

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 235-238.

An Overview: 2013

Total Induced Abortions Performed in South Dakota	601
Total Induced Abortions Performed in South Dakota on South Dakota Residents	526

Patient Information

There were 601 abortions performed in South Dakota in 2013, down from 634 abortions performed in 2012. Of the 601 abortions performed in South Dakota, 526

or 87.5 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, 2013

	Total	Age of Patient					
		0-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +
Number	601	23	46	195	174	95	68
Percent	100	3.8	7.7	32.4	29.0	15.8	11.3
State of Residence							
South Dakota	526	21	40	171	148	84	62
Minnesota	46	0	4	15	17	7	3
Iowa	22	2	2	8	5	3	2
Other	7	0	0	1	4	1	1

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 2013.

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, 2013

County	Induced Abortions	County	Induced Abortions
Beadle	11	Hughes	11
Brookings	21	Lincoln	18
Brown	15	Minnehaha	258
Clay	10	Pennington	39
Codington	10	Todd	16
Davison	19	Yankton	12

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, 2013

Resident City	Number	Resident City	Number
Aberdeen	13	Rapid City	34
Brookings	17	Sioux Falls	230
Mitchell	17	Watertown	10
Pierre	11		

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 32.4 percent of the abortions. Patients ages 25-29 comprised the next largest percent with 29.0 percent of abortions which occurred in

South Dakota. This is also true for South Dakota residents where patients ages 20-24 received 32.5 percent and patients ages 25-29 received 28.1 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, 2013

Patients' Age	Occurring in South Dakota		South Dakota Residents	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0-17	23	3.8	21	4.0
18-19	46	7.7	40	7.6
20-24	195	32.4	171	32.5
25-29	174	29.0	148	28.1
30-34	95	15.8	84	16.0
35-39	48	8.0	44	8.4
40+	20	3.3	18	3.4
Total	601	100	526	100

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

Table 59, below, indicates that of the abortions that occurred in South Dakota, 73.1 percent were white, 10.0 percent

American Indian, 9.5 percent black, and 7.4 percent were of some other race.

Table 59
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Patient's Age and Race, 2013

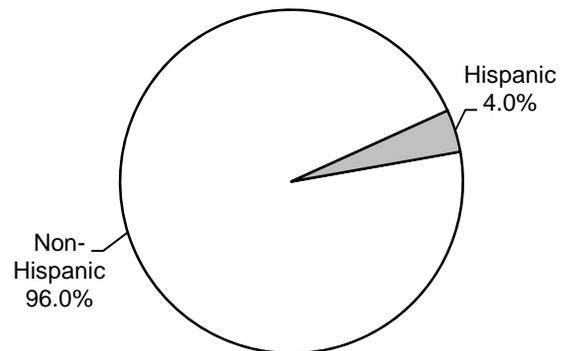
Patients' Age	Patients' Race					
	White	American Indian	Black	Asian	Other	Not Stated
Number	437	60	57	35	9	3
Percent	73.1	10.0	9.5	5.9	1.5	-
0-17	20	0	3	0	0	0
18-19	32	4	3	2	4	1
20-24	145	21	13	13	2	1
25-29	121	23	16	11	2	1
30-34	65	8	16	5	1	0
35-39	37	2	6	3	0	0
40 +	17	2	0	1	0	0

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

Figure 31, to the right, illustrates that most of the patients, 96.0 percent, were non-Hispanic. South Dakota's population consists of 3.9 percent Hispanic women age 15 to 44 based on the 2013 U.S. Census estimates.

Table 60, below, shows the education and marital status of the induced abortion patients. Considering education, 263 or 43.8 percent of the 601 patients who received induced abortions in South Dakota reported their highest level of education completed was high school graduate or less.

Figure 31
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Ethnicity of Patient, 2013



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

Table 60
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Patient's Education and Marital Status, 2013

	Total	Marital Status	
		Single	Married
Total	601	509	92
Education of Patient			
High School Graduate or Less	263	232	31
Some College, but No Degree	188	164	24
Vo-Tech, Teacher's Certificate, Associate Degree/Bachelor's Degree/Master's Degree/Doctorate	150	113	37

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 2013, 90.7 percent of all abortions performed in South Dakota were self-pay while 7.7 percent were paid by private insurance and 1.7

percent were paid by public health plans. Of the 56 abortions paid by private insurance or a public health plan, four were paid by a managed care insurance company, 51 by a fee-for-service insurance company, and one was some other type.

Table 61
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Payment and Insurance Coverage Type, 2013

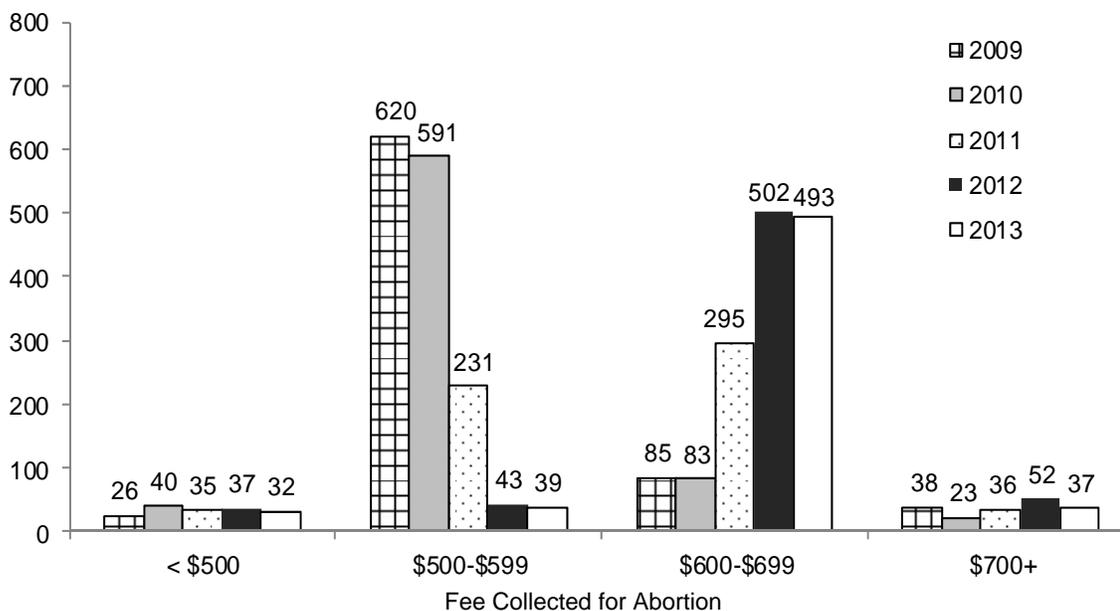
Payment Source	Total	Fee-for-service Insurance Co.	Managed Care Company	Other	No Insurance Used
Private Insurance	46	42	4	0	0
Public Health Plan	10	9	0	1	0
Self	545	0	0	0	545
Total	601	51	4	1	545

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

The majority of abortions at 82.0 percent in 2013 cost between \$600 and \$699.

Figure 32, below, displays a comparison of the fees for abortions for each year from 2009 to 2013.

Figure 32
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Fee Collected for Abortion, 2009-2013



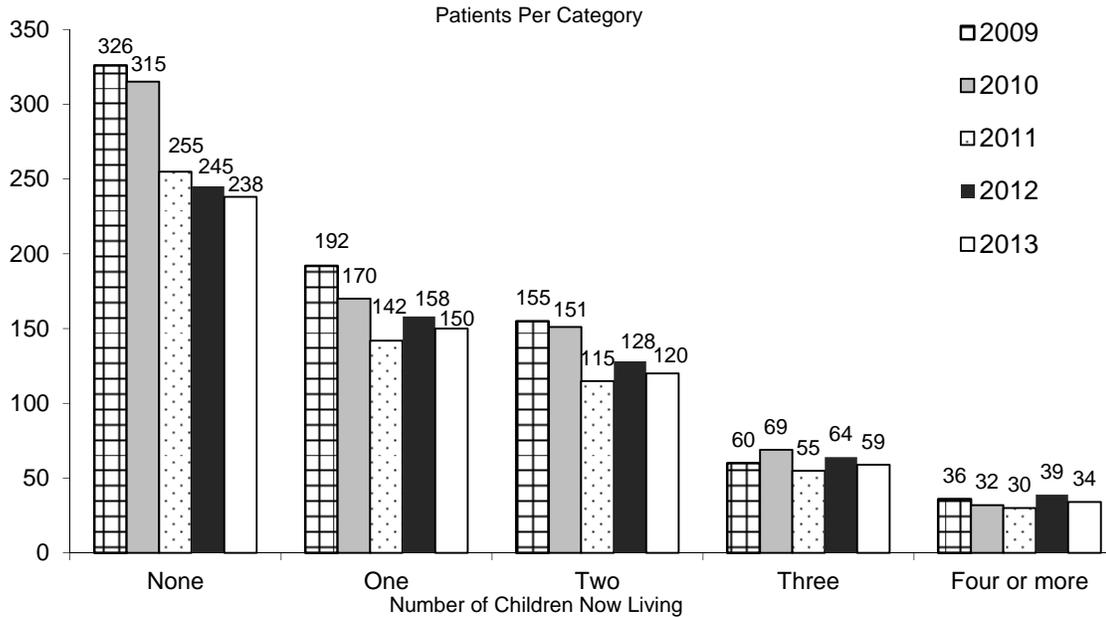
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Previous Pregnancies

