

# THE STATE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS: A 50-State Report Card





**22 States Receive  
a B or Higher**



**26 States Receive  
a D or Lower**

**In recent years the United States of America has become “The Divided States of Reproductive Health and Rights,” as there is a growing gap between states that prioritize reproductive health and rights and those that do not. This trend is clearly reflected in this year’s report card, with 22 states earning a “B-” or higher on the report card and 26 states receiving a “D+” or lower.**

The ‘good news’ is that a number of attacks on reproductive health in Congress were beaten back in 2018, including attempts to defund Planned Parenthood. An effort to defund Title X, which provides federal assistance to family planning clinics serving low income households, was also blocked, as was a bid to zero-out funding for evidence-based sex education programs.

The Trump administration has sought by various regulatory maneuvers to limit access to reproductive health care, but many of those efforts have yet to be finalized.

With respect to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Trump administration has drafted a rule that would restrict the

“contraceptive mandate” by allowing employers and insurers to opt-out of birth control coverage for any religious or moral reason. The change could restrict or eliminate birth control coverage for millions of women. The final rule, however, is expected to take effect in January of 2019.

Also, the Trump administration has drafted a proposed rule that would prevent Title X-funded clinics from referring patients to abortion services. The “domestic gag rule,” as it is known, among other things would cut off funding to many existing providers, including Planned Parenthood affiliates.

Because a number of the new policies proposed by the administration have yet to take

effect, the national grade, which dropped to a “D-” in 2017, remained unchanged in 2018. The outlook for 2019 is a mixed picture. On the one hand, it’s anticipated that the newly elected House of Representatives will be able to preserve funding for family planning and reproductive health programs, while also pushing back against any policy restrictions proposed by the Trump-Pence administration or its allies in the Republican-controlled Senate. On the other hand, the appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court and the confirmation of dozens of other Trump-nominated judges to the lower federal courts, makes it more likely that the federal courts will curb, in some form, access to reproductive health care in the U.S.

## The United States Gets a D-

**The United States as a whole has been given a grade of D-. Here’s why:**



The retirement of Justice Kennedy and appointment of Justice Kavanaugh raises concerns that the federal courts will curb access to reproductive health care.

The general atmosphere around reproductive health and rights has continued to be extremely hostile across the U.S.

Congress and the administration has taken aim at eliminating Title X, defunding Planned Parenthood, and gutting teen pregnancy prevention programs.

The Trump administration expanded the exemptions to the birth control benefit to allow any employer or insurer to opt-out of birth control coverage for any religious or moral reason.





GRADING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

While most Americans are aware of the national political debate over birth control and abortion, many are unaware of the status of reproductive health and rights in their own state. In the interest of an informed public debate, the Population Institute, for the fifth year in a row, is releasing a report card that gives an overview of what's happening in the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

THE 50-STATE REPORT CARD

**Focus:** The 50-state report card focuses on four broad indicators or policies relating to reproductive health and rights:

**Effectiveness** (30 points): Statewide, what percentage of pregnancies are unintended, and how high is the state's teenage pregnancy rate?

**Prevention** (25 points): Does the state promote comprehensive sex education in the schools, support

access to emergency contraception in the emergency room, and allow minors to consent to contraceptive services?

**Affordability** (25 points): Has the state expanded Medicaid access under the Affordable Care Act? Does the state have policies designed to make birth control affordable to uninsured and low-income individuals, and do they allow insurance coverage of abortion services?

**Access** (20 points): Does the state impose harassing or burdensome requirements on those seeking family planning or abortion services?

CRITERIA AND SCORES

Eleven criteria are used in determining a state's composite score. States with the best grades will have:

1. A low rate of teenage pregnancy (15 points maximum)
2. A low rate of unintended pregnancy (15 points maximum)

3. Comprehensive sex education in the schools (15 points maximum)
4. Access to emergency contraception in the emergency room (5 points maximum)
5. Minors access to contraceptive services (5 points maximum)
6. Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act (15 points maximum)
7. A Medicaid "waiver" expanding eligibility for family planning services (5 points maximum)
8. Insurance coverage of abortion services (5 points maximum)
9. An absence of burdensome abortion restrictions (10 points maximum)
10. An absence of TRAP Laws (Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers) (5 points maximum)
11. County-level access to family planning and abortion services (5 points maximum)

CORE GRADE

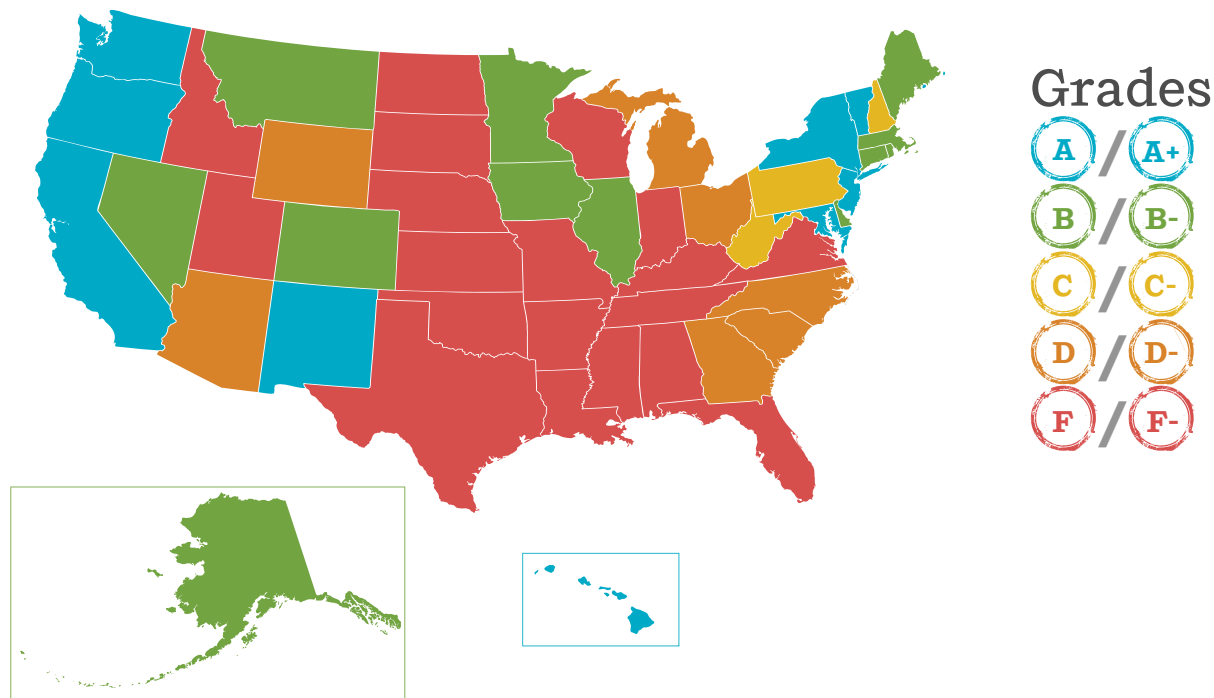
Each state is assigned a "core" grade based upon the following grading system:

A: 81-100 points      B: 66-80.9 points      C: 56-65.9 points      D: 46-55.9 points      F: < than 45.9 points

STATE	TOTAL SCORE	LETTER GRADE	STATE	TOTAL SCORE	LETTER GRADE	STATE	TOTAL SCORE	LETTER GRADE	STATE	TOTAL SCORE	LETTER GRADE
AL	40.2	F-	IL	77.7	B	MT	74.2	B-	RI	75.7	B+
AK	68	B	IN	41	F-	NE	31.5	F-	SC	49.7	D-
AZ	55.5	D-	IA	74.5	B-	NV	67.2	B	SD	28.2	F-
AR	42	F-	KS	36	F-	NH	64.7	C	TN	41.9	F-
CA	98	A+	KY	43	F-	NJ	86.7	A-	TX	36.7	F-
CO	74.5	B-	LA	41.8	F	NM	90.2	A+	UT	42	F
CT	79.7	B	ME	69.2	B	NY	86.7	A	VT	82.7	A
DE	76.3	B-	MD	86.2	A-	NC	55	D-	VA	42	F-
DC	87.8	A	MA	78.2	B-	ND	44.7	F-	WA	91.2	A+
FL	37.3	F	MI	52.5	D-	OH	51.5	D-	WV	63.7	C
GA	47	D	MN	74.7	B	OK	32.5	F	WI	39.7	F-
HI	88.5	A-	MS	30.7	F-	OR	97.5	A+	WY	51.2	D
ID	44.2	F	MO	35.5	F-	PA	57.7	C			

## FINAL GRADE:

If there are noteworthy developments or other important policies that are not reflected in the state's "core" grade, a state may be accorded a plus (+) or a minus (-), depending on how the changes are likely to impact reproductive health and rights.



## STATE BREAKDOWNS:

For state press releases and state-by-state breakdowns of the scoring, more information can be obtained at [www.populationinstitute.org/reportcard](http://www.populationinstitute.org/reportcard)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

About teenage pregnancy in the U.S., see

<https://www.guttmacher.org/report/us-teen-pregnancy-state-trends-2011>

About the rate of unintended pregnancies in the U.S., see

<https://www.guttmacher.org/reports/%20pregnancy-desires-and-pregnancies-state-level-estimates-2014>

About state abortion restrictions, see

<https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/overview-abortion-laws>

About State Medicaid Expansions, see

<http://kff.org/health-reform/state-indicator/state-activity-around-expanding-medicaid-under-the-affordable-care-act/>

About state Medicaid family planning waivers, see

<https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/medicaid-family-planning-eligibility-expansions>

About sex education requirements at the state level, see

<https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/sex-and-hiv-education>

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# U.S. Maintains Grade at a “D-”

## 19 States Get Failing Grade Amid Continued Attacks on Reproductive Health and Rights

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The Institute's president Robert Walker said, "Last year we said that the country was quickly becoming 'The Divided States of Reproductive Health and Rights' and that trend, unfortunately, continues. A woman's ability to access affordable reproductive health care increasingly depends on where she lives and the Trump administration's reshaping of the federal judiciary could accelerate that trend."

**THE NATIONAL  
GRADE**

For the second year in a row, the U.S., as a whole, received a “D-“. While federal law and federal funding levels remain largely unchanged, new threats emerged in 2018:

## Title X

In a move that jeopardizes the future status of family planning clinics receiving Title X funding, the Trump administration last year drafted a proposed rule that would deny funding to family planning clinics that provide clients with information about the availability of abortion services. The so-called “domestic gag rule” could cut off funding to many of the existing providers,

including—but not limited to—Planned Parenthood.

## The ACA's Contraceptive 'Mandate'

The Trump administration finalized regulatory changes to the Affordable Care Act, which would allow employers with “religious” or “moral” objections to drop coverage of contraception in the health insurance policies provided to their employees.

## Conservative Court Appointments

In addition to the appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Senate has confirmed dozens of Trump-nominated judges to the lower courts, raising

concerns that the federal courts will curb access to reproductive health care in the U.S.

## STATE GRADES

Ten states (California, Washington, D.C., Hawaii, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington) received an “A” in this year’s report. The 19 states receiving a failing grade in 2018 included Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

## UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS

In releasing this year's 50-State report card, Walker noted that "This year's report card reflects the fact that reproductive health and rights remain under critical assault at the state and federal levels. It also demonstrates, once again, there is a growing divide between those states that put a high importance on reproductive health and rights and those that do not. While the reproductive health advocates scored significant victories in the 2018 elections, the war on reproductive rights is far from over."

"It is urgent that everyone concerned about the state of reproductive health and rights in the U.S. pay attention to what is happening at the national and local level and speak out against attacks on access to affordable reproductive health care. Only by fighting back against these attacks can we ensure that no one's ability to access reproductive health care depends on where they live."

### METHODOLOGY

Using eleven criteria, the Institute's report card

ranked each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia:

- Thirty percent of the grade is based on measures of **effectiveness**. This includes the latest available data on the teenage pregnancy rate (15%) and the rate of unintended pregnancies (15%).
- Twenty-five percent of the grade is based upon **prevention**. This includes mandated comprehensive sex education in

the schools (15%), access to emergency contraception (5%), and minors' access to contraceptive services (5%).

