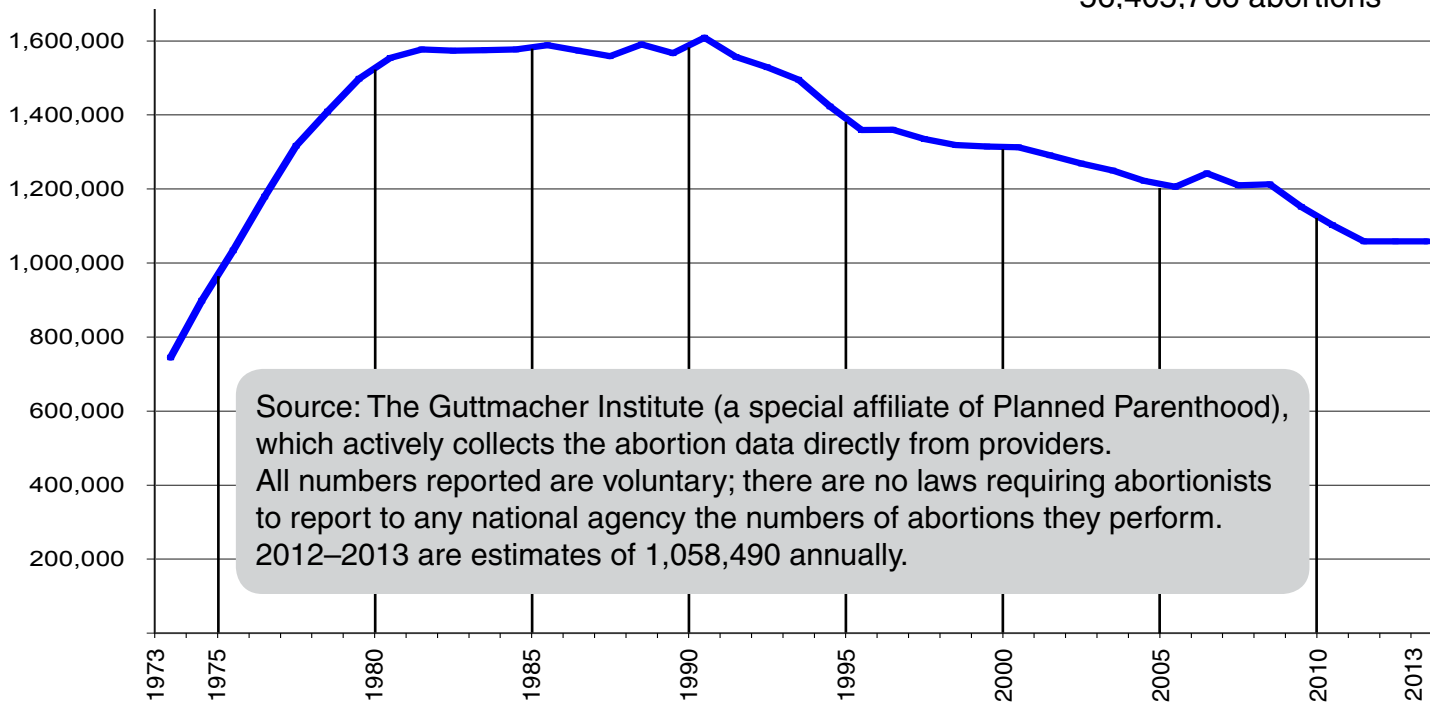


United States Abortion Statistics

Reported abortions in the United States, by year

1973–2013
56,405,766 abortions



Americans' views concerning abortion:

- 79%** do not support the current abortion-on-demand policy, saying abortion should be legal only in some circumstances (68%), or illegal in all circumstances (11%). *Marist Poll, Dec. 2011*
- 78%** believe that women who have abortions commonly experience moderately severe to very severe negative emotional reactions. *Medical Science Monitor, 2003*
- 95%** of women want to be informed of all risks of a medical procedure; **69%** want to be informed of all alternatives. *Journal of Medical Ethics, July 2006*
- 64%** of women who experienced one or more abortions “felt pressured by others” to have the abortion. *Medical Science Monitor, Oct. 2004*

Why do women have abortions?

- 74%** say having a baby would interfere with work, school, or other responsibilities.
- 73%** say they cannot afford to have a child.
- 48%** say they do not want to be a single parent, or have relationship problems with husband or partner.



The clock is ticking . . .

One baby is aborted every 30 seconds
121 babies are aborted every hour
2,900 babies are aborted every day
20,356 babies are aborted every week
88,208 babies are aborted every month

Less than 2% say they became pregnant as a result of rape or incest.

