



Abortions in Kansas, 2022

Preliminary Report

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Dear Interested Party:

State law requires that physicians and hospitals report medical care that results in an early termination of pregnancy via abortion to KDHE. The Woman's Right-to-Know Act requires physicians who perform medical abortion care to provide informed-consent information to all women 24 hours before any such procedure and to certify to KDHE the number of informed consent packets provided annually. This report is an analysis of the data collected by the KDHE Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics.

In-state collection of reports of care provided in 2022 is complete, with physicians reporting a total of 12,317 instances of medical abortion care occurring in the state. Medical abortion care for in-state residents was slightly less likely to be provided than in 2021, with 3,912 reported to 3,843 reported, respectively.

Contact Public Health Informatics staff at KDHE.HealthStatistics@ks.gov for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Haug".

Kay Haug, State Registrar & Director
Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics

**Selected Induced Abortion Statistics
Kansas, 2022**

Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
Total [†] induced abortions reported	12,318	100
Out-of-state occurrence abortions	1	
In-state occurrence abortions	12,317	
Total [‡] physician certifications reported	12,318	100
<u>Residence [¶] of Patient:</u>		
In-state resident total	3,843	31.2
In-state resident occurrence	3,842	
Out-of-state occurrence	1	
Out-of-state resident total	8,475	68.8
Total Reported	12,318	100
<u>Age Group of Patient:</u>		
Under 14 years	10	0.1
14 years	25	0.2
15 years	60	0.5
16-17 years	205	1.7
18-19 years	894	7.3
20-24 years	3,908	31.7
25-29 years	3,322	27.0
30-34 years	2,233	18.1
35-39 years	1,278	10.4
40-44 years	354	2.9
45 years and over	29	0.2
n.s.*	0	0.0
Total Reported	12,318	100
<u>Population Group of Patient:</u>		
White Non-Hispanic	4,568	37.1
Black Non-Hispanic	3,016	24.5
Native American Non-Hispanic	222	1.8
Asian/Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	436	3.5
Other Non-Hispanic [#]	495	4.0
Hispanic Any Race	3,461	28.1
n.s.*	120	1.0
Total Reported	12,318	100

* n.s. = Not stated.

[†]Total reported, includes 1 Kansas resident abortion that occurred out of state.

This total is subject to change as other states submit information on Kansas resident abortions in their state.

[‡] Kansas occurrence data

[¶] For further explanation, see Technical Notes in the [Annual Summary of Vital Statistics, 2021](#).

[#] Includes selection of two or more races or other non-specified race.

**Selected Induced Abortion Statistics
Kansas, 2022**

Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Marital Status of Patient:</u>		
Married	1,746	14.2
Unmarried	10,234	83.1
n.s.*	338	2.7
Total Reported	12,318	100
<u>Weeks Gestation:</u>		
Less than 9 weeks	7,342	59.6
9-12 weeks	3,538	28.7
13-16 weeks	982	8.0
17-21 weeks	455	3.7
22 weeks & over	1	0.0
n.s.*	0	0.0
Total Reported	12,318	100
<u>Method of Abortion:</u>		
Suction curettage	4,212	34.2
Sharp curettage	2	0.0
Dilation & Evacuation	616	5.0
Medical Procedure I (Mifepristone)	7,339	59.6
Medical Procedure II (Methotrexate)	3	0.0
Intra-uterine prostaglandin instillation	0	0.0
Hysterotomy	0	0.0
Hysterectomy	0	0.0
Digoxin/Induction	146	1.2
Partial Birth Procedure †	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0
n.s.*	0	0.0
Total Reported	12,318	100
<u>Reason for Determining Gestational Age (method)</u>		
Ultrasound	9,133	74.1
Ultrasound and last menstrual period	1	0.0
Sonogram	3,154	25.6
Date of last menstrual period	10	0.1
None	1	0.0
Unknown	19	0.2
Total Reported	12,318	100
<u>Report of Physical, Mental, or Emotional Abuse or Neglect Filed</u>		
No	12,242	99.4
Yes	76	0.6
n.s.*	0	0.0
Total Reported	12,318	100

* n.s. = Not stated.

† No Partial Birth procedures have been reported in Kansas since October 1999.

