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2012 ABORTION STATISTICS

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In 2012, there were 34,536 abortions performed in Pennsylvania. The 2012 figure is a 47.5 percent decrease from the 1980 total of 65,777 (the highest annual number ever recorded). The 2012 figure represents a decrease of 1,744 or 4.8 percent from the 36,280 that occurred in 2011. The lowest annual number of abortions occurred in 1999 (34,494).

Nearly all abortions in 2012 (32,075 or 92.9 percent) were performed in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy (first trimester).

Over 51 percent (17,754) of all abortions performed in Pennsylvania were to white women and 14,291 or 41.5 percent were to black or African American women. Abortions to women of Hispanic origin (regardless of race) accounted for 2,898 or 8.4 percent of all abortions in 2012.

Almost 89 percent or 30,702 of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2012 were to unmarried women.

Patients age 19 and under accounted for 13.3 percent or 4,577 of the 2012 abortions performed in Pennsylvania. Females age 17 and under accounted for 4.2 percent or 1,438 of the 2012 abortions. The 2011 percentage for females age 19 and under was 14.3 and for females age 17 and under was 4.8. As in previous years, the largest single age group was 20-24, accounting for 12,098 or 35.0 percent of all 2012 abortions.

Of all the abortions that occurred in 2012 in Pennsylvania, 33,166 or 96.0 percent were performed on residents. The 2011 figure was similar at 95.0 percent. Residents of other states, territories and other countries accounted for 1,370 abortions in 2012, compared to 1,821 in 2011.

Of the abortion patients who resided in Pennsylvania, 13,659 or 41.2 percent were residents of Philadelphia. Other counties with a large number of resident abortions included Allegheny, 3,643; Delaware, 1,815; Montgomery, 1,642; and Berks, 1,594. Of all 67 Pennsylvania counties, 41 counties (61.2 percent) showed a decrease in the number of resident abortions performed in 2012 compared to 2011.

Of the abortions performed in 2012 in Pennsylvania, 80.3 percent occurred in three counties -- Allegheny, Lehigh and Philadelphia.

In 2012 there were 146 reports of complications from abortions which were submitted by physicians, representing 33.9 percent more than the 109 reported in 2011. Over 79 percent of the complications in 2012 were related to retained products of conception, 11.0 percent to bleeding and 3.4 percent to infection.

Notes: The source for the number of abortions reported in Pennsylvania in 2012 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 2012

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania by Age of Woman

Age (Years)	Number
12 or Under	7
13	29
14	109
15	274
16	402
17	617
18	1,293
19	1,846
20 - 24	12,098
25 - 29	8,756
30 - 34	5,161
35 - 39	2,801
40 - 44	1,066
45 or Older	76
Unknown	1
Total	34,536

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania by Weeks of Gestation

Weeks of Gestation	Number
8 or Less	21,657
9 - 10	5,653
11 - 12	2,984
13 - 14	1,781
15 - 17	1,448
18 - 20	705
21 - 23	308
24 or More	0
Total	34,536

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania by Race of Woman January-December 2012

Race of Woman	Number
White	17,754
Black or African American	14,291
All Other Races	2,372
Unknown	119
Total	34,536

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania by Hispanic Origin of Woman January-December 2012

Hispanic Origin	Number
Hispanic	2,898
Non-Hispanic	31,526
Unknown	112
Total	34,536

Note: Hispanic origin can be of any race.

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure January-December 2012

Primary Abortion Procedure	Number
Suction Curettage	22,728
Sharp Curettage	1
Dilation and Evacuation	2,882
Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)	6
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	2
Medical (Nonsurgical)	8,910
Other	7
Total	34,536

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania by Marital Status of Woman January-December 2012

Marital Status	Number
Married	3,829
Unmarried	30,702
Unknown	5
Total	34,536

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Age of Woman
January-December 2012

