Induced Termination of Pregnancy (ITOP) Report

Quarter 3: July–September 2026

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BACKGROUND

West Virginia Code §16-5-22 requires reporting of induced terminations of pregnancy (ITOP) to the West Virginia Health Statistics Center. The data elements required to be collected include:

- Gestational age of the fetus;
- State and county of residence of the patient;
- Age of the patient;
- Type of medical or surgical procedure performed;
- Method of payment for the procedure;
- Whether birth defects were known, and if so, what birth defects;
- Date the termination was performed; and
- The exception contained in West Virginia Code §16-2R-3 under which the termination was performed.

The code also requires an analysis of the compiled information relating to ITOP to be included in the annual report of vital statistics. Due to the time required to collect and analyze data, the annual vital statistics report is published 18–24 months after the end of the calendar year in which data was collected.

In September 2022, West Virginia Code §16-2R-1 *et seq.* was enacted, which prohibits ITOP except under certain circumstances including (1) the embryo or fetus is nonviable, (2) the pregnancy is ectopic, (3) a medical emergency exists, (4) gestation eight weeks or less if the pregnancy was a result of sexual assault or incest (adults), or (5) gestation 14 weeks or less if the pregnancy was a result of sexual assault or incest (children). Due to this change and a change in §16-5-22 to require quarterly reporting, this report presents Quarter 3 2026 statistics for ITOP occurring July–September 2026.

The ITOP forms and instructions are distributed to all physicians licensed to practice in West Virginia each year by the Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health (OMCFH) within the West Virginia Department of Health (DH) Bureau for Public Health. Completed ITOP reports are due to the West Virginia Health Statistics Center, within DH's Bureau for Public Health, by the 10th of the month following the month the procedure was performed.

ANALYSIS

In Quarter 3 of 2026 (July–September), a total of five induced terminations of pregnancy were reported as being performed in West Virginia. Table 1 includes the number of ITOP performed by month for 2026.

Table 1
Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
West Virginia Occurrences, 2026
By Month

Month	2026
January	1
February	2
March	0
April	1
May	1
June	3
July	5
August	0
September	0
October	--
November	--
December	--
Total	13

During Quarter 3, four of the five ITOP performed were among West Virginia residents. For year-to-date 2026, 84.6% of ITOP performed in West Virginia were among state residents. Table 2 includes the state of residence for each time period.

Table 2
Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
West Virginia Occurrences, 2026 by Quarter
By State of Residence

State of Residence	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
West Virginia	3	4	4	--	11
Ohio	0	1	1	--	2
Total	3	5	5	--	13

County of residence of the women who received an ITOP was also analyzed for this report. Table 3 displays the residence county for only West Virginia residents.

Table 3
Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
West Virginia Occurrences, 2026 by Quarter
By County of Residence for WV Residents

County	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Barbour	0	0	0	--	0
Berkeley	0	0	0	--	0
Boone	0	0	0	--	0
Braxton	0	0	0	--	0
Brooke	0	0	0	--	0
Cabell	0	1	0	--	1
Calhoun	0	0	0	--	0
Clay	0	0	0	--	0
Doddridge	0	0	0	--	0
Fayette	0	0	0	--	0
Gilmer	0	0	0	--	0
Grant	0	0	0	--	0
Greenbrier	0	0	0	--	0
Hampshire	0	0	0	--	0
Hancock	0	0	0	--	0
Hardy	0	0	0	--	0
Harrison	0	0	0	--	0
Jackson	0	0	0	--	0
Jefferson	0	0	0	--	0
Kanawha	0	0	0	--	0
Lewis	0	0	0	--	0
Lincoln	0	0	0	--	0
Logan	0	0	0	--	0
Marion	0	0	1	--	1
Marshall	0	0	0	--	0
Mason	0	0	0	--	0
McDowell	0	0	0	--	0
Mercer	0	0	0	--	0
Mineral	1	0	0	--	1
Mingo	0	0	0	--	0
Monongalia	0	1	0	--	1
Monroe	0	0	0	--	0
Morgan	0	0	0	--	0
Nicholas	0	0	0	--	0
Ohio	0	0	0	--	0
Pendleton	0	0	0	--	0
Pleasants	0	0	0	--	0

