

THE STATE OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS:

## A 50-STATE REPORT CARD

US RECEIVES FAILING GRADE | 16 STATES RECEIVE A "B" OR HIGHER | 31 STATES RECEIVE A "D" OR LOWER



#### THE 50-STATE REPORT CARD

rePROs Fight Back, an initiative of the Population Institute, released its 13th annual 50-State Report Card on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. While 2024 had some bright spots, including abortion-related ballot measures passing in 7 of the 10 states where they were on the ballot, we are still experiencing the fallout of the 2022 Dobbs decision. The human rights crisis unleashed by that decision has led states to continue restricting abortion access and has emboldened anti-rights advocates to increase their attacks on gender-affirming care. Due to these twin attacks on bodily autonomy and more, the U.S. received a failing grade.

Abortion has been completely banned or almost completely banned in 16 states. The resulting human rights crisis has had devastating impacts around the country. It has prevented people from accessing basic health care in their state. Confusion over exceptions in abortion bans has forced doctors to put patients' future fertility, health, and lives at risk. Tragically some reports have already shown abortion bans resulting in preventable deaths. Looming on the horizon is the possibility of a federal abortion ban or restrictions on mifepristone which would be crippling to abortion access around the country.

State anti-rights advocates have also turned their attention to banning gender-affirming care for minors. This life-changing and life-saving health care is critical for the young people who need it. The fight doesn't end there: Anti-rights advocates are following the anti-abortion playbook and will move on to ban gender-affirming care for everyone. While best practice medication and surgical care is banned in 24 states, the new administration is a looming storm on the horizon that will pursue making these bans national.

The fight for bodily autonomy and reproductive freedom is far from slowing down. The new administration has sexual and reproductive health and rights near the top of its priority hit list. The attacks will not stop at abortion and minors' access to gender-affirming care. We can expect attacks on the right of transgender people to exist, affordable birth control, minors' ability to access birth control, access to affordable health care, and many more of our rights. This staggering loss of rights cannot be our future. Now is the time to stand strong and be bold in the fight for our right to bodily autonomy.

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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 promote informed public debate, rePROs Fight Back, for the 13th 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 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, or 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, or 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 SCORE

Eleven criteria are used to determine 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

#### **CORE GRADE**

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

**A**: 86-100 points **B**: 71-85.9 points

**D**: 50-60.9 points **F**: < 49.9 points

**C**: 61-70.9 points

#### **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.

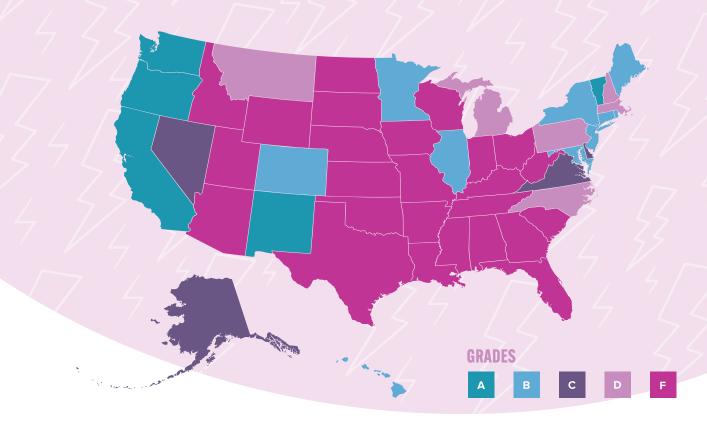
#### Here is the chart for state grades:

State	Total Score	Letter Grade	State	Total Score	Letter Grade
AL	25	F	MT	57.5	D+
AK	62.5	C+	NE	20	F-
AZ	25	F-	NV	67.5	C+
AR	32.5	F-	NH	50	D-
CA	94	<b>A+</b>	NJ	84	B+
CO	72.5	B+	NM	92	<b>A+</b>
CT	74	B+	NY	80	B+
DE	65	C+	NC	57	D-
DC	85	B+	ND	20	F-
FL	15	F-	ОН	36	F-
GA	20	F	OK	25	F-
HI	77	B+	OR	97.5	A+
ID	25	F	PA	51	D+
IL	84	B+	RI	74	B+
IN	30	F-	SC	24.5	F
IA	46	F-	SD	20	F
KS	27.5	F	TN	16	F-
KY	23.5	F	TX	17.5	F-
LA	31	F-	UT	31	F
ME	80.5	B+	VT	87	A+
MD	82.5	B+	VA	67.5	C
MA	60	D+	WA	95	A+
MI	60	D+	WV	37	F-
MN	77.5	B+	WI	30	F
MS	15	F-	WY	37.5	F+
MO	45	F-			

<sup>\*</sup>rePROs Fight Back (rePROs) intentionally uses the term "women" when describing data that did not include nonbinary people or transgender men in the research. Otherwise, rePROs is committed to using gender-inclusive language to represent all individuals who deserve full access to sexual and reproductive health services.

#### STATE BREAKDOWNS

For state press releases and state-by-state breakdowns of the scoring, more information can be obtained at <a href="https://reportcard.reprosfightback.com/">https://reportcard.reprosfightback.com/</a>



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

About state abortion restrictions, see https://states.guttmacher.org/policies/

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.kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/family-planning-services-waivers/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colld%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D

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About state abortion insurance restrictions, see https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/issue-brief/interactive-how-state-policies-shape-access-to-abortion-coverage/

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

About emergency contraception in the emergency room, see https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/emergency-contraception About minors' access to contraception, see https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/minors-access-contraceptive-services

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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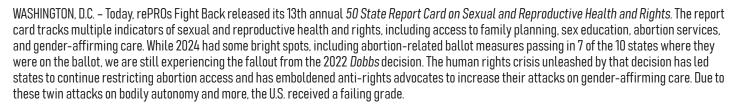


# STORY STEEL COMING

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**Alabama** bans the best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth. The state ban makes it a felony to provide certain forms of best practice medical care for transgender youth.

#### **STATE GRADES**

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## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | ALABAMA | 25/100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 10 / 20

Alabama requires HIV education with information on condoms in its curriculum, but not other methods of contraception.
The HIV education must be medically accurate.

## Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Alabama has no laws affirming a sexual assault victim'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 its Medicaid program, which includes maternal and reproductive health care, under the Affordable Care Act.

## Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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.

## Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

Alabama has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

## Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Alabama restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans sold on state Marketplaces from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 25

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#### **ALASKA'S GRADE**

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**Alaska** currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to have an abortion

**Alaska** received a "plus" because its state Medicaid funds cover abortion

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**BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | ALASKA | 62.5 / 100** 

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#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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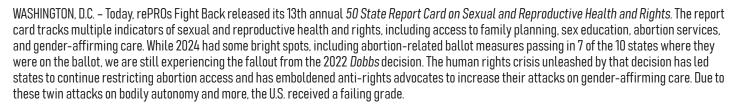


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**Arizona** received a "minus" because it blocks state family planning money from going to abortion providers or entities that contract with or are affiliated with abortion providers.

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## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | ARKANSAS | 32.5 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 0 / 20

Arkansas does not mandate sex education. If sex education is taught, it must include information on healthy relationships.

## Access to Emergency Contraception 2.5 / 5

Arkansas requires emergency rooms to provide information about emergency contraception but does not require they dispense it to sexual assault victims.

## Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Arkansas explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.



#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Arkansas has expanded its Medicaid program, which includes maternal and reproductive health care, under the Affordable Care Act.

## Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 10

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

## Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 0 / 5

Arkansas has not expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

## Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Arkansas restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans sold on state Marketplaces from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 25

Arkansas has completely banned abortion with very limited exceptions, which prevents someone from obtaining a legal abortion in Arkansas.

#### Gender-Affirming Care Restrictions 10 / 10

Arkansas has banned best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth, but a federal judge has permanently blocked it from being enforced.



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California does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law that protects access to transgender health care.