Residence	All Ages	Under 15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Unknown
					Age of Woman (In Years)					
Total Pennsylvania	33,166	140	1,265	3,009	11,603	8,464	4,925	2,669	1,090	1
Adams	79	0	1	14	28	17	11	8	0	0
Allegheny	3,643	25	164	301	1,226	952	532	311	132	0
Armstrong	57	1	4	2	22	9	9	8	2	0
Beaver	296	1	13	38	102	66	38	30	8	0
Bedford	12	0	0	2	2	6	1	1	0	0
Berks	1,594	9	47	176	587	395	205	125	50	0
Blair	86	0	1	13	38	11	17	3	3	0
Bradford	12	0	0	0	3	5	3	1	0	0
Bucks	1,065	1	32	96	354	246	167	109	60	0
Butler	178	0	7	13	63	45	19	20	11	0
Cambria	114	0	9	12	38	29	14	6	6	0
Cameron	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Carbon	98	0	2	16	29	20	14	15	2	0
Centre	144	1	2	13	68	33	14	7	6	0
Chester	1,030	5	40	83	373	249	147	83	50	0
Clarion	34	2	0	4	11	10	2	5	0	0
Clearfield	47	0	5	8	18	9	4	3	0	0
Clinton	39	0	1	2	12	11	8	5	0	0
Columbia	59	0	1	4	22	16	7	7	2	0
Crawford	57	0	3	3	23	14	7	5	2	0
Cumberland	308	0	4	24	105	82	56	26	11	0
Dauphin	667	0	15	67	211	169	120	63	22	0
Delaware	1,815	7	81	160	644	452	274	139	58	0
Elk	37	0	2	2	18	13	1	0	1	0
Erie	226	0	6	13	101	66	23	11	6	0
Fayette	191	2	8	27	52	46	29	17	10	0
Forest	5	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Franklin	22	0	0	2	9	9	2	0	0	0
Fulton	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	37	0	1	1	9	11	4	7	4	0
Huntingdon	25	0	0	2	6	9	5	3	0	0
Indiana	102	1	2	9	44	20	16	6	4	0
Jefferson	46	0	3	3	18	13	6	2	1	0
Juniata	9	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	0
Lackawanna	204	0	7	15	73	50	28	21	10	0
Lancaster	560	0	18	42	219	136	79	49	17	0
Lawrence	121	1	5	4	44	37	13	13	4	0
Lebanon	165	0	5	6	68	38	29	16	3	0
Lehigh	1,098	8	42	105	392	271	169	83	28	0
Luzerne	405	0	11	32	143	124	55	23	17	0

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Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Age of Woman
January-December 2012

		Age of Woman (In Years)								
Residence	All Ages	Under 15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Unknown
Lycoming	142	0	6	12	47	33	18	19	7	0
McKean	12	0	0	2	4	4	2	0	0	0
Mercer	104	0	4	8	39	27	9	14	3	0
Mifflin	31	0	1	3	12	9	1	4	1	0
Monroe	280	1	11	28	107	55	38	23	17	0
Montgomery	1,642	2	65	147	487	417	288	157	79	0
Montour	14	0	0	1	4	2	3	2	2	0
Northampton	602	2	21	52	195	161	97	51	23	0
Northumberland	90	1	4	8	25	30	11	7	4	0
Perry	41	0	0	3	18	7	7	2	4	0
Philadelphia	13,659	62	543	1,228	4,854	3,537	2,061	1,009	364	1
Pike	47	3	1	5	22	9	5	2	0	0
Potter	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	171	0	7	17	49	45	30	16	7	0
Snyder	15	0	1	2	5	4	2	1	0	0
Somerset	53	0	6	9	20	9	6	2	1	0
Sullivan	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Susquehanna	9	0	1	2	1	3	0	2	0	0
Tioga	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Union	29	0	0	4	15	7	0	3	0	0
Venango	41	1	1	7	14	10	5	3	0	0
Warren	15	0	1	1	4	6	0	3	0	0
Washington	301	3	12	21	103	83	45	20	14	0
Wayne	33	0	1	4	9	12	3	3	1	0
Westmoreland	485	0	20	45	153	135	74	45	13	0
Wyoming	18	0	1	0	4	5	6	1	1	0
York	629	1	16	80	224	158	83	49	18	0
Unknown	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other States/Countries										
Delaware	205	1	5	19	80	40	33	19	8	0
Maryland	40	1	1	3	15	7	6	6	1	0
New Jersey	390	1	3	42	134	89	64	40	17	0
New York	16	0	0	2	10	2	1	0	1	0
Ohio	307	2	13	26	97	66	65	26	12	0
West Virginia	330	0	6	32	126	66	55	34	11	0
Other States/Territories	78	0	0	6	32	19	12	7	2	0
Other Countries	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,370	5	28	130	495	292	236	132	52	0
Total All Abortions	34,536	145	1,293	3,139	12,098	8,756	5,161	2,801	1,142	1

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by County of Procedure
January-December 2012

