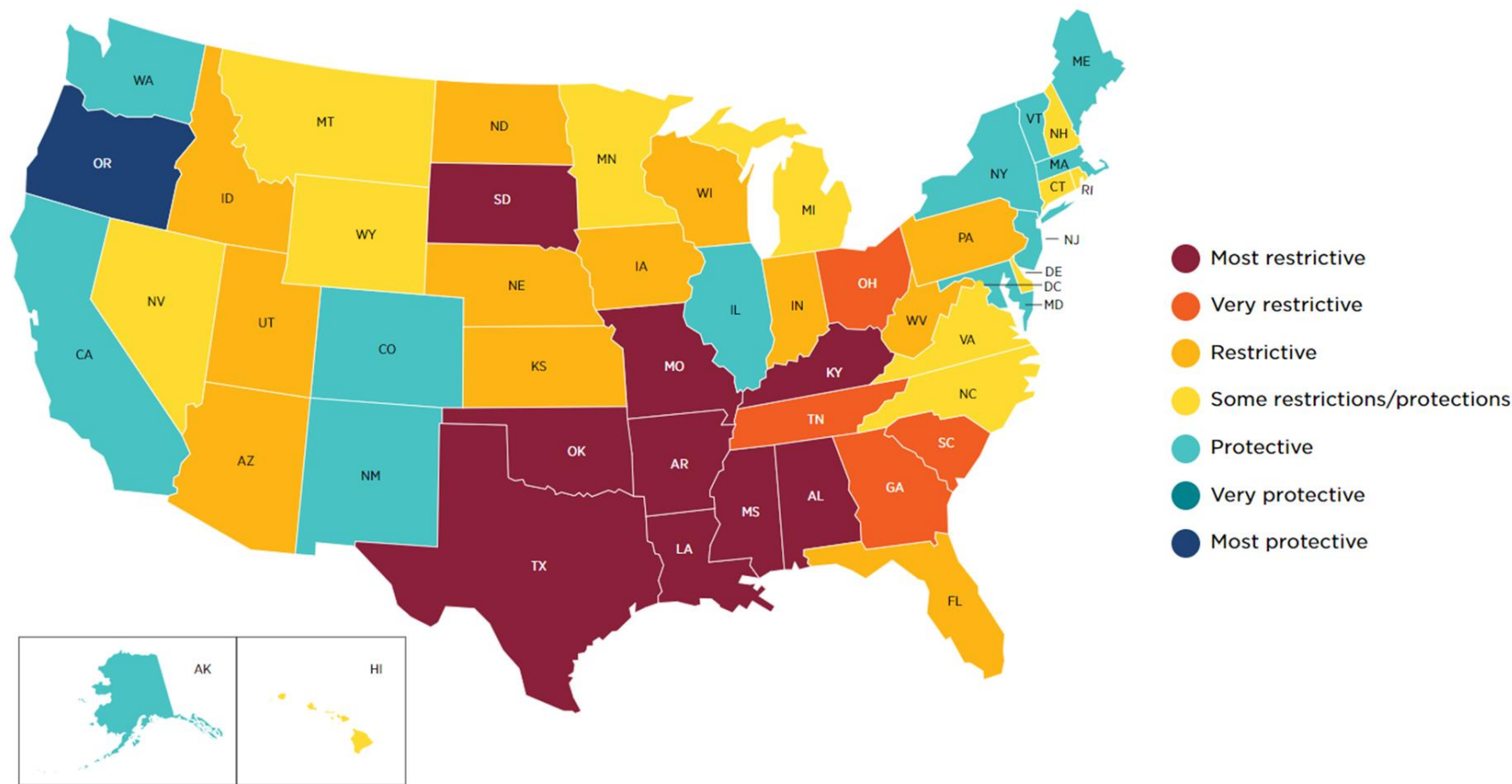


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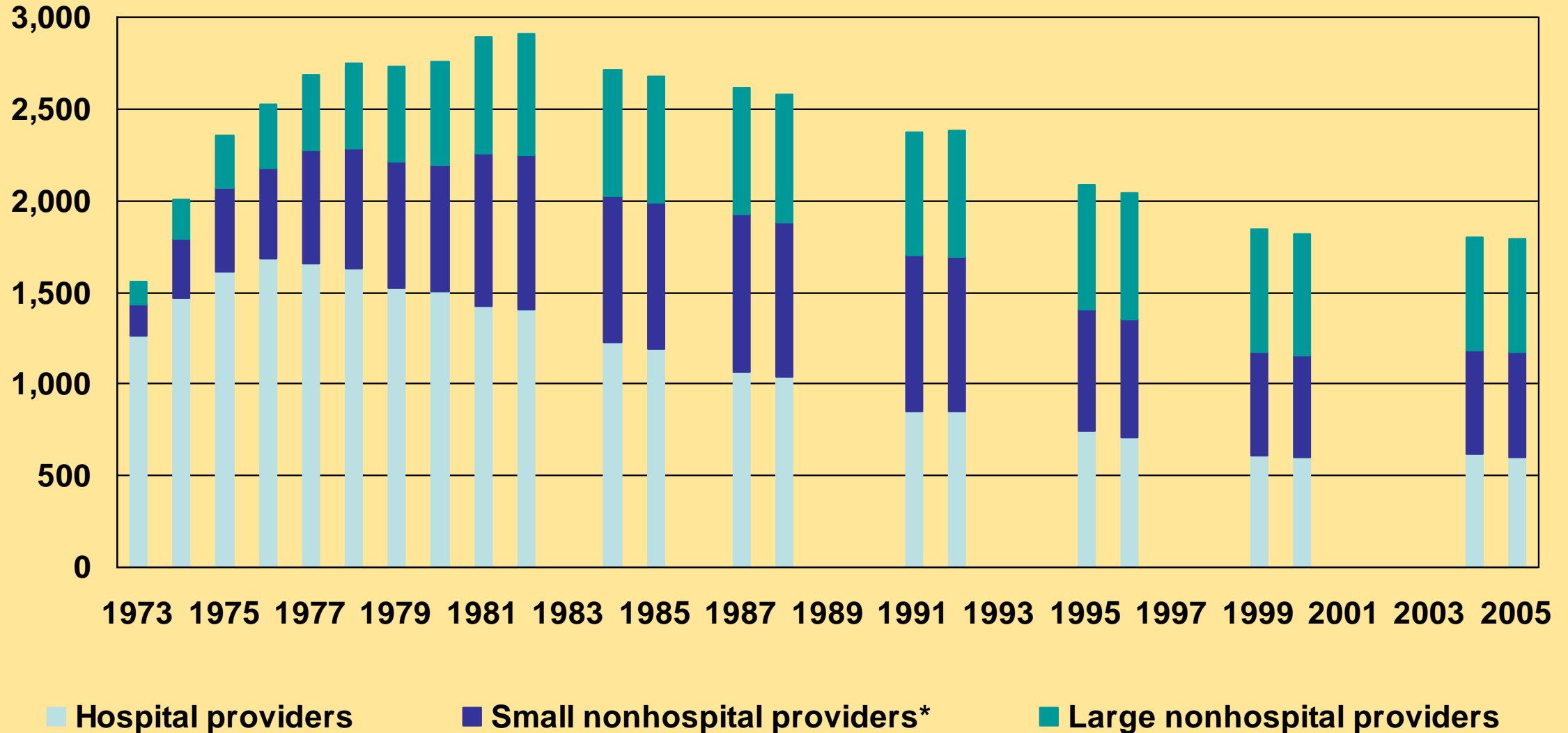


