

Life Trends 2022 REPORT



HIGHLIGHTS

(a) **1,371,923** TOTAL IN-PERSON CLIENT VISITS

AT AFFILIATE PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATIONS, IN 2021

INTRODUCTION

Heartbeat International and its network of nearly 3,000 pregnancy help organizations worldwide work tirelessly to provide hope and help to women and families experiencing unexpected pregnancies. From this network of care, we can discover and evaluate trends within the movement as a whole and use them to inform and encourage others on the work accomplished.

The Life Trends Report exists to provide a snapshot of life-affirming pregnancy help. Having an awareness of the trends within the pregnancy help movement creates a better understanding as the culture changes and shifts over time.

The information within can be used to better understand the services our clients seek, while providing key information to share publicly about the good work and positive impact of pregnancy help.

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PEOPLE NOW HAVE ACCESS TO PREGNANCY HELP THROUGH LIFE LAUNCH

ESTIMATE BASED ON 2019 CENSUS NUMBERS

3,000+ LIVES SAVED (AND COUNTING) THROUGH THE ABORTION PILL RESCUE NETWORK

PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATIONS

Heartbeat's affiliate pregnancy help organizations (PHOs) support women wherever they are in their pregnancy journey and beyond. Our affiliates fall into several categories according to the primary services they offer.



PROGRAMS **& SERVICES**

Along with intervention services, our affiliate pregnancy help centers offer a broad range of services from prevention programs and STD testing/ treatment, to Abortion Pill Reversal and parenting classes.

These numbers reflect self-reported figures from U.S. Heartbeat affiliates shown as percentage of our total affiliates offering

AFFILIATE

ABORTION RECOVERY 71%

ULTRASOUND 72%

STD TESTING 28%

ABORTION PILL RESCUE 11%

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS 57%



80% abortion choose life wher they see an ultrasound.²



Pregnancy help organizations often expand their reach by providing additional outreach to women in need, with little to no federal taxpayer dollars.

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PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS ALSO OPERATE A MATERNITY HOME

120PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS ALSO OPERATE A MOBILE UNIT

34,316 **ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS** AT AFFILIATE LOCATIONS

LIFE LAUNCH RECIPIENTS

SINCE 2018—75% ARE LOCATED IN COUNTIES WITHOUT PREGNANCY HELP

LIFE TREND: **ABORTION PILL RESCUE NETWORK**

Heartbeat's Abortion Pill Rescue® Network (APRN) connects women who regret taking the first dose of the abortion pill regimen to a network of healthcare professionals trained to administer the reversal protocol.

1,100+ **HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS** ARE A PART OF THE ABORTION PILL RESCUE NETWORK AN AVERAGE OF



START THE REVERSAL PROCESS EACH MONTH

WOMEN IN ALL 50 states **AND 65 COUNTRIES**

CONTACTED APRN IN 2021



1,091 3,000+

The reversal protocol is 64-68% effective according to the largest peer-reviewed study (2018).

LIVES SAVED IN 2021

ESTIMATED LIVES SAVED SINCE 2012, STATISTICS SHOW







For a full listing of pregnancy help organizations throughout the world, go to HBI.life/worldwide-directory.

*A "start" occurs when a woman receives a referral to a provider, the provider determines that she is a candidate for abortion pill reversal, and she has received a prescription for treatment.

POLITICAL TRENDS: UNITED STATES

Abortion was a mainstream political issue in 2021 with the FDA expanding the availability of mail-order abortion pills, the Texas "Heartbeat Law" being enacted prohibiting abortions after a heartbeat is detected (~8 weeks), and the Supreme Court agreeing to hear the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health case which could overturn Roe v. Wade, sending the abortion issue back to the states.



MARCH exas Heartbea

29 States favor pro-life laws⁵

5 States considered middle ground

16 States support pro-abortion laws

DA allows abortion pills to be mailed to patients during e pandemic, allowing women to get an abortion out making in-person visits to a health care facility.

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exas Heartbeat Act signed ov Gov. Grea Abbott

SEPTEMBER

Texas Heartbea Act takes effect

Abortions in Texas fell

59% from August 2021 to September 2021⁶

DECEMBER

FDA issues a permanent decision to allow mailing of abortion pills

DECEMBER

Oral arguments for Dobbs v Jackson Womens Health heard by the U.S. Supreme Court

of Texas PHCs reported an increase of clients after the "Heartbeat Law" was enacted

GLOBAL

2021

Only about a dozen countries besides the U.S. allow abortion without any restrictions after 15 weeks.⁷





HIGHLIGHT: UNITED KINGDOM

Like the U.S., the United Kingdom allowed abortion pills to be available through the mail during the pandemic. Due to significant problems, the U.K. will officially end this practice in September 2022.⁸

Women were hospitalized with side effects after taking DIY abortion pills at home between April 2020 and September 2021.



LIFE TREND: **ANSWERING THE CALL**

The Abortion Pill Reversal hotline receives calls every hour of every day from women who wish to stop a chemical abortion. Time is of the essence when a woman has taken the first pill, so it is imperative to have people in place ready to jump into action.



OPTION LINE

Option Line's 24/7 pregnancy helpline is a resource that proved critically important in 2021, as many pregnancy centers were able to forward all phone calls to Option Line when they were forced to temporarily close their doors due to continued waves of COVID-19.





TREND: SELF SERVICE

Women are utilizing a "self-service" model via websites to get answers and take action.

digital contacts

INCLUDING OUR ONLINE PREGNANCY QUIZ AND CENTER LOCATOR IN 2021

increase

IN USE OF THE ONLINE PREGNANCY QUIZ COMPARED TO 2020

appointments

SCHEDULED BY OPTION LINE STAFF IN 2021.

TIME SINCE **CALLER HAD STARTED THE** CHEMICAL ABORTION PROCESS

75% of clients who disclosed when they had started the process called within 24 hours.



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THE HEARTBEAT DIFFERENCE

At the first sign of pregnancy, Heartbeat International's worldwide network of more than 3,000 pro-life pregnancy help affiliate locations is here. We provide comprehensive pregnancy help to the woman wherever she is on her journey. From seeing the flutter of the heartbeat on her first ultrasound and teaching parenting classes, to coordinating an adoption plan and providing material aid throughout the pregnancy and beyond, we offer compassionate support so that no woman ever feels that abortion is her only option.

Visit HeartbeatInternational.org to learn more.

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