County	Number	County	Number
Adams	-	Lackawanna	-
Allegheny	6,909	Lancaster	-
Armstrong	-	Lawrence	-
Beaver	-	Lebanon	-
Bedford	-	Lehigh	4,401
Berks	903	Luzerne	-
Blair	-	Lycoming	-
Bradford	-	McKean	-
Bucks	920	Mercer	-
Butler	-	Mifflin	-
Cambria	-	Monroe	-
Cameron	-	Montgomery	681
Carbon	-	Montour	8
Centre	-	Northampton	-
Chester	1,069	Northumberland	-
Clarion	-	Perry	-
Clearfield	-	Philadelphia	16,413
Clinton	-	Pike	-
Columbia	-	Potter	-
Crawford	-	Schuylkill	-
Cumberland	-	Snyder	-
Dauphin	1,794	Somerset	-
Delaware	675	Sullivan	-
Elk	-	Susquehanna	-
Erie	-	Tioga	-
Fayette	-	Union	-
Forest	-	Venango	-
Franklin	-	Warren	-
Fulton	-	Washington	-
Greene	-	Wayne	-
Huntingdon	-	Westmoreland	-
Indiana	-	Wyoming	-
Jefferson	-	York	763
Juniata	-		
		Total	34,536

INDUCED ABORTIONS: REPORT OF COMPLICATIONS
January-December 2012

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	17	2	11	1	3
20 - 24	43	1	36	3	3
25 - 29	41	0	37	3	1
30 - 34	26	2	19	3	2
35 - 39	15	0	10	5	0
40+	4	0	3	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	146	5	116	16	9

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY WEEKS OF GESTATION

WEEKS OF GESTATION					
8 or Less	92	2	83	5	2
9 - 10	18	2	11	3	2
11 - 12	11	0	9	2	0
13 - 14	5	0	3	2	0
15 - 17	8	1	5	0	2
18 - 20	2	0	0	1	1
21 - 23	1	0	0	0	1
24+	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	9	0	5	3	1
TOTAL	146	5	116	16	9

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY TERMINATION PROCEDURE USED

PROCEDURE					
Suction Curettage	51	1	46	3	1
Sharp Curettage	5	0	4	0	1
Dilation/Evacuation	19	3	10	4	2
Medical	51	1	46	3	1
Other	4	0	2	0	2
Unknown	16	0	8	6	2
TOTAL	146	5	116	16	9

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 clinical estimate.

Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania
by Age of Woman and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2012

		Weeks of Gestation							
Age (Years)	Total	8 or Less	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-17	18-20	21-23	24 or More
Under 15	145	61	23	21	16	14	10	0	0
15 - 17	1,293	586	268	153	105	107	53	21	0
18 - 19	3,139	1,723	586	350	202	155	95	28	0
20 - 24	12,098	7,425	2,088	1,097	660	509	233	86	0
25 - 29	8,756	5,696	1,397	688	388	351	151	85	0
30 - 34	5,161	3,490	752	386	230	177	87	39	0
35 - 39	2,801	1,862	395	223	136	101	50	34	0
40+	1,142	813	144	66	44	34	26	15	0
Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34,536	21,657	5,653	2,984	1,781	1,448	705	308	0

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Primary Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2012

		Weeks of Gestation							
Primary Procedure	Total	8 or Less	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-17	18-20	21-23	24 or More
Suction Curettage	22,728	12,073	4,800	2,669	1,523	1,136	431	96	0
Sharp Curettage	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dilation and Evacuation	2,882	1,103	522	289	247	296	255	170	0
Intra-Uterine Instillation-Saline or Prostaglandin	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	8,910	8,479	330	23	10	13	18	37	0
Other	7	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	0
Total	34,536	21,657	5,653	2,984	1,781	1,448	705	308	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2012

