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The Honorable Carla Cunningham, Chair
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North Carolina General Assembly
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The Honorable Jim Burgin, Chair
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North Carolina General Assembly
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Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2023-14, Section 1.2 amends General Statute 90-21.93 to include a provision that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare an annual comprehensive annual statistical report based upon the data gathered from reports under this Article. The report shall be made available to the public in a downloadable format and the Department shall submit the report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services. Pursuant to the provisions of law, the Department is pleased to submit the attached report.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Karen Wade, Director of Policy, at Karen.Wade@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Debra Farrington for Secretary Devdutta Sangvai
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Devdutta Sangvai
Secretary

**Care for Women, Children, and Families Act
2025 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**

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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 39,315 intentional terminations of pregnancy reported from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Almost all induced terminations were under 12 weeks gestation, with the exception of 0.94% 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 432 (1.1%) of patients, the majority of which were incomplete abortion due to retained tissue (0.6%) and failure to actually terminate the pregnancy (0.3%).

Table 1. North Carolina Intentional Termination of Pregnancy; January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024		
	Total	
Race/Ethnicity of Patient		
White, non-Hispanic	8,949	22.76%
African American, non-Hispanic	20,882	53.11%
American Indian, non-Hispanic	334	0.85%
Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	1,055	2.68%
Multiracial, non-Hispanic	1,331	3.39%
Hispanic	6,098	15.51%
Not Reported	668	1.70%
Age of Patient		
14 years and under	77	0.20%
15-19 years	2,984	7.59%
20-24 years	10,568	26.88%
25-29 years	11,106	28.25%
30-34 years	8,423	21.42%
35 years and older	6,157	15.66%

Table 2. North Carolina Intentional Termination of Pregnancy by Procedure; January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024		
	Total	
Dilation & Curettage	10,625	27.03%
Dilation & Evacuation	3,237	8.23%
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	<10	-
Other surgical	<10	-
Mifepristone	25,093	63.83%
Misoprostol	24,647	62.69%
Other medication	37	0.09%
Intrauterine Instillation	<10	-
Other	16	0.04%
Unknown	-	-
<i>Notes. Percentages based on a total of 39,315 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, 2026, and each year thereafter.