**Selected Induced Abortion Statistics
Kansas, 2022**

Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Number of Previous Pregnancies:</u>		
None	3,728	30.3
One	2,402	19.5
Two	2,183	17.7
Three	1,633	13.3
Four	1,070	8.7
Five	587	4.8
Six	332	2.7
Seven or more	382	3.1
n.s.*	1	0.0
Total Reported	12,318	100
<u>Number of Living Children:</u>		
None	5,055	41.0
One	2,883	23.4
Two	2,400	19.5
Three	1,209	9.8
Four	480	3.9
Five or more	291	2.4
n.s.*	0	0.0
Total Reported	12,318	100
<u>Number of Previous Spontaneous Terminations:</u>		
None	9,957	80.8
One	1,757	14.3
Two	408	3.3
Three	116	0.9
Four or more	80	0.6
n.s.*	0	0.0
Total Reported	12,318	100
<u>Number of Previous Induced Abortions:</u>		
None	8,482	68.9
One	2,620	21.3
Two	810	6.6
Three	265	2.2
Four or more	140	1.1
n.s.*	1	0.0
Total Reported	12,318	100

* n.s. = Not stated.

**Reported Abortions by Year by Place of Patient Residence
Kansas, 1981-2022**

Year	Total	Out of State Residents	Kansas Residents	n.s.*
1981	10,448	4,150	6,291	7
1982	9,976	3,823	6,153	0
1983	8,547	3,218	5,329	0
1984	8,008	2,689	5,319	0
1985	7,092	2,447	4,645	0
1986	6,561	2,316	4,245	0
1987	6,409	2,357	4,052	0
1988	7,930	3,161	4,769	0
1989 [†]	8,984	3,270	4,149	1,565 §
1990 [†]	9,459	3,341	4,175	1,943 §
1991 [†]	10,141	4,071	6,070	0
1992 [†]	11,135	4,904	6,231	0
1993	11,247	4,853	6,394	0
1994	10,847	4,245	6,596	6
1995 [‡]	11,149	4,562	6,566	21
1996	11,181	4,367	6,806	8
1997	11,507	4,973	6,532	2
1998	11,624	5,184	6,440	0
1999	12,445	6,029	6,416	0
2000	12,327	5,971	6,356	0
2001	12,422	6,003	6,419	0
2002	11,844	5,546	6,298	0
2003	11,697	5,534	6,163	0
2004	11,446	5,475	5,971	0
2005	10,543	4,914	5,629	0
2006	11,271	5,385	5,886	0
2007	10,841	5,162	5,679	0
2008	10,643	5,131	5,512	0
2009	9,474	4,693	4,780	1
2010	8,373	4,150	4,223	0
2011	7,885	3,939	3,946	0
2012	7,598	3,796	3,802	0
2013	7,485	3,722	3,763	0
2014	7,294	3,578	3,716	0
2015	6,974	3,395	3,579	0
2016	6,820	3,381	3,439	0
2017	6,826	3,376	3,450	0
2018	7,048	3,498	3,550	0
2019	6,916	3,373	3,543	0
2020	7,546	3,901	3,645	0
2021	7,849	3,912	3,937	0
2022 [¶]	12,318	8,475	3,843	0

* n.s.= Not stated

† The increase in the 1989-1992 figures may not reflect an increase in the number of abortions being performed but rather an increase in the number of providers voluntarily reporting data

‡ As of July 1, 1995, reporting became mandatory for every medical care facility and every person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

§ Residency data was not available for all abortions in 1989-1990. However, due to improved reporting, residency was obtained for most of the abortions reported in subsequent years.

¶ 2022 numbers are preliminary: 1981-2021 numbers are final.

Induced Abortions by County of Patient Residence

Kansas, 2022

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Kansas Residents	3,843				
Allen	9	Greeley	0	Osborne	0
Anderson	2	Greenwood	1	Ottawa	2
Atchison	10	Hamilton	0	Pawnee	1
Barber	3	Harper	7	Phillips	0
Barton	26	Harvey	20	Pottawatomie	9
Bourbon	15	Haskell	2	Pratt	9
Brown	6	Hodgeman	3	Rawlins	0
Butler	50	Jackson	12	Reno	51
Chase	0	Jefferson	12	Republic	1
Chautauqua	2	Jewell	0	Rice	6
Cherokee	13	Johnson	842	Riley	82
Cheyenne	0	Kearny	0	Rooks	0
Clark	0	Kingman	4	Rush	4
Clay	8	Kiowa	0	Russell	3
Cloud	7	Labette	7	Saline	53
Coffey	6	Lane	1	Scott	3
Comanche	0	Leavenworth	86	Sedgwick	1,013
Cowley	29	Lincoln	0	Seward	29
Crawford	28	Linn	4	Shawnee	262
Decatur	0	Logan	0	Sheridan	0
Dickinson	9	Lyon	43	Sherman	0
Doniphan	7	McPherson	26	Smith	3
Douglas	172	Marion	6	Stafford	4
Edwards	2	Marshall	1	Stanton	1
Elk	1	Meade	3	Stevens	4
Ellis	19	Miami	33	Sumner	20
Ellsworth	3	Mitchell	0	Thomas	0
Finney	35	Montgomery	18	Trego	0
Ford	39	Morris	4	Wabaunsee	1
Franklin	22	Morton	1	Wallace	0
Geary	89	Nemaha	1	Washington	1
Gove	1	Neosho	12	Wichita	0
Graham	1	Ness	1	Wilson	8
Grant	2	Norton	0	Woodson	3
Gray	2	Osage	12	Wyandotte	485
				n.s.*	5

