

Induced Abortion

According to South Dakota Codified Law chapter 34-23A, physicians are required to submit to the Department of Health the Report of Induced Abortion Form, a Voluntary and Informed Consent Form for all abortions, and a Parental Notice Form where applicable. The forms are provided in Appendix A on pages 237-240.

An Overview: 2012

Total Induced Abortions Performed in South Dakota	634
Total Induced Abortions Performed in South Dakota on South Dakota Residents	554

Patient Information

There were 634 abortions performed in South Dakota in 2012, up from 597 abortions performed in 2011. Of the 634 abortions performed in South Dakota, 554

or 87.4 percent were performed on South Dakota residents. Table 55, below, provides the residence and age breakdown for the abortions performed in South Dakota.

Table 55
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Patient's State of Residence and Age, 2012

	Total	Age of Patient					
		0-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +
Number	634	21	60	207	176	109	61
Percent	100	3.3	9.5	32.6	27.8	17.2	9.6
State of Residence							
South Dakota	554	19	51	186	151	99	48
Minnesota	48	1	6	12	19	6	4
Iowa	21	1	3	5	5	2	5
Other	11	0	0	4	1	2	4

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Note: State of residence column may not total due to unknown state of residence on the forms.

Table 56, below, shows the breakdown of abortions by county of residence and Table 57, on the next page, shows the breakdown of abortions by city of residence for 2012.

NOTE: To protect the privacy of the patient, only counties or cities with at least 10 events are included in each table.

Table 56
South Dakota Resident Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Patient's Resident County, 2012

County	Induced Abortions	County	Induced Abortions
Brookings	27	Lincoln	15
Brown	15	Minnehaha	255
Codington	17	Pennington	59
Dewey	10	Todd	14
Hughes	11	Yankton	11

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 57
South Dakota Resident Induced Abortions Occurring
in South Dakota by Patient's Resident City, 2012

Resident City	Number	Resident City	Number
Aberdeen	15	Rapid City	50
Brookings	25	Sioux Falls	238
Pierre	11	Watertown	15

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 58, below, indicates that patients ages 20-24 comprised the largest percentage of the induced abortions which occurred in South Dakota with 32.6 percent of the abortions. Patients ages 25-29 comprised the next largest percent with 27.8 percent of abortions which occurred in

South Dakota. This is also true for South Dakota residents where patients ages 20-24 received 33.6 percent and patients ages 25-29 received 27.3 percent of the induced abortions performed in South Dakota on state residents.

Table 58
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Age and
South Dakota Resident Induced Abortions by Age, 2012

Patients' Age	Occurring in South Dakota		South Dakota Residents	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0-17	21	3.3	19	3.4
18-19	60	9.5	51	9.2
20-24	207	32.6	186	33.6
25-29	176	27.8	151	27.3
30-34	109	17.2	99	17.9
35-39	43	6.8	35	6.3
40+	18	2.8	13	2.3
Total	634	100	554	100

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 59, below, indicates that of the abortions that occurred in South Dakota, 73.8 percent were white, 11.5 percent

American Indian, 9.3 percent black, and 5.4 percent were of some other race.

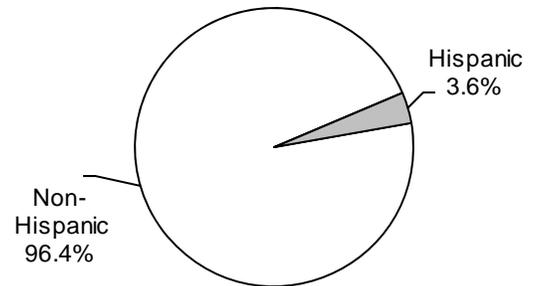
Table 59
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Patient's Age and Race, 2012

Patients' Age	Patients' Race					
	White	American Indian	Black	Asian	Other	Not Stated
Number	467	73	59	21	13	1
Percent	73.8	11.5	9.3	3.3	2.1	-
0-17	16	4	1	0	0	0
18-19	45	10	3	1	1	0
20-24	158	22	14	8	5	0
25-29	123	21	24	4	4	0
30-34	77	14	11	5	2	0
35-39	37	2	3	1	0	0
40 +	11	0	3	2	1	1

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 32, to the right, illustrates that most of the patients, 96.4 percent, were non-Hispanic. South Dakota's population consists of 3.5 percent Hispanic women age 15 to 44 based on the 2012 U.S. Census estimates.

