

Legal Induced Abortion Reporting in the United States



Why is legal abortion reporting important?

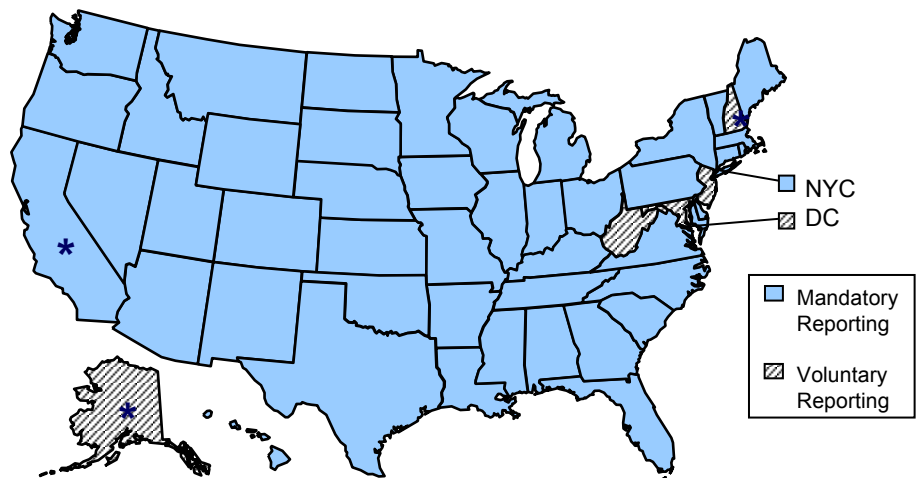
Legal induced abortion data are used to

- Identify women at high risk for unintended pregnancy.
- Monitor trends in the number, rate, and ratio of abortion, types of procedures used, and gestational age (in weeks) when abortions are performed.
- Calculate pregnancy rates (in conjunction with births and fetal deaths).
- Evaluate the effectiveness of family planning programs and programs to prevent unintended pregnancy.

Reporting issues

- 47 states, New York City, and the District of Columbia collect data on legal induced abortions.
- 45 reporting areas collect legal induced abortion data as required by state statute/regulation or law.
- Every hospital, Medicare facility, or licensed clinician in required areas must report each legal induced abortion performed to the central department of health by means of a standardized form for that reporting area.
- The time period for filing reports after legal induced abortion varies widely by state.

Abortion Reporting, by Reporting Area and Type of Reporting—United States, 2003



* Currently this state does not collect data on legal induced abortion.

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	Reporting form includes medical (non-surgical) procedures	Time for reporting	Contact state office for more info		Reporting form includes medical (non-surgical) procedures	Time for reporting	Contact state office for more info
Alabama *		10 days after end of month	(334) 206-5426	Montana *		30 days after end of month	(406) 444-5249
Alaska ‡	Y	30 days after procedure	(907) 465-8606	Nebraska *	Y	15 days after end of month	(402) 471-0355
Arizona †		Monthly	(602) 542-1025	Nevada *		No time for reporting specified	(775) 684-4155
Arkansas *		5 days after procedure	(501) 661-2371	New Hampshire ¶	Y	Voluntary reporting	(603) 271-4655
California ‡	NA	Does not collect data	(916) 323-2662	New Jersey **	Y	Voluntary reporting	(609) 984-6702
Colorado §		5 days after procedure	(303) 692-2160	New Mexico *	Y	5 days after procedure	(505) 827-0121
Connecticut *		7 days after procedure	(860) 509-7895	New York †	Y	72 hours after procedure	(518) 474-8373
Delaware *	Y	30 days after end of month	(302) 744-4549	New York City *	Y	5 days after procedure	(212) 788-4499
Dist. of Columbia	Y	Voluntary reporting	(202) 442-9000	North Carolina *	Y	30 days after patients discharge	(919) 733-9374
Florida *		30 days following preceding month	(904) 359-6900	North Dakota *	Y	30 days after procedure	(701) 328-3037
Georgia *		10 days after procedure	(404) 679-4702	Ohio *	Y	15 days after discharge ††	(614) 466-2533
Hawaii †		1 month after procedure	(808) 586-4600	Oklahoma *		30 days after procedure	(405) 271-3952
Idaho *	Y	15 days after end of month	(208) 334-5976	Oregon *	Y	30 days after procedure	(503) 731-4412
Illinois *		10 days after end of month	(217) 782-6554	Pennsylvania *	Y	15 days after end of month	(717) 783-2548
Indiana *	Y	Twice a year	(317) 233-7400	Rhode Island †	Y	7 days after procedure	(401) 222-2550
Iowa *		30 days after procedure	(515) 281-5002	South Carolina *	Y	7 days after procedure	(803) 898-3324
Kansas *	Y	Annually	(785) 296-8629	South Dakota *	Y	by Jan. 15 for previous year	(605) 773-3361
Kentucky *	Y	15 days after end of month	(502) 564-4212	Tennessee *		10 days after procedure	(615) 741-5452
Louisiana *		15 days after procedure	(504) 568-8353	Texas *	Y	by Jan. 31 for previous year	(512) 458-7111
Maine *	Y	10 days after end of month	(207) 287-3657	Utah *	Y	10 days after procedure	(801) 538-6385
Maryland		Voluntary reporting	(410) 767-6500	Vermont *	Y	7 days after procedure	(802) 863-7278
Massachusetts *	Y	30 days after procedure	(617) 740-2629	Virginia †	Y	3 days after procedure	(804) 662-6200
Michigan *	Y	7 days after procedure	(517) 335-8685	Washington *	Y	Monthly for previous month	(360) 236-4010
Minnesota *	Y	by April 1 for previous year	(612) 676-5711	West Virginia **	Y	Voluntary reporting	(304) 558-9109
Mississippi *	Y	5 days after procedure	(601) 576-7960	Wisconsin *	Y	by Jan. 15 for previous year	(608) 267-7814
Missouri *	Y	45 days after procedure	(573) 751-6381	Wyoming *	Y	20 days after procedure	(307) 777-7264

Note: State abortion reporting statutes are subject to modification or change at any time; therefore, it is important to verify state reporting requirements with the state's office of vital statistics.

* Induced termination of pregnancy reporting is specifically required by state statute or regulation.

† Reporting is done in accordance with the state's fetal death reporting statute or regulation.

‡ Currently this state does not collect data on induced termination of pregnancy.

§ State collects abortion data in accordance with its death certification statutory law.

¶ A law is not currently in place for collection of data.

** A broad health statute provides legal authority for abortion data collection.

†† Reporting requirements refer to reporting by hospitals.

NA Not available

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