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Introduction

2017 Alaska Induced Termination of Pregnancy Statistics is prepared by the Health Analytics and Vital Records Section of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. This report contains information about induced terminations that occurred in Alaska during calendar year 2017.

Why is induced termination reporting important? Induced termination data can be used to:

- Monitor trends in the number, rate, and ratio of induced terminations.
- Assess changes in the types of procedures used to end a pregnancy and the gestational age (in weeks) when induced terminations are performed.
- Calculate pregnancy rates.
- Identify the characteristics of women who may be at risk for unintended pregnancy.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of family planning programs and programs to prevent unintended pregnancy.

Unintended pregnancy refers to pregnancies that are unwanted, or when the mother wanted to be pregnant at a later date. Intended pregnancies are those that are wanted sooner, or at the time they occurred. Women who were not sure how they felt about their pregnancy are included in the *intended* category. In Alaska, 26.5 percent of all pregnancies that resulted in a live birth were unintended during 2014 and remained the same in 2015.¹ In the U.S., it is estimated that 49 percent of pregnancies are unintended, of which 43 percent of these pregnancies ended by an induced termination.² Reducing the number of unintended pregnancies would thus likely reduce the number of induced terminations.

Alaska has generally followed recent national trends in birth rates. From 2007 to 2016, the latest year for which complete birth data are available, the fertility rate* in Alaska decreased 1.5 percent, while the teen birth rate declined 38.6 percent.³ However, birth rates are based only on the number of live births and may change as a result of the rate at which women become pregnant, the rate at which pregnancies are ended in an induced termination, or a combination of both. Induced termination reporting can provide a better understanding of which factors are driving the birth rate in Alaska.

Data Reporting Issues

The information in this report is based on induced termination of pregnancy reports received by the Section as of February 2, 2018. Definitions of the terms used in this report are located in Appendix A. A copy of the form used to report induced termination of pregnancies is located in Appendix B. In this report, the term induced termination of pregnancy is used synonymously with induced termination.

¹ Alaska Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, 2015 Data.

² Lawrence B. Finer, Mia R. Zolna, Unintended pregnancy in the United States: Incidence and disparities, 2006, *Contraception*, 2011, 84(5): 478–485.

³ Alaska Health Analytics and Vital Records, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Vital Statistics 2017 Annual Report.

* Fertility rate: The total number of live births divided by the number of women in the estimated population between ages 15-44, multiplied by a constant of proportionality (usually 1,000).

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In Alaska, reports of induced terminations are mandated by Alaska Statute 18.50.245. Hospitals, clinics, or other institutions where an induced termination is performed, are required to submit a report to the Section. The report cannot contain the name of the patient, but must contain information requested in the sample of induced termination of pregnancy report form located in Appendix B. Reports of induced terminations are strictly confidential and are destroyed after preparing the annual report.

Alaska statutes also require that any reports produced from induced termination of pregnancy forms may only be presented in aggregate form, so that specific individuals may not be identified. Furthermore, the report may not identify, or provide information that can be used to identify the name of the physician who performed the induced termination, the name of the facility where the induced termination took place, or the name of the municipality or community in which the induced termination occurred. Because of the reporting guidelines outlined in state statutes, induced termination statistics by borough or census area are not available for publication.

This report contains information on induced terminations that occurred within Alaska; however, some Alaska women may obtain induced terminations out of state. For example, 154 Alaska women obtained induced terminations in Washington State during 2016, the latest year for which complete data are available.⁴ It is unknown how many Alaska women obtained induced terminations in states other than Washington due to limitations in other states' reporting. Out of state occurrence data are incomplete, are not included in this report, with the exception of 2014, which includes Alaska residents who obtained an induced termination in Washington State.

Pregnancy rates are based on the total number of live births, induced terminations, and fetal deaths per 1,000 women of childbearing age. Currently, population estimates for 2017 are not yet available, so pregnancy rates are not calculated. Additionally, as 2017 birth data are preliminary, pregnancy rates are not calculated. The induced termination information for 2017, however, is final. Information on pregnancy rates, induced termination rates, and induced termination ratios is posted on the Section's web site: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/default.aspx>.

