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Kentucky Annual Abortion Report for 2023

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Section 1: KRS Reference & Revision Note

KRS 213.101 (7) By September 30 of each year, the Vital Statistics Branch shall issue a public report that provides statistics on all data collected, including the type of abortion procedure used, for the previous calendar year compiled from all of the reports covering that calendar year submitted to the cabinet in accordance with this section for each of the items listed in this section. Each annual report shall also provide statistics for all previous calendar years in which this section was in effect, adjusted to reflect any additional information from late or corrected reports. The Vital Statistics Branch shall ensure that none of the information included in the report could reasonably lead to the identification of any pregnant woman upon whom an abortion was performed or attempted. Each annual report shall be made available on the cabinet's Web site.

Previous annual abortion reports can be found at the following link: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/vsb/Pages/abreqadr.aspx>

Revision: This report was originally published on September 25, 2024. Effective December 1, 2025, it has been revised to remove counts of ectopic pregnancies.



Section 2: Abortion Cases in KY by Facility, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Name of Facility	Count
BAPTIST HEALTH LEXINGTON	4
BAPTIST HEALTH PADUCAH	2
NORTON WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	5
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE	3
Total	14

* Abortion data displayed includes the events which occurred in the state, regardless of place of residence.



Section 3: Abortion Cases in KY by State of Residence, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
State of Residence	Count
ILLINOIS	1
KENTUCKY	13
Total	14

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Section 4: Abortion Cases in KY by Patient's Race, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Race	Count
ASIAN	1
BLACK	3
WHITE	7
OTHER	2
UNKNOWN	1
Total	14

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Section 5: Abortion Cases in KY by Patient's Age, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Age Groups	Count
UNDER 15	0
15 - 19	0
20 - 24	3
25 - 29	5
30 - 34	3
35 - 39	3
40 +	0
Total	14

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Section 6: Abortion Cases in KY by Patient's Ethnicity, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Ethnicity	Count
HISPANIC	3
NON-HISPANIC	11
Total	14

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Section 7: Abortion Cases in KY by Age of Father, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Age of Father	Count
25 - 29	2
35 - 39	1
UNKNOWN	11
Total	14

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Section 8: Abortion Cases in KY by Total Previous Pregnancies, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Total Previous Pregnancies	Count
0	3
1	4
2	2
3	3
4	1
5	0
6	1
Total	14

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Section 9: Abortion Cases in KY by Previous Live Births, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Previous Live Births	Count
0	6
1	4
2	1
3	2
4	1
5 OR MORE	0
Total	14

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Section 10: Abortion Cases in KY by Other Previous Abortions, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Other Abortions	Count
0	10
1	3
2	1
Total	14

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Section 11: Abortion Cases in KY by Pre-Existing Medical Conditions, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Pre-Existing Medical Conditions	Count
YES	12
NO	2
Total	14

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Section 12: Abortion Cases in KY by STD[†] Testing Status, 2023^{*}

Abortion Year 2023	
STD [†] Testing Performed Before Procedure	Count
YES	4
NO	10
Total	14

^{*}Abortion data displayed includes the events which occurred in the state, regardless of place of residence.

[†]Sexually Transmitted Diseases.



Section 13: Abortion Cases in KY on Rh Negative Status[‡], 2023^{*}

Abortion Year 2023	
Patient Provided with a Rh (-) [‡] Fact Sheet and Treated	Count
YES	1
NO or N/A	13
Total	14

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[‡]Question about Rh Status states "If negative, patient was provided with a Rh negative information fact sheet and treated with the prevailing medical standard of care to prevent harmful fetal or child outcomes or Rh incompatibility in future pregnancies".



Section 14: Abortion Cases in KY by Patient is a Minor Status, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Patient is a Minor	Count
YES	0
NO	14
Total	14

*Abortion data displayed includes the events which occurred in the state, regardless of place of residence.



Section 15: Abortion Cases in KY by Heartbeat Detected and Method, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023		
Heartbeat Detected	Heartbeat Detected Method	Count
YES	ULTRASOUND	11
	DOPPLER TRANSABDOMINAL ULTRASOUND	1
	UNKNOWN	1
NO	TRANSVAGINAL ULTRASOUND	1
Total		14

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Section 16: Abortion Cases in KY by Report of Attending Physician, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Abortion Reported as Necessary by Attending Physician	Count
YES	14
NO	0
Total	14

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Section 17: Abortion Cases in KY by Report of Attending Physician if Probable Gestational Age >15 Weeks, 2023*†

Abortion Year 2023	
Abortion Reported as Necessary by Attending Physician >15 Weeks†	Count
YES	9
UNKNOWN or N/A	5
Total	14

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†This question is intended for patients with gestational age >15 weeks.



