

Abortion Numbers

Updated June 2020 using 2018 data provided by the Tennessee Department of Health Division of Policy, Planning and Assessment - Health Statistics. Full report of 2018 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...

10,880 abortions took place in 2018.

This figure includes 893 residents of other states representing **8%** of all abortions performed in TN.

The total number is a **.65% increase** from 10,810 abortions in 2017.

Among TN residents...

there were **9,987 reported abortions** in 2018,

a **15.64% increase** from 8,636 resident abortions in 2017. Since 1973 **652,487** Tennessee babies have died from abortion.

National Numbers

Currently, there are about

862,320

abortions in America each year.

From 1973-2018

61,628,584

babies died from abortion.

1:8 Ratio of abortions to live births among TN residents

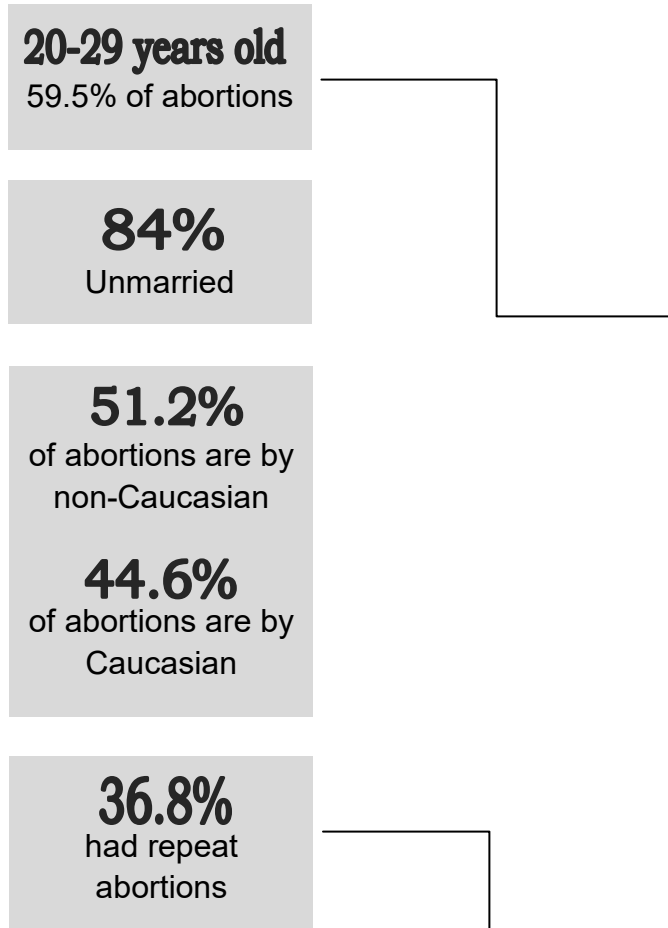
11% of resident pregnancies ended in abortion in 2018.

Who has abortions?

Tennessee counties with highest percentage of reported abortions in 2018.

County / Area	Percentage of total TN abortions
Shelby (Memphis)	31.2% / 3,053 total
Davidson (Nashville)	18.2% / 1,777 total
Mid-Cumberland Area	15.5% / 1,513 total
Knox (Knoxville)	7.8% / 766 total

Among Tennessee residents having abortions in 2018...

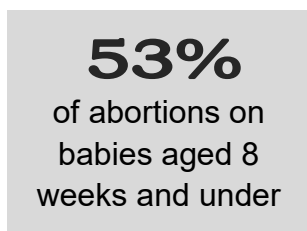


Abortions by age of mother	
Age Group	Percentage of total TN abortions, 2018.
14 and under	0.2%
15-17	2.4%
18-19	6.6%
20-24	29.1%
25-29	30.4%
30-34	18.3%
35-39	10.2%
40-44	2.5%

Repeat abortions	
Number of previous abortions	Percentage of total TN abortions, 2018.
NONE	62.1%
1	24.5%
2	8.3%
3	2.9%
4+	1.1%
Unknown	1.1%

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.



Abortions by week of gestation	
Weeks of gestation	Percentage of total TN abortions, 2018.
Under 7	17.8%
7-8	35.2%
9-10	22.2%
11-12	10.9%
13-14	6.6%
15-16	3.3%
17-20	3.1%
Unknown	.9%