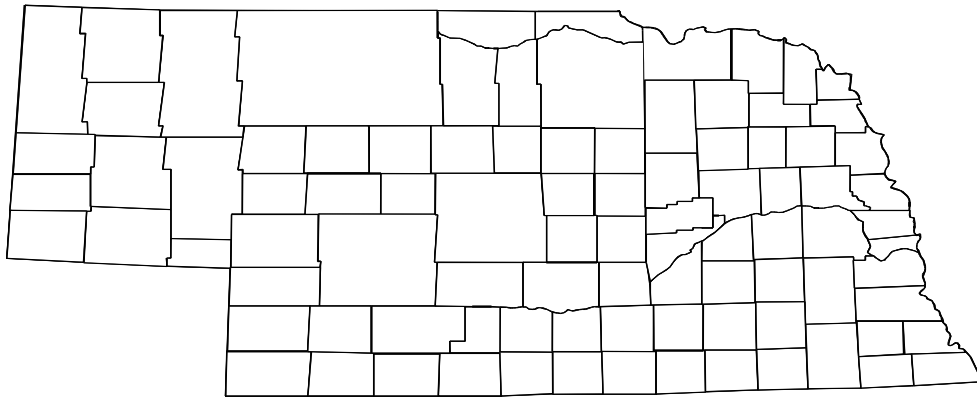


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NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2021

Summary

This report presents tabulations of statistical information reported on records of induced abortions performed in Nebraska during calendar year 2021. 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 2,360 abortions were reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for 2021, a decrease of 0.76% when compared to the 2020 total of 2,378. 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 Percent</u>	<u>20-29 Percent</u>	<u>30 and Over Percent</u>	<u>Mean Age</u>	<u>Modal 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
2019	2,068	9.4	56.0	34.6	27.3	24	82.2
2020	2,378	10.7	58.1	31.2	26.8	22	96.5
2021	2,360	9.66	59.1	31.3	26.8	26	96.0

*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, 2021**

Number by Month

January	184	July	195
February	196	August	206
March	206	September	171
April	181	October	196
May	196	November	208
June	200	December	221
		TOTAL	2,360
		Average per Month:	197

**Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence
Nebraska, 2021**

State of Residence

Arizona	1	Montana	1
Arkansas	2	Nebraska	2068
California	2	New York	2
Florida	1	North Dakota	2
Georgia	2	Pennsylvania	1
Iowa	160	South Carolina	1
Illinois	1	South Dakota	77
Kansas	12	Tennessee	1
Louisiana	1	Texas	5
Minnesota	2	Unknown	1
Missouri	18		

Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient Nebraska, 2021

<u>Age of Patient</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<15	11	0.47
15-19	217	9.19
20-24	732	31.02
25-29	662	28.05
30-34	409	17.33
35-39	255	10.80
40+	74	3.14
TOTAL	2,360	100.0

Mean Age: 26.8 Median Age: 26 Modal Age: 26

Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason Nebraska, 2021

<u>Reason for Abortion</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Abortions</u>
Contraceptive Failure	389	15.5
Fetal Anomaly	19	0.8
Incest	0	0
Maternal Life Endangered	16	0.6
Maternal Physical Health	65	2.6
Mental Health	129	5.2
No Contraception Used	964	38.5
Sexual Assault	16	0.6
Socio-Economic	87	3.5
Patient Declined to Answer	812	32.5
Emergency Situation	5	0.2
TOTAL	2,502**	100

** 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, 2021**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	4	0.2
Dilation & Extraction (D&X)	78	3.3
Medication Induced	1,709	72.4
Sharp – Curettage	2	0.1
Suction – Curettage	564	23.9
Other	3	0.1
Not classifiable/Unknown	0	-
TOTAL	2,360	100.0

**Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Previous Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	1,655	70.2
1	494	20.9
2	133	5.6
3	40	1.7
4	17	0.7
>4	17	0.7
Not classifiable/Unknown	4	0.2
TOTAL	2,360	100.0

**Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Number of Physicians</u>	<u>Abortions Performed</u>
<25	3	15
25-1,000	1	929
>1,000	1	1,416
TOTAL	5	2,360

**Table 8: Previous Parity* by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2021**

Age	Total	<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	2,360	945	486	497	250	107	46	22	7
≤19	228	200	26			1			1
20-29	1394	631	326	273	110	35	13	2	4
30-39	664	107	122	200	122	61	31	19	2
40+	74	7	12	24	18	10	2	1	

* Number of live births previous to this abortion.

