

Report to the Legislature: Induced Abortions in Minnesota January - December 2000

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Introduction

The 1998 session of the Minnesota legislature amended Minnesota's abortion reporting requirement to include all physicians licensed and practicing in Minnesota who perform abortions and all Minnesota facilities in which abortions are performed (MN Statutes, 145.4131 - 145.4136). A report must be completed and submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for each procedure performed. The content of the reporting form was also expanded by this law. The number of induced abortions performed out-of-state and paid for with state funds must be reported to MDH by the Department of Human Services. Furthermore, any medical facility or any licensed, practicing physician in Minnesota who encounters an illness or injury that is the result of an induced abortion must submit a report of that complication on a separate form developed for that purpose. Both of these forms, *Report of Induced Abortion* and *Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion*, are included in the Appendix of this publication.

This report is issued in compliance with MN Statute 145.4134 which requires a yearly public report of induced abortion statistics for the previous calendar year and statistics for prior years adjusted to reflect any additional information from late and/or corrected report forms, beginning with October 1, 1998 data. This is the second such report and covers the period from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. After publication of the previous report covering the period from October 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999, some errors were discovered in the reporting and/or data entry of 1999 residence information. Thus the corrected data for calendar year 1999 is here reported in the first part of the Appendix. No late forms were received, nor were any other data errors discovered.

Technical Notes

Data included in this report are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health by facilities and physicians who perform abortions in Minnesota. The *Report of Induced Abortion* (see Appendix, Figure 1) may be submitted by a facility/clinic on behalf of physicians who practice therein; or physicians may submit reports independently. A number of data items on the report form were specifically required by Minnesota statute. These items include: medical specialty of the physician performing the abortion, patient age, date of the abortion, clinical estimate of gestation, number of previous spontaneous and induced abortions, type of abortion procedure, intra-operative complications (post-operative complications are collected using the *Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion*), method of disposal of fetal remains, type of payment, health coverage type, and reason for the abortion. The items: type of admission, patient residence, date of last menses, and contraceptive use and method were included to provide continuity with previous abortion report forms. Marital status, Hispanic origin, race, education, and previous live births correspond to items on the Minnesota *Medical Supplement to the Certificate of Live Birth* and thus allow for statistical comparison with birth data.

Report forms that were submitted with incomplete data required by law were returned to the clinic/facility or independently reporting physician for correction. Overall compliance and cooperation in completing the forms was excellent, however, some data remain unreported. In some cases this is due to a facility being unable to locate the record in question and in other instances due to a patient's refusal to provide the data. A substantial reduction in the number of incomplete forms was noted in calendar year 2000 reporting. However, continuing efforts will be made to further improve reporting compliance.

Due to the sensitivity of abortion data there arises the concern of revealing an individual's identity, whether patient or provider, from data presented in this publication. MN Statute 145.4134 states "The commissioner shall ensure that none of the information included in the public reports can reasonably lead to identification of an individual having performed or having had an abortion. All data under sections 145.4131 to 145.4133 must be included on the public report, except that the commissioner shall maintain as confidential, data which alone or in combination may constitute information from which an individual ...may be identified using epidemiologic principles."

In general, the policy is that when a single data item, such as age or race/ethnicity, is presented in a table that includes all of the cases, the large number of occurrences in each grouping makes it unnecessary to conceal, or suppress, those data. For example, a table of the age groups tallied for all of the reports received for 2000 would have such large numbers that none of the counts would have to be suppressed. No individual could possibly be identified.

Data generally are suppressed when there are such small numbers of two or more variables that it would be difficult to protect the confidentiality of individuals. For instance, age groups tallied for only a single town in Minnesota would most likely have small counts in some of the age groups. Likewise, a table of age group by race for each county in Minnesota would have small counts in cells for those counties with small populations and few minority residents. Suppression of those small counts would be necessary to protect the confidentiality of the individual.

As a hypothetical example, if the data were to include age and race/ethnicity, the only two Asian American women between the ages of 35 and 39 in a county with a low overall population might be identifiable.

