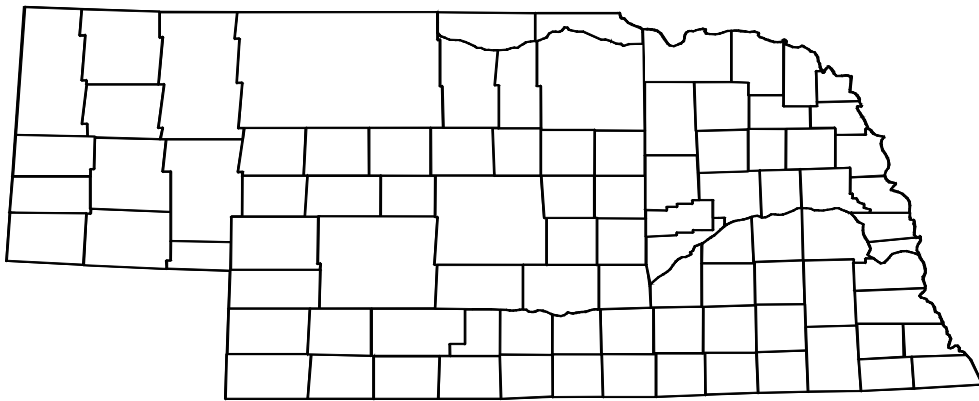


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# NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2017

## Summary

This report presents tabulations of statistical information reported on records of induced abortions performed in Nebraska during calendar year 2017. These data are in compliance with specifications set forth in Nebraska Statute §28-343 through §28-345, §28-3,107 and §71-6909.

A total of 1,958 abortions were reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for 2017, an increase of 2.7% when compared to the 2016 total of 1,907. 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 2000.

Chart I:

Year	Total	19 and Under	20-29	30 and Over	Mean	Modal	Ratio*
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Age	Age	
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
2012	2,299	12.4	58.7	28.8	26.4	23	87.5
2013	2,177	12.2	59.8	28.0	26.2	24	82.4
2014	2,270	10.2	59.1	30.7	26.8	22	83.7
2015	2,004	10.0	57.6	32.4	27.0	25	73.9
2016	1,907	9.1	58.9	32.0	27.1	25	70.4
2017	1,958	9.5	58.6	31.9	26.9	22	74.7

\*Abortions per 1,000 live births.

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, 2017**

Number by Month

January	187	July	187
February	160	August	135
March	192	September	135
April	131	October	139
May	200	November	148
June	188	December	156
		TOTAL	1,958
		Average per Month:	163

**Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence  
Nebraska, 2017**

State of Residence

Arizona	1	Maryland	2
California	1	Missouri	13
Colorado	2	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>1,751</b>
Hawaii	1	Oklahoma	1
Illinois	1	South Dakota	10
Iowa	158	Texas	5
Kansas	11	Wisconsin	1

**Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Age of Patient</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<15	6	0.3
15-19	180	9.2
20-24	619	31.6
25-29	529	27.0
30-34	353	18.0
35-39	203	10.4
40-44	64	3.3
>44	4	0.2
TOTAL	1,958	100.0

Mean Age: 26.9      Median Age: 26.4      Modal Age: 22

**Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Reason for Abortion</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Abortions</u>
Contraceptive Failure	206	10.5
Fetal Anomaly	16	0.8
Incest	2	0.1
Maternal Life Endangered	14	0.7
Maternal Physical Health	51	2.6
Mental Health	34	1.7
No Contraception Used	1,032	52.7
Sexual Assault	17	0.9
Socio-Economic	82	4.2
Patient Declined to Answer	579	29.6
TOTAL	2,033**	

\*\* 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, 2017**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	21	1.1
Dilation & Extraction (D&X)	32	1.6
Medication Induced	1,086	55.5
Sharp – Curettage	1	0.1
Suction – Curettage	817	41.7
Other	0	0.0
Not classifiable/Unknown	1	0.1
TOTAL	1,958	100.0

**Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Previous Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	1,302	66.5
1	464	23.7
2	113	5.8
3	45	2.3
4	15	0.8
>4	17	0.9
Not classifiable/Unknown	2	0.1
TOTAL	1,958	100.0

**Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Number of Physicians</u>	<u>Abortions Performed</u>
<25	7	9
25-1,000	1	888
>1,000	1	1,061
TOTAL	9	1,958



