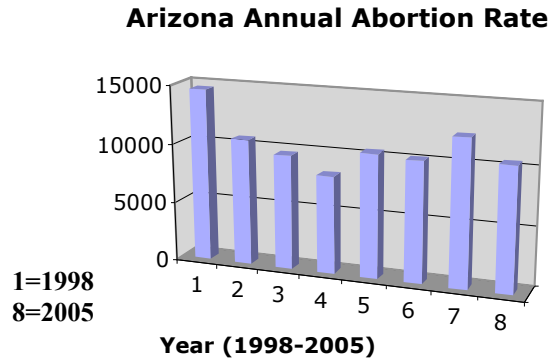


## Abortion: Statistics for the State of Arizona

### How many abortions are performed in Arizona annually?

According to the Arizona Department of Health Services, 10,446 abortions were performed on Arizona women in 2005. 3,078 of these abortions were non-surgical medication abortions (i.e. RU-486) while the remaining 7,368 were surgical abortions. The Centers for Disease Control also supports these figures but the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a leading pro-choice research organization affiliated with Planned Parenthood, places the number much higher.

In 2000 they reported that the annual abortion rate in Arizona was 17,940, almost double the rate recorded by the Department of Health Services. The Department of Health Services admits their findings could be lower than the actual rate due to underreporting by abortion providers.



### Parental Consent - Current Arizona Law

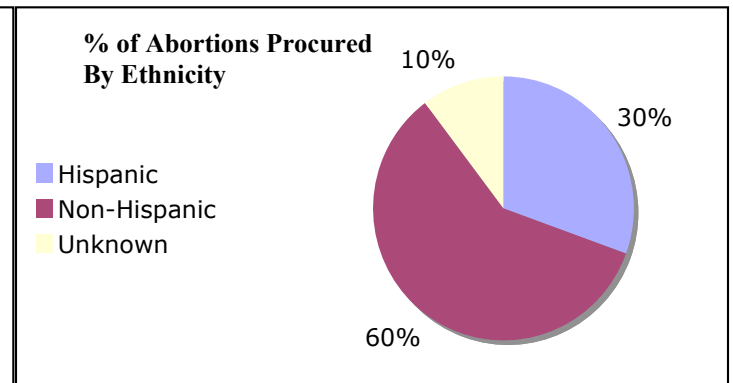
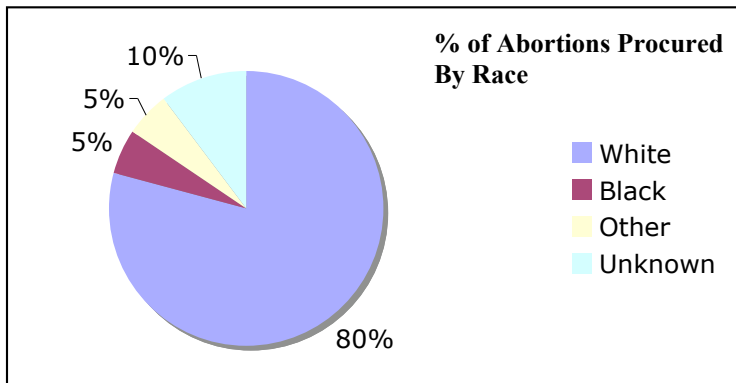
*“A person may not perform an abortion on a pregnant unemancipated minor unless the physician has obtained written consent from one of the minor’s parents, guardians or conservators, or unless a judge authorizes the physician to perform the abortion.” (A.R.S. § 36-2152)* There is an exception if the minor was raped by a family member or other male living with the minor or if the abortion is necessary to prevent death or serious bodily harm.

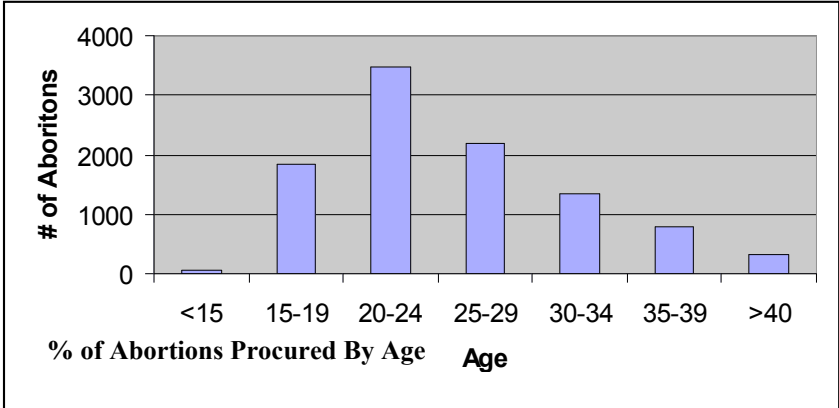
### In what counties are the most abortions performed annually?

Maricopa County, home to the Phoenix metropolitan area and the sixth largest city in the country, has predictably the most abortions. The Arizona Department of Health Services recorded 7,027 abortions being performed there in 2003, with Pima County having the second highest rate of abortions with 2,080 being performed. Rural counties had the least amount of abortions with four being performed in Greenlee County and three being performed in La Paz County.

### What types of women get abortions in Arizona?

The following graphs illustrate the abortion occurrence in Arizona based on race, ethnicity, and age. This seems to correlate with the U.S Census Bureau’s figures which show the Arizona population to be 3.6% Black and 87.4% White. Of the population that is “White” 28.5% are Hispanic and 60.4% are Non-Hispanic.





**FACTS**

While minors age 15 and under procure the least amount of abortions, they are the most likely to choose abortion with a ratio of 29 abortions for every 100 live births.

40% of women who have an abortion in Arizona have had a previous abortion.

**How many abortion providers are there in Arizona?**

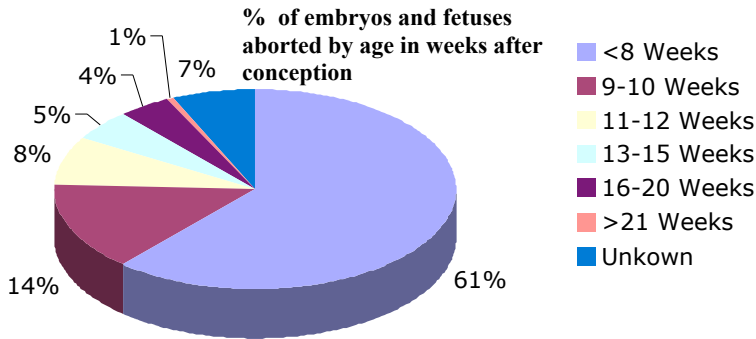
According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute there are 21 abortion providers in the state of Arizona. This represents a 13% decline from 24 abortion providers recorded in 1996. According the Arizona Department of Health, virtually all (99.9%) of the abortions that occurred in 2005 were performed in non-hospital clinics with the remaining being performed in private physician’s offices.

**How many crisis pregnancy centers are there in Arizona?**

There are at least 29 pregnancy care centers in the state of Arizona that provide resources, medical care, and counseling for women facing an unintended pregnancy. This does not include adoption agencies and maternity homes that provide housing and other services for low income pregnant women.

**When are abortions performed in Arizona?**

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 83% of abortions in 2003 were performed during the first trimester of pregnancy. 486 abortions were performed between the fourth and ninth month of pregnancy while the gestation age of 681 abortions still remains unknown.



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