					Weeks of Gestation				
Residence	Total	8 or Less	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-17	18-20	21-23	24 or More
Total Pennsylvania	33,166	20,878	5,438	2,846	1,696	1,370	653	285	0
Adams	79	42	18	11	6	0	1	1	0
Allegheny	3,643	2,088	713	342	180	151	84	85	0
Armstrong	57	27	19	6	2	2	1	0	0
Beaver	296	158	66	28	17	12	8	7	0
Bedford	12	6	2	2	0	0	0	2	0
Berks	1,594	1,110	261	143	43	21	11	5	0
Blair	86	53	15	8	8	1	0	1	0
Bradford	12	7	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Bucks	1,065	779	127	74	33	23	22	7	0
Butler	178	101	44	11	8	6	3	5	0
Cambria	114	57	20	16	5	8	3	5	0
Cameron	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon	98	68	11	7	5	5	1	1	0
Centre	144	100	21	15	1	7	0	0	0
Chester	1,030	757	131	66	37	26	10	3	0
Clarion	34	20	7	5	1	0	0	1	0
Clearfield	47	30	7	2	3	2	1	2	0
Clinton	39	25	4	7	1	2	0	0	0
Columbia	59	40	7	5	5	2	0	0	0
Crawford	57	30	9	8	4	4	0	2	0
Cumberland	308	212	47	25	12	8	2	2	0
Dauphin	667	451	95	57	43	14	6	1	0
Delaware	1,815	1,113	328	186	93	57	30	8	0
Elk	37	19	6	3	5	3	0	1	0
Erie	226	122	56	26	8	12	1	1	0
Fayette	191	112	33	18	8	10	8	2	0
Forest	5	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Franklin	22	13	6	1	1	0	1	0	0
Fulton	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Greene	37	19	9	2	4	2	1	0	0
Huntingdon	25	16	4	2	0	1	0	2	0
Indiana	102	65	23	7	2	3	0	2	0
Jefferson	46	31	5	3	2	3	1	1	0
Juniata	9	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Lackawanna	204	136	26	13	15	12	2	0	0
Lancaster	560	389	75	47	26	17	5	1	0
Lawrence	121	71	16	14	6	9	1	4	0
Lebanon	165	110	26	13	8	4	3	1	0
Lehigh	1,098	729	168	102	38	43	14	4	0
Luzerne	405	276	56	25	25	15	4	4	0

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Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2012

			Weeks of Gestation						
Residence	Total	8 or Less	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-17	18-20	21-23	24 or More
Lycoming	142	97	15	15	7	5	2	1	0
McKean	12	4	1	2	1	0	2	2	0
Mercer	104	66	11	11	8	3	3	2	0
Mifflin	31	23	2	0	4	1	1	0	0
Monroe	280	179	50	22	14	9	4	2	0
Montgomery	1,642	1,186	208	100	60	53	25	10	0
Montour	14	12	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Northampton	602	414	76	39	31	39	3	0	0
Northumberland	90	56	13	13	4	2	2	0	0
Perry	41	32	4	4	0	1	0	0	0
Philadelphia	13,659	8,334	2,225	1,163	799	693	359	86	0
Pike	47	24	13	4	1	4	1	0	0
Potter	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	171	113	24	12	8	12	2	0	0
Snyder	15	12	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Somerset	53	28	10	5	4	2	3	1	0
Sullivan	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Susquehanna	9	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Tioga	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Union	29	16	6	5	2	0	0	0	0
Venango	41	23	7	5	2	1	1	2	0
Warren	15	10	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	301	180	54	18	22	16	5	6	0
Wayne	33	19	4	2	3	2	1	2	0
Westmoreland	485	275	103	43	21	26	11	6	0
Wyoming	18	13	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
York	629	358	138	76	42	9	2	4	0
Unknown	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other States/Countries									
Delaware	205	115	18	18	14	19	19	2	0
Maryland	40	19	12	4	4	0	0	1	0
New Jersey	390	223	56	31	30	29	15	6	0
New York	16	10	2	0	1	0	2	1	0
Ohio	307	166	52	50	15	13	5	6	0
West Virginia	330	199	61	31	15	14	6	4	0
Other States/Territories	78	44	14	4	5	3	5	3	0
Other Countries	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,370	779	215	138	85	78	52	23	0
Total All Abortions	34,536	21,657	5,653	2,984	1,781	1,448	705	308	0

Note: Weeks of gestation are based on clinical estimate.

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Number of Previous Live Births and Percentage Distribution
January-December 2012

Live Births	Number	Percent
Zero	14,174	41.0
One	9,340	27.0
Two	6,507	18.8
Three	2,865	8.3
Four or More	1,650	4.8
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	34,536	100.0

Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Number of Previous Induced Abortions and Percentage Distribution
January-December 2012

Induced Abortions	Number	Percent
Zero	18,603	53.9
One	8,647	25.0
Two	4,107	11.9
Three	1,787	5.2
Four or More	1,392	4.0
Unknown	0	0.0
Total	34,536	100.0

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

Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania
by Number of Medical Complications of Pregnancy
January-December 2012

Medical Complication	Number
Pre-existing Medical Conditions Which Would Complicate Pregnancy	264
Complication Resulting From Termination	11