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## Executive Summary

The purpose of the Utah Department of Health and Human Services Office of Vital Records and Statistics is to accurately, timely, and securely record the vital events for Utah residents. Utah began to compile data on legally performed abortions in 1974 to comply with Utah State law (§76-7-305.7) that required a report on abortions performed in Utah to be presented to the Utah State Legislature. This law has been repealed but the office continues to provide the report to the public. The abortion report makes commonly used vital records statistics available to lawmakers, health programs, health care providers, businesses, researchers, educational institutions, and members of the public.

Data are presented at the state level as well as the local health district. The reports do not contain abortion data at the national level. National data is published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and can be found in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, "Abortion Surveillance – United States". The most recent national report is for 2020 and can be found at

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/ss/ss7110a1.htm?s\\_cid=ss7110a1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/ss/ss7110a1.htm?s_cid=ss7110a1_w)

Included in this report:

- The number of reported abortions in Utah took a sharp upward turn in 2021 with the total number of abortions performed in Utah at 3,127 and the number of abortions performed for Utah residents at 2,978. The last time numbers were this high was in 2015.
- The highest ratio of abortions per 1,000 births in 2021 was in the Salt Lake County health district with a ratio of 109.7 abortions per 1,000 births. The lowest reported was in the Southwest health district with a ratio of 11.6 per 1,000 births.
- In 2021, there were nine choices for "Reasons for an abortion". The reasons selected most often were socio-economic (1,473), elective (925), or contraception failure (447). These three total 2,845 of the 2,976 reasons for women living in Utah to have an abortion.

The report contains summary data tables and detailed reference tables for the 2021 calendar year. To protect individual privacy, Utah Department of Health and Human Services data suppression rules have been applied to the data in this report.

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# Definitions

In 2021, Abortion was defined in Utah State law in §76-7a-101 Definitions.

(1)(a) "Abortion" means:

- (i) the intentional termination or attempted termination of human pregnancy after implantation of a fertilized ovum through a medical procedure carried out by a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a physician;
- (ii) the intentional killing or attempted killing of a live unborn child through a medical procedure carried out by a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a physician; or
- (iii) the intentional causing or attempted causing of a miscarriage through a medical procedure carried out by a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a physician.

(b) "Abortion" does not include:

- (i) removal of a dead unborn child;
- (ii) removal of an ectopic pregnancy; or
- (iii) the killing or attempted killing of an unborn child without the consent of the pregnant woman, unless:
  - (A) the killing or attempted killing is done through a medical procedure carried out by a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a physician; and
  - (B) the physician is unable to obtain the consent due to a medical emergency.

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### Abortions

Table 1. Estimated population for females 15 to 44 years of age, number of live births, and number, rate, and ratio of abortions: Utah residents, 1980 and 1990-2021 and Utah occurrences: 1980 and 1990-2021

Year	Estimated population for females age 15-44 years <sup>1</sup>	Live Births	Abortions			
		Residents	Residents			Occurrences <sup>4</sup>
		Number	Number	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Ratio <sup>3</sup>	Number
1980	342,817	41,786	3,821	11.1	91.4	4,086
1990	395,807	36,253	4,159	10.5	114.7	4,796
1991	411,839	36,019	3,759	9.1	104.4	4,213
1992	428,353	37,198	3,525	8.2	94.8	3,941
1993	443,618	37,048	3,615	8.1	97.6	3,945
1994	460,914	38,271	3,304	7.2	86.3	3,610
1995	475,165	39,554	3,292	6.9	83.2	3,705
1996	488,404	42,056	3,293	6.7	78.3	3,639
1997	502,401	43,009	3,140	6.2	73.0	3,408
1998	510,715	45,128	3,237	6.3	71.7	3,487
1999	520,259	46,243	3,160	6.1	68.3	3,381
2000	528,769	47,331	3,279	6.2	69.3	3,509
2001	534,884	47,915	3,372	6.3	70.4	3,594
2002	540,124	49,140	3,300	6.1	67.2	3,524
2003	543,155	49,834	3,338	6.1	67.0	3,576
2004	547,780	50,653	3,379	6.2	66.7	3,665
2005	555,517	51,517	3,279	5.9	63.6	3,556
2006	564,615	53,475	3,444	6.1	64.4	3,753
2007	576,269	55,063	3,516	6.1	63.9	3,932
2008	586,879	55,605	3,510	6.0	63.1	3,911
2009	596,032	53,849	3,270	5.5	60.7	3,665
2010	604,220	52,164	3,446	5.7	66.1	3,779
2011	615,799	51,144	3,081	5.0	60.2	3,386
2012	626,454	51,439	3,018	4.8	58.7	3,273
2013	635,620	50,914	2,893	4.6	56.8	3,102
2014	645,399	51,164	2,767	4.3	54.1	2,948
2015	658,765	50,776	2,986	4.5	58.8	3,176
2016	672,444	50,486	2,808	4.2	55.6	3,008
2017	686,482	48,578	2,759	4.0	56.8	2,923
2018	699,165	47,211	2,895	4.1	61.3	3,082
2019	712,029	46,832	2,776	3.9	59.3	2,922
2020	724,782	45,724	2,244	3.1	49.1	2,362
2021	739,453	46,719	2,978	4.0	63.7	3,129

<sup>1</sup>The female population estimates, for years prior to 1999, were provided by Utah Population Estimates Committee (UPEC) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB). For years 2000 and after, population estimates were produced by the Population Estimates Program of the U.S. Census Bureau in collaboration with the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). All population estimates apply to July 1 of the selected year. They are updated on IBIS regularly. For more information go to <http://ibis.health.utah.gov/query/PopEst.html>.

<sup>2</sup>The rate is per 1,000 females 15 to 44 years of age.

<sup>3</sup>The ratio is per 1,000 live births.

<sup>4</sup>Utah occurrences includes nonresident abortions occurring in Utah.

