SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

A public report providing statistics compiled from all abortions reported to DHEC

2023

Based on data from Aug. 23 through Dec. 31, 2023



INTRODUCTION

SC Code of Law 44-41-60 requires that all abortions performed in the state be reported to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control (DHEC). This report contains the data reported to DHEC, Vital Statistics, for abortions performed in South Carolina in 2023 as required by SC Code of Law 44-41-460.

To comply with changes required by South Carolina statute, Vital Statistics adopted a new form on August 23, 2023. This report is based on data collected utilizing this form (See Appendix). Therefore, this Part 2 of the 2023 report includes data collected on the new version of the form, used in 2023 from Aug. 23 through Dec. 31. Since the data contained in this report does not contain a full year's worth of data, caution should be exercised when comparing with data from other years.

The data presented in this report is based on occurrence data.

Due to privacy and confidentiality concerns, DHEC will apply suppression rules for all reports containing 2023 data and forward. DHEC's suppression rule is that values less than 5 will be suppressed on all Vital Statistics forms. This is reflected as "<5" in the report whenever the true value is 1-4. Additionally, in locations where only one number in a dataset is suppressed or if reidentification of the true value would still be possible, the report suppresses the next lowest number in the dataset. This is reflected as "#" in the report. For example, in the below sample dataset the rules would be applied in the following manner:

Unsuppressed Values:

Year	Total	Value 1	Value 2	Value 3
2023	25	12	9	4
2024	27	20	4	3
2025	30	12	7	11

Suppressed Values:

Year	Total	Value 1	Value 2	Value 3
2023	25	12	#	<5
2024	27	20	<5	<5
2025	30	12	7	11

Table 1.

Abortions by Probable Gestational Age by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Year Total	6 or les	s weeks	7 - 13 weeks 14		14 - 19	19 weeks	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2023*	790	772	97.72	9	1.14	9	1.14

Table 2.
Fetal Heartbeat Detected**
by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Year	Total	Y	es	N	lo
Teal	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023*	790	13	1.65	777	98.35

Table 3.

Abortion by Probable Gestational Age if a Heartbeat was Not Detected by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Year Total 6 or less weeks		7 - 13 weeks		14 - 19 weeks			
real Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2023*	777	772	99.36	5	5.03	-	0

Table 3.a

Abortion by Probable Gestational Age if a Heartbeat was Detected by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Year Total	6 or les	s weeks	7 - 13	weeks	14 - 19	weeks	
i eai	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023*	13	•	0	< 5	#	#	#

^{*} Data for 2023 is from Aug. 23 through Dec. 31,2023

^{**}As defined by S.C. Code § 44-41-610(6)

Table 4.

Reason for the Abortion if Probable Gestational Age is 12 Weeks or Less and a Heartbeat was Detected by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

	Year	Total	Medical E	mergency	Fatal Feta	l Anomaly	Rape/	Incest
	i Cai	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
ſ	2023*	<5	<5	#	<5	#	<5	#

Table 5.

Reason for the Abortion if Probable Gestational Age is Over 12 Weeks by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Year	Total	Medical E	Medical Emergency Fatal Fetal Anomaly		ıl Anomaly	No Heartbeat Detected	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023*	9	<5	#	#	#	1	0

Table 6.

If the reason for abortion was due to a medical emergency, did method used provide the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive?

by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Year	Total	Y	es	N	lo
i Gai	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023*	13	#	#	< 5	#

Table 7.

If the method of abortion did not provide the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive, did the provider specify on the report the basis of the determination that a different method of abortion would pose a greater risk of death or irreversible physical impairment to the mother?

by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Year	Total	Y	es	N	lo
	TOtal	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 0
2023*	<5	<5	#	-	0

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Table 8.
Abortions by Facility
by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Year	Facility Name	Number of
i eai	r acinty Name	abortions
2023*	Greenville Women's Clinic	564
	Planned Parenthood Columbia	130
	Planned Parenthood Charleston	84
	MUSC Medical Center	7
	Prisma Health Richland	<5
	Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital	<5
	Prisma Health Patewood Hospital	<5
	Spartanburg Medical Center	<5
	Total	790

Table 9.
Abortions by Method and Probable Gestational Age by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

			We	eeks Gestat	ion
Year	Method of Abortion	Total	Under 6	7 - 13	14 - 19
			weeks	weeks	weeks
2023*	Total	790	772	9	9
	Dilation and Curettage	24	#	#	
	Manual Vacuum Aspiration	2 4 27	27	#	-
	•	44	44	_	_
	Electrical Vacuum Aspiration			-	<u>-</u> ц
	Dilation and Evacuation	#	-	-	#
	Combined Induction Abortion and Dilation and Evacuation	-	-	-	-
	Medication Abortion	686	#	<5	-
	Induction Abortion with Prostaglandins	<5	-	-	<5
	Induction Abortion with Intra- Amniotic Instillation	-	-	-	-
	Induction Abortion - other	<5	-	-	<5
	Hysterotomy / Hysterectomy	-	-	-	-
	Intact Dilation and Extraction (partial birth)	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-

