

**Care for Women, Children, and Families Act
2026 Statistical Report**

NC General Statute 90-21.93



**The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services**

by

**North Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services**

October 1, 2026

Background

Session Law 2023-14, Section 1.2 amends North Carolina General Statute 90-21.93 by adding a reporting requirement that directs the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) to prepare and submit a comprehensive annual statistical report based upon the data gathered from the reports as required by SL 2023-14, and as amended by SL 2023-65. This report fulfills the reporting requirement. NCDHHS is also required to submit data and the annual report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for inclusion in the annual Vital Statistics Report, which is done by the NC State Center for Health Statistics in accordance with CDC requirements and timelines.

Statistical Summary Report

There were 38,838 induced terminations of pregnancy reported from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Almost all induced terminations were under 12 weeks gestation, with the exception of 0.91% of the procedures that were completed over 12 weeks for allowable exceptions for medical emergency, rape/incest, or fetal anomaly. Table 1 further breaks down cases by the reported race/ethnicity and age group of the patient. Table 2 breaks down procedures by the type of procedure reported. Complication reports were submitted for 437 (1.13%) patients, the majority of which were incomplete abortion due to retained tissue (0.71% of patients) and failure to actually terminate the pregnancy (0.29% of patients).

Table 1. North Carolina Intentional Termination of Pregnancy; January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025		
	Total	
Race/Ethnicity of Patient		
White, non-Hispanic	8,895	22.90%
African American, non-Hispanic	19,805	50.99%
American Indian, non-Hispanic	300	0.77%
Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	1,155	2.97%
Multiracial, non-Hispanic	1,452	3.74%
Hispanic	6,525	16.80%
Not Reported	706	1.82%
Age of Patient		
14 years and under	63	0.16%
15-19 years	2,820	7.26%
20-24 years	10,296	26.51%
25-29 years	10,788	27.78%
30-34 years	8,518	21.93%
35 years and older	5,808	14.95%
Not Reported	545	1.4%

Table 2. North Carolina Induced Termination of Pregnancy by Procedure; January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025		
	Total	
Dilation & Curettage	11,321	29.15%
Dilation & Evacuation	3,311	8.53%
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	<10	-
Other surgical	<10	-
Mifepristone	24,092	62.03%
Misoprostol	23,560	60.66%
Other medication	16	0.04%
Intrauterine Instillation	<10	-
Other	<10	-
Unknown	-	-
<i>Notes. Percentages based on a total of 38,838 intentional terminations. A patient could experience more than one of these. Counts <10 are suppressed unless they are 0.</i>		

Next Steps

NCDHHS will submit the next annual summary report on or before October 1, 2027, and each year thereafter.