Figure 32
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Ethnicity of Patient, 2012



Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 60, below, shows the education and marital status of the induced abortion patients. Considering education, 257 or 40.5 percent of the 634 patients who received induced abortions in South Dakota reported their highest level of education completed was high school graduate or less.

Table 60
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Patient's Education and Marital Status, 2012

	Total	Marital Status	
		Single	Married
Total	634	554	80
Education of Patient			
High School Graduate or Less	257	226	31
Some College, but No Degree	218	200	18
Vo-Tech, Teacher's Certificate, Associate Degree/Bachelor's Degree/Master's Degree/Doctorate	159	128	31

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Payment Information

The Report of Induced Abortion Form asks questions about how much the abortion cost and who paid for the abortion. Table 61, on the next page, indicates that in 2012, 92.1 percent of all abortions performed in South Dakota were self-pay while 7.1 percent were paid by private insurance and 0.8

percent were paid by public health plans. Of the 50 abortions paid by private insurance or a public health plan, four were paid by a managed care insurance company, 43 by a fee-for-service insurance company, and three were other.

Table 61
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Payment and Insurance Coverage Type, 2012

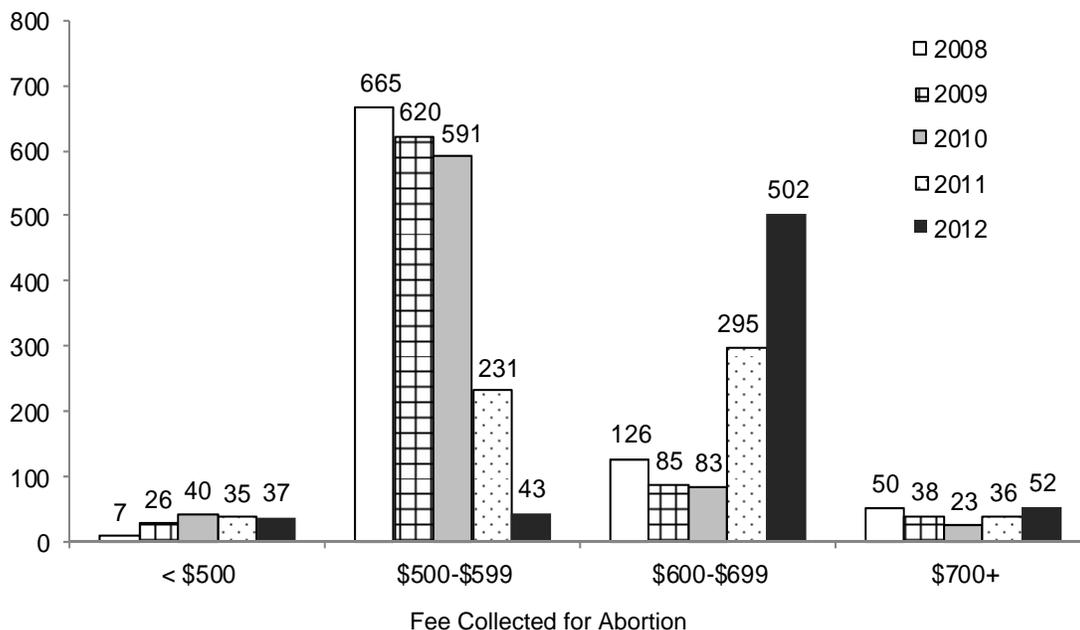
Payment Source	Total	Fee-for-service Insurance Co.	Managed Care Company	Other	Not Stated
Private Insurance	45	43	1	1	0
Public Health Plan	5	0	3	2	0
Self	584	0	0	0	584
Total	634	43	4	3	584

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

The majority of abortions at 79.2 percent in 2012 cost between \$600 and \$699, a substantial jump from 49.4 percent in 2011.