The Report of Induced Abortion Form also includes a series of questions about previous pregnancies. Figure 33, 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 2013, 39.6 percent reported having no living children. Slightly over two percent had one or more live births that are now deceased.

Figure 33
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by the Number of Patient's Children Who are Now Living, 2009-2013

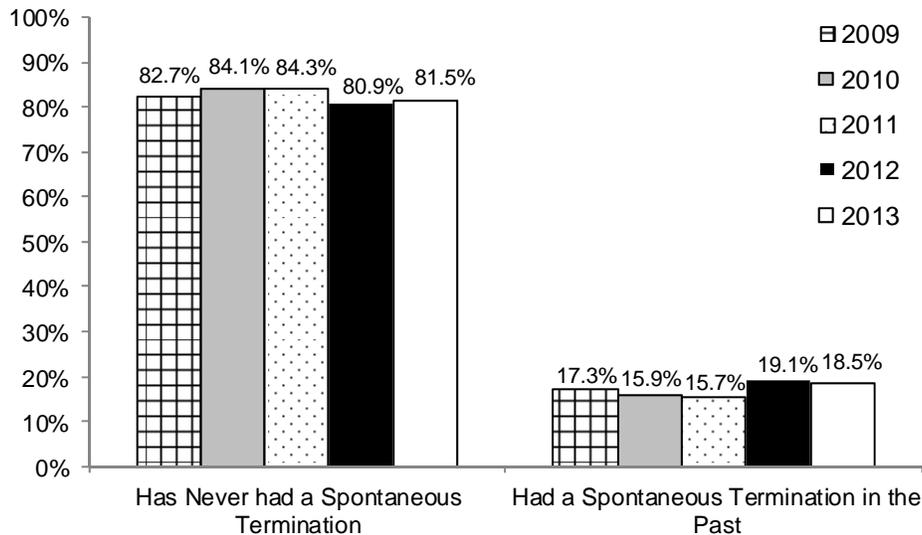


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 34, below, indicates that 18.5 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, 81.5 percent, who obtained induced abortions in 2013 reported they had never had a spontaneous termination.

Figure 34
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Previous Spontaneous Terminations, 2009-2013

