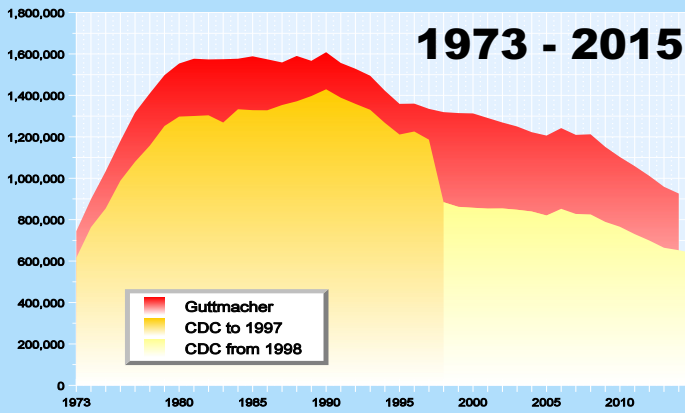


Reported Annual Abortions

1973 - 2015



1973	744,610	Guttmacher	615,831	CDC
1974	898,570		763,476	
1975	1,034,170		854,853	
1976	1,179,300		988,267	
1977	1,316,700		1,079,430	
1978	1,409,600		1,157,776	
1979	1,497,670		1,251,921	
1980	1,553,890		1,297,606	
1981	1,577,340		1,300,760	
1982	1,573,920		1,303,980	
1983	1,575,000		1,268,987	
1984	1,577,180		1,333,521	
1985	1,588,550		1,328,570	
1986	1,574,000		1,328,112	
1987	1,559,110		1,353,671	
1988	1,590,750		1,371,285	
1989	1,566,900		1,396,658	
1990	1,608,600	1,429,247		
1991	1,556,510	1,388,937		
1992	1,528,930	1,359,146		
1993	1,495,000	1,330,414		
1994	1,423,000	1,267,415		
1995	1,359,400	1,210,883		
1996	1,360,160	1,225,937		
1997	1,335,000	1,186,039		
1998	1,319,000	884,273*		
1999	1,314,800	861,789*		
2000	1,312,990	857,475*		
2001	1,291,000	853,485*		
2002	1,269,000	854,122*		
2003	1,250,000	848,163*		
2004	1,222,100	839,226*		
2005	1,206,200	820,151*		
2006	1,242,200	846,181*		
2007	1,209,640	827,609*		
2008	1,212,350	825,564*		
2009	1,151,600	789,116*		
2010	1,102,670	765,651*		
2011	1,058,490	730,322*		
2012	1,011,000	699,202*		
2013	958,700	664,435*		
2014	926,190	652,639*		
2015-18	906,308§	638,169*		

*excludes NH, CA and at least one other state

§ NRLC projection for calculation

ABORTION statistics

United States Data and Trends

Lowest Levels in Decades

There are two basic sources on abortion incidence in the United States:

- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) publishes yearly, but relies on voluntary reports from state health departments (and New York City, Washington, D.C.). It has been missing data from California, New Hampshire, and at least one other state since 1998.
- The Guttmacher Institute (GI) contacts abortion clinics directly for data but does not survey every year.
- Because it surveys clinics directly and includes data from all fifty states, most researchers believe Guttmacher's numbers to be more reliable, though Guttmacher still believes there may be as much as a 5% undercount in its most recent figures.

Both the CDC and Guttmacher show significant recent drops and even larger drops over the last 25 years.

- Total abortions dropped 27.8% from 1998 to 2015 with the CDC, and fell 42.4% from 1990 to 2014 with GI.
- Total abortions fell below 1 million for the first time in 38 years for Guttmacher when it reported 958,700 for 2013. That dropped further to 926,190 in 2014.
- The **abortion rate** for 2014 for GI was 14.6 abortions for every 1,000 women of reproductive age (15-44), half what it was in 1981 (29.3) and the lowest recorded since abortion was legalized in the U.S. in 1973.
- Guttmacher says there were 18.8 abortions for every 100 pregnancies ending in live birth or abortion in 2014, an **abortion ratio** lower than any since 1972.
- Guttmacher says that the number of abortion "providers" has dropped from a high of 2,918 in 1982 to 1,671 in 2014.
- Most of the reduction in abortions seen between 2008 and 2011 was in facilities performing a thousand or more abortions a year. A loss of 65 more such facilities from 2011 to 2014 was likely a big factor in the overall drop of 132,300 abortions seen in those three years.

