

REPORT October 2021

Pre-Abortion Requirements

Many states require a pregnant person to meet certain conditions before they can obtain an abortion. These pre-abortion requirements include mandating a specified waiting period (usually between 24 to 72 hours) after receiving mandatory counseling or necessitating the performance of an ultrasound or other additional testing (e.g., confirmation of pregnancy, physical exam, Rh typing). This dataset is longitudinal, displaying laws regulating abortion waiting period requirements in effect from December 1, 2018 through October 1, 2021. Learn more at <u>www.lawatlas.org</u>.



States Requiring a Waiting Period

Laws in 29 states require a waiting period (ranging from 18 to 72 hours) prior to obtaining an abortion.

Jurisdictions: 29 (AL, AZ, AR, FL, GA, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, WV, WI)



States Requiring an Ultrasound

Laws in 15 states require patients to receive an ultrasound prior to obtaining an abortion.

Jurisdictions: 15 (AL, AZ, AR, FL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TX, WI)

