



Abortion statistics on Lithuania

Abortion legislation

Legislation timeline

- 1955: abortion is allowed (Soviet Union decree)
- 1994: Decree of the Lithuanian Ministry of Health

Source: <http://www.ippfen.org/>, <http://www.tavogyvenimas.lt/>

Abortion conditions

Ground	Gestational limit
To save a woman's life	22 weeks from LMP
Because foetal impairment	22 weeks from LMP
To preserve a woman's mental health	
To preserve a woman's physical health	
For economic and social reasons	
On request	12 weeks from LMP

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Practical conditions

Medical abortion conditions

Place	Prescription	1 st drug taken	2 nd drug taken
OB/GYN department of a hospital/clinic	Yes	Yes	Yes
Another physician office			
Midwife office			
Abortion centre/clinic			
At home			

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Abortion statistics

Abortion rates per 1.000 women aged 15-49

7.7 7.2 7.0 6.9

Source: <https://osp.stat.gov.lt/statistiniu-rodikliu-analize?indicator=S3R699#/>

Overall number of induced abortions

5231 4735 4502 4294

Source: <https://osp.stat.gov.lt/statistiniu-rodikliu-analize?indicator=S3R096#/>

Abortion ratio per 1.000 live births: 123 (2022)

Source: <https://osp.stat.gov.lt/statistiniu-rodikliu-analize?indicator=S3R096#/>

Abortions performed "on request": 94.0% (2022)

Source: <https://osp.stat.gov.lt/statistiniu-rodikliu-analize?indicator=S3R096#/>

Overall number of induced abortions vs. medical abortions

Induced abortions per gestational age

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Place of abortion

Public hospitals	
Private facilities	

Characteristics of women having induced abortion

Abortion rate per 1,000 women according to age (2022)

4.1%	14.0%	22.0%	26.0%	22.0%	10.1%
≤19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	≥ 40

Source: <https://osp.stat.gov.lt/statistiniu-rodikliu-analize?indicator=S3R096#/>

Fertility and contraception

Fertility rates in women aged 15-49

1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.3
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022

Source: <https://osp.stat.gov.lt/statistiniu-rodikliu-analize?indicator=S3R096#/>

Country-specific characteristics

- Pre-abortion consultation is offered by psychologist, not available to all women
- Mandatory post-abortion consultation 1 week after the abortion procedure
- All health care professionals (HCPs) have the right to conscientiously object. Physicians can refuse to perform surgical abortion due to their Catholic beliefs.
- Abortion is reimbursed to resident women when performed due to medical reasons only.
- Resident women have to pay around €250 for surgical abortion "on request".
- Non-resident women have to pay around €500 for surgical abortion.

Abbreviations

EFTA = European Free Trade Association | EU = European Union | IUD = intra-uterine device | LARC = long-acting reversible contraception | LMP = last menstruation period | GYN = gynaecologist | HCP = health care professional | hCG = human chorionic gonadotropin | HIV = human immunodeficiency virus | OB = obstetrician | Rh = Rhesus | US = ultrasound

References

- IPPF European Network - <http://www.ippfen.org/>
- Šeimos Planavimo ir Seksualinės Sveikatos Asociacija (FPSHA) (<http://www.tavogyvenimas.lt/>)

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