*n.s.= Not stated

**Induced Abortions in Kansas by State of Patient Residence
Under 18 Years of Age and Kansas, 2022**

State	Under 18	Total	State	Under 18	Total
Kansas Residents	129	3,842			
Out-of-state residents	171	8,475			
Alabama	0	1	New Mexico	0	0
Alaska	0	1	New York	0	2
Arizona	0	5	North Carolina	0	3
Arkansas	11	405	North Dakota	0	0
California	0	6	Ohio	0	1
Colorado	0	3	Oklahoma	56	2,026
Connecticut	0	0	Oregon	0	1
Delaware	0	0	Pennsylvania	0	1
District of Columbia	0	0	Rhode Island	0	0
Florida	0	8	South Carolina	0	0
Georgia	0	2	South Dakota	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	Tennessee	0	10
Idaho	0	0	Texas	50	2,978
Illinois	0	4	Utah	0	0
Indiana	0	0	Vermont	0	0
Iowa	0	4	Virgin Islands	0	0
Kansas	129	3842	Virginia	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	Washington	0	1
Louisiana	3	88	West Virginia	0	0
Maine	0	0	Wisconsin	0	0
Maryland	0	0	Wyoming	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	Puerto Rico	0	0
Michigan	0	0	Other Out of Country	0	9
Minnesota	0	2	n.s.*	0	8
Mississippi	0	10			
Missouri	50	2,883			
Montana	0	0			
Nebraska	1	12			
Nevada	0	1			
New Hampshire	0	0			
New Jersey	0	0			

* n.s. = Not Stated

Abortions Reported at 22 Weeks or More Gestation

Physicians in Kansas reporting abortions at 22 weeks or more are required to fill out the questions located on the back of the VS-213 form. This information is not available on late term abortions to Kansas residents performed in other states.

In 2022, there was one Kansas abortion occurrence at 22 weeks gestation.

16a) What was the reason why the abortion was necessary? *

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Preserve the life of the pregnant woman	0	0	0
Prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function	0	1	1
		0	0
Not Stated	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1

16b) Provide the medical basis, including specific medical diagnoses and diagnosis codes of the pregnant woman.

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Pregnancy had agonal fetal cardiac activity not compatible with life and no fetal movement. DXO07.30 failed attempted termination of pregnancy with unspecified complications.	0	1	1
Not Stated	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1

17a) Was the unborn child viable?

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Yes	0	0	0
No	0	1	1
Not Stated	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1

17b) Provide the medical basis, including specific medical diagnoses and diagnosis codes and the reasons for the determination of the viability/non-viability of the unborn child.

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Continuation of pregnancy during late stages of fetal demise can result in medical emergency if left untreated. Substantial physical and irreversible impairment/death would result if left untreated as infection/hemorrhage likely. DX CODE - O07.30	0	1	1
Not Stated	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1

Abortions Reported Involving Partial Birth Procedures

18) Provide the medical basis, including specific medical diagnoses and diagnosis codes and the reasons for the determination that a partial-birth procedure was necessary to save the life of the mother whose life is in danger by a physical disorder, physical illness or personal injury, including a life endangering physical condition, caused by the pregnancy itself.

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

All Reported Data

Appendices

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INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY
PHYSICIAN'S REPORT ON NUMBER OF CERTIFICATIONS RECEIVED

PHYSICIAN IDENTIFICATION CODE: _____

DATE REPORTED:

Month Day Year

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: (Month Received from Patient)

JANUARY	<input type="text"/>	MAY	<input type="text"/>	SEPTEMBER	<input type="text"/>
FEBRUARY	<input type="text"/>	JUNE	<input type="text"/>	OCTOBER	<input type="text"/>
MARCH	<input type="text"/>	JULY	<input type="text"/>	NOVEMBER	<input type="text"/>
APRIL	<input type="text"/>	AUGUST	<input type="text"/>	DECEMBER	<input type="text"/>

INSTRUCTIONS:

PHYSICIAN IDENTIFICATION CODE: Enter Physician Identification Code for PHYSICIAN'S REPORT ON NUMBER OF CERTIFICATIONS RECEIVED as assigned by KDHE. If the facility has only one physician, the code is the same as the Provider Identification number assigned by KDHE for abortion reporting on VS-213 form. If the facility has more than one physician, each physician must have a unique identification code. Use a unique assigned letter provided by KDHE and include the letter after the provider/physician number in this report. If you are uncertain about your Physician Identification Code or you do not have one, please contact the Vital and Health Statistics Data Analysis Section at the number listed above.