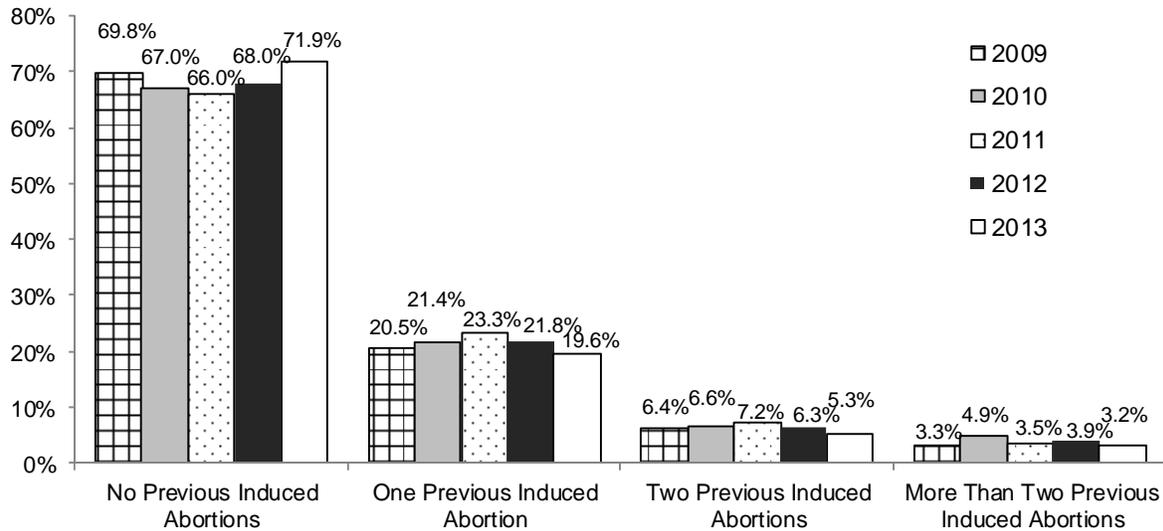


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 35, 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 35
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Previous Induced Abortions, 2009-2013



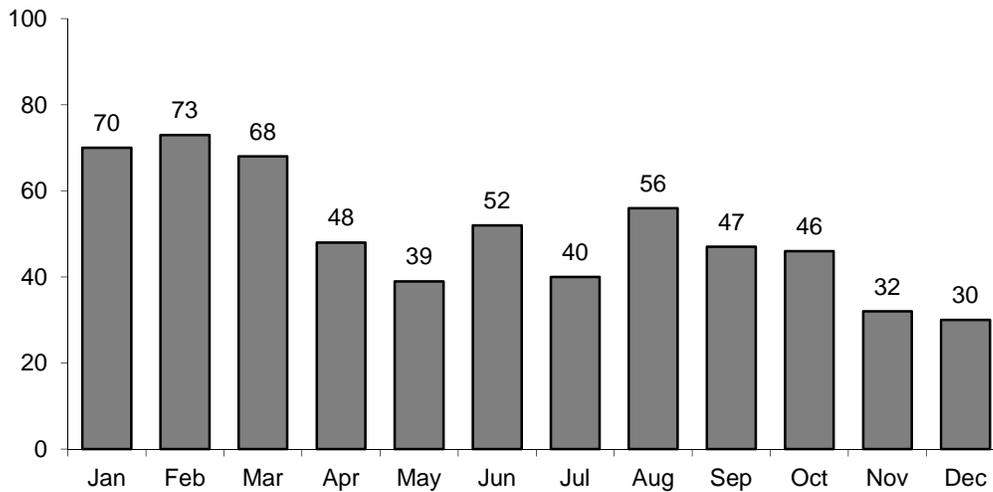
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

As seen in Figure 35, above, the majority of patients, 71.9 percent reported that they had no previous induced abortions. In 2013, 19.6 percent had obtained one previous induced abortion and 8.5 percent had obtained more than one previous induced abortion. In 2012, 21.8 percent had one previous induced abortion while 10.2 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 36, on the next page, lists the number of induced abortions performed in South Dakota during 2013 by month of occurrence. The fewest numbers of abortions were performed in December while the greatest occurred in February.

Figure 36
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Month of Abortion, 2013