Pocahontas	0	0	0	--	0
Preston	0	0	0	--	0
Putnam	0	1	2	--	3
Raleigh	0	0	0	--	0
Randolph	0	0	1	--	1
Ritchie	0	0	0	--	0
Roane	0	0	0	--	0
Summers	0	0	0	--	0
Taylor	0	0	0	--	0
Tucker	0	0	0	--	0
Tyler	0	0	0	--	0
Upshur	1	0	0	--	1
Wayne	0	0	0	--	0
Webster	0	0	0	--	0
Wetzel	0	0	0	--	0
Wirt	0	0	0	--	0
Wood	0	0	0	--	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	--	0
Total	2	3	4	--	9

* Two ITOP among West Virginia residents had a missing county and were not included in the total.

Age of the women who received an ITOP was also analyzed for this report. For Quarter 3, 40.0% of ITOP were among women aged 25–29, 20.0% were among women aged 20–24, 20.0% were among women aged 35–39, and 20.0% were among women aged 40 and older. Table 4 displays the number of ITOP by age of women. For year-to-date 2026, women in their 20s represented 61.5%, women in their 30s represented 30.8%, and women 40 and older represented 7.7%.

Table 4
Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
West Virginia Occurrences, 2026 by Quarter
By Age of Women

Age Group	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Less than 15	0	0	0	--	0
15–19	0	0	0	--	0
20–24	0	1	1	--	2
25–29	2	2	2	--	6
30–34	1	2	0	--	3
35–39	0	0	1	--	1
40 and Older	0	0	1	--	1
Total	3	5	5	--	13

By probable gestational age, 50.0% of the four Quarter 3 ITOP with a known gestational age occurred at eight weeks or less gestation, 25.0% occurred at 13–15 weeks gestation,

and 25.0% occurred at 16–19 weeks gestation. Table 5 displays the gestational age of the fetus for 2026.

Table 5

Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
West Virginia Occurrences, 2026 by Quarter
By Probable Gestational Age in Weeks

Quarter		Probable Gestational Age (Weeks)						
		<=8	9–10	11–12	13–15	16–19	20+	Total
Quarter 1	Procedures (#)	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	Percent Distribution	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
Quarter 2	Procedures (#)	2	0	0	0	2	0	4
	Percent Distribution	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Quarter 3	Procedures (#)	2	0	0	1	1	0	4
	Percent Distribution	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Quarter 4	Procedures (#)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Percent Distribution	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	Procedures (#)	4	1	0	1	3	1	10
	Percent Distribution	40.0%	10.0%	0.0%	10.0%	30.0%	10.0%	100.0%

* Three ITOP had missing/unknown gestational age and were not included in the total.

Four of the five ITOP performed in Quarter 3 were medical, or performed using prescription medications. The primary methods utilized in 2026 were medical, accounting for 84.6%. Table 6 displays the method of termination.

Table 6

Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
West Virginia Occurrences, 2026 by Quarter
By Method of Termination

Quarter		Method of Termination					Total
		Surgical				Total Medical (Non-Surgical)	
		Dilation and Curettage (D&C)	Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)	Other Surgical	Total Surgical		
Quarter 1	Procedures (#)	1	0	0	1	2	3
	Percent Distribution	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%	100.0%
Quarter 2	Procedures (#)	0	0	0	0	5	5
	Percent Distribution	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Quarter 3	Procedures (#)	0	1	0	1	4	5
	Percent Distribution	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	20.0%	80.0%	100.0%
Quarter 4	Procedures (#)	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Percent Distribution	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	Procedures (#)	1	1	0	2	11	13
	Percent Distribution	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	15.4%	84.6%	100.0%

In Quarter 3, analysis of payment sources for the ITOP procedure indicated four of the five were paid by private insurance and one by other sources. For year-to-date 2026, 84.6% of ITOP were paid by private insurance, 7.7% paid by Medicaid and 7.7% paid by other sources.

Four of the ITOP performed in Quarter 3 of 2026 indicated that the fetus was non-medically viable and three of those indicated they were due to ectopic pregnancies. For year-to-date 2026, 76.9% of ITOP indicated they were conducted because the fetus was non-medically viable.

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