State Abortion Laws

The State Abortion Laws Dataset offers a general overview of laws in 15 areas of abortion regulation: Abortion Advertising Restrictions, Abortion Bans, Abortion Provider Qualifications, Abortion Reporting Requirements, Abortion Requirements for Minors, Abortion Waiting Period Requirements, Medication Abortion Requirements, Protecting Access to Abortion Clinics, Refusal to Perform Abortions, Restrictions on Insurance Coverage of Abortion, Restrictions on Public Funding of Abortion, Statutory and Constitutional Right to Abortion, TRAP – Abortion Facility Licensing, TRAP – Ambulatory Surgical Center Requirements, and TRAP – Hospitalization Requirements. It serves as a snapshot of the regulatory landscape across all topics within each state, providing a summary of the degree to which each jurisdiction restricts or protects abortion access.

This dataset is longitudinal, displaying abortion laws in effect from December 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020. Additional maps and tables are available by visiting www.lawatlas.org.

States that Protect the Right to an Abortion

Eighteen states have a statute or constitutional provision protecting the right to an abortion as of August 31, 2020. This is an increase from fourteen states since December 1, 2018.

Jurisdictions: 18 (AK, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, HI, KS, ME, MD, MN, MS, MT, NV, NY, RI, VT, WA)

States that Restrict the Right to an Abortion

As of August 31, 2020, forty-five states have laws that prohibit the performance of certain abortions such as gestational limit bans and reason-based bans.

Jurisdictions: 45 (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, DT, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY)