



THE STATE OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS:

A 50-STATE REPORT CARD

MISSING PIECES: GAPS IN ABORTION CARE CREATE A HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS

US RECEIVES FAILING GRADE

- 12 States Receive a “B” or Higher
- 30 States Receive a “D” or Lower



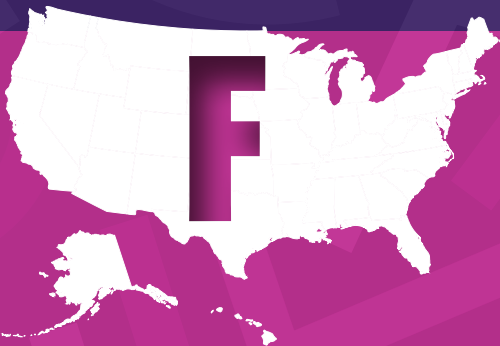
THE 50-STATE REPORT CARD

rePROs Fight Back, an initiative of the Population Institute, has released their *50 State Report Card on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*. In the two years since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, which protected the constitutional right to abortion, Americans have dealt with a sexual and reproductive health landscape that is a complex puzzle, featuring fractured sex education, gender-affirming care, and family planning and abortion services. In the report card's twelve-year history, the U.S. overall grade has dropped from a C- to an F, and the number of failing states has skyrocketed—from nine in 2012 to 25 this year.

The Supreme Court's ruling to overturn *Roe v. Wade* via the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case allowed individual states to ban or severely restrict access to abortion and other sexual and reproductive health services. Since the ruling, 16 states have done so, leaving millions of women of reproductive age—and an uncounted number of transgender and non-binary people—struggling to access abortion care.

Abortion is the first to weather such blatant legislative and judicial attacks, but other essential health care services are facing similar, extreme barriers. Access to gender-affirming care, the best-practice medical and surgical care for transgender and non-binary patients—particularly young transgender and nonbinary patients—has faced an unprecedented assault. Twenty-two states have banned gender-affirming care for youth, leaving minors across the country facing an abhorrent threat to their health, wellbeing, and human rights.

The communities most impacted by barriers to health care access—BIPOC, low-income, young, those with disabilities, LGBTQ+, and those at multiple intersections of these identities—are already experiencing a disproportionate effect of *Roe's* overturn. The impacts of these attacks on sexual and reproductive rights have forced patients in states around the U.S. to put together a puzzle that is missing many of its pieces when trying to cobble together health care. This state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue. We must stand together and fight for a future where everyone is able to exercise their bodily autonomy with reproductive freedom for all.



The National Grade

For the fifth year in a row, the U.S., as a whole, received an “F”. The fallout from the decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and the ongoing assault on gender-affirming care were the major reasons for this grade.

THE UNITED STATES GETS AN “F”

Fallout from *Dobbs*

In the nearly two years since the Supreme Court eliminated the federal right to abortion, 16 states have completely or almost completely banned abortion care. People who live in states where abortion is banned are forced to either travel to access abortion care (according to the Guttmacher Institute, 1 in 5 abortion patients are traveling out of state), expose themselves to legal risk by self-managing, or carry the pregnancy to term. This situation is a gross violation of human rights and strikes a blow to individual agency, bodily autonomy, and equitable access to health care.

Gender-Affirming Care

Anti-rights advocates have turned their attention to banning best-practice medication and surgical gendering-affirming care for transgender youth. As of the release of this report card, 22 states have banned best-practice medication and surgical gender-affirming care for transgender youth, though the ban is not in effect in five states due to court orders. Gender-affirming care is lifesaving health care; banning access to it can have major impacts on the health, including mental health, of transgender youth.

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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. To better inform the public debate, rePROs Fight Back, for the twelfth 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.

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

Prevention (30 points): Does the state promote comprehensive sex education in the schools, require emergency rooms to dispense emergency contraception, and allow minors to consent to contraceptive services?

Affordability (35 points): Has the state expanded Medicaid access under the Affordable Care Act, expanded who qualifies for Medicaid family planning, expanded Medicaid postpartum coverage, and allowed insurance coverage of abortion services?

Access (35 points): Does the state impose harassing or burdensome requirements on those seeking family planning or abortion services or have restrictions on gender-affirming care?

