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## Induced Abortions by Age and Ethnicity Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

Age	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown	Total
<15	2	44	0	46
15	1	51	1	53
16	3	114	1	118
17	8	176	0	184
18	12	248	0	260
19	13	281	1	295
(15-19)	37	870	3	910
20-24	68	1521	3	1592
25-29	61	1119	2	1182
30-34	45	617	3	665
35-39	24	417	1	442
40-54	11	137	0	148
Unknown	0	3	0	3
Total	248	4728	12	4988

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007

## Induced Abortions by Age and Consent Required Arkansas Occurrences - 2006\*

Age	Parental Consent Required	Parental Consent Obtained	Judicial Bypass Obtained	Total
<15	45	44	1	46
15	53	49	3	53
16	112	95	19	118
17	175	146	29	184
18	179	8	0	260
19	6	1	1	295
(15-19)	525	299	52	910
20-24	1	0	0	1592
25-29	1	1	0	1182
30-34	0	0	0	665
35-39	0	0	0	442
40-54	0	0	0	148
Unknown	0	0	0	3
Total	572	344	53	4988

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007

## Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Age Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

Weeks of Gestation	< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	9	231	481	396	232	164	63	0	1576
7 Wks	3	113	218	164	93	63	20	1	675
8 Wks	5	113	202	152	82	62	17	1	634
9 Wks	4	111	175	124	70	46	14	0	544
10 Wks	2	68	111	100	52	31	7	0	371
11 Wks	2	69	98	55	30	20	3	0	277
12 Wks	7	41	61	36	22	15	5	0	187
13 Wks	2	31	61	46	19	9	3	1	172
14 Wks	0	29	47	23	12	7	2	0	120
15 Wks	2	30	32	16	15	7	3	0	105
16 Wks	5	15	21	12	8	7	3	0	71
17 Wks	3	14	21	23	5	4	2	0	72
18 Wks	1	24	22	11	9	4	2	0	73
19 Wks	1	13	27	19	11	0	3	0	74
20 Wks	0	8	15	4	4	3	1	0	35
21+ Wks	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	46	910	1592	1182	665	442	148	3	4988

\*Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period  
except 118 of the 4988 procedures used physicians' estimates.

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007

## Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Ethnicity Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

Weeks of Gestation	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown Ethnicity	Total
< 7 Wks	70	1501	5	1576
7 Wks	25	650	0	675
8 Wks	34	598	2	634
9 Wks	30	512	2	544
10 Wks	20	350	1	371
11 Wks	20	256	1	277
12 Wks	13	173	1	187
13 Wks	3	169	0	172
14 Wks	6	114	0	120
15 Wks	10	95	0	105
16 Wks	4	67	0	71
17 Wks	4	68	0	72
18 Wks	3	70	0	73
19 Wks	4	70	0	74
20 Wks	2	33	0	35
21+ Wks	0	1	0	1
Unknown	0	1	0	1
Total	248	4728	12	4988

\*Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period  
except 118 of the 4988 procedures used physicians' estimates.

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007

## Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Type of Procedure Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

Weeks of Gestation	Suction or D&E Curettage	Sharp Curettage	Intrauterine Instillation	Medical (Nonsurgical)	Other Methods	Unknown Method	Total
< 7 Wks	1573	0	0	3	0	0	1576
7 Wks	674	0	0	1	0	0	675
8 Wks	634	0	0	0	0	0	634
9 Wks	544	0	0	0	0	0	544
10 Wks	370	0	0	0	1	0	371
11 Wks	277	0	0	0	0	0	277
12 Wks	187	0	0	0	0	0	187
13 Wks	172	0	0	0	0	0	172
14 Wks	120	0	0	0	0	0	120
15 Wks	105	0	0	0	0	0	105
16 Wks	71	0	0	0	0	0	71
17 Wks	72	0	0	0	0	0	72
18 Wks	73	0	0	0	0	0	73
19 Wks	74	0	0	0	0	0	74
20 Wks	34	0	0	1	0	0	35
21+ Wks	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unknown	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4982	0	0	5	1	0	4988

\*Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period  
except 118 of the 4988 procedures used physicians' estimates.

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007

## Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Race Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

Weeks of Gestation	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	1029	417	126	4	1576
7 Wks	435	203	37	0	675
8 Wks	407	178	49	0	634
9 Wks	342	156	45	1	544
10 Wks	210	131	28	2	371
11 Wks	155	101	21	0	277
12 Wks	110	61	15	1	187
13 Wks	112	53	7	0	172
14 Wks	50	58	12	0	120
15 Wks	57	38	10	0	105
16 Wks	36	31	4	0	71
17 Wks	32	37	3	0	72
18 Wks	38	26	9	0	73
19 Wks	49	20	5	0	74
20 Wks	15	17	3	0	35
21+ Wks	1	0	0	0	1
Unknown	1	0	0	0	1
Total	3079	1527	374	8	4988

\*Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period  
except 118 of the 4988 procedures used physicians' estimates.