**Table 9: Gravidity* by Age of Patient
Nebraska, 2021**

Age	Total	<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>≥7</u>	
TOTAL	2,360	738	427	406	297	192	136	66	91	7
≤19	228	181	37	7	1		1			1
20-29	1394	494	298	251	158	84	56	22	27	4
30-39	664	59	85	136	123	94	72	36	57	2
40+	74	4	7	12	15	14	7	8	7	

* 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, 2021

<u>County of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	859	36.4
Lancaster	572	24.2
Sarpy	929	39.4

**Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Length of Fetus
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Length of Fetus (Millimeters)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 10	542	23
10-19	327	13.9
20-29	220	9.3
30-39	134	5.7
40-49	62	2.6
50-59	29	1.2
60 and Over	66	2.8
Not Measurable	980	41.5

**Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Weight of Fetus
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Weight of Fetus (Grams)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 100	344	14.6
100-199	96	4.1
200-299	10	0.4
300-399	0	0.0
400 and Over	0	0.0
Not Measurable	1,910	80.9

**Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Complication(s) of Procedure(s)
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No Complications	2,358	99.9
Cervical Laceration	0	0.0
Hemorrhage (more than 500cc)	0	-
Infection	0	-
Perforation	0	-
Retained Products	0	-
Other	0	-
Not Reported	2	0.1

**Table 14: Number and Percent of Abortions
Emergency Situation-caused Waiver of Informed Consent Law
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Emergency Situation?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	2,355	99.8
Yes	5	0.2

**Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Marital Status of Patient
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Marital</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Divorced	68	2.9
Never Married	1,916	81.2
Now Married	269	11.40
Separated	39	1.6
Widowed	10	0.4
Not Reported	58	2.5

**Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Race of Patient
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	1,371	58.1
Black/African American	498	21.1
Native American	69	2.9
Asian	107	4.5
Other	145	6.1
Not Reported	170	7.2

**Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Ancestry of Patient
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Ancestry</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hispanic	283	12.0
non-Hispanic	73	3.1
Not Reported	2,004	84.9

** 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 Patient's Educational Level Completed
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Educational Level</u> <u>Completed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
None or Some Elementary	21	0.9
Elementary	4	0.2
Middle School	31	1.3
High School	1103	46.7
Some College	596	25.3
College Degree	309	13.1
Not Reported	296	12.5

**Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions
by Clinical Estimate of Gestation (in weeks)
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Estimated Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	3	0.1
3	0	0.0
4	51	2.2
5	270	11.4
6	518	22.0
7	425	18.0
8	300	12.7
9	222	9.4
10	157	6.7
11	103	4.4
12	62	2.6
13	82	3.5
14	41	1.7
15	35	1.5
16	33	1.40
17	17	0.7
18	14	0.6
19	10	0.4
20	5	0.2
21	10	0.4
Unknown	2	0.1

**Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions
by County* of Residence
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adams	22	0.9
Antelope	6	0.3
Buffalo	34	1.4
Buena Vista (Iowa)	6	0.3
Cass (Nebraska)	11	0.5
Clay (Nebraska)	6	0.3
Colfax	10	0.4
Douglas	1,057	44.8
Dakota	11	0.5
Davison (S. Dakota)	11	0.5
Dawson	19	0.8
Dodge	38	1.6
Fremont (Iowa)	5	0.2
Gage	8	0.3
Hall	66	2.8
Jackson (Missouri)	5	0.2
Jefferson	6	0.3
Lancaster	395	16.7
Lincoln	7	0.3
Lincoln (S. Dakota)	7	0.3
Madison	31	1.3
Minnehaha (S. Dakota)	32	1.4
Montgomery (Iowa)	8	0.3
Nemaha	7	0.3
Otoe	10	0.4
Platte	28	1.2
Pottawattamie (Iowa)	58	2.5
Red Willow	5	0.2
Saline	17	0.7
Sarpy	175	7.4
Saunders	17	0.7
Unknown	7	0.3
Washington	10	0.4
Woodbury (Iowa)	51	2.2
Yankton (S. Dakota)	5	0.2
York	7	0.3
Other**	162	7.02
Total	2,360	100