The Consequences of *Roe v. Wade*

60,942,033

Total abortions since 1973

Based on numbers reported by the Guttmacher Institute 1973-2014, w/ projections of 906,308 for 2015-18, based on -2.05% drop seen by CDC from 2014 -15. GI has estimated possible undercounts of 3-5%, so an additional 3% is factored into the overall total. 1/19

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THE BASICS

A compilation of recent and noteworthy information on the abortion issue.

Diary of an Unborn Baby



Day 1 Fertilization: all human chromosomes are present, and a unique life begins.

Day 6 The embryo begins implanting in the uterus.

Day 22 The heart begins to beat with the child's own blood, often with a different blood type than the mother's.

Week 5 Eyes, legs, and hands begin to develop.

Week 6 Brain waves are detectable¹. The mouth and lips are present, and fingers are forming².



Week 7 Eyelids and toes form. The baby now has a distinct nose and is kicking and swimming³.

Week 8 Every organ is in place⁴; bones⁵, fingerprints² begin to form.



Weeks 9 & 10 Teeth begin to form, fingernails develop⁵; baby can turn head⁵ and frown².

Week 11 Baby can grasp object placed in hand³.

Week 17 Baby can have dream (REM) sleep⁷.

Unless otherwise noted, information on fetal development taken from Keith L. Moore and T.V.N. Persaud, The Developing Human, 5th ed. (Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Co., 1993). 1. O'Rahilly & Müller, The Embryonic Human Brain, 2nd Ed, 1999. 2. Flanagan, The First Nine Months, 1965. 3. Valman & Pearson, BMJ, 1/26/80. 4. Nilsson, A Child is Born, 1990. 5. Rugh & Shettles, From Conception to Birth, 1971. 6. P.E. Rockwell, Markle v. Abele, U.S. Supreme Court, 1971. 7. AMA News, 2/1/83. Full citations available upon request.

MORE THAN NUMBERS

There have been nearly **61 million abortions** in the U.S. since 1973.

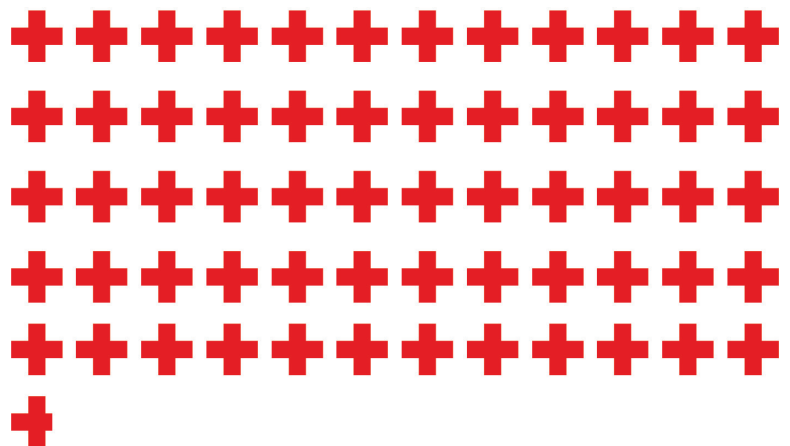
There were over **900,000 abortions** in 2014. That is nearly **2,500 abortions per day, 123 per hour, 1 every 34 seconds.**

Of all pregnancies that resulted in either live birth or abortion in 2014, **18.8% resulted in abortion.**

The War On The Unborn

✚ = 1 Million Lives

Abortions in the U.S. Since 1973:



American Casualties from every war since 1775:

