

District of Columbia

ACCESS FACT: 0% of District of Columbia women live in counties with no abortion clinic.*

Political Information

EXECUTIVE

Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) [supports reproductive freedom](#).

LEGISLATURE

The District of Columbia City Council [supports reproductive freedom](#).

Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

PROTECTIONS

YES - The District of Columbia has an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

BANS

NO - The District of Columbia does not ban the standard method for providing second trimester abortion care.

NO - The District of Columbia does not unconstitutionally ban abortion throughout pregnancy in violation of *Roe v. Wade*.

NO - The District of Columbia does not ban abortion based on the reason a pregnant person may seek abortion care.

Reproductive Health: Access and Restrictions

EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

NO - The District of Columbia does not allow some qualified healthcare professionals to provide abortion service.

CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS

NO - The District of Columbia treats abortion providers like other medical professionals.

BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS

NO - The District of Columbia does not subject pregnant people seeking abortion care to biased counseling requirements or mandatory waiting periods.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION

NO - The District of Columbia does not restrict young people's access to abortion services by mandating parental notice or consent.

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

YES - District of Columbia law improves people's access to emergency contraception in the ER.

CLINIC PROTECTIONS

YES - The District of Columbia law protects people seeking reproductive healthcare and/or clinic personnel from blockades, harassment, and/or violence.

GUARANTEES AND REFUSALS OF MEDICAL CARE

Prescription Guarantees

NO - The District of Columbia does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

Healthcare Refusals

YES - The District of Columbia allows certain organizations or individuals to refuse to provide people specific reproductive-health services, information, or referrals.

COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS

NO - The District of Columbia does not prohibit 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 - The District of Columbia law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

YES - The District of Columbia has expanded coverage for some Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION

The District of Columbia has no provision guaranteeing or restricting insurance coverage of abortion.

PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION

NO - The District of Columbia 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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**NOTE: Because Congress routinely interferes with the District of Columbia's local abortion-related policy, no local grade is given.

*SOURCE: Guttmacher Institute, 2017 data