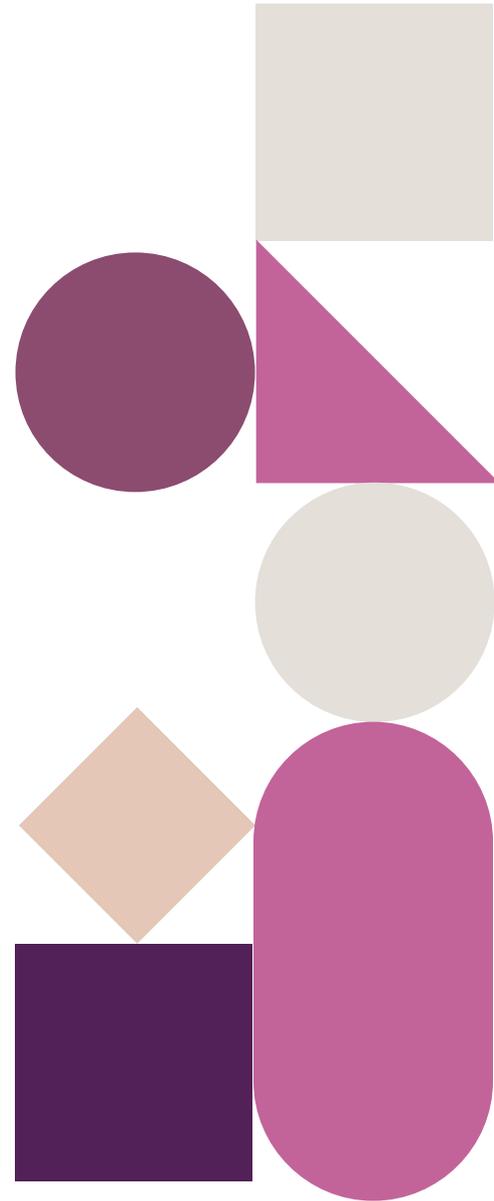


# ABORTION

## FAST FACTS



# How common are they?



# 20.6%

of pregnancies ended  
in abortion in the US  
in 2020

that's about

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

The abortion rate in 2020 was 14.4 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age (ages 15-44) in the US

In total, that is

# 930,160

abortions  
performed in



807 abortion  
clinics across the  
country

or



# 2,548

babies aborted  
every day in 2020

# What kinds of abortion are there?



## Medical abortion

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

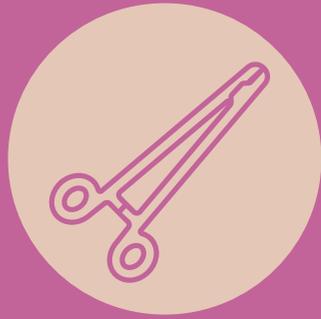
Mifepristone, taken first, causes the mother to stop progesterone production. This causes the uterine lining to thin, and the baby can no longer remain implanted or receive nutrients.

Misoprostol, taken later at home, causes contractions to expel the baby (also known as an embryo at this stage) from the uterus through the vagina.

Medical abortion is currently done through **10 weeks** gestation.

It accounted for **53 %** of all abortions in the US in 2020...

...up from **39%** in 2017 and from **5%** in 2001.



## Surgical abortion

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

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

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

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

In the **first trimester**, the abortion occurs by suctioning the baby out after dilating the cervix.

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

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

In 2020, **6.7%** of abortions in the US were performed after 13 weeks.

**62,321**

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

# Who has abortions?

By the age of 45, nearly

**1 in 4**

women have had an abortion.



