

# Did you Know That Kansas Is Now an Abortion Destination State?

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## **Kansas: Abortion Destination State**

Most people don't know that in 2019, Kansas, *once one of the most pro-life states* in the nation, became an abortion destination state. That designation was only enhanced more when, in 2022, *Roe V. Wade* was finally overturned by the US Supreme Court returning abortion regulation to each of the fifty states.

## **Kansas has become extreme**

In fact, Kansas is now one of the most extreme states for allowing abortion access.

In 2019 there were 6,916 abortions in Kansas, a horrific number for sure. However, in 2022, that number skyrocketed to 12,318 – nearly doubling in the three intervening years.

For 2024, estimates are that nearly 20,000 abortions will occur in Kansas. Let that sink in - twenty thousand lives ended before they take their first breath – right here in Kansas. That is about 77 abortions for every weekday of the year (M-F).

If you add up all the abortions that have been officially reported (by the abortion industry itself) since Kansas began tracking this awful statistic in 1978, approximately 471,900 abortions have occurred in Kansas.

## **The Impact**

To put that into a different perspective, someone born in 1978 would likely be married, have a home and several children in 2024...maybe grandchildren as well. Assuming a modestly sized household, the math tells us that if the 9,780 babies aborted in 1978 were with us today, we could have 39,120 more people (the original plus his or her 2 children and one grandchild) all of which could contribute to the economy by holding jobs, owning property, sending kids to school, attending church...the list goes on and that is just for the year 1978.

It is probably impossible to know the impact of abortion every year with precise detail, but the effect through a generation or two is clear. Fewer people, fewer families, fewer children, fewer grandchildren. Fewer doctors, fewer volunteers, fewer preschool teachers, fewer engineers, fewer business owners, fewer healthcare givers...

## **So, what happened to our pro-life laws?**

At one time, Kansas boasted nearly 2 dozen pro-life laws which were in place to limit abortion and to protect women. Kansas was a solidly pro-life state. That all *ended in 2019* when the state Supreme Court issued a ruling in the *Hodes* case declaring that there was a “right to abortion” in the Kansas Constitution.

No one had ever seen or read of this right, but the court wrote the decision saying it existed, making it the law of the land. The court also took the extra step to classify this newfound right in a way that made

it legally impossible to regulate abortion in Kansas. Sadly, in doing so, the Court cunningly set a trap to allow the methodical elimination of every single one of the state's existing pro-life laws.

Since that time, the abortion industry has been rapidly going to court, challenging one pro-life law after another. Because of the 2019 ruling, ***they win every time***. Every victory handed down from a favorable judge eliminates yet another pro-life law.

While it should have been a positive outcome, the 2022 *Dobbs* decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* only made matters worse for Kansas. While states around Kansas acted quickly to enact laws at the time (or already had pro-life laws that were allowed to go into effect), Kansas was already losing ground and could do nothing because of this 2019 ruling.

In fact, Kansas, along with Colorado immediately became abortion-tourism destinations.

**Kansas is now extreme on abortion.**

So, this all begs important questions. "How exactly did we come to this place?" and "What do we do now?"

Watch this space next month to learn more.