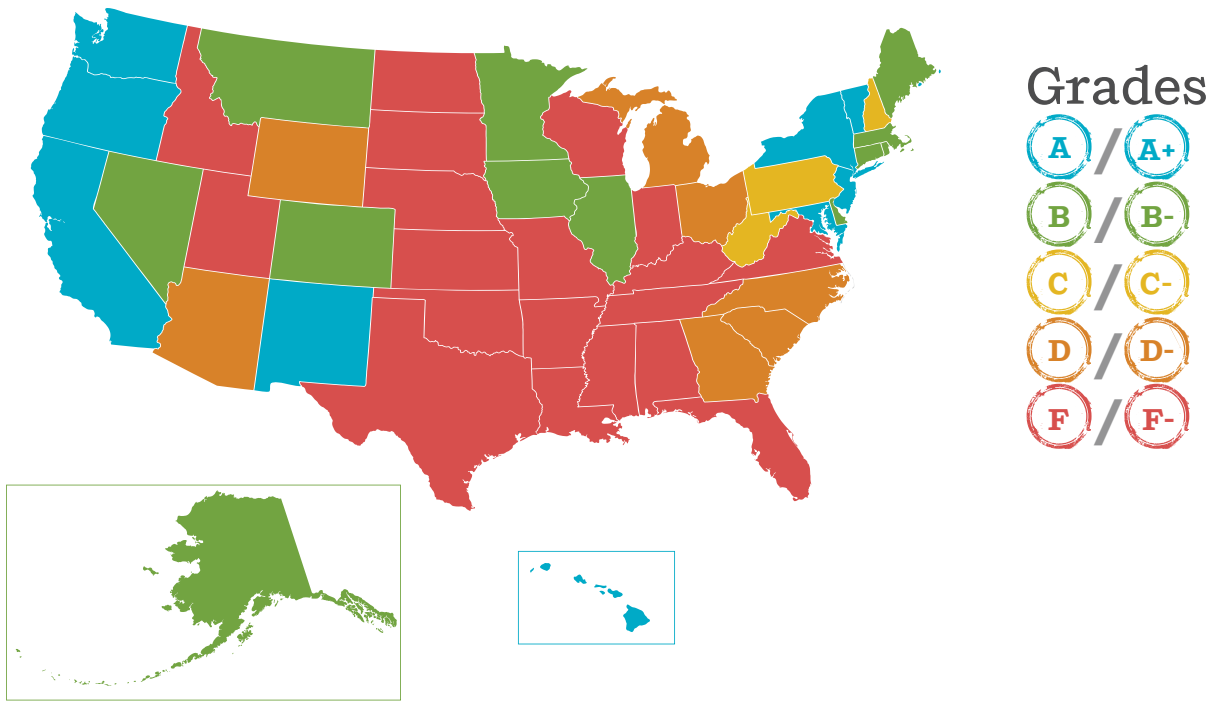
- Twenty-five percent of the grade is based upon **affordability**. This includes if states are expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (15%), Medicaid eligibility rules for family planning (5%), and restrictions of insurance coverage of abortion (5%).

- The final 20 percent of the grade is based upon clinic **access**. This includes abortion restrictions (10%), TRAP Laws (5%), and percent of women living in a county without an abortion provider (5%).

Based upon their scores, each state received a "core" grade (A, B, C, D or F), but some states received an additional "plus" or a "minus" for factors not reflected in the core grade.

### FINAL GRADE:

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For a copy of the report, including a state-by-state breakdown, visit the Population Institute's website [www.populationinstitute.org/reportcard](http://www.populationinstitute.org/reportcard)

For questions about the report, call **Jennie Wetter**, *Director of Public Policy* at (202) 544-3300, ext. 108.

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## ALABAMA’S GRADE

Alabama received an “F” this year. Most notably, Alabama received poor marks for:

**Alabama** has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**Alabama** has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses

to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; there is a mandatory ultrasound where the woman must be given an opportunity to view the image; there is a waiting period of 48 hours between the woman receiving counseling and obtaining her abortion; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

**Alabama** received a “minus” because their ‘Choose Life’ license plates fund anti-choice organizations/Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

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## ALABAMA



## 40.2 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.2 / 15

Alabama has a teen pregnancy rate of 48 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We have set 37 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Alabama has achieved 81.6% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

44% of Alabama's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Alabama has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 5 / 15

Alabama requires HIV education with information on condoms in its sex education curriculum, but not other methods of contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Alabama has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Alabama does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

Alabama has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Alabama offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people with an income level up to 146% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Alabama restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 1 / 10

Alabama has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; there is a mandatory ultrasound where the woman must be given an opportunity to view the image; there is a waiting period of 48 hours between the woman receiving counseling and obtaining her abortion; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Alabama has enacted a series of TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

59% of women in Alabama live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## ALASKA'S GRADE

Alaska received a "B" this year. Most notably, Alaska received good marks for:

**Alaska** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**Alaska** explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

**Alaska** has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

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## ALASKA



## 68 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12 / 15

Alaska has a teen pregnancy rate of 47 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 35 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Alaska has achieved 80% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

35% of Alaska's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Alaska has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Alaska does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Alaska has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Alaska explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Alaska has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Alaska currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Alaska does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 8 / 10

Alaska has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: a woman planning on receiving an abortion must undergo mandatory counseling including information on link to breast cancer and fetal pain; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Alaska has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 3 / 5

37% of women in Alaska live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## ARIZONA’S GRADE

Arizona received a “D” this year. Most notably, Arizona received poor marks for:

**Arizona** does not mandate sex education in public schools.

**Arizona** has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to

have an abortion if she chooses to do so: there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between pre-abortion counseling and undergoing the procedure; there is a mandatory ultrasound where the woman must be given an opportunity to view the image; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

**Arizona** received a “minus” because of a law that prevents abortion providers from receiving family planning funding.

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## ARIZONA



## 55.5 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.5 / 15

Arizona has a teen pregnancy rate of 47 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 41 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Arizona has achieved 90% the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

39% of Arizona's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Arizona has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Arizona does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Arizona has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Arizona explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### TRAP Laws: 0 / 5

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#### Abortion Access 4 / 5

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**Arkansas** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act, but they have enacted harmful waivers such as work requirements and lock out penalties

that limit the number of people who can use the expansion.

**Arkansas** has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks of pregnancy; the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on fetal pain after 20 weeks' gestation; there is a mandatory waiting period of 48 hours between pre-abortion counseling and undergoing the procedure; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

**Arkansas** received a "minus" because of a law that prevents abortion providers from receiving family planning funding.

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## 42 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 10.5 / 15

Arkansas has a teen pregnancy rate of 59 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 41 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Arkansas has achieved 69.9% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

36% of Arkansas's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Arkansas has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 2.5 / 5

Arkansas mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

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### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 8 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Arkansas currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Arkansas restricts coverage of abortion in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 1 / 10

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#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Arkansas has enacted a series of TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 0 / 5

77% of women in Arkansas live in a county without an abortion provider.

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and requires that the education be medically accurate.

**California** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**California** currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

**California** received a "plus" because they mandate their sex education program include information on sexual orientation and that it be inclusive.

