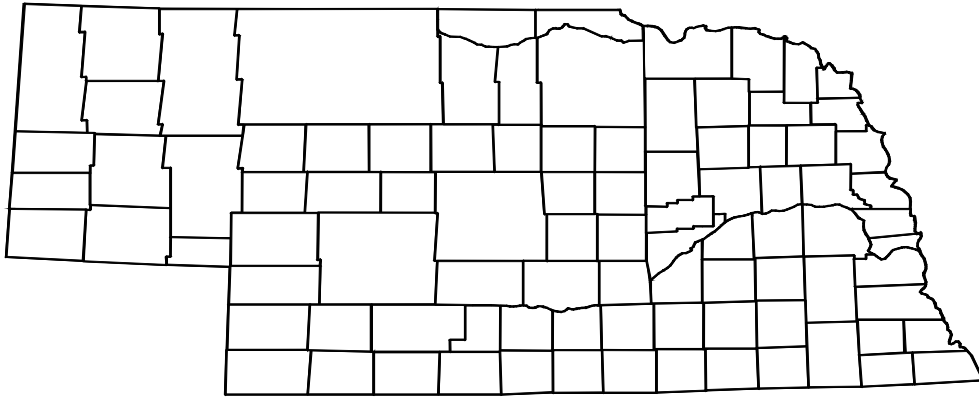


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## NEBRASKA ABORTIONS, 2022

### Summary

This report presents tabulations of statistical information reported on records of induced abortions performed in Nebraska during calendar year 2022. 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 2,547 abortions were reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for 2022, an increase of approximately 7.92% when compared to the 2021 total of 2,360. 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 years and Under Percent</u>	<u>20-29 years Percent</u>	<u>30 years 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	9.6	59.1	31.3	26.8	26	96.0
2022	2,547	10.9	59.8	29.3	26.5	22	96.5

\*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, 2022**

Number by Month

January	214	July	205
February	219	August	244
March	250	September	217
April	204	October	237
May	187	November	208
June	196	December	159
		Unknown	7
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,547</b>
		<b>Average per Month:</b>	<b>212</b>

**Table 2: Number of Abortions by State of Residence  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>State of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>State of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>
Arizona	1	Missouri	103
Arkansas	4	Nebraska	2,015
Florida	2	Nevada	2
Iowa	149	New York	1
Kansas	122	North Dakota	1
Louisiana	3	Oklahoma	30
Minnesota	1	South Dakota	51
Mississippi	1	Tennessee	2
		Texas	59

**Table 3: Number and Percent of Abortions by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Age of Patient</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<15	7	0.3
15-19	270	10.6
20-24	850	33.3
25-29	676	26.5
30-34	419	16.5
35-39	252	9.9
40+	73	2.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Mean Age: 26.5    Median Age: 25    Modal Age: 22**

**Table 4: Number and Percent of Total Abortions by Reason  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Reason for Abortion</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total Abortions</u>
Contraceptive Failure	268	10.0
Fetal Anomaly	12	0.4
Incest	0	0
Maternal Life Endangered	15	0.6
Maternal Physical Health	50	1.9
Mental Health	103	3.9
No Contraception Used	1,663	62.3
Sexual Assault	7	0.3
Socio-Economic	107	4.0
Patient Declined to Answer	442	16.6
Emergency Situation	2	0.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,669**</b>	<b>100</b>

\*\* 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, 2022**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Dilation & Evacuation (D&E)	2	0.1
Dilation & Extraction (D&X)	82	3.2
Medication Induced	1,903	74.7
Sharp – Curettage	7	0.3
Suction – Curettage	551	21.6
Other	2	0.1
Not classifiable/Unknown	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 6: Number and Percent of Previous Abortions  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Previous Abortions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0	1,840	72.2
1	481	18.9
2	143	5.6
3	41	1.6
4	14	0.5
>4	19	0.8
Not classifiable/Unknown	9	0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 7: Number of Abortions by Number of Physicians  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Number of Abortions</u>	<u>Number of Physicians</u>	<u>Abortions Performed</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2,547</b>



**Table 8: Previous Parity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>	Number of Live Births							<u>Unknown</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>&gt;5</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>
<=19	277	248	21	4	-	-	-	-	4
20-29	1,526	719	365	279	95	35	13	3	17
30-39	671	127	128	159	136	72	31	15	3
40+	73	6	15	22	16	8	6	0	0

\* Number of live births previous to this abortion.

