

A step-by-step look at abortions in Indiana

Before their 45th birthday, three in every ten women will have had an abortion. Most women seeking abortions are in their 20s and are already mothers.

While the 1992 Supreme Court case *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* reaffirmed a woman’s right to receive an abortion, it also gave states more rights to regulate a woman’s ability to access one.

Since the ruling went into effect, abortions in Indiana have declined by 23 percent. In 2011, 61 percent of Hoosier women lived in a county without a clinic authorized to perform abortions.

Indiana passed HRXXX in 201X, which put nine new restrictions on a woman’s access to abortion. This interactive will introduce you to three characters stories and take you through the process of pursuing an abortion in Indiana.

Continue




Select a character

We've created 3 characters facing different challenges trying to get an abortion in Indiana. Select a character to begin the simulation that will walk you through the process step by step.



Jordan


Jordan is a 35-year-old mother living in Fishers. She drives to work in Indianapolis where she works as a salaried employee for a local bank. Her boss has hinted at a promotion coming up and believes she might make the move into management soon. Her job at the bank offers her both sick days and private insurance.

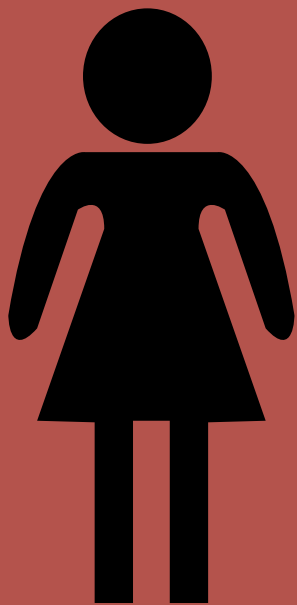
Play as Jordan 



Emma


Emma is a 27-year-old college graduate who just moved back home to Fort Wayne. Her parents' insurance no longer covers her and she decided she's healthy enough to not need insurance quite yet. She uses public transportation to get to both of her part-time jobs where she could get fired for taking too much time off. She thinks one of these jobs may turn into a full-time career and is hoping to get benefits then.

Play as Emma 



Leah

Leah is a 17-year-old who just received a scholarship from a state university. She is still living with her parents in Columbus as she wraps up her senior year. Both of her parents work for the county and have told Leah she'll have to pay for college herself. Leah started saving for books by delivering pizzas in her parents' car after school. Her parents have public insurance and she is still covered by their policy.

Play as Jordan 

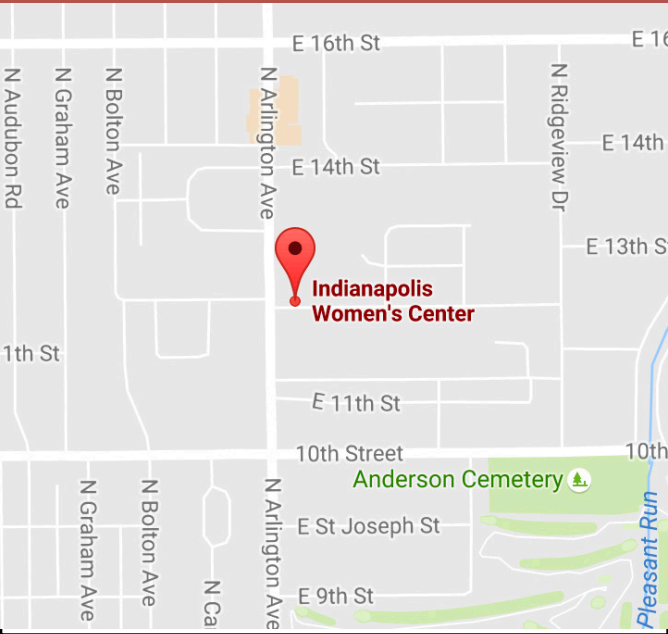
Getting down to research

You find out you’re pregnant and your heart drops. You know you want to make arrangements to terminate the pregnancy as soon as possible. You sit down at your computer and begin researching your nearest clinic.

Clinics

The clinic nearest you is XXXX away. To get there will take XX hours. Their available hours are listed below. Does this work for you or should we find another clinic?

- Monday:
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday
- Thursday:
- Friday:
- Saturday:



I need another clinic

Works for me



Insurance

Not every insurance policy covers or even helps with the cost of abortions, which can cost over \$500. Click below to see if your insurance will help you out. Insurance coverage is built into your character selection.

Check my insurance

Covered

Not Covered

Based on your insurance, your abortion will likely cost somewhere between \$XX and \$XX. Does this seem affordable to you?

I can’t afford that (end game)

Works for me



Counseling

You make your appointment at the clinic and the first step required by the state of Indiana is the provider counseling you against going through with the procedure. Below is a video of what they might tell you in a typical counseling session.



That’s a lot to take in. Are you still seeking an abortion?

No (end simulation)

Yes 


Ultrasound

Indiana requires women seeking an abortion to receive an ultrasound during their counseling session and listen to their fetus’s heartbeat. Click the speaker below to experience this.



That’s a lot to take in. Are you still seeking an abortion?

No (end simulation)

Yes 

Waiting...

Between your counseling appointment and your procedure, Indiana requires an 18-hour waiting period. This can be complicated by the fact that many clinics keep odd hours on only certain days of the week. To represent those 18 hours, please wait nine seconds before moving to the next step.



Do you wish to continue?