In 2005, Alaska law and regulations were amended to change the reporting requirements for induced terminations of pregnancy and to add a section relating to informed consent when conducting induced terminations. The changes to state law require the Department of Health and Social Services to maintain a web site containing information on fetal development, induced termination, pregnancy, and family planning. The web site also has resources associated with pregnancy-related social and health services in Alaska. The informed consent web site is located at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/informedconsent/default.aspx>. The Section is also required to monitor whether the unidentified patient requested and received a written copy of the information required to be maintained on the Internet. These regulations took effect on midnight August 21, 2005.

⁴ Center for Health Statistics, Washington State Department of Health. Table 8 - Induced Abortions Occurring Within Washington State by Select Indicators, 2016.

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- A total of 1,255 induced terminations were reported in Alaska in 2017, with Alaska residents accounting for 98.6 percent of the induced terminations that occurred in Alaska. This is a decrease of 0.4 percent from the 1,260 induced terminations reported in 2016.
- In Alaska, 61.8 percent induced terminations in 2017 were the initial occurrence. 13.5 percent of induced terminations were the third or higher occurrence.
- 38.6 percent of induced terminations in Alaska 2017 were by women less than 25 years of age. In 2014, the most recent year for which national data are available, 42.9 percent of women in the U.S. who underwent an induced termination were less than 25 years of age.⁵
- Young teens (age 15 to 17 years) accounted for 3.6 percent of all induced terminations in Alaska during 2017, an decrease of 19.3 percent from 2016.
- Teens (age 15 to 19 years) accounted for 10.4 percent of the induced terminations in 2017. In 2014, 10.7 percent of women in the U.S. who obtained an induced termination were 19 or under.⁵
- In Alaska, 75.2 percent of women (excluding unknown responses) who underwent an induced termination in 2017 were unmarried. In 2014, 85.5 percent of women in the U.S. who underwent an induced termination were unmarried.⁵
- In 2017, 57.6 percent of women who underwent an induced termination in Alaska reported they had one or more previous live births. In 2014, 59.5 percent of women in the U.S. who underwent induced termination reported they had one or more previous live births.⁵
- Nearly all (97.4 percent) induced terminations in Alaska were performed at 13 weeks or less gestational age. In 2014, 91.5 percent of induced terminations performed in the U.S. involved pregnancies of 13 weeks or less gestational age.⁵
- Suction curettage was the most commonly performed termination procedure in Alaska at 72.4 percent, while Mifepristone (RU-486) was second at 24.3 percent. Curettage (suction curettage, sharp curettage, and dilation and evacuation) procedures were used in 77.3 percent of induced terminations performed in the U.S. in 2014.⁵
- 34.4 percent of all women who underwent an induced termination in Alaska during 2017 reported that they used their own financial resources as the source of payment; 50.6 percent reported that Medicaid was the source of payment.
- In 2017, one induced termination report in Alaska indicated that the pregnancy was terminated due to the detection of a congenital anomaly.
- Most women (94.7 percent; 96.7 percent excluding unknowns) who underwent an induced termination in 2017 did not request a copy of the information contained in the informed consent website. However, 13.5 percent (13.9 percent excluding unknowns) did report receiving a copy of the information contained in the informed consent website.

⁵ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Abortion Surveillance - United States, 2014, November 24, 2017. MMWR SS Vol.66/No.24

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Table 1a: Numbers of Induced Terminations by Residency, 2013-2017*

Residence State	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Alaska	1,361	1,480	1,323	1,243	1,237
Other State	10	15	7	8	9
Not Stated	79	23	4	9	9
Total	1,450	1,518	1,334	1,260	1,255

Table 1b: Percentages of Induced Terminations by Residency, 2013-2017*

Residence State	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Alaska	93.9	97.5	99.2	98.7	98.6
Other State	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.7
Not Stated	5.4	1.5	0.3	0.7	0.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Table 2a: Numbers of Induced Terminations by Race, 2013-2017*

Race	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Asian/PI	95	140	115	99	106
Black	87	116	102	98	99
AI/AN	238	282	249	230	274
White	824	819	810	782	726
Other/Not Stated	206	161	58	51	50
Total	1,450	1,518	1,334	1,260	1,255

