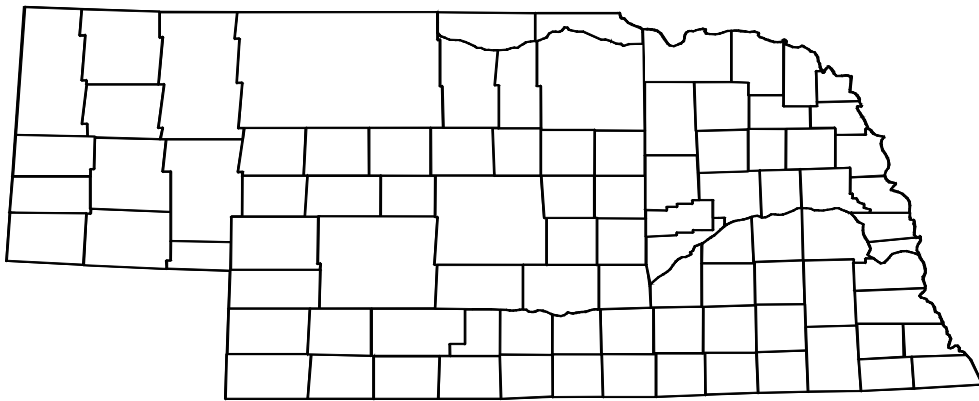


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NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2015

Summary

This report presents tabulations of statistical information reported on records of induced abortions performed in Nebraska during calendar year 2015. These data are in compliance with specifications set forth in Nebraska Statutes §28-343 through §28-345, §28-3,107 and §71-6909.

A total of 2,004 abortions were reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for 2015, a decrease of 11.7% when compared to the 2014 total of 2,270. 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 1995.

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>
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
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

*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, 2015**

Number by Month

January	203	July	151
February	232	August	199
March	167	September	128
April	153	October	160
May	123	November	153
June	176	December	159
TOTAL			2,004
Average per Month:			167

**Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence
Nebraska, 2015**

State of Residence

Arizona	1	Missouri	13
Colorado	1	Montana	1
Florida	1	Nebraska	1,775
Indiana	1	New York	1
Iowa	175	South Dakota	25
Kansas	10		

**Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Age of Patient</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
< 15	7	0.3
15-19	194	9.7
20-24	576	28.7
25-29	578	28.8
30-34	360	18.0
35-39	223	11.1
40-44	62	3.1
> 44	4	0.2
TOTAL	2,004	100.0

Mean Age: 27.0 Median Age: 26 Modal Age: 25

**Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Reason for Abortion</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Abortions</u>
Contraceptive Failure	296	14.8
Fetal Anomaly	15	0.7
Incest	0	-
Maternal Life Endangered	7	0.3
Maternal Physical Health	41	2.0
Mental Health	21	1.0
No Contraception Used	927	46.3
Sexual Assault	10	0.5
Socio-Economic	234	11.7
Patient Declined to Answer	498	24.9
TOTAL	2,049**	

** 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, 2015**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	31	1.5
Dilation & Extraction (D&X)	84	4.2
Medication Induced	965	48.2
Sharp – Curettage	0	-
Suction – Curettage	924	46.1
Other	0	-
Not classifiable/Left blank	0	-
TOTAL	2,004	100.0

**Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Previous Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	1,250	62.4
1	503	25.1
2	182	9.1
3	49	2.4
4	16	0.8
> 4	4	0.2
TOTAL	2,004	100.0

**Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Number of Physicians</u>	<u>Abortions Performed</u>
< 25	1	1
25-1,000	5	2,003
> 1,000	0	0
TOTAL	6	2,004