Data by provider, tables 1.1 and 1.2, are presented for individual clinics that have been publicly identified as abortion providers, but aggregated into a single group for independently reporting physicians. Table 1.2 presents data on individual physicians with no small-number suppression as the statute requires counts by physician by month. Physicians are simply identified as Physician A, Physician B, etc. to protect confidentiality. Please note that the identifiers are arbitrarily assigned to those physicians who reported in a given calendar year. Thus, Physician X in a prior year's report may not be the same individual as Physician X in this report. Data presented in frequency tables for the state as a whole have no small-number data suppressed. Likewise, Table 6: Country/State Residence of Woman, contains sufficiently large groups to confound identification of an individual. Table 7: County of Residence for Women Residing in Minnesota, is the only table for which counts of zero to five are suppressed. Some of the counties have a small population of females of childbearing age and/or a small number of physicians who may be qualified to provide abortion services and thus, though unlikely, it could be possible for a provider or patient to be identified.

Table 1.1
Abortions by Month and Provider, 2000

	<u>Jan</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Feb</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Apr</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Jun</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Jul</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Sep</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Oct</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Nov</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Dec</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2000</u>
Midwest Health Center for Women	239	253	264	223	304	267	228	240	234	249	212	209	2,922
Womens Health Center	69	70	80	44	67	54	65	75	53	64	51	51	743
Meadowbrook Womens Clinic	382	363	427	316	342	379	304	362	294	315	287	300	4,071
Robbinsdale Clinic	152	161	158	158	164	155	147	180	128	122	152	169	1,846
GYN Special Services ¹	81	103	82	66	109	79	65	64	57	64	77	55	902
Dr. Mildred Hansen Clinic	82	93	102	74	136	176	125	150	126	124	82	143	1,413
Planned Parenthood of Minnesota	220	228	240	249	52	162	117	266	207	252	258	199	2,450
Independent Physicians ²	7	7	13	10	7	11	10	9	7	8	5	9	103
Total Minnesota Occurrence	1,232	1,278	1,366	1,140	1,181	1,283	1,061	1,346	1,106	1,198	1,124	1,135	14,450

¹ Formerly Surgical Specialties Clinic

² This represents 26 reporting physicians

Table 1.2
Abortions by Month and Provider, 2000

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
Physician A	68	90	109	112	109	180	155	100	87	71	77	92	1,250
Physician B	168	127	163	118	138	114	52	149	116	143	96	114	1,498
Physician C	145	145	156	86	95	85	98	113	92	101	114	94	1,324
Physician D	122	112	118	84	190	116	121	142	112	125	117	104	1,463
Physician E	117	141	125	129	114	122	107	98	121	124	95	105	1,398
Physician F	82	93	122	83	136	191	125	150	126	124	82	143	1,457
Physician G	154	130	158	158	164	142	147	144	128	122	146	117	1,710
Physician H	15	33	14	8	18	8	7	10	6	5	12	52	188
Physician I	27	32	29	23	39	8	10	7	33	15	30	19	272
Physician J	26	28	33	12	12	24	19	10	8	24	8	19	223
Physician K	6	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	14
Physician L	3	10	0	6	3	3	0	4	1	7	12	7	56
Physician M	3	0	4	8	12	1	10	10	3	0	0	9	60
Physician N	3	0	1	4	2	3	0	1	2	2	0	1	19
Physician O	38	71	53	76	17	70	47	54	48	61	75	53	663
Physician P	9	13	13	6	0	33	1	24	9	14	0	10	132
Physician Q	24	15	24	25	0	1	26	21	23	27	10	24	220
Physician R	116	109	127	101	34	0	2	127	98	109	148	101	1,072
Physician S	12	9	13	29	1	33	24	18	19	18	12	0	188
Physician T	29	50	51	31	43	34	30	36	31	32	33	44	444
Physician U	30	12	20	13	24	20	34	18	22	22	18	7	240
Physician V	10	8	9	0	0	0	0	22	0	10	0	0	59
Physician W	21	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	12	0	0	50
Physician X	1	1	1	0	1	1	5	4	1	2	1	4	22
Physician Y	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Physician Z	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician AA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Physician BB	0	32	0	0	0	17	0	20	0	0	0	0	69
Physician CC	0	11	10	11	0	1	0	8	10	11	13	11	86
Physician DD	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Physician EE	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Physician FF	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	9
Physician GG	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Physician HH	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Physician II	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician JJ	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Physician KK	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Physician LL	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Physician MM	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Physician NN	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician OO	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician PP	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Physician QQ	0	0	0	1	0	24	0	13	0	0	0	0	38
Physician RR	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Physician SS	0	0	0	9	22	25	19	8	5	9	18	1	116
Physician TT	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	7	1	0	3	0	15
Physician UU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Physician VV	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	16	0	0	0	0	26

