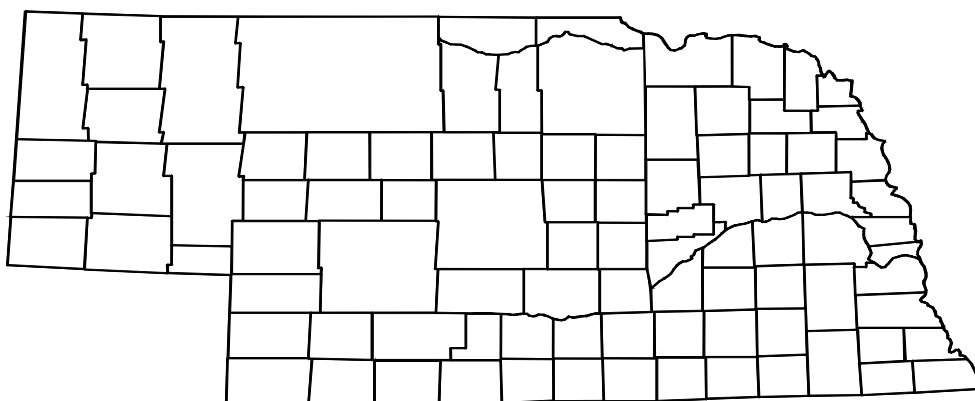


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# NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2013

## Summary

This report presents tabulations of statistical information reported on records of induced abortions performed in Nebraska during calendar year 2013. 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 2,177 abortions were reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for 2013, a decrease of 5.3% when compared to the 2012 total of 2,299. 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 1993.

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>
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
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

\*Abortions per 1,000 live births. The 2013 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, 2013**

Number by Month

January	220	July	176	
February	215	August	194	
March	209	September	137	
April	206	October	190	
May	168	November	154	
June	141	December	167	
			TOTAL	2,177
			Average per Month:	181

**Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence  
Nebraska, 2013**

State of Residence

Arkansas	1	Missouri	<b>6</b>
Florida	1	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>1,992</b>
Georgia	1	Nevada	2
Iowa	129	Oklahoma	2
Kansas	18	South Dakota	24
Minnesota	1		

**Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Age of Patient</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
< 15	10	0.5
15-19	256	11.8
20-24	733	33.7
25-29	568	26.1
30-34	369	16.9
35-39	177	8.1
40-44	61	2.8
> 44	3	0.1
TOTAL	2,177	100.0

Mean Age: 26.2      Median Age: 25.7      Modal Age: 24

**Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Reason for Abortion</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Abortions</u>
Contraceptive Failure	352	16.2
Fetal Anomaly	19	0.9
Incest	0	-
Maternal Life Endangered	16	0.7
Maternal Physical Health	44	2.0
Mental Health	14	0.6
No Contraception Used	1,187	54.5
Sexual Assault	10	0.5
Socio-Economic	719	33.0
Patient Declined to Answer	15	0.7
TOTAL	2,376**	

\*\* 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, 2013**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	100	4.6
Dilation & Excision (D&X)	0	-
Medication induced	914	42.0
Sharp – Curettage	1	0.0
Suction – Curettage	1,162	53.4
Other	0	-
Not classifiable/Left blank	0	-
TOTAL	2,177	100.0

**Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Previous Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	1,458	67.0
1	470	21.6
2	167	7.7
3	63	2.9
4	9	0.4
> 4	10	0.5
TOTAL	2,177	100.0

**Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Number of Physicians</u>	<u>Abortions Performed</u>
< 25	3	13
25-1,000	3	951
> 1,000	1	1,213
TOTAL	7	2,177



**Table 8: Previous Parity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2013**

<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>≥ 5</u>
TOTAL	2,177	865	548	413	219	90	28	14
12	0							
13	3	3						
14	7	7						
15	18	18						
16	27	27						
17	27	24	3					
18	68	54	10	2	2			
19	116	89	21	4	2			
20	118	67	38	12		1		
21	148	85	45	16	2			
22	156	85	40	25	5	1		
23	146	74	29	29	12	2		
24	165	66	46	35	12	6		
25	136	55	39	23	14	5		
26	125	43	37	23	14	7	1	
27	103	30	38	20	11	3	1	
28	97	31	29	17	10	6	4	
29	107	30	23	27	16	7	4	
30	80	14	23	26	11	4	2	
31	72	10	19	24	9	6	2	2
32	82	12	23	21	17	6	3	
33	80	8	20	24	20	5	2	1
34	55	7	15	11	9	7	2	4
35	33	6	7	11	4	2	1	2
36	43	5	5	15	11	5	2	
37	46	2	16	12	9	6	1	
38	31	5	4	9	7	4	1	1
39	24	4	6	6	5	1		2
40	19	2	3	4	5	3	1	1
41	12		3	5	3			1
42	19	1	2	7	7	2		
43	8	1	3	2	2			
44	3			1		1	1	
45	2			2				
46	1		1					
47	0							
48	0							
49	0							

\* Number of live births previous to this abortion.