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## **BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | CALIFORNIA | 94 / 100**

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 19 / 20

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## Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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## Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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## Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

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### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 15

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#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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#### **COLORADO'S GRADE**

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**Colorado** does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law that protects access to transgender health care.

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## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | COLORADO | 72.5 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

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#### **CONNECTICUT'S GRADE**

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**BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | CONNECTICUT | 74 / 100** 

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 9 / 20

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## Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

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#### **DELAWARE'S GRADE**

**Delaware** received a "C" this year. Most notably. Delaware received mixed marks for:

**Delaware** bans abortion at fetal viability and requires parental notice before a minor may obtain an abortion.

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## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | DELAWARE | 65 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 15 / 20

Delaware mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception. It also requires sex education be LGBTQ+ inclusive and include information on healthy relationships and consent.

## Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Delaware has no laws affirming a sexual assault victim'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**

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## B+

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#### **WASHINGTON, D.C. GRADE**

**Washington, D.C.** received a "B" this year. Most notably, Washington, D.C. received high marks for:

**Washington, D.C.** mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different

methods of contraception. It also requires sex education be LGBTQ+ inclusive and include information on healthy relationships and consent.

**Washington, D.C.** currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to have an abortion.

**Washington, D.C.** received a "plus" because it has a shield law to protect abortion providers from investigations by other states.

#### **STATE GRADES**

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## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | WASHINGTON, D.C. | 85 / 100

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#### Sex Education 15 / 20

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Washington, D.C. requires emergency rooms to provide information about emergency contraception, and requires they dispense it upon request to sexual assault victims.

### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

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#### FLORIDA'S GRADE

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

**Florida** has a six-week abortion ban, which make it virtually impossible for someone to have a legal abortion in Florida.

Florida bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth. The state ban makes it a felony to provide certain forms of best practice medical care for transgender youth.

Florida received a "minus" because it requires instruction that portrays sexualities other than heterosexuality and gender identities other than cisgender as shameful, unacceptable, or illegal.

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BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | FLORIDA | 15 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 0 / 20

Florida does not mandate sex or HIV education. If HIV education is taught it must be medically accurate and include information on healthy relationships, but HIV education isn't mandated.

## Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Florida has no laws affirming a sexual assault victim'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 its Medicaid program, which includes maternal and reproductive health care, under the Affordable Care Act.

## Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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 with income levels up to 196% of the federal poverty line.

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Florida restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans sold on state Marketplaces from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 25

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## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | GEORGIA | 20/100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 0 / 20

Georgia 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 0 / 5

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

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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## Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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**BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | HAWAII | 77 / 100** 

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### **ILLINOIS' GRADE**

**Illlinois** received a "B" this year. Most notably, Illinois received high marks for:

**Illinois** requires HIV education with information on condoms and requires that the education is medically accurate. If taught, HIV education

must be LGBTQ+ inclusive and include information on healthy relationships and consent.

Illinois does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth. Illinois also has a shield law protecting access to transgender health care.

**Illinois** received a "plus" because its state Medicaid funds cover abortion.

#### **STATE GRADES**

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## **BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | ILLINOIS | 84/100**

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 14 / 20

Illinois requires HIV education with information on condoms and requires that the education is medically accurate. If taught, HIV education must be LGBTQ+ inclusive and include information on healthy relationships and consent.

## Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Illinois requires emergency rooms to provide information about emergency contraception, and requires they dispense it upon request to sexual assault victims.

## Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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



#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Illinois has expanded its Medicaid program, which includes maternal and reproductive health care, under the Affordable Care Act.

## Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

Illinois 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 213% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

## Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

Illinois has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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

#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 15

Illinois bans abortion at fetal viability.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Illinois has not enacted TRAP laws, which are targeted regulations of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Medication Abortion 5 / 5

Illinois currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to access medication abortion.

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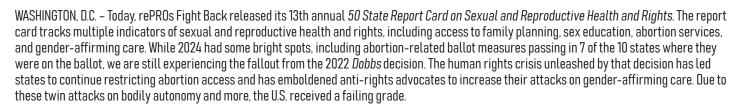


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#### INDIANA'S GRADE

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Indiana has completely banned abortion with very limited exceptions, which prevents someone from getting a legal abortion in Indiana.

