

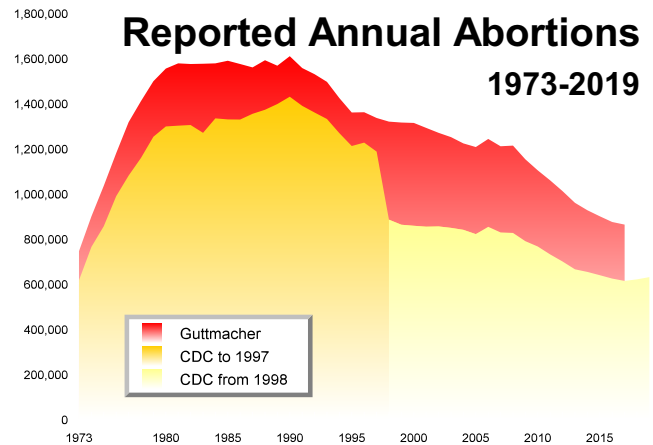
ABORTION statistics

United States Data and Trends

1973	744,610	Guttmacher	615,831	CDC
1974	898,570		763,476	
1975	1,034,170		854,853	
1976	1,179,300		988,267	
1977	1,316,700		1,079,430	
1978	1,409,600		1,157,776	
1979	1,497,670		1,251,921	
1980	1,553,890		1,297,606	
1981	1,577,340		1,300,760	
1982	1,573,920		1,303,980	
1983	1,575,000	1,268,987		
1984	1,577,180	1,333,521		
1985	1,588,550	1,328,570		
1986	1,574,000	1,328,112		
1987	1,559,110	1,353,671		
1988	1,590,750	1,371,285		
1989	1,566,900	1,396,658		
1990	1,608,600	1,429,247		
1991	1,556,510	1,388,937		
1992	1,528,930	1,359,146		
1993	1,495,000	1,330,414		
1994	1,423,000	1,267,415		
1995	1,359,400	1,210,883		
1996	1,360,160	1,225,937		
1997	1,335,000	1,186,039		
1998	1,319,000	884,273*		
1999	1,314,800	861,789*		
2000	1,312,990	857,475*		
2001	1,291,000	853,485*		
2002	1,269,000	854,122*		
2003	1,250,000	848,163*		
2004	1,222,100	839,226*		
2005	1,206,200	820,151*		
2006	1,242,200	846,181*		
2007	1,209,640	827,609*		
2008	1,212,350	825,564*		
2009	1,151,600	789,116*		
2010	1,102,670	765,651*		
2011	1,058,490	730,322*		
2012	1,011,000	699,202*		
2013	958,700	664,435*		
2014	926,190	652,639*		
2015	899,500	638,169*		
2016	874,100	623,471*		
2017	862,320	612,719*		
2018	871,806§	619,591*		
2019-21	886,677§	629,898*		

*excludes NH, CA
and at least one
other state

§ NRLC projection
for calculation



There are two basic sources on abortion data in the U.S.: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) publishes yearly, but relies on voluntary reports from state health departments (and New York City, Washington, D.C.). It has been missing data from California, New Hampshire, and at least one other state since 1998.

- The Guttmacher Institute (GI) contacts abortion clinics directly for data but does not survey every year.
 - Because it surveys clinics directly and includes data from all fifty states, most researchers believe Guttmacher's numbers to be more reliable, though Guttmacher still believes it may miss some abortions.
- Both the CDC and Guttmacher show significant recent drops and sustained declines over the last 25 years.
- Total abortions dropped 28.8% from 1998 to 2019 with the CDC, and fell 46.4% from 1990 to 2017 with GI.
 - Total abortions fell below 1 million for the first time in the 2013 GI count and have continued downward to 862,320 in the most recent GI figures for 2017.
 - The **abortion rate** for 2017 for GI was 13.5 abortions for every 1,000 women of reproductive age (15-44), less than half that of 1981 (29.3) and lower than when abortion was legalized in the U.S. in 1973 (16.3).
 - GI says there were 18.3 abortions for every 100 pregnancies ending in live birth or abortion in 2016, 18.4 for 2017, lower **abortion ratios** than any since 1972.
 - Guttmacher says that abortion "providers" have dropped from a high of 2,918 in 1982 to 1,587 in 2017.
 - According to the CDC, the percentage performed with chemical abortifacients like mifepristone rose from 9.6% in 2004 to 43.7% in 2019.

The Consequences of *Roe v. Wade*

63,459,781

Total abortions since 1973

Based on numbers reported by the Guttmacher Institute 1973-2017,
with 3% added for GI estimated possible 3-5% undercount for 1973-2014.
Another 12,000 per year added for 2015-2021 for abortions from "providers"
GI says it may have missed in 2015-2017 counts. 1/22

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