

## KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE

### TOP TEN DATA POINTS: KENTUCKY ANNUAL ABORTION REPORTS 2017-2020

SOURCE: KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH / OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

PERIOD COMMENTED: CALENDAR YEAR ENDED 12/31/2020 (unless otherwise noted)

1. Kentucky abortions totaled 4,104 – a 12% increase over 2019 and a 28.1% increase over both 2018 and 2017. Only ONE (1) abortion was deemed medically necessary.
2. Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest was added as a facility and reported 368 abortions which may have accounted for 83.6% of the increase of 440 in total abortions over 2019. U of L and UK Healthcare performed a total of 10 abortions.
3. Women coming from other states into Kentucky for abortions accounted for 15% of total abortions and included residents of Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey and Texas.
4. Unmarried women, as a percentage of total abortions, continued to increase from 83.5% in 2017 to 87.3% in 2020.
5. Black and Hispanic women continued to represent disproportionate percentages of total abortions relative to their representation in Kentucky's general population: Black abortions increased from 28.3% in 2017 to 34.6% in 2020 while Hispanic abortions increased from 6.7% in 2017 to 7.6% of total abortions.
6. Women with five (5) years or more of college education having abortions declined dramatically from an average of 306 abortions PER YEAR for 2017-2019 to only three (3) TOTAL abortions in 2020. Women with a high school or less education having abortions increased from 39.7% in 2017 to 46.3% in 2020.
7. Women aged 14 and under averaged 13 abortions per year and women aged 15-19 averaged 312 total abortions per year for 2017-2020.
8. The most common gestation period for an abortion continued to be six (6) weeks (28.2% of total abortions); second trimester abortions represented 12.4%.
9. Over half (54%) of total abortions were by women who had previously not had an abortion. However, 84 women having an abortion had previously undergone from 5 to 9 abortions and seven (7) women had undergone TEN (10) OR MORE previous abortions.
10. Non-surgical (medication) abortions continued to increase to 50.9% of total abortions as compared to 46.5% in 2017. Suction Curettage increased to 42.3% from 36.6% in 2017 with Dilation and Evacuation procedures declining to 6.9% from 16.4% in 2017. In a new reporting, 30 women experienced abortion complications including incomplete abortions, retained tissue, heavy bleeding requiring blood transfusions, cervical and uterine lacerations and other unnamed adverse events.

**Source:** [Abortion Requirements and Annual Data Reports - Cabinet for Health and Family Services \(ky.gov\)](https://www.ky.gov/health/abortion-requirements-and-annual-data-reports)

**KENTUCKY ANNUAL ABORTION REPORT SUMMARY**

**DEPARTMENT for PUBLIC HEALTH**

**OFFICE of VITAL STATISTICS**

2017-2020 (Calendar Years)

<u>Category</u>	2020	2019	2018	2017	Total 2017-2020
<b>1. Total Abortions</b>	<b>4,104</b>	<b>3,664</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>14,173</b>
<b>Increase from Prior Year</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>902</b>
<b>% Increase from Prior Year</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28.2%</b>
<b>2. Total KRTL Estimated Abortions per Visit Counts</b>	<b>4,337</b>	<b>3,978</b>	<b>4,014</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>15,700</b>
<i>Amount More (Less) than State Reported Above</i>	<i>233</i>	<i>314</i>	<i>811</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>1,527</i>
<i>% More (Less) than State Reported Above</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>25.3%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>10.8%</i>
<b>3. Total by EMW Surgical Center (Louisville)</b>	<b>3,724</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>3,180</b>	<b>13,734</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>90.7%</b>	<b>99.5%</b>	<b>99.4%</b>	<b>99.3%</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>Total by Planned Parenthood of Great Northwest*</b>	<b>368</b>				<b>368</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>9.0%</b>				<b>2.6%</b>
<b>Total by Norton Hospitals (Louisville)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Total by U of L &amp; UK Healthcare</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>4. Total with KY as State of Residence</b>	<b>3,487</b>	<b>3,021</b>	<b>2,714</b>	<b>2,788</b>	<b>12,010</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>82.5%</b>	<b>84.7%</b>	<b>87.1%</b>	<b>84.7%</b>
<b>Total Other States of Residence</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>2,163</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>
<b>5. Total Married</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>2,056</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>Total Unmarried</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>3,139</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>12,117</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>87.3%</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>83.5%</b>	<b>85.5%</b>
<b>6. Total Hispanic Women</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1,007</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
<b>Total Black Women</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>4,546</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>
<b>Total White and Other Women</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>8,620</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>57.9%</b>	<b>59.0%</b>	<b>62.5%</b>	<b>65.0%</b>	<b>60.8%</b>
<b>7. Total High School or Less Education</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>5,953</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>46.3%</b>	<b>42.4%</b>	<b>38.2%</b>	<b>39.7%</b>	<b>42.0%</b>
<b>Total College (1 to 4 yrs)</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>7,299</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>53.6%</b>	<b>50.9%</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	<b>52.5%</b>	<b>51.5%</b>
<b>Total College (5+ yrs)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>921</b>
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

