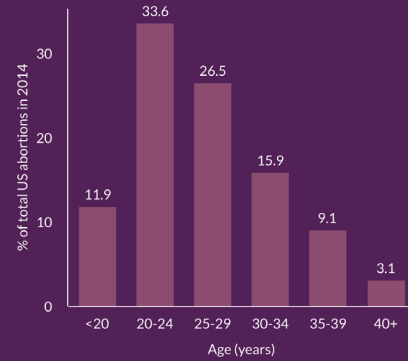
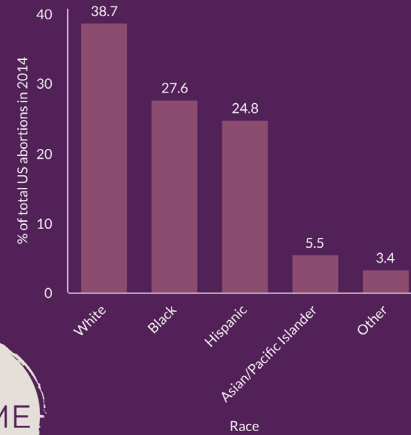


# Abortion distribution by....

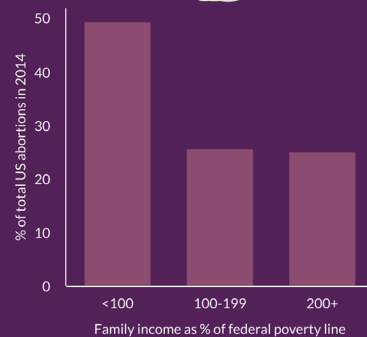
## AGE



## RACE



## INCOME



Abortion is disproportionately common among women who are:

- in their twenties
- Black or Hispanic
- below the federal poverty line

Source: <https://www.guttmacher.org/report/characteristics-us-abortion-patients-2014>

# 862,320

babies aborted in the US in 2017

# 62,502,904

babies aborted in the US since 1973

Abortion by the Numbers



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# ABORTION

# FAST FACTS

# How common are they?



**18.4%**

of pregnancies ended  
in abortion in the US  
in 2017

that's about

**1** in **5** pregnancies

Per 1,000  
women ages  
15-44 in the  
US, there are  
13.5 abortions.

In total, that is

**862,320**

abortions  
performed in



808 abortion clinics  
across the country

or



**2,362**

babies every day in  
2017.

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## Medical abortion

is the use of **2** medications to  
end a pregnancy.

Mifepristone, taken first,  
stops progesterone  
production by the  
mother. This causes the  
uterine wall to thin, and  
the fetus can no longer  
remain implanted or  
receive nutrients.

Misoprostol, taken  
later at home,  
causes contractions  
to expel the fetus  
from the uterus  
through the vagina.

It is currently used through  
**10 weeks'** gestation

It accounted for **39 %** of all  
abortions in the US in 2017,

up from **29%** in 2014 and from  
**5%** in 2001.

and while that might  
seem like a small  
number, that is

**100, 891**

babies killed in the womb by  
dismemberment and/or chemical  
injections in our country each year.

Sources: <https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/induced-abortion-united-states>; <https://www.liveaction.org/news/review-of-surgical-abortion-procedures/>; <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion/in-clinic-abortion-procedures>; <https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/medical-abortion/about/pac-20394687>



## Surgical abortion

ends a pregnancy by killing  
and removing the fetus with  
surgical tools.

There are several types of surgical  
abortion; the method chosen depends  
on how far along the mother is.

Through the  
**first trimester**,  
the abortion  
occurs by  
suctioning the  
fetus out after  
dilating the  
cervix.

**From week 13 and on**, forceps  
are necessary for  
dismemberment because the  
fetus is too developed to be  
removed through suction.

Often, other  
chemicals  
are used to  
assist with  
the abortion  
as well.

Partial-birth  
abortion, which  
involves delivering  
the baby alive and  
then snipping the  
spinal cord, is not  
currently legal in  
the U.S.

**11.7%** of abortions happen in the  
second and third trimester in the US.

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# Who has abortions?

By the age of 45, nearly

**1 in 4**

women have had an abortion.



**59%** have given birth to at least one  
child.

Women ages 20-29 make up 61% of  
those who get abortions.



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