

TWO YEARS LATER

STATE OF KANSAS PRO-LIFE PROTECTIONS SINCE THE VOTE ON AUGUST 2, 2022



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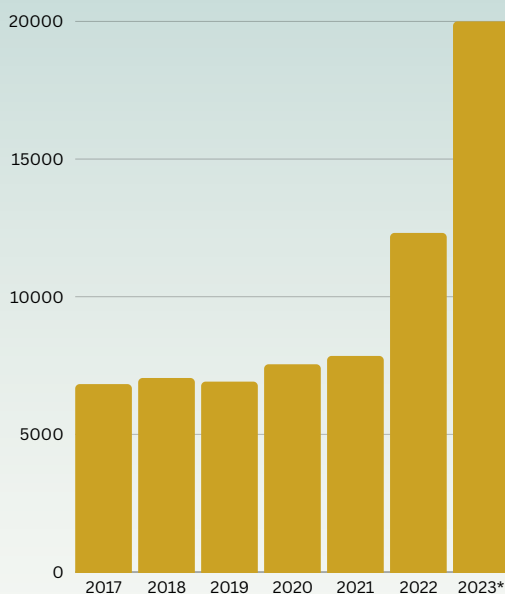
TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES

Many Kansans were intentionally misled by the abortion industry and its allies into thinking by rejecting the *Value Them Both* Amendment, they were simply preserving access to early, first-trimester abortions only, helping women with ectopic pregnancies get life-saving medical treatment that VTB would somehow prevent as the abortion industry falsely alleged, or ensuring that limits and regulations on the abortion industry would remain. In reality, Kansas has become an abortion destination state, without any meaningful restrictions or protections for pre-born children or women's safety. The legal door is open to having all abortion regulations challenged.

ABORTIONS IN KANSAS

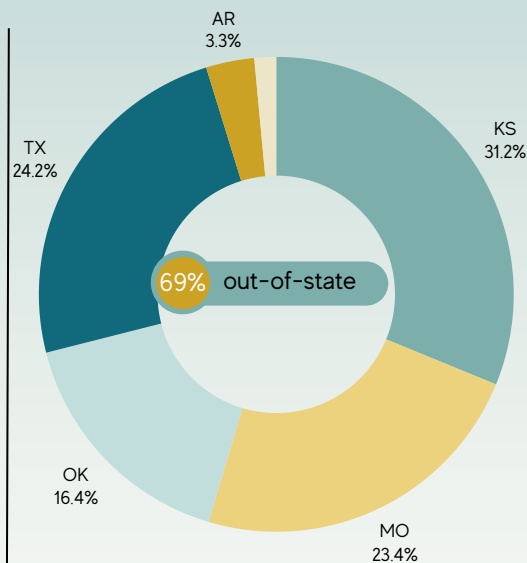
- Abortions in Kansas have skyrocketed from roughly 6,900 to an estimated 20,000 since the vote (We Count Report, Oct, 2023), and many protective laws have been lost or sued.
- Approximately 60% of all abortions in Kansas appear to be a result of the "abortion pill" - a two-step "DIY" protocol. The abortion industry claims that chemical abortion is safe, yet peer-reviewed science and data say otherwise. The rate of abortion pill related emergency room visits has increased more than 500% over the past decade, putting mothers at significant risk for greater complications in addition to inflicting trauma from seeing their aborted baby (lozierinstitute.org)
- According to the Guttmacher Institute, the abortion industry research arm, there are 65-70 abortions in Kansas taking place each day.
- Since 2022, there are two new abortion facilities in Kansas, with another opening in Pittsburg, KS soon.

ABORTIONS IN KS BY YEAR



*Estimation based on abortions reported the first 6 mos of 2023 - We Count Report, Oct 2023

ABORTIONS BY STATE RESIDENCE



PROTECTIONS LOST

The KS State Supreme Court declared that basic abortion clinic licensing laws and inspections are unconstitutional and will not be enforced.

Painful, live-dismemberment abortions are still legal in Kansas

The abortion industry filed a lawsuit against the KS Woman's Right to Know Act passed in 1997. All of its protections are not being enforced including informed consent, abortion risk information, a waiting period, a right to see an ultrasound & information on abortion pill reversal.

Source for Graphs: Kansas Dept of Health & Environment as of 2022

See archkck.org/prolife/resources for more details

How the Church can help...

Even when things seem bleak, our merciful Father faithfully offers a way forward. Now more than ever, women need to see the Church as a community of compassion and support. Pope Francis says, "Parishes must be islands of mercy in a sea of indifference." As the body of Christ, we have been called for such a time as this. Each of us can do something - pray, financially support, volunteer, or accompany - to save lives and protect women from the harms of abortion.

For more information, please visit:



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ONGOING ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES

Catholic Charities Pregnancy & Adoption Ministries:
Serving birth parents and adoptive couples:

Pregnancy Resource Center Support & Grants

HelpingKansasWomen.org
A statewide resource connecting women to local services

Walking With Moms in Need:
A parish-based initiative to increase support

Foster Care Ministry:
Serving vulnerable children and the families who care for them.

Gabriel Project:
35+ volunteer "angels" trained to mentor women needing support.

Project Rachel:
Providing individual, group and retreat counseling for those hurt by abortion.

NEW INITIATIVES

Sidewalk counseling support

Increased youth education through the Culture Project

Fertility Appreciation training

Parish-based support group for pregnant women through Embrace Grace

Foster Ministry growth

Maternity home support

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LEGISLATIVE WINS

Though the Kansas Legislature can no longer pass laws that restrict abortion in any way, it has been able to pass laws that help women in need and protect babies once born.

- Born Alive Infants Protection Act
- *Abortion Pill Reversal Informed Consent Requirements Law**
- The Pregnancy Compassion Act
- The Abortion Coercion Act of 2024
- Pro-life tax policies
- *The Abortion Transparency Reporting Law**

**these legislative wins are being currently being contested/sued by the abortion industry*

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"Where we can no longer protect preborn and women's lives through law, we can rescue them through love."

- Archbishop Joseph Naumann



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