Figure 33, below, displays a comparison of the fees for abortions for each year from 2008 to 2012.

Figure 33
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Fee Collected for Abortion, 2008-2012



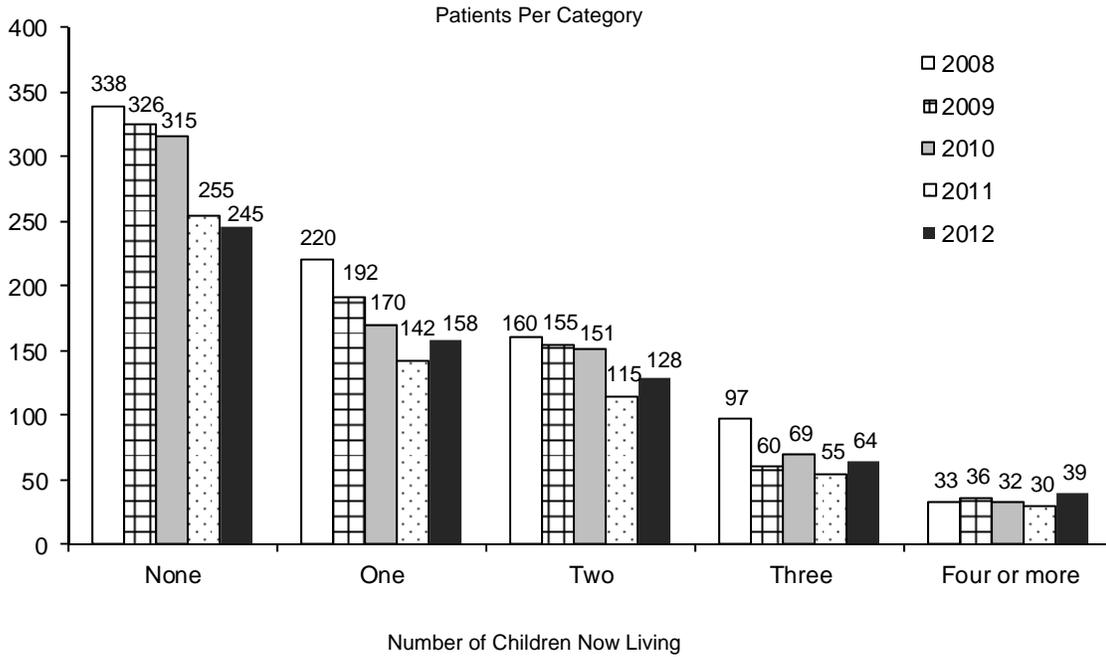
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Previous Pregnancies

The Report of Induced Abortion Form also includes a series of questions about previous pregnancies. Figure 34, on the next page, illustrates the number of children now living reported by the patients who received abortions in South Dakota for the past five years.

Of the patients reporting in 2012, 38.6 percent reported having no living children. Just under two percent had one or more live births that are now deceased.

Figure 34
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by the Number of Patient's Children Who are Now Living, 2008-2012

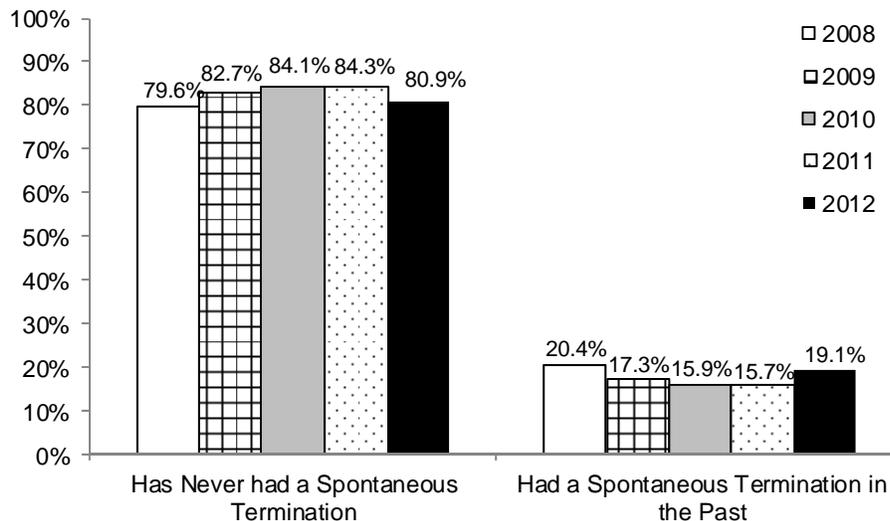


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 35, below, indicates that 19.1 percent of patients had a spontaneous termination in the past. For this report, a spontaneous termination is defined as a termination in which the process starts of its