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

** The following counties fall under the "Other" category (Adams (Iowa), Arthur, Atchison(Missouri), Audubon(Iowa), Beadle (S. Dakota), Blaine, Boone, Boone (Illinois), Boone (Iowa), Bowie (Texas), Brookings (S. Dakota), Brown , Buchanan (Missouri), Bucks (Pennsylvania), Burt, Butler, Carroll (Iowa), Cass (Iowa), Cass (N. Dakota), Charles Mix (S. Dakota), Cherokee (Iowa), Clay (Missouri),

Clay (S. Dakota), Cherry, Codrington (S. Dakota), Crawford (Iowa), Cuming, Custer, Douglas (Georgia), Douglas (Kansas), Dallas (Iowa), Dallas (Texas), Davidson (Tennessee), DeKalb (Georgia), Decatur (Kansas), Dickinson (Iowa), Dixon, East Baton Rouge (Louisiana), Ellis (Kansas), Erie (New York), Franklin, Furnas, Gregory (S. Dakota), Hamilton, Harris (Texas), Harrison (Iowa), Harvey (Kansas), Holt, Hopkins (Texas), Howard, Hughes (S. Dakota), Ida (Iowa), Johnson, Johnson (Missouri), Knox, Lake (S. Dakota), Los Angeles (California), Loup, Lyon (Iowa), Maricopa (Arizona), Marshall (Kansas), Marshall (Minnesota), Merrick, Mills (Iowa), Moody (S. Dakota), Nance, Nassau (New York), Nobles (Minnesota), Nodaway (Missouri), Nuckolls, Orange (Florida), Orangeburg (S. Carolina), Osborne (Kansas), Page (Iowa), Pennington (S. Dakota), Phelps, Pierce, Plymouth (Iowa), Polk, Polk (Iowa), Pulaski (Arkansas) Riley (Kansas), Riverside (California), Seward, Shawnee (Kansas), Shelby (Iowa), Sheridan, Sioux (Iowa), Stanton, Story (Iowa), Taylor (Iowa), Thurston, Todd (S. Dakota), Union (S. Dakota), Valley, Vernon (Missouri), Wayne, Webster, Webster (Iowa), Worth (Missouri), Yellowstone (Montana), Madison, Sarpy)

**Table 21: Was a Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age Made?
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Determination Made?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	2,360	100.0

**Table 22a: If a Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age was made,
what was the Probable Age (in number of weeks)?
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Probable Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	48	2.0
3	268	11.4
4	521	22.1
5	426	18.1
6	300	12.7
7	223	9.5
8	158	6.7
9	103	4.4
10	64	2.7
11	84	3.6
12	41	1.7
13	34	1.4
14	33	1.40
15	17	0.7
16	13	0.6
17	7	0.30
18	6	0.3
19	13	0.6
Not Reported	1	0.04

**Table 22b: What Method was used to make the Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age?
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound	855	36.2
Ultrasound	1,498	63.5
Unknown	7	0.3

**Table 22c: What was the Basis for the Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age?
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	932	39.5
Ultrasound	11	0.5
Last Menstrual Period	0	-
Subtract 2 weeks from Ultrasound Results	1,415	60
Subtracted 2 weeks from Gestational Age	2	0.1
Unknown	0	-

**Table 23a: If a Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age was not made, was there a Determination that a Medical Emergency Existed?
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Medical Emergency Existed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	-
Yes	0	-
Not Applicable	2,360	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, 2021**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,360	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, 2021**

<u>20 or more weeks Condition</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,360	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, 2021**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,360	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, 2021**

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	2,360	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, 2021**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,360	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, 2021**

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	2,360	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, 2021

<u>Greater Risk</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,360	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, 2021

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,360	100.0

**Table 28: Monthly Consent Report Summary*
Nebraska, 2021**

<u>Consent Obtained</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	3	3.7
Yes	79	96.3

<u>Were Exceptions Made</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	73	92.4
Yes	6	7.6

Required if under 18 years of age

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