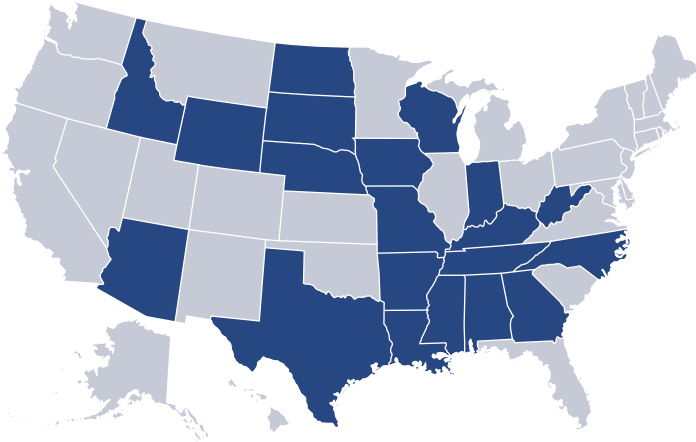


Abortion in the United States

This summer marked one year since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned! Here are some of the ways that abortion has changed across the country.



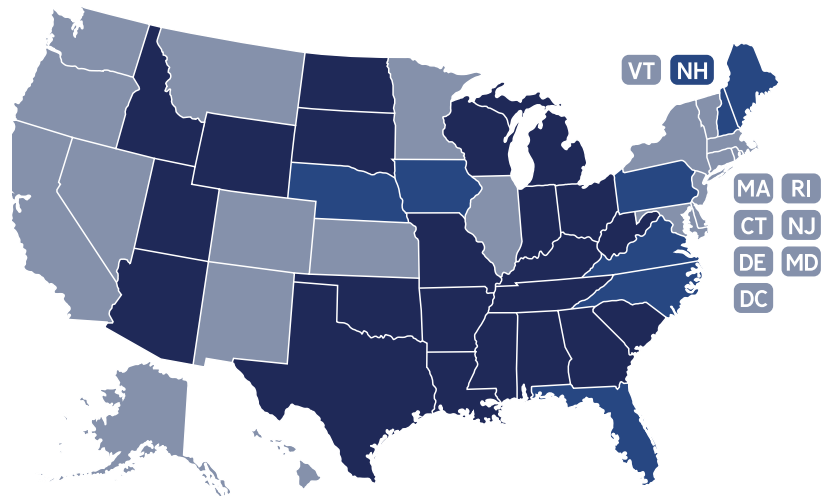
More than **25,000** fewer legal abortions in the U.S. in the nine months following the *Dobbs* decision in June, 2022.

[Data as of June 15, 2023 from the Society of Family Planning](#)

Pro-Life Legislation

Since the *Dobbs* decision, **20 states** have enacted laws, or have laws that took effect, increasing abortion restrictions, some even enacting a complete ban.

Data from Family Policy Alliance



“The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.”

Syllabus for *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, June 24th, 2022

Where States Stand Now

MANY PROTECTIONS

These states provide robust protection for children in the womb, and they generally respect parental rights and help families thrive through their laws and policies.

ID, WY, UT, AZ, ND, SD, OK, TX, WI, MO, AR, LA, MS, TN, AL, GA, SC, KY, WV, OH, IN

SOME PROTECTIONS

These states have some abortion restrictions, but they will also have a journey ahead before their laws and policies truly reflect the value of human life, both in the womb and in families and communities.

ME, NH, PA, VA, NC, FL, IA, NE

FEW PROTECTIONS

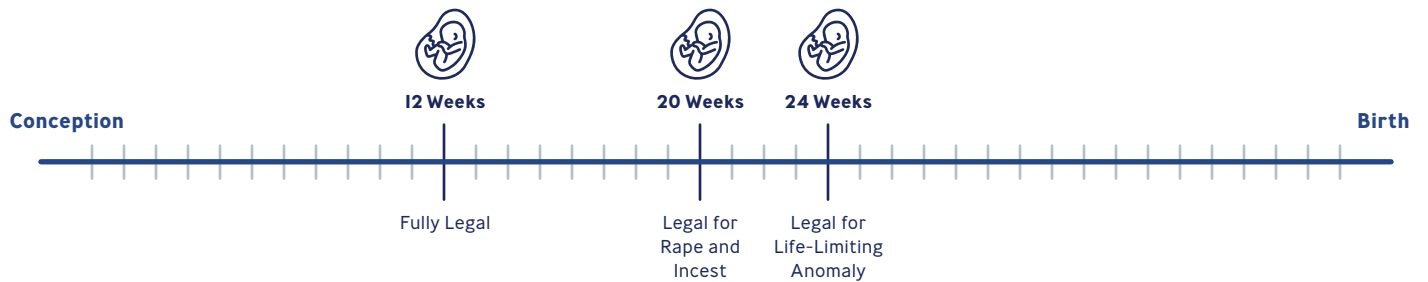
These states provide comparatively few protections for unborn children. Some have even established a so-called “right to choose,” guaranteeing access to abortion.

WA, OR, NV, CA, MT, CO, NM, MN, KS, IL, MI, NY, VT, MA, RI, CT, NJ, DE, MD, DC, AK, HI

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Abortion in North Carolina

This spring, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2023-14, also known as Senate Bill 20—Care for Women, Children, and Families Act. This law reduces the legal time for abortions from 20 weeks to 12 weeks, with limited exceptions including when the mother’s life is at risk. While many pro-life advocates were calling for a bill to protect unborn life at conception or when a fetal heartbeat is detected, the passage of SB 20 will still save thousands of lives and support women, children, and families across the state.



Prohibits partial-birth abortion and abortions on basis of race, sex, or Down syndrome diagnosis



72 hour waiting period after in-person counseling before abortion can take place



Conscience protections for healthcare providers



Protects babies born alive after a failed abortion



Increased paid parental leave for state employees



Mother has the right to view ultrasound before abortion



Money for maternity homes in NC



Expanded Safe Surrender of Infants program



Increased medicaid coverage for pregnancy care



Resources to expand childcare access



Increased resources for foster care and adoption



Unlawful to provide abortion-inducing drugs through mail or internet

This summer, NC Family’s weekly radio show and podcast featured a series of interviews highlighting some of the pro-life work being done across North Carolina. Scan the QR code with your phone or visit [NCFamily.org/family-policy-matters-radio-show](https://www.ncfamily.org/family-policy-matters-radio-show) to learn more!