**Table 8: Previous Parity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number of Live Births</u>							<u>Unknown</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>≥5</u>	
TOTAL	1,958	796	460	377	186	72	42	22	3
14	6	6							
15	7	7							
16	19	19							
17	31	28	3						
18	48	40	7	1					
19	75	57	15	3					
20	109	85	17	6	1				
21	130	77	41	11	1				
22	150	86	42	16	4	1	1		
23	110	56	33	17	3	1			
24	120	59	34	21	4	1		1	
25	132	54	39	26	11	1	1		
26	119	47	28	27	14	1	1		1
27	97	30	28	23	12	3		1	
28	98	24	21	23	15	6	9		
29	83	14	19	24	16	4	4	2	
30	76	16	17	23	13	3	1	3	
31	90	17	27	30	7	3	3	3	
32	66	15	14	20	10	5	2		
33	71	11	14	18	18	4	3	3	
34	50	8	6	17	9	5	2	3	
35	57	8	12	14	13	4	4	2	
36	42	5	13	10	8	3	2	1	
37	40	6	8	12	6	7			1
38	37	6	9	10	6	2	2	1	1
39	27	9	2	5	8	2	1		
40	24	1	4	4	4	9	1	1	
41	18	1	1	10	1	3	1	1	
42	13	3	3	4		2	1		
43	7	1	3	1	1		1		
44	2			1			1		
45	4				1	2	1		

\* Number of live births previous to this abortion.

**Table 9: Gravidity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number of Pregnancies</u>								<u>Unknown</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	1,958	612	373	331	263	157	90	58	71	3
14	6	5	1							
15	7	7								
16	19	19								
17	31	27	4							
18	48	38	9	1						
19	75	54	15	4	1	1				
20	109	75	21	8	4	1				
21	130	65	36	22	5	2				
22	150	68	49	21	6	2	4			
23	110	41	24	25	10	6	1	2	1	
24	120	47	28	24	12	4	3	1	1	
25	132	36	37	23	23	3	5	4	1	
26	119	29	34	21	19	10	1	2	2	1
27	97	18	15	25	21	10	5		3	
28	98	17	13	21	17	15	5	4	6	
29	83	11	12	14	15	11	7	6	7	
30	76	10	9	18	16	11	6	4	2	
31	90	9	13	27	21	7	1	5	7	
32	66	3	13	14	10	12	8	4	2	
33	71	5	12	12	17	10	6	1	8	
34	50	4	2	7	15	9	6	2	5	
35	57	4	7	6	13	9	6	7	5	
36	42	3	6	7	9	8	2	2	5	
37	40	3	6	11	6	7	2	3	1	1
38	37	3	2	10	7	8	2	2	2	1
39	27	7	1	2	3	2	7	3	2	
40	24	1		3	4	4	5	2	5	
41	18	1		2	3	3	6	1	2	
42	13	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	
43	7		2		3	1			1	
44	2								2	
45	4				1		1	2		

\* 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, 2017**

<u>County of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	556	28.4
Lancaster	519	26.5
Sarpy	883	45.1

**Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Length of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Length of Fetus (Millimeters)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 10	233	11.9
10-19	311	15.9
20-29	217	11.1
30-39	88	4.5
40-49	44	2.2
50-59	44	2.2
60 and Over	55	2.8
Not Measurable	966	49.3

**Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Weight of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Weight of Fetus (Grams)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 100	431	22.0
100-199	66	3.4
200-299	0	-
300-399	2	0.1
400 and Over	1	0.1
Not Measurable	1,458	74.5

**Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Complication(s) of Procedure(s)  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No Complications	1,957	99.9
Cervical Laceration	0	-
Hemorrhage (more than 500cc)	1	0.1
Infection	0	-
Perforation	0	-
Retained Products	0	-
Other	1	0.1
Not Reported	0	-

**Table 14: Number and Percent of Abortions  
Emergency Situation-caused Waiver of Informed Consent Law  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Emergency Situation?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	1,957	99.9
Yes	1	0.1

**Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Marital Status of Patient  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Marital</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Divorced	70	3.6
Never Married	1,532	78.2
Now Married	283	14.5
Separated	44	2.2
Widowed	2	0.1
Not Reported	27	1.4

**Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Race of Patient  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	1,365	69.7
Black/African American	324	16.5
Native American	19	1.0
Asian	91	4.6
Other	22	1.1
Not Reported	139	7.1

**Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Ancestry of Patient  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Ancestry</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hispanic	269	13.7
African American	26	1.3
German	20	1.0
Irish	11	0.6
Other non-Hispanic	20	1.0
Not Reported	1,624	82.9

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

**Table 18: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Patients Educational Level Completed  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Educational Level Completed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
None or Some Elementary	4	0.2
Elementary	0	-
Middle School	189	9.7
High School	875	44.7
Some College	594	30.3
College Degree	212	10.8
Not Reported	84	4.3

**Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Clinical Estimate of Gestation (in weeks)  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Estimated Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	33	1.7
3	81	4.1
4	250	12.8
5	243	12.4
6	246	12.6
7	263	13.4
8	236	12.1
9	175	8.9
10	118	6.0
11	89	4.5
12	89	4.5
13	59	3.0
14	24	1.2
15	12	0.6
16	9	0.5
17	10	0.5
18	9	0.5
19	9	0.5
20	0	-
21	1	0.1
Not Reported	2	0.1

**Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by County\* of Residence  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adams	15	0.8
Buffalo	30	1.5
Cass	22	1.1
Cherry	6	0.3
Crawford (Iowa)	5	0.3
Dakota	15	0.8
Dawson	16	0.8
Dodge	24	1.2
Douglas	825	42.1
Fillmore	5	0.3
Gage	7	0.4
Hall	61	3.1
Lancaster	335	17.1
Lincoln	9	0.5
Madison	20	1.0
Mills (Iowa)	5	0.3
Nemaha	7	0.4
Otoe	11	0.6
Phelps	5	0.3
Platte	15	0.8
Pottawattamie (Iowa)	73	3.7
Saline	7	0.4
Sarpy	194	9.9
Saunders	9	0.5
Seward	15	0.8
Thayer	6	0.3
Thurston	6	0.3
Wayne	5	0.3
Woodbury (Iowa)	39	2.0
Other	163	8.3
Not Reported	3	0.2

\* Counties of residence listed with at least 5 abortions. Counties listed are Nebraska counties unless otherwise specified.

**Table 21: Was a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age Made?  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Determination Made?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	1,958	100.0

**Table 22a: If a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age was made, what was the Probable Age (in number of weeks)?  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Probable Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	26	1.3
3	140	7.2
4	404	20.6
5	370	18.9
6	297	15.2
7	223	11.4
8	117	6.0
9	98	5.0
10	90	4.6
11	64	3.3
12	45	2.3
13	24	1.2
14	14	0.7
15	8	0.4
16	10	0.5
17	10	0.5
18	7	0.4
19	11	0.6
Not Reported	0	-



**Table 22b: What Method was used to make the Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age? Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound	887	45.3
Ultrasound	1,067	54.5
Last Menstrual Period	2	0.1
Unknown	2	0.1

**Table 22c: What was the Basis for the Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age? Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	887	45.3
Crown-Rump Length	0	-
Last Menstrual Period	1	0.1
Subtract 2 weeks from Ultrasound Results	1,061	54.2
Subtracted 2 weeks from Gestational Age	1	0.1
Ultrasound	6	0.3
Vaginal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	0	-
Unknown	2	0.1

**Table 23a: If a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age was not made, was there a Determination that a Medical Emergency Existed? Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Medical Emergency Existed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	0	-
Not Applicable	1,958	100.0

**Table 23b: If a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age was not made and there was a Determination that a Medical Emergency Existed, what was the Basis for that Determination?  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	1,958	100.0

**Table 24a: If the Probable Postfertilization Age was Determined to be Twenty or more Weeks, was there a Determination that the Pregnant 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 Serious Risk of Substantial and Irreversible Physical Impairment of a Major Bodily Function?  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>20 or more weeks Condition</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	1,958	100.0

**Table 24b: If the Probable Postfertilization Age was Determined to be Twenty or more Weeks and there was a Determination that the Pregnant 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 Serious Risk of Substantial and Irreversible Physical Impairment of a Major Bodily Function, what was the Basis of that Determination?  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	1,958	100.0

**Table 25a: If the Probable Postfertilization Age was determined to be twenty or more Weeks, was there a Determination that the Abortion was Necessary to Preserve the Life of an Unborn Child?  
Nebraska, 2017**

20 or more weeks <u>Necessary to Preserve Life</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	1,958	100.0

**Table 25b: If the Probable Postfertilization Age was determined to be Twenty or more Weeks and there was a Determination that the Abortion was Necessary to Preserve the Life of an Unborn Child, what was the Basis of that Determination?  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	1,958	100.0

**Table 26: If any Abortion was performed when the Probable Postfertilization Age was determined to be Twenty or more Weeks, was the Method of Abortion used one that, in Reasonable Medical Judgement, Provided the Best Opportunity for an Unborn Child to Survive?  
Nebraska, 2017**

20 or more weeks <u>Best Opportunity to Survive</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	1,958	100.0

**Table 27a: If such a Method was not used, was there a determination that Termination of the Pregnancy in that manner would pose a Greater Risk either of the Death of the Pregnant Woman or of the Substantial and Irreversible Physical Impairment of a Major Bodily Function of the Woman than would other Available Methods?  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Greater Risk</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	1,958	100.0

**Table 27b: If such a Method was not used and there was a determination that Termination of the Pregnancy in that manner would pose a Greater Risk either of the Death of the Pregnant Woman or of the Substantial and Irreversible Physical Impairment of a Major Bodily Function of the Woman than would other Available Methods, what was the Basis of that Determination?  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	1,958	100.0

**Table 28: Monthly Consent Report Summary\*  
Nebraska, 2017**

<u>Consent Obtained</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	72	100.0

<u>Were Exceptions Made</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	72	100.0
Yes	0	-

\*Required if under 18 years of age

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