

FAQ: 2010s Abortion Landscape in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio

This FAQ is informed by the following peer-reviewed publications:

- [Abortion-Related Laws and Concurrent Patterns in Abortion Incidence in Indiana, 2010–2019](#) (Moseson et al., 2023)
- [Kentucky's abortion landscape, 2010 to 2019: an analysis of pre-*Dobbs* abortion disparities in a rural, restrictive state](#) (Smith et al., 2023)
- [Abortion Access in Ohio's Changing Legislative Context, 2010–2018](#) (Norris et al., 2020)

Why is data from the 2010s relevant?

States passed many abortion restrictions before the *Dobbs* decision. The rate at which state-based policies were passed increased in the 2010s, as compared to earlier years. The consequences of states' pre-*Dobbs* abortion restrictions are felt today, even while some states move to further restrict care. Understanding the pre-*Dobbs* landscape is necessary to understand the post-*Dobbs* reality.

How many abortion restrictions were passed in each state?

Laws from each state target both patients and providers, making it difficult to both access and provide care. For a summary of the laws in each state, navigate to the respective peer-reviewed article link.



Between 2010 and 2019, **Indiana's legislature** passed **14** abortion-related bills, of which six were partially or completely blocked.



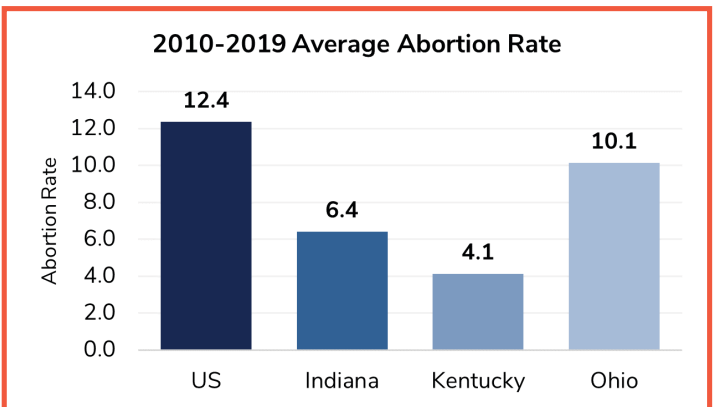
Between 2010 – 2019, **Kentucky's legislature** passed **17** abortion-related bills, of which 10 were enacted.



Between 2010 – 2018, **Ohio's legislature** passed over **15** abortion-related provisions.

How many people from each state have an abortion?

Abortion rates in each state are impacted by the consistently restrictive legal landscape. Compared to the national average, Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio saw dramatically fewer abortions from 2010-2019. Note: average abortion rates are reported per 1,000 women of reproductive age. Average abortion rates are calculated based on publicly available CDC data. The national average is based on 44 states that consistently reported abortion data to CDC in the given time period.



Where do Hoosiers, Kentuckians, and Ohioans travel for care out-of-state?

- Based on 2019 data, nearly one in three Indiana residents who sought an abortion did so out of state. Hoosiers seeking abortion care traveled to Illinois, **Kentucky**, Michigan, and **Ohio**.
- In Kentucky, an average of 38% abortion patients sought care out of state. From 2010-2019, Kentuckians mostly traveled **Ohio** and **Indiana**, while a few traveled to West Virginia and Illinois.
- Ohio residents travel to Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia to access abortion care (CDC, 2022).

What happened to each state's abortion clinics?

- Between 2010-2019, four of Indiana's 10 clinics closed. One new clinic opened.
- Between 2010-2019, one of Kentucky's two clinics closed.
- Between 2010-2018, five of Ohio's 16 clinics closed.

Additional Reference

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2022, November 18). *CDC Abortion Surveillance System*. Reproductive Health. https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/data_stats/abortion.htm

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