own accord through natural causes. The majority of the patients, 80.9 percent, who obtained induced abortions in 2012 reported they had never had a spontaneous termination.

Figure 35
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Previous Spontaneous Terminations, 2008-2012

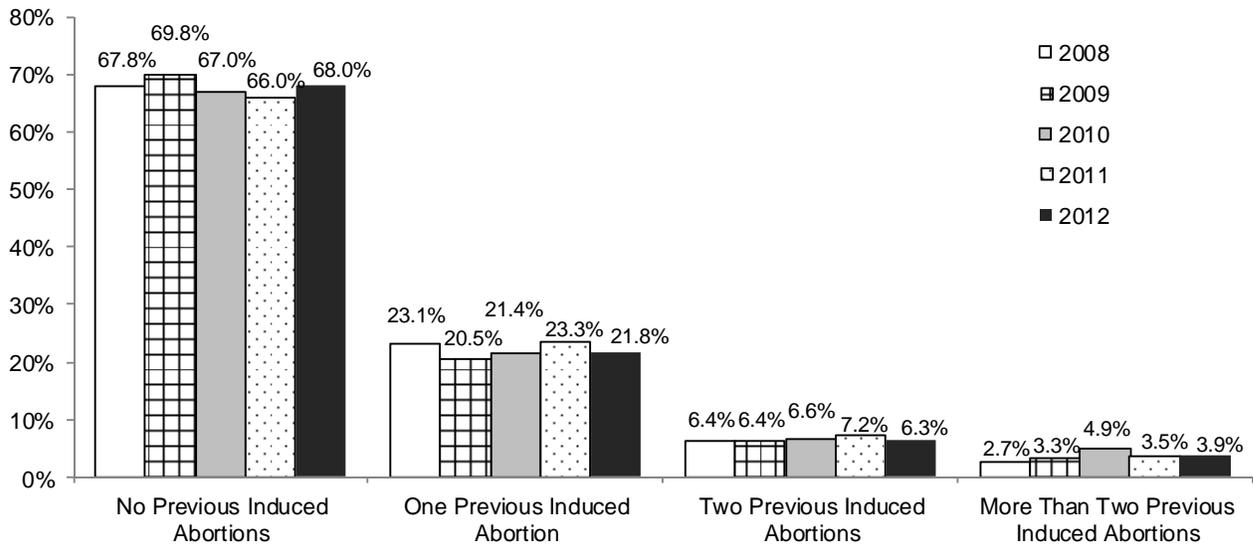


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 36, below, illustrates the number of previous induced abortions reported by the patients. An induced abortion is statutorily defined as the use of any means to intentionally terminate the pregnancy of a

patient known to be pregnant with knowledge that the termination with those means will, with reasonable likelihood, cause the death of the fetus.

Figure 36
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Previous Induced Abortions, 2008-2012



