

# Communities Need Clinics

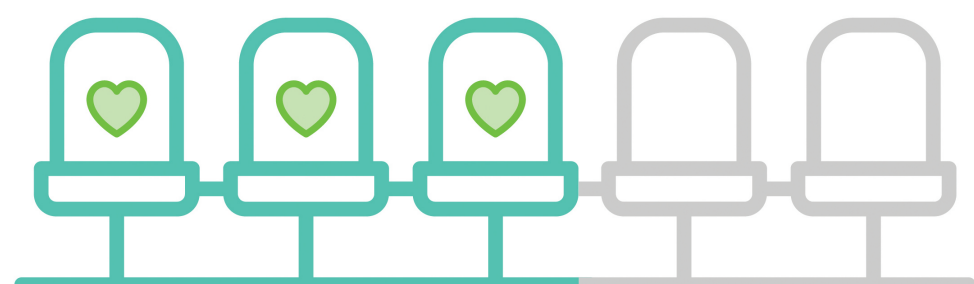
The Essential Role of Independent Abortion Clinics in the United States



Abortion Care Network

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Independent abortion clinics provide care to three out of every five patients who have an abortion in the United States each year

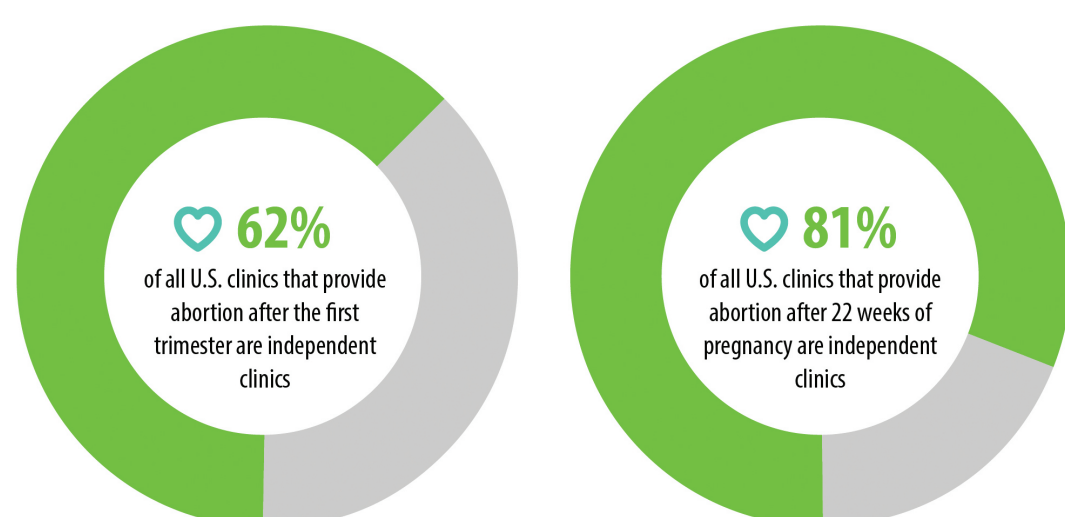


Independent abortion clinics provide 58 percent of all abortions in the United States

