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## Why Did Abortions Increase after Dobbs?

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**Education:** It came as a great surprise to many pro-life individuals to learn that abortions in the U.S. increased overall after the Dobbs decision to reverse Roe v. Wade. (1) The publication reported the number of abortions from July 2022 to June 2023. Abortions have of course greatly decreased in the states which banned abortions, and increased in the states bordering those pro-life states. Women able to afford the expense of traveling, have gone to other states to obtain abortions.

Abortion pills can be also be ordered over the internet and shipped into states where abortion is banned. It is unclear whether these abortions are included in the count. The reported count of abortions does not cover “self-managed” abortions, including those which included “obtaining pills from friends or online without clinical assistance.” However, the report “does include telehealth abortions provided by virtual-only clinics in states where it is permitted by law.”

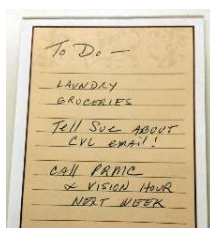
Another factor, however, much less known by the public, is that millions of dollars of abortion funding exist to pay not only for abortion procedures, but in some cases for travel expenses as well, for women in need. Donations to those funds increased after Dobbs, but are now drying up. (2) So, while many women had their babies rather than aborting, others took advantage of the outside funding to travel to another state, or to pay for abortion pills to be purchased over the internet.

The real change that needs to happen in our country is for Americans to realize that abortion is both wrong and harmful, and that we need to love both mother and child by supporting the pro-life organizations who offer practical help, emotional support, and spiritual encouragement to women who are being pressured or tempted to abort.

1. [WeCountReport\\_10.16.23.pdf \(societyfp.org\)](#)
2. [Abortion Funds In 'A State Of Emergency' 2 Years After Dobbs | HuffPost Latest News](#)



**Prayer:** Dear Lord, please help the number of abortions decrease in our country, not only because of legislative victories, but also from greater effectiveness of pregnancy centers, churches, and other helping agencies to reach and to help the women who need their services. Please move more and more American citizens to realize the injustice and harmful nature of abortion, and enable our country to become one that both supports the right to life and provides aid for women in difficult situations.



**Action:** Be ready to explain to your friends that the increase in abortions after Dobbs is due in part to increase funding of abortions and travel expenses in response to the Dobbs decision. The availability of abortion pills over the internet may also be counted. Express your opinion to your legislative representatives that you are in favor of protecting the preborn at every stage of pregnancy, both on the state level and eventually on the national level. In states where abortion is legal, work to support

conscience protection for health professionals, as well as restrictions on abortion.