

**Wyoming Department of Health
Public Report to the Governor**

**2023 Induced Termination of Pregnancy (ITOP)
Report W.S. § 35-6-131(a)-(d)
W.S. § 35-6-132 (c)**

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Section 1. Specific Requirements of Statute

W.S. § 35-6-131 (a) – (d) requires all attending physicians report Induced Termination of Pregnancy (ITOP) and the specific abortion procedure information to the State Health Officer. W.S. § 35-6-132 (c) requires the Department of Health Vital Statistics Services (VSS) to report annually on summary statistics from the reporting forms. The specific language of the statute is as follows:

W.S. § 35-6-131 Form for reporting abortions.

(a) The state office of vital records services shall establish an abortion reporting form which shall be used after May 27, 1977 for the reporting of every abortion performed or prescribed in this state. The form shall include the following items in addition to the information necessary to complete the form subject to subsection (b) of this section:

- (i) The age of the pregnant woman;
- (ii) The type of procedure performed or prescribed;
- (iii) Complications, if any;
- (iv) A summary of the pregnant woman's obstetrical history regarding previous pregnancies, abortions and live births;
- (v) The length and weight of the aborted fetus or embryo, when measurable or the gestational age of the aborted fetus or embryo in completed weeks at the time of abortion;
- (vi) Type of facility where the abortion is performed (i.e., hospital, clinic, physician's office, or other).

(b) In addition to the requirements provided in subsection (a) of this section, the form shall not contain the name or the address of the pregnant woman or any other common identifiers including a social security number, driver's license number or any other information or identifier that would tend to disclose the identity of the pregnant woman or any other participant other than the reporting physician.

(c) The form shall be completed by the attending physician and submitted to the state health officer as defined in W.S. § 9- 2-103(e) within twenty (20) days after the abortion is performed. A physician who fails to submit a form under this section within one hundred ten (110) days after an abortion is performed shall be reported to the board of medicine by the state health officer. The board of medicine shall investigate the matter and may take disciplinary action under W.S. § 33-26- 402(a)(x).

(d) Termination of a pregnancy by natural miscarriage or as a treatment consequence of a natural miscarriage shall not be reported as an abortion pursuant to this section, provided that the miscarriage was not

induced with the intent of terminating the pregnancy. An alleged miscarriage that was induced with the intent of terminating a pregnancy shall be reported as an abortion pursuant to this section.

W.S. § 35-6-132 Compilations of abortion; matter of record; exception.

(c) Not later than June 30 of each year the office of vital records services shall issue a public report providing summary statistics for the previous calendar year compiled from all of the abortion reporting forms from that year submitted in accordance with this section for each of the items listed in W.S. § 35-6-131. The report shall also include the statistics for all previous calendar years during which this subsection was in effect, adjusted to reflect any additional information from late or corrected reports. The office shall ensure that no information included in the public reports could reasonably lead to the identification of any woman upon whom an abortion was performed, induced or attempted. The report shall be transmitted to the United States centers for disease control and prevention for the national abortion surveillance report.

Section 2. Response to Specific Requirement of Statute

In the 2023 reporting year, the VSS Office received 573 ITOP reports from physicians licensed to practice in Wyoming.

Table 1: Age of the pregnant woman (W.S. § 35-6-131(a)(i))

Age Range	2020	2021	2022*	2023
≤ 24	29	36	182	250
25-34	45	47	258	227
35+	17	20	100	96
Total	91	103	540	573

Table 2: Type of procedure performed or prescribed (W.S. § 35-6-131(a)(ii))

Method Used	2020	2021	2022	2023
Suction Curettage	1	0	0	94
Medical Nonsurgical	88	103	540	477
Dilation and Evacuation	0	0	0	2
Intrauterine Instillation	0	0	0	0
Sharp Curettage	0	0	0	0
Hysterotomy/Hysterectomy	0	0	0	0
Other	2	0	0	0
Total	91	103	540	573

Table 3: Complications if any [W.S. § 35-6-131(a)(iii)]

Complications	2020	2021	2022	2023
Hemorrhage	0	0	0	0
Infection	0	0	0	0
Uterine Perforation	0	0	0	0
Cervical Laceration	0	0	0	0
Retained Products	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
None	87	101	538	572
Unknown	4	2	2	1
Total	91	103	540	573

Table 4: Previous procedures performed (W.S. § 35-6-131(a)(iv))

Number of Previous Procedure(s)	2020	2021	2022*	2023
0	65	77	389	419
1	21	20	109	116
2	5	5	31	31
≥3	0	1	11	7
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	91	103	540	573

Table 5: Previous live births (W.S. § 35-6-131(a)(iv))

Number of Previous Live Births	2020	2021	2022*	2023
0	42	65	264	285
1	20	18	113	103
2	16	11	89	114
3	8	6	45	51
≥4	4	3	29	20
No Answer (Unknown)	1	0	0	0
Total	91	103	540	573

Table 6: Gestational age of aborted fetus or embryo (W.S. § 35-6-131(a)(v))

Gestational Age	2020	2021	2022*	2023
6 weeks or less	49	66	349	302
7-10 Weeks	41	37	189	233
11 Weeks or more	0	0	1	30
No Answer (Unknown)	1	0	1	8
Total	91	103	540	573

Table 7: Type of facilities (W.S. § 35-6-131(a)(v))

Facility Type	2020	2021	2022*	2023
Office	59	78	532	396
Hospital	0	0	0	0
Clinic	31	24	8	172
Other	0	0	0	0
Unknown	1	1	0	5
Total	91	103	540	573

* For 2022, additional ITOP forms were received after publication. Counts in this report have been amended to accurately reflect totals.