

Table 7. Legal abortions, legal abortion rates, and legal abortion ratios: United States and 48 continuous reporting areas, 2005–2014

Excel version (with more data years and standard errors when available): <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2017.htm#007>.

[Data are based on reporting by state health departments and by hospitals and other medical facilities]

Data provider	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of legal abortions reported in thousands										
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ¹	820	852	828	826	789	766	730	699	664	653
Guttmacher Institute ²	1,206	1,242	1,210	1,212	1,152	1,103	1,059	1,011	959	926
CDC 48 continuous reporting areas ³										
Number of legal abortions reported in thousands	809	837	821	819	781	757	721	690	654	642
Number of legal abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44	15.6	16.1	15.8	15.7	15.0	14.5	13.8	13.2	12.4	12.1
Number of legal abortions per 1,000 live births	235	236	229	231	226	227	218	209	199	186

¹Overall trends presented in this table should be interpreted with caution because of the different numbers of reporting areas that provided data to CDC in different years. The following states did not report abortion data to CDC in the specified year(s): California (2005–2014), Louisiana (2005), Maryland (2007–2014), and New Hampshire (2005–2014). For 2006, the number of legal abortions is greater than reported in the 2006 Abortion Surveillance report because of numbers subsequently provided by Louisiana. For 2009, the number of legal abortions is greater than reported in the 2009 Abortion Surveillance report because of numbers subsequently provided by Delaware.

²No surveys were conducted in 2006 or 2009. Data for those years were estimated by interpolation. See Appendix I, Guttmacher Institute Abortion Provider Census.

³Because overall trends in abortion data are affected by the number of reporting areas that provide data to CDC on an annual basis, CDC also presents estimates for the 48 reporting areas that provided data for the entire period from 2005 to 2014. The 48 continuous reporting areas include all states except California, Louisiana, Maryland, and New Hampshire. The District of Columbia and New York City are included in the 48 continuous reporting areas.

NOTES: Each year, CDC requests abortion data from the central health agencies of 52 reporting areas (the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and New York City). This information is provided voluntarily to CDC. See the annual Abortion Surveillance reports for more information on the characteristic-specific list of reporting areas. Available from: https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/Data_Stats/Abortion.htm. For methodological differences between CDC and the Guttmacher Institute Abortion Provider Census, see Appendix I, Abortion Surveillance System; Guttmacher Institute Abortion Provider Census. Some data were revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*.

SOURCE: CDC, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; Jatlaoui TC, Shah J, Mandel MG, Krashin JW, Suchdev DB, Jamieson DJ, Pazol K. Abortion surveillance—United States, 2014. *MMWR Surveill Summ* 66(24):1–48. 2017. Available from: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/ss/ss6624a1.htm>; Guttmacher Institute Abortion Provider Survey. Abortion incidence and service availability in the United States, 2014. *Perspect Sex Reprod Health* 49(1):17–27. 2017. Available from: https://www.guttmacher.org/sites/default/files/article_files/abortion-incidence-us.pdf. See Appendix I, Abortion Surveillance System; Guttmacher Institute Abortion Provider Census.