

A FEW ABORTION STATISTICS FOR LOUISIANA, 2008 (Final) & 2009 (Final)¹

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2009</u>	
<u>Total Abortions Reported:</u>	6,816²	(100 %)	8,167	(100 %)
<u>Parish where Done</u>				
Bossier	746	(10.9 %)	725	(8.9 %)
Caddo	2,957	(43.4 %)	3,385	(41.4 %)
E. Baton Rouge	1,919	(28.2 %)	1,872	(22.9 %)
Jefferson	704	(10.3 %)	189	(2.3 %)
Orleans	490	(7.2 %)	1,996	(24.4 %)
[Ouachita ³	390	(5.7 %)	418	(5.1 %)] ³
<u>Reason, as Reported:</u>				
Rape/Incest	0	(0 %)	0	(0 %)
Risk of fetal deformity	0	(0 %)	< 5 ⁴	(< 0.1 %) ⁴
Physical health	0	(0 %)	< 5 ⁴	(< 0.1 %) ⁴
Mental Health	< 5 ⁴	(< 0.1 %)	7	(0.1 %)
Unknown	6,813	(> 99.9 %)	8,126	(99.5 %)
<u>Mother's (Known) Age:</u>				
< 15	61	(0.9 %)	62	(0.8 %)
15-19	1,095	(16.1 %)	1,270	(15.6 %)
20-24	2,432	(35.7 %)	2,739	(33.5 %)
25-29	1,675	(24.6 %)	1,919	(23.5 %)
30-34	861	(12.6 %)	1,023	(12.5 %)
> 34	590	(8.6 %)	733	(9.0 %)
<u>Baby's (Known) Gestational Age:</u>				
12 weeks and under	5,674	(83.2 %)	6,850	(83.9 %)
13-20 weeks	954	(14.0 %)	1,113	(13.6 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) or over	127	(1.9 %)	127	(1.5 %)
<u>Baby's Age and Method of Abortion:</u>				
<u>Curettage</u> (2008 = suction; 2009 = all):				
All	5,575	(81.8 %)	6,265	(76.7 %)
16 weeks and under	5,210	(76.4 %)	5,858	(71.7 %)
17-20 weeks	210	(3.1 %)	234	(2.9 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	127 [sic]	(1.9 %)	127 [sic]	(1.6 %)
<u>"Dilatation & Evacuation:"</u>				
All	5	(< 0.1 %)	2	(< 0.1 %)
16 weeks and under	5	(< 0.1 %)	3	(< 0.1 %)
17-20 weeks	-	-	-	-
21 weeks (5 mos.) and over	-	-	-	-
<u>"Unknown" and Other:</u>				
All	1,213 ⁴	(17.8 %)	1,899	(23.3 %)
16 weeks and under	1,088	(16.0 %)	1,864	(22.8 %)
17-20 weeks	< 5 ⁴	(< 0.1 %) ⁴	2	(< 0.1 %)
21 weeks (5 mos.) and above	0	(0 %)	0	(0 %)

¹ Source: 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: 2008 – 59.8% / 40.2% (1.5 : 1). 2009 – 56.1% / 33.0 % (1.7 : 1); unknown, 10.9%

² An abrupt drop of 2,364 abortions (21%) occurred from 2004 to 2005 following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in August 2005, probably due to the out-of-state displacement of the most susceptible population, and to closure of the affected area's major abortion facility. The changed "baseline" remained largely steady until the 19.8% increase in 2009.

³ Ouachita as parish of residence, not of occurrence, is listed here to draw attention to a large abortion problem in Ouachita.

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