Table 2. Abortions by state of residence: Utah occurrences, 2021

State of residence	Number	Percent
Total	3,129	100.0
Arizona	7	0.2
Idaho	63	2.0
Nevada	17	0.5
Texas	7	0.2
Utah	2,978	95.2
Wyoming	37	1.2
Other states*	20	0.6

\*Other states: California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Table 3. Abortions, live births, and abortion ratio by local health district: Utah residents, 2000 and 2009-2021

				Abortion ratio by year <sup>1</sup>													
Local	Abortions	Live births	Abortion ratio														
health district	2021	2021	2021	2000	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Total	2,978	46,719	63.7	69.3	60.7	66.1	60.2	58.7	56.8	54.1	58.8	55.6	56.8	61.3	59.3	49.1	
Bear River	102	2,951	34.6	32.6	30.7	40.8	31.6	28.7	33.4	38.9	27.7	31.1	35.9	35.4	41.2	24.7	
Central Utah	37	1,166	31.7	23.2	20.4	24.1	29.5	21.8	22.4	18.5	21.8	21.8	24.2	27.5	28.0	20.6	
Davis	250	4,961	50.4	58.1	44.6	47.9	41.9	39.1	35.7	36.8	36.9	40.3	39.6	44.1	42.2	40.0	
Salt Lake	1,665	15,173	109.7	117.2	109.7	119.0	106.4	107.7	100.6	94.4	105.4	94.6	93.7	103.8	99.2	109.7	
San Juan <sup>2</sup>	0	185	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	
Southeastern <sup>2</sup>	20	435	46.0	25.7	28.1	43.1	33.4	26.9	22.2	41.7	26.8	49.1	55.7	44.1	42.5	51.0	
Southwest	39	3,359	11.6	3.9	4.1	4.4	3.6	3.9	2.2	3.0	5.1	5.8	8.0	10.0	7.7	8.1	
Summit	41	430	95.3	190.3	160.1	179.4	152.7	175.5	143.5	171.4	169.4	152.6	142.9	155.6	129.8	100.8	
Tooele	54	1,076	50.2	49.2	41.9	57.6	66.7	52.5	51.6	49.3	51.1	45.2	49.8	60.7	53.5	35.2	
TriCounty	19	795	23.9	33.2	36.0	44.2	20.7	32.5	29.7	18.9	27.1	31.7	18.2	32.0	24.8	21.2	
Utah County	441	12,135	36.3	23.7	26.0	24.9	25.0	21.9	22.9	22.7	27.6	27.0	32.6	32.5	31.5	28.2	
Wasatch	17	381	44.6	71.0	48.8	55.3	92.4	57.9	55.7	52.7	44.1	46.7	55.7	66.7	79.9	50.3	
Weber-Morgan	293	3,666	79.9	68.4	59.4	65.9	66.2	61.5	69.4	61.7	68.5	63.8	64.9	67.7	68.7	52.3	

<sup>1</sup>The ratio is per 1,000 live births and are not computed for fewer than seven events.

<sup>2</sup>Data for the San Juan health district was included in the Southeastern health district prior to 2015.

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.

Table 4. Abortions, live births, and ratio by marital status of woman: Utah residents, 1990 and 2000-2021

Year	Total			Married <sup>1</sup>			Unmarried <sup>2</sup>		
	Abortions	Live births	Ratio per 1,000 live births	Abortions	Live births	Ratio per 1,000 live births	Abortions	Live births	Ratio per 1,000 live births
1990	4,159	36,253	114.7	774	31,343	24.7	3,351	4,886	685.8
2000	3,279	47,331	69.3	809	39,135	20.7	2,455	8,175	300.3
2001	3,372	47,915	70.4	844	39,593	21.3	2,348	8,322	282.1
2002	3,300	49,140	67.2	756	40,671	18.6	2,268	8,469	267.8
2003	3,338	49,834	67.0	771	41,254	18.7	2,143	8,580	249.8
2004	3,379	50,653	66.7	795	41,822	19.0	2,270	8,831	257.0
2005	3,279	51,517	63.6	760	42,416	17.9	2,230	9,101	245.0
2006	3,444	53,475	64.4	830	43,412	19.1	2,187	10,063	217.3
2007	3,516	55,063	63.9	880	44,254	19.9	2,371	10,809	219.4
2008	3,510	55,605	63.1	762	44,281	17.2	2,390	11,324	211.1
2009	3,270	53,849	60.7	773	43,358	17.8	2,252	10,486	214.8
2010	3,446	52,164	66.1	944	42,273	22.3	2,251	9,891	227.6
2011	3,081	51,144	60.2	987	41,561	23.7	1,821	9,583	190.0
2012	3,018	51,439	58.7	916	41,822	21.9	1,819	9,596	189.6
2013	2,893	50,914	56.8	705	41,107	17.2	1,838	9,784	187.9
2014	2,767	51,164	54.1	697	41,441	16.8	1,951	9,690	201.3
2015	2,986	50,776	58.8	750	41,096	18.2	2,195	9,664	227.1
2016	2,808	50,486	55.6	682	41,047	16.6	2,077	9,412	220.7
2017	2,759	48,578	56.8	647	39,411	16.4	2,032	8,977	226.4
2018	2,895	47,211	61.3	801	37,905	21.1	2,072	9,091	227.9
2019	2,776	46,832	59.3	809	37,276	21.7	1,951	9,018	216.3
2020	2,244	45,724	49.1	592	36,386	16.3	1,635	8,853	184.7
2021	2,978	46,719	63.7	738	37,396	19.7	2,200	9,162	240.1

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table 5. Population for females, five-year age groupings for 15 to 44 years of age: Utah residents, 1990 and 2000-2021

