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In 2001, there were 36,820 abortions performed in Pennsylvania, which is the fourth lowest annual number ever recorded. The 2001 figure is a 44 percent decrease from the 1980 total of 65,777 (the highest annual number ever recorded). Compared to 2000, the 2001 figure represents an increase of 1,190 or 3.3 percent. This was the second year in a row that the number of induced abortions performed in Pennsylvania increased since 1990.

Nearly all abortions in 2001--34,093 or 92.6 percent--were performed in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy (first trimester). In 2000, 92.1 percent of all abortions were performed in the first trimester.

In 2001, 19,945 or 54.2 percent of all abortions performed in Pennsylvania were to white women and 15,447 or 42 percent were to black women. Abortions to women of Hispanic origin accounted for 1,848 or 5 percent of all abortions in 2001.

Almost 84 percent or 30,863 of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2001 were to unmarried women. This is an increase of 3.5 percent from the 2000 figure of 29,821.

Patients age 19 and under accounted for 18.3 percent, or 6,748 of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2001. This is a decrease of 61 or 0.9 percent from 2000. Teenagers age 17 and younger accounted for 6.3 percent, or 2,328 of the 2001 abortions - a decrease of 100 or 4.1 percent from 2000. As in previous years, the largest single age group was 20-24, accounting for 12,212 or 33.2 percent of all 2001 abortions.

Of all the abortions occurring in Pennsylvania in 2001, 35,025 were performed on Pennsylvania residents, compared to the 2000 figure of 33,901. Residents of other states, territories and other countries accounted for 1,795 abortions in 2001, compared to 1,729 in 2000.

Of the abortion patients residing in Pennsylvania, 14,389 or 41.1 percent were residents of Philadelphia. Other counties showing a large number of resident abortions included Allegheny, 4,147; Delaware, 1,916; Montgomery, 1,796; and Bucks, 1,514. Of all 67 counties, 23 showed a decline in the number of resident abortions performed from 2000 to 2001.

Of the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2001, 89.1 percent occurred in six counties: Allegheny, Dauphin, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Philadelphia.

In 2001, 78 reports of complications of abortions were submitted by physicians. Over 73 percent were related to retained products of conception, 11.5 percent to bleeding, and 6.4 percent to infection.

As of December 31, 2001, 110 facilities in the Commonwealth had registered with the Department of Health to perform abortions as required by the Abortion Control Act.

Note: The source for the number of abortions reported in Pennsylvania in 2001 is the "Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy" which is an individual report filed for each procedure. The source for the complications data are "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.

**PENNSYLVANIA INDUCED ABORTION REPORT
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2001**

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	12	8 or Less	20,856
13	77	9 - 10	7,631
14	196	11 - 12	3,748
15	522	13 - 14	1,858
16	647	15 - 17	1,305
17	874	18 - 20	917
18	2,100	21 - 23	505
19	2,320	24 or More	0
20 - 24	12,212	Total	36,820
25 - 29	8,156		
30 - 34	5,467		
35 - 39	3,192		
40 - 44	977		
45 or Older	67		
Unknown	1		
Total	36,820		

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 2001**

<u>Race of Woman</u>	<u>Number</u>
White	19,945
Black	15,447
All Other Races	1,376
Unknown	52
Total	36,820

**Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Hispanic Origin of Woman
January-December 2001**

<u>Hispanic Origin</u>	<u>Number</u>
Hispanic	1,848
Non-Hispanic	34,952
Unknown	20
Total	36,820

Note: Hispanic origin can be of any race.

**Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Primary Type of Procedure
January-December 2001**

<u>Primary Abortion Procedure</u>	<u>Number</u>
Suction Curettage	31,326
Sharp Curettage	5
Dilation and Evacuation	3,102
Intra-Uterine Instillation (Saline or Prostaglandin)	150
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	6
Medical (Nonsurgical)	2,109
Other	122
Total	36,820

**Induced Abortions Performed In
Pennsylvania by Marital Status of Woman
January-December 2001**

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Married	5,946
Unmarried	30,863
Unknown	11
Total	36,820