Table 2b: Percentages of Induced Terminations by Race, 2013-2017*

Race	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Asian/PI	6.6	9.2	8.6	7.9	8.4
Black	6.0	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.9
AI/AN	16.4	18.6	18.7	18.3	21.8
White	56.8	54.0	60.7	62.1	57.8
Other/Not Stated	14.2	10.6	4.3	4.0	4.0
Total	100	100	100	100	100

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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Table 3a: Numbers of Induced Terminations by Age Group, 2013-2017*

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Under 15	9	6	4	4	7
15-19	189	199	152	147	130
15-17	68	54	42	56	45
18-19	121	145	110	91	85
20-24	464	494	445	366	346
25-29	384	406	361	354	340
30-34	215	242	206	230	270
35-39	105	115	121	118	125
40-44	38	55	39	39	35
45 and over	4	1	6	2	1
Not Stated	42	0	0	0	1
Total	1,450	1,518	1,334	1,260	1,255

Table 3b: Percentages of Induced Terminations by Age Group, 2013-2017*

Age Group	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Under 15	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6
15-19	13.0	13.1	11.4	11.7	10.4
15-17	4.7	3.6	3.1	4.4	3.6
18-19	8.3	9.6	8.2	7.2	6.8
20-24	32.0	32.5	33.4	29.0	27.6
25-29	26.5	26.7	27.1	28.1	27.1
30-34	14.8	15.9	15.4	18.3	21.5
35-39	7.2	7.6	9.1	9.4	10.0
40-44	2.6	3.6	2.9	3.1	2.8
45 and over	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
Not Stated	2.9	0	0	0	0.1
Total	100	100	100	100	100

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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Table 4a: Numbers of Induced Terminations by Education, 2013-2017*

Education	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Less than 12 years	184	136	121	128	148
12 years	127	565	546	512	542
13 or more years	556	551	552	523	511
Unknown	583	266	115	97	54
Total	1,450	1,518	1,334	1,260	1,255

Table 4b: Percentages of Induced Terminations by Education, 2013-2017*

Education	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Less than 12 years	12.7	9.0	9.1	10.2	11.8
12 years	8.8	37.2	40.9	40.6	43.2
13 or more years	38.3	36.3	41.4	41.5	40.7
Unknown	40.2	17.5	8.6	7.7	4.3
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Table 5a: Numbers of Induced Terminations By Previous Live Birth, 2013-2017*

Previous Live Birth	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
0	606	667	597	530	532
1	306	350	292	262	264
2	223	266	217	237	239
3	110	120	103	121	113
4	42	41	52	58	56
5 or more	45	52	55	52	51
Not Stated	118	22	17	0	0
Total	1,450	1,518	1,334	1,260	1,255

Table 5b: Percentages of Induced Terminations by Previous Live Birth, 2013-2017*

Previous Live Birth	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
0	41.8	43.9	44.8	42.1	42.4
1	21.1	23.1	21.9	20.8	21.0
2	15.4	17.5	16.3	18.8	19.0
3	7.6	7.9	7.7	9.6	9.0
4	2.9	2.7	3.9	4.6	4.5
5 or more	3.1	3.4	4.1	4.1	4.1
Not Stated	8.1	1.4	1.3	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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Table 6a: Number of Induced Terminations By Previous Induced Terminations, 2013-2017*

Previous Induced Termination	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
0	913	1,050	886	833	775
1	286	288	291	271	309
2	124	114	100	94	112
3	36	48	42	39	35
4	16	7	6	13	10
5 or more	14	3	6	10	13
Not Stated	61	8	3	0	1
Total	1,450	1,518	1,334	1,260	1,255

Table 6b: Percentages of Induced Terminations by Previous Induced Terminations, 2013-2017*

Previous Induced Termination	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
0	63.0	69.2	66.4	66.1	61.8
1	19.7	19.0	21.8	21.5	24.6
2	8.6	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.9
3	2.5	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.8
4	1.1	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.8
5 or more	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.0
Not Stated	4.2	0.5	0.2	0	0.1
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Table 7a: Number of Induced Terminations By Marital Status, 2013-2017*

Marital Status	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Married	248	250	247	242	272
Unmarried	1,117	1,091	1,075	992	944
Unknown/Not Stated	85	177	12	26	39
Total	1,450	1,518	1,334	1,260	1,255

