

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2024

Abortion Fact Sheet

Updated 12/2023 – statistics used are whatever is the most current available.

- In 1984, President Regan declared the first Sanctity of Human Life Sunday as a way to remember those who were lost to abortion and to reflect on the sanctity of human life. That year in Wisconsin alone, there were 18,836* abortions performed. By 2020 the amount was down to less than 6,500*. (*WI DHS).
- To date, there have been over 60 million abortions in America alone since Roe V Wade was the law of the land, until it's overturning in June of 2022. We don't have statistics yet for all of 2023, which would be the first full calendar year since the overturning, however, it is estimated that roughly 32,000 lives have been spared within the first 6 months of 2023.
<https://www.nationalreview.com/news/overturning-of-roe-v-wade-has-saved-more-than-30000-lives-study-finds>
- Most abortions in Wisconsin occur at 8 weeks or less. However, in 2021 there were 42 late term abortions that took place after 20 weeks - past the age of viability. Furthermore, there were almost 800 abortions that took place between 13-20 weeks of gestation. (WI DHS)
- The age groups with the highest abortion rate are 20-24, 25-29, and 30-34 years of age, making up 78% of all abortions in WI. (WI DHS) The first two groups are also who we see the most of at Abiding Care, but we have seen an unfortunate growth in the third age group over the last few years.
- 12% of women who had abortions in 2021 in Wisconsin were married. (WI DHS)
- 61% already had at least one child (2008 - Guttmacher Institute)
- Financial reasons continue to be the biggest reason why women have abortions (Guttmacher Institute)