

# Abortion-related emergency department (ED) visits in the United States

This study used data from the Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS) to analyze nearly 200 million ED visits among reproductive-age women from 2009 - 2013 in 1,000 hospitals across the U.S.

Of all ED visits for women of reproductive age from 2009 – 2013, only

**15 per 100,000**

were abortion-related

Among all abortion-related visits,

**51%**

received observation care only

Percentage of ED visits resulting from complications during common procedures:

Pregnancy: 1.4%

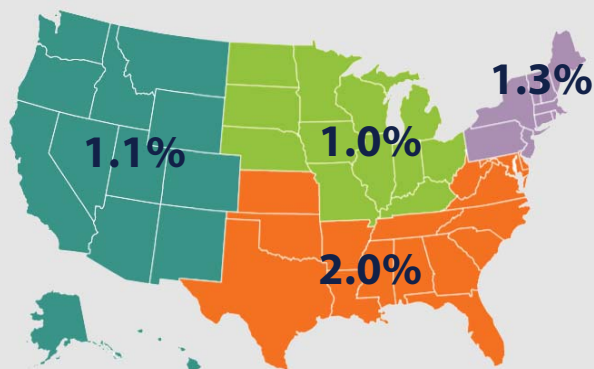
Tonsillectomy: 1.4%

Wisdom tooth removal: 1.0%

Colonoscopy: 0.2%

**Abortion: 0.1%**

Nationwide, 1.4% of ED visits were potentially for attempts at self-induced abortion, with highest rates in the **South**—which also has the most abortion deserts.



Data from:

Upadhyay UD, Johns NE, Barron R, Cartwright AF, Tapé C, Mierjeski A, McGregor AJ. June 2018. Abortion-related emergency department visits in the United States: An analysis of a national emergency department sample. BMC Medicine.

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