SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

A public report providing statistics compiled from all abortions reported to DHEC

2020



INTRODUCTION

SC Code of Law 44-41-60 requires that all abortions performed in the state be reported to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control (SC DHEC). This report contains the data reported to SC DHEC, Vital Statistics, for abortions performed in South Carolina in 2020 as required by SC Code of Law 44-41-460.

To comply with changes required by South Carolina statute, Vital Statistics adopted a new form on September 25, 2017. This report is based on data collected utilizing this form (See Appendix).

The data presented in this report is based on occurrence data.

Table 1.

Abortions by Probable Postfertilization Age (Weeks) by Year, South Carolina, 2018 - 2020

Year Total		6 or less weeks		7 - 13 weeks		14 - 19 weeks		20 - 23 weeks	
i cai	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2020	5,468	2,434	44.5	3,009	55.0	20	0.4	5	0.1
2019	5,101	2,323	45.5	2,748	53.9	25	0.5	5	0.1
2018	4,646	2,050	44.1	2,579	55.5	11	0.2	6	0.1

Table 2.

Ultrasound Used to Determine Probable Postfertilization Age by Year, South Carolina, 2018 - 2020

Ī	Year	Total	Y	es	No		
	rear	TOlai	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
ſ	2020	5,468	5,464	99.9	4	0.1	
	2019	5,101	5,101	100.0	-	0	
	2018	4,646	4,646	100.0	-	0	

Table 3.

Abortions by Method and Probable Postfertilizition Age (Weeks) by Year, South Carolina, 2018 - 2020

Year	Method of Abortion	Total	Weeks Gestation			
i eai	Method of Abortion		Under 6	7 - 13	14 - 19	20 - 23
	Total	5,468	2,281	2,242	20	5
	Dilation and Curettage	511	35	476	-	-
	Manual Vacuum Aspiration	177	86	91	-	-
	Electrical Vacuum Aspiration	1,062	355	707	-	-
2020	Dilation and Evacuation	24	-	6	18	-
	Combined Induction Abortion and Dilation and Evacuation	-	-	-	-	-
	Medication Abortion	3,688	1,958	1,729	-	1
	Induction Abortion with Prostaglandins	4	-	-	1	3
	Induction Abortion with Intra-Amniotic Instillation	-	-	-	-	-
	Induction Abortion - other	1	-	-	-	1
	Hysterotomy / Hysterectomy	1	-	-	1	-
	Intact Dilation and Extraction (partial birth) Other	-	-	-	-	-
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	Total	5,101	2,323	2,748	25	5
	Dilation and Curettage	598	42	556	-	-
	Manual Vacuum Aspiration	192	82	110	-	-
	Electrical Vacuum Aspiration	1,179	369	810	-	-
	Dilation and Evacuation	22	-	4	17	1
	Combined Induction Abortion and Dilation and Evacuation	4	-	1	3	-
2019	Medication Abortion	3,100	1,830	1,267	1	2
	Induction Abortion with Prostaglandins	5	-	-	3	2
	Induction Abortion with Intra-Amniotic Instillation	-	-	-	-	-
	Induction Abortion - other	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterotomy / Hysterectomy	1	-	-	1	-
	Intact Dilation and Extraction (partial birth) Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-		-	-
	Total	4,646	2,050	2,579	11	6
	Dilation and Curettage	566	57	509	-	-
	Manual Vacuum Aspiration	159	77	82	-	-
	Electrical Vacuum Aspiration	1,323	368	955	-	-
	Dilation and Evacuation	13	-	6	7	-
	Combined Induction Abortion and Dilation and Evacuation	1	-	-	1	-
2018	Medication Abortion	2,580	1,548	1,027	2	3
	Induction Abortion with Prostaglandins	4	-	-	1	3
	Induction Abortion with Intra-Amniotic Instillation	-	-	-	-	-
	Induction Abortion - other	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterotomy / Hysterectomy	-	-	-	-	-
	Intact Dilation and Extraction (partial birth)	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4.
Intra-fetal Injection Used in an Attempt to Induce Fetal Demise by Year, South Carolina, 2018 - 2020

Year	Total	Yes		No	
i eai		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2020	5,468	7	0.1	5,461	99.9
2019	5,101	2	0.4	5,099	100.0
2018	4,646	5	0.1	4,641	99.9

Table 5.
Abortions by Maternal Age
South Carolina, 2018 - 2020

Age Group	2020		20	19	2018	
Age Gloup	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	5,468	100.0	5,101	100.0	4,646	100.0
Under 15	14	0.3	10	0.2	14	0.3
15 - 16	58	1.1	58	1.1	49	1.1
17-19	437	8.0	441	8.7	400	8.6
20-24	1,556	28.5	1,403	27.5	1,360	29.3
25-29	1,590	29.1	1,500	29.4	1,343	28.9
30-34	1,050	19.2	961	18.8	814	17.5
35 & Over	763	14.0	728	14.3	666	14.3

Table 6.
Reason for the Abortion if Probable Postfertilization Age is 20 Weeks or More by Year, South Carolina, 2018 - 2020

Year	Total	Medical E	mergency	Fetal Anomaly		
i eai	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2020	5	1	20.0	4	80.0	
2019	5	3	60.0	2	40.0	
2018	6	-	0	6	100.0	

Table 7.