**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Age of Woman
January-December 2001**

<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	35,025	268	1,921	4,169	11,641	7,815	5,203	3,034	973	1
Adams	61	0	3	7	21	14	9	2	5	0
Allegheny	4,147	33	243	424	1,368	905	633	411	130	0
Armstrong	74	0	6	5	24	16	12	9	2	0
Beaver	278	1	20	35	102	57	40	16	7	0
Bedford	23	0	2	0	7	6	4	3	1	0
Berks	1,075	8	72	141	382	215	145	84	28	0
Blair	139	2	5	18	56	20	16	20	2	0
Bradford	8	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0
Bucks	1,514	5	83	209	458	270	263	161	65	0
Butler	117	0	16	16	29	21	20	9	6	0
Cambria	185	3	17	21	56	42	27	17	2	0
Cameron	5	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Carbon	117	2	12	16	35	21	13	12	6	0
Centre	283	1	8	44	138	50	25	11	6	0
Chester	1,024	5	47	151	354	180	146	105	36	0
Clarion	56	0	1	12	27	4	9	3	0	0
Clearfield	69	0	5	9	27	11	9	7	1	0
Clinton	55	1	4	10	20	9	7	3	1	0
Columbia	78	2	2	21	26	14	7	5	1	0
Crawford	65	1	3	4	24	15	9	8	1	0
Cumberland	350	2	12	50	115	59	61	35	16	0
Dauphin	762	1	39	92	265	174	101	70	20	0
Delaware	1,916	13	91	212	585	439	320	180	76	0
Elk	20	0	3	4	6	3	2	2	0	0
Erie	181	1	9	25	59	43	30	12	2	0
Fayette	215	0	17	17	83	33	41	15	9	0
Forest	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Franklin	28	2	1	6	10	6	1	2	0	0
Fulton	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	63	0	5	5	16	16	10	10	1	0
Huntingdon	36	0	2	3	12	8	5	6	0	0
Indiana	124	1	11	23	51	21	11	5	1	0
Jefferson	41	0	1	10	9	3	10	6	2	0
Juniata	13	1	0	1	8	3	0	0	0	0
Lackawanna	194	0	8	16	65	45	36	16	8	0
Lancaster	567	3	20	74	211	116	77	45	21	0
Lawrence	90	1	5	13	26	21	12	9	3	0
Lebanon	150	2	5	21	51	27	31	9	4	0
Lehigh	1,007	5	50	120	316	236	146	105	29	0
Luzerne	435	3	19	52	143	80	75	47	16	0

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by Residence and Age of Woman
January-December 2001**

<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>
Lycoming	140	1	5	23	54	27	17	8	5	0
McKean	10	0	1	1	3	3	0	1	1	0
Mercer	62	0	4	5	22	14	12	5	0	0
Mifflin	47	0	3	9	14	5	6	7	3	0
Monroe	356	2	27	63	110	51	45	46	12	0
Montgomery	1,796	7	91	210	498	346	333	225	86	0
Montour	21	0	1	4	7	2	4	2	1	0
Northampton	556	1	34	74	193	118	71	53	12	0
Northumberland	93	1	4	11	37	18	13	6	3	0
Perry	59	0	2	11	22	16	3	3	2	0
Philadelphia	14,389	150	795	1,613	4,856	3,601	2,057	1,033	284	0
Pike	25	0	0	3	5	6	5	5	1	0
Potter	11	0	0	2	2	2	3	2	0	0
Schuylkill	216	1	8	29	63	52	32	21	10	0
Snyder	22	0	3	5	9	3	0	1	1	0
Somerset	72	1	5	10	24	16	9	5	2	0
Sullivan	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	8	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	0
Tioga	16	0	0	1	5	2	4	3	1	0
Union	29	0	4	6	10	5	2	1	1	0
Venango	53	0	4	6	20	11	5	4	3	0
Warren	20	0	0	3	7	3	3	4	0	0
Washington	319	2	14	43	104	74	49	26	7	0
Wayne	26	0	0	5	8	6	5	2	0	0
Westmoreland	546	2	30	60	167	114	89	63	21	0
Wyoming	13	0	1	3	5	2	1	1	0	0
York	542	1	35	74	198	109	70	46	9	0
Unknown County	5	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
<u>Other States/Countries</u>										
Delaware	148	1	4	20	52	32	20	14	5	0
Maryland	140	3	18	26	47	14	20	9	3	0
New Jersey	593	5	42	78	153	104	108	71	32	0
New York	38	0	1	1	18	5	6	5	2	0
Ohio	242	2	17	27	79	63	26	14	14	0
West Virginia	478	2	28	68	178	95	61	32	14	0
Other States/Territories	152	4	12	31	44	26	22	12	1	0
Other Countries	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,795	17	122	251	571	341	264	158	71	0
Total All Abortions	36,820	285	2,043	4,420	12,212	8,156	5,467	3,192	1,044	1

