna	299	3	10	39	123	56	36	22	10	0
Lancaster	526	2	15	59	194	125	65	42	24	0
Lawrence	94	0	5	13	24	23	16	11	2	0
Lebanon	154	1	2	24	50	35	20	19	3	0
Lehigh	1,200	3	77	128	401	269	180	113	29	0
Luzerne	592	1	27	75	213	140	74	46	16	0

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**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Age of Woman
January-December 2008**

Age of Woman (In Years)

<u>Residence</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	177	1	7	7	80	42	23	13	4	0
McKean	16	0	0	7	6	0	0	3	0	0
Mercer	79	1	3	7	25	23	11	7	2	0
Mifflin	34	0	2	1	13	8	4	4	2	0
Monroe	385	4	25	56	134	76	38	37	15	0
Montgomery	1,828	5	97	199	604	381	265	198	79	0
Montour	22	0	0	4	6	2	6	4	0	0
Northampton	709	1	32	93	233	152	111	60	27	0
Northumberland	83	0	1	8	35	22	8	7	2	0
Perry	49	0	2	4	22	9	7	5	0	0
Philadelphia	15,377	142	938	1,774	5,312	3,724	2,039	1,117	328	3
Pike	45	0	2	10	12	10	8	0	3	0
Potter	5	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Schuylkill	225	1	13	23	64	57	35	26	6	0
Snyder	15	0	0	3	8	1	0	3	0	0
Somerset	57	2	1	13	15	13	6	5	2	0
Sullivan	7	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
Susquehanna	11	0	0	2	6	3	0	0	0	0
Tioga	7	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0
Union	22	0	0	5	5	7	1	3	1	0
Venango	55	0	2	5	26	12	9	1	0	0
Warren	17	0	3	3	4	3	1	1	2	0
Washington	342	1	19	36	118	78	47	32	11	0
Wayne	41	0	3	7	11	8	8	1	3	0
Westmoreland	560	1	46	61	180	126	69	59	18	0
Wyoming	22	0	1	4	4	7	4	1	1	0
York	603	2	25	87	220	122	75	55	15	2
Unknown	33	0	2	7	13	4	3	4	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>										
Delaware	157	0	9	14	54	42	25	10	3	0
Maryland	38	0	2	4	16	8	6	1	1	0
New Jersey	516	4	17	82	158	92	64	65	34	0
New York	15	0	0	2	7	2	3	1	0	0
Ohio	286	3	18	25	91	70	44	29	6	0
West Virginia	462	3	30	51	175	91	68	31	13	0
Other States/Territories	110	2	2	11	48	18	17	9	3	0
Other Countries	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,585	12	78	189	550	323	227	146	60	0
Total All Abortions	38,807	236	2,155	4,519	13,463	8,987	5,135	3,184	1,122	6

**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by County of Procedure
January-December 2008**

<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
Adams	-	Lackawanna	-
Allegheny	8,409	Lancaster	-
Armstrong	-	Lawrence	-
Beaver	-	Lebanon	-
Bedford	-	Lehigh	5,133
Berks	795	Luzerne	-
Blair	-	Lycoming	-
Bradford	-	McKean	-
Bucks	1,095	Mercer	-
Butler	-	Mifflin	-
Cambria	-	Monroe	13
Cameron	-	Montgomery	373
Carbon	-	Montour	12
Centre	-	Northampton	-
Chester	1,091	Northumberland	-
Clarion	-	Perry	-
Clearfield	-	Philadelphia	18,633
Clinton	-	Pike	-
Columbia	-	Potter	-
Crawford	-	Schuylkill	-
Cumberland	-	Snyder	-
Dauphin	1,893	Somerset	-
Delaware	801	Sullivan	-
Elk	-	Susquehanna	-
Erie	-	Tioga	-
Fayette	-	Union	1
Forest	-	Venango	-
Franklin	-	Warren	-
Fulton	-	Washington	-
Greene	-	Wayne	-
Huntingdon	-	Westmoreland	-
Indiana	-	Wyoming	-
Jefferson	-	York	558
Juniata	-		
		Total	38,807

