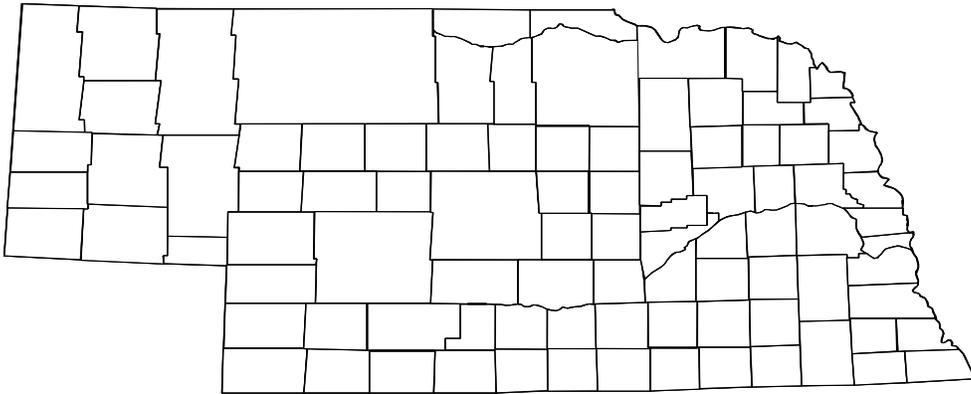


# Nebraska

## 2011 Statistical Report of Abortions



*Helping People Live Better Lives*  
An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer  
printed with soy ink on recycled paper

# NEBRASKA

## 2011 Statistical Report of Abortions

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services

Joann Schaefer, MD, Chief Medical Officer  
Director, Division of Public Health

Jenifer Roberts-Johnson, JD  
Chief Administrator  
Community Health Section

Ming Qu, MEd, PhD  
Administrator  
Public Health Support Unit

Stanley S. Cooper, MS, PhD  
Administrator  
Vital Records Office

Lei Zhang  
Administrator  
Office of Health Statistics

**Report Prepared by:**  
Mark Miller  
Health Data Coordinator  
Office of Health Statistics

April 2012

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<u>Page</u>
NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2011 Summary .....	1
Table 1: Number of Abortions by Month .....	2
Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence.....	2
Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient .....	3
Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason.....	3
Table 5: Number and Percent of Abortions by Procedure that Terminated Pregnancy .....	4
Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions.....	4
Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians .....	4
Table 8: Previous Parity by Age of Patient.....	5
Table 9: Gravidity by Age of Patient.....	6
Table 10: Number and Percent of Abortions by County of Occurrence .....	7
Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions by Length of Fetus .....	7
Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions by Weight of Fetus .....	7
Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions by Complication(s) of Procedure(s) .....	8
Table 14: Number and Percent of Abortions Emergency Situation-caused Waiver Of Informed Consent Law .....	8
Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions by Marital Status of Patient.....	8
Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions by Race of Patient.....	9
Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions by Ancestry of Patient .....	9
Table 18: Number and Percent of Abortions by Patients Educational Level Completed .....	9
Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions by Length of Gestation .....	10
Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions by County of Residence .....	10

# NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2011

## Summary

This report presents tabulations of statistical information reported on records of induced abortions performed in Nebraska during calendar year 2011. These data are in compliance with specifications set forth in Nebraska Statute §28-343 through §28-346.

A total of 2,372 abortions were reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for 2011, a decrease of 3.7% when compared to the 2010 total of 2,464. The following chart shows the number of abortions performed; the percentage of abortions in different age groups; the mean and modal age of the patient; and the number of abortions per 1,000 live births since 1990.