Table 1.2
Abortions by Month and Provider, 2000

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
Physician WW	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Physician XX	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	7
Physician YY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Physician ZZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Physician AB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Physician AC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Physician AD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Physician AE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Physician AF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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Total MN	1,232	1,278	1,366	1,140	1,181	1,283	1,061	1,346	1,106	1,198	1,124	1,135	14,450

Table 2
Medical Specialty of Physician, 2000

Obstetrics & Gynecology	10,986
Emergency Medicine	1
General/Family Practice	3,462
Other/Unspecified	1
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Total Minnesota Occurrence	14,450

Table 3
Type of Admission, 2000

Clinic	12,052
Outpatient Hospital	947
Inpatient Hospital	35
Ambulatory Surgery	3
Other/Not Specified	1,413
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Total MN Occurrence	14,450

Table 4
Age of Woman, 2000

< 15 Years	69
15 - 17 Years	757
18 - 19 Years	1,629
20 - 24 Years	4,791
25 - 29 Years	3,233
30 - 34 Years	2,118
35 - 39 Years	1,280
40 Years & Over	550
Not Reported*	23
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Total MN Occurrence	14,450

*Item was left blank and could not be verified when queried.

Table 5
Marital Status of Woman, 2000

Married	2,914
Not Married	10,803
Not Reported	733
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Total MN Occurrence	14,450

Table 6
Country/State Residence of Woman, 2000

Minnesota	13,181
Other States	1,249
Iowa	58
Michigan	35
North Dakota	39
South Dakota	16
Wisconsin	1,051
Other States	50
Canada	15
Other Foreign Countries	1
Not Reported	4
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Total MN Occurrence	14,450

Table 7
County of Residence for Women Residing in Minnesota*, 2000

State Total	13,181		
Aitkin	14	Marshall	*
Anoka	840	Martin	20
Becker	8	Meeker	26
Beltrami	52	Mille Lacs	24
Benton	51	Morrison	33
Big Stone	*	Mower	49
Blue Earth	115	Murray	*
Brown	23	Nicollet	34
Carlton	55	Nobles	*
Carver	110	Norman	*
Cass	36	Olmsted	233
Chippewa	46	Otter Tail	6
Chisago	76	Pennington	*
Clay	7	Pine	30
Clearwater	*	Pipestone	*
Cook	6	Polk	33
Cottonwood	6	Pope	9
Crow Wing	94	Ramsey	2,451
Dakota	891	Red Lake	*
Dodge	19	Redwood	7
Douglas	56	Renville	16
Faribault	18	Rice	72
Fillmore	18	Rock	*
Freeborn	53	Roseau	*
Goodhue	61	Saint Louis	406
Grant	*	Scott	181
Hennepin	5,359	Sherburne	120
Houston	17	Sibley	11
Hubbard	*	Stearns	220
Isanti	62	Steele	47
Itasca	37	Stevens	*
Jackson	10	Swift	6
Kanabec	22	Todd	12
Kandiyohi	51	Traverse	*
Kittson	*	Wabasha	30
Koochiching	16	Wadena	*
Lac Qui Parle	*	Waseca	31
Lake	19	Washington	450
Lake of the Woods	*	Watonwan	11
Le Sueur	34	Wilkin	*
Lincoln	*	Winona	70
Lyon	13	Wright	155
McLeod	34	Yellow Medicine	*
Mahnomen	*	No Response	22

*as reported by the woman. Counts of 0 to 5 are indicated by an asterisk.