**Table 9: Gravidity\* by Age of Patient  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Total</u>	Number of Pregnancies								<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>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>24</b>
<=19	277	225	37	9	2	-	-	-	-	4
20-29	1,526	547	340	283	156	97	49	19	18	17
30-39	671	68	101	131	122	103	51	42	50	3
40+	73	3	8	12	10	15	11	7	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, 2022**

<u>County of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Douglas	692	27.2
Lancaster	380	14.9
Sarpy	1,475	57.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 11: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Length of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Length of Fetus (Millimeters)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 10	247	9.7
10-19	255	10.0
20-29	196	7.6
30-39	115	4.5
40-49	68	2.7
50-59	50	2.0
60 and over	68	2.7
Not Measurable	1,548	60.8

**Table 12: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Weight of Fetus  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Weight of Fetus (Grams)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 100	309	12.2
100-199	75	2.9
200-299	6	0.2
300-399	1	0.0
400 and over	0	0.0
Not Measurable	2,156	84.7

**Table 13: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Complication(s) of Procedure(s)  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Complication</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No Complications	2,543	99.8
Cervical Laceration	0	0.0
Hemorrhage (more than 500cc)	1	0.1
Infection	1	0.1
Perforation	0	0.0
Retained Products	2	0.1
Other	1	0.1
Not Reported	0	0.0

\*This table does not equal the total number of complications due to the indication of multiple reasons on some reports.

**Table 14: Number and Percent of Abortions  
Emergency Situation-caused Waiver of Informed Consent Law  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Emergency Situation?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	2,545	99.9
Yes	2	0.1

**Table 15: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Marital Status of Patient  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Marital</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Divorced	66	2.6
Never Married	2,002	78.6
Now Married	331	13.0
Separated	55	2.2
Widowed	6	0.2
Not Reported	87	3.4

**Table 16: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Race of Patient  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	1,517	59.6
Black/African American	558	21.9
Native American	77	3.0
Asian	108	4.2
Other	46	1.8
Not Reported	241	9.5

**Table 17: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Ancestry of Patient  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Ancestry</u>	<u>Number**</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hispanic	450	17.7
Non-Hispanic	390	15.3
Not Reported	1,707	67.0

**Table 18: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Patient's Educational Level Completed  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Educational Level Completed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
None or Some Elementary	1	0.1
Elementary	5	0.3
Middle School	26	1.7
High School	1,328	84.8
Some College	0	0.0
College Degree	0	0.0
Not Reported	206	13.1

\*This table does not equal the total number of abortions by education level due to the indication of multiple levels of education reported on some reports.

**Table 19: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by Clinical Estimate of Gestation (in weeks)  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Estimated Gestation</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	3	0.1
3	5	0.2
4	63	2.5
5	300	11.8
6	462	18.1
7	452	17.7
8	307	12.1
9	272	10.7
10	194	7.6
11	106	4.2
12	109	4.3
13	78	3.1
14	44	1.7
15	47	1.8
16	41	1.6
17	20	0.8
18	14	0.5
19	8	0.3
20	9	0.4
21	10	0.4
Unknown	3	0.1

**Table 20: Number and Percent of Abortions  
by County\* of Residence  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>County of Residence</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Adams	22	0.9
Buffalo	35	1.4
Cass	16	0.6
Clay	21	0.8
Colfax	9	0.4
Custer	6	0.2
Douglas	1051	41.3
Dakota	13	0.5
<i>Dallas</i>	11	0.4
Dawson	22	0.9
Dodge	14	0.5
Gage	7	0.3
Hall	53	2.0
<i>Harris</i>	13	0.5
<i>Jackson</i>	50	2.0
Johnson	29	1.1
Lancaster	356	14.0
Lincoln	13	0.5
Madison	22	1.0
<i>Minnehaha</i>	28	1.1
<i>Montgomery</i>	6	0.2
Nemaha	8	0.3
<i>Nodaway</i>	10	0.4
Otoe	14	0.5
Platte	35	1.4
Polk	14	0.5
<i>Pottawattamie</i>	63	2.5
<i>Riley</i>	16	0.6
Saline	13	0.5
Sarpy	173	6.9
Saunders	16	0.6
<i>Sedgwick</i>	12	0.5
Seward	7	0.3
<i>Shawnee</i>	17	0.7
<i>Tarrant</i>	11	0.4
<i>Tulsa</i>	10	0.4
<i>Unknown</i>	41	1.6
Washington	8	0.3
<i>Woodbury</i>	23	0.9
<i>Wyandotte</i>	10	0.4

York	11	0.4
Other **	238	9.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2547</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Counties of residence listed with at least 6 abortions. Counties listed are Nebraska counties unless *ITALICIZED*.