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## CALIFORNIA



## 98 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13 / 15

California has a teen pregnancy rate of 44 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 36 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that California has achieved 86.6% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

40% of California's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, California has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 15 / 15

California mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception, and requires that the education be medically accurate.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

California mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

California explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

California has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

California offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of an amendment, is offered to people with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under 19 years old.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

California does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

California currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

California has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 5 / 5

5% of women in California live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## COLORADO'S GRADE

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**Colorado** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

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**Colorado** received a “minus” because of a restriction that prevents abortion providers from receiving family planning funding.

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## COLORADO



74.5 / 100  
BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 14 / 15

Colorado has a teen pregnancy rate of 37 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 33 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Colorado has achieved 93.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

35% of Colorado's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Colorado has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Colorado does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 2.5 / 5

Colorado mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Colorado explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Colorado has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Colorado currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Colorado does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 9 / 10

Colorado requires parental notice before a minor may undergo the procedure.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Colorado has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 4 / 5

27% of women in Colorado live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## Connecticut offers Medicaid expansions to

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## CONNECTICUT



79.7 / 100  
BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 14.7 / 15

Connecticut has a teen pregnancy rate of 29 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 28 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Connecticut has achieved 98.3% of this objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

41% of Connecticut's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Connecticut has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Connecticut mandates HIV education, but it does not require that condoms be part of the curriculum.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Connecticut mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Connecticut does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Connecticut offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of an amendment, is offered to people with incomes up to 263% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Connecticut does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

Connecticut currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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5% of women in Connecticut live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## DELAWARE



## 76.3 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

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#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 13.6 / 15

48% of Delaware's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Delaware has achieved 90.9% of the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 12 / 15

Delaware mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, as well as different methods of contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Delaware has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Delaware does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 8 / 10

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## WASHINGTON, D.C.



## 87.8 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.2 / 15

Washington, D.C. has a teen pregnancy rate of 67 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 56 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that the Washington, D.C. has achieved 81.6% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 13.6 / 15

48% of Washington, D.C. total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Washington, D.C. has achieved 90.9% of the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 12 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

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#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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### ACCESS

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**Florida** has decided not to expand their Medicaid

program under the Affordable Care Act.

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## FLORIDA



# 37.3 / 100

## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.7 / 15

Florida has a teen pregnancy rate of 46 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 37 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Florida has achieved 85% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 13.6 / 15

48% of Florida's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Florida has achieved 90.9% of the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Florida does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Florida has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Florida does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

Florida has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Florida offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people who have lost coverage for up to 2 years, but does not expand based on income.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Florida restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 7 / 10

Florida has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: a mandatory ultrasound where the woman must be given an opportunity to view the image is required; parental notice is required before a minor can undergo the procedure; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Florida has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 4 / 5

20% of women in Florida live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## GEORGIA'S GRADE

Georgia received a "D" this year. Most notably, Georgia received poor marks for:

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contraception.

**Georgia** has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

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## GEORGIA



## 47 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13 / 15

Georgia has a teen pregnancy rate of 47 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 39 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Georgia has achieved 86.6% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

41% of Georgia's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Georgia has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Georgia has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Georgia explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Georgia offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people with income levels up to 200% of the federal poverty line.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Georgia restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life or severe health impacts in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 2 / 10

Georgia has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks, the woman must receive counseling 24 hours before her abortion procedure, which must include information about fetal pain. Furthermore, parental notice is required, and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Georgia has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

58% of women in Georgia live in a county without an abortion provider.

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methods of contraception, and requires that the education be medically accurate.

**Hawaii** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**Hawaii** currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

**Hawaii** received a "minus" because their 'Choose Life' license plates fund anti-choice organizations/ Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

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## HAWAII



# 88.5 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.5 / 15

Hawaii has a teen pregnancy rate of 44 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 38 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Hawaii has achieved 90% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

37% of Hawaii's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Hawaii has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 15 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Hawaii mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Hawaii does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Hawaii has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Hawaii currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Hawaii does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

Hawaii currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Hawaii has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 5 / 5

5% of women in Hawaii live in a county without an abortion provider.

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**Idaho** voted in the 2018 election to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act,

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IDAHO



44.2 / 100  
BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.2 / 15

Idaho has a teen pregnancy rate of 36 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 29 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Idaho has achieved 88.3% of this objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

31% of Idaho's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Idaho has exceeded the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Idaho does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Idaho has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Idaho explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Idaho currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Idaho restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges and in cases of life in all private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 5 / 10

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#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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#### Abortion Access 1 / 5

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## ILLINOIS



77.7 / 100  
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Illinois has a teen pregnancy rate of 43 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 34 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Illinois has achieved 85% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

41% of Illinois's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Illinois has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 8 / 15

Illinois requires HIV education with information on condoms in its sex education curriculum and requires that the education is medically accurate.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Illinois mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception, and dispense it upon request.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Illinois does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Illinois currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Illinois does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 9 / 10

Illinois requires parental notice before a minor may undergo the procedure.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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**Indiana** received a "minus" because of enacted law preventing abortion providers from receiving family planning funding.

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## INDIANA



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#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

37% of Indiana's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Indiana has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

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#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 8 / 15

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#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

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### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 10

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#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Indiana has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 1 / 5

66% of women in Indiana live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## IOWA’S GRADE

Iowa received a “B” this year. Most notably, Iowa received good marks for:

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**Iowa** explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

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IOWA



74.5 / 100  
BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.5 / 15

Iowa has a teen pregnancy rate of 32 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 26 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Iowa has achieved 90% of this objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

33% of Iowa's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Iowa has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 3 / 15

Iowa mandates sex education in public schools, covering abstinence and HIV prevention, but does not require that HIV education include condoms or that sex education include contraception. However it does require that the education be medically accurate.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Iowa has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Iowa explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Iowa has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Iowa does not offer Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid, but they do have a state funded program. The state funded program is offered to people with income levels up to 300% of the federal poverty line.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Iowa does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 5 / 10

Iowa has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks, an ultrasound is required and the woman must be given an opportunity to view the image, requires parental notice and requires clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Iowa has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 3 / 5

42% of women in Iowa live in a county without an abortion provider.

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Kansas received an “F” this year. Most notably, Kansas received poor marks for:

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**Kansas** has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**Kansas** has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult

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## KANSAS



## 36 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13 / 15

Kansas has a teen pregnancy rate of 40 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 32 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Kansas has achieved 86.6% of this objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

34% of Kansas's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Kansas has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Kansas does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Kansas has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Kansas does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

Kansas has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Kansas currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage for Abortion 0 / 5

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### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 1 / 10

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#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Kansas has enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety, but they are temporarily enjoined pending court decisions.