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The number of abortion providers fell by almost 40% between 1982 and 2001

Number of providers



Source: Jones R. Guttmacher, 2007

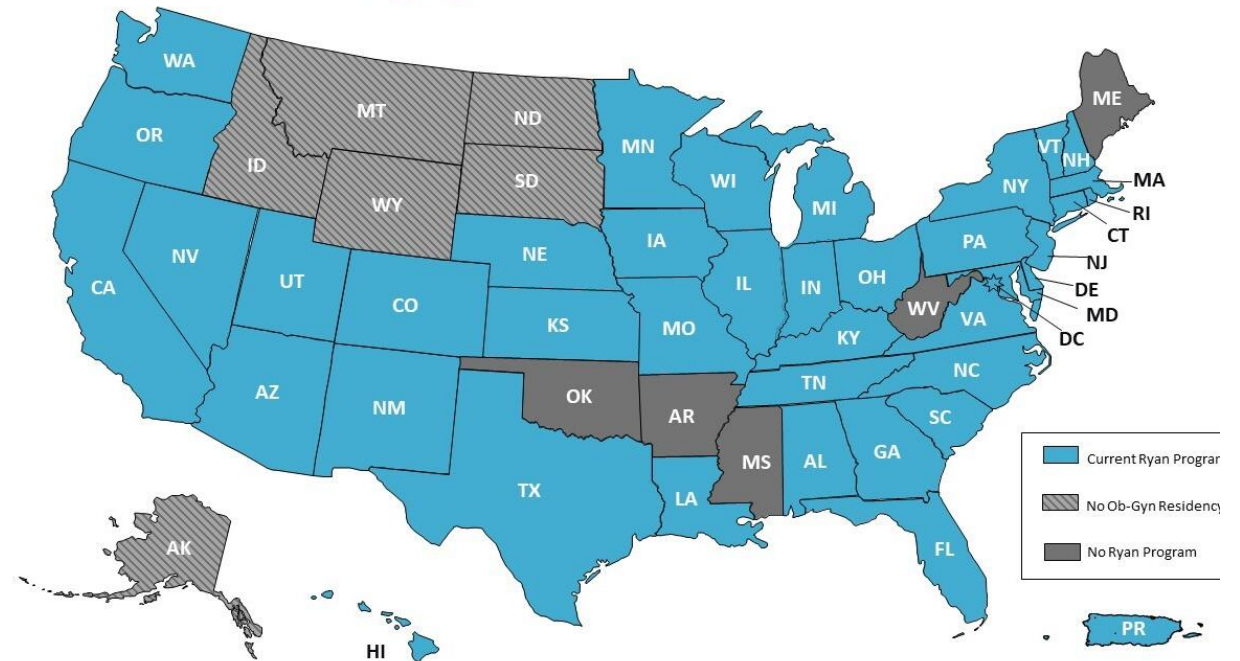
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