DATE REPORTED: Please put in a two-digit number for the month (01-12), a two digit number for the day (01-31) and the four digit year (1999) in which the report is being completed.

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: Please put the number of certifications performed corresponding to the appropriate month.

ACCORDING TO KSA 65-6709 THIS FORM MUST BE FILED MONTHLY WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE.

Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy

State File Number

1. Provider Identification Number PROVIDER_ID			
2. Patient ID Number		3. Age on Last Birthday	
6a. Residence US State or Country		6b. County	
7a. Hispanic Origin <i>(Check the box or boxes that best describes whether the individual is Spanish, Hispanic, or Latina, or not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latina)</i>		7b. Ancestry <i>(Enter the name of the country that best describes the heritage or origin of the individual)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latina <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicana <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Central American <input type="checkbox"/> South American <input type="checkbox"/> Other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latina (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native Principal Tribe(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. Date Last Normal Menses Began		11. Clinical Estimate of Gestation (Weeks) *	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Month Day Year		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Weeks	
6c. City or Town		6d. Inside City Limits	
7c. Race		9. Education <i>(specify only highest grade completed)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Month Day Year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> 8th grade or less <input type="checkbox"/> 9th-12th grade no diploma <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate/GED <input type="checkbox"/> Some College - no degree <input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
12a. Now Living		12b. Now Dead	
12c. Previous Induced Abortions		12d. Spontaneous Terminations (Miscarriages, Fetal Deaths)	
13 TERMINATION PROCEDURES			
13a Procedure that terminated pregnancy <i>(Check only one)</i>		13b Additional procedures used for this termination, if any <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Suction Curettage <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp Curettage <input type="checkbox"/> Dilatation & Evacuation <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Procedure I (Mifepristone) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Procedure II (Methotrexate) <input type="checkbox"/> Intra-Uterine Prostaglandin Instillation <input type="checkbox"/> Hysterotomy <input type="checkbox"/> Hysterectomy <input type="checkbox"/> Digoxin/Induction <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Birth ** <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Suction Curettage <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp Curettage <input type="checkbox"/> Dilatation & Evacuation <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Procedure I (Mifepristone) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Procedure II (Methotrexate) <input type="checkbox"/> Intra-Uterine Prostaglandin Instillation <input type="checkbox"/> Hysterotomy <input type="checkbox"/> Hysterectomy <input type="checkbox"/> Digoxin/Induction <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Birth ** <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
14 Reasons for determining gestational age - describe methods used.			
15. Was report of physical, mental, or emotional abuse or neglect filed pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2223? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			

* If clinical estimate of gestational age is 22 weeks or more, complete reverse side of form.

** If Partial Birth Procedure as defined by KSA 65-6721 is used, complete reverse side of form.

If the clinical estimate of gestational age of the unborn child is 22 weeks or more, complete items 16 and 17.

16a If the clinical estimate of gestation age of the unborn child was 22 weeks or greater, indicate the reason why the abortion was necessary.

To preserve the life of the pregnant woman

Prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman

16b Provide medical basis including specific medical diagnoses and diagnosis codes of the pregnant woman.

17a Was the unborn child viable?

YES NO

17b Provide medical basis including specific medical diagnoses and diagnosis codes and the reasons for the determination of the viability/non-viability of the unborn child.

If a partial birth procedure was performed, complete item 18.

18. Provide the medical basis, including specific medical diagnoses and diagnosis codes, and reasons for the determination that a partial-birth procedure was necessary to save the life of the mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness or personal injury, including a life-endangering physical condition, caused by the pregnancy itself.

Relevant Laws and Regulations

Kansas abortion laws posted to the web by the Kansas Legislature under Kansas Statutes Chapter 65, Article 67 (KSA 65-6701 to KSA 65-6750):

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/statute/065_000_0000_chapter/065_067_0000_article/

Kansas abortion regulations are posted to the web by the Kansas Secretary of State under Agency 28, Article 56 KAR 28-56-1 to KAR 28-56-10):

https://sos.ks.gov/publications/pubs_kar_Regs.aspx?KAR=28-56&Srch=Y

Kansas laws regarding physicians and facilities are posted at the Kansas Legislature site (KSA 65-443 to KSA 65-445):

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/statute/065_000_0000_chapter/065_004_0000_article/

Kansas laws regulating Vital Statistics are posted at the Kansas Legislature site (KSA 65-2401 to KSA 65-2440):

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/statute/065_000_0000_chapter/065_024_0000_article/