

# Abortion Numbers

Updated February 2017 using 2015 data provided by the Tennessee Department of Health Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment - Health Statistics. Full report of 2015 reported selected induced termination of pregnancy (ITOP) data can be found on their website at <http://health.tn.gov/statistics/ITOP.htm>.

## Incidence of abortion

### In Tennessee...

**11,411 abortions took place in 2015.**

This figure includes 2,298 to residents of other states representing **20%** of all abortions performed in TN.

The total number is a **7.77% decrease** from 12,373 abortions in 2014.

### Among TN residents...

there were **9,113 reported abortions** in 2015,

a **7.59% decrease** from 9,861 resident abortions in 2014. The number of resident abortions has declined each year since 14,376 occurred in 2007 and is the lowest number since 1974. Since 1973 **624,129** Tennessee babies have died from abortion.

### National Numbers

Currently, there are about

**926,000**

abortions in America each year.

From 1973-2015

**58,422,011**

babies died from abortion.

**1:9** Ratio of abortions to live births among TN residents

**10%** of resident pregnancies ended in abortion in 2015.

## Who has abortions?

Tennessee counties with highest percentage of reported abortions in 2015.

County / Area	Percentage of total TN abortions
Shelby (Memphis)	30.9% / 2,800 total
Davidson (Nashville)	22% / 1,994 total
Mid-Cumberland Area	16.3% / 1,476 total
Knox (Knoxville)	7.9% / 719 total

Among Tennessee residents having abortions in 2015...

**20-29 years old**  
59.7% of abortions

**85.7%**  
Unmarried

**51.5%**  
of abortions are by  
non-Caucasian

**48.5%**  
of abortions are by  
Caucasian

**42%**  
had repeat  
abortions

Abortions by age of mother	
Age Group	Percentage of total TN abortions, 2015.
14 and under	0.3%
15-17	2.9%
18-19	6.5%
20-24	31.7%
25-29	28%
30-34	18.2%
35-39	9.5%
40-44	2.9%

Repeat abortions	
Number of previous abortions	Percentage of total TN abortions, 2015.
NONE	58.0%
1	25.4%
2	9.2%
3	2.9%
4+	1.5%
Unknown	2.9%

## When are abortions performed?

The method of abortion used depends in part upon the age of the child. The percentage of total abortions performed at various weeks of gestation is provided at right.

**64.3%**  
of abortions on  
babies aged 8  
weeks and under

Abortions by week of gestation	
Weeks of gestation	Percentage of total TN abortions, 2015.
Under 7	30.2%
7-8	34.1%
9-10	17.2%
11-12	9.8%
13-14	5.9%
15-16	1.3%
17-20	0.1%
Unknown	1.4%