

Abortion Statistics England and Wales 2023

The Abortion Statistics for England and Wales for 2023 were **published on 15 January 2026**, more than 2 years after the close of the year the data is for. This is the most up to date data available.

Key Findings:

- 277,970 abortions took place in England and Wales in 2023. This is the highest number since the 1967 Abortion Act was introduced. It is an 11% increase from 2022.
- The abortion rate increased for every age group from 7.6 in 2022 to 7.8 per 1,000 women in 2023 (including for those under 18).
- 87% of abortions in England and Wales in 2023 were medical abortions (i.e. taking place using abortion drugs).
- 200,745 abortions involved taking both abortion drugs at home, an increase of 48,340 from 2022.
- 72% of abortions in 2023 involved taking both abortion drugs at home.
- Since 2013, the percentage of medical abortions increased from 49% of all abortions to 87% in 2023.
- 98% of abortions took place under Ground C, that is that “the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk, greater than if the pregnancy were terminated, of injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman” – otherwise understood as ‘social reasons.’

Report Available: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/abortion-statistics-for-england-and-wales-2023/abortion-statistics-commentary-england-and-wales-2023>



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