

Health outcomes among unwanted pregnancies

This comparison chart displays the top, evidence-based health outcomes associated with unwanted pregnancies that are intended to be carried to term or otherwise ended.

Carry the pregnancy to term:

Individual intends to carry the pregnancy to term.

Travel out of state for a legal abortion:

Individual intends to travel out of state for both medication and surgical abortion care.

Order “extralegal” abortion medication by mail

Individual intends to order “extralegal” or unregulated abortion medication by mail, often through international telehealth companies.

Attempt an unsafe abortion:

Individual intends to attempt an unsafe abortion with risky and invasive methods or untrained personnel.

	Pathway 1 Carry the pregnancy to term	Pathway 2 Travel out of state for a legal abortion	Pathway 3 Order “extralegal” abortion medication by mail	Pathway 4 Attempt an unsafe abortion
Population at-risk	32.0K	78.4K	48.0K	1.6K
Mortality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maternal mortality ● Infant mortality 	--	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maternal mortality
Morbidities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Blood transfusion ● Hemorrhage ● Preeclampsia 	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Blood transfusion ○ Incomplete abortion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hemorrhage ○ Anemia ● Reproductive tract inflammation or PID³ ○ Uterine perforation or other organ/genital damage ○ Hysterectomy ● Secondary infertility
Behavioral health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anxiety ● Post-partum depression ○ Substance misuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anxiety ○ Depression ○ Stress 	--	--
Other care needs or utilization changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NICU¹ days ○ Low birth weight and worsened development ● IPV² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delayed care ● ED visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intravenous antibiotics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ED visits ○ Pain or weakness

1. Neonatal intensive care unit
2. Intimate partner violence
3. Pelvic inflammatory disease

Key

- Quantified study finding
- Non-quantified study finding