

ACCESSING ABORTION CARE

The best person to make a decision about a pregnancy is the pregnant person themselves. The government should never have the authority to force a person to remain pregnant against their will.

561 **BILLS RESTRICTING ABORTION ACCESS** were introduced in state legislatures from Jan. to June 2021. 97 were enacted as of August 2021.

THE REAL EFFECTS:

Everyone needs access to safe and affordable abortion care. Nearly 25% of women have an abortion by 45 years of age, but restrictions affect different Kentuckians in different ways:



PARENTS:

Almost 67% of Kentuckians who obtain an abortion have at least 1 child. Many are single parents burdened by poverty. Nearly 20% of these KY families live in deep poverty, earning 50% or less than the federal poverty line.



RURAL KENTUCKIANS:

There are only two clinics in Kentucky. Getting to the clinics in Louisville is a long drive from Eastern and Western Kentucky. Long distance travel requires additional resources to cover transportation costs, time off work, and childcare.



HEALTH COMPLICATIONS:

Some people who want to be pregnant must end their pregnancy because of health complications. Arbitrary abortion restrictions put politicians between patients and doctors.



SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE AND ASSAULT:

Pregnant people have an elevated risk of domestic violence. They should be free from interference to make the decisions that are best for themselves.

ABORTION RESTRICTIONS OFTEN FALL INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

- Bans on certain medical procedures
- Bans depending on the patient's reason for seeking abortion care
- Unnecessary regulations that do not improve health outcomes, but make it difficult or impossible for clinics to obtain a license to operate