Year	Total females age 15-44	Five-year age groupings for females 15-44 years					
		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
1990	395,807	76,809	69,527	68,108	69,165	61,719	50,479
2000	528,769	109,105	113,713	85,514	72,066	74,162	74,209
2001	534,884	107,507	117,893	86,501	75,196	72,433	75,354
2002	540,124	105,723	120,489	89,315	77,867	71,166	75,564
2003	543,155	104,124	120,293	92,863	80,187	69,995	75,693
2004	547,780	103,674	119,184	96,309	82,628	70,378	75,607
2005	555,517	104,382	117,683	99,886	85,921	72,990	74,655
2006	564,615	105,061	115,729	105,473	88,019	76,585	73,748
2007	576,269	106,726	113,820	109,680	92,611	80,095	73,337
2008	586,879	108,218	113,211	111,343	98,229	82,830	73,048
2009	596,032	108,952	113,133	111,907	102,736	85,505	73,799
2010	604,220	109,679	112,983	111,236	105,982	88,192	76,148
2011	615,799	111,502	113,861	112,196	107,859	91,104	79,277
2012	626,454	113,130	114,496	112,974	109,591	93,927	82,336
2013	635,620	114,504	114,774	113,434	111,063	96,583	85,262
2014	645,399	115,999	115,194	113,967	112,621	99,324	88,294
2015	658,765	118,172	116,305	115,104	114,758	102,602	91,824
2016	672,444	120,408	117,369	116,248	116,946	105,987	95,486
2017	686,482	122,649	118,395	117,417	119,216	109,511	99,294
2018	699,165	124,687	119,212	118,324	121,212	112,810	102,920
2019	712,029	126,804	120,049	119,234	123,216	116,132	106,594
2020	724,782	128,889	120,845	120,102	125,195	119,456	110,295
2021	739,453	139,963	118,161	117,223	128,316	120,886	114,904

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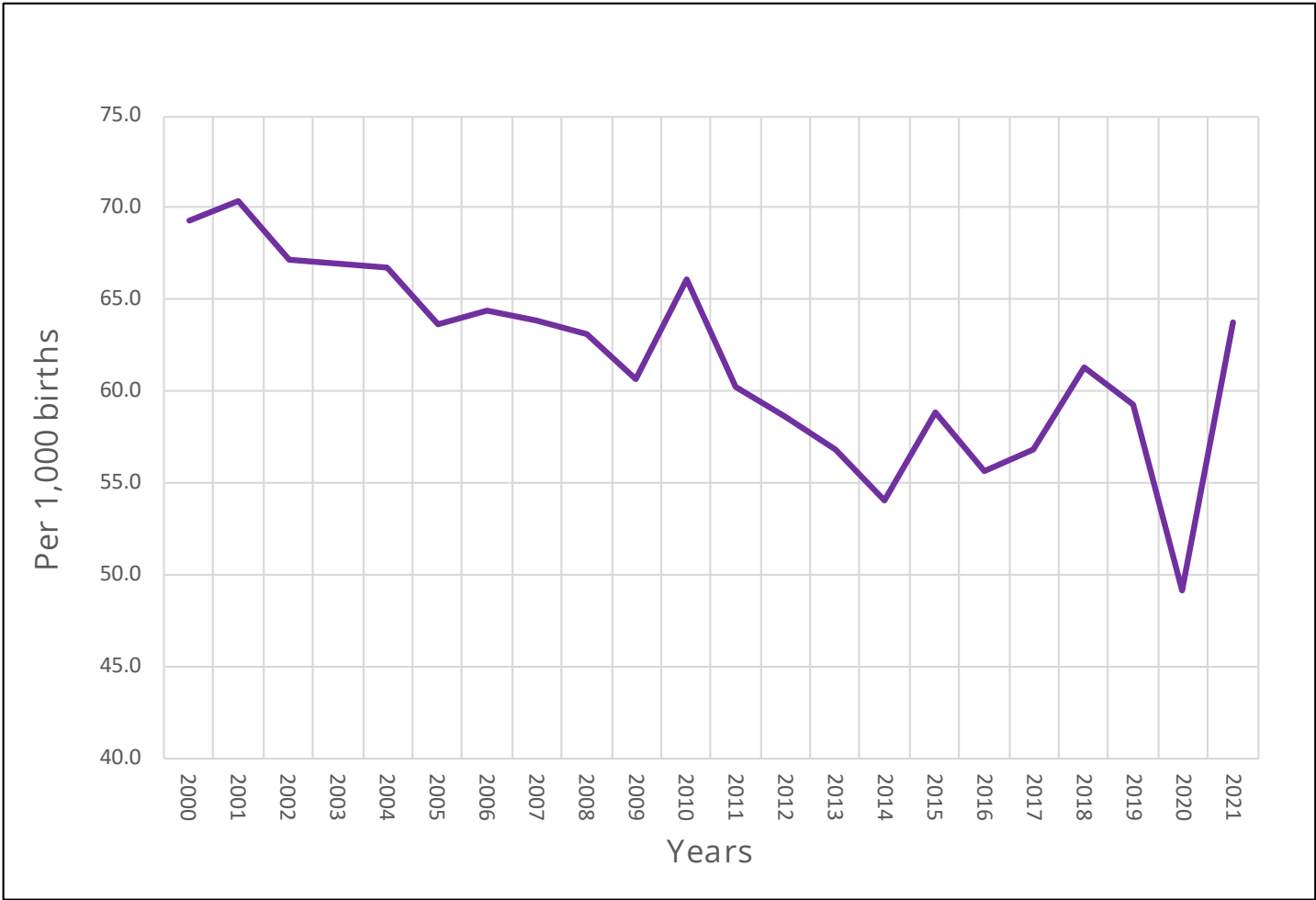
Table 6. Abortion rate, five-year age groupings for 15 to 44 years of age: Utah residents, 1990 and 2000-2021

Year	Total females age 15-44	Five-year age groupings for females 15-44 years <sup>1</sup>					
		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
1990	10.5	12.7	19.8	13.2	7.8	4.1	1.5
2000	6.2	5.3	10.3	8.4	6.0	3.4	1.1
2001	6.3	5.1	9.8	8.4	6.5	3.9	1.2
2002	6.1	4.8	9.5	8.6	5.9	3.9	1.2
2003	6.1	5.1	9.3	8.2	6.2	4.1	1.2
2004	6.2	4.9	10.0	7.8	6.0	4.0	1.3
2005	5.9	4.9	8.8	7.9	5.4	4.3	1.2
2006	6.1	5.3	9.7	8.0	5.5	3.8	1.2
2007	6.1	5.4	9.9	7.6	5.4	3.8	1.5
2008	6.0	5.2	9.1	7.9	5.2	3.9	1.7
2009	5.5	4.2	8.9	6.9	5.1	3.9	1.4
2010	5.7	3.7	8.5	6.9	4.7	3.1	1.5
2011	5.0	3.6	8.5	6.9	4.7	3.0	1.5
2012	4.8	3.2	8.3	6.1	4.7	3.6	1.5
2013	4.6	3.0	8.1	5.9	4.8	2.9	1.2
2014	4.3	2.8	7.6	5.6	4.2	3.3	1.1
2015	4.5	2.9	8.2	6.5	4.3	3.0	1.3
2016	4.2	2.3	7.5	6.1	3.9	3.0	1.1
2017	4.0	2.7	7.4	5.9	3.8	2.6	1.0
2018	4.1	3.1	7.5	6.1	4.0	2.7	0.9
2019	3.9	2.8	7.2	6.1	3.6	2.5	0.8
2020	3.1	2.0	6.0	4.6	3.1	1.8	0.8
2021	4.0	2.8	8.5	6.5	3.6	2.1	0.7

<sup>1</sup>The rate is per 1,000 females 15-44 years of age. The abortion component of the rate for total all ages includes women less than 15 years of age, 45 years and older, and age unknown.



Figure 1. Abortion ratio: Utah residents, 2000-2021



## *2021 Reference Tables:*

### Abortions

Table R1. Abortions by local health district and age of woman: Utah residents, 2021

Local health district	Total females age 15-44	Age groupings for females 15-44 years									
		Under 15	15 to 19			20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 and over
			Total	15 to 17	18 to 19						
Total	2,978	5	392	90	302	1,004	756	467	258	83	12
Bear River	102	0	18	**	15	38	23	13	10	0	0
Central Utah	37	0	5	**	**	12	9	6	5	0	0
Davis County	250	0	31	8	23	93	65	32	20	8	**
Salt Lake County	1,665	**	107	42	165	536	421	288	148	53	9
San Juan County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southeastern Utah	20	0	**	0	**	6	5	**	**	0	0
Southwest Utah	39	0	8	**	**	16	8	**	**	0	0
Summit County	41	0	**	**	**	9	18	5	5	**	0
Tooele County	54	0	11	**	8	16	17	6	**	0	**
TriCounty	19	**	**	**	**	**	**	6	**	**	0
Utah County	441	**	63	16	47	152	119	60	30	14	**
Wasatch County	17	0	**	0	**	5	**	**	5	**	0
Weber-Morgan	293	0	40	10	30	118	65	40	25	5	0

\*\*All non-zero counts which are fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R2. Abortions by local health district and month of occurrence: Utah residents, 2021

Local health district	Total females age 15-44	Month of occurrence											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	2,978	186	257	287	254	255	222	177	253	293	249	266	279
Bear River	102	5	10	8	14	8	**	6	8	9	8	10	12
Central Utah	37	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	6	**	6	5
Davis County	250	12	21	31	20	17	28	12	16	23	22	18	30
Salt Lake County	1,665	110	150	156	134	159	122	104	140	156	144	145	145
San Juan County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southeastern Utah	20	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Southwest Utah	39	**	6	**	6	**	**	**	5	**	**	**	6
Summit County	41	5	**	**	6	**	**	**	**	**	7	**	**
Tooele County	54	**	**	**	**	**	5	5	**	**	**	9	5
TriCounty	19	0	**	0	**	5	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Utah County	441	25	33	49	40	36	24	22	41	48	31	42	50
Wasatch County	17	**	**	**	**	0	**	**	**	**	0	**	**
Weber-Morgan	293	18	25	27	20	15	28	20	28	37	26	28	21

\*\*All non-zero counts which are fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R3. Abortions by age and marital status of woman: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Marital status of woman						
	Total	Never	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Not stated
Total	2,978	1,976	606	8	216	132	40
Under 15	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Total 15 to 19	392	382	5	0	**	0	**
15 to 17	90	89	0	0	**	**	0
18 to 19	302	293	5	0	0	0	**
20 to 24	1,004	852	104	0	12	23	13
25 to 29	756	482	171	**	51	37	14
30 to 34	467	188	154	**	78	40	**
35 to 39	258	56	121	**	51	23	**
40 to 44	83	9	43	**	20	9	**
45 and over	12	**	8	0	**	0	0

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.  
Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R4. Abortions by weeks of gestation and marital status of woman: Utah residents, 2021

	Marital status of woman						
Weeks of gestation	Total	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Not stated
Total	2,978	1,976	606	8	216	132	40
Under 5	29	22	6	0	0	**	0
5-6	1,310	859	276	5	104	45	21
7-8	834	552	171	**	56	39	14
9-10	344	238	53	0	26	24	**
11-12	207	154	23	**	14	14	**
13-14	86	57	20	0	7	**	0
15-20	128	77	35	0	8	7	**
21 and over	40	17	22	0	**	0	0

The first day of last menstrual period is used to calculate gestation when the physician's clinical estimate is not available.

\*\*All non-zero counts which are fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R5. Abortions by age and education of woman: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Education of woman				
	Total	Did not graduate high school	High school graduate	Beyond high school	Not stated
Total	2,978	256	1,253	1,143	326
Under 15	5	5	0	0	0
Total 15 to 19	392	116	190	57	29
15 to 17	90	81	6	0	**
18 to 19	302	35	184	57	26
20 to 24	1,004	49	502	359	94
25 to 29	756	39	304	327	86
30 to 34	467	24	159	219	65
35 to 39	258	16	73	128	41
40 to 44	83	6	22	46	9
45 and over	12	**	**	6	**
Not stated	**	0	0	**	0

