

Abortion is sold as a "cure" for unintended pregnancies. Women and men are told the babies in the womb are not "persons" and that abortion does not kill a living human being. The same language that was used to discriminate against African-Americans in the past is now being used to discriminate against unborn babies. Science, however, tells us that a unique new human life begins at fertilization.

Often the word "abortion" is never used by abortion advocates. Words and phrases like "choice" or "reproductive health" are used to sanitize the gruesome reality of abortion. Attempts to present factual information are often shut down with name calling and baseless accusations of "misogyny" and waging a "War on Women."

Enough with the word games and name calling.



Abortion means a living human being who is preparing to be born will suffer a violent death. The scientific field of embryology clearly shows that at fertilization, when a sperm fertilizes an ovum (also known as conception), the life of a human being begins. Embryology textbooks recognize this scientific fact.

Human life has been cheapened by abortion. When one of us is devalued, we are all devalued. All lives matter, born and unborn.

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More than **crime**.
More than **accidents**.
More than **cancer**, **heart disease** and **AIDS**.

**Abortion** has taken more black American lives than **EVERY** other cause of death combined since 1973.



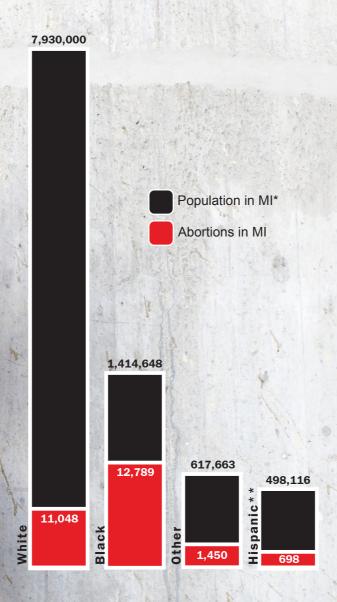
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\*2017 Michigan population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau–the most recent available.

# BLACK ABORTIONS BY THE NUMBERS

In the United States, the abortion rate for black women is almost four times that of white women. On average, 900 Black babies are aborted every day in our country. This tragedy continues to impact the population levels of African-Americans in the United States. The abortion racial disparity holds true when the focus is on Michigan statistics as well (see graph below, by percentage).



## NATIONAL STATISTICS

- More than 19 million Black babies have been aborted since the 1973 Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision legalized abortion in our country.
- Black women have a significantly higher abortion rate than that of whites and Hispanics.
- 36.0% of all abortions in the U.S. in 2014 were performed on Black women, however, only about 13.3% of the total population is Black.
- African-Americans are no longer the nation's largest minority group. Today, Hispanics have outpaced Blacks in population growth.
- For every 1,000 live births, non-Hispanic Black women had 391 abortions.

  Non-Hispanic White women had 120 abortions/1,000 live births.

## MICHIGAN STATISTICS

- Black women had 12,789 of the 25,757 abortions performed on Michigan residents in 2017. (Of the total 26,594 reported abortions in Michigan in 2017, 837 were performed on non-residents and 25,757 were performed on residents.)
- While Black women make up only about 14% of Michigan's female population, they had 50.6% of all abortions reported in the state in 2017.
- 96.2% of Black women having abortions are not married.
- Black abortions by age:

Under 20 — 8.8% 30-34 — 15.8% 20-24 — 31.1% 35 and Older — 10% 25-29 — 34.3%

<sup>\*\*</sup>Hispanic ancestry is considered an ethnicity, not a race. Hispanics may be part of any race. Numbers for Hispanic abortions/population are shown for comparison purposes. Statistics are not available to separate non-Hispanic blacks and non-Hispanic whites.