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

Comprehensive sex education in schools

(20 points maximum)

Emergency contraception mandated in the emergency room

(5 points maximum)

Minors’ access to contraceptive services

(5 points maximum)

Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act

(15 points maximum)

A Medicaid “waiver” expanding eligibility for family planning services

(10 points maximum)

Medicaid postpartum coverage expanded to 12 months

(5 points maximum)

Insurance coverage of abortion services

(5 points maximum)

An absence of burdensome abortion restrictions

(15 points maximum)

An absence of TRAP Laws

(Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers)

(5 points maximum)

Access to medication abortion

(5 points maximum)

Access to gender-affirming care

(10 points maximum)

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

A: 86-100 points

B: 71-85.9 points

C: 61-70.9 points

D: 50-60.9 points

F: < 49.9 points

State	Total Score	Letter Grade	State	Total Score	Letter Grade
AL	10	F-	MT	64.5	C-
AK	56.5	D	NE	21	F-
AZ	26	F-	NV	57.5	D+
AR	32.5	F-	NH	63	C-
CA	94	A+	NJ	95	A-
CO	64.5	C-	NM	93	A+
CT	65	C+	NY	75	B+
DE	67	C-	NC	50	D-
DC	85	B+	ND	20	F-
FL	20.5	F	OH	30.5	F-
GA	21	F	OK	30	F
HI	78	B-	OR	87.5	A+
ID	30	F-	PA	52	D-
IL	70	C+	RI	66	C+
IN	30	F-	SC	41.5	F-
IA	50.5	D-	SD	20	F-
KS	22.5	F-	TN	17	F-
KY	23.5	F-	TX	17.5	F-
LA	25	F	UT	30.5	F
ME	85.5	B+	VT	88	A
MD	79.5	B-	VA	69.5	C-
MA	62	C-	WA	85	B+
MI	33.5	F-	WV	38	F
MN	77.5	B+	WI	26	F-
MS	16	F-	WY	39.5	F
MO	35	F-			

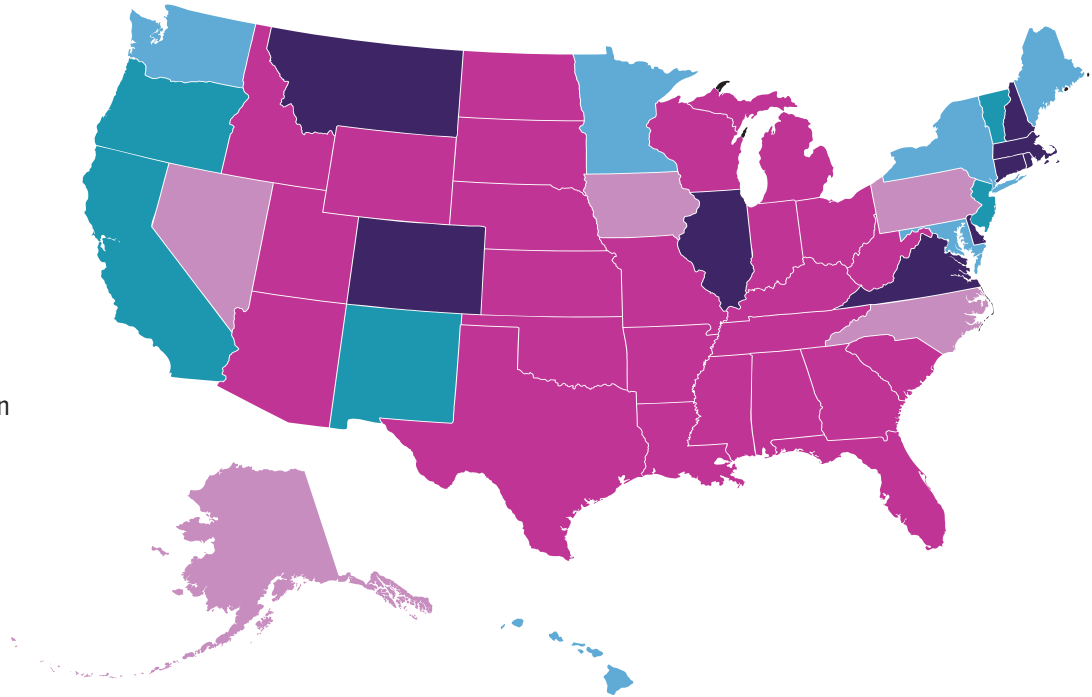
Final Grade

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, find more information at www.reprosfightback.org/reportcard

Grades



For More Information

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 state Medicaid postpartum coverage, see <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-postpartum-coverage-extension-tracker/>

About sex education requirements at the state level, see <https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/sex-and-hiv-education>

About the gender-affirming care bans, see https://www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps/healthcare/youth_medical_care_bans

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