#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

56% of women in Kansas live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## KENTUCKY



## 43 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 11 / 15

Kentucky has a teen pregnancy rate of 52 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 36 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Kentucky has achieved 73.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

36% of Kentucky's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Kentucky has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Kentucky has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Kentucky explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 8 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Kentucky currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

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### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 3 / 10

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#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Kentucky has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 1 / 5

74% of women in Kentucky live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## LOUISIANA



## 41.8 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 11.5 / 15

Louisiana has a teen pregnancy rate of 54 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 40 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Louisiana has achieved 76.6% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 14.3 / 15

46% of Louisiana's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Louisiana has achieved 95.5% of the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Louisiana does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Louisiana has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Louisiana has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Louisiana currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Louisiana restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by not allowing any abortion coverage in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 10

Louisiana has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on fetal pain, negative psychological effects and an ultrasound where the provider must display and describe the image; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between abortion counseling and procedure; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Louisiana has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 1 / 5

63% of women in Louisiana live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## MAINE’S GRADE

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and requires that the education be medically accurate.

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## MAINE



## 69.2 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.2 / 15

Maine has a teen pregnancy rate of 29 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 22 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Maine has achieved 88.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

38% of Maine's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Maine has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 15 / 15

Maine mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception, and requires that the education be medically accurate.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Maine does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

Maine voters voted to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act, but the expansion has not gone into effect yet.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Maine offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of an amendment, is offered to people with income levels up to 214% of the federal poverty line, as well as people who have lost coverage postpartum. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Maine does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 9 / 10

Maine requires clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

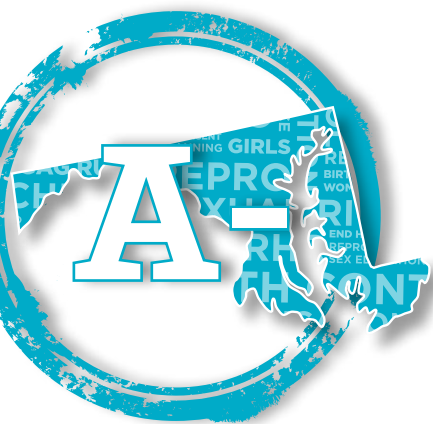
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#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

55% of women in Maine live in a county without an abortion provider.

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**Maryland** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

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**Maryland** received a "minus" because their 'Choose Life' license plates fund anti-choice organizations/Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

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## MARYLAND



## 86.2 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.5 / 15

Maryland has a teen pregnancy rate of 42 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 32 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Maryland has achieved 83.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 14.7 / 15

45% of Maryland's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Maryland has achieved 97.7% of the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 12 / 15

Maryland mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Maryland has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Maryland explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Maryland has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Maryland offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people with income levels up to 200% of the federal poverty line. Women under age 19 are also covered.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Maryland does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 8 / 10

Maryland requires clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures to be licensed physicians and parental notice is required.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Maryland has not enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 4 / 5

24% of women in Maryland live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## MASSACHUSETTS'S GRADE

Massachusetts received a "B" this year. Most notably, Massachusetts received good marks for:

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**Massachusetts** explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

**Massachusetts** has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

**Massachusetts** received a "minus" because their 'Choose Life' license plates fund anti-choice organizations/Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

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## MASSACHUSETTS



## 78.2 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 14.2 / 15

Massachusetts has a teen pregnancy rate of 24 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 21 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Massachusetts has achieved 95% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

38% of Massachusetts's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Massachusetts has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Massachusetts does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Massachusetts mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Massachusetts explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Massachusetts has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Massachusetts currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Massachusetts does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 9 / 10

Massachusetts has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: parental consent is required.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Massachusetts has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 5 / 5

14% of women in Massachusetts live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## MICHIGAN’S GRADE

Michigan received a “D” this year. Most notably, Michigan received poor marks for:

**Michigan** mandates HIV education, but it does not require that condoms are part of the curriculum. However, Michigan requires the education not to be medically inaccurate.

**Michigan** has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on negative psychological effects; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between abortion counseling and procedure; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

**Michigan** received a “minus” because of a law that prioritizes non-abortion providers when distributing family planning funding.

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# MICHIGAN



## 52.5 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.5 / 15

Michigan has a teen pregnancy rate of 39 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 29 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Michigan has achieved 83.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

43% of Michigan's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Michigan has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 3 / 15

Michigan mandates HIV education, but it does not require that condoms are part of the curriculum. However, Michigan requires the education not to be medically inaccurate.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Michigan has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Michigan does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Michigan has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Michigan currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Michigan restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life endangerment in all private health insurance plans including those sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 4 / 10

Michigan has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on negative psychological effects; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between abortion counseling and procedure; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Michigan has also enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 3 / 5

40% of women in Michigan live in a county without an abortion provider.

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**Minnesota** offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning

services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of an amendment, is offered to people with income levels up to 200% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

**Minnesota** has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

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## MINNESOTA



# 74.7 / 100

## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.7 / 15

Minnesota has a teen pregnancy rate of 26 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 21 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Minnesota has achieved 91.7% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

31% of Minnesota's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Minnesota has surpassed the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Minnesota mandates sex education in public schools, covering abstinence and HIV prevention, but does not require that HIV education include condoms or that sex education include contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

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#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

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### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Minnesota does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 4 / 10

Minnesota has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on fetal pain after 20 weeks; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between abortion counseling and procedure; notice of both parents is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Minnesota has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

59% of women in Minnesota live in a county without an abortion provider.

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**Mississippi** has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**Mississippi** has the following laws, which

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## MISSISSIPPI



## 30.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 11.7 / 15

Mississippi has a teen pregnancy rate of 58 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 45 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Mississippi has achieved 78.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 14 / 15

47% of Mississippi's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Mississippi has achieved 93.2% of the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Mississippi mandates sex education, but it does not require that contraception be part of the curriculum.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Mississippi has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Mississippi does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Mississippi offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people with income levels up to 199% of the federal poverty line, including men and individuals under age 19.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Mississippi restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 10

Mississippi has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; women must undergo mandatory counseling including information on link to breast cancer; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure with a mandatory ultrasound that the provider must offer the woman the opportunity to view; consent from both parents is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Mississippi has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 0 / 5

91% of women in Mississippi live in a county without an abortion provider.

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94% of women in **Missouri** live in a county without an abortion provider.