INDUCED ABORTIONS: REPORT OF COMPLICATIONS
January-December 2008

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	8	2	2	4	0
20 - 24	19	2	12	5	0
25 - 29	21	4	12	3	2
30 - 34	14	1	10	2	1
35 - 39	4	0	3	1	0
40+	1	0	0	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	67	9	39	15	4

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY WEEKS OF GESTATION

WEEKS OF GESTATION

8 or Less	26	7	18	1	0
9 - 10	16	1	8	5	2
11 - 12	8	0	6	2	0
13 - 14	3	1	1	0	1
15 - 17	4	0	1	3	0
18 - 20	1	0	1	0	0
21 - 23	1	0	0	1	0
24+	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	8	0	4	3	1
TOTAL	67	9	39	15	4

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY TERMINATION PROCEDURE USED

PROCEDURE

Suction Curettage	33	7	20	6	0
Dilation/Evacuation	20	1	12	4	3
Medical	3	0	3	0	0
Other	5	0	1	4	0
Unknown	6	1	3	1	1
TOTAL	67	9	39	15	4

NOTE: 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 date of last menstrual period, not on date of conception.

**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania
by Age of Woman and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2008**

<u>Age (Years)</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>								
	<u>Total</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	236	84	49	39	20	26	15	3	0
15 - 17	2,155	929	450	304	193	160	85	34	0
18 - 19	4,519	2,280	973	551	313	255	113	34	0
20 - 24	13,463	7,710	2612	1,368	793	594	274	112	0
25 - 29	8,987	5,471	1657	854	443	331	165	66	0
30 - 34	5,135	3,197	915	436	254	169	110	54	0
35 - 39	3,184	2,008	530	252	169	118	70	37	0
40+	1,122	743	181	65	59	37	28	9	0
Unknown	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	38,807	22,427	7,368	3,869	2,244	1,690	860	349	0

**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Primary Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2008**

<u>Primary Procedure</u>	<u>Weeks of Gestation</u>								
	<u>Total</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	30,542	16,167	6735	3,578	2,008	1,349	556	149	0
Sharp Curettage	40	5	1	2	3	10	18	1	0
Dilation and Evacuation	2,801	1,064	504	262	230	318	261	162	0
Intra-Uterine Instillation- Saline or Prostaglandin	14	2	2	1	0	3	2	4	0
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	5,407	5,188	126	26	3	10	23	31	0
Other	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	38,807	22,427	7,368	3,869	2,244	1,690	860	349	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on date of last menstrual period, not on date of conception.

**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2008**

<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	37,222	21,579	7,106	3,704	2,165	1,583	777	308	0
Adams	55	34	14	5	0	1	0	1	0
Allegheny	4,481	2,601	838	454	221	215	101	51	0
Armstrong	71	40	10	2	7	4	5	3	0
Beaver	346	207	55	41	16	19	6	2	0
Bedford	21	7	8	0	2	1	2	1	0
Berks	1,100	616	247	130	65	22	10	10	0
Blair	114	74	16	8	9	7	0	0	0
Bradford	10	4	3	2	0	0	1	0	0
Bucks	1,338	863	219	116	60	57	18	5	0
Butler	246	153	38	19	12	15	6	3	0
Cambria	146	89	23	16	9	7	1	1	0
Cameron	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Carbon	130	77	23	14	9	4	2	1	0
Centre	213	140	44	19	4	3	1	2	0
Chester	1,034	658	204	87	39	27	12	7	0
Clarion	41	25	5	4	1	4	2	0	0
Clearfield	58	37	11	4	2	3	0	1	0
Clinton	45	26	9	5	1	1	2	1	0
Columbia	82	53	14	7	4	3	1	0	0
Crawford	81	44	19	9	3	4	2	0	0
Cumberland	337	222	66	25	9	12	3	0	0
Dauphin	712	443	162	45	37	16	7	2	0
Delaware	2,008	1,108	402	247	109	82	41	19	0
Elk	29	19	3	2	3	1	0	1	0
Erie	266	149	48	25	21	12	7	4	0
Fayette	242	146	37	22	18	14	2	3	0
Forest	11	3	6	1	0	1	0	0	0
Franklin	10	6	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Fulton	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	59	37	10	3	6	2	1	0	0
Huntingdon	25	14	4	4	3	0	0	0	0
Indiana	165	107	25	14	9	7	3	0	0
Jefferson	35	18	9	1	4	2	0	1	0
Juniata	15	8	2	3	1	0	0	1	0
Lackawanna	299	182	55	27	19	9	3	4	0
Lancaster	526	318	116	56	22	11	3	0	0
Lawrence	94	42	21	20	3	4	2	2	0
Lebanon	154	94	36	11	5	5	3	0	0
Lehigh	1,200	750	200	123	67	38	12	10	0
Luzerne	592	380	99	59	22	16	8	8	0