**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by County of Procedure
January-December 2001**

<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
Adams	-	Lackawanna	-
Allegheny	7,366	Lancaster	-
Armstrong	-	Lawrence	-
Beaver	-	Lebanon	-
Bedford	-	Lehigh	4,030
Berks	608	Luzerne	-
Blair	-	Lycoming	-
Bradford	-	McKean	-
Bucks	837	Mercer	1
Butler	-	Mifflin	-
Cambria	-	Monroe	143
Cameron	-	Montgomery	1,709
Carbon	-	Montour	8
Centre	748	Northampton	15
Chester	934	Northumberland	-
Clarion	-	Perry	-
Clearfield	-	Philadelphia	16,655
Clinton	-	Pike	-
Columbia	-	Potter	-
Crawford	-	Schuylkill	-
Cumberland	-	Snyder	-
Dauphin	1,881	Somerset	-
Delaware	1,156	Sullivan	-
Elk	-	Susquehanna	-
Erie	-	Tioga	-
Fayette	-	Union	-
Forest	-	Venango	-
Franklin	-	Warren	-
Fulton	-	Washington	-
Greene	-	Wayne	-
Huntingdon	-	Westmoreland	-
Indiana	-	Wyoming	-
Jefferson	-	York	729
Juniata	-		
		Total	36,820

**ABORTIONS: REPORT OF COMPLICATIONS
January-December 2001**

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY AGE OF WOMAN

AGE GROUP	TOTAL	INFECTION	RETAINED PRODUCTS OF CONCEPTION	BLEEDING	OTHER
Under 15	1	0	1	0	0
15 - 19	9	1	5	2	1
20 - 24	32	3	24	3	2
25 - 29	18	1	14	1	2
30 - 34	11	0	8	2	1
35 - 39	6	0	4	1	1
40+	1	0	1	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	78	5	57	9	7

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY WEEKS OF GESTATION

WEEKS OF GESTATION

8 or Less	49	3	41	3	2
9 - 10	6	0	6	0	0
11 - 12	5	1	2	1	1
13 - 14	7	0	3	3	1
15 - 17	3	0	3	0	0
18 - 20	4	1	1	1	1
21 - 23	2	0	0	0	2
24+	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	2	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	78	5	57	9	7

TYPE OF COMPLICATION BY TERMINATION PROCEDURE USED

PROCEDURE

Suction Curettage	22	1	10	6	5
Dilation/Evacuation	9	1	5	1	2
Medical	38	0	38	0	0
Unknown	9	3	4	2	0
TOTAL	78	5	57	9	7

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 2001**

<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	285	97	62	45	24	23	23	11	0
15 - 17	2,043	838	464	285	164	146	84	62	0
18 - 19	4,420	2,127	1,052	556	283	187	131	84	0
20 - 24	12,212	6,784	2,617	1,326	657	429	243	156	0
25 - 29	8,156	4,960	1,646	727	364	224	152	83	0
30 - 34	5,467	3,419	1,007	473	191	151	147	79	0
35 - 39	3,192	1,950	611	263	136	106	100	26	0
40+	1,044	680	172	73	39	39	37	4	0
Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	36,820	20,856	7,631	3,748	1,858	1,305	917	505	0

**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Primary Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation
January-December 2001**

<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	31,326	17,811	7,142	3,510	1,698	858	258	49	0
Sharp Curettage	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Dilation and Evacuation	3,102	958	411	197	136	412	565	423	0
Intra-Uterine Instillation- Saline or Prostaglandin	150	42	8	3	5	27	60	5	0
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	6	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Medical (Nonsurgical)	2,109	2,023	39	0	4	3	18	22	0
Other	122	20	31	38	15	4	10	4	0
Total	36,820	20,856	7,631	3,748	1,858	1,305	917	505	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 2001**