Table 7b: Percentages of Induced Terminations by Marital Status, 2013-2017*

Marital Status	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Married	17.1	16.5	18.5	19.2	21.7
Unmarried	77.0	71.9	80.6	78.7	75.2
Unknown/Not Stated	5.9	11.7	0.9	2.1	3.1
Total	100	100	100	100	100

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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Table 8a: Numbers of Induced Terminations by Weeks of Estimated Gestation, 2013-2017*

Estimated Gestation	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1-4	32	17	15	16	16
5-8	863	919	873	819	768
9-12	390	400	366	354	368
13-16	86	116	75	65	102
17-20	1	44	2	2	0
21-24	0	15	1	0	0
Not Stated	78	6	2	4	1
Total	1,450	1,518	1,334	1,260	1,255

Table 8b: Percentages of Induced Terminations by Weeks of Estimated Gestation, 2013-2017*

Estimated Gestation	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1-4	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3
5-8	59.5	60.5	65.4	65.0	61.2
9-12	26.9	26.4	27.4	28.1	29.3
13-16	5.9	7.6	5.6	5.2	8.1
17-20	0.1	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.0
21-24	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Not Stated	5.4	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1
Total	100	100	100	100	100

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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**Table 9: Number of Induced Terminations by Race and Age:
Alaska Occurrence, 2017***

Race	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	Not Stated	Total
Asian/PI	0	2	10	27	27	15	16	9	0	0	106
Black	1	4	9	33	24	24	4	0	0	0	99
AI/AN	3	12	16	68	77	67	27	4	0	0	274
White	3	27	44	202	201	154	72	21	1	1	726
Other/Not Stated	0	0	6	16	11	10	6	1	0	0	50
Total	7	45	85	346	340	270	125	35	1	1	1,255

**Table 10: Induced Terminations by Age and Percentage by Race:
Alaska Occurrence, 2017***

Race	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	Not Stated	Total
Asian/PI	0.0	1.9	9.4	25.5	25.5	14.2	15.1	8.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
Black	1.0	4.0	9.1	33.3	24.2	24.2	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
AI/AN	1.1	4.4	5.8	24.8	28.1	24.5	9.9	1.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
White	0.4	3.7	6.1	27.8	27.7	21.2	9.9	2.9	0.1	0.1	100.0
Other/Not Stated	0.0	0.0	12.0	32.0	22.0	20.0	12.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Total	0.6	3.6	6.8	27.6	27.1	21.5	10.0	2.8	0.1	0.1	100.0

**Table 11: Induced Terminations by Race and Percentage by Age:
Alaska Occurrence, 2017***

Race	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	Not Stated	Total
Asian/PI	0.0	4.4	11.8	7.8	7.9	5.6	12.8	25.7	0.0	0.0	8.4
Black	14.3	8.9	10.6	9.5	7.1	8.9	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9
AI/AN	42.9	26.7	18.8	19.7	22.6	24.8	21.6	11.4	0.0	0.0	21.8
White	42.9	60.0	51.8	58.4	59.1	57.0	57.6	60.0	100.0	100.0	57.8
Other/Not Stated	0.0	0.0	7.1	4.6	3.2	3.7	4.8	2.9	0.0	0.0	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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**Table 12: Number of Induced Terminations by Marital Status and Age:
Alaska Occurrence, 2017***

Marital Status	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	Not Stated	Total
Married	0	0	8	43	81	73	52	14	1	0	272
Unmarried	7	44	73	297	243	190	69	20	0	1	944
Unknown/Not Stated	0	1	4	6	16	7	4	1	0	0	39
Total	7	45	85	346	340	270	125	35	1	1	1,255

**Table 13: Induced Terminations by Age and Percentage by Marital Status
Alaska Occurrence, 2017***

Marital Status	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	Not Stated	Total
Married	0.0	0.0	2.9	15.8	29.8	26.8	19.1	5.1	0.4	0.0	100.0
Unmarried	0.7	4.7	7.7	31.5	25.7	20.1	7.3	2.1	0.0	0.1	100.0
Unknown/Not Stated	0.0	2.6	10.3	15.4	41.0	17.9	10.3	2.6	0.0	0.0	100.0
Total	0.6	3.6	6.8	27.6	27.1	21.5	10.0	2.8	0.1	0.1	100.0