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January-December 2008**

<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	177	103	34	26	7	5	0	2	0
McKean	16	9	5	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mercer	79	53	8	7	6	0	4	1	0
Mifflin	34	18	7	5	1	2	1	0	0
Monroe	385	243	69	37	18	12	4	2	0
Montgomery	1,828	1,158	291	138	97	81	55	8	0
Montour	22	9	6	2	3	0	0	2	0
Northampton	709	465	114	54	39	20	6	11	0
Northumberland	83	50	21	9	0	3	0	0	0
Perry	49	29	12	4	3	1	0	0	0
Philadelphia	15,377	8,428	2,991	1,598	1,066	764	412	118	0
Pike	45	25	11	3	4	2	0	0	0
Potter	5	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Schuylkill	225	149	39	18	11	1	2	5	0
Snyder	15	8	3	1	0	1	2	0	0
Somerset	57	36	6	7	1	5	1	1	0
Sullivan	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Susquehanna	11	5	2	0	2	1	0	1	0
Tioga	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union	22	10	8	1	1	0	1	1	0
Venango	55	38	10	3	3	1	0	0	0
Warren	17	11	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Washington	342	204	56	39	17	16	6	4	0
Wayne	41	24	11	1	3	0	2	0	0
Westmoreland	560	327	109	52	31	29	10	2	0
Wyoming	22	11	3	4	0	2	2	0	0
York	603	341	172	57	26	4	0	3	0
Unknown	33	15	8	7	2	1	0	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>									
Delaware	157	72	32	17	11	10	9	6	0
Maryland	38	18	6	2	1	1	5	5	0
New Jersey	516	253	72	35	29	53	49	25	0
New York	15	9	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
Ohio	286	164	51	43	9	13	4	2	0
West Virginia	462	277	83	52	23	22	4	1	0
Other States/Territories	110	55	14	16	5	7	11	2	0
Other Countries	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,585	848	262	165	79	107	83	41	0
Total All Abortions	38,807	22,427	7,368	3,869	2,244	1,690	860	349	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on date of last menstrual period, not on date of conception.

**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Number of Previous Live Births and Percentage Distribution
January-December 2008**

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	15,637	40.3
One	10,711	27.6
Two	7,377	19.0
Three	3,158	8.1
Four or More	1,924	5.0
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	38,807	100.0

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by Number of Previous Induced Abortions and Percentage Distribution
January-December 2008**

<u>Induced Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	21,100	54.4
One	9,964	25.7
Two	4,556	11.7
Three	1,787	4.6
Four or More	1,400	3.6
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	38,807	100.0

**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania
by Number of Medical Complications of Pregnancy
January-December 2008**

<u>Medical Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>
Pre-existing Medical Conditions Which Would Complicate Pregnancy	147
Complication Resulting From Termination	20