

**v19650534 - from Table 106-9005<sup>1,2,3,9</sup>: Induced abortions, by area of report**

**Geography, area of report**<sup>2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11</sup> = Abortions reported by American states<sup>4,5</sup>

**Type of facility**<sup>9,14</sup> = Induced abortions, hospitals and clinics<sup>5,12</sup>

number

Annual	_0	_1	_2	_3	_4	_5	_6	_7	_8	_9
197_		6,309	2,573	5,501	4,299	4,394	4,234	2,300	1,802	1,073
198_	1,644	2,651	4,311	3,983	3,631	2,798	2,612	2,757	1,939	1,551
199_	1,573	1,439	526	461	338	459	301	293	297	231
200_	215	175	152	149						

Source: Statistics Canada

**Symbol legend:**

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**Footnotes:**

1. Sources: Statistics Canada, Therapeutic Abortion Database; Canadian Institute for Health Information, Therapeutic Abortion Survey. Data users should be aware of certain limitations to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. There are recognized issues concerning coverage, increased submission of aggregate counts instead of detailed records and an increased reliance on age estimation. Further information on methods and data quality is available in the "Definitions, data sources and methods" section on the Statistics Canada website, under the survey number 3209.
2. The number of induced abortions is provided by the province or territory in which the abortion was performed. Counts include abortions performed in Canadian hospitals and clinics on Canadian residents and non-residents of Canada. Where indicated, the counts also include abortions performed in the United States on Canadian residents, for data years prior to 2004.
3. Induced abortion is defined as the medical termination of pregnancy. Equivalent terms include: artificial abortion, therapeutic abortion, voluntary termination of pregnancy, elective termination of pregnancy and active termination of pregnancy. Only counts of legally induced abortions are included.
4. From 1971 to 2003, health departments in several American states, especially those along the Canada and United States border supplied information about abortions obtained by Canadian residents. These counts, however, should be regarded as a minimum estimate because not all American states submitted reports, some private clinics may not report to the state health department or the residence of the patient was not reported. The reports did not specify if the abortion took place in a hospital or clinic. As of 2004, this information is no longer collected.
5. Abortions performed on Canadian residents in the United States are included only at the combined hospital and clinic level, for data years prior to 2004.
6. Abortions performed in clinics were first reported by Quebec in 1978. In other provinces such clinics came into operation soon after January 1988, when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the 1969 amended abortion law.
7. As of 1983, Prince Edward Island no longer reports hospital abortions to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey.
8. Clinic abortions are not reported by Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories or Nunavut. As of 2004, there are no clinics in Nova Scotia.
9. Caution should be taken when comparing 1999 and later data years with data from 1998 and earlier. As of 1999, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care no longer maintains a system for the collection of detailed information on abortions performed in clinics in Ontario. Ontario now uses the billing system of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) to provide counts of clinic abortions to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey.

As a result, information is no longer available for clinic abortions performed on non-residents of Ontario or on Ontario residents who do not submit a claim to OHIP. A comparison of the data collected using both sources for the years 1995 to 1998 shows that the new data source underestimated the clinic abortions performed on Ontario residents by an average of 5.4% (950 cases) per year, or approximately 1% of all abortions performed in Canada. The new source does not include non-resident cases which averaged 70 cases per year or .4% of total clinic abortions performed in Ontario.

- 10 . Clinic counts in 1991 for Alberta include only the period September to December.
- 11 . Nunavut came into being officially as a Territory of Canada on April 1, 1999. Reports of abortions for 1999, however, are based on the full calendar year (January to December). In previous years, the totals for the Northwest Territories included residents of what became Nunavut.
- 12 . Blank cells under "Induced abortions, clinics" correspond to figures not applicable for this timeframe.
- 14 . The following standard symbols are used in this Statistics Canada table: (..) for figures not available for a specific reference period, (...) for figures not applicable and (x) for figures suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.

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