

## **Roe v. Wade Overturn: The Impact on Reproductive Rights and Women's Health**

The decision that eliminated 50 years of legal protection.

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LONG BEACH Calif.- Ten months have already swooped by since the shocking overturn of Roe v. Wade back on June 24, 2022. States are making many impactful changes to women's reproductive rights as days go on. Many citizens have already been dealing with the drastic changes. How has each state been handling the changes, one might ask.

As stated by, [The Society of Family Planning](#), "In July and August 2022, providers reported 5,270 and 5,400 fewer abortions per month...compared to April 2022. The drop was driven by states that banned or severely restricted abortion care... abortions decreased by 95% comparing August to April."

As the first few months approached, there was already a severe drop in abortions. However, states that had legal protection also reported that there was a slight rise in abortion care.

As a Californian, we have the legal right to choose to have an abortion. California also allows travelers from other states to receive abortion care in the state.

"I used to be on birth control in college and chose to get off of it almost a year ago due to symptoms that I no longer felt were good for my mind and body at the time. However, it was my choice and my choice only to ever get on birth control and to get off of it...This overturn creates a systemic problem by creating division, inequality, lack of affordable resources, no preventative care, and unsafe conditions to everyone who deserves the right to decide how they manage their reproductive system," Ailyn Avila, pro choice activists said.

There are currently 19 states that have restricted or banned abortion since the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. Yet it is reported that at least 24 U.S. states in total are anticipated to limit access and ban abortions.

"The abortion lobby is adamant that any significant legal restriction on abortion results in a significant increase in women's deaths. However, almost a year after Dobbs and more than 18 months after Texas instituted its ban on abortions of children with detectable heartbeats, abortion promoters in the U.S. still have not found a woman's death to exploit.... Abortion restrictions also help women resist unwanted abortions. Two-thirds of women who have had legal abortions report that they felt pressured to abort," Mary Rose Short, Director of California Right to Life Organization.

According to [Axios.com](https://www.axios.com), the states that have banned abortions are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

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The states that have a six-week ban are Georgia and North Dakota. Arizona and Florida have 15-week bans in place. While Utah has an 18-week ban and North Carolina has a 20-week ban.

“Every life is a precious gift, and every child has the right to be born. Roe v. Wade not only ended innocent lives but also damaged the moral fabric of our society. We must strive to protect and defend the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death,” Shawn Ahamed, pro life activists and C.A resident said.

Despite the states that have banned or restricted abortion rights, there are legislators that are ensuring that out of state citizens get the help that they need. There are 25 states that put in place to protect abortion access.

As reported by, [Axios.com](https://www.axios.com) “...a total of 364 bills and executive orders were introduced to protect abortion access in 33 states and Washington D.C.,”

The states that have issued to protect abortion providers and patients are California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Washington.

Some of these states are also taking into account bills that would demand most insurers to provide abortion coverage.

Some laws have been made in Maryland, Washington and Delaware to ease restrictions on who can provide an abortion and who can prescribe medication to stop pregnancy.

“Four states- Colorado, Massachusetts, Montana, and Maine- have laws that establish a “bubble zone” that limits protests near the doors of any clinic” according to [Axios.com](https://www.axios.com).

“Women should have the liberty to make the decision to abort the pregnancy if they choose to. I am a happily married woman that had two pregnancies and delivered two healthy children. This is not always the circumstance for young women. The government, especially a man ran

government should not be given the right to rule over a woman's body. Do we rule over a man's?," Dulce Valenzuela, pro choice activists said.

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