**Table 9: Gravidity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2013**

<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>≥ 7</u>
TOTAL	2,177	634	442	379	297	194	125	54	52
12	0								
13	3	3							
14	7	7							
15	18	18							
16	27	27							
17	27	23	4						
18	68	45	16	5	2				
19	116	73	28	8	5	2			
20	118	57	38	14	7	1			1
21	148	70	40	31	5	1	1		
22	156	62	39	26	19	7	3		
23	146	52	37	25	15	9	5	2	1
24	165	47	39	26	26	9	13	3	2
25	136	36	31	27	19	11	9	2	1
26	125	19	33	29	14	14	12	3	1
27	103	21	22	20	17	11	5	4	3
28	97	15	19	17	16	12	6	6	6
29	107	17	16	25	22	10	15	1	1
30	80	9	13	19	20	8	8	3	
31	72	7	9	14	17	12	4	4	5
32	82	4	18	16	16	19	2	4	3
33	80	5	10	16	18	17	7	3	4
34	55	4	5	13	5	9	9	6	4
35	33	4	3	5	7	6	3	2	3
36	43	1	4	7	14	8	4	3	2
37	46	2	5	10	9	8	8	1	3
38	31	2	2	8	5	6	5	1	2
39	24	2	4	6	1	4	2	3	2
40	19	2	1	3	4	2		2	5
41	12		1	4	4		1		2
42	19		2	3	9	4	1		
43	8		3		1	3	1		
44	3						1	1	1
45	2			2					
46	1					1			
47	0								
48	0								
49									

\* 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, 2013**

<u>County of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	694	31.9
Lancaster	696	32.0
Sarpy	787	36.2

**Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Length of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Length of Fetus (Millimeters)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 10	275	12.6
10-19	242	11.1
20-29	192	8.8
30-39	111	5.1
40-49	53	2.4
50-59	54	2.5
60 and Over	78	3.6
Not Measurable	1,172	53.8

**Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Weight of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Weight of Fetus (Grams)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 100	674	31.0
100-199	95	4.4
200-299	23	1.1
300 and Over	4	0.2
Not Measurable	1,381	63.4

**Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Complication(s) of Procedure(s)  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No Complications	2,177	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, 2013**

<u>Emergency Situation?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	2,174	99.9
Yes	3	0.1

**Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Marital Status of Patient  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Marital</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Divorced	148	6.8
Never Married	1,593	73.2
Now Married	281	12.9
Separated	57	2.6
Widowed	3	0.1
Not Reported	95	4.4

**Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Race of Patient  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	1,520	69.8
Black/African American	335	15.4
Native American	30	1.4
Asian	90	4.1
Other	177	8.1
Not Reported	39	1.8

**Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Ancestry of Patient  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Ancestry</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hispanic	251	11.5
African American	171	7.9
English	151	6.9
French	62	2.8
German	178	8.2
Irish	17	0.8
Italian	24	1.1
Other non-Hispanic	99	4.5
Not Reported	1,232	56.6

\*\* 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, 2013**

<u>Educational Level Completed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
None	9	0.4
Middle School	27	1.2
High School	1,021	46.9
Some College	722	33.2
College Degree	375	17.2
Not Reported	23	1.1

**Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Clinical Estimate of Gestation (in weeks)  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Estimated Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	31	1.4
3	99	4.5
4	224	10.3
5	301	13.8
6	393	18.1
7	285	13.1
8	214	9.8
9	156	7.2
10	121	5.6
11	84	3.9
12	95	4.4
13	59	2.7
14	33	1.5
15	31	1.4
16	30	1.4
17	4	0.2
18	10	0.5
19	6	0.3
Not Reported	1	0.0

**Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by County\* of Residence  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adams	24	1.1
Buffalo	34	1.6
Cass	13	0.6
Clay	6	0.3
Colfax	10	0.5
Dawson	16	0.7
Dodge	15	0.7
Douglas	912	41.9
Franklin	5	0.2
Gage	16	0.7
Hall	68	3.1
Hamilton	6	0.3
Howard	5	0.2
Lancaster	465	21.4
Lincoln	19	0.9
Madison	26	1.2
Mills (Iowa)	5	0.2
Minnehaha (South Dakota)	8	0.4
Nemaha	6	0.3
Otoe	6	0.3
Page	5	0.2
Platte	17	0.8
Pottawattamie (Iowa)	77	3.5
Richardson	8	0.4
Saline	10	0.5
Sarpy	186	8.5
Saunders	14	0.6
Seward	5	0.2
Washington	13	0.6
Woodbury (Iowa)	6	0.3
York	7	0.3
Other	163	7.5
Not Reported	1	0.0

\* 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, 2013**

<u>Determination Made?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	2,177	100.0

**Table 22a: If a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age was made, what was the Probable Age (in number of weeks)?  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Probable Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	33	1.5
3	273	12.5
4	516	23.7
5	388	17.8
6	269	12.4
7	170	7.8
8	125	5.7
9	77	3.5
10	102	4.7
11	81	3.7
12	41	1.9
13	32	1.5
14	29	1.3
15	10	0.5
16	10	0.5
17	4	0.2
18	10	0.5
19	6	0.3
Not Reported	1	0.0

**Table 22b: What Method was used to make the Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age?  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound	17	0.8
Ultrasound	1829	84.0
Vaginal Ultrasound	331	15.2



**Table 22c: What was the Basis for the Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age?  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	17	0.8
Crown-Rump Length	1	0.0
Last Menstrual Period	1	0.0
Subtract 2 weeks from Ultrasound Results	797	36.6
Subtracted 2 weeks from Gestational Age	57	2.6
Ultrasound	1,059	48.6
Vaginal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	245	11.3

**Table 23a: If a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age was not made, was there a Determination that a Medical Emergency Existed?  
Nebraska, 2013**

<u>Medical Emergency Existed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	0	-
Not Applicable	2,177	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, 2013**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,177	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, 2013**

<u>20 or more weeks Condition</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,177	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, 2013**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,177	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, 2013**

<u>20 or more weeks Necessary to Preserve Life</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,177	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, 2013**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,177	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, 2013**

<u>20 or more weeks Best Opportunity to Survive</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,177	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, 2013**

<u>Greater Risk</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,177	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?  
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<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,177	100.0

**Table 28: Monthly Consent Report Summary\***

<u>Consent Obtained</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	82	100.0

<u>Were Exceptions Made</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	82	100.0
Yes	0	-

\*Required if under 18 years of age



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