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**Induced Abortions by Age and Consent Required
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012***

Age	Parental Consent Required	Parental Consent Obtained	Judicial Bypass Obtained	Total
<15	20	18	3	20
15	25	24	2	26
16	70	59	11	73
17	92	79	13	101
18	5	0	0	137
19	1	0	0	178
(15-19)	193	162	26	515
20-24	0	0	0	1281
25-29	0	0	0	878
30-34	0	0	0	634
35-39	0	0	0	326
40-54	0	0	0	128
Total	213	180	29	3782

**Induced Abortions by Age and Ethnicity
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012**

Age	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown	Total
<15	1	19	0	20
15	0	26	0	26
16	2	71	0	73
17	6	95	0	101
18	4	133	0	137
19	6	172	0	178
(15-19)	18	497	0	515
20-24	76	1205	0	1281
25-29	54	823	1	878
30-34	31	602	1	634
35-39	17	308	1	326
40-54	2	126	0	128
Total	199	3580	3	3782

**Induced Abortions by Age and Race
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012**

Age	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
<15	10	8	2	0	20
15	10	16	0	0	26
16	31	40	2	0	73
17	54	41	6	0	101
18	81	40	16	0	137
19	101	65	12	0	178
(15-19)	277	202	36	0	515
20-24	663	516	101	1	1281
25-29	414	381	82	1	878
30-34	321	249	63	1	634
35-39	180	109	37	0	326
40-54	82	37	9	0	128
Total	1947	1502	330	3	3782

**Induced Abortions by Gestation* and Age
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012**

Weeks of Gestation	< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	5	125	394	292	237	123	57	0	1233
7 Wks	1	65	185	157	91	65	21	0	585
8 Wks	3	63	165	91	70	31	13	0	436
9 Wks	0	48	104	66	47	22	8	0	295
10 Wks	0	25	68	56	39	20	6	0	214
11 Wks	2	32	93	42	38	22	5	0	234
12 Wks	2	36	54	30	19	6	4	0	151
13 Wks	0	19	42	26	19	7	3	0	116
14 Wks	0	11	21	18	15	3	1	0	69
15 Wks	1	18	28	20	11	4	1	0	83
16 Wks	2	13	21	14	4	4	3	0	61
17 Wks	1	15	22	16	13	5	3	0	75
18 Wks	0	11	22	13	7	3	0	0	56
19 Wks	1	18	34	27	16	8	3	0	107
20 Wks	2	16	25	10	8	3	0	0	64
Unknown	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	20	515	1281	878	634	326	128	0	3782

****Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period
except 58 of the 3782 procedures used physicians' estimates.***

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- May 30, 2013

**Induced Abortions by Gestation* and Ethnicity
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012**

Weeks of Gestation	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown Ethnicity	Total
< 7 Wks	65	1166	2	1233
7 Wks	44	541	0	585
8 Wks	29	407	0	436
9 Wks	19	275	1	295
10 Wks	8	206	0	214
11 Wks	9	225	0	234
12 Wks	4	147	0	151
13 Wks	3	113	0	116
14 Wks	0	69	0	69
15 Wks	3	80	0	83
16 Wks	1	60	0	61
17 Wks	1	74	0	75
18 Wks	5	51	0	56
19 Wks	4	103	0	107
20 Wks	4	60	0	64
Unknown	0	3	0	3
Total	199	3580	3	3782

****Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period
except 58 of the 3782 procedures used physicians' estimates.***

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- May 30, 2013

**Induced Abortions by Gestation* and Race
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012**

Weeks of Gestation	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	695	409	128	1	1233
7 Wks	331	197	57	0	585
8 Wks	251	151	34	0	436
9 Wks	149	114	30	2	295
10 Wks	82	120	12	0	214
11 Wks	124	91	19	0	234
12 Wks	62	79	10	0	151
13 Wks	49	61	6	0	116
14 Wks	34	31	4	0	69
15 Wks	32	48	3	0	83
16 Wks	27	30	4	0	61
17 Wks	26	47	2	0	75
18 Wks	16	34	6	0	56
19 Wks	45	54	8	0	107
20 Wks	23	35	6	0	64
Unknown	1	1	1	0	3
Total	1947	1502	330	3	3782

****Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period
except 58 of the 3782 procedures used physicians' estimates.***

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- May 30, 2013

**Induced Abortions by Gestation* and Type of Procedure
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012**

Weeks of Gestation	Suction or D&E Curettage	Sharp Curettage	Intrauterine Instillation	Medical (Nonsurgical)	Other Methods	Unknown Method	Total
< 7 Wks	979	0	0	254	0	0	1233
7 Wks	377	0	0	208	0	0	585
8 Wks	306	0	0	130	0	0	436
9 Wks	259	0	0	36	0	0	295
10 Wks	207	0	0	7	0	0	214
11 Wks	232	0	0	2	0	0	234
12 Wks	149	0	0	2	0	0	151
13 Wks	116	0	0	0	0	0	116
14 Wks	69	0	0	0	0	0	69
15 Wks	83	0	0	0	0	0	83
16 Wks	61	0	0	0	0	0	61
17 Wks	75	0	0	0	0	0	75
18 Wks	56	0	0	0	0	0	56
19 Wks	107	0	0	0	0	0	107
20 Wks	64	0	0	0	0	0	64
Unknown	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Total	3140	0	0	642	0	0	3782

****Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period
except 58 of the 3782 procedures used physicians' estimates.***

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- May 30, 2013

Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Hispanic Origin
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012

Marital Status	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown	Total
Married	28	290	0	318
Not Married	170	3281	3	3454
Unknown	1	9	0	10
Total	199	3580	3	3782

Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Race
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012

Marital Status	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
Married	193	55	69	1	318
Not Married	1746	1445	261	2	3454
Unknown	8	2	0	0	10
Total	1947	1502	330	3	3782

Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Induced Abortions
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012

No. of Previous Induced Abortions	Number of Women
0	2278
1	869
2	351
3	166
4+	116
Unknown	2
Total	3782

Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Live Births
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012

No. of Previous Live Births	Number of Women
0	1360
1	1047
2	831
3	344
4+	198
Unknown	2
Total	3782

Induced Abortions by State of Residence
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012

State of Residence	Number of Women
Alaska	1
Arkansas	3361
California	2
Florida	1
Georgia	2
Illinois	1
Indiana	1
Kansas	2
Kentucky	2
Louisiana	14
Mississippi	92
Missouri	84
Ohio	1
Oklahoma	56
Pennsylvania	1
Tennessee	138
Texas	21
Unknown	2
Total	3782

Induced Abortions by State of Residence
Arkansas Occurrences - 2012

State of Residence	Number of Women
Out-of-State	421
Arkansas Resident	3361
Total	3782

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.