

Abortion in Canada *Who and Why*

People of all genders, faiths, cultures, relationship statuses, and socio-economic strata access abortion



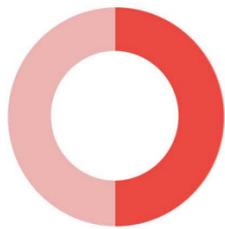
Abortion is the **2nd most common** reproductive health procedure¹

31% of Canadian women* experience abortion¹

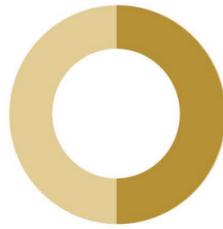


★ study did not gather data on gender v. sex, but there are likely trans people who do not identify as women captured by this rate.

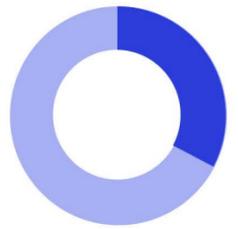
~50% of abortions occur among people aged **18-29 years**¹



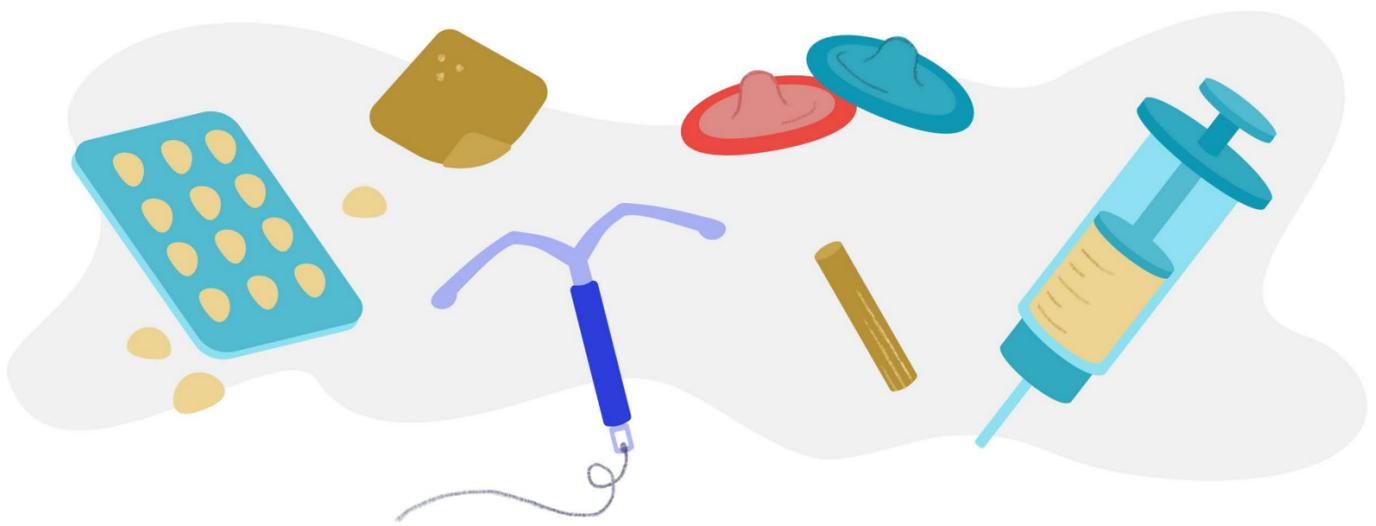
~50% of abortions are among those who have **previously given birth**²



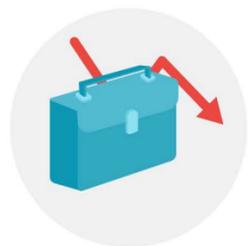
30% of people seeking care have **had a prior abortion**²



>50% of people report using contraception at the time of conception³



People access abortion for many reasons:



Economic circumstances



Social or cultural circumstances



Space the number of children born into their family



Ensuring that their **existing children are properly cared for**



Pregnancy was due to **reproductive coercion or sexual violence**



Health concerns, even among intended pregnancies

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