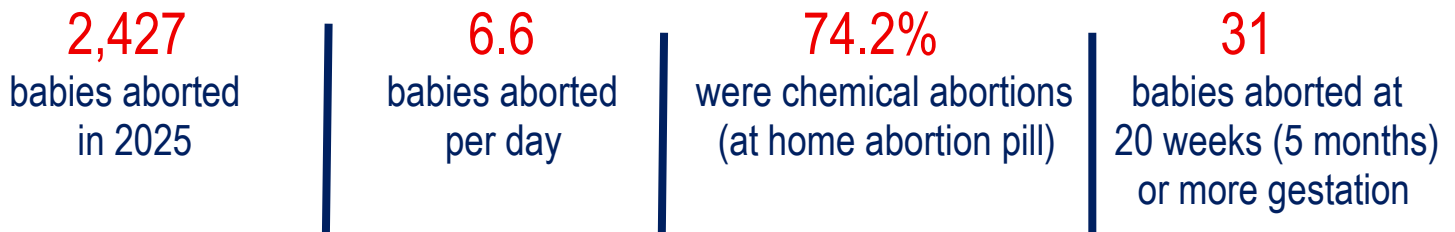


2025 Maine Abortion Statistics*



*<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/data-reports/population-health/life-events/births-abortions-marriage-divorce>

Abortion Laws in Maine



Non-Surgical--Chemical/Medical Abortions (abortion pills)

- Chemical abortions may be done up to viability (24 weeks/6 months gestation), but due to high rates of risk most facilities will only approve non-surgical abortions up to 12 weeks (3 months) gestation.
<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec1598.html>
- Abortifacients (abortion pills) may be ordered online. The mother does not need to be supervised or examined by a medical provider, and there is no requirement for an ultrasound.
- Risks include: hemorrhaging, incomplete abortions, severe pain, sepsis (severe life-threatening infection), psychological trauma (Horribly, babies may be delivered still alive, and mothers must decide how to dispose of their babies), and ectopic pregnancies.



Surgical Abortions can be performed at any stage until live birth.

<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec1598.html>

- Maine allows Late-Term aka “due-date abortions.” The only requirement is the medical provider must determine the abortion is “necessary.” But the word “necessary” is not defined; thus, a late-term abortion may be performed for any reason.
- Viability (when a baby can survive outside the womb) is considered to be about 24 weeks (6 months).
- Full term is considered 40 weeks (9 months).



Abortion clinics are the **ONLY** outpatient surgical facilities **NOT** required to be licensed or have state safety inspections.

<https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/22/title22sec1812-E.html>

- ✓ In addition to physicians and osteopaths, Maine allows non-physician medical providers (physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurses) to perform surgical abortions.
<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec1596.html>
- ✓ No required hospital admitting privileges for physicians, osteopaths, physician assistants, or advanced practice RNs that perform abortions
- ✓ No required waiting period
- ✓ No required parental consent/notification for minors
- ✓ No required information be given regarding abortion pill risks ([Ethics and Public Policy Center 2025](#)) or abortion pill reversal options ([Abortionpillreversal.com](https://abortionpillreversal.com)).
- ✓ All Insurance companies must cover abortion (<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/24-a/title24-Asec4320-M-1.html>) including taxpayer funded MaineCare/Medicaid.
(<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec3196.html>)

“Abortion” means the intentional interruption of a pregnancy by the application of external agents, whether chemical or physical or by the ingestion of chemical agents with an intention other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus.

Changing Maine abortion laws or introducing more restrictions on abortions would NOT:

- Cause women to lose access to women’s health services. There are currently 72 federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics in Maine that offer women’s health services. <https://lozierinstitute.org/fact-sheet-community-health-centers-outnumber-planned-parenthood-facilities-15-to-1/>
- Impact care for miscarriages or procedures need to remove babies that have died in the womb.