\*\*All non-zero counts which are fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R6. Abortions by age, race, and Hispanic origin of woman: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Race and Hispanic origin of woman							
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian and Pacific Islander	Native American	Other	Not stated
Total	2,978	1,592	131	973	188	38	14	42
Under 15	5	**	**	**	0	**	0	0
Total 15 to 19	392	195	17	158	10	**	**	6
15 to 17	90	49	**	31	**	**	0	**
18 to 19	302	146	13	127	9	**	**	**
20 to 24	1,004	521	54	346	49	15	7	12
25 to 29	756	426	27	227	57	7	**	10
30 to 34	467	253	23	137	37	8	0	9
35 to 39	258	145	6	72	24	**	**	5
40 to 44	83	45	**	28	7	0	0	0
45 and over	12	5	0	**	**	0	0	0
Not stated	**	**	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.  
Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R7. Abortions by weeks of gestation, race, and Hispanic origin of woman: Utah residents, 2021

Weeks of gestation	Race and Hispanic origin of woman							
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian and Pacific Islander	Native American	Other	Not stated
Total	2,978	1,592	131	973	188	38	14	42
Under 5	29	14	**	8	**	0	**	**
5-6	1,310	737	51	402	87	14	5	14
7-8	834	427	40	296	44	11	**	13
9-10	344	179	18	112	22	7	0	6
11-12	207	104	9	81	9	**	**	**
13-14	86	49	**	22	10	**	0	0
15-20	128	59	6	41	14	**	**	**
21 and over	40	23	**	11	**	0	0	**

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Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R8. Abortions by age of woman and number of prior live births: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Prior live births						
	Total	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or more
Total	2,978	1,548	564	455	230	87	76
Under 15	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Total 15 to 19	392	365	22	**	0	0	0
15 to 17	90	88	**	0	0	0	0
18 to 19	302	277	20	**	0	0	0
20 to 24	1,004	678	210	84	20	7	**
25 to 29	756	316	175	160	67	20	12
30 to 34	467	130	91	104	85	25	31
35 to 39	258	45	46	77	41	27	19
40 to 44	83	5	18	24	16	8	11
45 and over	12	**	**	**	**	0	**

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R9. Abortions by age of woman and number of prior abortions: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Prior abortions						
	Total	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or more
Total	2,978	2,198	552	133	33	16	6
Under 15	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Total 15 to 19	392	365	24	0	0	0	0
15 to 17	90	86	**	0	0	0	0
18 to 19	302	279	20	0	0	0	0
20 to 24	1,004	792	159	32	**	**	**
25 to 29	756	515	174	29	12	**	0
30 to 34	467	298	112	37	6	8	**
35 to 39	258	166	55	19	7	**	**
40 to 44	83	49	24	6	**	0	0
45 and over	12	7	**	0	**	0	0

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R10. Abortions by weeks of gestation and number of prior abortions: Utah residents, 2021

Weeks of gestation	Prior abortions						
	Total	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or more
Total	2,978	2,198	552	133	33	16	6
Under 5	29	22	**	**	**	0	0
5-6	1,310	968	250	53	13	6	**
7-8	834	623	151	29	11	7	**
9-10	344	241	71	23	**	**	0
11-12	207	144	45	13	**	0	0
13-14	86	63	14	7	0	**	**
15-20	128	98	16	7	0	**	0
21 and over	40	39	**	0	0	0	0

The first day of last menstrual period is used to calculate gestation when the physician's clinical estimate is not available.

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.

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Table R11. Abortions by age of woman and reason for termination: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Total	Reason for termination								
		Maternal life endangered	Fetal mal formation	Drug/ radiation exposure	Rape	Mental health	Socio-economic reasons	Contra-ception failure	Elective	Not stated
Total	2,978	**	13	**	12	11	1,474	447	926	92
Under 15	5	0	0	0	**	0	**	0	0	0
Total 15 to 19	392	0	0		**	**	208	68	104	8
15 to 17	90	0	0	0	**	0	48	11	27	**
18 to 19	302	0	0	0	0	**	160	57	77	7
20 to 24	1,004	0	**	0	**	**	529	171	280	15
25 to 29	756	0	**	0	**	**	376	109	238	26
30 to 34	467	**	5	0	**	**	198	57	181	22
35 to 39	258	0	**	**	**	0	116	35	83	17
40 to 44	83	0	0	0	0	**	38	6	35	**
45 and over	12	**	0	0	0	0	5	0	**	**

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R12. Abortions by weeks of gestation and reason for termination: Utah residents, 2021

Weeks of gestation	Total	Reason for termination								
		Maternal life endangered	Fetal mal formation	Drug/ radiation exposure	Rape	Mental health	Socio-economic reasons	Contra-ception failure	Elective	Not stated
Total	2,978	**	13	**	12	11	1,474	447	926	92
Under 5	29	0	0	0	0	0	18	8	**	0
5 to 6	1,310	0	0	0	**	6	635	211	438	17
7 to 8	834	0	0	0	6	**	410	121	285	8
9 to 10	344	**	**	**	0	0	173	39	122	7
11 to 12	207	0	0	0	5	0	106	31	63	**
13 to 14	86	0	0	0	0	0	51	17	12	6
15 to 20	128	0	7	0	0	**	71	20	**	28
21 and over	40	0	5	0	0	0	9	0	**	24

The first day of last menstrual period is used to calculate gestation when the physician's clinical estimate is not available.

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Table R13. Abortions by age of woman and weeks of gestation: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Weeks of gestation								
	Total	Under 5	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16	21 and over
Total	2,978	29	1,310	834	344	207	86	128	40
Under 15	5	0	0	**	**	0	0	0	0
Total 15 to 19	392	**	145	114	50	43	9	23	5
15 to 17	90	0	16	29	17	16	**	7	**
18 to 19	302	**	129	85	33	27	7	16	**
20 to 24	1,004	13	437	300	116	71	27	34	6
25 to 29	756	8	360	192	82	49	23	31	11
30 to 34	467	**	211	122	58	29	15	19	10
35 to 39	258	**	111	77	27	10	9	16	7
40 to 44	83	**	40	24	8	**	**	5	**
45 and over	12	0	5	**	**	**	**	0	0

The first day of last menstrual period is used to calculate gestation when the physician's clinical estimate is not available.

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Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.