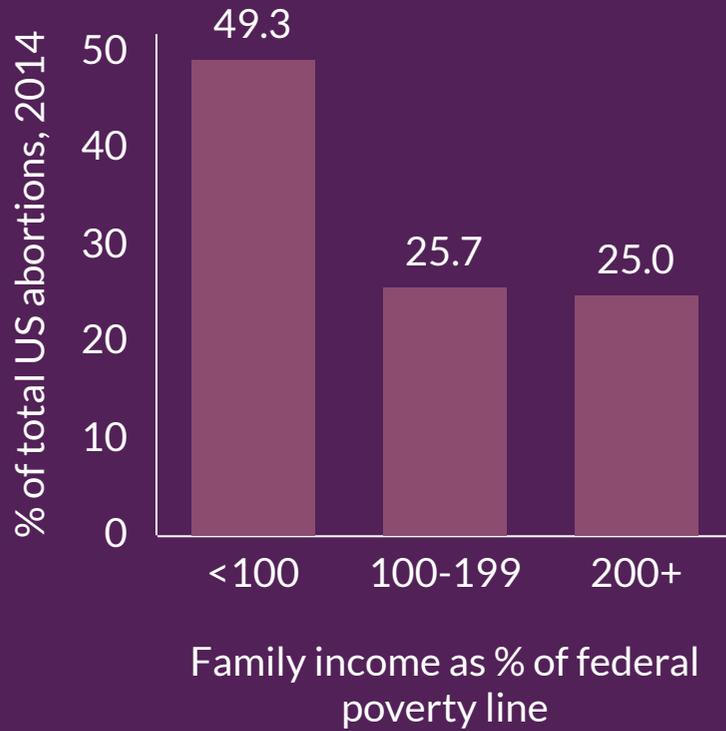
61% of those choosing abortion have already given birth to at least one child.

Women ages 20-29 make up 57% of those who get abortions.

