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The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
North Carolina General Assembly
Room 620, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

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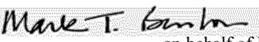
The Honorable Larry Potts, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
North Carolina General Assembly
Room 307B1, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

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,

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on behalf of Kody H. Kinsley
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Kody H. Kinsley
Secretary

**Care for Women, Children, and Families Act
2024 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 18,638 intentional terminations of pregnancy reported from July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Almost all induced terminations were under 12 weeks gestation, with the exception of 0.01% 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 227 (1.2%) of patients, the majority of which were incomplete abortion due to retained tissue (0.8%) and failure to actually terminate the pregnancy (0.2%).

Table 1. North Carolina Intentional Termination of Pregnancy; July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023		
	Total	
Race/Ethnicity of Patient		
White, non-Hispanic	4,392	23.56%
African American, non-Hispanic	10,064	53.99%
American Indian, non-Hispanic	138	0.74%
Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	517	2.77%
Multiracial, non-Hispanic	614	3.29%
Hispanic	2,692	14.45%
Not Reported	221	1.19%
Age of Patient		
14 years and under	41	0.23%
15-19 years	1,432	7.90%
20-24 years	5,033	27.75%
25-29 years	5,292	29.18%
30-34 years	3,819	21.06%
35 years and older	2,518	13.88%

Table 2. North Carolina Intentional Termination of Pregnancy by Procedure; July 1, 2023-December 31, 2023		
	Total	
Dilation & Curettage	4,931	26.46%
Dilation & Evacuation	1,503	8.06%
Hysterotomy/ Hysterectomy	<5	-
Other surgical	-	-
Mifepristone	12,108	64.96%
Misoprostol	11,833	63.49%
Other medication	-	-
Intrauterine Instillation	-	-
Other	-	-
Unknown	-	-
<i>Notes. Percentages based on a total of 18,638 intentional terminations. A patient could experience more than one of these. Counts <5 are suppressed unless they are 0.</i>		

Next Steps

NCDHHS will submit the annual summary report on or before October 1, 2025, and each year thereafter.