Table R14. Abortions by age of woman and method of termination: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Total	Method of termination				
		Surgical curettage, including D&C/D&E <sup>1</sup>	Surgical hysterectomy/ hysterotomy	Intrauterine instillation <sup>2</sup>	Medical non-surgical <sup>3</sup>	Not stated
Total	2,978	1,264	0	7	1,707	0
Under 15	5	**	0	0	**	0
Total 15 to 19	392	158	0	0	235	0
15 to 17	90	45	0	0	45	0
18 to 19	302	113	0	0	189	0
20 to 24	1,004	391	0	**	612	0
25 to 29	756	313	0	**	440	0
30 to 34	467	231	0	**	233	0
35 to 39	258	117	0	0	141	0
40 to 44	83	46	0	0	37	0
45 and over	12	6	0	0	6	0

<sup>1</sup>Surgical curettage, including D&C/D&E: dilation and curettage (D&C) procedures may also be called aspiration curettage, suction curettage, manual vacuum aspiration, menstrual extraction/regulation or sharp curettage. Dilation and evacuation procedures (D&E) may also be called intact dilation and evacuation (F&X), or partial-birth abortions. If one of these procedures is listed, the abortion is categorized as a surgical procedure, even if medications are listed, as medications may be used as part of the surgical procedure to facilitate its completion.

<sup>2</sup>Intrauterine instillation: Intra-amniotic injection, typically with saline, prostaglandin or urea.

<sup>3</sup>Medical non-surgical: Includes early medical terminations and medical induction of labor.

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R15. Abortions by weeks of gestation and method of termination: Utah residents, 2021

Weeks of gestation	Total	Method of termination				
		Surgical curettage, including D&C/D&E <sup>1</sup>	Surgical hysterectomy or hysterotomy	Intrauterine instillation <sup>2</sup>	Medical non- surgical <sup>3</sup>	Not stated
Total	2,978	1,264	0	7	1,707	0
Under 5	29	6	0	0	23	0
5-6	1,310	353	0	0	957	0
7-8	834	277	0	0	557	0
9-10	344	194	0	0	150	0
11-12	207	204	0	0	**	0
13-14	86	86	0	0	0	0
15-20	128	119	0	5	**	0
21 and over	40	25	0	**	13	0

The first day of last menstrual period is used to calculate gestation when the physician's clinical estimate is not available.

<sup>1</sup>Surgical curettage, including D&C/D&E: dilation and curettage (D&C) procedures may also be called aspiration curettage, suction curettage, manual vacuum aspiration, menstrual extraction/regulation or sharp curettage. Dilation and evacuation procedures (D&E) may also be called intact dilation and evacuation (F&X), or partial-birth abortions. If one of these procedures is listed, the abortion is categorized as a surgical procedure, even if medications are listed, as medications may be used as part of the surgical procedure to facilitate its completion.

<sup>2</sup>Intrauterine instillation: Intra-amniotic injection, typically with saline, prostaglandin or urea.

<sup>3</sup>Medical non-surgical: Includes early medical terminations and medical induction of labor.

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Table R16. Abortions by age of woman and mention of any complications: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Total	Mention of any complications	
		Yes	No
Total	2,978	7	2,971
Under 15	5	0	5
Total 15 to 19	392	**	391
15 to 17	90	**	89
18 to 19	302	0	302
20 to 24	1,004	**	1,002
25 to 29	756	**	755
30 to 34	467	**	465
35 to 39	258	0	258
40 to 44	83	**	82
45 and over	12	0	12
Not stated	**	0	**

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.  
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Table R17. Abortions by age of woman and use of contraception at time of pregnancy: Utah residents, 2021

Age of woman	Total	Use of contraception at time of pregnancy		
		Yes	No	Not stated
Total	2,978	1,475	1,458	45
Under 15	5	0	5	0
Total 15 to 19	392	113	149	0
15 to 17	90	29	58	**
18 to 19	302	146	152	**
20 to 24	1,004	500	494	10
25 to 29	756	374	373	9
30 to 34	467	239	216	12
35 to 39	258	130	122	6
40 to 44	83	51	31	**
45 and over	12	5	7	0

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.  
Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R18. Abortions by age of woman and method of contraception, Utah residents: 2021

Age of woman	Total	Method of contraception			
		Highly effective: Implant, IUD	Medium effective: shot, pill, patch, ring, diaphragm	Least effective: condom, withdrawal, sponge, spermicide, natural family	Not stated
Total	2,978	96	475	904	1,503
Under 15	5	0	0	0	5
Total 15 to 19	392	11	55	109	217
15 to 17	90	**	10	17	61
18 to 19	302	9	45	92	156
20 to 24	1,004	39	191	270	504
25 to 29	756	17	118	239	382
30 to 34	467	19	63	157	228
35 to 39	258	9	36	85	128
40 to 44	83	**	10	40	32
45 and over	12	0	**	**	7
Not stated	1	0	**	0	0

Tables R18—R21: Not stated includes those who indicated they did not use any sort of contraception.

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R19. Abortions by marital status of woman and method of contraception:  
Utah residents, 2021

Marital status of woman	Total	Method of contraception			Not stated
		Highly effective: Implant, IUD	Moderately effective: shot, pill, patch, ring, diaphragm	Least effective: condom, withdrawal, sponge, spermicide, natural family planning	
Total	2,978	96	475	904	1,503
Never Married	1,976	58	334	573	1,011
Married	606	27	79	184	316
Widowed	8	0	**	**	5
Divorced	216	5	36	88	87
Separated	132	5	13	52	62
Not stated	40	**	11	6	22

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.

Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R20. Abortions by prior abortions and method of contraception: Utah residents, 2021

Prior abortions	Total	Method of contraception			Not stated
		Highly effective: Implant, IUD	Moderately effective: shot, pill, patch, ring, diaphragm	Least effective: condom, withdrawal, sponge, spermicide, natural family planning	
Total	2,978	96	475	904	1,503
No prior abortions	2,198	78	334	643	1,143
One prior abortion	552	11	96	187	258
Two prior abortions	133	**	30	52	50
Three prior abortions	33	0	7	10	16
Four prior abortions	16	**	**	**	9
More than five prior abortions	6	**	**	**	**
Not stated	40	**	6	6	25

\*\*All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.  
Numbers may not add to total due to missing data.