Section 18: Abortion Cases in KY by Report of Different Physician if Probable Gestational Age >15 Weeks, 2023*§

Abortion Year 2023	
Abortion Necessary Status Different Physician >15 Weeks§	Count
YES	9
UNKNOWN or N/A	5
Total	14

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§This question is intended for patients with gestational age >15 weeks.



Section 19: Abortion Cases in KY by Reason for Abortion, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023		
Reason for Abortion	"Other" Category Description	Count
OTHER	THREAT TO MATERNAL LIFE	6
	SEVERE PREECLAMPSIA, PULMONARY EDEMA, LIVER FAILURE AT 18 WEEKS GESTATION	1
	EMERGENCY TO SAVE MOTHER'S LIFE AND UTERO'S ACTIVE HEMORRHAGE AND SEPSIS	1
	PREVIABLE PPROM ^{II}	1
	PPROM ^{II}	2
	MATERNAL LIFE SAVING MEASURE, SEPSIS, PPROM ^{II}	3
	Total	14

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^{II}Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes (PPROM).



Section 20: Abortion Cases in KY by Method to Confirm Gestational Age, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Gestational Age Method	Count
ULTRASOUND	8
LAST MENSTRUAL PERIOD	1
ULTRASOUND AND LAST MENSTRUAL PERIOD	2
TRANSVAGINAL ULTRASOUND	1
TRANSABDOMINAL ULTRASOUND	1
UNKNOWN	1
Total	14

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Section 21: Abortion Cases in KY by Clinical Estimate of Gestation (Weeks), 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Gestation Weeks	Count
5	1
6	2
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
11	0
12	0
13	1
14	1
15	1
16	1
17	2
18	1
19	3
20	0
21	1
Total	14

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Section 22: Abortion Cases in KY by Method to Confirm Probable Post-Fertilization Age, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Prob-Post-Fert-Method	Count
ULTRASOUND	8
ULTRASOUND AND LAST MENSTRUAL PERIOD	2
QUANTITATIVE HCG	2
UNKNOWN	2
Total	14

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Section 23: Abortion Cases in KY by Probable Post-Fertilization Age (Weeks), 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Prob-Post-Fert-Weeks	Count
4	2
5	1
11	1
13	1
15	2
17	2
19	2
20	1
UNKNOWN	2
Total	14

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Section 24: Abortion Cases in KY by Month of Termination, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Termination Month	Count
JANUARY	1
FEBRUARY	1
MARCH	3
APRIL	4
MAY	4
JUNE	0
JULY	0
AUGUST	0
SEPTEMBER	0
OCTOBER	0
NOVEMBER	1
DECEMBER	0
Total	14

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Section 25: Abortion Cases in KY by Abortion Procedure, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023		
Abortion Method	Abortion Method Med/Other	Count
DILATION AND EVACUATION (D&E)	ULTRASOUND GUIDANCE	1
DRUG-INDUCED	CYTOTEC	3
	MISOPROSTOL	6
SUCTION CURETTAGE		3
OTHER	MEDICAL NON-SURGICAL	1
Total		14

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Section 26: Abortion Cases in KY by Pathology Performed Status, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Pathology Performed	Count
YES	9
NO	4
UNKNOWN	1
Total	14

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Section 27: Abortion Cases in KY by Complications as a Result of the Abortion, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Abortion Complication Description	Count
NO COMPLICATIONS REPORTED	13
HEAVY BLEEDING THAT CAUSES SYMPTOMS OF HYPOVOLEMIA OR THE NEED FOR A BLOOD TRANSFUSION	1
Total	14

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Section 28: Abortion Cases in KY by Fetus Delivered Alive Status, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Fetus Delivered Alive	Count
NO	14
Total	14

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Section 29: Abortion Cases in KY by Fetus Viable Status, 2023*

Abortion Year 2023	
Fetus Viable	Count
NO	13
UNKNOWN	1
Total	14

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