



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2019 Fact Sheet

IN THE NATION

- Advocates estimate that since 1973 (*Roe v. Wade*), more than 60 million legal abortions have occurred. That's more lives than the combined populations of 19 states.
- Nationally, more than 1 in 5 pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion.
- 1 in 4 U.S. women will have an abortion by age 45.
- Nationwide, 12% of abortions were performed on adolescents (17 years of age and younger) and 61% on women in their 20s.
- In 2014, 75% of women obtaining abortions were poor or low-income.
- Minorities are at a disproportionately high risk of being targeted by abortion:
 - 79% of abortion facilities are located within walking distance of black and Hispanic neighborhoods.
 - In NYC, black women access abortion at a rate five times higher than white women and twice as high as Hispanics. In this city, there are more black babies aborted than born alive.
- **Reasons American women give for having an abortion:**
 - 75% cite concern or responsibility for other individuals
 - 75% say they cannot afford a child
 - 75% say that having a baby would interfere with work, school or the ability to care for other dependents
 - 50% say they do not want to be a single parent or are having problems with their husband or partner.

IN WASHINGTON STATE

- Abortion is the leading cause of death in Washington.
- In 2018, for the 9th consecutive year, Americans United for Life ranked Washington State as the worst in the nation in terms of legal protections for women and their unborn children.
- Washington does not have any major types of abortion restrictions - such as waiting periods, mandatory counseling or ultrasound, mandated parental involvement or

limitations on publicly-funded abortions - that are often found in other states.
(*Americans United for Life*)

- 43.42% of all pregnancies in WA happen in Pierce and King County
- **52.5% of abortions in WA take place in Pierce and King County. (That's more than half of the state's abortions.)**
- 98.8% of abortions in WA do not occur in hospitals.
- 52.1% of teen pregnancies in King County end in abortion.
- 36.2% of teen pregnancies in Pierce County end in abortion.

IN THE CHURCH

Among American women who have had an abortion....

- Seven out of 10 indicate their religious preference is Christian.
- More than a third of these women were attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of their first abortion.
- **More than half (52%) of church goers report that no one in the church knows about their abortion.**
- Two-thirds (65%) agree that church members judge single women who are pregnant.
- More than half (51%) agree that churches do not have a ministry prepared to discuss options during an unplanned pregnancy.
- Half (49%) agree that pastors' teachings on forgiveness don't seem to apply to terminated pregnancies.

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