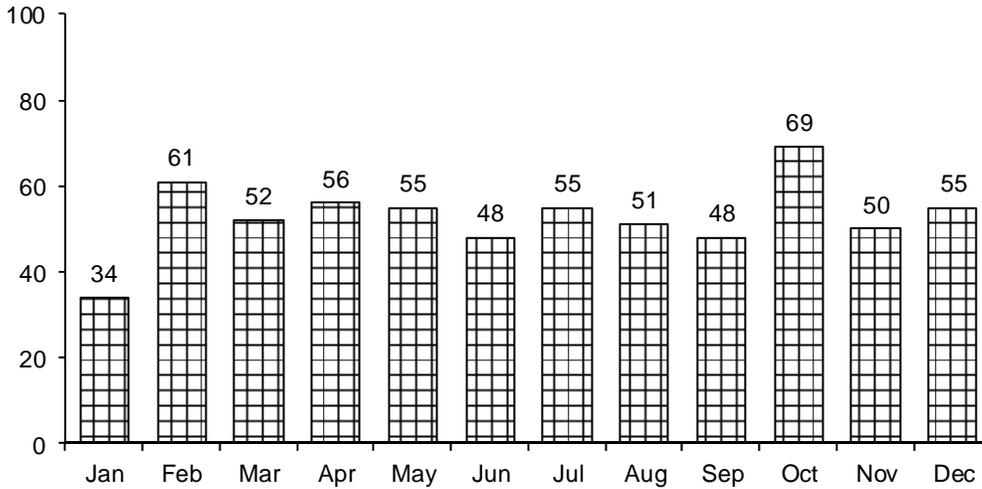
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

As seen in Figure 36, above, the majority of patients, 68 percent reported that they had no previous induced abortions. In 2012, 21.8 percent had obtained one previous induced abortion and 10.2 percent had obtained more than one previous induced abortion. In 2011, 23.3 percent had one previous induced abortion while 10.7 percent had more than one previous induced abortion.

Medical Information

The Report of Induced Abortion Form also asked a series of questions aimed at obtaining medical information. Figure 37, on the next page, lists the number of induced abortions performed in South Dakota during 2012 by month of occurrence. The fewest numbers of abortions were performed in January while the greatest occurred in October.

Figure 37
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Month of Abortion, 2012

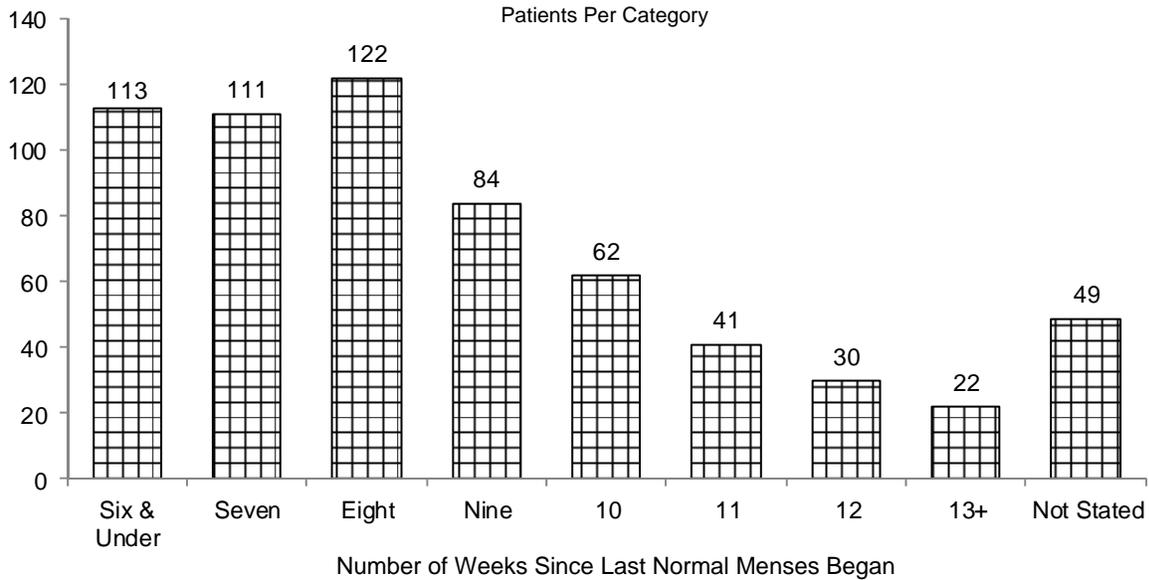


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 38, below, shows the number of weeks between the date the last normal menses began and the abortion date. Most

of the patients, 492, reported that their last normal menses began within 10 weeks prior to the induced abortion date.

