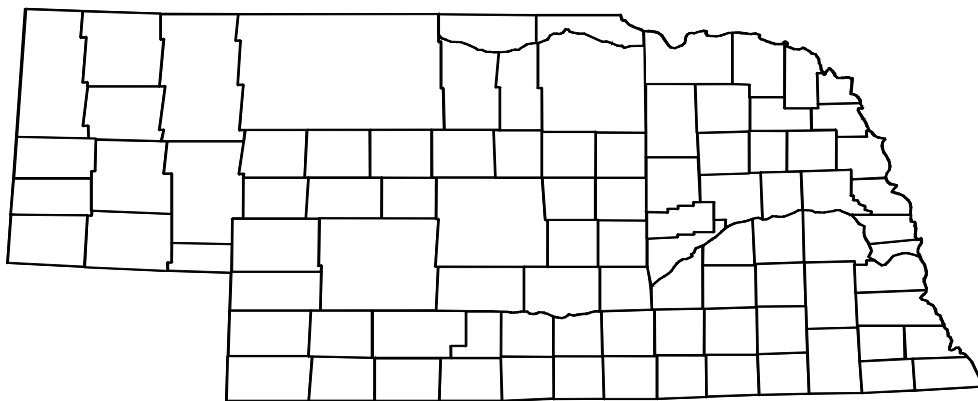


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NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2018

Summary

This report presents tabulations of statistical information reported on records of induced abortions performed in Nebraska during calendar year 2018. 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 2,078 abortions were reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for 2018, an increase of 6.1% when compared to the 2017 total of 1,958. 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:

<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>
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
2018	2,078	11.0	58.2	30.8	26.7	21	80.2

*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, 2018**

Number by Month

January	212	July	167
February	208	August	167
March	156	September	140
April	173	October	143
May	179	November	183
June	189	December	161
		TOTAL	2,078
		Average per Month:	173

**Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence
Nebraska, 2018**

State of Residence

Alaska	1	Minnesota	1
Florida	1	Missouri	12
Illinois	4	Nebraska	1,832
Iowa	176	South Dakota	17
Kansas	27	Texas	4
Maryland	1	Wisconsin	2

**Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Age of Patient</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<15	9	0.4
15-19	220	10.6
20-24	663	31.9
25-29	546	26.3
30-34	360	17.3
35-39	206	9.9
40-44	66	3.2
>44	8	0.4
TOTAL	2,078	100.0

Mean Age: 26.7 Median Age: 26.2 Modal Age: 21

**Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Reason for Abortion</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Abortions</u>
Contraceptive Failure	333	16.0
Fetal Anomaly	21	1.0
Incest	2	0.1
Maternal Life Endangered	18	0.9
Maternal Physical Health	56	2.7
Mental Health	52	2.5
No Contraception Used	957	46.1
Sexual Assault	18	0.9
Socio-Economic	143	6.9
Patient Declined to Answer	599	28.8
TOTAL	2,199**	

** 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, 2018**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	32	1.5
Dilation & Extraction (D&X)	53	2.6
Medication Induced	1,226	59.0
Sharp – Curettage	1	0.0
Suction – Curettage	766	36.9
Other	0	0.0
Not classifiable/Unknown	0	-
TOTAL	2,078	100.0

**Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Previous Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	1,452	69.9
1	423	20.4
2	131	6.3
3	43	2.1
4	15	0.7
>4	14	0.7
Not classifiable/Unknown	0	-
TOTAL	2,078	100.0

**Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Number of Physicians</u>	<u>Abortions Performed</u>
<25	3	30
25-1,000	1	844
>1,000	1	1,204
TOTAL	5	2,078

**Table 8: Previous Parity* by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2018**

<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	2,078	800	507	434	215	78	24	17	3
13	4	4							
14	5	5							
15	9	9							
16	18	18							
17	30	30							
18	67	58	9						
19	96	68	22	6					
20	98	70	22	5	1				
21	154	93	39	19	1				2
22	143	78	38	24	3				
23	134	62	43	25	4				
24	134	44	46	35	7	2			
25	129	46	30	34	13	6			
26	120	38	38	27	10	3	1	2	1
27	109	38	26	24	17	4			
28	119	30	30	38	14	5	2		
29	69	18	18	20	10	3			
30	74	16	19	17	14	6	1	1	
31	89	16	27	22	14	7	2	1	
32	70	10	15	19	21	3	1	1	
33	59	10	12	20	14	2		1	
34	68	11	19	18	12	4	2	2	
35	48	8	10	16	5	6	2	1	
36	44	3	9	9	9	8	3	3	
37	40	9	6	13	8	1	2	1	
38	43	3	10	13	11	4	1	1	
39	31	2	6	8	10	3	2		
40	20		5	6	2	5	1	1	
41	24	1	3	7	7	4	1	1	
42	13	1	3	5	3		1		
43	8		1	3	3	1			
44	1							1	
45	4	1	1	1	1				
47	1						1		
48	1					1			
49	2				1		1		

* Number of live births previous to this abortion.

