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Dear Interested Party:

State law requires that physicians, hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers report abortions they perform to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The Women's Right-to-Know Act requires physicians who perform abortions to report to KDHE the number of certifications received that women received certain information required by the Women's Right-to-Know Act 24 hours prior to the abortion. This report is a preliminary analysis of these data as collected by the KDHE Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics.

In-state collection of 2016 abortion reports is complete. The total, 6,810 reports, is 2.4 percent fewer than reported in 2015 (6,974). In-state residents slightly outnumbered out-of-state residents, 3,429 reports to 3,381. One Kansas resident obtained an abortion at 22 weeks or greater gestation outside the state.

Contact Public Health Informatics staff at (785) 296-8627 for additional information.

Sincerely,

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**Selected Induced Abortion Statistics  
Kansas, 2016**

Selected Statistics	Number	Percent *
Total <sup>†</sup> induced abortions reported	6,810	100
Out-of-state occurrence abortions	20	
In-state occurrence abortions	6,790	
Total <sup>‡</sup> physician certifications reported	6,798	100
<u>Residence of Patient:</u>		
In-state resident total	3,429	50.4
In-state resident occurrence	3,409	
Out-of-state occurrence	20	
Out-of-state resident total	3,381	49.6
Total Reported	6,810	100
<u>Age Group of Patient:</u>		
Under 14 years	4	0.1
14 years	10	0.1
15 years	32	0.5
16-17 years	146	2.1
18-19 years	454	6.7
20-24 years	2,085	30.6
25-29 years	1,890	27.8
30-34 years	1,238	18.2
35-39 years	703	10.3
40-44 years	231	3.4
45 years and over	17	0.2
n.s.	0	n/a
Total Reported	6,810	100
<u>Population Group of Patient: <sup>¶</sup></u>		
White Non-Hispanic	3,784	55.6
Black Non-Hispanic	1,452	21.3
Native American Non-Hispanic	65	1.0
Asian/Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	282	4.1
Other Non-Hispanic <sup>#</sup>	345	5.1
Hispanic Any Race	882	13.0
n.s.	0	n/a
Total Reported	6,810	100

\* n/a: Not applicable.

<sup>†</sup>Total reported, includes 20 Kansas resident abortions that occurred out of state.

This total is subject to change as other states submit information on Kansas resident abortions in their state.

<sup>‡</sup> Kansas occurrence data

<sup>¶</sup> For further explanation, see Technical Notes in the *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics, 2007*.

<sup>#</sup> Includes selection of two or more races or other non-specified race.

**Selected Induced Abortion Statistics  
Kansas, 2016**

Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Marital Status of Patient:</u>		
Married	1,033	15.2
Unmarried	5,700	83.7
n.s.	77	1.1
Total Reported	6,810	100
<u>Weeks Gestation:</u>		
Less than 9 weeks	4,378	64.3
9-12 weeks	1,541	22.6
13-16 weeks	583	8.6
17-21 weeks	307	4.5
22 weeks & over **	1	0.0
n.s.	0	n/a
Total Reported	6,810	100
<u>Method of Abortion:</u>		
Suction curettage	2,507	36.8
Sharp curettage	10	0.1
Dilation & Evacuation	670	9.8
Medical Procedure I (Mifepristone)	3,617	53.1
Medical Procedure II (Methotrexate)	0	0.0
Intra-uterine prostaglandin instillation	0	0.0
Hysterotomy	0	0.0
Hysterectomy	0	0.0
Digoxin/Induction	0	0.0
Partial Birth Procedure <sup>††</sup>	0	0.0
Other	6	0.1
n.s.	0	n/a
Total Reported	6,810	100
<u>Reason for Determining Gestational Age (method)</u>		
Ultrasound	6,784	99.6
n.s.	26	0.4
Total Reported	6,810	100
<u>Report of Physical, Mental, or Emotional Abuse or Neglect Filed</u>		
No	6,786	99.6
Yes	24	0.4
n.s.	0	n/a
Total Reported	6,810	100

\*\* There was one out of state abortion to a Kansas resident reported.

†† No Partial Birth procedures have been reported in Kansas since October 1999.

