

50,039,152

ABORTIONS SINCE ROE V. WADE

According to the most recent statistics, an estimated 50 million abortions have been performed in the United States since 1973

In the sidebar are statistics from the Alan Guttmacher Institute and the CDC. The Guttmacher Institute, associated with Planned Parenthood, is considered the most accurate researcher of abortions. Unlike the CDC, which publishes the available reports of the state health departments every year, the Guttmacher Institute directly polls abortion centers for numbers.

The Guttmacher Institute study states the real number of abortions may be 3-4% higher than listed, so our figure includes a 3% higher number of abortions. Because statistics have not been compiled yet for recent years, our figure also includes a conservative estimate of one million abortions each year for 2006-2008. These numbers give us an estimate of 50,039,152 lives ended prematurely in their mother's womb since 1973, the year Roe v. Wade was decided.

PUTTING NUMBERS INTO PERSPECTIVE

50 million abortions is greater than the 2007 estimated population of the following states: Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina, Mississippi, Montana, Arizona, Oregon and Alaska.

The estimated more than 1,000,000 abortions performed a year in America is higher than the deaths in combat during every war and conflict in all of American history from 1775-2008.

ABORTIONS BY YEAR

	Guttmacher	CDC
1973	744,600	615,831
1974	898,600	763,476
1975	1,034,200	854,853
1976	1,179,300	988,267
1977	1,316,700	1,079,430
1978	1,409,600	1,157,776
1979	1,497,700	1,251,921
1980	1,553,900	1,297,606
1981	1,577,300	1,300,760
1982	1,573,900	1,303,980
1983	1,575,000	1,268,987
1984	1,577,200	1,333,521
1985	1,588,600	1,328,570
1986	1,574,000	1,328,112
1987	1,559,100	1,353,671
1988	1,590,800	1,371,285
1989	1,566,900	1,396,658
1990	1,608,600	1,429,247
1991	1,556,500	1,388,937
1992	1,528,930	1,359,146
1993	1,495,000	1,330,414
1994	1,423,000	1,267,415
1995	1,359,400	1,210,883
1996	1,360,160	1,225,937
1997	1,335,000	1,186,039
1998	1,319,000	884,273
1999	1,314,800	861,789
2000	1,312,990	857,475
2001	1,291,000	853,485
2002	1,269,000	854,122
2003	1,250,000	848,163
2004	1,222,100	839,226
2005	1,206,200	--
2006	--	--
2007	--	--
2008	--	--
Totals	45,669,080	36,391,255

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