

# YouGov Survey: Abortion Opinions



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens  
Conducted May 17 - 20, 2022  
Margin of Error ±3.8%

## 1. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases	26%
Legal in most cases	28%
Illegal in most cases	27%
Illegal in all cases	9%
Not sure	10%

## 2. What percentage of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, that is, not intended to occur at that time?

Around 0%	1%
Around 10%	5%
Around 20%	11%
Around 30%	12%
Around 40%	13%
Around 50%	17%
Around 60%	10%
Around 70%	8%
Around 80%	7%
Around 90%	2%
Around 100%	1%
Not sure	14%

## 3. What percentage of unplanned pregnancies in the U.S. end in abortion?

Around 0%	1%
Around 10%	17%
Around 20%	15%
Around 30%	15%
Around 40%	9%
Around 50%	10%
Around 60%	6%
Around 70%	5%
Around 80%	3%
Around 90%	1%
Around 100%	1%
Not sure	17%

## 4. Which age group has the most abortions in the U.S.?

19 or younger	18%
20 to 24-year-olds	33%
25 to 29-year-olds	18%
30 to 34-year-olds	4%
35 or older	2%
Not sure	24%

## 5. What percentage of people who have abortions in the U.S. have already given birth to other children?

Around 0%	3%
Around 10%	17%
Around 20%	14%
Around 30%	12%
Around 40%	9%
Around 50%	9%
Around 60%	5%
Around 70%	5%
Around 80%	1%
Around 90%	1%
Around 100%	1%
Not sure	23%

## 6. What percentage of people who have abortions in the U.S. have incomes below the federal poverty line?

Around 0%	0%
Around 10%	6%
Around 20%	10%
Around 30%	12%
Around 40%	13%
Around 50%	13%
Around 60%	9%
Around 70%	7%
Around 80%	6%
Around 90%	3%
Around 100%	1%
Not sure	20%

7. What percentage of people who have abortions in the U.S. are neither married nor living with a partner?

Around 0%	0%
Around 10%	4%
Around 20%	9%
Around 30%	15%
Around 40%	10%
Around 50%	15%
Around 60%	9%
Around 70%	8%
Around 80%	7%
Around 90%	4%
Around 100%	1%
Not sure	18%

8. What percentage of abortions performed do you think involve medication or pills, rather than a surgical procedure?

*Shown to half of respondents.*

Around 0%	2%
Around 10%	14%
Around 20%	11%
Around 30%	10%
Around 40%	7%
Around 50%	10%
Around 60%	7%
Around 70%	6%
Around 80%	6%
Around 90%	2%
Around 100%	1%
Not sure	25%

9. What percentage of abortions performed do you think involve a surgical procedure, rather than medication or pills?

*Shown to half of respondents.*

Around 0%	0%
Around 10%	6%
Around 20%	13%
Around 30%	13%
Around 40%	8%
Around 50%	13%
Around 60%	7%
Around 70%	6%
Around 80%	6%
Around 90%	3%
Around 100%	2%
Not sure	22%

10. During which stage of pregnancy is the largest share of abortions performed in the U.S.?

6 weeks or less	12%
7 to 9 weeks	21%
10 to 13 weeks	25%
14 to 17 weeks	12%
18 to 21 weeks	4%
22 weeks or more	2%
Not sure	25%

11. Around what stage of pregnancy is a fetus considered viable, meaning that it can survive outside the womb?

6 weeks or less	5%
7 - 12 weeks	5%
13 - 18 weeks	11%
19 - 24 weeks	18%
25 - 30 weeks	24%
31 - 36 weeks	9%
More than 36 weeks	5%
Not sure	23%

12. Around what stage of pregnancy have doctors determined that a fetus is capable of feeling pain?

6 weeks or less	10%
7 - 12 weeks	12%
13 - 18 weeks	13%
19 - 24 weeks	13%
25 - 30 weeks	7%
31 - 36 weeks	2%
More than 36 weeks	3%
Not sure	40%

13. What do you think is most likely to result in death for a pregnant person in the U.S.?

Having an abortion	17%
Giving birth	29%
About equally as likely	30%
Not sure	24%

14. Looking back on your life, were there any periods when you could have become pregnant unexpectedly, such as if birth-control methods you were using failed?

*Asked of women*

Yes	57%
No	29%
Not applicable (e.g., I have never had sex)	8%
Prefer not to say	6%

15. If you had become pregnant unexpectedly, were there any points in your life when you would have considered any of the following options? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they could have gotten pregnant at some point in their lives*

Giving birth and raising the child .....	62%
Giving birth and putting the child up for adoption .....	14%
Having an abortion .....	44%
Not sure .....	6%
Prefer not to say .....	2%

16. Have you ever had an unplanned pregnancy?

*Asked of women*

Yes .....	41%
No .....	52%
Prefer not to say .....	7%

17. When you found out you were pregnant unexpectedly, which of the following options did you consider, even if only for a brief period? If you've had multiple unplanned pregnancies, consider the first pregnancy. Select all that apply.

*Asked of women who say they've had an unplanned pregnancy*

Giving birth and raising the child .....	72%
Giving birth and putting the child up for adoption .....	11%
Having an abortion .....	35%
Not sure .....	3%
Prefer not to say .....	2%

18. What did you ultimately decide to do?

*Asked of women who say they've had an unplanned pregnancy*

Gave birth and raised the child .....	60%
Gave birth and put the child up for adoption .....	2%
Had an abortion .....	24%
Had a miscarriage .....	10%
None of the above .....	3%
Prefer not to say .....	1%

19. If you were single and dating, how willing, if at all, would you be to date someone who believed abortion should be legal?

Very willing .....	41%
Somewhat willing .....	15%
Not very willing .....	11%
Not willing at all .....	14%
Not sure .....	19%

20. If you were single and dating, how willing, if at all, would you be to date someone who believed abortion should be illegal?

Very willing	27%
Somewhat willing	19%
Not very willing	16%
Not willing at all	18%
Not sure	20%

21. Do you think that banning abortion results in unmarried people having more sex, less sex, or about the same amount of sex?

More sex	8%
Less sex	11%
About the same amount	61%
Not sure	19%

22. Do you think that banning abortion results in married people having more sex, less sex, or about the same amount of sex?

More sex	7%
Less sex	9%
About the same amount	66%
Not sure	18%

23. Would you support or oppose the government creating a national media campaign to reduce unwanted pregnancies?

Strongly support	23%
Somewhat support	27%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	12%
Not sure	28%

24. How concerned are you about law-enforcement authorities wrongly investigating and prosecuting people who lose pregnancies due to miscarriage or stillbirth for violating anti-abortion laws?

Very concerned	40%
Somewhat concerned	18%
Not very concerned	13%
Not at all concerned	11%
Not sure	17%

25. Would you support or oppose a law that ensures that people who experience pregnancy losses are not subjected to government investigation?

Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	6%
Not sure	20%

26. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? "In many cases abortions are of teenage women, particularly low income, and often Black, who aren't in a position to be able to care for children, have unexpected pregnancies, and it deprives them of the ability, often, to continue their education to later participate in the workforce."

Strongly agree	20%
Somewhat agree	25%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	15%
Not sure	25%

27. How much have you heard about crisis pregnancy centers?

A lot	15%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	39%

28. Do you think crisis pregnancy centers are helpful or harmful?

*Asked of people who have heard of pregnancy crisis centers*

Mostly helpful	27%
Somewhat helpful	26%
Somewhat harmful	13%
Mostly harmful	15%
Not sure	18%

<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	May 17 - 20, 2022
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.2 to 6.508, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.697.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.8% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	61 questions not reported.