# Arkansas

TRIGGER BAN: Arkansas has a trigger law to ban abortion if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

ACCESS FACT: 77% of Arkansas women live in counties with no abortion clinic.\*



Severely Restricted Access

# **Political Information**

#### EXECUTIVE

Governor Asa Hutchinson (R) opposes reproductive freedom.

# LEGISLATURE

The Arkansas Senate opposes reproductive freedom. The Arkansas House opposes reproductive freedom.

# Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

#### PROTECTIONS

**NO** - The Arkansas state constitution does not provide additional protection for the right to abortion.

NO - Arkansas does not have an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

#### BANS

**YES** - Arkansas bans the standard method for providing second trimester abortion care.

**YES** - Arkansas unconstitutionally bans abortion throughout pregnancy in violation of *Roe v. Wade.* 

**YES** - Arkansas bans abortion based on the reason a pregnant person may seek abortion care.

# Reproductive Health: Access and Restrictions

#### EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

**NO** - Arkansas does not allow some qualified healthcare professionals to provide abortion services.

#### **CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS**

**YES** - Arkansas subjects abortion providers to restrictions not applied to other medical professionals.

## **BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS**

YES - Arkansas subjects pregnant people seeking abortion care to biased counseling requirements and/or mandatory waiting periods.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION

YES - Arkansas restricts young people's access to abortion services by mandating parental consent.

#### EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

YES - Arkansas law improves people's access to emergency contraception in the ER.

#### **CLINIC PROTECTIONS**

NO - Arkansas law does not protect people seeking reproductive healthcare and/or clinic personnel from blockades, harassment, and/or violence.

### **GUARANTEES AND REFUSALS OF MEDICAL CARE**

#### **Prescription Guarantees**

NO - Arkansas does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

#### **Healthcare Refusals**

**YES** - Arkansas allows certain organizations or individuals to refuse to provide people specific reproductive-health services, information, or referrals.

#### **COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS**

YES - Arkansas prohibits some organizations or individuals that receive state funds from counseling and/or referring for abortion.

# Reproductive Health Coverage: Guarantees and Restrictions

#### PRIVATE COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

YES - Arkansas law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

#### PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

**NO** - Arkansas has not expanded coverage for Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

#### PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION

NO - Arkansas expressly prohibits abortion coverage in all or some of the private insurance market.

#### PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION

NO - Arkansas restricts low-income people's access to abortion.

COLOR KEY: • Restricts Reproductive Freedom | • Shows Mixed Support for Reproductive Freedom | • Expands Reproductive Freedom

While these laws remain on the books, some have been temporarily or permanently blocked. For more information, please see Fast Facts.

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