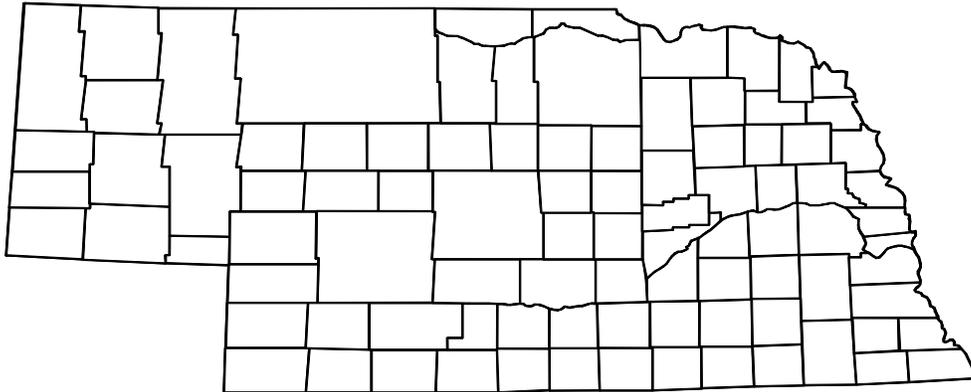


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# NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2008

## Summary

This report presents tabulations of statistical information reported on records of induced abortions performed in Nebraska during calendar year 2008. These data are in compliance with specifications set forth in Nebraska Statute §28-343 through §28-346.

A total of 2,813 abortions were reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for 2008, an increase of 13.4% when compared to the 2007 total of 2,481. 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 1988.

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>
1988	6,006	29.3	52.8	17.9	23.8	19	247.5
1989	5,871	29.0	51.4	19.6	24.1	19	239.5
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	108.8
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

\*Abortions per 1,000 live births. The 2008 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, 2008**

Number by Month

January	195	July	266
February	223	August	285
March	222	September	259
April	228	October	235
May	229	November	247
June	206	December	218
		TOTAL	2,813
		Average per Month:	234

**Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence  
Nebraska, 2008**

State of Residence

California	2	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>2,542</b>
Hawaii	1	Nevada	1
Iowa	211	North Dakota	1
Kansas	10	Oklahoma	1
Louisiana	1	South Dakota	30
Minnesota	2	Texas	1
Missouri	9	Wisconsin	1

**Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Age of Patient</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<15	13	0.5
15-19	433	15.4
20-24	973	34.6
25-29	664	23.6
30-34	395	14.0
35-39	248	8.8
40-44	83	3.0
>44	<u>4</u>	<u>0.1</u>
TOTAL	2,813	100.0

Mean Age: 25.8

Median Age: 24.9

Modal Age: 22

**Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Reason for Abortion</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Abortions</u>
Maternal Physical Health	8	0.3
Mental Health	0	-
Maternal Life Endangered	1	0.0
Fetal Anomaly	8	0.3
Socio-Economic	2,389	84.9
Sexual Assault	8	0.3
Incest	0	-
Contraceptive Failure	566	20.1
No Contraception Used	1,573	55.9
N/A written in	0	-
Not Reported	<u>0</u>	-
TOTAL	4,553**	

\*\* - 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, 2008**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Suction - Curettage	2,466	87.7
Medication Induced	138	4.9
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	209	7.4
Sharp - Curettage	0	-
Dilation & Excision (D&X)	0	-
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	2,813	100.0

**Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Previous Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	1,856	66.0
1	657	23.4
2	210	7.5
3	61	2.2
4	14	0.5
>4	<u>15</u>	<u>0.5</u>
TOTAL	2,813	100.0

**Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Number of Physicians</u>	<u>Abortions Performed</u>
<25	3	3
25-1,000	2	856
>1,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1,954</u>
TOTAL	6	2,813

Please note: For Table 6, Number and Percent of Previous Abortions, the percentage does not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

**Table 8: Previous Parity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2008**

Age	<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>≥5</u>
TOTAL	2,813	1,109	723	564	261	102	41	13
12	1	1						
13	1	1						
14	11	11						
15	20	19	1					
16	41	38	3					
17	80	74	5	1				
18	135	109	23	3				
19	157	114	37	6				
20	191	112	58	16	5			
21	192	111	45	26	5	5		
22	210	101	68	29	9	3		
23	202	92	61	39	6	2	1	1
24	178	60	56	40	18	2	2	
25	147	47	49	36	10	4	1	
26	140	35	52	32	15	3	2	1
27	140	36	42	45	11	4	2	
28	116	27	40	27	11	7	3	1
29	121	22	42	32	16	5	4	
30	100	15	27	31	17	8	2	
31	85	19	19	26	13	6	2	
32	69	9	13	16	16	10	5	
33	75	13	15	22	18	3	2	2
34	66	6	13	22	16	7	1	1
35	61	9	6	23	16	6		1
36	48	5	10	15	13	4	1	
37	45	5	7	16	7	4	4	2
38	55	5	10	18	10	4	8	
39	39	4	7	15	8	4	1	
40	31	4	4	9	12	2		
41	23	3	5	12		3		
42	18		3	4	4	5		2
43	9	1	1	2	4			1
44	2		1			1		
45	2			1				1
46	1	1						
47	0							
48	0							
49	0							
50	1				1			