Table 10.
Intra-fetal Injection Used in an Attempt to Induce Fetal Demise by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Year	Total	Y	es	No		
	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
2023*	790	-	0	790	100	

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Table 11.
Abortions by Maternal Age
by Year, South Carolina, 2023*

Age Group	2023*				
	Number	Percent			
Total	790	100			
Under 15	<5	#			
15 - 16	#	#			
17-19	70	8.86			
20-24	215	27.22			
25-29	214	27.09			
30-34	157	19.87			
35 & Over	124	15.70			

Table 12. Abortions for SC Residents vs. Out of State Residents by Month, South Carolina, 2023

Patient		Month of Termination (1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023)										Total	
Residence	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOtal
SC Residence	523	504	592	517	525	548	465	460	146	184	157	189	4,810
Out of State	485	482	488	422	359	379	402	288	16	17	21	18	3,377
Total	1,008	986	1,080	939	884	927	867	748	162	201	178	207	8,187

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Appendix

Mohec			PORT OF INDUCE	STATE FILE NUMBER					
1. Patient's ID Number (Do Not E	2. Age (La	st Birthday)		3. Date of Pregnancy Termination (Month, Day, Year)					
4. Facility Name			City/Town or Location of Pregnancy Termination			6. County of Pregnancy Termination			
7. Residence - State or Foreign (Country	1		8. Residence - C	County				
· ·			ndian or Alaska Native enrolled or principal tribe) Other Asian (Specify) Native Hawaiian Guamanian or Chamorro			☐ Associate degree (e.g., AA, AS)			
12. Patient Married? ☐ Yes	□ No		13. Date Last No	rmal Menses Bega	an (Month, Day, Y	ear)			
14. Previous Pregnancies	LIVE BIRTHS		1	OTL	HER TERMINATION	ONE			
14a. Now Living NUMBER □ NONE	14a. Now Living 14b. Now Dead					14d. Induced (DO NOT INCLUDE THIS TERMINATION)			
HOMBER B HORE			NUMBER D NON Title 44, of the Code of La		_				
15. Fetal Heartbeat and Probabl a. Was a fetal heartbeat d ☐ Yes b. Enter weeks of probabl If 12 weeks or less, go If more than 12 weeks c. Was the reason for the ☐ Yes – Go to questio	etected? No – See instructions e gestational age: to question 15c. to question 16. abortion due to rape or inc n 20. No – Go to qu	est? estion 16.	☐ Yes – Gob. Specify the tc. Specify the rsubstantial aor emotional	al emergency exists to Question 18b. by to Question 18b. ype of medical em ationale that made and irreversible phy	□ No – Go nergency that exists the termination	e termination of the pregnancy? to question 19. sted: necessary to avert the death or serious risk of of a major bodily function, not including psycholog	— jical		
(Terminations performed due to rape or inc sheriff where the termination is performed.)			Go to question 19.						
16. Did a fatal fetal anomaly exispregnancy? □ Yes – Go to Question 17. Specify the medical rationals anomaly:	17. □ No – Go to qu	estion 18.	opportunity f ☐ Yes – Go b. Provide the l opportunity) and irreversi emotional co Specify: Go to question	thod of abortion us for the unborn child to question 20. casis of the detern would pose a grea ble physical impai anditions, of the wo on 20.	d to survive? ☐ No – Go nination that term ater risk either of t rment of a major	easonable medical judgment, provided the best to question 19b. ination of the pregnancy in that manner (best the death of the pregnant woman or of the substant bodily function, not including psychological or other available methods:	tial -		
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21. Was an intra-fetal injection u	sed in an attempt to induce	fetal demise	(such as, but not limited to	, intra-fetal potass	ium chloride or di	igoxin)? □ YES □ NO			
COMPLETED FOR EACH PATIENT, REGARDLESS OF AGE.	, INFORMED WRITTEN C al Emergency	ONSENT WA ONSENT WA ONSENT WA			22c. IF PATIENT HAS BEEN COURT ADJUDGED MENTALLY INCOMPETENT, INFORMED WRITTEN CONSENT OBTAINED FROM: (check one) 1 □ Spouse 3 □ Legal Guardian 2 □ Parent 4 □ None of the above				
COMPLETED FOR EACH PATIENT, UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE. WRITTEN 1 Paren 2 Legal 3 Grand	t Guardian 5		23b. IF PATIENT IS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMED WRITTEN CONSENT WAS NOT OBTAINED, CHECK REASON BELOW: (check one) 1 □ Emancipated Minor 4 □ Incest 2 □ Court Order 5 □ None of the above 3 □ Medical Emergency						
24. Date Report Completed									