

# Fact Sheet: Abortion in Kansas, 2017

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## How many abortions were reported in Kansas in 2017?

The total abortions reported were 6,782. Of these, 3405 were performed on Kansas residents, with 3,377 on women from out of state, predominantly women from Missouri. There were 33 abortions performed out-of-state on Kansas residents and were reported to KDHE and included in these totals.

## How far along in pregnancy did the abortions occur?

Less than 9 weeks: 4,615 abortions (68%).

9-12 weeks: 1,453 abortions (21.4%).

13-16 weeks: 415 abortions (6.1%).

17-21 weeks: 289 abortions (4.3%).

22 weeks and over: 10 abortions (0.1%).

To see what an unborn baby looks like at any specific age, visit the Endowment for Human Development at [www.ehd.org](http://www.ehd.org)

## What abortion procedures are used in Kansas?

Medical Procedure (abortion by pill): 3,940 (58.1%)

Suction Curettage: 2,220 (32.7%)

Sharp Curettage: 12 (0.2%)

Dilation & Evacuation: 592 (8.7%)

Other: 16 (0.2%)

For more information on Dismemberment Abortion, see Kansans for Life at [www.kfl.org](http://www.kfl.org)

## How old are the pregnant mothers who obtain abortions?

Under 14 years: 3 (0.0%).

Age 14 years: 16 (0.2%)

Age 15 years: 29 (0.4%)

Age 16-17 years: 144 (2.1%)

Age 18-19 years: 528 (7.8%)

Age 20-24 years: 2,069 (30.5%)

Age 25-29 years: 1,873 (27.6%)

Age 30-34 years: 1,172 (17.3%)

Age 35-39 years: 709 (10.5%)

Age 40-44 years: 222 (3.3%)

Age 45 and older: 17 (0.3%)

## What trends are happening with abortion?

The overall abortion rate has continued to decline in recent years. Repeat abortions (abortions being obtained by women who have had at least one previously) have lowered from 34.2% in 2016 to 32.5% in 2017. Unfortunately, the rate of abortion by pill continues to climb from 53% in 2016 to 58% in 2017, one of the highest rates in the United States. Dismemberment abortions rates lowered significantly from 9.8% in 2016 to 8.7% in 2017. Out-of-state abortions performed on Kansas residents rose from 20 to 33, notably 10 of which reported were in pain-capable-age (which are banned in Kansas). Unfortunately, abortion rates were higher for under 15 years of age (when abortionists are legally required to submit fetal DNA samples to the attorney general).

For official documentation of these statistics, see the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at [www.kdheks.gov](http://www.kdheks.gov)

## Where can I get more details on abortion in Kansas?

Abortion statistics can be found at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment ([www.kdheks.gov](http://www.kdheks.gov)). Enter "abortion statistics" in the search bar, or choose "Abortion Statistics" from the A to Z Topic Listing. The "Preliminary Abortion Report" is published in the spring of each year, with the statistics for the previous calendar year. Later on, these statistics are included as part of the Annual Summary of Vital Statistics.