**Table 14: Induced Terminations by Marital Status and Percentage by Age:
Alaska Occurrence, 2017***

Marital Status	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	Not Stated	Total
Married	0.0	0.0	9.4	12.4	23.8	27.0	41.6	40.0	100.0	0.0	21.7
Unmarried	100.0	97.8	85.9	85.8	71.5	70.4	55.2	57.1	0.0	100.0	75.2
Unknown/Not Stated	0.0	2.2	4.7	1.7	4.7	2.6	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.0	3.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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Table 15: Number of Induced Terminations by Type of Procedure and Weeks of Gestation: Alaska Occurrence, 2017*

Type of Procedure	1-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	21-24	Not Stated	Total
Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)	0	2	12	26	0	0	0	40
Methotrexate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mifepristone (RU-486)	5	260	39	0	0	0	1	305
Sharp Curettage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suction Curettage	11	506	316	75	0	0	0	908
Other	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Total	16	768	368	102	0	0	1	1,255

Table 16: Induced Terminations by Type of Procedure and Percentage by Weeks of Gestation: Alaska Occurrence, 2017*

Type of Procedure	1-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	21-24	Not Stated	Total
Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)	0.0	0.3	3.3	25.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2
Methotrexate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mifepristone (RU-486)	31.3	33.9	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	24.3
Sharp Curettage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Suction Curettage	68.8	65.9	85.9	73.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	72.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0

Table 17: Induced Terminations by Weeks of Gestation and Percentage by Type of Procedure: Alaska Occurrence, 2017*

Type of Procedure	1-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	21-24	Not Stated	Total
Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)	0.0	5.0	30.0	65.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Methotrexate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mifepristone (RU-486)	1.6	85.2	12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	100.0
Sharp Curettage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Suction Curettage	1.2	55.7	34.8	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Total	1.3	61.2	29.3	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	100.0

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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**Table 18: Number of Induced Terminations by Method of Payment and Age:
Alaska Occurrence, 2017***

Payment Type	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	Not Stated	Total
Cash	0	13	33	122	116	86	49	15	0	0	434
Insurance	0	1	3	22	20	18	9	2	0	0	75
Medicaid	6	28	45	169	182	139	51	14	0	1	635
Multiple Payment Sources	1	2	4	32	22	27	15	4	1	0	108
Other/Not Stated	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Total	7	45	85	346	340	270	125	35	1	1	1,255

**Table 19: Induced Terminations by Method of Payment and Percentage by Age:
Alaska Occurrence, 2017***

Payment Type	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	Not Stated	Total
Cash	0.0	28.9	38.8	35.3	34.1	31.9	39.2	42.9	0.0	0.0	34.6
Insurance	0.0	2.2	3.5	6.4	5.9	6.7	7.2	5.7	0.0	0.0	6.0
Medicaid	85.7	62.2	52.9	48.8	53.5	51.5	40.8	40.0	0.0	100.0	50.6
Multiple Payment Sources	14.3	4.4	4.7	9.2	6.5	10.0	12.0	11.4	100.0	0.0	8.6
Other/Not Stated	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 20: Induced Terminations by Age and Percentage by Method of Payment:
Alaska Occurrence, 2017***

Payment Type	<15	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+	Not Stated	Total
Cash	0.0	3.0	7.6	28.1	26.7	19.8	11.3	3.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
Insurance	0.0	1.3	4.0	29.3	26.7	24.0	12.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	100.0
Medicaid	0.9	4.4	7.1	26.6	28.7	21.9	8.0	2.2	0.0	0.2	100.0
Multiple Payment Sources	0.9	1.9	3.7	29.6	20.4	25.0	13.9	3.7	0.9	0.0	100.0
Other/Not Stated	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Total	0.6	3.6	6.8	27.6	27.1	21.5	10.0	2.8	0.1	0.1	100.0

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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Table 21: Number of Induced Terminations by Method of Payment and Race: Alaska Occurrence, 2017*

Payment Type	Asian/PI	Black	AI/AN	White	Other/Not Stated	Total
Cash	57	28	56	274	19	434
Insurance	3	4	5	61	2	75
Medicaid	38	62	199	308	28	635
Multiple Payment Sources	8	5	14	80	1	108
Other/Not Stated	0	0	0	3	0	3
Total	106	99	274	726	50	1,255

