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## Induced Abortions by Age and Hispanic Origin Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Age of Female by Hispanic Origin					
	Hisp	anic Origir	n		
Age of Female	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	Total	
<15	54	0	0	54	
15-19	904	16	32	952	
20-24	1729	31	73	1833	
25-29	1178	27	39	1244	
30-34	641	11	29	681	
35-39	362	5	21	388	
40+	128	2	6	136	
Unknown	28	0	0	28	
Total	5024	92	200	5316	

#### Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Age Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Weeks of Gestation	< 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	9	214	519	388	203	119	42	6	1500
7 Wks	7	129	294	186	110	56	16	4	802
8 Wks	5	116	228	163	83	57	23	5	680
9 Wks	7	92	175	119	79	35	13	1	521
10 Wks	2	80	123	89	55	33	9	3	394
11 Wks	3	61	103	65	37	16	5	3	293
12 Wks	4	42	81	53	31	14	1	2	228
13 Wks	4	42	57	40	17	5	5	1	171
14 Wks	2	33	63	33	9	10	4	2	156
15 Wks	1	30	31	29	14	10	3	0	118
16 Wks	3	28	39	21	5	9	2	0	107
17 Wks	3	23	30	21	12	6	2	0	97
18 Wks	2	21	30	14	8	7	1	0	83
19 Wks	1	14	26	11	3	2	6	1	64
20 Wks	1	13	23	9	8	5	3	0	62
21+ Wks	0	13	10	2	7	4	1	0	37
Unknown	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Total	54	952	1833	1244	681	388	136	28	5316

# Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Ethnicity Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Weeks of Gestation	Hispanic	NonHispanic	Unknown Ethnicity	Total
< 7 Wks	26	1414	60	1500
7 Wks	16	763	23	802
8 Wks	8	634	38	680
9 Wks	6	494	21	521
10 Wks	9	367	18	394
11 Wks	10	271	12	293
12 Wks	7	213	8	228
13 Wks	0	168	3	171
14 Wks	5	148	3	156
15 Wks	1	114	3	118
16 Wks	1	104	2	107
17 Wks	1	95	1	97
18 Wks	0	83	0	83
19 Wks	1	61	2	64
20 Wks	0	57	5	62
21+ Wks	1	35	1	37
Unknown	0	3	0	3
Total	92	5024	200	5316

# Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Type of Procedure Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Weeks of Gestation	Suction or D&E Curettage	Sharp Curettage	Intrauterine Instillation	Medical (Nonsurgical)	Other Methods	Unknown Method	Total
< 7 Wks	1481	0	0	0	0	19	1500
7 Wks	802	0	0	0	0	0	802
8 Wks	680	0	0	0	0	0	680
9 Wks	521	0	0	0	0	0	521
10 Wks	393	0	0	0	0	1	394
11 Wks	293	0	0	0	0	0	293
12 Wks	228	0	0	0	0	0	228
13 Wks	171	0	0	0	0	0	171
14 Wks	156	0	0	0	0	0	156
15 Wks	118	0	0	0	0	0	118
16 Wks	106	0	1	0	0	0	107
17 Wks	96	0	1	0	0	0	97
18 Wks	82	0	1	0	0	0	83
19 Wks	64	0	0	0	0	0	64
20 Wks	62	0	0	0	0	0	62
21+ Wks	37	0	0	0	0	0	37
Unknown	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	5293	0	3	0	0	20	5316

#### Induced Abortions by Gestation\* and Race Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Weeks of Gestation	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
< 7 Wks	948	457	85	10	1500
7 Wks	471	285	38	8	802
8 Wks	401	229	35	15	680
9 Wks	326	158	33	4	521
10 Wks	232	134	24	4	394
11 Wks	165	112	13	3	293
12 Wks	121	97	6	4	228
13 Wks	99	68	3	1	171
14 Wks	89	62	4	1	156
15 Wks	54	55	9	0	118
16 Wks	52	46	9	0	107
17 Wks	46	48	3	0	97
18 Wks	42	38	3	0	83
19 Wks	27	36	1	0	64
20 Wks	32	23	6	1	62
21+ Wks	16	18	3	0	37
Unknown	1	2	0	0	3
Total	3122	1868	275	51	5316

## Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Hispanic Origin Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Marital Status by Hispanic Origin						
	Hisp	Hispanic Origin				
<b>Marital Status</b>	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	Total		
Married	912	22	56	990		
Not Married	4029	67	139	4235		
Unknown	83	3	5	91		
Total	5024	92	200	5316		

## Induced Abortions by Marital Status and Race Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Marital Status by Race						
		Race				
<b>Marital Status</b>	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total	
Married	660	223	95	12	990	
Not Married	2416	1610	172	37	4235	
Unknown	46	35	8	2	91	
Total	3122	1868	275	51	5316	

## Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Live Births Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Number of Previous Live Births		
Frequency		
No Previous	1964	
1 Previous	1551	
2 Previous	1159	
3 Previous	443	
4+ Previous	190	
Unknown	9	

## Induced Abortions by Number of Previous Induced Abortions Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Number of Previous Induced Abortions		
	Frequency	
No Previous	3266	
1 Previous	1400	
2 Previous	437	
3 Previous	133	
4+ Previous	61	
Unknown	19	

## Induced Abortions by Age and Race Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Age of Female by Race of Female					
		F	Race		
Age of Female	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total
<15	25	26	3	0	54
15-19	580	330	36	6	952
20-24	1027	699	85	22	1833
25-29	724	452	56	12	1244
30-34	409	213	55	4	681
35-39	246	106	30	6	388
40+	96	30	9	1	136
Unknown	15	12	1	0	28
Total	3122	1868	275	51	5316

## Induced Abortions by Specific State of Residence Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

State of Residence			
	Frequency		
Arizona	1		
Arkansas	4511		
California	2		
Colorado	1		
Georgia	2		
Indiana	1		
Kansas	3		
Kentucky	2		
Louisiana	12		
Massachusetts	1		
Michigan	1		
Mississippi	145		
Missouri	52		
Montana	1		
Oklahoma	121		
Pennsylvania	1		
Tennessee	422		
Texas	36		
Washington	1		

## Induced Abortions by State of Residence Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

State of Residence			
	Frequency		
Out-of-State	805		
Arkansas Resident	4511		

## Induced Abortions on Females Ages 15-19 - Age by Hispanic Origin Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Teenage by Hispanic Origin							
	Hisp						
Age of Female	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Unknown	Total			
15	68	0	7	75			
16	104	0	1	105			
17	161	3	7	171			
18	254	6	7	267			
19	317	7	10	334			
Total	904	16	32	952			

## Induced Abortions on Females Ages 15-19 - Age by Race Arkansas Occurrences - 2002

Teenage by Race							
	Race						
Age of Female	White	Black	Other	Unknown	Total		
15	42	30	3	0	75		
16	64	37	3	1	105		
17	96	64	10	1	171		
18	171	89	6	1	267		
19	207	110	14	3	334		
Total	580	330	36	6	952		

#### **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.

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.

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

Intra-uterine saline installation (Also known as saline abortion and saline amniotic fluid exchange) - This procedure entails 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. This process induces labor, which results in the expulsion of the usually dead fetus approximately 24 to 48 hours later.

Intra-uterine prostaglandin instillation – This procedure involves injecting a prostaglandin – a substance with hormone-like activity – into the uterine cavity through a needle inserted through the abdominal wall. The interval between injection and expulsion tends to be shorter than in a saline abortion.

Hysterotomy - This procedure involves surgical entry into the uterus, as in a cesarean section, that removes a fetus that is too small to survive even with extraordinary life support measures. It is usually performed only if other abortion procedures fail.

Hysterectomy – In this procedure, the uterus is removed either with the fetus inside or after the fetus has been removed. 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.