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Induced Abortions by Age and Ethnicity  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

Age	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown	Total
<15	5	39	1	45
15	1	59	0	60
16	0	108	0	108
17	3	127	1	131
18	11	197	0	208
19	11	224	0	235
(15-19)	26	715	1	742
20-24	68	1511	9	1588
25-29	50	1016	4	1070
30-34	32	692	4	728
35-39	16	377	2	395
40-54	2	127	0	129
Unknown	0	0	1	1
Total	199	4477	22	4698

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Age and Consent Required  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005\*

Age	Parental Consent Required	Parental Consent Obtained	Judicial Bypass Obtained	Total
<15	12	12	0	13
15	25	23	2	25
16	37	33	4	39
17	48	43	5	55
18	52	42	2	70
19	5	4	2	78
(15-19)	167	145	15	267
20-24	1	0	0	582
25-29	0	0	0	378
30-34	0	0	0	262
35-39	0	0	0	150
40-54	0	0	0	53
Total	180	157	15	1705

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

\*Partial year data. Consent Required Data collected since August 12, 2005

Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Age  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

Weeks of Gestation	< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	9	171	504	373	222	151	43	0	1473
7 Wks	4	104	207	147	111	53	21	0	647
8 Wks	6	88	175	143	110	44	14	0	580
9 Wks	3	50	166	101	68	32	12	1	433
10 Wks	6	61	110	73	45	30	9	0	334
11 Wks	2	49	97	58	30	16	5	0	257
12 Wks	3	48	66	28	27	13	1	0	186
13 Wks	0	32	55	34	16	8	6	0	151
14 Wks	2	19	40	29	22	10	4	0	126
15 Wks	0	24	41	21	22	5	1	0	114
16 Wks	4	21	32	7	15	4	3	0	86
17 Wks	1	25	33	9	9	11	1	0	89
18 Wks	2	22	23	23	12	8	4	0	94
19 Wks	2	19	22	14	11	6	3	0	77
20 Wks	1	9	16	10	7	4	2	0	49
21+ Wks	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Total	45	742	1588	1070	728	395	129	1	4698

\*Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period  
except 115 of the 4698 procedures used physicians' estimates.

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Ethnicity  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

Weeks of Gestation	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown Ethnicity	Total
< 7 Wks	74	1390	9	1473
7 Wks	23	621	3	647
8 Wks	23	554	3	580
9 Wks	14	418	1	433
10 Wks	14	318	2	334
11 Wks	12	244	1	257
12 Wks	7	177	2	186
13 Wks	10	141	0	151
14 Wks	3	122	1	126
15 Wks	4	110	0	114
16 Wks	2	84	0	86
17 Wks	7	82	0	89
18 Wks	1	93	0	94
19 Wks	4	73	0	77
20 Wks	1	48	0	49
21+ Wks	0	2	0	2
Total	199	4477	22	4698

\*Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period  
except 115 of the 4698 procedures used physicians' estimates.

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Type of Procedure  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

Weeks of Gestation	Suction or D&E Curettage	Sharp Curettage	Intrauterine Instillation	Medical (Nonsurgical)	Other Methods	Unknown Method	Total
< 7 Wks	1469	0	0	4	0	0	1473
7 Wks	646	0	0	1	0	0	647
8 Wks	580	0	0	0	0	0	580
9 Wks	433	0	0	0	0	0	433
10 Wks	334	0	0	0	0	0	334
11 Wks	257	0	0	0	0	0	257
12 Wks	186	0	0	0	0	0	186
13 Wks	151	0	0	0	0	0	151
14 Wks	126	0	0	0	0	0	126
15 Wks	114	0	0	0	0	0	114
16 Wks	86	0	0	0	0	0	86
17 Wks	88	0	0	1	0	0	89
18 Wks	94	0	0	0	0	0	94
19 Wks	75	0	0	1	1	0	77
20 Wks	48	0	0	1	0	0	49
21+ Wks	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Total	4687	0	0	9	2	0	4698

\*Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period  
except 115 of the 4698 procedures used physicians' estimates.

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Race  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

Weeks of Gestation	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	937	389	132	15	1473
7 Wks	428	176	38	5	647
8 Wks	362	176	40	2	580
9 Wks	261	148	21	3	433
10 Wks	189	111	31	3	334
11 Wks	150	88	16	3	257
12 Wks	108	67	8	3	186
13 Wks	81	59	8	3	151
14 Wks	62	59	4	1	126
15 Wks	54	54	5	1	114
16 Wks	38	44	4	0	86
17 Wks	47	35	7	0	89
18 Wks	52	39	3	0	94
19 Wks	41	30	6	0	77
20 Wks	29	17	3	0	49
21+ Wks	1	1	0	0	2
Total	2840	1493	326	39	4698

\*Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period  
except 115 of the 4698 procedures used physicians' estimates.