**Table 8: Previous Parity* by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2015**

<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	2,004	770	432	422	238	100	27	15
12	1	1						
13	1	1						
14	5	5						
15	9	8	1					
16	16	16						
17	35	35						
18	66	58	8					
19	68	53	14	1				
20	89	57	29	3				
21	109	60	38	8	3			
22	126	74	28	18	5	1		
23	130	65	30	28	4	3		
24	122	53	42	16	8	2		1
25	136	51	32	30	17	5	1	
26	129	42	42	24	17	4		
27	126	37	20	39	20	8	1	1
28	104	25	26	29	18	3	3	
29	83	16	17	22	18	8	1	1
30	102	28	16	26	21	8	1	2
31	70	17	18	18	12	3		2
32	73	13	20	22	11	4		3
33	57	14	7	15	16	1	4	
34	58	8	10	21	9	7	3	
35	64	6	8	21	19	9		1
36	44	6	7	11	9	8	2	1
37	39	6	3	11	9	8	1	1
38	52	6	7	18	7	9	4	1
39	24	3	2	10	3	3	3	
40	16		2	8	3	2	1	
41	16	2	1	7	2	4		
42	13	3	1	5	4			
43	9		1	8				
44	8		1	2	3		2	
45	2			1				1
46	1	1						
47	1		1					
48	0							

* Number of live births previous to this abortion.

**Table 9: Gravity* by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2015**

<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	2,004	571	368	334	285	214	126	51	55
12	1	1							
13	1	1							
14	5	5							
15	9	8	1						
16	16	15	1						
17	35	33	2						
18	66	55	10	1					
19	68	48	16	4					
20	89	42	29	15	3				
21	109	49	34	13	7	3	2		1
22	126	59	32	18	9	6	2		
23	130	46	23	31	19	7	1	3	
24	122	38	34	22	14	10	3	1	
25	136	36	26	25	22	15	9	1	2
26	129	23	33	28	17	19	7	2	
27	126	22	22	19	28	15	10	5	5
28	104	18	12	27	20	11	7	6	3
29	83	7	16	11	14	11	17	5	2
30	102	19	12	18	16	21	8	5	3
31	70	11	13	10	18	9	4	2	3
32	73	8	9	16	14	10	9	1	6
33	57	8	7	7	20	6	3	2	4
34	58	3	7	18	9	6	8	3	4
35	64	5	6	6	17	13	9	5	3
36	44	6	3	8	3	13	6	2	3
37	39	1	5	6	10	5	8	2	2
38	52	2	8	8	4	12	7	3	8
39	24	1	1	8	3	7	2		2
40	16		1	3	2	7		1	2
41	16		1	2	7	2	2	2	
42	13	1	3	3	3	2	1		
43	9			5	3	1			
44	8				3	3	1		1
45	2			1					1
46	1		1						
47	1			1					
48	0								

* 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, 2015**

<u>County of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	654	32.6
Lancaster	397	19.8
Sarpy	953	47.6

**Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Length of Fetus
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Length of Fetus (Millimeters)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 10	172	8.6
10-19	234	11.7
20-29	181	9.0
30-39	96	4.8
40-49	65	3.2
50-59	61	3.0
60 and Over	83	4.1
Not Measurable	1,112	55.5

**Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Weight of Fetus
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Weight of Fetus (Grams)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 100	527	26.3
100-199	117	5.8
200-299	18	0.9
300-399	2	0.1
400 and Over	10	0.5
Not Measurable	1,330	66.4

**Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Complication(s) of Procedure(s)
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No Complications	2,002	99.9
Cervical Laceration	0	-
Hemorrhage (more than 500cc)	0	-
Infection	0	-
Perforation	0	-
Retained Products	0	-
Other	2	0.1
Not Reported	0	-

**Table 14: Number and Percent of Abortions
Emergency Situation-caused Waiver of Informed Consent Law
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Emergency Situation?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	2,001	99.9
Yes	3	0.1

**Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Marital Status of Patient
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Marital</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Divorced	102	5.1
Never Married	1,570	78.3
Now Married	258	12.9
Separated	40	2.0
Widowed	2	0.1
Not Reported	32	1.6

**Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Race of Patient
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	1,285	64.1
Black/African American	352	17.6
Native American	24	1.2
Asian	88	4.4
Other	179	8.9
Not Reported	79	3.9

**Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Ancestry of Patient
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Ancestry</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hispanic	227	11.3
African American	231	11.5
Chinese	13	0.6
Czech	26	1.3
English	222	11.1
French	18	0.9
German	168	8.4
Irish	45	2.2
Italian	18	0.9
Korean	16	0.8
Other non-Hispanic	46	2.3
Not Reported	975	48.7

** 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 Patient's Educational Level Completed
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Educational Level Completed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
None	2	0.1
Elementary	7	0.3
Middle School	32	1.6
High School	1,163	58.1
Some College	515	25.7
College Degree	193	9.6
Not Reported	92	4.6

**Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Clinical Estimate of Gestation (in weeks)
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Estimated Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	3	0.1
3	97	4.8
4	299	14.9
5	233	11.6
6	288	14.4
7	179	8.9
8	205	10.2
9	150	7.5
10	110	5.5
11	108	5.4
12	107	5.3
13	69	3.4
14	56	2.8
15	35	1.7
16	29	1.4
17	17	0.8
18	14	0.7
19	5	0.2
20	0	-
21	0	-
Not Reported	0	-

**Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions
by County* of Residence
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adams	17	0.8
Buffalo	38	1.9
Cass	14	0.7
Colfax	6	0.3
Crawford (Iowa)	5	0.2
Cuming	6	0.3
Dakota	11	0.5
Dawson	16	0.8
Dodge	17	0.8
Douglas	843	42.1
Fremont (Iowa)	5	0.2
Gage	14	0.7
Hall	56	2.8
Harrison (Iowa)	7	0.3
Knox	8	0.4
Lancaster	381	19.0
Lincoln	7	0.3
Madison	14	0.7
Mills (Iowa)	11	0.5
Minnehaha (South Dakota)	8	0.4
Montgomery (Iowa)	5	0.2
Otoe	9	0.4
Page (Iowa)	6	0.3
Platte	21	1.0
Pottawattamie (Iowa)	65	3.2
Saline	14	0.7
Sarpy	183	9.1
Saunders	10	0.5
Seward	5	0.2
Thayer	5	0.2
Washington	7	0.3
Wayne	8	0.4
Woodbury (Iowa)	44	2.2
York	10	0.5
Other	128	6.4
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, 2015**

<u>Determination Made?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	1	0.0
Yes	2,003	100.0

**Table 22a: If a Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age was made, what was the Probable Age (in number of weeks)?
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Probable Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	2	0.1
3	138	6.9
4	447	22.3
5	349	17.4
6	313	15.6
7	144	7.2
8	121	6.0
9	110	5.5
10	106	5.3
11	76	3.8
12	61	3.0
13	44	2.2
14	40	2.0
15	17	0.8
16	6	0.3
17	8	0.4
18	15	0.7
19	6	0.3
Not Reported	1	0.0

**Table 22b: What Method was used to make the Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age?
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound	952	47.5
Ultrasound	1,049	52.3
Unknown	3	0.1

**Table 22c: What was the Basis for the Determination of Probable Postfertilization Age?
Nebraska, 2015**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	953	47.6
Crown-Rump Length	0	-
Last Menstrual Period	0	-
Subtract 2 weeks from Ultrasound Results	961	48.0
Subtracted 2 weeks from Gestational Age	51	2.5
Ultrasound	3	0.1
Vaginal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	34	1.7
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, 2015**

<u>Medical Emergency Existed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	1	0.0
Yes	0	-
Not Applicable	2,003	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, 2015**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,004	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, 2015**

<u>20 or more weeks Condition</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,004	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, 2015**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,004	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, 2015**

<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	2,004	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, 2015**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,004	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, 2015**

<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	2,004	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, 2015**

<u>Greater Risk</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,004	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	2,004	100.0

Table 28: Monthly Consent Report Summary*

<u>Consent Obtained</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	6	8.7
Yes	63	91.3

<u>Were Exceptions Made</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	63	94.0
Yes	4	6.0

*Required if under 18 years of age



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