Abortion Access for Minors: A Wisconsin Mapping Project

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Key Takeaways from 2019-2021

- Minors in Wisconsin accounted for roughly 3% of reported abortions
- 20% of Wisconsin minors received an abortion after 12 weeks compared to an average of 13% of adults
- Wisconsin counties with the highest reports of abortions received by young people have higher-than-average rates of poverty
- Wisconsin's population is 80% white. However, Black, Indigenous, Asian, or another racial minorities make up 49% of minors who sought abortion

Unique barriers that minors face

- Many minors are neither licensed to drive a car nor have access to a car
- Minors living in rural counties have no public transportation options at all
- Minors need to arrange appointments around school schedules, limiting options
- Hotels can cost up to $300/night in Chicago and cannot be reserved without a credit card or by someone younger than 18
- Minors may have to acquire funds without detection from their parents/guardians

Legal status of Wisconsin minors receiving abortion care, 2019-2021

- Emancipated minor: 9%
- Court granted waiver of parental consent: 2%
- Parent provided consent (including foster): 8%
- Other adult family member provided consent: 81%

Pre-Dobbs, about one-in-five minors (19%) received abortion care without parental or guardian consent. Without Roe, minors must travel out-of-state an abortion.

This map shows the 71 anti-abortion centers in or near Wisconsin. These centers may delay or discourage minors from seeking abortion care information.

The 12 nearest abortion clinics in bordering states that do not have parental involvement laws are also on the map. The distance to these clinics can range from range from 1 hour to to 4.5 hours one-way.

Status of abortion in April 2023

- 1849 law in effect
- Parental involvement law
- 0 clinics providing abortion
- No telemedicine options
- 71 nearby anti-abortion centers

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