

# US abortions had slower decline in 2010 than 2009

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U.S. abortions have continued to decline, but not quite as steeply as before.

The number and rate of reported abortions fell 3 percent in 2010, the most recent year for which statistics are available. Those statistics had fallen 5 percent in 2009—the biggest one-year decrease in a decade.

Before 2009, abortions seemed to have leveled off. Some experts attributed the recent numbers to better use of [contraception](#) and a tough economic environment for raising children.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday released the latest statistics, drawing from about 45 states and cities that sent in data consistently for at least 10 years. They reported about 753,000 abortions in 2010. About 60 percent of the women were in their 20s.

**More information:** CDC report:

[www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr\\_ss/ss\\_cvol.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_ss/ss_cvol.html)

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