No (end simulation)

Yes 


Procedure

You arrive at the clinic to receive your abortion and are suprised to learn you have to be escorted from your car to the building. Protesters are gathered outside of the clinic with graphic photos and catchy slogans scrawled on poster board.



Inside

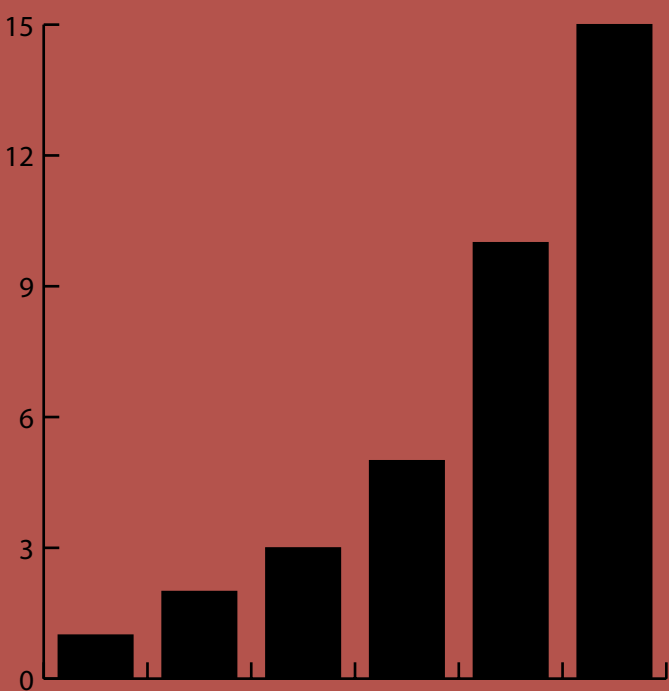
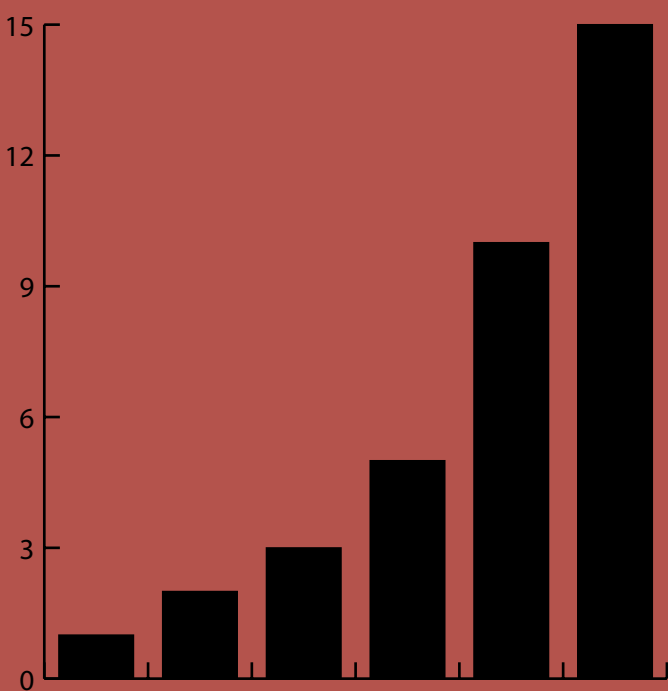
You make it into the clinic, fill out your paper work and are taken into an exam room. The doctor double checks that you want to receive your abortion and upon your confirmation hands you a pill. You take the pill and the doctor hands you another to be taken at home later.


Go home 

After the abortion

Your operation was successful. Most are. Less than one percent of abortions have a complication arise and they are considered 1/10th as dangerous as childbirth.

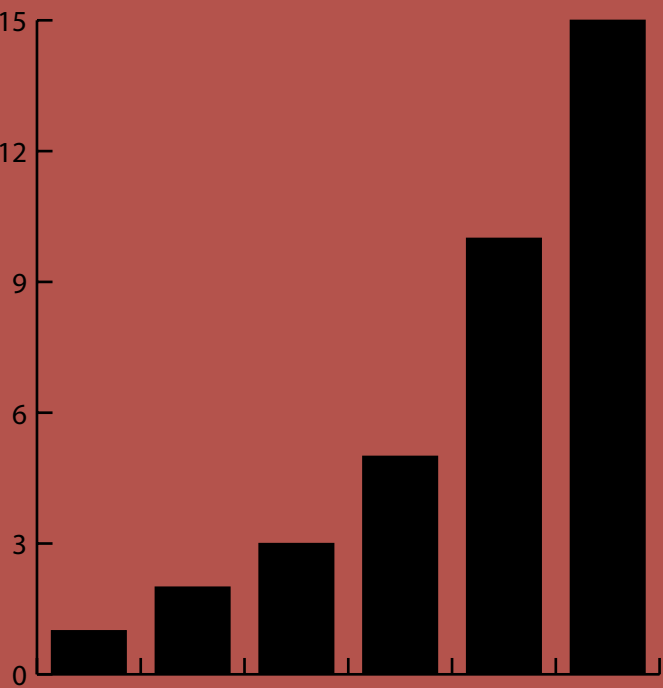
Of course, you spent a week wearing a sanitary pad to work, bleeding more than you normally would even on your period, but you figure that’s a small price to pay.



See how Indiana comapares 

Comparing Indiana

Indiana is bordered by Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, all of which have their own abortion policies and regulations in place.



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Exit simulation, return to story