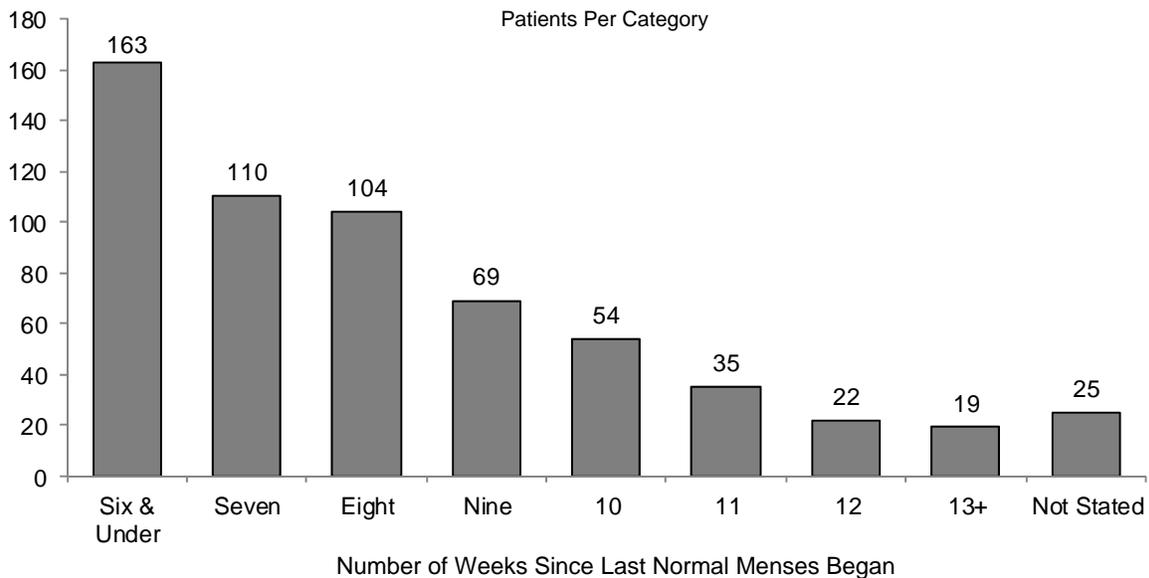


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 37, below, shows the number of weeks between the date the last normal menses began and the abortion date. Most

of the patients, 500, reported that their last normal menses began within 10 weeks prior to the induced abortion date.

Figure 37
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Number of Weeks Since Last Normal Menses Began, 2013

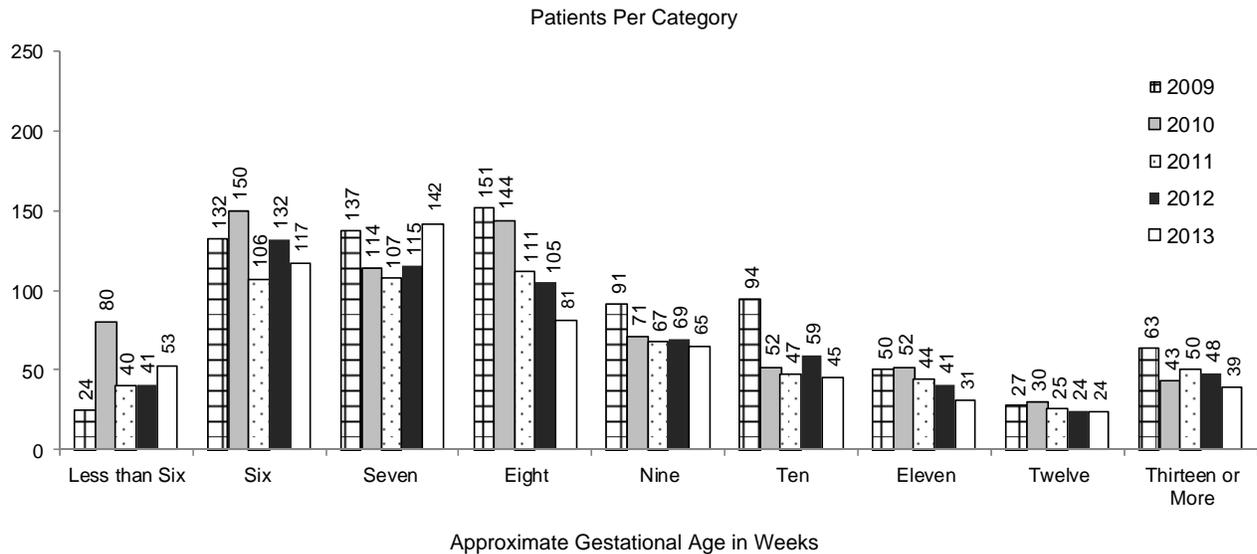


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 38, below, shows the number of induced abortions occurring in South Dakota from 2009 to 2013 by the clinical estimated weeks of gestation.

The largest number of patients in 2013, 142, received abortions at seven weeks of estimated gestation.

