

*A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA, 2007 & 2008 (Final)*¹

	<u>2007</u>		<u>2008</u>	
<u>Total Abortions Reported:</u>	6,833 ²	(100 %)	6,816	(100 %)
<u>Parish where Done</u>				
Bossier	636	(9.3 %)	746	(10.9 %)
Caddo	2,606	(38.1 %)	2,957	(43.4 %)
E. Baton Rouge	1,730	(25.3 %)	1,919	(28.2 %)
Jefferson	1,271	(18.6 %)	704	(10.3 %)
Orleans	590	(8.6 %)	490	(7.2 %)
[Ouachita ³	310 ³	(4.4 %) ³	390 ³	(5.7 %) ³
<u>Reason, as Reported:</u>				
<i>Rape/Incest</i>	0	(0 %)	0	(0 %)
Risk of fetal deformity	< 5	(< 0.1 %)	0	(0 %)
Physical health	< 5	(< 0.1 %)	0	(0 %)
Mental Health	7	(0.1 %)	< 5	(< 0.1 %)
Unknown	6,824	(99.9 %)	6,813	(> 99.9 %)
<u>Mother's (Known) Age:</u>				
< 15	67	(1. %)	61	(0.9 %)
15-19	1,106	(16.1 %)	1,095	(16.1 %)
20-24	2,525	(36.9 %)	2,432	(35.7 %)
25-29	1,613	(23.6 %)	1,675	(24.6 %)
30-34	824	(12.0 %)	861	(12.6 %)
> 34	626	(9.2 %)	590	(8.6 %)
<u>Baby's (Known) Gestational Age:</u>				
12 weeks and under	5,601	(82. %)	5,674	(83.2 %)
13-20 weeks	1,013	(14.8 %)	954	(14.0 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) or over	134	(2. %)	127	(1.9 %)
<u>Baby's Age and Method of Abortion:</u>				
<u>Suction Curettage:</u>				
All	5,764	(84.4 %)	5,575	(84.4 %)
16 weeks and under	5,345	(78.2 %)	5,210	(76.4 %)
17-20 weeks	231	(3.4 %)	210	(3.1 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	132 [sic]	(1.9 %)	127 [sic]	(1.9 %)
<u>"Dilatation & Evacuation:"</u>				
All	5	(< 0.1 %)	5	(< 0.1 %)
16 weeks and under	5	(< 0.1 %)	5	(< 0.1 %)
17-20 weeks	-	-	-	-
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	-	-	-	-
<u>"Unknown" and Other:</u>				
All	1,051	(15.4 %)	1,213 ⁴	(17.8 %)
16 weeks and under	1,016	(14.9 %)	1,088 ³	(16.0 %)
17-20 weeks	< 5	(< 0.1 %)	< 5	(< 0.1 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and above	< 5	(< 0.1 %)	0	(0 %)

¹Source: Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals. All percentages given are in relation to total number of abortions for each year. Known *Non-white/White* proportions of abortions performed: 2006 (adj.) – 56.6% / 44.0% (1.3 : 1). 2007 – 60.4% / 39.9% (1.5 : 1). 2008 – 59.8% / 40.2% (1.5 : 1)

²The marked reduction in *reported* abortions done in Louisiana, from 11,224 in 2004 to 8,860 in 2005 (23.8%) was, with little doubt, due primarily to population flights out of state due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita, as also partially reflected in totals for parish where done. This abrupt change in "baseline" continued in 2006 and 2007, although with an increase from 2006 to 2007 of 629 abortions (10.1 %); the reason for the 2005-2006 drop of 2,656 abortions (30.0%) is unclear, but may be related to closure of the affected area's principal abortion facilities (Orleans Parish) combined with out-of-state displacement of the most susceptible population.

³Parish of residence, *not* of occurrence. Listed here to indicate a large abortion problem in Ouachita.

⁴Exact number uncertain per suppressions by DHH to maintain confidentiality, but is within 0.3%