Figure 38
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Number of Weeks Since Last Normal Menses Began, 2012

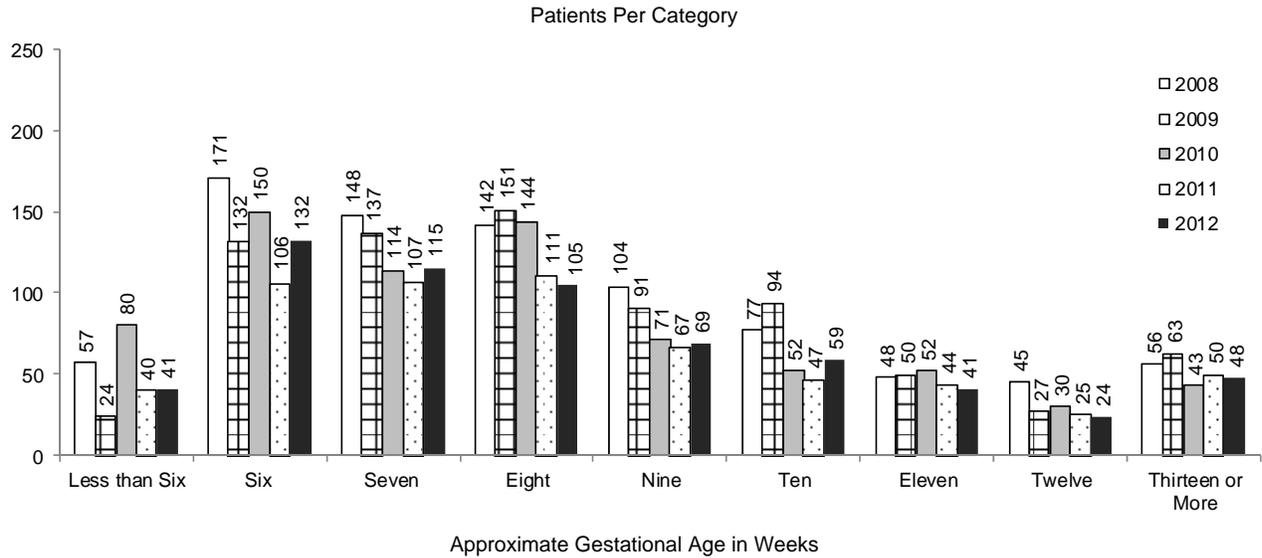


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 39, below, shows the number of induced abortions occurring in South Dakota from 2008 to 2012 by the clinical estimated weeks of gestation.

The largest number of patients in 2012, 132, received abortions at six weeks of estimated gestation.

Figure 39
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Approximate Gestational Age, 2008-2012

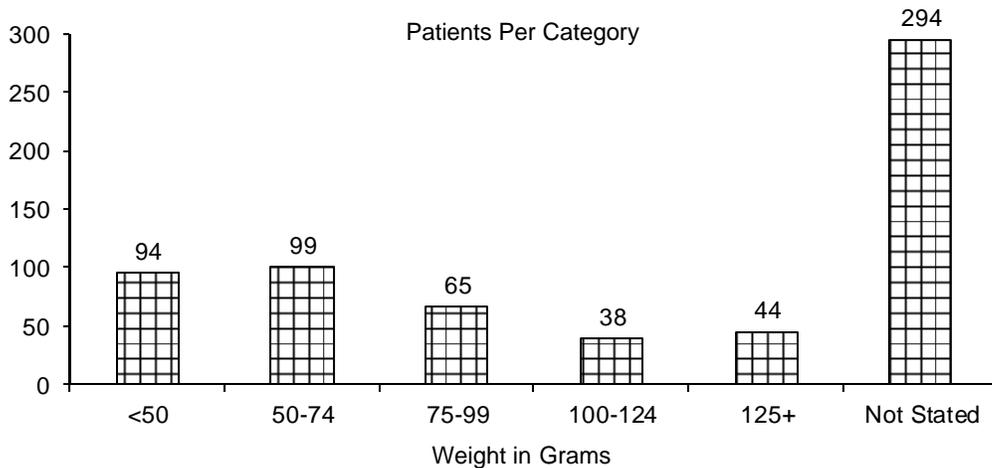


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 40, below, lists the number of induced abortions occurring in South Dakota by the weight of the fetus. The category with the largest number of

occurrences was the 50 to 74 gram category with 99 induced abortions. That is equivalent to approximately 1.8 to 2.6 ounces.

Figure 40
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Weight of Fetus, 2012



Note: One gram equals approximately 0.0353 ounces or one ounce equals approximately 28.3 grams.
 Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 62, to the right, illustrates the number of abortions that were performed with the knowledge that a fetal abnormality existed. Of the abortions performed in 2012, three of the forms indicated that there was a fetal abnormality present at the time of the abortion. A majority of the forms indicated that it was unknown if a fetal abnormality was present at the time of the abortion.

Table 62
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Fetal Abnormality, 2012

Presence of Fetal Abnormality	Number	Percentage
Yes	3	0.5%
No	0	0.0%
Unknown	631	99.5%
Total	634	100%

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 63
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Method of Disposal, 2012

Method of Disposal	Number	Percentage
Burial	1	0.2%
Incineration	410	64.7%
Unknown/ Medical	223	35.2%
Total	634	100%

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

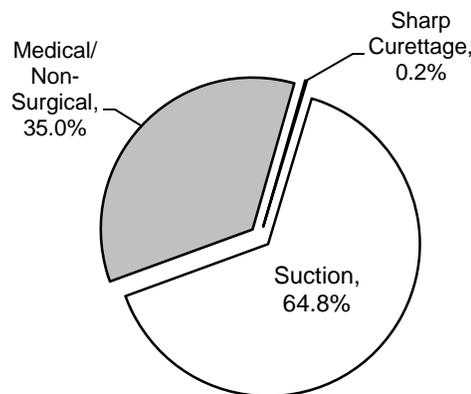
Table 63, to the left, indicates the method used to dispose of the fetus in 2012. The main method of disposal in 2012 was incineration with 410 or 64.7 percent.

Termination Procedure

The Report of Induced Abortion Form also asked questions about the termination procedure. Figure 41, to the right, illustrates the primary procedures used to perform induced abortions in South Dakota in 2012.

In 2012, medical/non-surgical was used for 35.0 percent of the abortions while sharp curettage was used for less than one percent of abortions. The majority used suction in 2012 with an overall percentage of 64.8 percent.

Figure 41
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Primary Procedure Used, 2012



Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

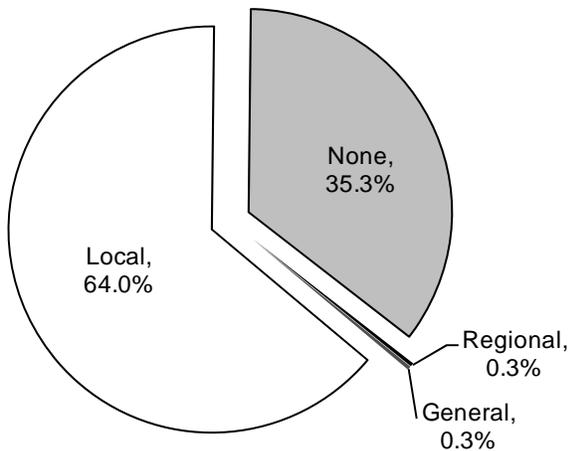
Table 64, to the right, indicates additional procedures that were used to terminate the pregnancy in 2012. The majority of abortions, 91.5 percent, did not require an additional procedure. There were three cases of maternal complications reported to the Department of Health in 2012. Figure 42, below, illustrates the type of anesthetic used for abortions performed in South Dakota.

Table 64
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Any Additional Procedures Used, 2012

Additional Procedures Used	Number	Percentage
No Additional Procedure	580	91.5%
Sharp Curettage	53	8.4%
Suction	1	0.2%

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 42
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Type of Anesthetic Used, 2012



Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

In 2012, 64 percent of patients were given a local anesthetic while 0.3 percent were given a regional or general anesthetic. Patients who received no anesthetic made up 35.3 percent.

Reason for the Induced Abortion

The Report of Induced Abortion Form asked a question about the reason for the induced abortion. Table 65, on the next page, illustrates the reasons that patients had induced abortions from 2008 to 2012. The patient did not desire to have the child has been the highest response since 2008.