**Missouri** has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on fetal pain at 20 weeks; there is a mandatory waiting period of 72 hours between counseling and procedure; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

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## MISSOURI



## 35.5 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.5 / 15

Missouri has a teen pregnancy rate of 43 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 33 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Missouri has achieved 83.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

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### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Missouri has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Missouri does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Missouri does not offer Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid, but they do have a state funded program. The state funded program is offered to people with income levels up to 185% of the federal poverty line.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

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### ACCESS

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#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

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## MONTANA



74.2 / 100  
BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.2 / 15

Montana has a teen pregnancy rate of 41 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 30 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Montana has achieved 81.6% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

36% of Montana's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Montana has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Montana mandates sex education and HIV education in public schools but it does not require that condoms or other forms of contraception be part of the curriculum.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Montana has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Montana explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Montana has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Montana offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people with income levels up to 216% of the federal poverty.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Montana does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

Montana currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Montana has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

55% of women in Montana live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## NEBRASKA'S GRADE

Nebraska received an "F" this year. Most notably, Nebraska received poor marks for:

**Nebraska** does not mandate sex education in public schools.

**Nebraska** voted in the 2018 election to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act, but it has not gone into effect yet.

**Nebraska** has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on negative psychological effects; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

**Nebraska** received a "minus" because of a law that prevents abortion providers from receiving Title X funds.

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## NEBRASKA



## 31.5 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.5 / 15

Nebraska has a teen pregnancy rate of 35 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 25 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Nebraska has achieved 83.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

32% of Nebraska's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Nebraska has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Nebraska does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Nebraska has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Nebraska does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

Nebraska voted in the 2018 election to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act, but it has not gone into effect yet.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Nebraska currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Nebraska restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life endangerment in all private health insurance plans including those sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 1 / 10

Nebraska has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on negative psychological effects; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Nebraska has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 3 / 5

41% of women in Nebraska live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## NEVADA



## 67.2 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.2 / 15

Nevada has a teen pregnancy rate of 49 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 42 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women as the goal, which indicates that Nevada has achieved 88.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

42% of Nevada's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Nevada has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Nevada does mandate sex education and HIV education in public schools, but it sets no requirement to teach about condoms and contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Nevada has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Nevada does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Nevada has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Nevada currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Nevada does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 9 / 10

Nevada requires clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Nevada has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 5 / 5

9% of women in Nevada live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE’S GRADE

New Hampshire received a “C” this year. Notably, New Hampshire received marks for:

**New Hampshire** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act, but they have enacted harmful waivers such as work requirements

that limit the number of people who can use the expansion..

### New Hampshire

mandates HIV education, but it does not require that condoms be part of the curriculum.

**New Hampshire** offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of an amendment, is offered to people with income levels up to 201% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

## STATE GRADES

Ten states (California, Washington, D.C., Hawaii, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington) received

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### Title X

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE



## 64.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.7 / 15

New Hampshire has a teen pregnancy rate of 22 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 17 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that New Hampshire has achieved 91.7% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

39% of New Hampshire's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, New Hampshire has surpassed the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

New Hampshire mandates HIV education, but it does not require that condoms be part of the curriculum.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

New Hampshire has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

New Hampshire does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 8 / 15

New Hampshire has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act, but they have enacted harmful waivers such as work requirements that limit the number of people who can use the expansion.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

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#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

New Hampshire does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 9 / 10

New Hampshire requires parental notice before a minor may undergo the procedure.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

New Hampshire has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 4 / 5

30% of women in New Hampshire live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## NEW JERSEY’S GRADE

New Jersey received an “A” this year. Most notably, New Jersey received good marks for:

**New Jersey** mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV

prevention, and different methods of contraception. New Jersey also requires the education be medically accurate.

**New Jersey** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**New Jersey** has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

**New Jersey** received a “minus” because their ‘Choose Life’ license plates fund anti-choice organizations/Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

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## NEW JERSEY



## 86.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.7 / 15

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#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 14 / 15

47% of New Jersey's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, New Jersey has achieved 93.2% of the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 15 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

New Jersey mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

New Jersey currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

New Jersey does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

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#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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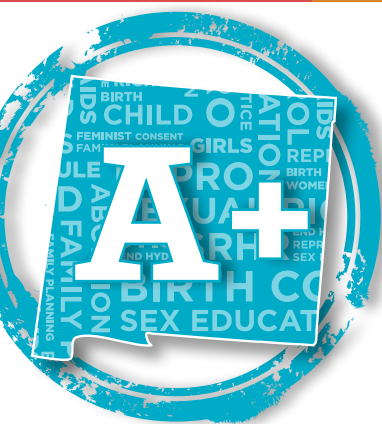
#### Abortion Access 4 / 5

23% of women in New Jersey live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## NEW MEXICO'S GRADE

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**New Mexico** offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of an amendment, is offered to people with income levels up to 255% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

**New Mexico** currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

**New Mexico** received a "plus" because their sex education mandates that it include sexual orientation and must be inclusive.

## STATE GRADES

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## NEW MEXICO



## 90.2 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 11.2 / 15

New Mexico has a teen pregnancy rate of 62 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 47 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that New Mexico has achieved 75% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

38% of New Mexico's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, New Mexico has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 12 / 15

New Mexico mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

New Mexico mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

New Mexico explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

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#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

New Mexico does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

New Mexico currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

New Mexico has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

48% of women in New Mexico live in a county without an abortion provider.

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### NEW YORK’S GRADE

New York received an “A” this year. Most notably, New York received good marks for:

**New York** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**New York** offers Medicaid expansions to cover family

planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of an amendment, is offered to people with income levels up to 223% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

**New York** does not have any laws which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

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## NEW YORK



## 86.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.7 / 15

New York has a teen pregnancy rate of 45 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 36 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that New York has achieved 85% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 14 / 15

47% of New York's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, New York has achieved 93.2% of the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 5 / 15

New York requires HIV education with information on condoms in its sex education curriculum, but not other methods of contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

New York mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

New York explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

New York does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

New York does not have any laws which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

New York has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 5 / 5

10% of women in New York live in a county without an abortion provider.