\*\* The following counties fall under the “Other” category (Adair (Iowa), Anderson (Kansas), Andrew (Missouri), Antelope (Nebraska), Atchison (Kansas/Missouri), Barnes (North Dakota), Benton (Arkansas), Bexar (Texas), Black Hawk (Iowa), Blaine (Nebraska), Boone (Nebraska), Brookings (South Dakota), Brown (Kansas/Nebraska), Buchanan (Missouri), Butler (Nebraska), Burt (Nebraska), Caddo (Louisiana), Canadian (Oklahoma), Cedar (Nebraska), Charles Mix (South Dakota), Cherry (Nebraska), Clark (Nevada/South Dakota), Clarke (Iowa), Cleveland (Oklahoma), Clinton (Missouri), Cloud (Kansas), Codington (South Dakota), Collin (Texas), Comanche (North Dakota), Cowley (Kansas), Crawford (Iowa), Cuming (Nebraska), Douglas (Nebraska), Decatur (Iowa), Delaware (Oklahoma), Denton (Texas), Dickinson (Kansas), Ellis (Kansas), Faulkner (Arkansas), Fort Bend (Texas), Franklin (Missouri), Furnas (Nebraska), Garfield (Oklahoma), Garvin (Oklahoma), Geary (Kansas), Gosper (Nebraska), Grundy (Missouri), Hamilton (Nebraska), Harlan (Nebraska), Harrison (Iowa), Harvey (Kansas), Hayes (Nebraska), Holt (Nebraska), Howard (Missouri/Nebraska), Ida (Iowa), Jasper (Iowa), Jefferson (Kansas/Nebraska), Kaufman (Texas), Kay (Oklahoma), Knox (Nebraska), Kossuth (Iowa), Lafayette (Missouri), Lampasas (Texas), Leavenworth (Kansas), Linn (Kansas), Livingston (Missouri), Loup (Nebraska), Lyon (Iowa/Kansas/Minnesota), Mahaska (Iowa), Maricopa (Arizona), Marshall (Kansas), McPherson (Kansas), Mellette (South Dakota), Merrick (Nebraska), Miami-Dade (Florida), Mills (Iowa), Monona (Iowa), Monroe (New York), Nuckolls (Nebraska), Oklahoma (Oklahoma), Orleans (Louisiana), Osage (Oklahoma), Page (Iowa), Palm Beach (Florida), Pettis (Missouri), Phelps (Nebraska), Phillips (Kansas), Pierce (Nebraska), Plymouth (Iowa), Ralls (Missouri), Red Willow (Nebraska), Reno (Kansas), Richardson (Nebraska), Rogers (Oklahoma), Rooks (Kansas), Sebastian (Arkansas), Sequoyah (Oklahoma), Shelby (Iowa/Tennessee), Sioux (Iowa), Stanton (Nebraska), Story (Iowa), Sullivan (Missouri), Sumner (Kansas), Swisher (Texas), Tarrant (Texas), Thayer (Nebraska), Taylor (Iowa), Thayer (Nebraska), Thurston (Nebraska), Todd (South Dakota), Travis (Texas), Tripp (South Dakota), Turner (South Dakota), Union (Iowa/South Dakota), Upton (Texas), Vernon (Missouri), Wayne (Nebraska), Warren (Iowa), Webster (Iowa/Nebraska), Wilson (Texas), Colfax (Nebraska), Collin (Texas), Denton (Texas), Ellis (Kansas), Hall (Nebraska), Jackson (Kansas/Missouri), Otoe (Nebraska), Platte (Missouri/Nebraska), Riley (Kansas), Saline (Kansas/Nebraska), Shawnee (Kansas), Thurston (Nebraska), Travis (Texas), Yankton (South Dakota))

**Table 21: Was a Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age Made?  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Determination Made?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	0.0
Yes	2,547	100.0

**Table 22a: If a Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age was made, what was the Probable Age (in number of weeks)?  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Probable Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 3	57	2.2
3	297	11.7
4	459	18.0
5	452	17.7
6	312	12.2
7	279	10.9
8	198	7.8
9	108	4.2
10	114	4.5
11	77	3.0
12	46	1.8
13	47	1.9
14	40	1.6
15	19	0.8
16	12	0.5
17	9	0.4
18	10	0.4
19	10	0.4
Not Reported	1	0.1

**Table 22b: What Method was used to make the Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age?  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Method</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound	1,473	57.9
Ultrasound	1,071	42.0
Unknown	3	0.1

**Table 22c: What was the Basis for the Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age?  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Abdominal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	1,471	57.8
Ultrasound	0	0.0
Last Menstrual Period	0	0.0
Subtract 2 weeks from Ultrasound Results	1,071	42.0
Subtracted 2 weeks from Gestational Age	0	0.0
Vaginal Ultrasound minus 2 weeks	1	0.1
Unknown	4	0.2

**Table 23a: If a Determination of Probable Post-fertilization Age was not made, was there a Determination that a Medical Emergency Existed?  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Medical Emergency Existed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	0	0.0
Yes	2	0.1
Not Applicable	2545	99.9

**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, 2022**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,547	100.0



**Table 24a: If the Probable Post-fertilization 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, 2022**

<u>20 or more weeks Condition</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,547	100.0

**Table 24b: If the Probable Post-fertilization 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, 2022**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,547	100.0

**Table 25a: If the Probable Post-fertilization 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, 2022**

<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	2,547	100.0

**Table 25b: If the Probable Post-fertilization 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, 2022**

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Not Applicable	2,547	100.0

**Table 26: If any Abortion was performed when the Probable Post-fertilization 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, 2022**

<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	2,547	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, 2022**

<u>Greater Risk</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Not Applicable	2,547	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	2,547	100.0

**Table 28: Monthly Consent Report Summary\*  
Nebraska, 2022**

<u>Consent Obtained</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	1	1.1
Yes	87	98.9
<u>Were Exceptions Made</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No	72	83.7
Yes	14	16.3

\*Required if under 18 years of age



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