**Indiana** bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth.

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## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | INDIANA | 30 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 0 / 20

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

## Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Indiana has no laws affirming a sexual assault victim's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

## Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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## Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10/10

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#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 25

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#### Gender-Affirming Care Restrictions 0 / 10

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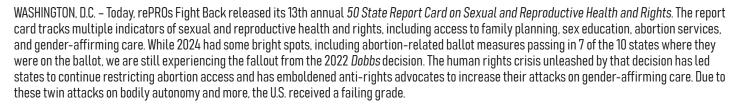


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## BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | IOWA | 46 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 6 / 20

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### Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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

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#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15.

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | KANSAS | 27.5 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 0 / 20

Kansas does not mandate sex education in public schools.

# Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Kansas has no laws affirming a sexual assault victim'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 its Medicaid program, which includes maternal and reproductive health care, under the Affordable Care Act.

# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 10

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

# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

Kansas has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

# Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Kansas restricts abortion coverage in all private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans, including those sold on state Marketplaces, from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 5 / 15

Kansas bans abortion after 22 weeks, and parental consent is required.

### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Kansas has not enacted TRAP laws, which are targeted regulations of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

### Medication Abortion 2.5 / 5

Kansas clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians and not other qualified health care providers.

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Kentucky explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services. However doctors may, but do not have to, inform the minor's parents.



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### **ACCESS**

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Kentucky bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth.



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### **LOUISIANA'S GRADE**

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

**Louisiana** has completely banned abortion with very limited exceptions, which prevents someone from obtaining a legal abortion in Louisiana.

**Louisiana** bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth.

Louisiana received a "minus" because it requires instruction that portrays sexualities other than heterosexuality and gender identities other than cisgender as shameful, unacceptable, or illegal.

#### STATE GRADES

Five states received an "A" in this year's report: California, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. Twenty-five states received a failing grade: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

### THE NATIONAL GRADE

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | LOUISIANA | 31/100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 6 / 20

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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 15 / 15

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# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 10

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

# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

Louisiana has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

# Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Louisiana restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans sold on state Marketplaces from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 25

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### MAINE'S GRADE

**Maine** received a "B" this year. Most notably, Maine received high marks for:

Maine mandates sex education in public schools, requires it includes different methods of contraception, and requires that the

education be medically accurate. Maine also requires sex education include information on healthy relationships and consent.

**Maine** does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law protecting access to transgender health care.

**Maine** received a "plus" because its state Medicaid funds cover abortion.

#### STATE GRADES

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | MAINE | 80.5 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 13 / 20

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# Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Maine has no laws affirming a sexual assault victim's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

# Minors' Access to Contraception 2.5 / 5

Maine explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services. However doctors may, but do not have to, inform the minor's parents.



### **AFFORDABILITY**

### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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.

# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

Maine has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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

### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 15

Maine bans abortion at fetal viability.

### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Maine has not enacted TRAP laws, which are targeted regulations of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

### Medication Abortion 5 / 5

Maine currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to access medication abortion.

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# STORY STORY

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### **MARYLAND'S GRADE**

**Maryland** received a "B" this year. Most notably, Maryland received high marks for:

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

methods of contraception. Maryland also requires sex education be medically accurate, LBGTQ+ inclusive, and include information on healthy relationships and consent.

**Maryland** does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law protecting access to transgender health care.

**Maryland** received a "plus" because its state Medicaid funds cover abortion.

#### STATE GRADES

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BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | MARYLAND | 82.5 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 20 / 20

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# Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

Maryland has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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

### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 15

Maryland parental notice is required for minors to obtain an abortion.

### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Maryland has enacted TRAP laws, which are targeted regulations of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

#### Medication Abortion 5 / 5

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### Gender-Affirming Care Restrictions 10 / 10

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### MASSACHUSETTS' GRADE

**Massachusetts** received a "D" this year. Most notably, Massachusetts received poor marks for: **Massachusetts** does not mandate sex education in public schools. If taught, sex education must include information on healthy relationships.