\* - Number of live births previous to this abortion.

**Table 9: Gravidity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number of Pregnancies</u>							
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>&gt;7</u>
TOTAL	2,813	792	597	556	406	216	120	67	59
12	1	1							
13	1	1							
14	11	9	2						
15	20	19		1					
16	41	37	4						
17	80	71	6	3					
18	135	98	30	5	1	1			
19	157	96	41	18	1	1			
20	191	88	57	33	11	1	1		
21	192	73	59	34	14	8	4		
22	210	73	49	52	21	8	6	1	
23	202	55	57	50	20	13	2	3	2
24	178	34	46	44	28	11	7	3	5
25	147	31	35	39	22	9	8	3	
26	140	26	35	30	23	13	7	3	3
27	140	19	26	40	31	8	6	6	4
28	116	11	27	21	27	18	5	4	3
29	121	11	24	32	22	16	5	6	5
30	100	6	24	22	26	8	7	4	3
31	85	8	17	19	18	14	6	2	1
32	69	3	6	16	16	8	5	9	6
33	75	4	15	12	19	9	5	6	5
34	66	3	9	14	18	11	7		4
35	61	3	5	12	18	15	5	1	2
36	48	3	3	12	16	8	1	4	1
37	45		6	10	6	11	7	3	2
38	55	3	4	8	16	7	7	3	7
39	39	2	4	7	10	8	4	4	
40	31	2	2	8	10	3	4	1	1
41	23	1	2	9	4	2	4		1
42	18		1	1	3	4	6		3
43	9		1	3	4				1
44	2			1			1		
45	2					1		1	
46	1	1							
47	0								
48	0								
49	0								
50	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, 2008**

<u>County of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	2	0.1
Lancaster	862	30.6
Sarpy	1,949	69.3
Other	0	-

**Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Length of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Length of Fetus</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1-5 inches	0	-
6-10 inches	0	-
11-15 inches	0	-
Not Measurable	2,813	100.0

**Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Weight of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Weight of Fetus</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
< 1 lb.	0	-
1 lb. – 1 lb. 15 oz.	0	-
Not Measurable	2,813	100.0

**Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Complication(s) of Procedure(s)  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No Complications	2,813	100.0
Cervical Laceration	0	-
Perforation	0	-
Hemorrhage (more than 500cc)	0	-
Retained Products	0	-
Infection	0	-
Other	0	-
Not Reported	0	-

**Table 14: Number and Percent of Abortions  
Emergency Situation-caused Waiver of Informed Consent Law  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Emergency Situation?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	2	0.1
No	2,811	99.9

**Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Marital Status\* of Patient  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Marital Status</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Never Married	2	0.1
Now Married	2	0.1
Widowed	0	-
Divorced	0	-
Separated	0	-
Not Reported	2,809	99.9

Please note: For Table 15, Number and Percent of Abortions by Marital Status of Patient, the percentage does not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

\* Optional Question

**Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Race\* of Patient  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	2	0.1
Black	2	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	-
Not Reported	2,809	99.9

**Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Ancestry\* of Patient  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Ancestry</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hispanic	0	-
Non-Hispanic	0	-
Not Reported	2,813	100.0

**Table 18: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Patients Educational Level Completed\*  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Educational Level Completed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
High School	2	0.1
Some College	0	-
College Degree	2	0.1
Not Reported	2,809	99.9

Please note: For Table 16, Number and Percent of Abortions by Race of Patient and for Table 18, Number and Percent of Abortions by Patients Education Level Completed, the percentage does not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

\* Optional Question

**Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Length of Gestation\* (in weeks)  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>Length of Gestation (in weeks)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 5	4	0.1
5-9	82	2.9
10-14	23	0.8
15-19	2	0.1
20 and Over	0	-
Not Reported	2,702	96.1

**Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by County of Residence\*  
Nebraska, 2008**

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	0	-
Lancaster	2	0.1
Sarpy	0	-
Other	0	-
Not Reported	2,811	99.9

\* Optional Question

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