
ABORTIONS DECLINE TO HISTORIC LOW: CDC REPORT SHOWS 31,000 BABIES SAVED FROM ABORTIONS

The Centers for Disease Control released its national abortion report on Wednesday and the new figures show how the number of abortions in the United States has declined to a historic low.



Although approximately 699,000 babies lost their lives in abortions in 2012, the latest year CDC has produced figures for, that represents a decline of about half since the highs of more than 1.5 million in the late 1980s, when the effect of legalizing abortion in 1973 finally took its full effect. That is a decline from the 730,322 babies who died from abortions in 2011, according to CDC's report last year.

"The abortion rate for 2012 was 13.2 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years, and the abortion ratio was 210 abortions per 1,000 live births," the report indicated. At their high decades ago, approximately 1 in 3 pregnancies ended in an abortion — resulting in brochures, banners and billboards proclaiming that fact and greying out every third baby displayed in pictures of newborn

children. Thanks to pro-life laws, educational efforts, pregnancy centers and the actions of pro-life groups that have resulted in closing down abortion clinics, now just one in five pregnancies in the United States end in an abortion.

“Compared with 2011, the total number and ratio of reported abortions for 2012 decreased 4%, and the abortion rate decreased 5%. Additionally, from 2003 to 2012, the number, rate, and ratio of reported abortions decreased 17%, 18%, and 14%, respectively. Given the large decreases in the total number, rate, and ratio of reported abortions from 2011 to 2012, in combination with decreases that occurred during 2008–2011, all three measures reached historic lows,” it added.

The CDC notes that more than 9,000 babies were killed in abortions occurring at or after 21 weeks, and 22 weeks is the earliest time a baby can survive outside the womb.

“Women in their twenties accounted for the majority of abortions in 2012 and throughout the period of analysis,” the report noted.

The CDC data is not complete and is based on reports from health departments in 47 states. The CDC admits California, Maryland and New Hampshire don’t report abortion numbers and the data from Wyoming is typically incomplete. Still, the year to year comparison is instructive since the same 47 states are compared to each other every year.

Today’s report follows on the heels of a report last year showing abortions decreasing as well. From 2010 to 2011, the total number and rate of reported abortions decreased 5% and the abortion ratio decreased 4%, and from 2002 to 2011.

The new CDC report also notes that 20.8 percent of all abortions involve the dangerous mifepristone (RU 486) abortion drug — a 10% increase from 2011.