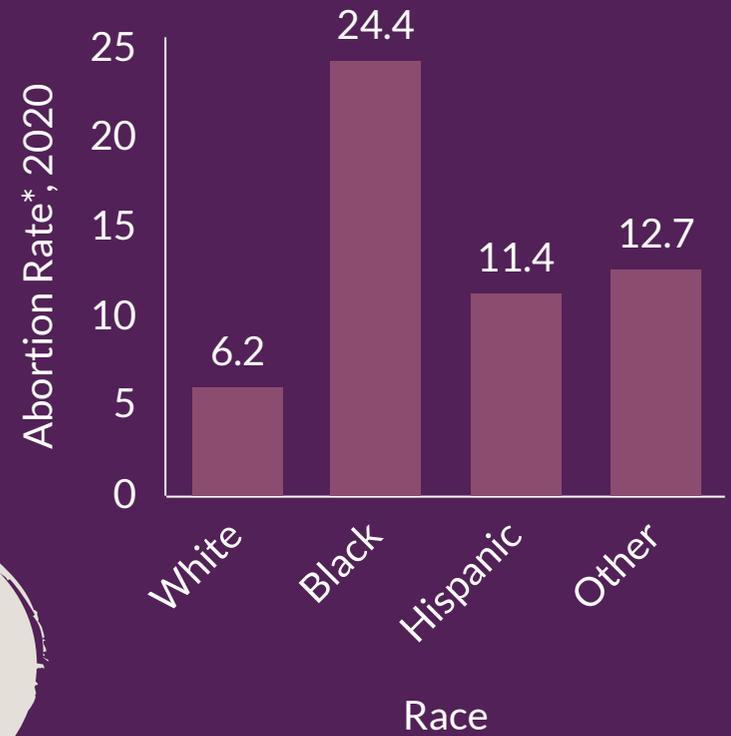


# Abortion distribution by...

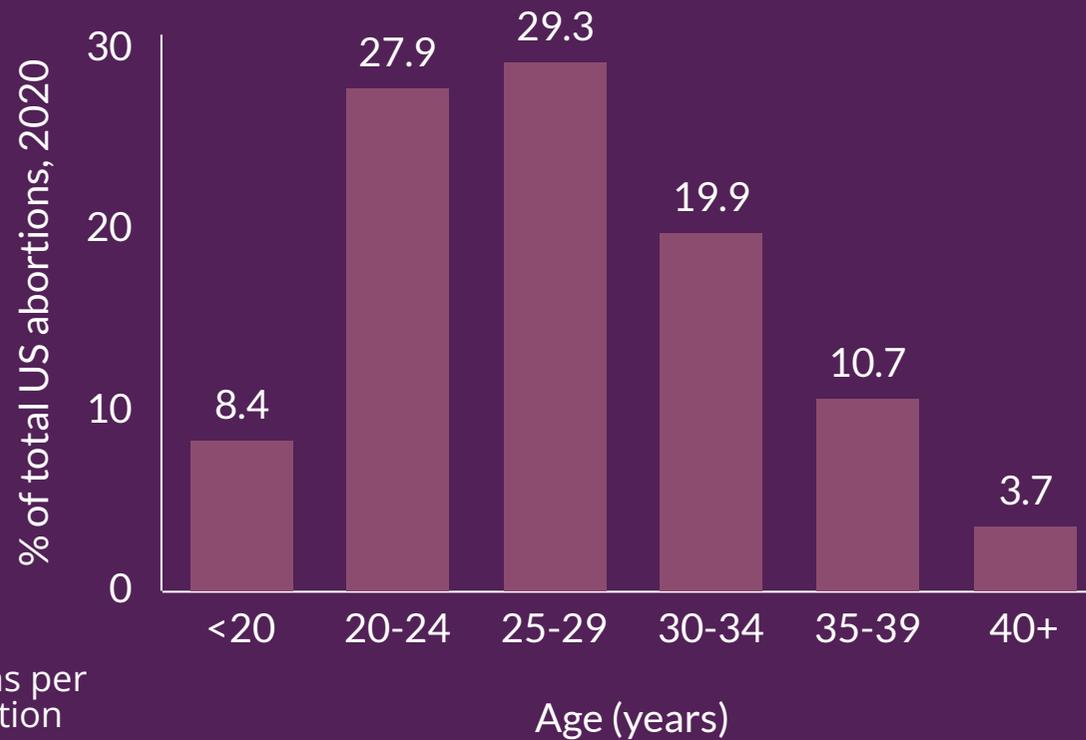
## INCOME



## RACE



## AGE



\*defined as the number of abortions per 1,000 women within a given population

Abortion is disproportionately common among women who are:



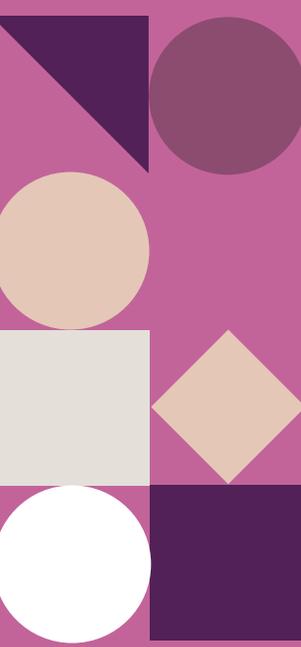
in their twenties



Black or Hispanic



below the federal poverty line



# 930,160

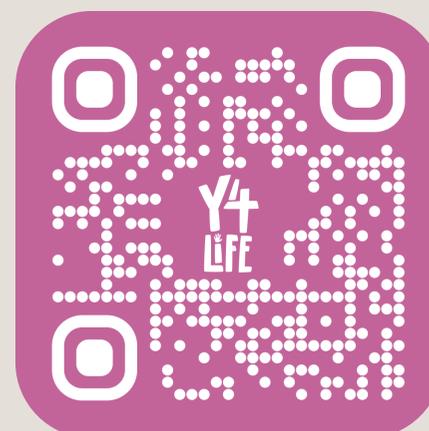
babies aborted in the US in 2020

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# 64,442,118

babies aborted in the US since 1973  
as of the fall of 2023

For more  
information, visit  
[Y4Life.org](https://y4life.org).



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