Percentage of abortions performed by provider type

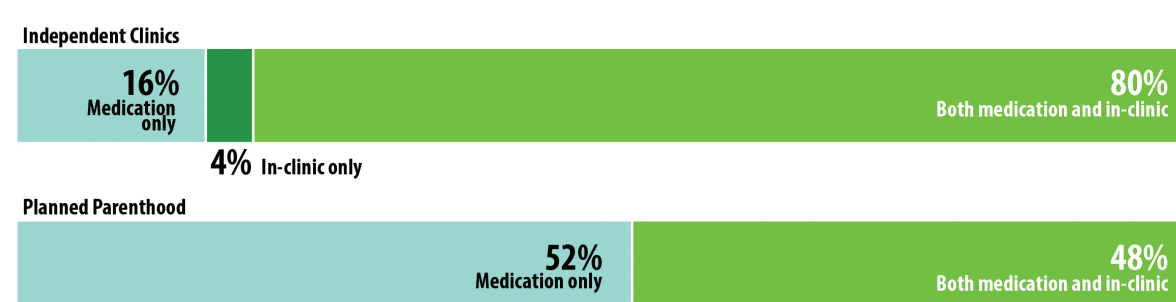


Abortion care throughout pregnancy depends on independent clinics

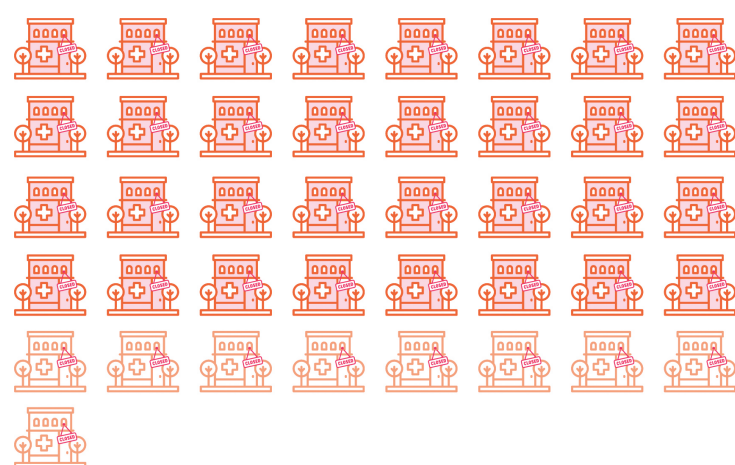


Independent abortion clinics are more likely to provide both medication and in-clinic abortion as options

Types of abortion care provided by clinic type



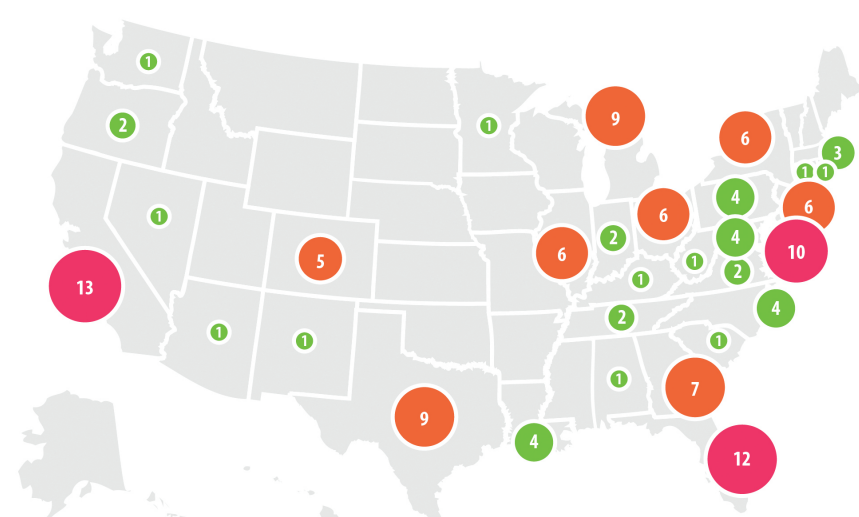
Over the last two years, 41 independent clinics have been forced to close in the United States. Of those clinics, 76 percent provided care after the first trimester.



The continued closing of independent clinics is a disproportionate threat to the availability of abortion after the first trimester

Independent abortion clinics continue to close at an alarming rate : 127 independent clinics have been forced to close since 2015

Independent clinic closures 2015-2020



Independent clinics innovated and adapted in response to politically-motivated attempts to disrupt care during the COVID-19 pandemic

State action to suspend abortion during the COVID-19 pandemic

■ Policy to suspend abortion services not in effect or implemented—abortions permitted  
 ■ No policy to suspend abortion services—abortions permitted

Note: As of 8/10/2020, all anti-abortion orders are currently not in effect. They have expired or been blocked by the courts.<sup>11</sup>