Table 22: Induced Terminations by Method of Payment and Percentage by Race: Alaska Occurrence, 2017*

Payment Type	Asian/PI	Black	AI/AN	White	Other/Not Stated	Total
Cash	53.8	28.3	20.4	37.7	38.0	34.6
Insurance	2.8	4.0	1.8	8.4	4.0	6.0
Medicaid	35.8	62.6	72.6	42.4	56.0	50.6
Multiple Payment Sources	7.5	5.1	5.1	11.0	2.0	8.6
Other/Not Stated	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 23: Induced Terminations by Race and Percentage by Method of Payment: Alaska Occurrence, 2017*

Payment Type	Asian/PI	Black	AI/AN	White	Other/Not Stated	Total
Cash	13.1	6.5	12.9	63.1	4.4	100.0
Insurance	4.0	5.3	6.7	81.3	2.7	100.0
Medicaid	6.0	9.8	31.3	48.5	4.4	100.0
Multiple Payment Sources	7.4	4.6	13.0	74.1	0.9	100.0
Other/Not Stated	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0
Total	8.4	7.9	21.8	57.8	4.0	100.0

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

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Table 24: Number of Induced Terminations by Method of Payment and Marital Status: Alaska Occurrence, 2017*

Payment Type	Married	Unmarried	Unknown/Not Stated	Total
Cash	113	310	11	434
Insurance	22	51	2	75
Medicaid	99	512	24	635
Multiple Payment Sources	37	69	2	108
Other/Not Stated	1	2	0	3
Total	272	944	39	1,255

Table 25: Induced Terminations by Method of Payment and Percentage by Marital Status: Alaska Occurrence, 2017*

Payment Type	Married	Unmarried	Unknown/Not Stated	Total
Cash	41.5	32.8	28.2	34.6
Insurance	8.1	5.4	5.1	6.0
Medicaid	36.4	54.2	61.5	50.6
Multiple Payment Sources	13.6	7.3	5.1	8.6
Other/Not Stated	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 26: Induced Terminations by Marital Status and Percentage by Method of Payment: Alaska Occurrence, 2017*

Payment Type	Married	Unmarried	Unknown/Not Stated	Total
Cash	26.0	71.4	2.5	100.0
Insurance	29.3	68.0	2.7	100.0
Medicaid	15.6	80.6	3.8	100.0
Multiple Payment Sources	34.3	63.9	1.9	100.0
Other/Not Stated	33.3	66.7	0.0	100.0
Total	21.7	75.2	3.1	100.0

* 2014 estimates include induced terminations obtained by Alaska residents in Washington State.

Appendix A: Definitions

Gestational Age - The number of weeks between the first day of the last menstrual period and the date of delivery or the end of the pregnancy. This report uses the physician's estimate of gestational age.

Induced Termination of Pregnancy - The purposeful interruption of pregnancy with the intention other than to produce a live-born infant or to remove a dead fetus, and which does not result in a live birth.

Induced Termination Procedures:

Dilation and Evacuation (D&E) - a procedure that is generally used after 12 weeks of gestation and is usually done on an outpatient basis. Dilation and Evacuation may involve a combination of vacuum aspiration, dilation and curettage (D&C), and the use of surgical instruments (such as forceps).

Hysterectomy - a surgical procedure in which the uterus is removed either with the fetus inside or after the fetus has been removed. It is rarely performed in association with an induced termination, and then only when a pathological condition of the uterus (such as fibroid tumors) or an emergency warrants its removal.

Hysterotomy - a surgical procedure that involves surgical entry into the uterus (as in a cesarean section) and the removal of a fetus that is too small to survive, even with extraordinary life support measures. Hysterotomy is rarely performed and then only if other induced termination procedures fail.

Mifepristone (also known as RU-486) - usually used along with a prostaglandin for ending pregnancies of up to 49 days gestation. The administration of mifepristone causes the placenta to detach from the uterine wall. A second drug (misoprostol) is given two days later to induce uterine contractions, expelling the products of conception.

Methotrexate - interferes with the vitamin folic acid and kills rapidly growing cells. It is also used for the nonsurgical treatment of ectopic pregnancies (when fertilized eggs grow outside the uterus). Methotrexate is administered by injection and is followed 5 to 7 days later with misoprostol to stimulate uterine contractions.

