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**Induced Abortions by Age and Ethnicity
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008**

Age	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown	Total
<15	1	47	0	48
15	1	65	0	66
16	6	100	0	106
17	6	127	0	133
18	8	230	0	238
19	12	262	1	275
(15-19)	33	784	1	818
20-24	88	1442	2	1532
25-29	75	1061	1	1137
30-34	41	662	1	704
35-39	27	370	1	398
40-54	6	139	0	145
Unknown	0	7	0	7
Total	271	4512	6	4789

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

**Induced Abortions by Age and Consent Required
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008***

Age	Parental Consent Required	Parental Consent Obtained	Judicial Bypass Obtained	Total
<15	46	45	1	48
15	60	58	3	66
16	86	78	9	106
17	112	91	22	133
18	160	13	0	238
19	3	0	0	275
(15-19)	421	240	34	818
20-24	0	0	0	1532
25-29	0	0	0	1137
30-34	0	0	0	704
35-39	0	0	0	398
40-54	0	0	0	145
Unknown	0	0	0	7
Total	467	285	35	4789

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

**Induced Abortions by Gestation* and Age
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008**

Weeks of Gestation	< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	6	173	490	387	229	128	56	0	1469
7 Wks	12	119	208	180	118	72	20	2	731
8 Wks	10	103	190	156	95	53	23	1	631
9 Wks	0	90	127	93	60	31	8	2	411
10 Wks	2	62	114	60	41	25	9	2	315
11 Wks	2	52	77	60	38	18	5	0	252
12 Wks	2	34	67	44	24	13	3	0	187
13 Wks	4	25	51	31	23	14	3	0	151
14 Wks	2	25	44	25	10	3	3	0	112
15 Wks	0	18	40	15	12	6	4	0	95
16 Wks	1	23	31	18	10	11	2	0	96
17 Wks	0	23	31	16	15	4	1	0	90
18 Wks	2	25	26	13	11	10	2	0	89
19 Wks	2	32	23	23	14	7	3	0	104
20 Wks	3	14	13	15	4	3	2	0	54
21+ Wks	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	48	818	1532	1137	704	398	145	7	4789

****Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period
except 89 of the 4789 procedures used physicians' estimates.***

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

Induced Abortions by Gestation* and Ethnicity
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008

Weeks of Gestation	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown Ethnicity	Total
< 7 Wks	87	1381	1	1469
7 Wks	49	680	2	731
8 Wks	38	591	2	631
9 Wks	19	392	0	411
10 Wks	20	295	0	315
11 Wks	14	238	0	252
12 Wks	11	176	0	187
13 Wks	8	143	0	151
14 Wks	8	103	1	112
15 Wks	3	92	0	95
16 Wks	6	90	0	96
17 Wks	4	86	0	90
18 Wks	2	87	0	89
19 Wks	1	103	0	104
20 Wks	1	53	0	54
21+ Wks	0	1	0	1
Unknown	0	1	0	1
Total	271	4512	6	4789

****Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period except 89 of the 4789 procedures used physicians' estimates.***

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

**Induced Abortions by Gestation* and Type of Procedure
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008**

Weeks of Gestation	Suction or D&E Curettage	Sharp Curettage	Intrauterine Instillation	Medical (Nonsurgical)	Other Methods	Unknown Method	Total
< 7 Wks	1276	1	0	192	0	0	1469
7 Wks	635	0	0	96	0	0	731
8 Wks	571	0	0	60	0	0	631
9 Wks	387	0	0	24	0	0	411
10 Wks	312	0	0	3	0	0	315
11 Wks	245	0	0	7	0	0	252
12 Wks	185	0	0	2	0	0	187
13 Wks	150	0	0	1	0	0	151
14 Wks	112	0	0	0	0	0	112
15 Wks	95	0	0	0	0	0	95
16 Wks	96	0	0	0	0	0	96
17 Wks	90	0	0	0	0	0	90
18 Wks	89	0	0	0	0	0	89
19 Wks	104	0	0	0	0	0	104
20 Wks	54	0	0	0	0	0	54
21+ Wks	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unknown	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4402	1	0	385	1	0	4789

****Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period
except 89 of the 4789 procedures used physicians' estimates.***

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

**Induced Abortions by Gestation* and Race
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008**

Weeks of Gestation	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	938	407	124	0	1469
7 Wks	435	231	64	1	731
8 Wks	386	191	54	0	631
9 Wks	245	138	28	0	411
10 Wks	173	116	25	1	315
11 Wks	134	98	20	0	252
12 Wks	110	64	13	0	187
13 Wks	75	68	8	0	151
14 Wks	59	43	10	0	112
15 Wks	39	52	4	0	95
16 Wks	40	48	8	0	96
17 Wks	35	46	9	0	90
18 Wks	38	45	6	0	89
19 Wks	37	60	7	0	104
20 Wks	27	23	4	0	54
21+ Wks	1	0	0	0	1
Unknown	0	0	1	0	1
Total	2772	1630	385	2	4789

****Gestation computed from first day of last menstrual period
except 89 of the 4789 procedures used physicians' estimates.***

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Hispanic Origin
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008

Marital Status	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown	Total
Married	39	684	3	726
Not Married	229	3824	3	4056
Unknown	3	4	0	7
Total	271	4512	6	4789

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Race
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008

Marital Status	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
Married	480	140	106	0	726
Not Married	2287	1490	277	2	4056
Unknown	5	0	2	0	7
Total	2772	1630	385	2	4789

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- October 27, 2015

Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Live Births
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008

No. of Previous Live Births	Number of Women
0	1796
1	1397
2	973
3	435
4+	188
Total	4789

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Induced Abortions
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008

