

WHO IS HAVING ABORTIONS?

In 2013, there were 40,750 reported abortions in Illinois.¹ The number of abortions peaked in 1977 and in 2013, the number in Illinois reached the lowest level since the legalization of abortion in 1973. Illinois ranks #13 in the country for its abortion rate (the highest rate being #1).² In Illinois in 2012, there were 271 abortions for every 1000 live births.³

MOTHERS, ESPECIALLY SINGLE MOTHERS

In 2013, 88.5% of Illinois abortion patients were unmarried.

In the U.S., 61% of abortion patients already have at least one child, 85% are unmarried, and 45% are neither married nor living with a partner.^{4,5,6}

According to the Guttmacher Institute, the number one reason (74%) that women give for seeking abortion is because a child would interfere with their education, employment, or other responsibilities (like other children).⁷ The other most common reason women gave for having an abortion is because they were unmarried or didn't want to be a single mom; they were unemployed and /or didn't have the financial resources to care for a child, and the father of the child wants her to have an abortion.

Less than 1% of women have an abortion because of rape.⁸

Less than .05% of women have an abortion because of incest.⁹

RACIAL BREAKDOWNS

Although African American people and Hispanic people make up 12.6% and 16% of the U.S. population respectively, they account for 30% and 25% of abortions every year.^{10,11}

WOMEN IN THEIR TWENTIES

Although much debate focuses on teen pregnancies, teenagers (19 and under) account for approximately 19% of Illinois abortions.¹² Over 57% of abortions in Illinois in 2013, were on women in their 20's. Nationally, women in their 20's account for more than 50% of abortions.^{13, 14}

Abortions on minor girls dropped 20% in 2013, following the enforcement of the Illinois Parental Notification Law.¹⁵ In 2013, abortions on minor girls (17 and under) accounted for less than 4.7% of abortions in Illinois.¹⁶

The number of abortions performed on girls 14 years old and younger dropped 31.6% in 2013 to 149-the lowest number in at least 18 years.¹⁷

WOMEN WHO HAVE ALREADY HAD ABORTIONS

About half of American abortion patients have already had at least one abortion.¹⁸

LOW INCOME WOMEN

In the U.S., 42% of abortion patients have incomes below the federal poverty level.¹⁹

