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## **Preliminary Report Published: Abortions in Kansas, 2016**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has published a report titled *Abortions in Kansas, 2016, Preliminary Report*. The report reveals there were 6,810 abortions reported in 2016, which is 164 fewer than what was reported in 2015. There were 3,429 reports of in-state residents compared with 3,381 out-of-state residents. Of the 3,381 out-of-state residents who obtained abortions in Kansas, 3,041 (90%) were residents of Missouri. Women 20-24 years of age comprised the largest age-group seeking abortions (30.6%).

State law requires that physicians, hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers report abortions to KDHE. The Women's Right-to-Know Act requires physicians who perform abortions to provide certain information and certify to KDHE the number of informed-consents obtained from patients.

This report is a preliminary analysis of these data as collected by the KDHE Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics. The preliminary report can be viewed online at [www.kdheks.gov/hci/absumm.html](http://www.kdheks.gov/hci/absumm.html).

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