<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	35,025	20,031	7,400	3,602	1,766	1,182	732	312	0
Adams	61	27	16	9	3	1	1	4	0
Allegheny	4,147	2,444	866	396	175	137	92	37	0
Armstrong	74	46	17	7	3	1	0	0	0
Beaver	278	163	58	29	6	14	5	3	0
Bedford	23	18	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
Berks	1,075	556	271	140	70	18	12	8	0
Blair	139	92	27	11	4	3	0	2	0
Bradford	8	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bucks	1,514	999	287	111	50	32	29	6	0
Butler	117	72	29	1	2	7	3	3	0
Cambria	185	120	35	17	4	1	6	2	0
Cameron	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon	117	63	23	18	8	5	0	0	0
Centre	283	187	58	22	7	1	4	4	0
Chester	1,024	635	224	88	34	27	15	1	0
Clarion	56	38	9	6	2	1	0	0	0
Clearfield	69	35	19	7	3	5	0	0	0
Clinton	55	33	11	5	4	2	0	0	0
Columbia	78	35	25	12	4	1	0	1	0
Crawford	65	37	17	6	2	2	0	1	0
Cumberland	350	183	93	33	29	3	4	5	0
Dauphin	762	326	245	119	37	17	12	6	0
Delaware	1,916	1,075	439	193	105	42	45	17	0
Elk	20	15	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Erie	181	115	36	12	6	8	2	2	0
Fayette	215	132	46	23	3	4	5	2	0
Forest	4	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Franklin	28	12	6	5	2	0	1	2	0
Fulton	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	63	39	14	3	2	4	1	0	0
Huntingdon	36	19	8	3	4	1	0	1	0
Indiana	124	76	32	8	3	3	1	1	0
Jefferson	41	28	5	3	2	3	0	0	0
Juniata	13	7	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lackawanna	194	98	54	15	5	8	7	7	0
Lancaster	567	273	168	73	29	12	6	6	0
Lawrence	90	58	17	7	4	2	2	0	0
Lebanon	150	67	56	14	4	6	1	2	0
Lehigh	1,007	583	214	111	59	19	9	12	0
Luzerne	435	227	94	61	23	11	10	9	0

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**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Residence and Weeks of Gestation
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<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	140	73	31	21	7	2	4	2	0
McKean	10	6	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mercer	62	36	12	5	3	2	1	3	0
Mifflin	47	23	14	6	1	1	1	1	0
Monroe	356	197	93	44	10	2	7	3	0
Montgomery	1,796	1,140	307	168	73	41	44	23	0
Montour	21	11	4	3	1	0	1	1	0
Northampton	556	328	103	75	29	7	8	6	0
Northumberland	93	40	29	7	9	3	4	1	0
Perry	59	24	18	8	4	2	1	2	0
Philadelphia	14,389	8,096	2,835	1,481	847	660	360	110	0
Pike	25	16	4	2	1	1	1	0	0
Potter	11	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	216	116	50	23	12	8	3	4	0
Snyder	22	11	7	4	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset	72	45	13	9	2	2	1	0	0
Sullivan	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Susquehanna	8	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0
Tioga	16	8	5	0	1	1	0	1	0
Union	29	15	10	1	1	0	0	2	0
Venango	53	34	8	6	2	2	0	1	0
Warren	20	10	3	3	1	0	3	0	0
Washington	319	200	64	25	16	10	3	1	0
Wayne	26	17	3	1	3	1	1	0	0
Westmoreland	546	324	113	59	23	18	4	5	0
Wyoming	13	8	1	0	1	1	2	0	0
York	542	293	131	79	18	12	8	1	0
Unknown County	5	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
<u>Other States/Countries</u>									
Delaware	148	66	27	13	9	4	16	13	0
Maryland	140	17	8	9	2	6	26	72	0
New Jersey	593	216	51	42	35	70	113	66	0
New York	38	18	4	7	2	2	1	4	0
Ohio	242	153	34	23	13	13	3	3	0
West Virginia	478	305	94	37	25	16	1	0	0
Other States/ Territories	152	49	12	14	5	12	25	35	0
Other Countries	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total Other States/ Countries	1,795	825	231	146	92	123	185	193	0
Total All Abortions	36,820	20,856	7,631	3,748	1,858	1,305	917	505	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 2001**

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent*</u>
Zero	14,665	39.8
One	10,135	27.5
Two	7,365	20.0
Three	2,995	8.1
Four or More	1,655	4.5
Unknown	5	0.0
Total	36,820	100.0

*Column does not total 100.0 percent due to rounding.

**Induced Abortions Performed In Pennsylvania
by Number of Previous Induced Abortions and Percentage Distribution
January-December 2001**

<u>Induced Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Zero	20,257	55.0
One	9,890	26.9
Two	4,135	11.2
Three	1,548	4.2
Four or More	985	2.7
Unknown	5	0.0
Total	36,820	100.0

**Induced Abortions Performed in Pennsylvania
by Number of Medical Complications of Pregnancy
January-December 2001**

<u>Medical Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>
Pre-existing Medical Conditions Which Would Complicate Pregnancy	239
Complication Resulting From Termination	34