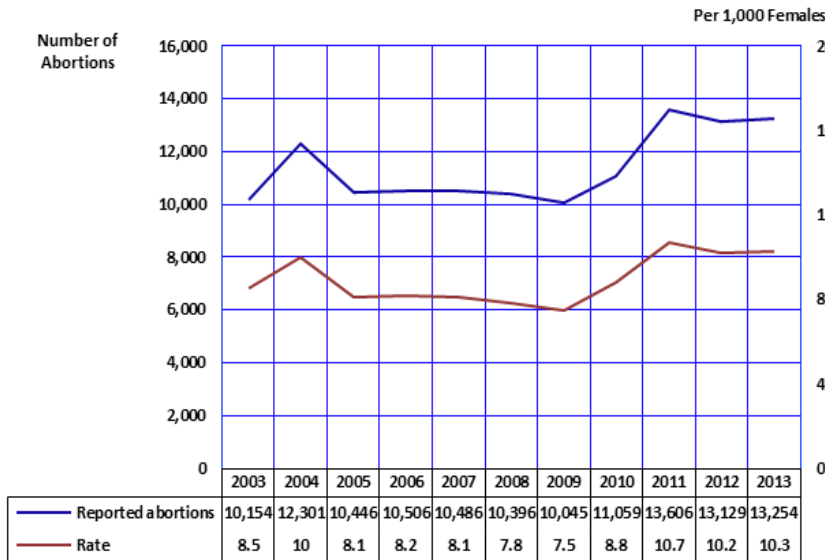


1D. ABORTIONS

Figure 1D-1
Number of Reported Abortions and Abortion Rates^a by Year,
Arizona Residents, 2003-2013



In calendar year 2013, the Arizona Department of Health Services received 13,254 reports of abortions obtained by Arizona residents, 125 more than the 13,129 reported in 2012 (**Figure 1-D1, Table 1D-1**).

There were 13,023 abortions in non-hospital clinics (**Table 1D-1**). Hospitals accounted for 152 abortion procedures, with 79 procedures being performed outside of clinics and hospitals.

Ninety-one percent of all reported abortions occurred at or before 13 weeks of pregnancy. Few reported abortions occurred after 14 or more weeks of gestation: 8.9 percent at 14 weeks or more (percentages based on data in **Table 1D-3**).

Notes: ^a Number of abortions per 1,000 females 15-44 years old. The sharp increase in number of reported abortions and rates was due to enhanced surveillance as noted in the abortion report.

Figure 1D-2
Trends in the Number of Surgical and Non-Surgical Abortions by Year,
Arizona Residents, 2003-2013



The rate of induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 female residents aged 15-44 increased slightly from 10.2 in 2012 to 10.3 in 2013 (**Table 1D-1**). The relative stability in the abortion ratios and rates from 2011 through 2013, when compared to the variability observed from 2010 to 2011, reflects the new reporting abortion requirements implemented mid-year in 2010.

Trends in the percent of abortions conducted through surgical and non-surgical means from 2003 to 2013 indicate shifting practices in methods used to complete abortions. In 2003, 76.0 percent of all abortion procedures were surgical procedures. By 2009, the number of abortions performed by surgical versus non-surgical means was nearly equal. Since then, the proportion of abortions conducted through surgical means has again increased, with 71.9 percent of all abortion procedures conducted in 2013 being surgical procedures.