**Selected Induced Abortion Statistics  
Kansas, 2016**

Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Number of Previous Pregnancies:</u>		
None	1,957	28.7
One	1,362	20.0
Two	1,247	18.3
Three	901	13.2
Four	603	8.9
Five	331	4.9
Six	191	2.8
Seven or more	216	3.2
n.s.	2	0.0
Total Reported	6,810	100
<u>Number of Living Children:</u>		
None	2,721	40.0
One	1,675	24.6
Two	1,325	19.5
Three	668	9.8
Four	264	3.9
Five or more	156	2.3
n.s.	1	0.0
Total Reported	6,810	100
<u>Number of Previous Spontaneous Terminations:</u>		
None	5,623	82.6
One	908	13.3
Two	197	2.9
Three	44	0.6
Four or more	37	0.5
n.s.	1	0.0
Total Reported	6,810	100
<u>Number of Previous Induced Abortions:</u>		
None	4,481	65.8
One	1,509	22.2
Two	529	7.8
Three	181	2.7
Four or more	109	1.6
n.s.	1	0.0
Total Reported	6,810	100

**Reported Abortions by Year by Place of Patient Residence  
Kansas, 1974-2016**

Year	Total	Out-of-State Residents	Kansas Residents	n.s. *
1974	10,171	4,503	5,657	11
1975	9,160	3,565	5,581	14
1976	9,154	3,455	5,686	13
1977	7,965	2,918	5,045	2
1978	9,740	3,957	5,722	61
1979	12,335	5,042	7,281	12
1980	11,791	4,750	7,038	3
1981	10,448	4,150	6,291	7
1982	9,976	3,823	6,153	0
1983	8,547	3,218	5,329	0
1984	8,008	2,689	5,319	0
1985	7,092	2,447	4,645	0
1986	6,561	2,316	4,245	0
1987	6,409	2,357	4,052	0
1988	7,930	3,161	4,769	0
1989	8,984 †	3,270	4,149	1,565 §
1990	9,459 †	3,341	4,175	1,943 §
1991	10,141 †	4,071	6,070	0
1992	11,135 †	4,904	6,231	0
1993	11,247	4,853	6,394	0
1994	10,847	4,245	6,596	6
1995	11,149 ‡	4,562	6,566	21
1996	11,181	4,367	6,806	8
1997	11,507	4,973	6,532	2
1998	11,624	5,184	6,440	0
1999	12,445	6,029	6,416	0
2000	12,327	5,971	6,356	0
2001	12,422	6,003	6,419	0
2002	11,844	5,546	6,298	0
2003	11,697	5,534	6,163	0
2004	11,446	5,475	5,971	0
2005	10,543	4,914	5,629	0
2006	11,271	5,385	5,886	0
2007	10,841	5,162	5,679	0
2008	10,643	5,131	5,512	0
2009	9,474	4,693	4,780	1
2010	8,373	4,150	4,223	0
2011	7,885	3,939	3,946	0
2012	7,598	3,796	3,802	0
2013	7,485	3,722	3,763	0
2014	7,294	3,578	3,716	0
2015	6,974	3,395	3,579	0
2016 ¶	6,810	3,381	3,429	0

\* n.s.= Not stated

† The increase in the 1989-1992 figures may not reflect an increase in the number of abortions being performed but rather an increase in the number of providers voluntarily reporting data

‡ As of July 1, 1995, reporting became mandatory for every medical care facility an every person licensed to practice medicine and surgery

§ Residency data was not available for all abortions in 1989-1990. However, due to improved reporting, residency was obtained for most of the abortions reported in subsequent years

