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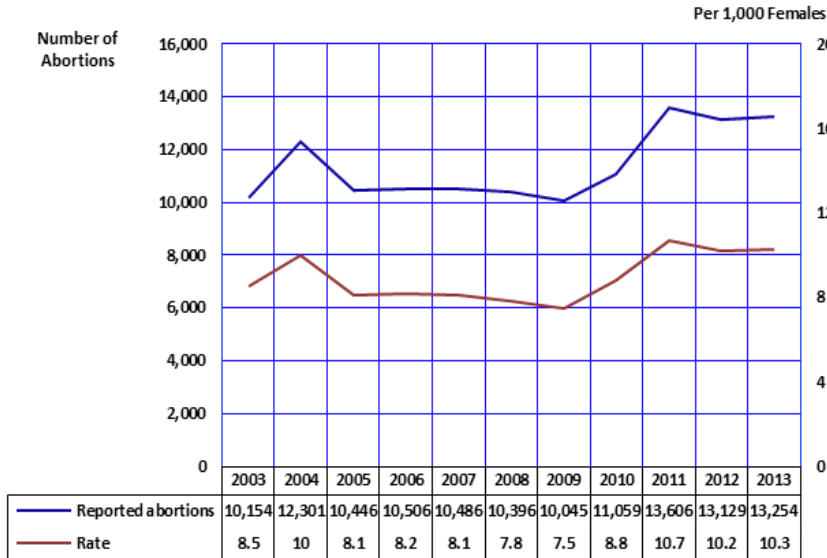
In July 1976, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) began an Abortion Surveillance Program (*Arizona Administrative Code, R9-19-302D*, as authorized by the *Arizona Revised Statute 36-344*). The program required the reporting of induced terminations of pregnancy performed in hospitals, outpatient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

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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**).

^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

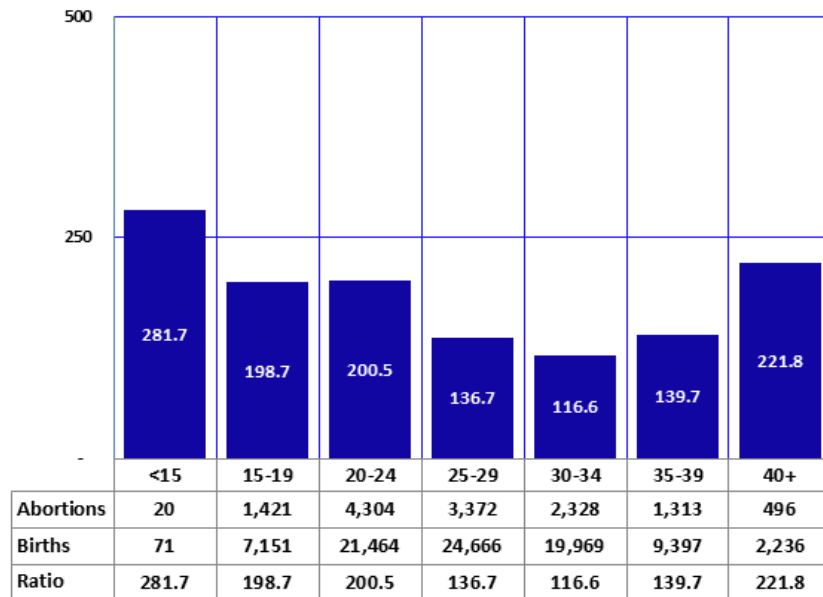


The rate of induced terminations of pregnancy per 1,000 female residents aged 15-44 increased slightly from 10.2 in 2012 to 10.3 in 2013 (**Table 1D-1**). The relative stability in the abortion ratios and rates from 2011 through 2013, when compared to the variability observed from 2010 to 2011, reflects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

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Figure 1D-3
Abortion Ratios^a by Age Group, Arizona Residents, 2013

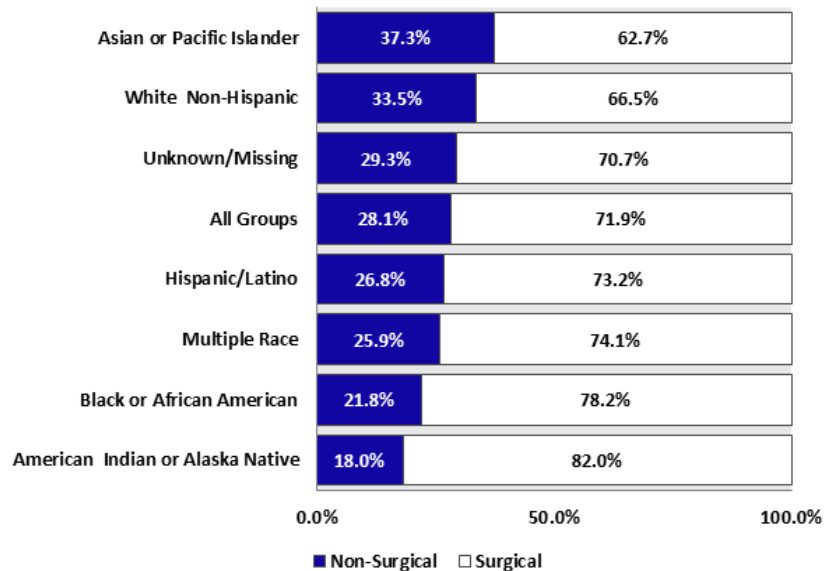


Abortion ratios (the number of abortions per 1,000 live births in each age group) vary by age at reported termination of pregnancy. Ratios tend to be higher at the extremes of the age distribution of the childbearing period, i.e. among women under age 15 and those aged 40 years or older (**Figure 1D-3**).

A comparison of age-specific abortion ratios by race/ethnicity is provided in **Table 1D-5**.

Notes: ^a Number of reported abortions per 1,000 live births in specified group.

Figure 1D-4
Proportional Contribution of Non-Surgical^a and Surgical Abortions by Race/Ethnicity, Arizona Residents, 2013



In 2013, non-surgical (also called “medical”) abortions made up 28.1 percent of all procedures reported in Arizona. Among Asians, White non-Hispanics, and cases with unknown or missing race/ethnicity, the proportion of non-surgical abortions exceeded the average for all groups (**Figure 1D-4**). The ratios of non-surgical abortions among American Indian women, Black or African American women, women reporting 2 or more racial/ethnic categories, and Hispanic or Latino women were the lowest among racial/ethnic groups.

Notes: ^a Non-surgical: Mifepristone, Methotrexate, RU486, etc.; Reporting changes related to race/ethnicity makes comparisons with previous years difficult.