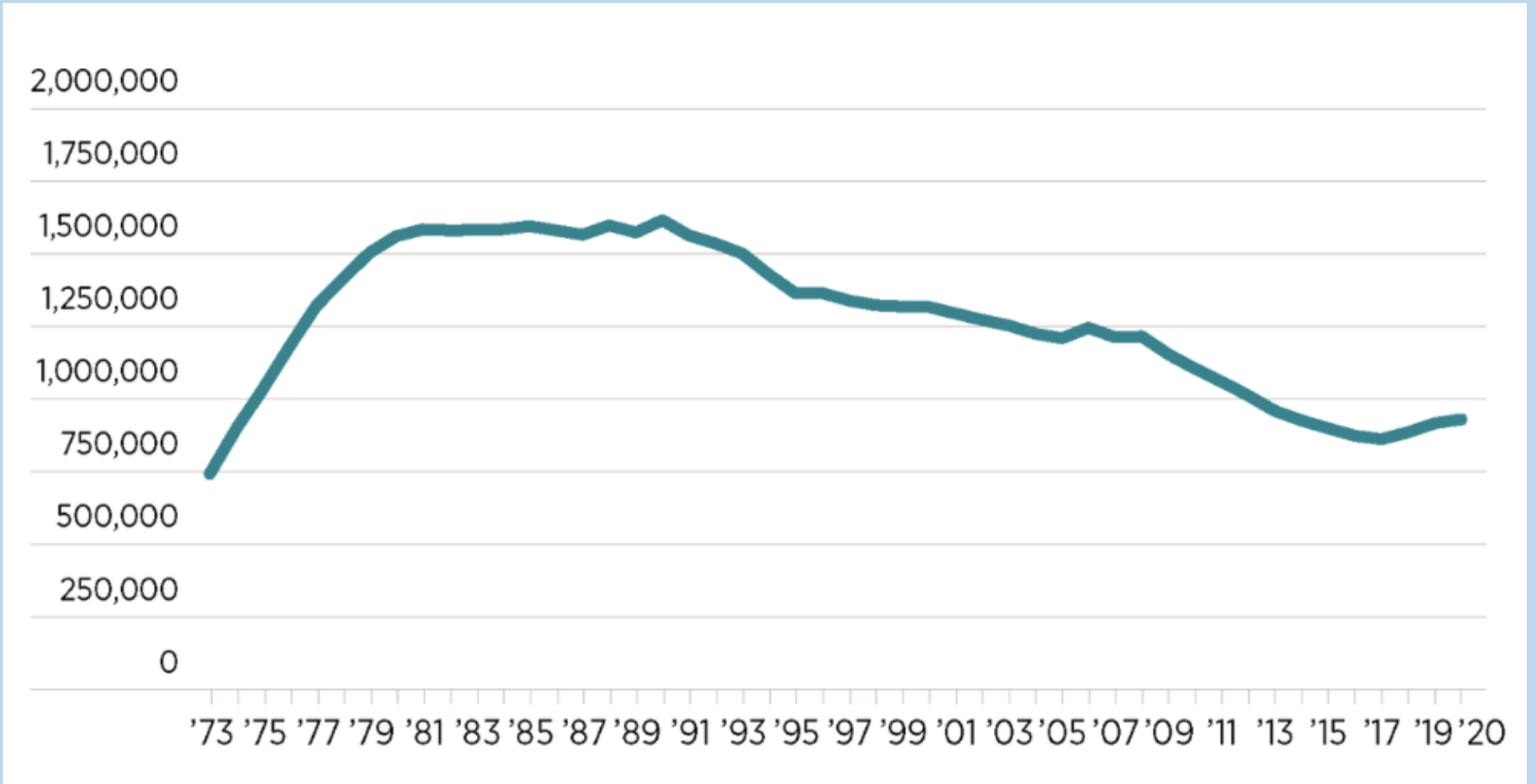
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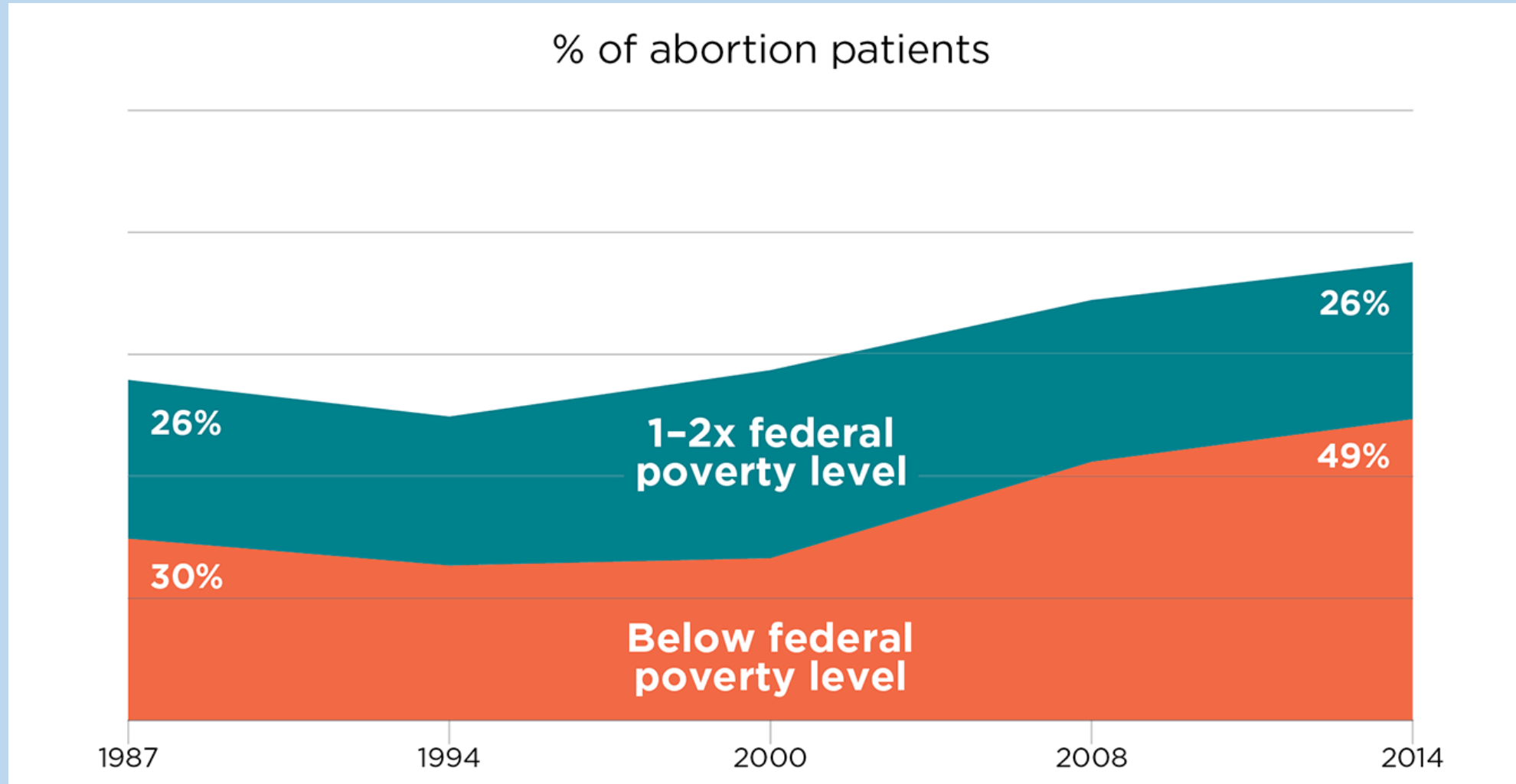
