

Chester County 40 Days for Life Spring 2024 Vigil Kickoff

Facts to share:

- On average, in 2022, there were over 95 abortions EVERY DAY in PA (34,838 in total).
- In 2022, there were **469 reported complications** in PA from abortion, **a nearly 50% increase from the previous year**. That's **triple** the number of complications from just five years prior (143 in 2017).
- More than **75** percent of the complications were related to "retained products of conception," 14.7 percent to bleeding and 3.6 percent to infection.
- In 2022, more than **4,000 babies were aborted after 3 months (12 weeks) in pregnancy**. Of these 4,000, more than **500 were aborted after 5 months** in pregnancy (20 weeks).
- White individuals make up 46% of PA's abortions but represent 77% of the total population. Black individuals make up 43% of total abortions yet represent just 11% of the total population.
- "Abortion is the single **leading cause of death in the Black community**. Nationally, over 20 million black babies have been killed since Roe v. Wade. That's a third of the total abortions, while black people only make up 13.6% of the population. Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood and leader in the eugenics movement, would be proud." ~ Retired Judge Cheryl Allen
- More than 19,000 abortions in PA in 2022 were chemical abortions, the highest number ever on record. Chemical abortions account for more than half (55%) of abortions in PA.
- The number of **chemical abortions in PA has doubled in the last ten years** (2013: 8,983). This rise has coincided with the rise in complications from abortions.
- Abortion pills aren't safe. Mifepristone is associated with 28 deaths, thousands of serious adverse events, and more than 500 life-threatening complications—that we know of, due to weak state and federal reporting requirements."
 - <u>Melanie Israel</u>, Heritage Foundation
- There are 18 abortion facilities in PA, half of which failed a health inspection in 2023.
- Over the last fifteen years, while abortion has consistently remained above 30,000 babies every year. the **abortion rate of unmarried women in PA has also not changed**. (2008: 87%, 2022: 87%)
- In the U.S., <u>14 states</u> currently ban all/most abortions, with data indicating that **now-enforceable pro-life laws could effectively wipe out around 200,000 abortions a year.**