Table 8
Hispanic Origin of Woman, 2000

Non-Hispanic	13,553
Hispanic	746
Not Reported	151
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Total MN Occurrence	14,450

Table 9
Race of Woman, 2000

White	9,502
Black	2,659
American Indian	344
Asian	1,208
Other	399
Not Reported	338
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Total MN Occurrence	14,450

Table 10
Education Level of Woman, 2000

8 th grade or less	308
Some high school	1,647
High school graduate	4,756
Some college	3,179
College graduate	1,325
Graduate level	507
Not Reported	2,728
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Total MN Occurrence	14,450

Table 11
Clinical Estimate of Fetal Gestational Age, 2000

< 9 weeks	8,695
9 - 10 weeks	2,663
11 - 12 weeks	1,529
13 - 15 weeks	783
16 - 20 weeks	668
21 - 24 weeks	104
25 - 30 weeks	8
31 - 36 weeks	0
37 weeks & over	0
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Total MN Occurrence	14,450

Table 11a
Clinical Estimate of Fetal Gestational Age, 2000

<u>First Trimester</u>		<u>Second Trimester</u>		<u>Third Trimester</u>	
<u>Estimated Week</u>	<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Estimated Week</u>	<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Estimated Week</u>	<u>Number of Abortions</u>
<3	0	14	218	28	1
3	35	15	159	29	0
4	103	16	128	30	0
5	614	17	131	31	0
6	2,258	18	137	32	0
7	3,297	19	149	33	0
8	2,388	20	123	34	0
9	1,614	21	97	35	0
10	1,049	22	6	36	0
11	913	23	1	37	0
12	616	24	0	38	0
13	406	25	0	39	0
		26	6	40+	0
		27	1		
<u>Trimester Total</u>	<u>13,293</u>		<u>1,156</u>		<u>1</u>
<u>Total Induced Abortions</u>	<u>14,450</u>				

Table 12
Prior Pregnancies, 2000

Number of Previous Live Births

None	6,122
One	3,480
Two	2,729
Three	1,114
Four	472
Five	205
Six	119
Seven	63
Eight	37
Nine or more	41
Not Reported	68

Number of Previous Spontaneous Abortions (Miscarriages)

None	12,180
One	1,716
Two	395
Three	90
Four	40
Five	12
Six	6
Seven	4
Eight	2
Nine or more	3
Not Reported	2*

Number of Previous Induced Abortions

None	8,448
One	3,669
Two	1,403
Three	552
Four	184
Five	88
Six	38
Seven	25
Eight	20
Nine or more	21
Not Reported	2*

*Item was left blank and could not be verified when queried

Table 13
Contraceptive Use and Method*, 2000

Woman did not provide information	282
Woman did not know whether she used contraception	82
Woman has never used contraceptives	704
Woman has used contraceptives, but not at the time of conception	9,261
Woman used contraceptives at the time of conception	4,121
Method Used	
Condoms	2,219
Condoms & Spermicide	111
Spermicide Alone	154
Sterilization - Male	31
Sterilization - Female	3
Injectable (Depo-Provera)	69
IUD	12
Mini Pills	70
Combination Pills	1,047
Diaphragm & Spermicide	46
Diaphragm Alone	12
Cervical Cap	2
Rhythm/Natural Family Planning	126
Fertility Awareness	16
Withdrawal	103
Other	72
Method not reported	28

*The accuracy of reporting "Use of Contraceptives at the Time of Conception" is dependent upon self-reporting by the woman. Thus, *these data should not be interpreted as an indication of the effectiveness of any particular method of birth control.*

Table 14
Abortion Procedure, 2000

Suction Curettage	13,423
Medical (non-surgical)	55
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	934
Intra-Uterine Instillation	2
Hysterectomy/otomy	1
Sharp Curettage (D&C)	7
Induction of Labor	27
Intact Dilation & Extraction (D&X)	0
Other Dilation & Extraction (D&X)	0
Other Method	0
Not Reported*	1

Total MN Occurrence	14,450

*Item was left blank and could not be verified when queried.