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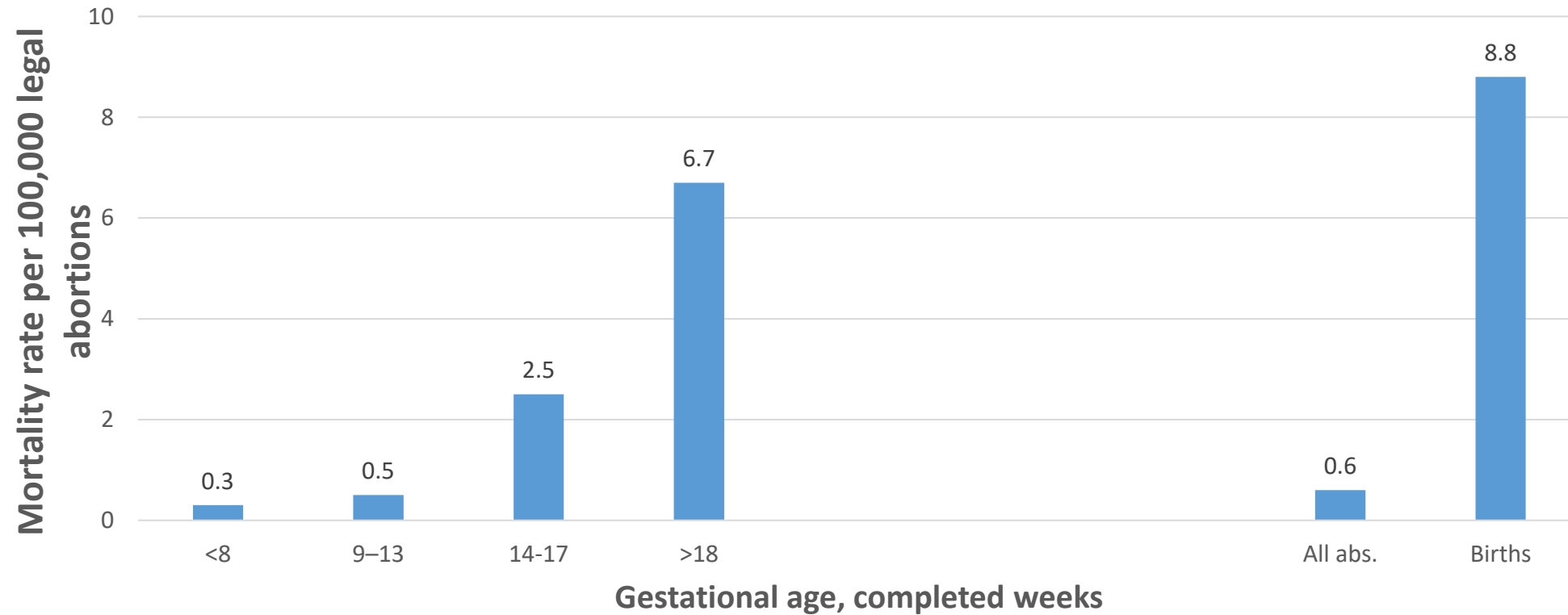
Who has an abortion in the United States?