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Hispanic Origin  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

Marital Status	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown	Total
Married	48	724	6	778
Not Married	150	3746	16	3912
Unknown	1	7	0	8
Total	199	4477	22	4698

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Race  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

Marital Status	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
Married	503	154	113	8	778
Not Married	2330	1338	213	31	3912
Unknown	7	1	0	0	8
Total	2840	1493	326	39	4698

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Live Births  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

No. of Previous Live Births	Number of Women
0	1811
1	1379
2	993
3	356
4+	159
Total	4698

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Induced Abortions  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

No. of Previous Induced Abortions	Number of Women
0	2935
1	1014
2	461
3	190
4+	96
Unknown	2
Total	4698

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Age and Race  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

Age	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
<15	22	17	5	1	45
15	30	29	1	0	60
16	66	37	5	0	108
17	83	44	4	0	131
18	140	54	9	5	208
19	147	75	12	1	235
(15-19)	466	239	31	6	742
20-24	972	502	101	13	1588
25-29	607	376	78	9	1070
30-34	435	222	65	6	728
35-39	252	106	33	4	395
40-54	86	31	12	0	129
Unknown	0	0	1	0	1
Total	2840	1493	326	39	4698

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by State of Residence  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

State of Residence	Number of Women
Alabama	1
Arkansas	4064
California	1
Colorado	1
Florida	5
Georgia	1
Kansas	3
Louisiana	30
Michigan	1
Mississippi	116
Missouri	59
Oklahoma	113
Tennessee	248
Texas	54
Wisconsin	1
Total	4698

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by State of Residence  
Arkansas Occurrences - 2005

State of Residence	Number of Women
Out-of-State	634
Arkansas Resident	4064
Total	4698

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services- October 27, 2015

## DEFINITIONS

Live birth –The complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after the expulsion or extraction, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached. Heartbeats shall be distinguished from transient cardiac contractions; respirations shall be distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 1(8)).

Fetal death – Death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy. The death is indicated by the fact that after the expulsion or extraction, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles. Heartbeats shall be distinguished from the transient cardiac contractions; respirations shall be distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 1(9)).

Each fetal death where the fetus weighs three hundred fifty (350) grams or more, or if weight is unknown, the fetus completed twenty (20) weeks gestation or more, calculated from the date last normal menstrual period began to the date of delivery, that occurs in Arkansas shall be reported within five (5) days after delivery to the Division of Vital Records or as otherwise directed by the State Registrar. (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 27, (a)(1)).

Spontaneous fetal death – (Otherwise known as stillbirth or miscarriage) means the expulsion of or extraction of a product of human conception resulting in other than a live birth and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 27, (a)(1)).

Spontaneous fetal deaths where the fetus has completed less than twenty (20) weeks gestation and where the fetus weighs less than three hundred fifty (350) grams shall be reported as prescribed. (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 27, (a) (2)).

Induced termination of pregnancy - The purposeful interruption of pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant, and which does not result in a live birth, except that this definition excludes management of prolonged retention of products of conception following fetal death (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 1, (9) (B)).

Each induced termination of pregnancy that occurs in the State of Arkansas, regardless of the length of gestation, shall be reported to the Division of Vital Statistics within (5) days by the person in charge of the institution in which the induced termination of pregnancy was performed. (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Section 27 (b)).

Gestation – Computed gestation is calculated from the date last normal menstrual period began to date of induced termination. Estimated gestation is the length of gestation as estimated by the attending physician in completed menstrual weeks.

Suction curettage (Also known as vacuum aspiration) – In this procedure the cervical

canal is dilated by the successive insertion of instruments of increasing diameter called dilators. When the opening is large enough, a flexible tube (cannula) is inserted into the uterine cavity, and the fetal and placental tissues are then suctioned out by an electric vacuum pump.

**Medical (Nonsurgical)** This nonsurgical procedure involves the administration of a medication or medications to induce an abortion. Medications (e.g. methotrexate, mifepristone, misoprostol, etc.) are used most frequently early in the first trimester of pregnancy. However, some medications (e.g. prostaglandin suppositories, injectable prostaglandins, etc.) may be administered during the second trimester of pregnancy to induce abortion. Medications may be administered orally, by injection, or intravaginally.

**Dilation and evacuation (D & E)** – This procedure, used most frequently in the second trimester, involves opening the cervix (dilation) and primarily using sharp instrument techniques, but also suction and other instrumentation such as forceps for evacuation.

**Intra-uterine installation (saline or prostaglandin)** - This procedure involves either withdrawing a portion of the amniotic fluid from the uterine cavity by a needle inserted through the abdominal wall and replacing this fluid with a concentrated salt solution or injecting a prostaglandin into the uterine cavity through a needle inserted through the abdominal wall. The saline instillation process induces labor, which results in the expulsion of the fetus approximately 24 to 48 hours later. The interval between prostaglandin injection and expulsion tends to be shorter than in a saline abortion.

**Sharp curettage (Also known as dilation and curettage, D & C, or surgical curettage)** - This procedure involves the dilation of the cervix as in suction, although usually to a larger diameter. The fetal and placental tissues are then scraped out with a curette, which resembles a small spoon.

**Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy** – Hysterotomy involves surgical entry into the uterus. Hysterotomy is usually performed only if other abortion procedures fail or if other abortion procedures are not appropriate. Hysterectomy is a procedure in which the uterus is removed (with the fetus inside). It is usually performed only when a pathological condition of the uterus, such as fibroid tumors, warrants its removal or when a woman desires sterilization.

All other procedures should be shown as "Other". This category includes procedures using a combination of agents, such as urea and prostaglandin, prostaglandin and oxytocin, or prostaglandin and saline.

**NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE CITED ABOVE, ALL DEFINITIONS ARE FROM THE HANDBOOK ON THE REPORTING OF INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. DHHS PUBLICATION NO. (PHS) 88-1117.**