Source: The Alan Guttmacher Institute, *Perspective on Sexual & Reproductive Health*, Sept. 2005



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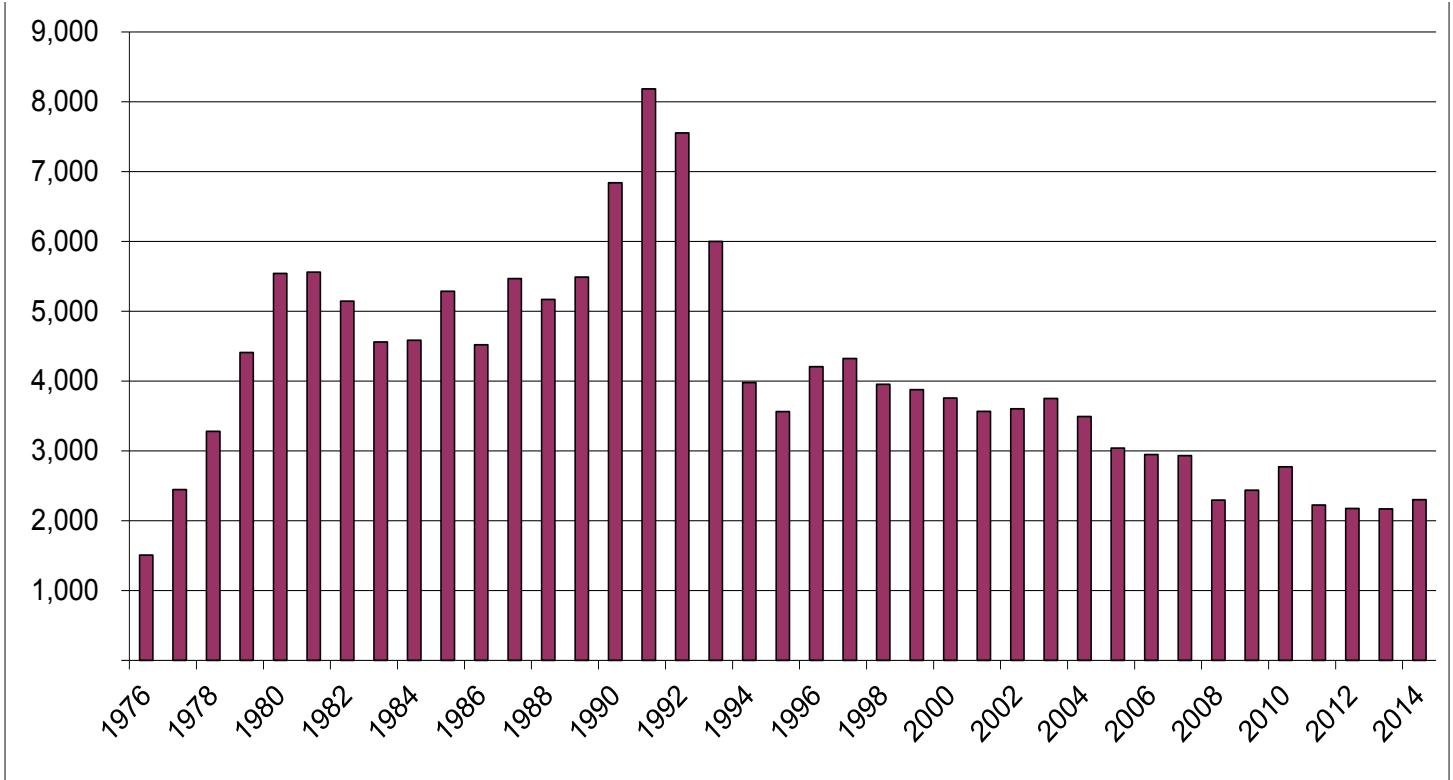
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Mississippi Abortion Statistics

Reported abortions in Mississippi, by year

1976–2014: 158,945 abortions



Quick facts about the abortions performed in Mississippi in 2012:

2,176 abortions were performed—an average of nearly 6 every single day.
Abortions using the dangerous and sometimes lethal RU486 abortion drug are rarely reported in Mississippi.

13% of the abortions were performed on **women under age 20**.
35% of the abortions were performed on **women ages 20 to 24**.

Abortion as birth control:

23% of the women reported that they had **at least one previous abortion**.
283 of the women reported that they had **two or more previous abortions**.

Abortion complications:

2 complications were reported at the time of the abortion, including hemorrhage and other conditions.

Source: Vital Statistics Report, Mississippi State Department of Health



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