- **All Ages**
 - 12% are teens
 - 60% are in 20's
 - 28% are >30 years old
- **All Relationship Types**
 - 54% are married/ cohabitating
- **All Religions**
 - 62% report religious affiliation
 - 24% are Catholic
- **Using Contraception**
 - 51% used contraception during the month they became pregnant
- **Mothers**
 - 59% have one or more children

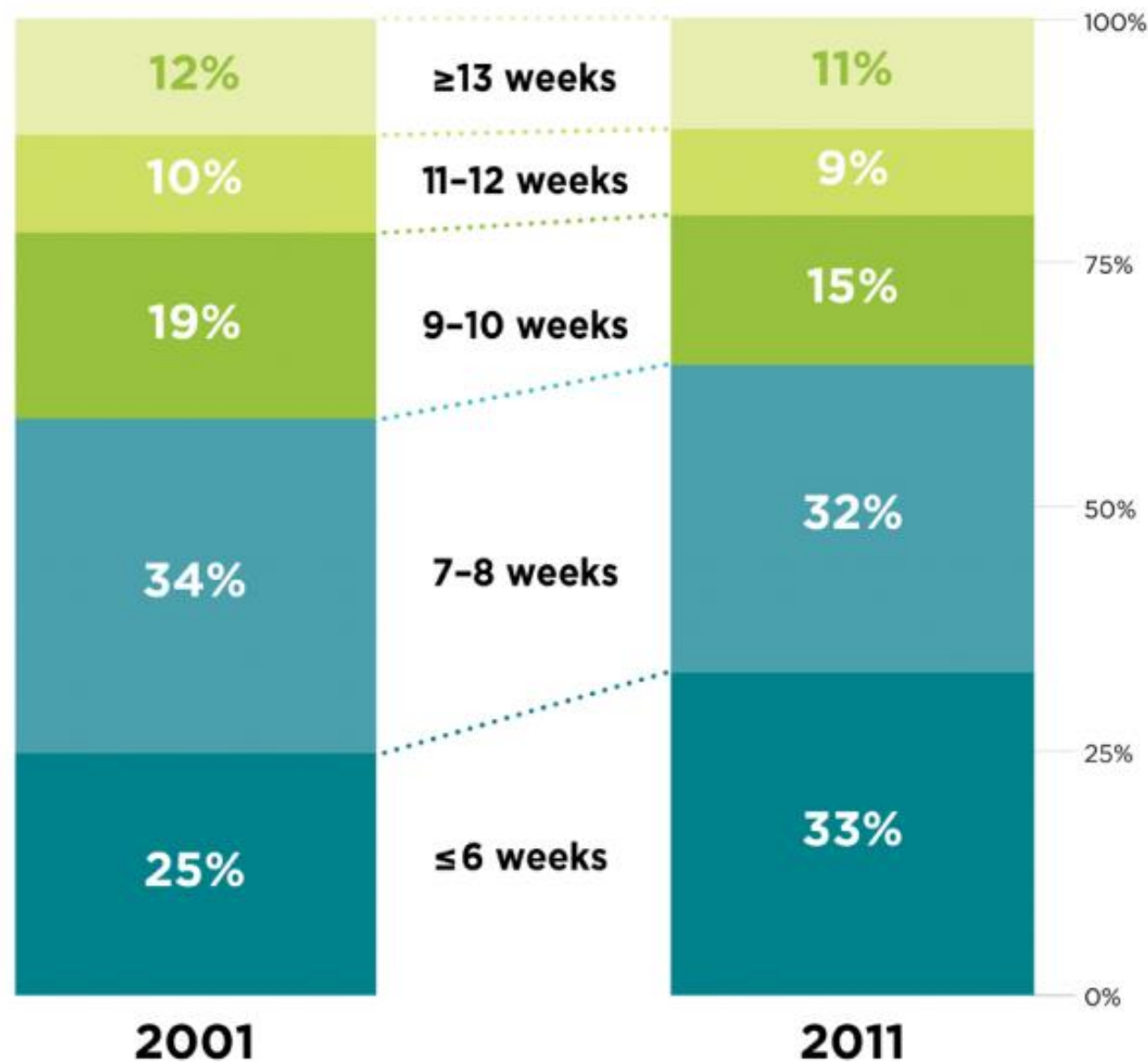
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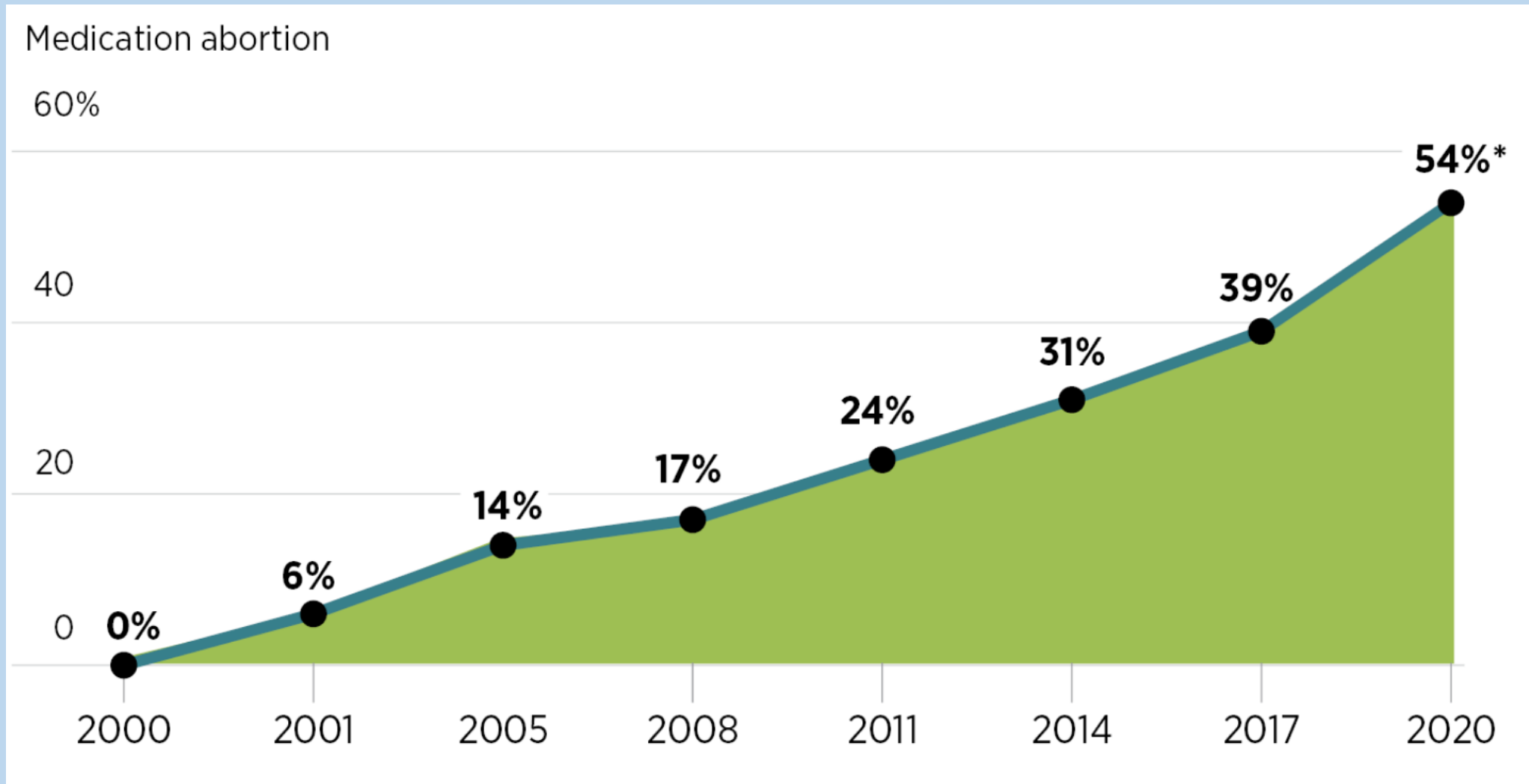
Abortion is Safe