¶ 2016 numbers are preliminary: 1974-2015 numbers are final

## Induced Abortions by County of Patient Residence

Kansas, 2016

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Kansas Residents	3,429				
Allen	5	Greeley	2	Osborne	2
Anderson	2	Greenwood	2	Ottawa	3
Atchison	9	Hamilton	1	Pawnee	0
Barber	6	Harper	8	Phillips	1
Barton	23	Harvey	23	Pottawatomie	15
Bourbon	6	Haskell	3	Pratt	7
Brown	6	Hodgeman	0	Rawlins	0
Butler	38	Jackson	5	Reno	47
Chase	1	Jefferson	20	Republic	2
Chautauqua	1	Jewell	0	Rice	10
Cherokee	6	Johnson	846	Riley	111
Cheyenne	2	Kearny	2	Rooks	0
Clark	0	Kingman	2	Rush	2
Clay	4	Kiowa	0	Russell	2
Cloud	4	Labette	9	Saline	30
Coffey	9	Lane	1	Scott	1
Comanche	1	Leavenworth	78	Sedgwick	770
Cowley	22	Lincoln	1	Seward	15
Crawford	31	Linn	4	Shawnee	184
Decatur	0	Logan	0	Sheridan	0
Dickinson	7	Lyon	33	Sherman	0
Doniphan	1	McPherson	16	Smith	4
Douglas	231	Marion	4	Stafford	2
Edwards	1	Marshall	2	Stanton	1
Elk	3	Meade	2	Stevens	0
Ellis	22	Miami	34	Sumner	15
Ellsworth	2	Mitchell	1	Thomas	3
Finney	29	Montgomery	17	Trego	0
Ford	40	Morris	3	Wabaunsee	2
Franklin	27	Morton	0	Wallace	0
Geary	93	Nemaha	2	Washington	2
Gove	0	Neosho	11	Wichita	2
Graham	1	Ness	3	Wilson	9
Grant	4	Norton	1	Woodson	2
Gray	3	Osage	4	Wyandotte	400
				n.s.*	5

\*n.s.= Not stated



**Induced Abortions in Kansas by State of Patient Residence  
Under 18 Years of Age and Kansas, 2016**

State	Under 18	Total	State	Under 18	Total
Kansas Residents	103	3,429			
Out-of-state residents	89	3,381			
Alabama	0	2	New Mexico	0	0
Alaska	0	0	New York	0	2
Arizona	0	1	North Carolina	0	3
Arkansas	1	18	North Dakota	0	0
California	0	4	Ohio	0	1
Colorado	0	3	Oklahoma	3	229
Connecticut	0	0	Oregon	0	0
Delaware	0	0	Pennsylvania	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	Rhode Island	0	0
Florida	0	3	South Carolina	0	1
Georgia	0	1	South Dakota	0	0
Hawaii	0	1	Tennessee	0	2
Idaho	0	0	Texas	0	33
Illinois	0	1	Utah	0	0
Indiana	0	1	Vermont	0	0
Iowa	0	7	Virgin Islands	0	0
Kentucky	0	1	Virginia	0	1
Louisiana	0	1	Washington	0	0
Maine	0	1	West Virginia	0	0
Maryland	0	0	Wisconsin	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	Wyoming	0	0
Michigan	0	1			
Minnesota	0	1			
Mississippi	0	0			
Missouri	85	3,041			
Montana	0	0			
Nebraska	0	19			
Nevada	0	1			
New Hampshire	0	0			
New Jersey	0	1			

**Abortions Reported at 22 Weeks or More Gestation**

Physicians in Kansas reporting abortions at 22 weeks or more are required to fill out the questions located on the back of the VS-213 form. This information is not available on late term abortions to Kansas residents performed in other states.

There was one Kansas resident that had a late term abortion in another state.

16a) What was the reason why the abortion was necessary? \*

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Preserve the life of the pregnant woman	0	0	0
Prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function	0	0	0
Not Stated	1	0	1
Total	1	0	1

16b) Provide the medical basis, including specific medical diagnoses and diagnosis codes of the pregnant woman.

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
	0	0	0
Not Stated	1	0	1
Total	1	0	1

17a) Was the unborn child viable?

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Yes	0	0	0
No	0	0	0
Not Stated	1	0	1
Total	1	0	1

17b) Provide the medical basis, including specific medical diagnoses and diagnosis codes and the reasons for the determination of the viability/non-viability of the unborn child.

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
	0	0	0
Not Stated	1	0	1
Total	1	0	1

**Abortions Involving Partial Birth Procedures**

18) Provide the medical basis, including specific medical diagnoses and diagnosis codes and the reasons for the determination that a partial-birth procedure was necessary to save the life of the mother whose life is in danger by a physical disorder, physical illness or personal injury, including a life endangering physical condition, caused by the pregnancy itself.

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

All Reported Data