<u>Category</u>	2020	2019	2018	2017	Total 2017-2020
<b>8. Total Age 14 and under</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>51</b>
% Total Abortions	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
<b>Total Ages 15-19</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>1,246</b>
% Total Abortions	8.6%	8.0%	9.0%	9.7%	8.8%
<b>Total Ages 20-24</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>4,092</b>
% Total Abortions	29.0%	29.2%	29.1%	28.0%	28.9%
<b>Total Ages 25-29</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>4,124</b>
% Total Abortions	29.9%	29.2%	28.6%	28.4%	29.1%
<b>Total Ages 30-34</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>2,678</b>
% Total Abortions	19.0%	19.6%	18.8%	18.1%	18.9%
<b>Total Ages 35-39</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>1,494</b>
% Total Abortions	9.7%	10.5%	10.6%	11.6%	10.5%
<b>Total Ages 40 and over</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>488</b>
% Total Abortions	3.4%	3.2%	3.5%	3.7%	3.4%
<b>9. Total in First Trimester (1-12 wks)</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>12,400</b>
% Total Abortions	87.6%	88.7%	87.5%	85.8%	87.5%
<b>Total in Second Trimester (13-26 wks)</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>1,769</b>
% Total Abortions	12.4%	11.2%	12.5%	14.1%	12.5%
<b>Total in Third Trimester (35-37 wks only)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
% Total Abortions	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
<b>Most Frequent Gestation Period (6 wks)</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>4,668</b>
% Total Abortions	28.2%	32.9%	34.0%	38.0%	32.9%
<b>10. Women with No Total Previous Live Births</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>5,105</b>
% Total Abortions	33.6%	35.5%	38.2%	37.5%	36.0%
<b>Women with One or More Previous Live Births</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>9,068</b>
% Total Abortions	66.4%	64.5%	61.8%	62.5%	64.0%
<b>Women with Ten or More Previous Live Births</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Women with Most Previous Live Births</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>11. Women with No Previous Abortions</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>7,743</b>
% Total Abortions	54.0%	53.3%	58.2%	53.5%	54.6%
<b>Women with One or More Previous Abortions</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>6,430</b>
% Total Abortions	46.0%	46.7%	41.8%	46.5%	45.4%
<b>Women with 10 or More Previous Abortions</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Woman with Most Previous Abortions</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>12. Abortion Necessary to Prevent Death - No</b>	<b>4,103</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>3,197</b>	<b>14,148</b>
% Total Abortions	99.98%	99.78%	99.66%	99.84%	99.8%
<b>Abortion Necessary to Prevent Death - Yes</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>
% Total Abortions	0.02%	0.22%	0.34%	0.16%	0.18%
<b>13. Total by Suction Curettage - No Medication</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>5,909</b>
% Total Abortions	42.3%	44.4%	43.0%	36.6%	41.7%
<b>Total by Medical Non-Surgical - Medication</b>	<b>2,087</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>6,953</b>
% Total Abortions	50.9%	50.1%	48.1%	46.5%	49.1%
<b>Total by Dilution &amp; Evacuation</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1,269</b>
% Total Abortions	6.9%	5.1%	8.5%	16.4%	9.0%

<u>Category</u>	2020	2019	2018	2017	Total 2017-2020
<b>14. Total No Complications Reported</b>	<b>4,074</b>				
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>99.27%</b>				
<b>Total Incomplete Abortion/Retained Tissue</b>	<b>18</b>				
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>0.44%</b>				
<b>Total Cervical/Uterine Laceration</b>	<b>2</b>				
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>0.05%</b>				
<b>Total Failure to Terminate Pregnancy</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>0.02%</b>				
<b>Total Heavy Bleeding/Need Transfusion</b>	<b>2</b>				
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>0.05%</b>				
<b>Total Other Adverse Event/Unknown Complication</b>	<b>7</b>				
<b>% Total Abortions</b>	<b>0.17%</b>				

**\*Louisville Health Center at 842 South 7th Street offers full abortions services. Bluegrass Health Center at 268 Southland Drive in Lexington offers abortion referrals.**

**Source : <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/vsb/Pages/abreqadr.aspx> (except for #2 above)**