**Table 9: Gravidity* by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2018**

Age	Total	Number of Pregnancies								Unknown
		<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	2,078	632	413	389	244	172	100	58	67	3
13	4	4								
14	5	5								
15	9	7	1	1						
16	18	18								
17	30	27	3							
18	67	53	9	5						
19	96	63	24	9						
20	98	64	24	9	1					
21	154	80	38	21	12			1		2
22	143	59	38	25	12	5	3	1		
23	134	49	35	32	7	5	4	1	1	
24	134	36	28	34	20	13	3			
25	129	32	29	34	16	7	5	4	2	
26	120	25	31	21	17	13	3	4	5	1
27	109	26	20	23	17	11	6	3	3	
28	119	23	22	24	22	11	4	8	5	
29	69	9	14	16	9	10	7	2	2	
30	74	10	16	18	10	12	2	3	3	
31	89	10	17	16	12	15	10	4	5	
32	70	6	13	14	13	11	5	4	4	
33	59	6	6	17	12	10	6		2	
34	68	4	8	19	17	6	5	4	5	
35	48	6	6	7	10	8	3	3	5	
36	44	1	5	7	8	5	8	3	7	
37	40	4	8	8	4	5	5	4	2	
38	43	1	7	8	7	9	4	3	4	
39	31	1	4	4	9	6	6	1		
40	20		2	6	2	2	5	2	1	
41	24	1	2	4	4	4	1	1	7	
42	13	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	
43	8			4		2	2			
44	1								1	
45	4	1	1	1	1					
47	1						1			
48	1							1		
49	2						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, 2018**

<u>County of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	616	29.6
Lancaster	618	29.7
Sarpy	844	40.6

**Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Length of Fetus
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Length of Fetus (Millimeters)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 10	375	18.0
10-19	345	16.6
20-29	219	10.5
30-39	72	3.5
40-49	49	2.4
50-59	43	2.1
60 and Over	92	4.4
Not Measurable	883	42.5

**Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Weight of Fetus
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Weight of Fetus (Grams)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 100	376	18.1
100-199	99	4.8
200-299	7	0.3
300-399	2	0.1
400 and Over	4	0.2
Not Measurable	1,590	76.5

**Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Complication(s) of Procedure(s)
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No Complications	2,076	99.9
Cervical Laceration	1	0.0
Hemorrhage (more than 500cc)	1	0.0
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, 2018**

<u>Emergency Situation?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	2,076	99.9
Yes	2	0.1

**Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Marital Status of Patient
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Marital</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Divorced	72	3.5
Never Married	1,631	78.5
Now Married	322	15.5
Separated	35	1.7
Widowed	2	0.1
Not Reported	16	0.8

**Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Race of Patient
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	1,392	67.0
Black/African American	375	18.0
Native American	30	1.4
Asian	115	5.5
Other	111	5.3
Not Reported	87	4.2

**Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Ancestry of Patient
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Ancestry</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hispanic	282	13.6
African American	27	1.3
German	21	1.0
Irish	14	0.7
Other non-Hispanic	98	4.7
Not Reported	1,644	79.1

** 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, 2018**

<u>Educational Level Completed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
None or Some Elementary	22	1.1
Elementary	6	0.3
Middle School	164	7.9
High School	866	41.7
Some College	673	32.4
College Degree	256	12.3
Not Reported	91	4.4

**Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Clinical Estimate of Gestation (in weeks)
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Estimated Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	11	0.5
3	118	5.7
4	227	10.9
5	270	13.0
6	322	15.5
7	267	12.8
8	241	11.6
9	183	8.8
10	88	4.2
11	91	4.4
12	82	3.9
13	56	2.7
14	36	1.7
15	35	1.7
16	24	1.2
17	6	0.3
18	6	0.3
19	15	0.7
20	0	-
Not Reported	0	-

**Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions
by County* of Residence
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adams	22	1.1
Buffalo	28	1.3
Cass	16	0.8
Colfax	5	0.2
Crawford (Iowa)	7	0.3
Dakota	14	0.7
Dawson	18	0.9
Dodge	24	1.2
Douglas	860	41.4
Fillmore	5	0.2
Gage	7	0.3
Hall	70	3.4
Hamilton	5	0.2
Lancaster	384	18.5
Lincoln	8	0.4
Madison	19	0.9
Mills (Iowa)	7	0.3
Nemaha	11	0.5
Otoe	15	0.7
Page (Iowa)	10	0.5
Platte	23	1.1
Pottawattamie (Iowa)	64	3.1
Saline	12	0.6
Sarpy	169	8.1
Saunders	18	0.9
Seward	8	0.4
Washington	11	0.5
Woodbury (Iowa)	59	2.8
Yankton (South Dakota)	5	0.2
York	11	0.5
Other	163	7.8
Not Reported	0	-

* 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, 2018**

<u>Determination Made?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	2,078	100.0

**Table 22a: If a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age was made, what was the Probable Age (in number of weeks)?
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Probable Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	17	0.8
3	263	12.7
4	438	21.1
5	326	15.7
6	300	14.4
7	231	11.1
8	102	4.9
9	94	4.5
10	82	3.9
11	67	3.2
12	44	2.1
13	35	1.7
14	30	1.4
15	13	0.6
16	9	0.4
17	6	0.3
18	6	0.3
19	15	0.7
Not Reported	0	-

**Table 22b: What Method was used to make the Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age?
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound	844	40.6
Ultrasound	1,234	59.4
Unknown	0	-

**Table 22c: What was the Basis for the Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age?
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	865	41.6
Crown-Rump Length	0	-
Last Menstrual Period	0	-
Subtract 2 weeks from Ultrasound Results	1,213	58.4
Subtracted 2 weeks from Gestational Age	0	-
Unknown	0	-

**Table 23a: If a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age was not made, was there a Determination that a Medical Emergency Existed?
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Medical Emergency Existed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	0	-
Not Applicable	2,078	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, 2018**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,078	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, 2018**

<u>20 or more weeks Condition</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,078	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, 2018**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,078	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, 2018**

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	2,078	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, 2018**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,078	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, 2018**

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	2,078	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, 2018**

<u>Greater Risk</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,078	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, 2018**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,078	100.0

**Table 28: Monthly Consent Report Summary*
Nebraska, 2018**

<u>Consent Obtained</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	73	100.0

<u>Were Exceptions Made</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	72	98.6
Yes	1	1.4

*Required if under 18 years of age

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