No. of Previous Induced Abortions	Number of Women
0	3263
1	962
2	344
3	134
4+	86
Total	4789

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

**Induced Abortions by Age and Race
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008**

Age	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
<15	17	29	2	0	48
15	34	30	2	0	66
16	58	44	4	0	106
17	80	43	10	0	133
18	131	96	11	0	238
19	167	90	18	0	275
(15-19)	470	303	45	0	818
20-24	901	512	118	1	1532
25-29	635	395	107	0	1137
30-34	393	250	60	1	704
35-39	247	111	40	0	398
40-54	102	30	13	0	145
Unknown	7	0	0	0	7
Total	2772	1630	385	2	4789

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

**Induced Abortions by State of Residence
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008**

State of Residence	Number of Women
Alabama	1
Arkansas	4054
District of Columbia	1
Florida	2
Georgia	4
Illinois	1
Kansas	5
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	12
Massachusetts	1
Mississippi	117
Missouri	172
Montana	1
New York	1
North Carolina	1
Ohio	1
Oklahoma	161
Pennsylvania	1
Tennessee	215
Texas	36
Wisconsin	1
Total	4789

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

Induced Abortions by State of Residence
Arkansas Occurrences - 2008

State of Residence	Number of Women
Out-of-State	735
Arkansas Resident	4054
Total	4789

Source: Center for Health Statistics, Arkansas Department of Health- January 25, 2010

DEFINITIONS

Live birth –The complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after the expulsion or extraction, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached. Heartbeats shall be distinguished from transient cardiac contractions; respirations shall be distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 1(8)).

Fetal death – Death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy. The death is indicated by the fact that after the expulsion or extraction, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movement of voluntary muscles. Heartbeats shall be distinguished from the transient cardiac contractions; respirations shall be distinguished from fleeting respiratory efforts or gasps (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 1(9)).

Each fetal death where the fetus weighs three hundred fifty (350) grams or more, or if weight is unknown, the fetus completed twenty (20) weeks gestation or more, calculated from the date last normal menstrual period began to the date of delivery, that occurs in Arkansas shall be reported within five (5) days after delivery to the Division of Vital Records or as otherwise directed by the State Registrar. (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 27, (a)(1)).

Spontaneous fetal death – (Otherwise known as stillbirth or miscarriage) means the expulsion of or extraction of a product of human conception resulting in other than a live birth and which is not an induced termination of pregnancy (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 27, (a)(1)).

Spontaneous fetal deaths where the fetus has completed less than twenty (20) weeks gestation and where the fetus weighs less than three hundred fifty (350) grams shall be reported as prescribed. (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 27, (a) (2)).

Induced termination of pregnancy - The purposeful interruption of pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant, and which does not result in a live birth, except that this definition excludes management of prolonged retention of products of conception following fetal death (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Act number 1254, Section 1, (9) (B)).

Each induced termination of pregnancy that occurs in the State of Arkansas, regardless of the length of gestation, shall be reported to the Division of Vital Statistics within (5) days by the person in charge of the institution in which the induced termination of pregnancy was performed. (Arkansas Vital Statistics Act of 1995, Section 27 (b)).

Gestation – Computed gestation is calculated from the date last normal menstrual period began to date of induced termination. Estimated gestation is the length of gestation as estimated by the attending physician in completed menstrual weeks.

Suction curettage (Also known as vacuum aspiration) – In this procedure the cervical

canal is dilated by the successive insertion of instruments of increasing diameter called dilators. When the opening is large enough, a flexible tube (cannula) is inserted into the uterine cavity, and the fetal and placental tissues are then suctioned out by an electric vacuum pump.

Medical (Nonsurgical) This nonsurgical procedure involves the administration of a medication or medications to induce an abortion. Medications (e.g. methotrexate, mifepristone, misoprostol, etc.) are used most frequently early in the first trimester of pregnancy. However, some medications (e.g. prostaglandin suppositories, injectable prostaglandins, etc.) may be administered during the second trimester of pregnancy to induce abortion. Medications may be administered orally, by injection, or intravaginally.

Dilation and evacuation (D & E) – This procedure, used most frequently in the second trimester, involves opening the cervix (dilation) and primarily using sharp instrument techniques, but also suction and other instrumentation such as forceps for evacuation.

Intra-uterine installation (saline or prostaglandin) - This procedure involves either withdrawing a portion of the amniotic fluid from the uterine cavity by a needle inserted through the abdominal wall and replacing this fluid with a concentrated salt solution or injecting a prostaglandin into the uterine cavity through a needle inserted through the abdominal wall. The saline instillation process induces labor, which results in the expulsion of the fetus approximately 24 to 48 hours later. The interval between prostaglandin injection and expulsion tends to be shorter than in a saline abortion.

Sharp curettage (Also known as dilation and curettage, D & C, or surgical curettage) - This procedure involves the dilation of the cervix as in suction, although usually to a larger diameter. The fetal and placental tissues are then scraped out with a curette, which resembles a small spoon.

Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy – Hysterotomy involves surgical entry into the uterus. Hysterotomy is usually performed only if other abortion procedures fail or if other abortion procedures are not appropriate. Hysterectomy is a procedure in which the uterus is removed (with the fetus inside). It is usually performed only when a pathological condition of the uterus, such as fibroid tumors, warrants its removal or when a woman desires sterilization.

All other procedures should be shown as "Other". This category includes procedures using a combination of agents, such as urea and prostaglandin, prostaglandin and oxytocin, or prostaglandin and saline.

NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE CITED ABOVE, ALL DEFINITIONS ARE FROM THE HANDBOOK ON THE REPORTING OF INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. DHHS PUBLICATION NO. (PHS) 88-1117.