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007

Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Hispanic Origin  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

Marital Status	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown	Total
Married	57	781	5	843
Not Married	190	3940	7	4137
Unknown	1	7	0	8
Total	248	4728	12	4988

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- October 26, 2015



Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Race  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

Marital Status	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
Married	575	152	113	3	843
Not Married	2497	1375	260	5	4137
Unknown	7	0	1	0	8
Total	3079	1527	374	8	4988

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- October 26, 2015

Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Live Births  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

No. of Previous Live Births	Number of Women
0	1940
1	1439
2	1035
3	407
4+	166
Unknown	1
Total	4988

**Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007**

## Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Induced Abortions Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

No. of Previous Induced Abortions	Number of Women
0	3115
1	1140
2	459
3	165
4+	107
Unknown	2
Total	4988

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007

## Induced Abortions by Age and Race Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

Age	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
<15	21	23	2	0	46
15	27	23	3	0	53
16	74	38	6	0	118
17	117	58	9	0	184
18	178	66	16	0	260
19	189	84	22	0	295
(15-19)	585	269	56	0	910
20-24	956	529	104	3	1592
25-29	707	382	91	2	1182
30-34	392	205	66	2	665
35-39	299	103	40	0	442
40-54	116	16	15	1	148
Unknown	3	0	0	0	3
Total	3079	1527	374	8	4988

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007

Induced Abortions by State of Residence  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

State of Residence	Number of Women
Alabama	1
Arizona	1
Arkansas	4292
California	1
Florida	1
Georgia	2
Kansas	2
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	8
Mississippi	122
Missouri	161
New Jersey	1
Oklahoma	107
South Carolina	2
Tennessee	228
Texas	57
Virginia	1
Total	4988

**Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007**

Induced Abortions by State of Residence  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2006

State of Residence	Number of Women
Out-of-State	696
Arkansas Resident	4292
Total	4988

**Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- August 29, 2007**

## DEFINITIONS

Live birth –The complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after the expulsion or extraction, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached. Heartbeats shall be distinguished from transient cardiac contractions; respirations shall be distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 1(8)).

Fetal death – Death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy. The death is indicated by the fact that after the expulsion or extraction, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles. Heartbeats shall be distinguished from the transient cardiac contractions; respirations shall be distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 1(9)).

Each fetal death where the fetus weighs three hundred fifty (350) grams or more, or if weight is unknown, the fetus completed twenty (20) weeks gestation or more, calculated from the date last normal menstrual period began to the date of delivery, that occurs in Arkansas shall be reported within five (5) days after delivery to the Division of Vital Records or as otherwise directed by the State Registrar. (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 27, (a)(1)).

Spontaneous fetal death – (Otherwise known as stillbirth or miscarriage) means the expulsion of or extraction of a product of human conception resulting in other than a live birth and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 27, (a)(1)).

Spontaneous fetal deaths where the fetus has completed less than twenty (20) weeks gestation and where the fetus weighs less than three hundred fifty (350) grams shall be reported as prescribed. (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 27, (a) (2)).

Induced termination of pregnancy - The purposeful interruption of pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant, and which does not result in a live birth, except that this definition excludes management of prolonged retention of products of conception following fetal death (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 1, (9) (B)).

Each induced termination of pregnancy that occurs in the State of Arkansas, regardless of the length of gestation, shall be reported to the Division of Vital Statistics within (5) days by the person in charge of the institution in which the induced termination of pregnancy was performed. (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Section 27 (b)).

Gestation – Computed gestation is calculated from the date last normal menstrual period began to date of induced termination. Estimated gestation is the length of gestation as estimated by the attending physician in completed menstrual weeks.

Suction curettage (Also known as vacuum aspiration) – In this procedure the cervical

canal is dilated by the successive insertion of instruments of increasing diameter called dilators. When the opening is large enough, a flexible tube (cannula) is inserted into the uterine cavity, and the fetal and placental tissues are then suctioned out by an electric vacuum pump.

**Medical (Nonsurgical)** This nonsurgical procedure involves the administration of a medication or medications to induce an abortion. Medications (e.g. methotrexate, mifepristone, misoprostol, etc.) are used most frequently early in the first trimester of pregnancy. However, some medications (e.g. prostaglandin suppositories, injectable prostaglandins, etc.) may be administered during the second trimester of pregnancy to induce abortion. Medications may be administered orally, by injection, or intravaginally.

**Dilation and evacuation (D & E)** – This procedure, used most frequently in the second trimester, involves opening the cervix (dilation) and primarily using sharp instrument techniques, but also suction and other instrumentation such as forceps for evacuation.

**Intra-uterine installation (saline or prostaglandin)** - This procedure involves either withdrawing a portion of the amniotic fluid from the uterine cavity by a needle inserted through the abdominal wall and replacing this fluid with a concentrated salt solution or injecting a prostaglandin into the uterine cavity through a needle inserted through the abdominal wall. The saline instillation process induces labor, which results in the expulsion of the fetus approximately 24 to 48 hours later. The interval between prostaglandin injection and expulsion tends to be shorter than in a saline abortion.

**Sharp curettage (Also known as dilation and curettage, D & C, or surgical curettage)** - This procedure involves the dilation of the cervix as in suction, although usually to a larger diameter. The fetal and placental tissues are then scraped out with a curette, which resembles a small spoon.

**Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy** – Hysterotomy involves surgical entry into the uterus. Hysterotomy is usually performed only if other abortion procedures fail or if other abortion procedures are not appropriate. Hysterectomy is a procedure in which the uterus is removed (with the fetus inside). It is usually performed only when a pathological condition of the uterus, such as fibroid tumors, warrants its removal or when a woman desires sterilization.

All other procedures should be shown as "Other". This category includes procedures using a combination of agents, such as urea and prostaglandin, prostaglandin and oxytocin, or prostaglandin and saline.

**NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE CITED ABOVE, ALL DEFINITIONS ARE FROM THE HANDBOOK ON THE REPORTING OF INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. DHHS PUBLICATION NO. (PHS) 88-1117.**