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North Carolina received a “D” this year. Most notably, North Carolina received poor marks for:

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**North Carolina** has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to

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## NORTH CAROLINA



## 55 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13 / 15

North Carolina has a teen pregnancy rate of 44 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 36 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that North Carolina has achieved 86.6% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

43% of North Carolina's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, North Carolina has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 15 / 15

North Carolina mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception. North Carolina also requires that the education be medically accurate.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

North Carolina has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

North Carolina explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

North Carolina has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

North Carolina offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of an amendment is offered to people with income levels up to 200% of the federal poverty line. North Carolina also expands to the coverage to include men and individuals under 19 years old.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

North Carolina restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 10

North Carolina has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on negative psychological effects; there is a mandatory waiting period of 72 hours between counseling and procedure with a mandatory ultrasound; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

North Carolina has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

53% of women in North Carolina live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## NORTH DAKOTA



## 44.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 11.7 / 15

North Dakota has a teen pregnancy rate of 34 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 21 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that North Dakota has achieved 78.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

33% of North Dakota's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, North Dakota has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

North Dakota mandates sex education in public schools but it sets no requirement to teach about condoms and contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

North Dakota has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Birth Control 0 / 5

North Dakota does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

New Dakota has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

North Dakota currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

North Dakota restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life endangerment in all private health insurance plans including those sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 2 / 10

North Dakota has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure; parental consent from both parents is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

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#### Abortion Access 1 / 5

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# OHIO 51.5 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

## EFFECTIVENESS

### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.5 / 15

Ohio has a teen pregnancy rate of 41 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 31 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Ohio has achieved 83.3% of the objective.

### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

44% of Ohio's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Ohio has achieved the target rate.

## PREVENTION

### Sex Education 0 / 15

Ohio does mandate sex education and HIV education in public schools, but it sets no requirement to teach about condoms and contraception.

### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Ohio mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Ohio does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

## AFFORDABILITY

### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Ohio has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Ohio currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Ohio restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

## ACCESS

### Abortion Restrictions 2 / 10

Ohio has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure with a mandatory ultrasound that the provider must offer the woman the opportunity to view; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Ohio has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

### Abortion Access 2 / 5

56% of women in Ohio live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## OKLAHOMA’S GRADE

Oklahoma received an “F” this year. Most notably, Oklahoma received poor marks for:

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## OKLAHOMA



## 32.5 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 10.5 / 15

Oklahoma has a teen pregnancy rate of 58 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 40 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Oklahoma has achieved 69.9% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

39% of Oklahoma's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Oklahoma has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 5 / 15

Oklahoma requires HIV education with information on condoms in its sex education curriculum, but not other methods of contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Oklahoma has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Oklahoma does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

Oklahoma has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Oklahoma offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people with an income level up to 138% of the federal poverty line. However, since the expansion of the Affordable Care Act would also cover people up to 138% of the poverty line Oklahoma does not get points for their family planning expansion.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Oklahoma restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life endangerment in all private health insurance plans including those sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 10

Oklahoma has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on link to breast cancer and fetal pain; there is a mandatory waiting period of 72 hours between counseling and procedure with a mandatory ultrasound; parental consent and notice is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Oklahoma has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

54% of women in Oklahoma live in a county without an abortion provider.

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# OREGON



# 97.5 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

## EFFECTIVENESS

### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.5 / 15

Oregon has a teen pregnancy rate of 36 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 30 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Oregon has achieved 90% of the objective.

### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

36% of Oregon's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Oregon has achieved the target rate.

## PREVENTION

### Sex Education 15 / 15

Oregon mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception. Oregon also requires that the education be medically accurate.

### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Oregon mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Oregon explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

## AFFORDABILITY

### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Oregon has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Oregon offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people with income levels up to 250% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Oregon does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

## ACCESS

### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

Oregon has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Oregon has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

### Abortion Access 4 / 5

30% of women in Oregon live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## PENNSYLVANIA



57.7 / 100  
BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.2 / 15

Pennsylvania has a teen pregnancy rate of 35 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 28 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Pennsylvania has achieved 88.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

40% of Pennsylvania's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Pennsylvania has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Pennsylvania mandates HIV education, but it does not require that condoms be part of the curriculum.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 2.5 / 5

Pennsylvania mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Pennsylvania restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 5 / 10

Pennsylvania has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure; parental consent is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Pennsylvania has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 2 / 5

48% of women in Pennsylvania live in a county without an abortion provider.

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Rhode Island received a “B” this year. Most notably, Rhode Island received good marks for:

**Rhode Island** mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different

methods of contraception. Rhode Island also requires that sex education be medically accurate.

**Rhode Island** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**Rhode Island** does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

**Rhode Island** received a “plus” because they mandate their sex education program include information on sexual orientation and that it’s inclusive.

### STATE GRADES

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## RHODE ISLAND



## 75.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.7 / 15

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#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

40% of Rhode Island's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Rhode Island has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 15 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Rhode Island offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to those with loss of coverage postpartum, but does not expand based on income.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Rhode Island does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 9 / 10

Rhode Island requires parental consent to obtain before a minor may undergo the procedure.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Rhode Island has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 3 / 5

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## SOUTH CAROLINA



## 49.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.5 / 15

South Carolina has a teen pregnancy rate of 48 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 38 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that South Carolina has achieved 83.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 14.7 / 15

45% of South Carolina's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, South Carolina has achieved 97.7% of the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 12 / 15

South Carolina mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 2.5 / 5

South Carolina mandates that emergency rooms dispense emergency contraception upon request.

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### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

South Carolina restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 2 / 10

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#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

South Carolina has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 1 / 5

71% of women in South Carolina live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## 28.2 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.2 / 15

South Dakota has a teen pregnancy rate of 38 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 27 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that South Dakota has achieved 81.6% the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

35% of South Dakota's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, South Dakota has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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### AFFORDABILITY

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### ACCESS

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#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

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#### Abortion Access 0 / 5

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## TENNESSEE



## 41.9 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

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#### Sex Education 0 / 15

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#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

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### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Tennessee has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety, but they have been permanently enjoined by the courts.

#### Abortion Access 1 / 5

63% of women in Tennessee live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## TEXAS



## 36.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

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Texas has a teen pregnancy rate of 58 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 43 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Texas has achieved 75% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

42% of Texas's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Texas has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

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UTAH



## 42 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 14 / 15

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#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

26% of Utah's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Utah has surpassed the target rate.

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## VERMONT’S GRADE

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prevention, and different methods of contraception.

**Vermont** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

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# VERMONT



## 82.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 12.7 / 15

Vermont has a teen pregnancy rate of 28 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 19 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Vermont has achieved 85% the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

34% of Vermont's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Vermont has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 12 / 15

Vermont mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Vermont has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

Vermont does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Vermont has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Vermont does not offer Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid, but they do have a state funded program. The state funded program is offered to people with income levels up to 200% of the federal poverty line.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Vermont does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

Vermont has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Vermont has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 3 / 5

38% of women in Vermont live in a county without an abortion provider.