Table 15
Method of Disposal of Fetal Remains, 2000

Cremation	10,471
Burial	16
Not Reported*	3,963
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Total MN Occurrence	14,450

* >Method of Disposal of Fetal Remains= is required to be reported only for those fetuses having reached the developmental stage outlined in Minnesota Statute 145.1621, subd. 2. Thus, not all reports contained this information.

Table 16
Payment Type and Health Insurance Coverage, 2000

	<u>Fee for Service</u>	<u>Capitated</u>	<u>Other/Unknown and No Response</u>	<u>Total</u>
Private Coverage	619	995	1,750	3,364
Public Assistance	236	875	1,569	2,680
Self Pay	-	-	8,403	8,403
No Response*	0	0	3	3
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Total Mn	855	1,870	11,725	14,450

*Item was left blank and could not be verified when queried.

Table 17
Reason for Abortion*, 2000

Pregnancy was a result of rape	124
Pregnancy was a result of incest	6
Economic reasons	2,378
Does not want children at this time	5,608
Emotional health is at stake	792
Physical health is at stake	583
Continued pregnancy will cause impairment of major bodily function	44
Pregnancy resulted in fetal anomalies	203
Unknown or the woman refused to answer	4,763
Other stated reason	3,303**

*Note: No total is given because a woman may have given more than one response

**See Table 17a

Table 17a
Other Stated Reason for Abortion, 2000

Single parent of one or more children	788
Education Goals; desire to finish high school and/or college	754
Already have children, do not intend to have more	406
Relationship Issues, including abuse, separation, and extra-marital affairs	489
Other miscellaneous responses	1,593
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Total*	4,030

*Total is greater than 'Other Stated Reason' total on Table 17 because some women stated more than one other reason

Table 18
Intraoperative Complications*, 2000

No Complications	14,413
Cervical laceration requiring suture or repair	21
Heavy bleeding/hemorrhage with estimated blood loss in excess of 500cc	2
Uterine perforation	1
Other complication	10
Not Reported**	3
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Total Minnesota Occurrence	14,450

*Complications occurring at the time of the abortion procedure

**Item was left blank and could not be verified when queried

Table 19
Postoperative Complications*, 2000
 reported on **Report of Complication from Induced Abortion** form

Cervical laceration requiring suture or repair	0
Heavy bleeding/hemorrhage with estimated blood loss in excess of 500cc	5
Uterine perforation	0
Infection requiring inpatient treatment	3
Heavy bleeding/anemia requiring transfusion	0
Failed termination of pregnancy (continued viable pregnancy)	2
Incomplete termination of pregnancy (retained products of conception requiring re-evacuation)	35
Other complication	27
Not Specified	1
Total Reported Complications	73 ¹

¹70 Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion forms were received

*The location where the abortion was performed is not collected on the *Report of Complication(s) from Induced Abortion*. Therefore, these numbers cannot be correlated with counts of induced abortions performed in Minnesota in an attempt to seek a ratio of complications per induced abortion.

Table 20
Induced Abortions by Gestational Age
Performed Out of State and Paid for with State Funds¹

reported by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, 2000

<9 weeks	46
9 - 10 weeks	19
11 - 12 weeks	12
13 - 15 weeks	10
16 - 20 weeks	1
25 - 30 weeks	0
31 - 36 weeks	0
37 weeks & Over	0
Not Available ²	9
Total Occurrence	
Total state funds used to pay for out of state abortion procedures, including incidental expenses	\$9,279.59

¹All procedures occurred within the local trade area, that is, the geographic area surrounding the person's residence, including portions of states other than Minnesota, which is commonly used by other persons in the same area to obtain similar necessary goods and services.

