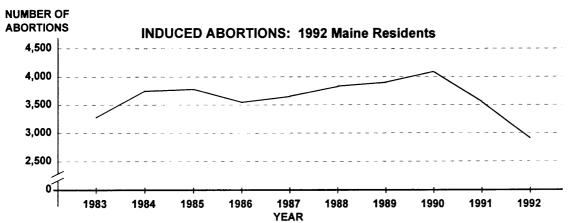
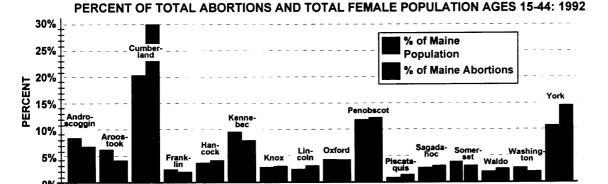
In 1992, Maine physicians reported that they provided 2,935 induced abortions to Maine residents. This is the lowest number of reported abortions in the past 10 years.



- For every 5 live births to Maine women, there is 1 induced abortion; the national rate is 3 live births for every 1 induced abortion.
- 68% of the women who received abortions in 1992 reported having at least 1 previous pregnancy; 35% reported having at least 1 previous abortion, compared to 43% nationwide in 1990.
- Almost three quarters (73.4%) of all induced abortons are the result of out-of-wedlock pregnancies.
- ▶ 96% of the abortions provided to Maine women are provided using suction curretage. The next most frequently reported procedure used is dilation and evacuation (less than 2%).
- 572 Maine teenagers had abortions in 1992; 15% of those young women reported having had at least one previous live birth, 16% at least one previous induced abortion, and 4% one or more previous spontaneous terminations.



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