The patient could not afford the child has been the second highest response since 2008. In 2011, 27.1 percent of patients gave more than one response while in 2012, 31.1 percent of patients gave more than one response.

Table 65
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Reason for Abortion, 2008-2012

Reason for Induced Abortion	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Number	Percent								
The mother did not desire to have the child	546	64.4%	492	64.0%	487	66.1%	363	60.8%	401	63.2%
The mother could not afford the child	361	42.6%	386	50.2%	329	44.6%	299	50.1%	317	50.0%
The mother's emotional health was at risk	52	6.1%	60	7.8%	48	6.5%	37	6.2%	57	9.0%
The mother would suffer substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function if the pregnancy continued	20	2.4%	24	3.1%	14	1.9%	20	3.4%	14	2.2%
The pregnancy was a result of rape or incest	10	1.2%	8	1.0%	6	0.8%	12	2.0%	16	2.5%
Other	79	9.3%	77	10.0%	57	7.7%	63	10.6%	74	11.7%
Refused to answer	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

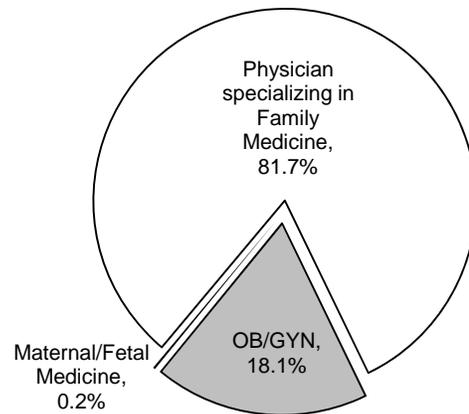
Physician Specialty Information

Figure 43, to the right, illustrates the specialty of the physicians who performed abortions in South Dakota in 2012. The majority of abortions were performed by a Family Medicine physician. During the 2012 reporting period, none of the physicians who performed induced abortions in South Dakota had their license revoked or suspended or had been subject to other professional sanctions.

Voluntary and Informed Consent Form

All the report forms received by the South Dakota Department of Health for induced abortions performed in 2012 indicated that patients received the required disclosures.

Figure 43
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Physician's Specialty, 2012



Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

The Voluntary and Informed Consent form is used to collect data regarding informed consent information supplied to abortion patients.

There were a total of 938 Voluntary and Informed Consent forms received. Of those, 634 indicated that the patient went on to obtain the induced abortion while 304 did not have the procedure.

The data showed that of the 938 Voluntary and Informed Consent forms received, 619 received the medical information in person. Fifteen received the information by telephone. Of the 938 forms that were received, 634 indicated that the medical information was provided by the physician performing the induced abortion.

Physicians performing the abortion supplied 936 of the patients with the resource information. One reported receiving the information from both an agent of the physician performing the abortion as well as the physician performing the abortion. One reported receiving the information from an agent of the physician performing the induced abortion. A total of 922 patients reported receiving the resource information by telephone and 16 reported receiving the information in person.

Of the 938 forms received, 938 indicated that the patient was offered the printed materials on public and private assistance agencies. It was reported that 39 patients accepted this information, while 855 did not accept the information. Forty-four forms failed to indicate if the patient accepted.

Of the 938 forms received, 938 indicated that the patient was offered the Fetal Growth and Development Booklet. It was reported that 41 patients accepted this information, while 853 did not accept the information. Forty-four forms failed to indicate if the patient accepted.

Of the 938 forms received, 938 indicated that the patient was offered the DOH website address for "Information on Fetal Development, Birth, Abortion and Adoption". It was reported that 57 patients accepted this information, while 836 did not accept the information. Forty-five forms failed to indicate if the patient accepted.

Of the 634 forms representing the patients who had the procedure, 634 indicated that the patient was offered the opportunity to view the sonogram. Of these, 261 accepted the opportunity to view the sonogram, while 373 did not accept the opportunity to view the sonogram.

Parental Notice

Of the 21 Parental Consent forms received, 21 indicated the person responsible for the minor patient was a parent. All 21 minor patients went on to have the induced abortion.