

Abortion Numbers

Updated December 2018 using 2017 data provided by the Tennessee Department of Health Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment - Health Statistics. Full report of 2017 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...

10,810 abortions took place in 2017.

This figure includes 2,174 to residents of other states representing **20%** of all abortions performed in TN.

The total number is a **3.78% decrease** from 11,235 abortions in 2016.

Among TN residents...

there were **8,636 reported abortions** in 2017,

a **11.26% decrease** from 9,732 resident abortions in 2016. Since 1973 **642,500** Tennessee babies have died from abortion.

National Numbers

Currently, there are about

926,190

abortions in America each year.

From 1973-2017

60,069,971

babies died from abortion.

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

11% of resident pregnancies ended in abortion in 2017.

Who has abortions?

Tennessee counties with highest percentage of reported abortions in 2017.

County / Area	Percentage of total TN abortions
Shelby (Memphis)	36.9% / 3,190 total
Davidson (Nashville)	18.9% / 1,632 total
Mid-Cumberland Area	14.7% / 1,269 total
Knox (Knoxville)	7.4% / 636 total

Among Tennessee residents having abortions in 2017...

20-29 years old
60.2% of abortions

84%
Unmarried

53.3%
of abortions are by
non-Caucasian

43.5%
of abortions are by
Caucasian

38.3%
had repeat
abortions

Abortions by age of mother	
Age Group	Percentage of total TN abortions, 2017.
14 and under	0.2%
15-17	2.4%
18-19	5.6%
20-24	30.3%
25-29	29.9%
30-34	18.4%
35-39	9.9%
40-44	3.0%

Repeat abortions	
Number of previous abortions	Percentage of total TN abortions, 2017.
NONE	60.0%
1	25.0%
2	9.2%
3	2.5%
4+	1.6%
Unknown	1.7%

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.

57.1%
of abortions on
babies aged 8
weeks and under

Abortions by week of gestation	
Weeks of gestation	Percentage of total TN abortions, 2017.
Under 7	19.9%
7-8	37.2%
9-10	21.0%
11-12	10.8%
13-14	6.6%
15-16	3.1%
17-20	0.8%
Unknown	0.5%