²The facility in which these procedures were performed has since closed making this information more difficult to retrieve. This table will be updated in next year's report when the data has been obtained.

Updates to 1999 Data

Table 6
Country/State Residence of Woman, 1999

Minnesota	13,037
Other States	1,266
Iowa	66
Michigan	41
North Dakota	51
South Dakota	37
Wisconsin	1,033
Other States	38
Canada	22
Other Foreign Countries	4
Not Reported	13

Total MN Occurrence	14,342

Table 7
County of Residence for Women Residing in Minnesota*, 1999

State Total	13,037		
Aitkin	21	Marshall	*
Anoka	837	Martin	10
Becker	12	Meeker	27
Beltrami	34	Mille Lacs	27
Benton	38	Morrison	33
Big Stone	*	Mower	49
Blue Earth	131	Murray	*
Brown	28	Nicollet	40
Carlton	57	Nobles	11
Carver	102	Norman	*
Cass	22	Olmsted	258
Chippewa	14	Otter Tail	11
Chisago	76	Pennington	*
Clay	7	Pine	29
Clearwater	*	Pipestone	*
Cook	10	Polk	*
Cottonwood	11	Pope	*
Crow Wing	93	Ramsey	2,532
Dakota	963	Red Lake	*
Dodge	22	Redwood	11
Douglas	18	Renville	13
Faribault	8	Rice	100
Fillmore	14	Rock	*
Freeborn	43	Roseau	*
Goodhue	48	Saint Louis	422
Grant	*	Scott	188
Hennepin	5,252	Sherburne	96
Houston	9	Sibley	21
Hubbard	7	Stearns	229
Istanti	59	Steele	46
Itasca	29	Stevens	7
Jackson	*	Swift	6
Kanabec	15	Todd	11
Kandiyohi	52	Traverse	*
Kittson	*	Wabasha	25
Koochiching	11	Wadena	*
Lac Qui Parle	*	Waseca	29
Lake	12	Washington	398
Lake of the Woods	*	Watonwan	9
Le Sueur	26	Wilkin	*
Lincoln	*	Winona	63
Lyon	17	Wright	141
McLeod	42	Yellow Medicine	6
Mahnomen	*	No Response	16

*as reported by the woman. Counts of 0 to 5 are indicated by an asterisk.

Definitions

Induced Abortion:

The purposeful interruption of an intrauterine pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant, and which does not result in a live birth. This definition excludes management of prolonged retention of products of conception following a fetal death.

Fetal Death:

Death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception from its mother, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy. The death is indicated by the fact that, after such 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.

Fetal Remains:

MN Statutes 145.1621, subd 2:the remains of a dead offspring of a human being that has reached a stage of development so that there are cartilaginous structures, fetal or skeletal parts after an abortion or miscarriage, whether or not the remains have been obtained by induced, spontaneous, or accidental means.@

Method of Abortion:

Suction Curettage: Mechanical dilation of the cervix with removal of the uterine contents by low pressure suction created by an electric suction pump.

Medical: Administration of medication to induce abortion. This does not include administration of morning-after pills or post-coital IUD insertion.

Dilation & Evacuation: Dilation of the cervix by insertion of laminaria several hours before removal of uterine contents by suction and/or sharp curettage.

Intra-Uterine Instillation: Induction of labor by injection of a sterile saline or prostaglandin (a naturally occurring hormone) solution into the amniotic sac. Laminaria are often inserted in the cervix several hours before the injection to aid dilation.

Hysterectomy/otomy: Removal of the fetus by means of a surgical incision made in the uterine wall. In the case of a hysterectomy, the entire uterus is removed.

Sharp Curettage: Mechanical dilation of the cervix with removal of uterine contents by scraping the uterine wall with a surgical curette.

Induction of Labor: Induction of labor by means of Pitocin and/or related medications which causes uterine contractions and expulsion of uterine contents.

Dilation & Extraction: Dilation of the cervix and removal of fetal tissues