

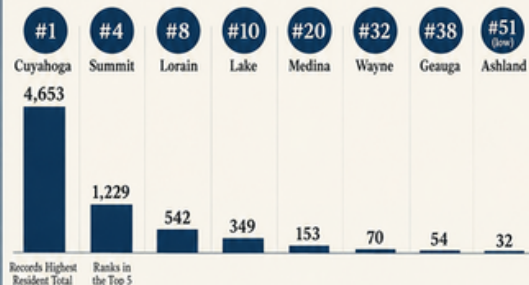


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Induced Abortions in Ohio: 2025 Report

A look at the Diocesan footprint

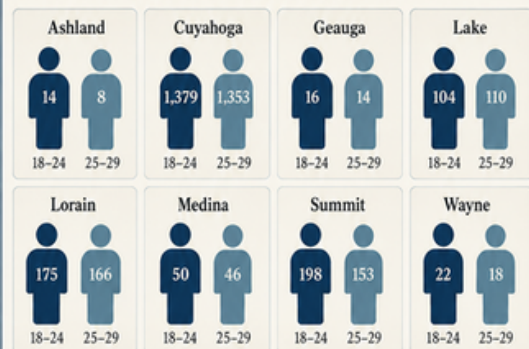
2025 Resident Abortion Data: A Comparison of 8 Ohio Counties



Total resident abortions range from over 4,600 in major metropolitan areas to 32 in rural counties.

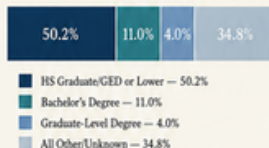
Most Common Age Groups (18-29) by County

18-24 Year Olds Represent the Largest Demographic

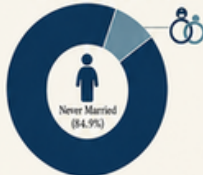


Statewide Trends: Education and Marital Status

Educational Background of Women Obtaining Abortions



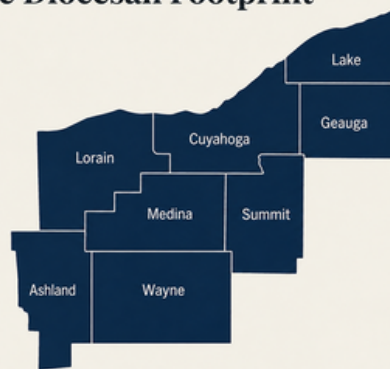
84.9% of Residents Were Never Married



Source: 2025 Ohio Abortion Report, Table 1.

A Snapshot of the Diocese & Abortion Occurrence

The Diocesan Footprint



7,082

Total resident abortions in these eight counties.

35.6%

of all abortions obtained by Ohio residents statewide (7,082 out of 19,892).

The Diocese of Cleveland serves nearly 700,000 Catholics across 3,414 square miles. Because this footprint encompasses major healthcare and educational hubs—with female populations consistently tracking between 50% and 52%—the region represents a critical focal point for the entire state.

High-need areas are concentrated in specific community zip codes

- The Diocese encompasses over 180 zip codes, but the data is highly localized.
- Urban concentrations in Cuyahoga (441xx) and Summit (442xx/443xx) represent significant hotspots of need.
- Even in rural counties, localized pockets of despair exist.

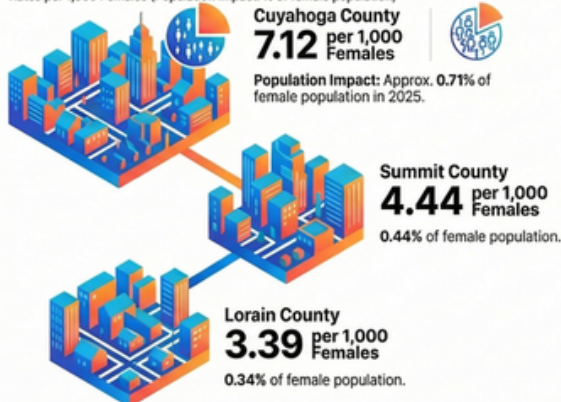


2025 Resident Abortion Rates: A Northeast Ohio Regional Analysis

In 2025, Ohio saw 25,135 induced abortions, a 15% increase, with 79.1% being state residents. This analysis utilizes 2025 resident data and 2020 Census female population counts for eight Northeast Ohio counties.