**Massachusetts** bans abortion at 24 weeks and requires parental consent or notice before a minor can obtain an abortion.

**Massachusetts** received a "plus" because it has a state fund that helps patients pay for abortion care.

### STATE GRADES

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BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | MASSACHUSETTS | 60 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 0 / 20

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curriculum. However, it does mandate that the education be medically accurate.

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**BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | MICHIGAN | 60 / 100** 

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

# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

Michigan has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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

### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 15

Michigan requires parental notice before a minor may obtain an abortion.

### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

Michigan has not enacted TRAP laws, which are targeted regulations of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

### Medication Abortion 5 / 5

Michigan currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to access medication abortion.

### Gender-Affirming Care Restrictions 10 / 10

Michigan does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth.



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# B+

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### MINNESOTA'S GRADE

**Minnesota** received a "B" this year. Most notably, Minnesota received high marks for:

**Minnesota** currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to have an abortion.

**Minnesota** does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law protecting access to transgender health care.

**Minnesota** received a "plus" because its state Medicaid funds cover abortion.

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | MINNESOTA | 77.5 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 0 / 20

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

Minnesota requires emergency rooms to provide information about emergency contraception, and requires they dispense it upon request to sexual assault victims.

# Minors' Access to Contraception 2.5 / 5

Minnesota explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services. However doctors may, but do not have to, inform the minor's parents.



### **AFFORDABILITY**

### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Minnesota has expanded its Medicaid program, which includes maternal and reproductive health care, under the Affordable Care Act.

# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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 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.

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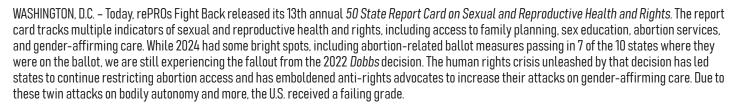


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### MISSISSIPPI'S GRADE

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

**Mississippi** has completely banned abortion with very limited exceptions, which prevents someone from obtaining a legal abortion in Mississippi.

**Mississippi** bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth

Mississippi received a "minus" because it requires instruction that portrays sexualities other than heterosexuality and gender identities other than cisgender as shameful, unacceptable, or illegal.

### **STATE GRADES**

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BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | MISSISSIPPI | 15 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 0 / 20

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 sexual assault victim'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

Mississippi has decided not to expand its Medicaid program, which includes maternal and reproductive health care, under the Affordable Care Act

# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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.

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### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 25

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### Gender-Affirming Care Restrictions 0 / 10

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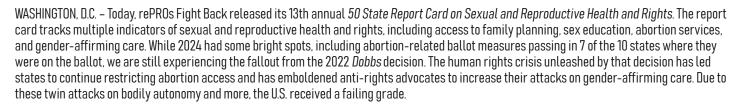


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### MISSOURI'S GRADE

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

**Missouri** bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth.

**Missouri** bans abortion at viability and parental consent and notice are required.

**Missouri** restricts abortion coverage in all private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans, including those sold on state Marketplaces, from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

**Missouri** received a "minus" because it bans abortion providers and entities that contract with or are affiliated with abortion providers from receiving state family planning funds.

### **STATE GRADES**

Five states received an "A" in this year's report: California, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. Twenty-five states received a failing grade: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

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# **BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | MISSOURI | 45 / 100**

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 10 / 20

Missouri mandates HIV education and requires that condoms be part of the curriculum. It also requires the education is medically accurate.

# Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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

# Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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### **AFFORDABILITY**

### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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 statefunded program. The state-funded program is offered to people with income levels up to 206% of the federal poverty line.

### Medicaid Maternal Health Expansions 5 / 5

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# Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

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### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 5 / 15

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### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

Missouri has enacted TRAP laws, which are targeted regulations of abortion providers beyond what is necessary to ensure patient safety.

### Medication Abortion 0 / 5

Missouri clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians and in the presence of the patient, which by extension bans telemedicine.

### Gender-Affirming Care Restrictions 0 / 10

Missouri bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth.