Method of Abortion Used that, in Reasonable Medical Judgement, Provided the Best Opportunity for the Unborn Child to Survive, If Probable Postfertilization Age is 20 Weeks or More by Year, South Carolina, 2018 - 2020

Year	Total	Yes Number Percent		No		
rear				Number	Percent	
2020	5	4	80.0	1	20.0	
2019	5	3	60.0	2	40.0	
2018	6	6	100.0	-	0	

Table 8.
Was the Basis of the Determination of Method of Abortion Used Provided?
by Year, South Carolina, 2018 - 2020

Year	Total	Y	es	No		
rear	Total	Number Percent		Number	Percent	
2020	1	-	0	1	100.0	
2019	2	2	100.0	-	0	
2018	-	-	0	-	0	

Appendix

Mohec	REPORT OF INDUCED STATE FILE TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY NUMBER					
Patient's ID Number (Do Not Enter Patient's Name)	2. Age (Last Birthd	ay)		3. Date of F	Pregnancy Termination (Month, Day, Year)	
4. Facility Name	5. City/Town or Loc	5. City/Town or Location of Pregnancy Termination			f Pregnancy Termination	
7. Residence - State or Foreign Country			8. Residence - C	ounty		
☐ Yes, Puerto Rican ☐ Yes, Cuban ☐ Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latina Specify ☐ Asian ☐ Chines ☐ Filiping ☐ Japane	ne enrolled or principal ndian e	n Indian or Alaska Native e enrolled or principal tribe) dian □ Other Asian (Specify) □ Native Hawaiian □ Guamanian or Chamorro □ Samoan □ Other Pacific Islander (Specify)			11. Education (Specify the highest degree or level completed) 8th grade or less 9th -12th grade no diploma High school graduate or GED completed Some college credit, but no degree Associate degree (e.g., AA, AS) Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, AB, BS) Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA) Doctorate or professional degree (e.g., PhD, MD)	
12. Patient Married? ☐ Yes ☐ No		13. Date Last No	rmal Menses Bega	ın (Month, Day, Ye	ear)	
14. Previous Pregnancies LIVE BIRTHS			OTH	IER TERMINATIO	PINC	
14a. Now Living 14b. Now Dead		Spontaneous ER □ NON		14d. Induce	ed (DO NOT INCLUDE THIS TERMINATION)	
(Pursuant to	Chapter 41, Title 44, of	the Code of Laws	of South Carolina,	1976, as amende	ed)	
15. Was a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age Made? □ YES - Go to question 17 □ NO - Go to question 16 16. Enter the basis of the determination that a medical emergency existed: Specify: 18. If Probable Postfertilization Age is 20 or more weeks: a. Was the reason for the abortion? □ Medical Emergency, go to Question 18c. b. If Medical Emergency, provide the basis of the determination that the pregnation woman had a condition which so complicated her medical condition as to necessitate the abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or to avert the strisk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily fund.					n? ☐ Medical Emergency, go to Question 18b. ☐ Fetal Anomaly, go to Question 18c. the basis of the determination that the pregnant so complicated her medical condition as to pregnancy to avert her death or to avert the serious	
Go to question 20			Specify:		Go to Question 18c.	
Probable Postfertilization Age 17a. Enter weeks of Probable Postfertilization Age:		11	provided the	best opportunity for	ed one that, in reasonable medical judgment, or the unborn child to survive? I No. Go to question 19	
17b. Was Ultrasound used to determine Probable Postfer If less than 20 weeks Probable Postfertilization Age, g If 20 weeks or MORE Probable Postfertilization Age, g	o to question 20		9. Provide the bas (best opportunit or of the substa	is of the determina y) would pose a g ntial and irreversit ychological or em	ation that termination of the pregnancy in that manner reater risk either of the death of the pregnant woman ole physical impairment of a major bodily function, otional conditions, of the woman than would other	
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20a. PRIMARY PROCEDURE USED TO TERMINATE THE Check Only One Primary Procedure	E PREGNANCY (CHE	CK ONLY ONE) Type of Procedur		ITIONAL PROCE	EDURES USED IF ANY (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) Check all Additional Procedures Used	
	Dilation	and Curettage (Da	&C)			
	Manu	al Vacuum Aspiration	on			
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☐Medication Abortion						
☐Induction Abort	on with Intra-Amniotic	Instillation (such as	s, but not limited to	, saline or urea)	□	
	Intact Dilation	and Extraction (pa	artial birth)			
Other - Specify						
21. Was an intra-fetal injection used in an attempt to indu	,		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	`		
ITEM 22 MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PATIENT, REGARDLESS OF 1 ☐ Medical Emergency	CONSENT WAS NOT 0	OBTAINED DUE To			T HAS BEEN COURT ADJUDGED MENTALLY , INFORMED WRITTEN CONSENT OBTAINED ine) 3 □ Legal Guardian 4 □ None of the above	
AGE. 2 □ Incest 4 □ None of the above ITEM 23 MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PATIENT, UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE. 23a. IF PATIENT IS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE, ADDITIONAL INFORMED WRITTEN CONSENT OBTAINED FROM:(check one) 1 □ Parent 4 □ Person in Loco Parentis 2 □ Legal Guardian 5 □ None of the above 3 □ Grandparent				23b. IF PATIENT	T IS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE AND ADDITIONAL LITTEN CONSENT WAS NOT OBTAINED, CHECK W: (check one) ed Minor 4 □ Incest r 5 □ None of the above	
24. Date Report Completed					- V- 17	