Chart I:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>19 and Under</u> <u>Percent</u>	<u>20-29</u> <u>Percent</u>	<u>30 and Over</u> <u>Percent</u>	<u>Mean</u> <u>Age</u>	<u>Modal</u> <u>Age</u>	<u>Ratio*</u>
1990	6,346	28.6	52.1	19.4	23.9	19	257.7
1991	6,194	24.6	55.2	20.2	24.3	21	256.0
1992	5,637	22.7	56.6	20.7	24.5	21	238.4
1993	5,486	22.4	55.6	22.0	24.6	20	234.6
1994	5,324	22.1	55.0	22.8	24.7	22	229.2
1995	4,838	22.2	55.0	22.9	24.8	23	205.4
1996	5,214	22.3	54.5	23.2	24.9	19,22	222.0
1997	5,129	21.6	55.6	22.9	24.8	21	217.0
1998	5,140	22.6	54.4	23.0	25.0	22	214.9
1999	4,565	22.5	54.9	22.6	25.0	19	188.6
2000	4,178	21.3	54.2	24.5	25.1	21	167.4
2001	3,982	20.8	55.3	23.9	25.1	21	158.6
2002	3,775	18.8	56.2	24.9	25.3	21	148.0
2003	3,990	18.0	57.3	24.7	25.4	22	153.0
2004	3,584	17.6	56.7	25.8	25.6	21,22	135.5
2005	3,173	17.3	57.1	25.6	25.6	23	120.4
2006	2,927	15.7	58.3	26.0	25.7	22	108.9
2007	2,481	16.2	57.9	25.9	25.6	21	91.5
2008	2,813	15.9	58.2	26.0	25.8	22	103.9
2009	2,551	16.3	57.2	26.5	25.7	21	93.8
2010	2,464	14.6	59.3	26.1	25.8	21	93.9
2011	2,372	15.5	58.0	26.5	25.8	22	90.9

\*Abortions per 1,000 live births. The 2011 ratio is provisional.

Mean Age = Average Age

Modal Age = The age of the patient at which abortions occurred most frequently.

**Table 1: Number of Abortions by Month  
Nebraska, 2011**

Number by Month

January	206	July	202
February	207	August	236
March	202	September	206
April	186	October	191
May	174	November	202
June	182	December	178
		TOTAL	2,372
		Average per Month:	198

**Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence  
Nebraska, 2011**

State of Residence

California	1	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>2,142</b>
Colorado	1	North Dakota	1
Florida	1	South Dakota	33
Iowa	145	Texas	3
Kansas	34	Washington	1
Minnesota	2	Wisconsin	1
Missouri	6	Foreign Country	1

**Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Age of Patient</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
< 15	10	0.4
15-19	358	15.1
20-24	784	33.1
25-29	591	24.9
30-34	355	15.0
35-39	195	8.2
40-44	69	2.9
> 44	10	0.4
TOTAL	2,372	100.0

Mean Age: 25.8      Median Age: 25.2      Modal Age: 22

**Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Reason for Abortion</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Abortions</u>
Contraceptive Failure	446	18.8
Fetal Anomaly	11	0.5
Incest	2	0.1
Maternal Life Endangered	3	0.1
Maternal Physical Health	17	0.7
Mental Health	5	0.2
No Contraception Used	1,232	51.9
Sexual Assault	5	0.2
Socio-Economic	869	36.6
N/A written in	0	-
Not Reported	0	-
TOTAL	2,590**	

\*\* This figure does not equal the total number of abortions due to the indication of multiple reasons on some reports.

**Table 5: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Procedure that Terminated Pregnancy  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	156	6.6
Dilation & Excision (D&X)	0	-
Medication induced	893	37.6
Sharp – Curettage	0	-
Suction – Curettage	1,323	55.8
Other	0	-
Not classifiable/Left blank	0	-
TOTAL	2,372	100.0

**Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Previous Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	1,624	68.5
1	503	21.2
2	185	7.8
3	41	1.7
4	9	0.4
> 4	10	0.4
TOTAL	2,372	100.0

**Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Number of Physicians</u>	<u>Abortions Performed</u>
< 25	1	2
25-1,000	2	1,137
> 1,000	1	1,233
TOTAL	4	2,372

**Table 8: Previous Parity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number of Live Births</u>						
		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>&gt; 5</u>
TOTAL	2,372	1,032	561	414	226	88	28	23
13	1	1						
14	9	8	1					
15	27	26	1					
16	39	37	2					
17	65	58	6	1				
18	103	89	12	2				
19	124	89	26	9				
20	159	108	36	11	3			1
21	176	109	48	13	5	1		
22	179	94	56	15	13		1	
23	124	64	33	17	7	2	1	
24	146	65	38	28	9	6		
25	138	50	44	25	12	5		2
26	120	47	27	26	17	3		
27	122	37	33	27	14	7	1	3
28	127	45	28	35	11	4	4	
29	84	25	17	18	10	10	3	1
30	77	19	17	20	9	10	1	1
31	93	9	29	27	16	7	3	2
32	79	6	21	29	15	7		1
33	62	11	16	14	13	1	3	4
34	44	5	12	13	11	2	1	
35	51	5	12	19	10	5		
36	38	3	13	13	7	1	1	
37	44	4	5	18	12	2	2	1
38	30	3	5	8	7	4	1	2
39	32	6	8	6	6	4	1	1
40	27	3	5	9	7	1	1	1
41	25	2	3	6	6	4	2	2
42	6	2		1	2		1	
43	6		2	1	2			1
44	5	2	1	1		1		
45	7		2	1	2	1	1	
46	0							
47	1		1					
48	0							
49	1		1					
50	0							
51	1			1				

Number of live births previous to this abortion.

