

At least 66 US clinics have halted abortions, institute says

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The recently closed Savannah Medical Clinic, which provided abortions for four decades in Savannah, Ga., is pictured on Thursday, July 21, 2022. According to an analysis released Thursday, Oct 6, 2022, at least 66 clinics have stopped providing abortions in 15 states since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade* on June 24, 2022. The Guttmacher Institute's analysis examines the impact of state laws on access to U.S. abortion in the 100 days since that landmark decision. The number of abortion clinics in these states dropped in that time from 79 to 13 and all 13 of the remaining ones are in Georgia. Credit: AP

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At least 66 clinics in 15 states have stopped providing abortions since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, according to an analysis released Thursday.

The number of clinics providing abortions in the 15 states dropped from 79 before the June 24 decision to 13 as of Oct. 2, according to the [Guttmacher Institute](#), a research group that supports abortion rights.

All 13 of the remaining clinics are in Georgia. The other states have no providers offering abortions, though some of their clinics are offering care other than abortions.

Nationally, there were more than 800 abortion clinics in 2020, the institute said.

The new report does not include data on hospitals and physician offices that provided abortion and stopped them after the court ruling, but Guttmacher researcher Rachel Jones noted that clinics provide most U.S. abortions, including procedures and dispensing abortion medication. Recent Guttmacher data show just over half of U.S. abortions are done with medication.

States without abortion providers are concentrated in the South.

Dr. Jeanne Corwin, who provides abortions in Indiana and Ohio, said clinic closures harm "women's physical health, mental health and financial health."

In several states, access is under threat because bans were put on hold

only temporarily by court injunctions. These include Indiana, Ohio and South Carolina, the analysis found.

"It is precarious from a medical standpoint and certainly from a business standpoint," said Dr. Katie McHugh, an OB-GYN who provides abortions in Indiana. "It's difficult to keep the doors open and the lights on when you don't know if you're going to be a felon tomorrow."

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