Figure 38
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota
by Approximate Gestational Age, 2009-2013

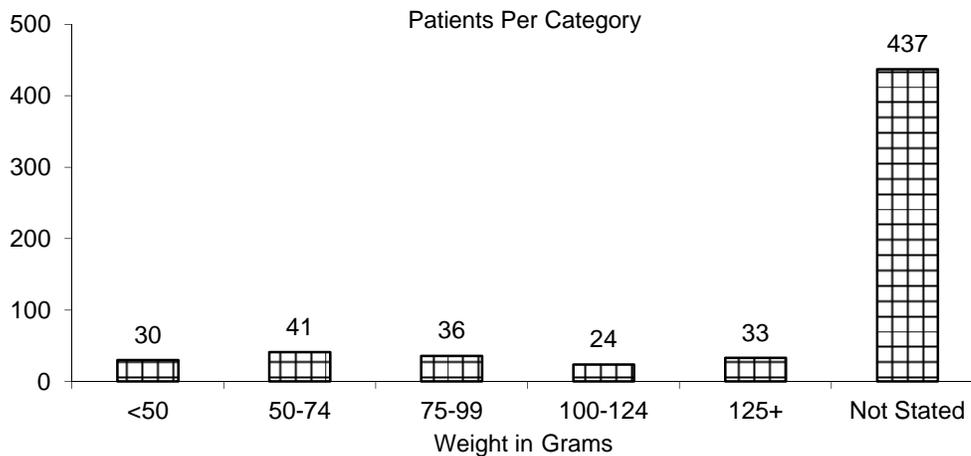


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 39, 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 41 induced abortions. That is equivalent to approximately 1.8 to 2.6 ounces.

Figure 39
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Weight of Fetus, 2013



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 2013, 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, 2013

Presence of Fetal Abnormality	Number	Percentage
Yes	3	0.5%
No	0	0.0%
Unknown	598	99.5%
Total	601	100%

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

Table 63
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Method of Disposal, 2013

Method of Disposal	Number	Percentage
Incineration	334	55.6%
Unknown/ Medical	267	44.4%
Total	601	100%

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

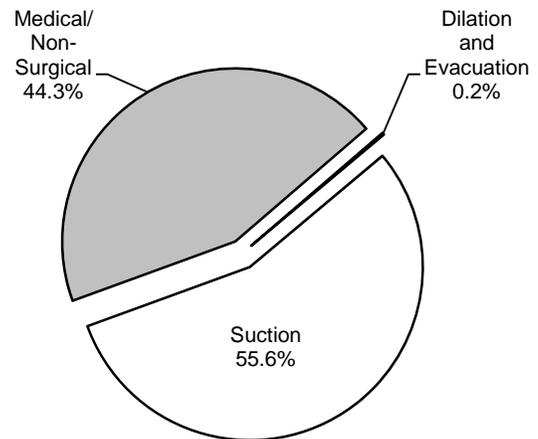
Table 63, to the left, indicates the method used to dispose of the fetus in 2013. The main method of disposal in 2013 was incineration with 334 or 55.6 percent.

Termination Procedure

The Report of Induced Abortion Form also asked questions about the termination procedure. Figure 40, to the right, illustrates the primary procedures used to perform induced abortions in South Dakota in 2013.

In 2013, medical/non-surgical was used for 44.3 percent of the abortions while dilation and evacuation was used for less than one percent of abortions. The majority used suction in 2013 with an overall percentage of 55.6 percent.

Figure 40
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Primary Procedure Used, 2013



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

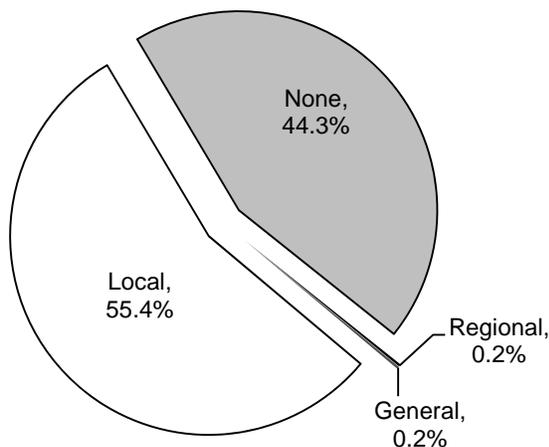
Table 64, to the right, indicates additional procedures that were used to terminate the pregnancy in 2013. The majority of abortions, 95.7 percent, did not require an additional procedure. There were two cases of maternal complications reported to the Department of Health in 2013. Figure 41, below, illustrates the type of anesthetic used for abortions performed in South Dakota.