Saline/Prostaglandin (Intrauterine Instillation) - rarely used procedures that involve either withdrawing a portion of amniotic fluid from the uterine cavity by a needle inserted through the abdominal wall and replacing this fluid with a concentrated salt solution (known as saline instillation) or injecting a prostaglandin (a substance with hormone-like activity) into the amniotic sac (known as intra-uterine prostaglandin instillation). Both processes induce labor, resulting in the expulsion of the fetus.

Sharp Curettage (Dilation and Curettage, D&C) - requires the dilation (temporary widening) of the cervix (the uterine opening). The fetal and placental tissues are then scraped out with a curette, which resembles a small spoon.

Suction Curettage (Vacuum Aspiration) - a frequently performed procedure that is generally used in the first 12 weeks of gestation (the first trimester). This procedure is done on an outpatient basis and may be done in a physician's office or a clinic.

After the cervix is dilated, a flexible cannula (a small, hollow tube) is inserted into the uterus through the cervix. The tube is attached to a pump, which is used to evacuate the uterine contents through the cannula.

Spontaneous Abortion - The loss of a fetus during pregnancy due to natural causes.

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Appendix B: Sample of Induced Termination of Pregnancy Report Form

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
REPORT OF INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

1) PATIENT'S AGE	2) DATE OF PREGNANCY TERMINATION (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____	3) CITY WHERE TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY OCCURRED	
4) PATIENT'S ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-HISPANIC <input type="checkbox"/> MEXICAN <input type="checkbox"/> PUERTO RICAN <input type="checkbox"/> CUBAN <input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL OR SOUTH AMERICAN <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER OR UNKNOWN HISPANIC	5) PATIENT'S RACE <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> AFRICAN AMERICAN (BLACK) <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE ALASKAN OR AMERICAN INDIAN <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) _____		6) CITY AND STATE WHERE PATIENT RESIDES
			7) MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			8) EDUCATION (SPECIFY THE HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED) ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY (0-12) COLLEGE (1-4 OR 5+)
PREVIOUS PREGNANCIES (COMPLETE EACH SECTION. DO NOT LEAVE BLANK.)			
9) NUMBER OF PREVIOUS LIVE BIRTHS		10) NUMBER OF PREVIOUS SPONTANEOUS ABORTIONS	
9A) NOW LIVING NUMBER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NONE	9B) NOW DEAD NUMBER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NONE	NUMBER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NONE	
		11) NUMBER OF PREVIOUS INDUCED TERMINATIONS OF PREGNANCIES (DO NOT INCLUDE THIS TERMINATION) NUMBER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NONE	
12) PHYSICIAN'S ESTIMATE OF GESTATION COMPLETED WEEKS _____	13) DATE LAST NORMAL MENSES BEGAN (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____	14) METHOD OF PAYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAID <input type="checkbox"/> INSURANCE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) _____	
15) PRIMARY PROCEDURE USED TO TERMINATE PREGNANCY (CHECK ONE ONLY)		16) WAS THIS TERMINATION ELECTED DUE TO THE DETECTION OF A CONGENITAL ANOMALY?	
15A) <input type="checkbox"/> SUCTION CURETTAGE 15B) <input type="checkbox"/> DILATION AND EVACUATION 15C) <input type="checkbox"/> SHARP CURETTAGE 15D) <input type="checkbox"/> SALINE 15E) <input type="checkbox"/> PROSTAGLANDIN 15F) <input type="checkbox"/> HYSTERECTOMY 15G) <input type="checkbox"/> HYSTEROTOMY 15H) <input type="checkbox"/> MIFEPRISTONE 15I) <input type="checkbox"/> METHOTREXATE 15J) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) _____		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
		16B) TYPE OF CONGENITAL ANOMALY CHROMOSOMAL ANOMALY YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NEURAL TUBE DEFECT YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> HEART ANOMALY YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> VENTRAL WALL DEFECT YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> (SPECIFY) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PATIENT REQUESTED A COPY OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED ON THE INTERNET UNDER AS 18.05.032 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PATIENT RECEIVED A WRITTEN COPY OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED ON THE INTERNET UNDER AS 18.05.032			