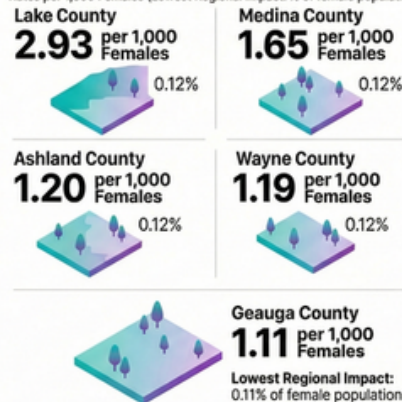
High-Density Urban Centers

Rates per 1,000 Females (Population Impact: % of female population)



Suburban and Rural Distributions

Rates per 1,000 Females (Lowest Regional Impact: % of female population)





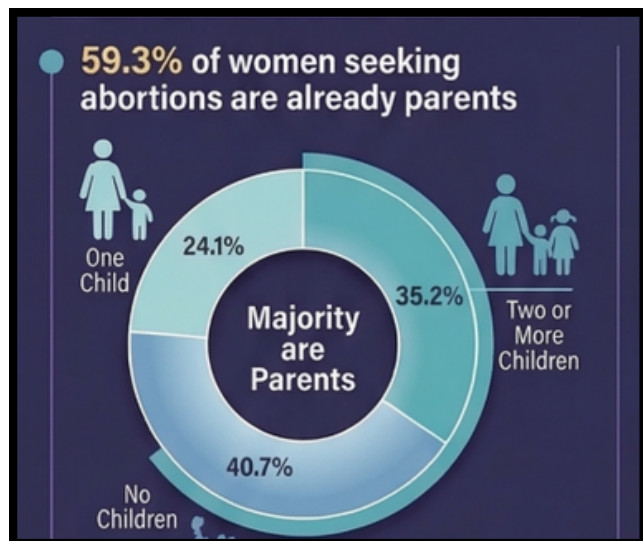
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Many Women Seeking abortions are Already Mothers

Statewide Data



According to a 2025 study by [Smart Asset](#), the average annual cost of raising a child under the age of 5 in the United States is **\$27,743/child**. In Ohio, the cost rose 8.85% from 2024 to 2025, nearly double the national average. One [Ohio-based study](#) found that female-headed households with children in Ohio are *four times* more likely to live in poverty.

Number of Previous Abortions:

Statewide Data

Occurrence	Number (2025)	% of Ohio-Resident-induced abortions
No Prior Abortions	11,253	56.8%
1 Prior Abortions	4,517	22.8%
2 Prior Abortions	1,999	10.1%
3 Prior Abortions	825	4.16%
4 Prior Abortions	418	2.11%
5 or more Prior Abortions	391	1.97%
Not Reported	489	2.47%

Total number of Ohio-resident abortions in 2025 = 19,812.

With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.

~Pope St. John Paul II, [Evangelium Vitae](#), no..95

What can we as a Diocese Do?

Pray

Pray regularly for mothers, children, and families in need.

[Offer a Rosary for Life](#): The Sorrowful Mysteries (USCCB).

Educate Ourselves

Go through the most recent [Ohio Abortion report](#) yourself or as a group.

Read & Study Pope St. John Paul II's [Evangelium Vitae](#)

Get Involved

Support parish ministries like [Walking with Moms in Need](#). Complete our [interest survey](#) to learn more!

Volunteer or donate to [local pregnancy support centers](#).

Advocate

Advocate for policies that strengthen families and reduce poverty. Visit [Catholic Conference of Ohio \(CCO\)](#) to see what current legislation the Ohio bishop's are in support of.

[Current Ohio Legislation](#)

About This Report:

The statistics presented here are drawn primarily from the Ohio Department of Health's 2025 Induced Abortions in Ohio Annual Report (published: March 2026), with additional contextual data from publicly available economic studies. Ohio law requires physicians performing induced abortions to report certain demographic and medical information to the Ohio Department of Health, which publishes annual statistical summaries. This handout provides a preliminary snapshot of trends affecting the eight counties within the Diocese of Cleveland. While this data can help illuminate broader patterns, they do not convey the unique circumstances of each woman, child, and family represented within the statistics.



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