# STORY STORY

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# D+

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### MONTANA'S GRADE

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# **BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | MONTANA | 57.5 / 100**

### **PREVENTION**

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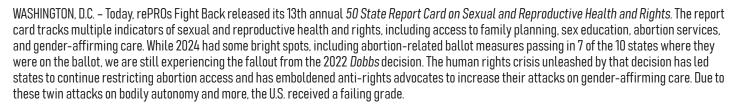


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### **NEBRASKA'S GRADE**

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

**Nebraska** bans abortion after 12 weeks and has a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours

between counseling and procedure. In addition, parental consent is required.

**Nebraska** bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth.

**Nebraska** received a "minus" because its block Title X funds from going to abortion providers and those that counsel or refer for abortion.

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | NEBRASKA | 20 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 0 / 20

Nebraska does not mandate sex education in public schools. If sex education is taught, it must include information on healthy relationships.

# Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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

### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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# Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Nebraska restricts abortion coverage in all private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans, including those sold on state Marketplaces, from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

### ACCESS

### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 15

Nebraska bans abortion after 12 weeks and has a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours between counseling and procedure. In addition, parental consent is required.

### 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.

### Medication Abortion 0 / 5

Nebraska clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians and not other qualified health care providers. Medication abortion must be done in the presence of the patient, which by extension bans telemedicine.

### Gender-Affirming Care Restrictions 0 / 10

Nebraska bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth.



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# C+

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### **NEVADA'S GRADE**

**Nevada** received a "C" this year. Most notably, Nevada received mixed marks for:

**Nevada** mandates sex education and HIV education in public schools, but it sets no requirement to teach about condoms and

contraception. However, it does require HIV education be medically accurate.

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# **BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | NEVADA | 67.5 / 100**

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 5 / 20

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## Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Nevada requires emergency rooms to provide information about emergency contraception, and requires they dispense it upon request to sexual assault victims.

# Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Nevada explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.



### **AFFORDABILITY**

### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Nevada has expanded its Medicaid program, which includes maternal and reproductive health care, under the Affordable Care Act.

# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 10

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

# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

Nevada has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

## Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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

### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 15

Nevada bans abortion at 24 weeks.

### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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### **Medication Abortion 2.5 / 5**

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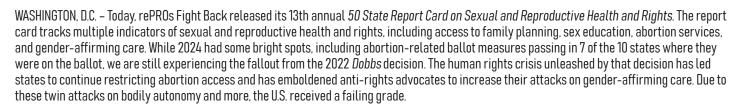


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### **NEW HAMPSHIRE'S GRADE**

**New Hampshire** received a "D" this year. Most notably, New Hampshire received poor marks for. **New Hampshire** bans abortion at 24 weeks and requires parental notice before a minor may obtain an abortion.

**New Hampshire** bans best practice surgical care for transgender youth.

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | NEW HAMPSHIRE | 50 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 0 / 20

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# Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

New Hampshire has no laws affirming a sexual assault victim'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 15 / 15

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# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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.

# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

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

### Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 5 / 15

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### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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

### Medication Abortion 5 / 5

New Hampshire currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to access medication abortion.

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### **NEW JERSEY'S GRADE**

**New Jersey** received a "B" this year. Most notably, New Jersey received high marks for:

**New Jersey** has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to have an abortion

**New Jersey** does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law protecting access to transgender health care.

**New Jersey** received a "plus" because its state Medicaid funds cover abortion.

### **STATE GRADES**

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# **BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | NEW JERSEY | 84 / 100**

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 9 / 20

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### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

New Jersey requires emergency rooms to provide information about emergency contraception, and requires they dispense it upon request to sexual assault victims.

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# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

New Jersey has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

## Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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

### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 15 / 15

New Jersey has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to have an abortion.

### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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### Medication Abortion 5 / 5

New Jersey currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to access medication abortion.

### Gender-Affirming Care Restrictions 10 / 10

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | NEW MEXICO | 92 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 12 / 20

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### Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

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BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | NEW YORK | 80 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

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### **AFFORDABILITY**

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# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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New York has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

# Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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

### **ACCESS**

### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 15

New York bans abortion at fetal viability.

### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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

### Medication Abortion 5 / 5

New York currently does not have laws enacted that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to access medication abortion.

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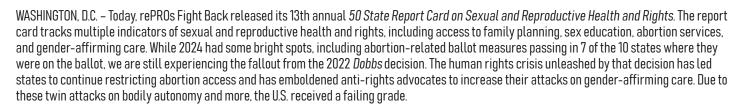


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**North Carolina** received a "D" this year. Most notably, North Carolina received poor marks for:

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BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | NORTH CAROLINA | 57 / 100

### **PREVENTION**

### Sex Education 17 / 20

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# Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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

### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

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### **AFFORDABILITY**

### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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### **ACCESS**

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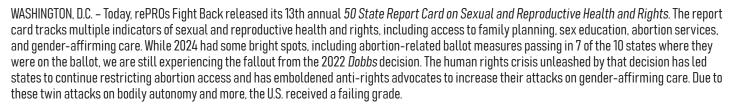


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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | NORTH DAKOTA | 20 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 0 / 20

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#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

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#### **OHIO'S GRADE**

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | OKLAHOMA | 25 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

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**Oregon** received an "A" this year. Most notably, Oregon received high marks for:

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**Oregon** does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law protecting access to transgender health care.

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**BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | OREGON | 97.5 / 100** 

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#### Sex Education 20 / 20

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## Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

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Oregon explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services. However doctors may, but do not have to, inform the minor's parents.



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#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 15 / 15

Oregon has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to have an abortion.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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

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# D+

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#### PENNSYLVANIA'S GRADE

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

**Pennsylvania** bans abortion at 24 weeks and has a mandatory waiting period of 24 hours

between counseling and procedure. In addition, parental consent is required.

**Pennsylvania** mandates HIV education, but it does not require that condoms be part of the curriculum. Pennsylvania requires HIV education include information on healthy relationships.

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | PENNSYLVANIA | 51/100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 1/20

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# Access to Emergency Contraception 2.5 / 5

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## Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10/10

Pennsylvania 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 220% of the federal poverty line. The family planning expansion is also extended to include men as well as individuals under the age of 19.

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Pennsylvania has expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

## Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Pennsylvania restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans sold on state Marketplaces from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 0 / 15

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#### 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.

#### Medication Abortion 2.5 / 5

Pennsylvania clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians and not other qualified health care providers.

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Pennsylvania does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth.



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#### **RHODE ISLAND'S GRADE**

**Rhode Island** received a "B" this year. Most notably, Rhode Island received high 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, LGBTQ+ inclusive, and include information on healthy relationships.

**Rhode Island** does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law protecting access to transgender health care.

**Rhode Island** received a "plus" because its state Medicaid funds cover abortion.

#### **STATE GRADES**

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#### Sex Education 19 / 20

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## Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Rhode Island has no laws affirming a sexual assault victim's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

# Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 5 / 15

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | SOUTH CAROLINA | 24.5 / 100

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## Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | SOUTH DAKOTA | 20 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 0 / 20

South Dakota does not mandate sex education in public schools.

# 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 / 10

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

**Tennessee** has completely banned abortion with very limited exceptions, which

prevents someone from obtaining a legal abortion in Tennessee.

**Tennessee** bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth.

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BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | TENNESSEE | 16 / 100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 6 / 20

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Tennessee mandates that the sex and HIV education be medically accurate and include information on healthy relationships.

## Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

Tennessee has no laws affirming a sexual assault victim's right to emergency contraception in the emergency room.

### Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Tennessee explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.



