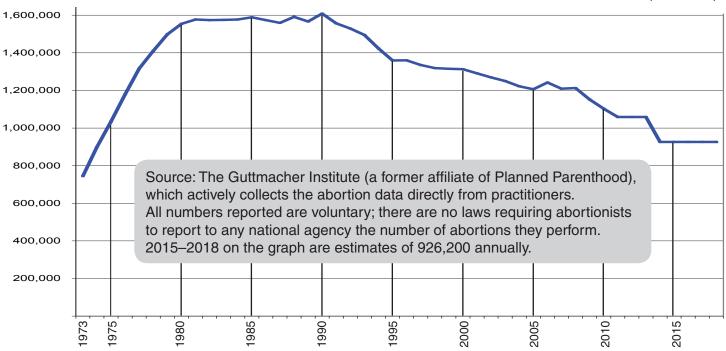
# **United States Abortion Statistics**

Reported abortions in the United States, by year

1973–2018 60,942,033 abortions (estimate)



## Americans' views concerning abortion:

- **60%** of Americans think abortion should be legal in **only a few circumstances** (39%) or in **no circumstances** (21%); just 38% think abortion should be legal in most or all circumstances.
- 62% of women (compared to 58% of men) think abortion should be legal in only a few circumstances or in no circumstances.

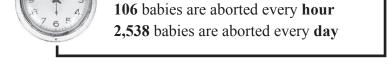
  Source: Gallup, 2019
- 65% of Americans think abortion should be **generally illegal in the second trimester** of pregnancy; 81% think abortion should be generally illegal in the third trimester.

  Source: Gallup, 2018
- 54% of Americans oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortion.
- **59%** of Americans support legislation that would ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy (except to save the life of the mother).

  Source: Marist, January 2019

#### Why do women have abortions?

- 56% say it is not the right time for a baby, or a baby would interfere with future opportunities.
- **40%** say they are not financially prepared to have a child.



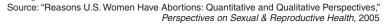
One baby is aborted every 34 seconds

The clock is ticking ...

31% say they do not want to be a single parent, or have relationship problems with husband or partner.

Source: "Understanding Why Women Seek Abortions in the U.S.," BMC Women's Health, 2013

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

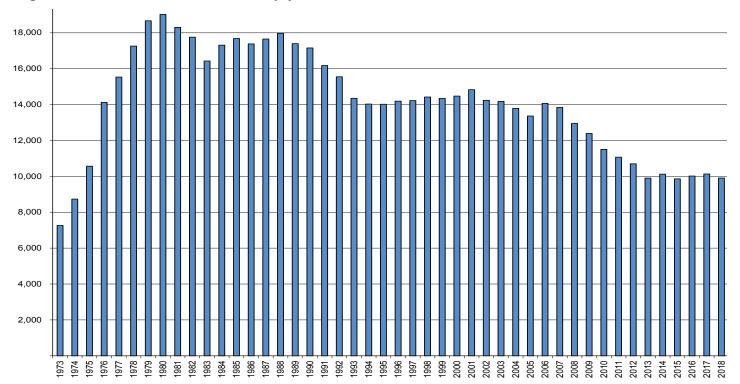




# **Minnesota Abortion Statistics**

Reported abortions in Minnesota, by year

1973–2018: 648,875 abortions



### Quick facts about abortions performed in Minnesota in 2018:

- **9,910** abortions were performed—an average of more than 27 each day.
- 44% of the abortions were paid for with taxpayer funds.
- 63% of the abortions were performed by Planned Parenthood.
- 245 of the abortions took place at 20 weeks gestation or later; four abortions took place after 30 weeks.
- 683 of the abortions used the **D&E** dismemberment abortion method.
- 2% of the abortions were performed on women under age 18.
- 55% of the abortions were performed on women ages 20 to 29.

#### Abortion as birth control:

- 40% of the women reported that they had at least one previous abortion.
- 758 of the women reported that they had three or more previous abortions.

#### **Abortion complications:**

- 77 complications were reported at the time of the abortion, including cervical laceration, hemorrhage, and uterine perforation.
- **45** complications have been reported after leaving the abortion facility, including infection, incomplete abortion, failed abortion, and hemorrhage. Three babies **survived their abortions** and later died.

#### Reasons given for abortion:

- 20% of the women reported "Economic reasons."
- 73% of the women reported "Does not want children at this time."
- **Less than 1%** of the women reported that the pregnancy was a result of rape or incest.

