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We Love them both, Mother and Baby!

Facts & Stats

On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy (Doe vs. Bolton, U.S. Supreme Court, Jan. 1973)

• ANNUAL ABORTION STATISTICS

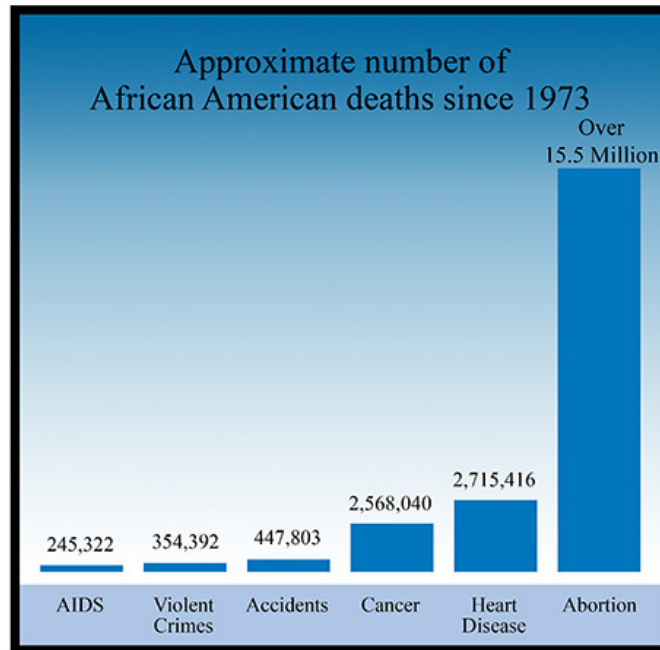
- Based on [available state-level data](#), an estimated 974,000 abortions took place in 2014—down from approximately 983,000 abortions in [2013](#) and 1.02 million abortions in [2012](#).
- In 2011, 1.06 million [abortions](#) took place in the U.S., down from 1.21 million abortions in 2008, 1.2 million in 2005, 1.29 million in 2002, 1.31 million in 2000 and 1.36 million in 1996. From 1973 through 2011, nearly 53 million legal abortions occurred in the U.S. (AGI).
- Twenty-one percent of all U.S. pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion. (AGI).
- In 2011, the highest number of reported abortions occurred in [California](#) (181,730), [New York](#) (138,370) and [Florida](#) (84,990); the fewest occurred in [Wyoming](#) (120), [South Dakota](#) (600) and [North Dakota](#) (1,250) (AGI).
- [Mississippi](#) had the lowest abortion rate in 2011 ([Wyoming](#) had too few abortions for reliable tabulation), and [New York](#) had the highest (AGI). There were approximately 17.5 births for every abortion in [Mississippi](#) and approximately 2.3 births for every abortion in [New York](#).
- The annual number of legal induced abortions in the United States [doubled between 1973 and 1979](#), and peaked in 1990. There was a slow but steady decline through the 1990's. Overall, the number of annual abortions decreased by 6% between 2000 and 2009, with temporary spikes in 2002 and 2006 (CDC).
- From 2011 to 2012, the total number and ratio of reported abortions decreased by 4% (CDC).
- In 2011, 17% of legal induced abortions occurred in [California](#) (AGI).
- The US abortion rate is similar to those of Australia, New Zealand, and Sweden but higher than those of other Western European countries (NAF).
- In 2005, the abortion rate in the United States was higher than recent rates reported for [Canada](#) and Western European countries and lower than rates reported for China, Cuba, the majority of Eastern European countries, and certain Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union (CDC).

WHO HAS ABORTIONS?

- In 2012, unmarried women accounted for 85.3% of all abortions (CDC).
- Women living with a partner to whom they are not married account for 25% of abortions but only about 10% of women in the population (NAF).
- In 2012, women who had not aborted in the past accounted for 55.7% of all abortions; women with one or two prior abortions accounted for 35.6%, and women with three or more prior abortions accounted for 8.6% (CDC).
- Among women who obtained abortions in 2012, 40.3% had no prior live births; 45.8% had one or two prior live births, and 14.0% had three or more prior live births (CDC).
- Women between the ages of 20-24 obtained 32.8% of all abortions in 2012; women between 25-29 obtained 25.4% (CDC).
- In 2012, adolescents under 15 years obtained .04% of all abortions, but had the highest abortion ratio: 817 abortions for every 1,000 live births (CDC).
- Black women were [3.6 times more likely](#) to have an abortion in 2012 than non-Hispanic white women (CDC).
- The abortion rate of non-metropolitan women is about half that of women who live in metropolitan counties (NAF).
- The abortion rate of women with Medicaid coverage is three times as high as that of other women (NAF).
- 37% of women obtaining abortions identify themselves as Protestant, and 28% identify themselves as Catholic (AGI).

WHY DO ABORTIONS OCCUR?

- On average, women give at least **3 reasons for choosing abortion**: 3/4 say that having a baby would interfere with work, school or other responsibilities; about 3/4 say they cannot afford a child; and 1/2 say they do not want to be a single parent or are having problems with their husband or partner (AGI).
- Only 12% of women included a physical problem with their health among reasons for having an abortion (NAF).
- One per cent (of aborting women) reported that they were the survivors of rape (NAF).



All figures are based on cumulative statistics provided
by the U.S. Center for Disease Control National
Vital Statistics Reports

There were 4,801 abortions performed on Mississippi residents in the year 2014. Of that amount 3,642 of the abortions were performed on women who are non-white according to the Mississippi Department of Health. That means 76% of the abortions in our state are being performed on non-white (African American) women. You can check out the Vital Statistics for the state of Mississippi at [Mississippi Statistically Automated Health Resource System \(MSTAHRS\)](#).