

ABORTION INFORMATION

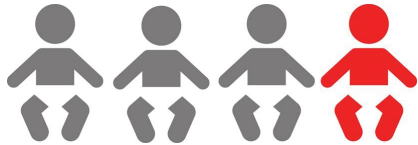
ABORTION STATISTICS

National Statistics

- More than 59 million pre-born children have lost their lives to abortion since 1973.¹
- In the U.S., over 900,000 abortions are performed each year.²
- Nearly 1 in 4 women in the U.S. will have an abortion by age 45.³

Local Statistics

- 18,662 pregnancies were terminated in Virginia in 2015 out of 120,849 total pregnancies.⁴
- In the last 5 years, 28,829 preborn children have lost their lives to abortion in South Hampton Roads.⁴
- For every 3 babies born in South Hampton Roads, 1 loses its life to abortion.⁴

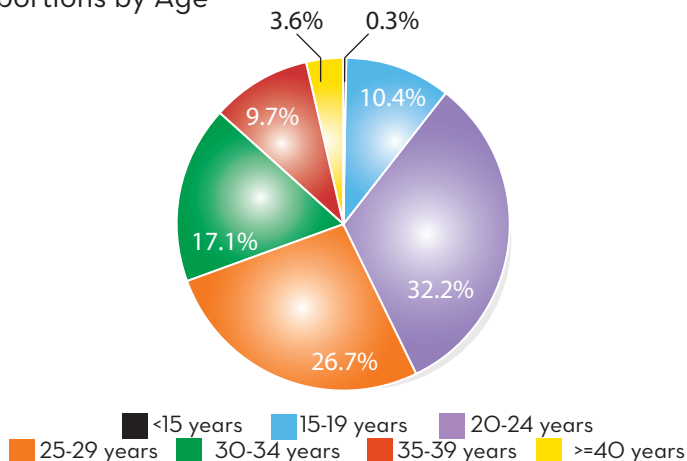


- 5,204 pre-born children lost their lives to abortion in South Hampton Roads in 2015, according to the most current published statistics from the Virginia Department of Health.⁴

WHO HAS ABORTIONS?

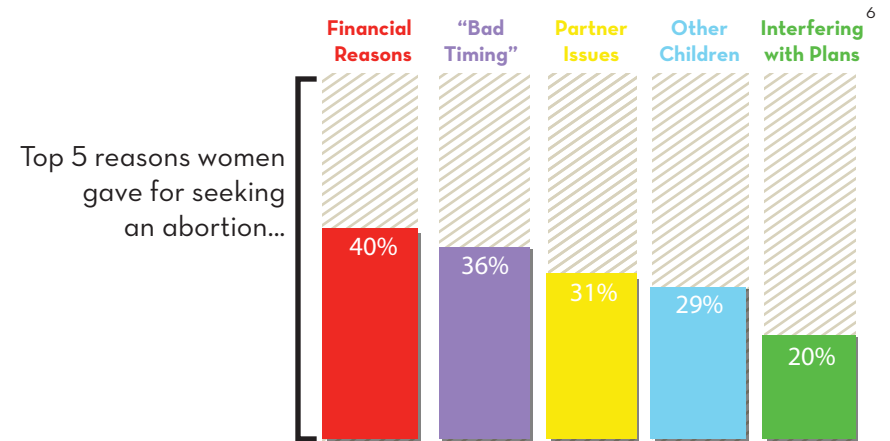
- 45% of all abortions are performed on women with at least one prior abortion.²
- Among white women, 10% of pregnancies end in abortion. Among black women, 29% of pregnancies end in abortion.
- 30% of women who had abortions identified themselves as Protestant and 24% identified themselves as Catholic.²

Abortions by Age²



WHY DO ABORTIONS OCCUR?

- In 1973, two U.S. Supreme Court decisions, *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, radically changed the legal landscape of American abortion law. The combined effect of the rulings required abortion to be:
 - Legal for any reason, regardless of age.
 - Legal for any reason during the first six months of pregnancy, and for virtually any reason thereafter.⁵



- Some abortion-rights advocates assert that late-term abortions primarily take place because of "gut-wrenching", "hard" cases. Actual data from survey studies indicates that most late-term procedures are performed due to a delay in diagnosis and for reasons similar to those given by first-trimester abortion patients.⁷

***Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart...***
Jeremiah 1:5a NIV

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