



Did You Know?

- In the absence of Canadian law - abortion is available on demand during all nine months of pregnancy - this includes, aspiration and curettage, dilation and evacuation, dilation and curettage, other medical procedures including hysterectomy and menstrual extraction, antacid treatment, oxytocins, pharmacological combinations, salt solution and “other”.
- In 2015, RU486 (Mifegymiso) was licensed in Canada as a chemical abortion method- to be used “up to a gestational age of 49 days.”
 - 1 in 3 (30.7%) of women undergoing abortion had already had one or more¹ with a further ² in 5 (19.6%) listed as number of previous abortions “unknown.”
 - Over 285 abortions occur each day in Canada³ with 115 of those everyday in Ontario.
 - 11% (11,156) of abortions are performed on girls 19 years of age or younger.⁴
 - Even only ONE abortion increases a woman’s risk of breast cancer⁵, depression and suicide.⁶
 - An Ontario study of 41,039 women during the three month period after abortion revealed that these women had a more than four times higher rate of hospitalizations for infections, a five times higher rate of “surgical events” and a nearly five times higher rate of hospitalization for psychiatric problems than the matchin group of women who had not had abortions. ⁷
 - Many women who have abortions feel coerced or pressured to do so by their boyfriends. ⁸
 - In 2014 abortion on demand cost Canadian tax-payers \$73, 847,500 of which Ontario taxpayers funded \$30,057,500.

Did You Know?

- Abortion was legalized over 47 years ago, before ultrasounds, embryology and medical advances introduced us to babies before they are born.
- 29.2% (30,414) of abortions under 8 weeks gestation occur. As early as 21 days after conception, the heart begins beating. By 5 weeks, brain, spinal cord and heart development is well underway...the heart pumping the embryo's own blood to his body. The head, chest and abdominal cavities have formed - beginnings of the arms and legs are easily seen. The brain's cerebral hemispheres appear at 6½ weeks. The 7½ week embryo reflexively turns away in response to light facial touch.
- 39% (40,621) of abortions at 9-12 weeks gestation occur when the child also has fingerprints, urinates, swallows, wrinkles its forehead, sleeps, wakes and exercises.
- 6.9% (7,187) of abortions at 13 to 16 weeks gestation occur when the child has fine hair, is 8"-10" long and can hear.
- 3.4% (3,541) of abortions at 17 weeks to full term gestation occur when the child can also be startled by sudden noise and could survive with proper care outside their mother's womb.
- 2.4% (2,499) of abortions occur at 21 weeks gestation. This is the age of viability because survival outside the womb becomes possible for some fetuses.⁹
- 19% (19,790) of abortions are listed as gestational age "unknown".

Note: Approximately 18,000 induced abortions occurring in Ontario have been missing from statistics every year since 2007 they have been included here for clarity and accuracy. However abortions paid for privately in Ontario and Quebec remain missing.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, call our 24 Hour Helpline at 1.800.665.0570 or your local pro-life group.

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