Table 64
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Any Additional Procedures Used, 2013

Additional Procedures Used	Number	Percentage
No Additional Procedure	575	95.7%
Sharp Curettage	26	4.3%

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

Figure 41
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Type of Anesthetic Used, 2013



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

In 2013, 55.4 percent of patients were given a local anesthetic while 0.2 percent were given a regional or general anesthetic. Patients who received no anesthetic made up 44.3 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 2009 to 2013. The patient did not desire to have the child has been the highest response since 2009.

The patient could not afford the child has been the second highest response since 2009. In 2012, 31.1 percent of patients gave more than one response while in 2013, 38.1 percent of patients gave more than one response.

Table 65
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Reason for Abortion, 2009-2013

Reason for Induced Abortion	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	Percent								
The mother did not desire to have the child	492	64.0%	487	66.1%	363	60.8%	401	63.2%	393	65.4%
The mother could not afford the child	386	50.2%	329	44.6%	299	50.1%	317	50.0%	290	48.3%
The mother's emotional health was at risk	60	7.8%	48	6.5%	37	6.2%	57	9.0%	53	8.8%
The mother would suffer substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function if the pregnancy continued	24	3.1%	14	1.9%	20	3.4%	14	2.2%	20	3.3%
The pregnancy was a result of rape or incest	8	1.0%	6	0.8%	12	2.0%	16	2.5%	7	1.2%
Other	77	10.0%	57	7.7%	63	10.6%	74	11.7%	117	19.5%
Refused to answer	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%

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

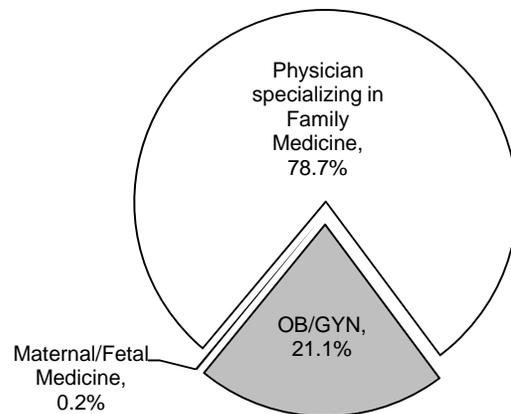
Physician Specialty Information

Figure 42, to the right, illustrates the specialty of the physicians who performed abortions in South Dakota in 2013. The majority of abortions were performed by a family medicine physician. During the 2013 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 2013 indicated that patients received the required disclosures.

Figure 42
Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Physician's Specialty, 2013



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 738 Voluntary and Informed Consent forms received. Of those, 601 indicated that the patient went on to obtain the induced abortion while 137 did not have the procedure.

One patient obtained an induced abortion and was not provided information because of a medical emergency or because a delay would have created a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.

The data showed that of the 738 Voluntary and Informed Consent forms received, 618 received the medical information in person. One received the information by telephone. Of the 738 forms that were received, 618 indicated that the medical information was provided by the physician performing the induced abortion. One indicated that the medical information was provided by a referring physician.

Physicians performing the abortion supplied 732 of the patients with the resource information. Two 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 a referring physician. One reported receiving the information from the physician performing the abortion, a referring physician, and an agent of the physician performing the abortion. A total of 731 patients reported receiving the resource information by telephone, four reported receiving the information in person, and one reported receiving the information in person and by telephone.

Of the 738 forms received, 737 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 698 did not accept the information.

Of the 738 forms received, 737 indicated that the patient was offered the Fetal Growth and Development Booklet. It was reported that 44 patients accepted this information, while 693 did not accept the information.

Of the 738 forms received, 737 indicated that the patient was offered the DOH website address for "Information on Fetal Development, Birth, Abortion and Adoption". It was reported that 47 patients accepted this information, while 690 did not accept the information.

Of the 738 forms received, 645 indicated that the patient was offered the opportunity to view the sonogram. Of these, 273 accepted the opportunity to view the sonogram, while 372 did not accept the opportunity to view the sonogram.

Parental Notice

Of the 26 Parental Consent forms received, 25 indicated the patient was an unemancipated minor, and one indicated the patient was an emancipated minor. Twenty-two forms indicated notice was given to the patient's parent, one indicated notice was given to the patient's guardian, and two indicated notice was not given because a judge of a circuit court authorized a physician to perform the abortion without prior notice. Twenty-three minor patients went on to have the induced abortion.