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ABORTIONS

In July 1976, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) began an Abortion Surveillance Program (*Arizona Administrative Code, R9-19-302D*, as authorized by the *Arizona Revised Statute 36-344*). The program required the reporting of induced terminations of pregnancy performed in hospitals, outpatient treatment centers, and physicians' offices throughout the State.

In 2010, SB1304 was passed by the legislature that statutorily required the reporting of abortions and treatment of complications associated with abortions. In addition, the office of the Courts were required to report the number of petitions received by the court for authorization to perform abortions on unemancipated minors as prescribed in Arizona Revised Statutes §36-2152. The collection of this information was begun July 29, 2010.

Based on the information collected on race/ethnicity in the abortion reporting system, the racial/ethnic groups described in this section differ from that of other sections. In 2013, 14.6 percent ($n = 1,933$) of abortion records had race and ethnicity identified as unknown, and 32.1 percent ($n = 4,257$) of abortion records had two or more racial/ethnic group identified. Due to the large proportion of information on race/ethnicity that could not be categorized by the five racial/ethnic groups used through this report, this section reports numbers for records with unknown or multiple race information as separate groups.