Table R21. Abortions by education of woman and method of contraception: Utah residents, 2021

Education of woman	Total	Method of contraception			Not stated
		Highly effective: Implant, IUD	Moderately effective: shot, pill, patch, ring, diaphragm	Least effective: condom, withdrawal, sponge, spermicide, natural family planning	
Total	2,978	96	475	904	1,503
Under 12 years	256	**	34	69	149
High school graduate or GED	1,253	31	199	406	617
Over 12 years	1,143	53	213	389	488
Not stated	326	8	29	40	249

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*2021 Appendix:*

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## Technical Appendix

The Utah Vital Records and Statistics Abortion Report was first published in 1977 and reported on the combined years of 1974 and 1975. In 1980, a second report was published that included 1974 through 1977 data (duplicating the years reported in the first report and adding years 1976 and 1977). The years 1978-1980 were reported in the statistical report published in 1982. Reports of the years from 1981 through 2017 were published annually from one to two years following the close of the data year. The time between the end of the data year and the publication of the report is used to gather and compile the data, which is done by hand from paper forms. Of some interest are the years 1983 and 1984. These two reports are marked in the Utah Digital Library as “unpublished” but a full report is available. Data for 1992, 1993, and 1994 were published in separate reports all published in 1996 and it appears data for 2002 was published separately in 2003 and then included with 2003 data and published in 2004. The last report was published in 2022 and reported 2020 data making this report of the 2021 data the 42nd report.

Section 76-7-313, Utah Code Annotated 1953 as amended requires that the report of induced termination of pregnancy (Form 1) be filed with the State of Utah’s Department of Health within ten days of the abortion.

The reported number of abortions to Utah residents performed out of state is small and suggests an undercount. This small number of reported abortions that occur in other states are not shown by local health district in this report.

For both the summary and reference table in this report, data may be tabulated by local health district to meet the needs of local health departments.

Formulas used to compute rates and ratios used in this report are defined as follows:

$$\text{Abortion Rate} = \frac{\text{Total Number of Induced Abortions to Resident Females (1,000)}}{\text{Total Number of Resident Females 15-44 Years of Age}}$$

$$\text{Abortion Ratio} = \frac{\text{Total Number of Induced Abortions to Resident Females (1,000)}}{\text{Total Number of Live Births to Resident Females}}$$


To protect individual privacy, Utah Department of Health and Human Services data suppression rules have been applied to the data in this report. All non-zero counts fewer than five are suppressed.

Tables from prior reports display data for counties within local health districts. The suppression rules used in this report make county data less informative so the decision was made to remove county data. There are 29 counties within the 13 local health districts. The local health districts and respective counties are Bear River (Box Elder, Cache, Rich), Central Utah (Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Wayne), Davis, Salt Lake, San Juan, Southeastern (Carbon, Emery, Grand), Southwest (Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Washington), Summit, Tooele, TriCounty (Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah), Utah County, Wasatch, and Weber-Morgan (Morgan, Weber).

The form that follows was used in 2021 prior to the merge of the Department of Health into the Department of Health and Human Services.

The categorization of contraception methods is from the [CDC Reproductive Health](#).

# 2021 Form Used to Report Induced Termination of Pregnancy

 <b>UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b> Office of Vital Records & Statistics		Unique Identifier # _____	State File # _____
		<b>REPORT OF INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY</b>	
<small>Confidential. This report will be used for statistical purposes by the Utah Department of Health. It may be used to insure compliance with the provisions of the State of Utah Code §76-7-3 regarding abortion. It will be kept confidential pursuant to Title 26 Utah Health Code, Chapter 25 Confidential Information Release.</small>			
1a. FACILITY NAME (if not a clinic or hospital, give street address) _____		2. PATIENT RESIDENCE	
1b. CITY _____		City/Town _____ State _____	
1c. COUNTY _____		County _____ Zip _____	
3. PATIENT AGE _____	4. PATIENT MARITAL STATUS <input type="radio"/> 1 Never married <input type="radio"/> 3 Widowed <input type="radio"/> 2 Married <input type="radio"/> 4 Divorced <input type="radio"/> 5 Separated		
5. PATIENT OF HISPANIC OR LATINA ORIGIN? <input type="radio"/> 1 Yes - Specify Below <input type="radio"/> 2 No <input type="radio"/> 9 Unknown <input type="radio"/> 1 Mexican <input type="radio"/> 2 Cuban <input type="radio"/> 3 Puerto Rican <input type="radio"/> 4 Other - Specify: _____		8. PREVIOUS LIVE BIRTHS # _____ <input type="radio"/> 0 None 9. PREVIOUS INDUCED TERMINATIONS # _____ <input type="radio"/> 0 None	
6. PATIENT RACE <input type="radio"/> 1 White (non-hispanic or latina) <input type="radio"/> 2 Black or African American <input type="radio"/> 3 Native American - Specify tribe(s): _____ <input type="radio"/> 4 Alaskan Native <input type="radio"/> 5 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander <input type="radio"/> 6 Asian <input type="radio"/> 7 Other - Specify: _____ <input type="radio"/> 9 Unknown		10. WHEN PATIENT BECAME PREGNANT WITH THIS PREGNANCY, DID SHE WANT TO BECOME PREGNANT? <input type="radio"/> 1 Yes <input type="radio"/> 2 No 11. WHEN PATIENT BECAME PREGNANT, WAS SHE OR HER PARTNER USING CONTRACEPTION? <input type="radio"/> 1 Yes <input type="radio"/> 2 No 12. IF YES TO #11 - WHAT METHOD? <input type="radio"/> 1 Highly effective: Implant, IUD <input type="radio"/> 2 Moderately effective: shot, pill, patch, ring, diaphragm <input type="radio"/> 3 Least effective: condom, withdrawal, sponge, spermicide, natural family planning	
7. PATIENT EDUCATION (highest grade completed) <input type="radio"/> 1 8th grade or less; none <input type="radio"/> 9 Unknown <input type="radio"/> 2 9-12th grade - no diploma <input type="radio"/> 3 High School graduate or GED <input type="radio"/> 4 Some college, no degree <input type="radio"/> 5 Associate degree (AA, AS) <input type="radio"/> 6 Bachelors degree (BA, AB, BS) <input type="radio"/> 7 Masters degree (MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA) <input type="radio"/> 8 Doctorate or professional degree - (PhD, EdD or MD, DDs, DVM, LLB, JD)		13. IF "NO" TO #11: What was the primary reason for not using contraception? <input type="radio"/> 1 Lack of financial means <input type="radio"/> 9 Unknown <input type="radio"/> 2 Patient did not want to use anything <input type="radio"/> 3 Patient felt ambivalent about getting pregnant <input type="radio"/> 4 Lack of access to birth control <input type="radio"/> 5 Patient partner did not want to use anything <input type="radio"/> 6 Thought partner or she was sterile/could not get pregnant <input type="radio"/> 7 Other - Specify: _____	
14. DATE OF TERMINATION: _____ (mm/dd/yy)		15a. GESTATIONAL WEEKS AND DAYS AT TERMINATION: _____	
15b. GESTATIONAL WEEKS CONFIRMED BY ULTRASOUND? <input type="radio"/> 1 Yes <input type="radio"/> 2 No		16. FIRST DAY OF LAST MENSTRUAL PERIOD _____ (mm/dd/yy) <input type="radio"/> 9 LMP date unknown	
17. WAS FETUS CAPABLE OF SURVIVAL OUTSIDE THE UTERUS? <input type="radio"/> 1 Yes <input type="radio"/> 2 No <input type="radio"/> 9 Unknown		18a. TERMINATION PROCEDURE SURGICAL (Specify) <input type="radio"/> 1 Dilation and Curettage (D&C) <input type="radio"/> 2 Dilation and Evacuation (D&E) <input type="radio"/> 3 Hysterotomy <input type="radio"/> 4 Gravid Hysterectomy <input type="radio"/> 5 Other Surgical - Specify: _____	
18b. TERMINATION PROCEDURE MEDICAL (Specify) Check all that apply <input type="radio"/> 1 Mifepristone (RU486, Mifeprex®) <input type="radio"/> 2 Misoprostol (Cytotec®) or another prostaglandin <input type="radio"/> 3 Oxytocin <input type="radio"/> 4 Other -Specify: _____		19a. FETAL INDICATIONS FOR TERMINATION (check all that apply) Specify defect: _____	
19b. FETAL INDICATIONS FOR TERMINATION (check all that apply) <input type="radio"/> 1 Lethal Fetal Defect <input type="radio"/> 2 Grave Fetal Defect			

