SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

A public report providing statistics compiled from all abortions reported to DHEC

2022



INTRODUCTION

SC Code of Law 44-41-60 requires that all abortions performed in the state be reported to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control (SC DHEC). This report contains the data reported to SC DHEC, Vital Statistics, for abortions performed in South Carolina in 2022 as required by SC Code of Law 44-41-460.

To comply with changes required by South Carolina statute, Vital Statistics adopted a new form on September 25, 2017. This report is based on data collected utilizing this form (See Appendix).

The data presented in this report is based on occurrence data.

Table 1.

Abortions by Probable Postfertilization Age (Weeks)
by Year, South Carolina, 2020 - 2022

Year	Total	6 or less	6 or less weeks		7 - 13 weeks		14 - 19 weeks		20 - 23 weeks	
i eai	real Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2022	7,276	3,746	51.48	3,491	47.98	34	0.47	5	0.07	
2021	6,279	3,007	47.89	3,223	51.33	38	0.61	11	0.18	
2020	5,468	2,434	44.51	3,009	55.03	20	0.37	5	0.09	

Table 2.

Ultrasound Used to Determine Probable Postfertilization Age by Year, South Carolina, 2020 - 2022

Year	Total	Yes		١	10	Unknown		
i eai	าบเลา	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2022	7,276	7,273	99.96	3	0.04	-	0	
2021	6,279	6,272	99.89	6	0.10	1	0.02	
2020	5,468	5,464	99.93	4	0.07	-	0	

Table 3.

Abortions by Method and Probable Postfertilizition Age (Weeks) by Year, South Carolina, 2020 - 2022

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Dilation and Curettage	Year	Method of Abortion	Total	Under 6	7 - 13	14 - 19	
Manual Vacuum Aspiration		Total	7,276	3,746	3,491	34	5
Manual Vacuum Aspiration		Dilation and Curettage	493	38	455	-	_
Dilation and Evacuation						-	_
Combined Induction Abortion and Dilation and Evacuation		Electrical Vacuum Aspiration	1,397	475	922	-	-
Medication Abortion with Prostaglandins			36	-	7	29	-
Induction Abortion with Prostaglandins	2022		-	-	-	-	-
Induction Abortion with Intra-Amniotic Instillation	2022			3,163	2,051	-	
Induction Abortion - other Hysterotomy / Hysterectomy			7	-	-	4	3
Hysterotomy / Hysterectomy			-	-	-	-	-
Intact Dilation and Extraction (partial birth)			_	_	_	-	_
Other			_	_		_	_
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Induction Abortion with Prostaglandins 6			1	-	-		-
Induction Abortion with Intra-Amniotic Instillation		Medication Abortion	4,623	2,548	2,064	4	7
Induction Abortion - other			6	-	-	2	4
Hysterotomy / Hysterectomy			-	-	-	-	-
Intact Dilation and Extraction (partial birth)			-	-	-	-	-
Total			1	-	-	1	-
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Electrical Vacuum Aspiration		Dilation and Curettage	511	35	476	-	-
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Table 4.
Intra-fetal Injection Used in an Attempt to Induce Fetal Demise by Year, South Carolina, 2020 - 2022

Year	Total		Yes	No		
i eai	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2022	7,276	2	0.03	7,274	99.97	
2021	6,279	4	0.06	6,275	99.94	
2020	5,468	7	0.13	5,461	99.87	

Table 5.
Abortions by Maternal Age
South Carolina, 2020 - 2022

Age Group	20	22	2021		2020		
Age Group	Number Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total	7,276	100	6,279	100	5,468	100	
Under 15	19	0.26	19	0.30	14	0.26	
15 - 16	78	1.07	65	1.04	58	1.07	
17-19	563	7.74	484	7.71	437	8.00	
20-24	2,072	28.48	1,802	28.70	1,556	28.46	
25-29	2,087	28.68	1,836	29.24	1,590	29.08	
30-34	1,457	20.02	1,266	20.16	1,050	19.21	
35 & Over	1,000	13.74	807	12.85	763	13.96	

Table 6.
Reason for the Abortion if Probable Postfertilization Age between 20 to 23 Weeks by Year, South Carolina, 2020 - 2022

Year	Total	Medical	Emergency	Fetal Anomaly		
i cai	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2022	5	2	40.00	3	60.00	
2021	11	2	18.18	9	81.82	
2020	5	1	20.00	4	80.00	

Table 7.