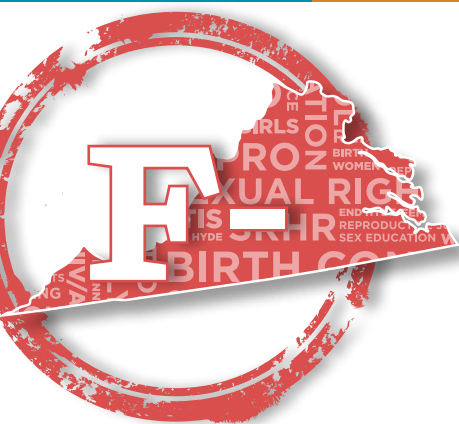
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## VIRGINIA'S GRADE

Virginia received an "F" this year. Most notably, Virginia received poor marks for:

**Virginia** does not mandate sex education in public schools.

**Virginia** has decided to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act, but did not take effect until January 1, 2019.

**Virginia** has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: the woman must undergo an ultrasound where the provider must offer the woman the opportunity to view the image; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure; parental consent and notice is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

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## VIRGINIA



## 42 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

Virginia has a teen pregnancy rate of 36 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 28 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Virginia has achieved 86.6% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

38% of Virginia's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Virginia has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Virginia does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Virginia has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Virginia explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

Virginia has decided to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act, but did not take effect until January 1, 2019.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Virginia offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of an amendment, is offered to people with an income level up to 205% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Virginia restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by only allowing abortion coverage for cases of life, rape, or incest in health insurance plans sold on the insurance exchanges.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 4 / 10

Virginia has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: the woman must undergo an ultrasound where the provider must offer the woman the opportunity to view the image; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure; parental consent and notice is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Virginia has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 0 / 5

78% of women in Virginia live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## WASHINGTON’S GRADE

Washington received an “A” this year. Most notably, Washington received good marks for:

**Washington** requires HIV education with information on condoms in its sex education

curriculum, and requires that it be medically accurate.

**Washington** has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

**Washington** has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

**Washington** received a “plus” because they mandate their sex education program include information on sexual orientation and that it be inclusive.

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## WASHINGTON



## 91.2 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.2 / 15

Washington has a teen pregnancy rate of 37 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 30 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Washington has achieved 88.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

34% of Washington's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Washington has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 8 / 15

Washington requires HIV education with information on condoms in its sex education curriculum, and requires that it be medically accurate.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Washington mandates that emergency rooms provide information about emergency contraception and dispense it upon request.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Washington explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Washington has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 5 / 5

Washington offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver, is offered to people with income levels up to 260% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Washington does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 10

Washington has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Washington has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

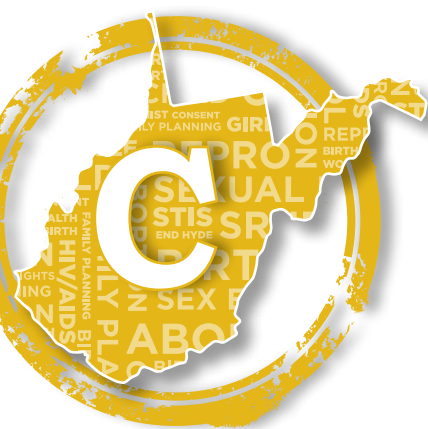
#### Abortion Access 5 / 5

15% of women in Washington live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## WEST VIRGINIA'S GRADE

West Virginia received a “C” this year. Notably, West Virginia received marks for:

90% of women in **West Virginia** live in a county without an abortion provider.

**West Virginia** has the following laws, which

make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: abortion is prohibited after 20 weeks; the woman must undergo mandatory counseling including information on negative psychological effects; there is a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure; parental notice is required; and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be in the presence of the patient which by extension bans telemedicine.

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## WEST VIRGINIA



63.7 / 100  
BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 9.7 / 15

West Virginia has a teen pregnancy rate of 54 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 33 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that West Virginia has achieved 64.9% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

38% of West Virginia's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, West Virginia has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 12 / 15

West Virginia mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

West Virginia has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

West Virginia does not explicitly allow all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

West Virginia has expanded their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

West Virginia currently does not offer an expansion for family planning services to the Medicaid plan.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

West Virginia does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 2 / 10

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#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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#### Abortion Access 0 / 5

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## WISCONSIN'S GRADE

Wisconsin received an "F" this year. Most notably, Wisconsin received poor marks for:

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## WISCONSIN



## 39.7 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.7 / 15

Wisconsin has a teen pregnancy rate of 28 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 23 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Wisconsin has achieved 91.7% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

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### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

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#### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

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#### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Wisconsin has enacted a series of TRAP laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 1 / 5

67% of women in Wisconsin live in a county without an abortion provider.

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## WYOMING'S GRADE

Wyoming received a "D" this year. Most notably, Wyoming received poor marks for:

**Wyoming** does not mandate sex education in public schools.

**Wyoming** has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

96% of women in **Wyoming** live in a county without an abortion provider.

## STATE GRADES

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## WYOMING



## 51.2 / 100 BREAKDOWN OF SCORES

### EFFECTIVENESS

#### Teen Pregnancy Rate 13.2 / 15

Wyoming has a teen pregnancy rate of 41 pregnancies per 1,000 women aged 15-19. We set 34 pregnancies per 1,000 teen women by 2020 as the goal, which indicates that Wyoming has achieved 88.3% of the objective.

#### Unintended Pregnancy Rate 15 / 15

35% of Wyoming's total pregnancies are unintended, compared to the Healthy People 2020 objective of 44%. Thus, Wyoming has achieved the target rate.

### PREVENTION

#### Sex Education 0 / 15

Wyoming does not mandate sex education in public schools.

#### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Wyoming has no laws affirming a woman's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

#### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Wyoming explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.

### AFFORDABILITY

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

Wyoming has decided not to expand their Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act.

#### Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 5

Wyoming offers Medicaid expansions to cover family planning services for people who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. The expansion, in the form of a waiver for loss of coverage post-partum, but does not expand coverage based on income.

#### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

Wyoming does not restrict coverage of abortion in private insurance plans.

### ACCESS

#### Abortion Restrictions 8 / 10

Wyoming has the following laws, which make it unnecessarily difficult for a woman to have an abortion if she chooses to do so: parental consent and notice is required and clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Wyoming has not enacted TRAP Laws which are targeted regulation of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Abortion Access 0 / 5

96% of women in Wyoming live in a county without an abortion provider.

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