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**19b. MATERNAL INDICATIONS FOR TERMINATION**

- ☐ 01 Cardiac Disease      ☐ 05 Rape      ☐ 09 Unknown  
☐ 02 Renal Disease      ☐ 06 Incest      ☐ 10 Contraceptive Failure  
☐ 03 Malignancy      ☐ 07 Mental Health      ☐ 11 Elective  
☐ 04 Drug/Radiation Exposure      ☐ 08 Socioeconomic reasons      ☐ 12 Other -Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**20. ADVERSE EVENTS IMMEDIATELY POST PROCEDURE (check all that apply)**

- ☐ 1 Hemorrhage      ☐ 4 Anesthesia-related Reaction  
☐ 2 Cervical Injury      ☐ 5 Unplanned Hospital Admission - Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 3 Uterine Perforation      ☐ 6 Death  
☐ 12 Other -Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**21. PRESENCE OF CHORIONIC VILLI - pathological description**

- ☐ 1 Yes    ☐ 2 No    ☐ 9 Unknown

**23. FETAL WEIGHT**

grams \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] 9 Unknown

**22. PRESENCE OF EMBRYO OR FETAL PARTS - pathological description**

- ☐ 1 Yes    ☐ 2 No    ☐ 9 Unknown

**24. FETAL LENGTH**

cm \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] 9 Unknown

**PATHOLOGIST REPORT §76-7-309**

- ☐ A copy of the pathologist report (with all personal identifying info redacted) is attached answering #25 and #26.

**OR****25. The pregnancy was aborted by evacuating the uterus.**

- ☐ 1 Yes    ☐ 2 No

**26. Medical Record indicating Down Syndrome**

- ☐ There IS a medical record which indicates through a prenatal screening or other diagnostic test the aborted fetus had or may have had Down Syndrome.  
☐ There is NO medical record which indicates through a prenatal screening or other diagnostic test the aborted fetus had or may have had Down Syndrome.

**PHYSICIAN AFFIDAVIT AND SIGNATURE**

- 27.** ☐ I certify that consent was voluntarily obtained from the pregnant woman as per Code §76-7-305 and §76-7-305.5

**OR**

- 28.** ☐ No, I certify that informed consent specified in Section §76-7-305 and §76-7-305.5 was NOT obtained because:

- 28a. ☐ Furnishing the information would have resulted in a severely adverse effect on the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman.  
 28b. ☐ The abortion was necessary to avert the death of the woman on whom the abortion was performed.  
 28c. ☐ The abortion was necessary to avert serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function on the woman on whom the abortion was performed.  
 28d. ☐ The pregnancy was a result of rape or rape of a child  
 28e. ☐ The pregnancy was a result of incest  
 28f. ☐ At the time of the abortion, the pregnant woman was 14 years of age or younger

- 29.** I, the physician, had knowledge at the time of the abortion that the pregnant woman sought the abortion solely because the unborn child had or may have had Down Syndrome. [§76-7-313(2)(c)(iii)]. ☐ 1 Yes    ☐ 2 No

**30. Physician's Declaration: I declare under criminal penalty under the law of Utah that provisions 15a, 17, 19a, and 19b of the foregoing are true and correct and certify as to the rest of the foregoing report.**

**31. PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN - performed the procedure.** UCA 78B-18a-106.

**32. Physician's License #**

**33. PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE**

**34. DATE SIGNED**

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