**Table 9: Gravidity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2011**

Age	Total	Number of Pregnancies							
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>≥ 7</u>
TOTAL	2,372	774	491	394	286	192	112	60	63
13	1	1							
14	9	8	1						
15	27	26	1						
16	39	35	3	1					
17	65	50	9	5		1			
18	103	73	23	5	2				
19	124	75	29	16	3	1			
20	159	87	40	21	7	3		1	
21	176	86	52	23	11	3	1		
22	179	69	44	30	27	5	4		
23	124	44	36	18	14	8	2	1	1
24	146	50	37	22	17	11	6	3	
25	138	36	38	26	15	13	6	2	2
26	120	29	23	22	20	10	14	1	1
27	122	25	21	22	19	18	9	2	6
28	127	26	30	24	17	11	8	6	5
29	84	15	17	15	14	7	4	6	6
30	77	12	10	14	12	14	6	6	3
31	93	4	19	17	18	12	11	3	9
32	79	4	7	23	19	13	9	3	1
33	62	4	10	13	16	8	3	2	6
34	44	1	7	14	9	6	2	3	2
35	51	3	9	17	9	1	5	4	3
36	38	2	7	8	8	8	2	2	1
37	44	1	4	13	3	10	5	3	5
38	30	1	4	4	5	8	1	3	4
39	32	3	5	4	8	6	2	3	1
40	27	1	1	8	4	8	4		1
41	25	1	1	6	2	4	5	4	2
42	6	1			2	1		1	1
43	6			1	3		1		1
44	5	1		2		1	1		
45	7		1		2	1	1	1	1
46	0								
47	1		1						
48	0								
49	1		1						
50	0								
51	1								1

\* Total pregnancies, including this abortion and all previous live births, still births, and abortions.

**Table 10: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by County of Occurrence  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>County of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	372	15.7
Lancaster	767	32.3
Sarpy	1,233	52.0

**Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Length of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Length of Fetus</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1-5 inches	0	-
6-10 inches	1	0.0
11-15 inches	0	-
Not Measurable	2,371	100.0

**Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Weight of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Weight of Fetus</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
< 1 lb.	1	0.0
Not Measurable	2,371	100.0

**Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Complication(s) of Procedure(s)  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No Complications	2,372	100.0
Cervical Laceration	0	-
Hemorrhage (more than 500cc)	0	-
Infection	0	-
Perforation	0	-
Retained Products	0	-
Other	0	-
Not Reported	0	-

**Table 14: Number and Percent of Abortions  
Emergency Situation-caused Waiver of Informed Consent Law  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Emergency Situation?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	2,372	100.0

**Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Marital Status\* of Patient  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Marital</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Divorced	22	0.9
Never Married	264	11.1
Now Married	44	1.9
Separated	16	0.7
Widowed	0	-
Unknown	2,026	85.4

\* Optional Question

**Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Race\* of Patient  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	254	10.7
Black/African American	49	2.1
American Indian	15	0.6
Asian	12	0.5
Other	5	0.2
Not Reported	2,037	85.9

**Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Ancestry\* of Patient  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hispanic	13	0.5
Non-Hispanic	0	-
Not Reported	2,359	99.5

**Table 18: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Patients Educational Level Completed\*  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Educational Level Completed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
None	3	0.1
Junior High	32	1.3
High School	109	4.6
Some College	139	5.9
College Degree	73	3.1
Not Reported	2,016	85.0

\* Optional Question

**Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Length of Gestation\* (in weeks)  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>Length of Gestation (in weeks)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 5	470	19.8
5-9	762	32.1
10-14	251	10.6
15-19	85	3.6
20 and Over	1	0.0
Not Reported	803	33.9

**Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by County of Residence\*  
Nebraska, 2011**

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	64	2.7
Lancaster	6	0.3
Sarpy	5	0.2
Other	0	-
Not Reported	2,297	96.8

\* Optional Question



Office of Health Statistics  
PO Box 95026  
301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, NE 68509-5026  
(402) 471-2241

04/2012 – 10

Alternate formats are available upon request.  
Please contact the Office of Health Statistics at (402) 471-0355  
or (402) 471-9570 (TDD).

ADA/EOE/AA