Method of Abortion Used that, in Reasonable Medical Judgement, Provided the Best Opportunity for the Unborn Child to Survive, If Probable Postfertilization Age is between 20 to 23 Weeks by Year, South Carolina, 2020 - 2022

Year	Total	Y	es	No		
real	TOtal	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2022	5	3	60.00	2	40.00	
2021	11	9	81.82	2	18.18	
2020	5	4	80.00	1	20.00	

Table 8.

If the Method of Abortion did Not Provide the Best Opportunity for the Unborn child to Survive, was the Basis of the Determination of Method of Abortion Used Provided?

by Year, South Carolina, 2020 - 2022

Year	Total	Y	es	No		
i cai	Total	Number Percent		Number	Percent	
2022	2	2	100	-	0	
2021	2	2	100	-	0	
2020	1	1	100	-	0	

Appendix

Modhec	REPORT OF INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY				STATE FILE NUMBER			
Patient's ID Number (Do Not Enter Patient)	ent's Name)	2. Age (Last Bi	irthday)			3. Date of	3. Date of Pregnancy Termination (Month, Day, Year)	
4. Facility Name		5. City/Town or Location of Pregnancy Termination			/ Termination	6. County	of Pregnancy Termination	
7. Residence - State or Foreign Country		1			8. Residence - C	county		
9. Of Hispanic Origin? ☐ No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latina ☐ Yes, Mexican/Mexican American/Chica ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican ☐ Yes, Cuban ☐ Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latina Specify	African American Indian or Alaska Native e enrolled or principal tribe) Ilian Korean Vietnamese Other Asian (Specify) Native Hawaiian Guamanian or Chamorro Samoan Other Pacific Islander (Specify) Other (Specify)			mese Asian (Specify) Hawaiian anian or Chamorro an Pacific Islander (S	pecify)	11. Education (Specify the highest degree or level comple □ 8th grade or less □ 9th -12th grade no diploma □ High school graduate or GED complete □ Some college credit, but no degree □ Associate degree (e.g., AA, AS) □ Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, AB, BS) □ Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MEng, MEd, M □ Doctorate or professional degree (e.g., Pr	d ISW, MBA)	
12. Patient Married? ☐ Yes ☐ No			13. Date	e Last Nor	mal Menses Bega	ın (Month, Day, `	(ear)	
14. Previous Pregnancies LIVE BIF	PTHS				OTH	IER TERMINAT	ONS	
14a. Now Living 14b	. Now Dead IBER □ NON		tc. Spontaned	ous _ 🗆 NONE		14d. Indu	ced (DO NOT INCLUDE THIS TERMINATION)	
	(Pursuant to Ch	apter 41, Title 4	4, of the Code	e of Laws	of South Carolina,	1976, as amen	ded)	
15. Was a Determination of Probable Post YES - Go to question 17 NO NO 16. Enter the basis of the determination the Specify:	Go to question 16	gency existed:		18	Was the reas If Medical En woman had a necessitate trisk of substa	on for the abortinergency, provide condition which he abortion of he abortial and irrever	is 20 or more weeks: on?	nant serious
Go to question 20							Go to Question 18	C.
Probable Postfertilization Age 17a. Enter weeks of Probable Postfertilization.	ition Age:				provided the	best opportunity	sed one that, in reasonable medical judgment for the unborn child to survive? ☐ No. Go to question 19	
17b. Was Ultrasound used to determine P If less than 20 weeks Probable Postfert If 20 weeks or MORE Probable Postfert	robable Postfertiliz	o question 20	YES □ NO		9. Provide the bas (best opportunit or of the substa	is of the determi y) would pose a ntial and irrevers ychological or e	nation that termination of the pregnancy in tha greater risk either of the death of the pregnanible physical impairment of a major bodily functional conditions, of the woman than would	t woman ction,
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21. Was an intra-fetal injection used in an	<u> </u>	•			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u> </u>	LV
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EACH PATIENT, REGARDLESS OF AGE. 22b. IF NO, INFORM 1 ☐ Medical Emergi 2 ☐ Incest	ency 3	NSENT WAS No ID Not Capable ID None of the a	/Mentally Inco		D: (check one)	FROM: (check 1 ☐ Spouse 2 ☐ Parent	one) 3 ☐ Legal Guardian 4 ☐ None of the above)
ITEM 23 MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PATIENT, UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE. 23a. IF PATIENT IS CONSENT OBTAINE 1 □ Parent 2 □ Legal Guardian 3 □ Grandparent	ED FROM:(check o		co Parentis	ORMED W	/RITTEN	INFORMED W	ler 5 ☐ None of the above	CHECK
24. Date Report Completed								