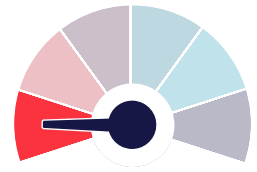


# North Carolina



**ACCESS FACT:** 53% of North Carolina women live in counties with no abortion clinic.\*

**Severely Restricted Access**

## Political Information

### EXECUTIVE

Governor Roy Cooper (D) **supports reproductive freedom.**

### LEGISLATURE

The North Carolina Senate **opposes reproductive freedom.**

The North Carolina House **opposes reproductive freedom.**

## Abortion Rights: Protections and Bans

### PROTECTIONS

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

**NO** - North Carolina does not have an affirmative right to abortion enshrined in state law.

### BANS

**NO** - North Carolina does not ban the standard method for providing second trimester abortion care.

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

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

## Reproductive Health: Access and Restrictions

### EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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

### CLINIC SHUTDOWN LAWS

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

### BIASED COUNSELING AND MANDATORY DELAYS

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

### YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION

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

### EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

**NO** - North Carolina has not improved people's access to emergency contraception in the ER.

### CLINIC PROTECTIONS

**YES** - North Carolina 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** - North Carolina does not guarantee that birth control prescriptions will be filled.

#### Healthcare Refusals

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

### COUNSELING AND REFERRAL BANS

**NO** - North Carolina 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** - North Carolina law guarantees expanded coverage for contraceptive products.

### PUBLIC COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTION

**YES** - North Carolina provides increased coverage for Medicaid-funded family-planning services.

### PRIVATE COVERAGE OF ABORTION

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

### PUBLIC COVERAGE OF ABORTION

**NO** - North Carolina 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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\*SOURCE: Guttmacher Institute, 2017 data