#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 0 / 10

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# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

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Tennessee restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans sold on state Marketplaces from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

#### **ACCESS**

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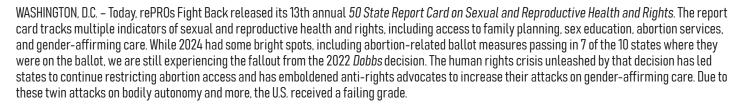


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**Texas** bans best practice mediation and surgical care for transgender youth

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BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | TEXAS | 17.5/100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 0 / 20

Texas does not mandate sex education in public schools. If sex education is taught, it must include information on healthy relationships

# Access to Emergency Contraception 2.5 / 5

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### Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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# BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | UTAH | 31/100

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 6 / 20

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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 15 / 15

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#### **ACCESS**

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#### TRAP Laws 0 / 5

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

#### Medication Abortion 0 / 5

Utah clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians and not other qualified health care professionals.

Medication abortion is required to be provided in person.

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#### **VERMONT'S GRADE**

**Vermont** received an "A" this year. Most notably, Vermont received high marks for:

**Vermont** has no laws that make it unnecessarily difficult for someone to have an abortion

**Vermont** does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law protecting access to transgender health care.

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# **BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | VERMONT | 87 / 100**

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 12 / 20

Vermont mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception. Vermont also requires that sex education include information on healthy relationships.

# Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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

# Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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#### **ACCESS**

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**Virginia** received a "C" this year. Most notably, Virginia received mixed marks for:

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**BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | VIRGINIA | 67.5 / 100** 

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 0 / 20

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# Access to Emergency Contraception 2.5 / 5

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## Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

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# Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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

#### ACCESS

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Virginia bans abortion starting in the third trimester and requires parental consent and notice before a minor may obtain an abortion.

#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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

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**Washington** does not ban best practice medical care for transgender youth and has a shield law protecting access to transgender health care.

**Washington** received a "plus" because its state Medicaid funds cover abortion.

#### STATE GRADES

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# **BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | WASHINGTON | 95 / 100**

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 20 / 20

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## Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Washington requires emergency rooms to provide information about emergency contraception, and requires they dispense it upon request to sexual assault victims.

# Minors' Access to Contraception 5 / 5

Washington explicitly allows all minors to consent to contraceptive services.



#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

Washington has expanded its Medicaid program, which includes maternal and reproductive health care, under the Affordable Care Act.

# Medicaid Family Planning Expansions 10 / 10

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#### **ACCESS**

#### Abortion Restrictions 10 / 15

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#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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

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# STORING STORY

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

**West Virginia** has completely banned abortion with very limited exceptions, which prevents

someone from obtaining a legal abortion in West Virginia.

**West Virginia** bans best practice medication and surgical care for transgender youth.

**West Virginia** received a "minus" because its state constitution explicitly excludes abortion rights.

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**BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | WEST VIRGINIA | 37/100** 

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 12 / 20

West Virginia mandates comprehensive sex education in public schools, covering abstinence, HIV prevention, and different methods of contraception. West Virginia also requires sex education include information on healthy relationships.

## Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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

# Minors' Access to Contraception 0 / 5

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#### **AFFORDABILITY**

#### Medicaid Expansion 15 / 15

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

# Medicaid Maternal Health Expansion 5 / 5

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## Insurance Coverage of Abortion 5 / 5

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#### **ACCESS**

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**BREAKDOWN OF SCORES | WISCONSIN | 30/100** 

#### **PREVENTION**

#### Sex Education 5 / 20

Wisconsin mandates HIV education, but it does not require that condoms be part of the curriculum. HIV education is required to be medically accurate.

# Access to Emergency Contraception 5 / 5

Wisconsin requires emergency rooms to provide information about emergency contraception, and requires they dispense it upon request to sexual assault victims.

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Wisconsin has not expanded its Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months.

# Insurance Coverage of Abortion 0 / 5

Wisconsin restricts abortion coverage in private insurance plans by prohibiting insurance plans sold on state Marketplaces from covering abortion (with some exceptions).

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#### Medication Abortion 0 / 5

Wisconsin clinicians who perform medication abortion procedures are required to be licensed physicians and not other qualified health professionals. Medication abortion must be provided in person, which by extension bans telemedicine.

#### Gender-Affirming Care Restrictions 10 / 10

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#### Sex Education 0 / 20

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# Access to Emergency Contraception 0 / 5

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#### Medicaid Expansion 0 / 15

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#### TRAP Laws 5 / 5

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