Greater Columbus Right to Life
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2025 Ohio Abortion Statistics Report

This is an initial analysis of the 2025 Ohio abortion statistics report from Greater Columbus Right to Life. Each year the Ohio Department of Health provides information on the previous year's abortion statistics as required by Ohio law. We review that report and publish it to our friends and supporters in a way that we think will be helpful. Note that this document may be updated by GCRTL due to additional review and analysis or because of unintentional errors in reporting or calculating information. While we make every effort to provide accurate data, on occasion we make mistakes. If you think there is an error or if you have any questions, please contact our office. If you would like a member of the GCRTL team to come talk to your organization or church about this report or the status of Ohio's abortion climate in a post Article 1, Section 22 environment, please contact our office at 614-448-8508 or reach out to our Speaker's Bureau. Please note that the statistics in this document only represent the intentionally induced abortions that happen in Ohio and are reported to the Ohio Department of Health as required by law. It does not include abortions that happen outside of Ohio or that are not reported as required. Please also note that because Ohio's reporting law has changed, we may report numbers differently this year than in years past.

Statewide Look:

We are sad to report that 25,136 persons died from an abortion in 2025. That was 25,135 unborn babies and one mother. That is about a 15% increase in the number of abortions performed in 2024.

About 21%, or 5,243, of those were women who traveled into Ohio for an abortion. About 60% of the abortions statewide were performed via nonsurgical methods – mostly the abortion pill. By comparison, in 2024, about 46% of abortions statewide were performed via nonsurgical methods. 293 of all abortions statewide were performed after the 20th week of gestation.

In 2024, we noted that there had been an "explosion" in the number of abortion complications: 186 in 2024 from 41 in 2023. This number has once again significantly increased. There are two types of complications detailed in this year's abortion report. Procedural complications included 63 patients with 68 complications including: perforated uterus (1), cervical laceration (5), hemorrhage (16), incomplete or failed abortions (8), hematometra (1), infection (1), and "other" (35). **In addition, one woman was reported to have died**. In a second "post abortion care" table, 195 patients experienced a combined 208 complications, including: perforated uterus (1), hemorrhage (10), hematometra (13), incomplete or failed abortion (156), infection (16), and "other" (12). It is possible that some double reporting has occurred, but the numbers suggest that there were likely more than 250 distinct patients who experienced post abortion complications.

Abortions Locally

Abortions are reported not only by the location where the procedure was performed, but by the county (and zip code) where the mother lived.

In looking at the Greater Columbus MSA (metropolitan statistical area), we see modest increases in the number of local abortions. This excludes Licking County, which saw a decrease. This trend is also reflected in the number of abortions that took place in Central Ohio (next table) but further suggests that we are increasingly an abortion destination.

The data available also suggests that distribution of the abortion pill (and use of all nonsurgical methods), while increasing in total numbers locally, has become a smaller percentage of the overall abortions performed (70% in 2025, compared to 72% in 2024 and 81% in 2023). There are several things that could impact this. It could be part of a general trend (see statewide numbers), it could reflect the number of women traveling to central Ohio from out of state (more likely to be surgical procedures), or it could be that there are simply more counties where a local provider is offering the abortion pill (For example, Richland and Athens Counties). Abortion pill education and reversal information will continue to be a top priority of ours. Notably, the Abortion Pill Rescue and Abortion Pill Reversal network recently announced that more than 8,000 babies have been born after Abortion Pill Reversal.

Due to time (and space) constraints, we are only including the Columbus MSA counties. However, in recent years we have expanded to serve a large portion of central and southeast Ohio where there is no other organized pro-life organization. Note to those living outside of the MSA area – the numbers for your county and zip code are available in the full report and in the months and weeks to come we will expand our look to your counties.

	2025	2024	2023	2022	1 year change	Percent Change
Delaware	**221**	178	177	152	43	+24%
Fairfield	**270**	178	159	144	92	+51.7%
Franklin	**3525**	3117	3055	2739	408	+13%
Licking	**154**	182	131	145	-28	-15.4%
Madison	**36**	24	37	43	12	+50%
Morrow	**22**	17	20	12	5	+29.4%
Pickaway	**46**	47	40	36	-1	+2.1%
Union	**58**	50	48	35	8	+16%

**Note: calculations done by GCRTL based on ODH data*

Minors and Abortion:

An amendment to Ohio law changed several items related to Ohio's abortion statistics reporting. One change was that preliminary monthly reports are now available. Another change was in the way that abortions on minors are counted in the Ohio Department of Health data – making changes to both the age bands and requiring more information on where the abortions were performed.

New data differentiates between minors under the age of 16 and those ages 16-17.

Statewide, there were 148 abortions performed on girls 15 or younger and 412 on girls ages 16 and 17. Here in Central Ohio, we know that the Planned Parenthood East Surgical performed 22 abortions on girls 15 or younger and 54 on girls ages 16 or 17. Your Choice on Karl Road performed 7 on girls 15 or younger and 24 on girls ages 16 or 17. Data confirmed information shared by GCRTL earlier this year that abortions are now being provided in at least two Cleveland Clinic facilities. By far, the most abortions on minors are being performed at PP of SWO, with 35 girls younger than 15 and 89 on girls ages 16 and 17.

Abortions by Community

Historically, abortions that are reported to the Ohio Department of Health occurred at one of the surgical or non-surgical clinics located in the five counties that correspond to Columbus (Franklin), Cincinnati (Hamilton), Cleveland (Cuyahoga), Dayton (Montgomery), Cuyahoga Falls (Summit), and Toledo (Lucas). This year, we added Richland and Athens Counties, where Planned Parenthood has started offering the abortion pill, and Delaware – which also had an independent abortion pill provider. One substantial change that is concerning is the number of abortions (3776) where the county was unreported. We will be following up with the Ohio Department of Health to understand this better.

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	1 year change
All	**25135**	21829	22000	18488	21813	3306
Athens	**90**	10	0	0	0	80
Cuyahoga	**6954**	6173	6111	5533	6778	781
Delaware	**57**	3	1	0	0	54
Franklin	**4843**	4260	3600	2746	3480	583
Hamilton	**4438**	4161	3611	3129	3508	277
Lucas	**739**	953	787	1063	1012	-214
Montgomery	**2508**	3464	4283	3191	3458	-956
Summit	**1691**	2694	3603	2817	3551	-1003
Other	**39**	100	5	9	26	-61
Unreported	**3776**					

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In Conclusion

What does this mean? Well, we know that 69 babies are aborted each day (on average) in Ohio and 483 each week. That means that for each hour that passes, about 3 babies will die in Ohio. For those living in Central Ohio, that is about 13 a day, or 93 each week.

It is heartbreaking, but we are not without hope. Greater Columbus Right to Life and pro-life organizations around the state are working with partners in the pregnancy help, abortion pill reversal, and post-abortion healing communities to get more information and life-affirming help to the people who need it most. Churches, schools, and families have an opportunity – and an obligation, to speak the truth about the dignity of every human life. The 2025 abortion statistics report is a call to action. We cannot count on the laws to protect unborn children any longer; it is time to lace up our boots and speak out – in our families, at our churches, on the public sidewalks, and in every space touched by our culture.