Abortion has shifted earlier within the first trimester

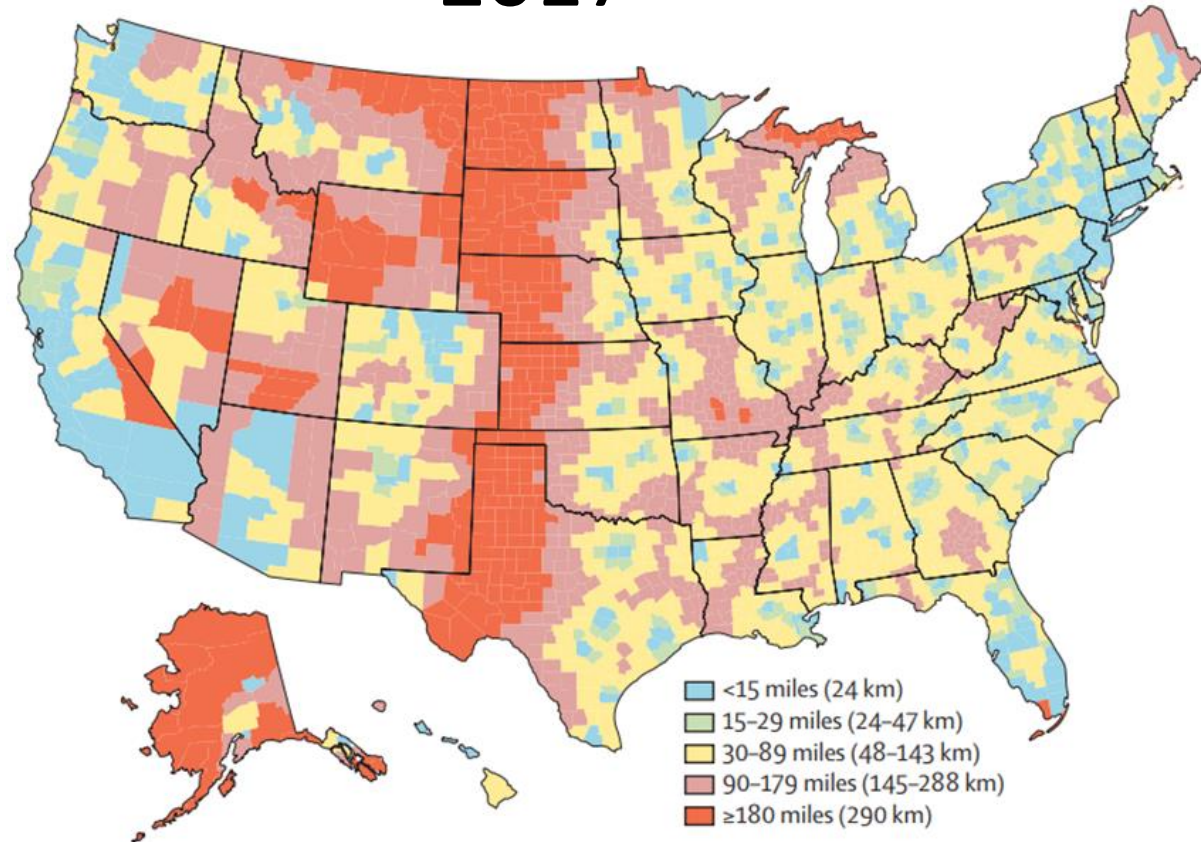


As of 2020, medication abortions account for the majority of all U.S. abortions

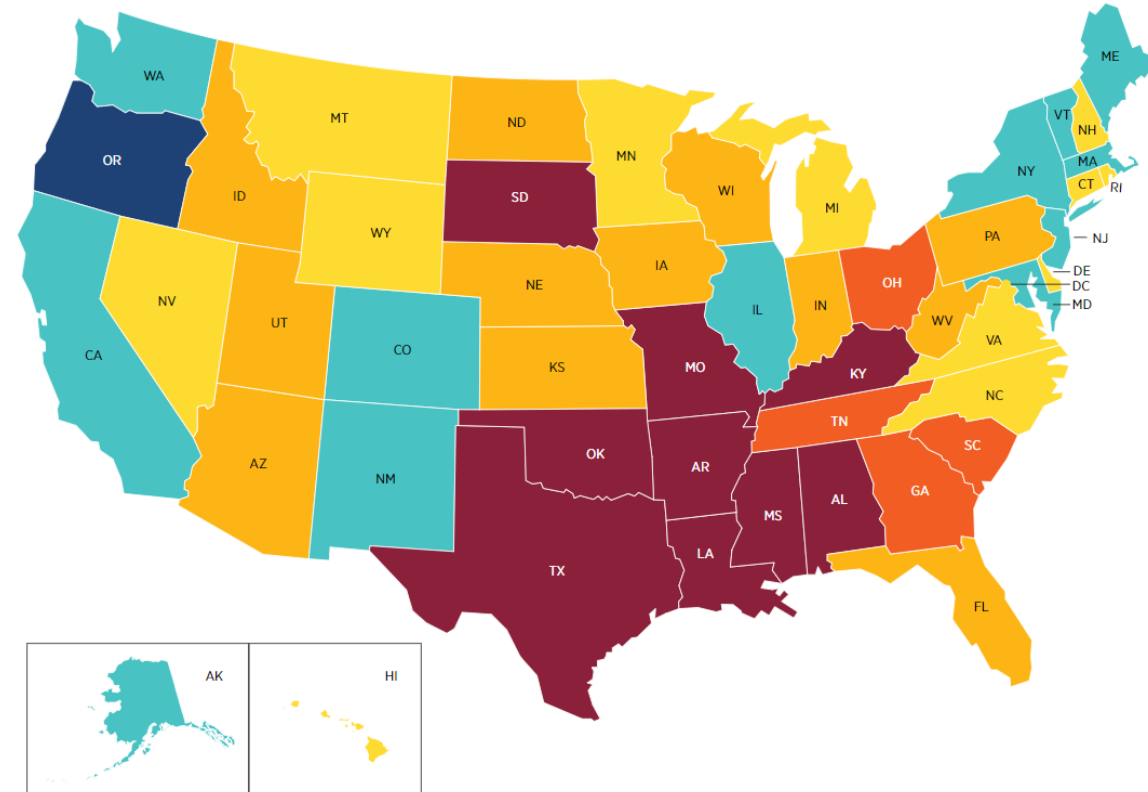


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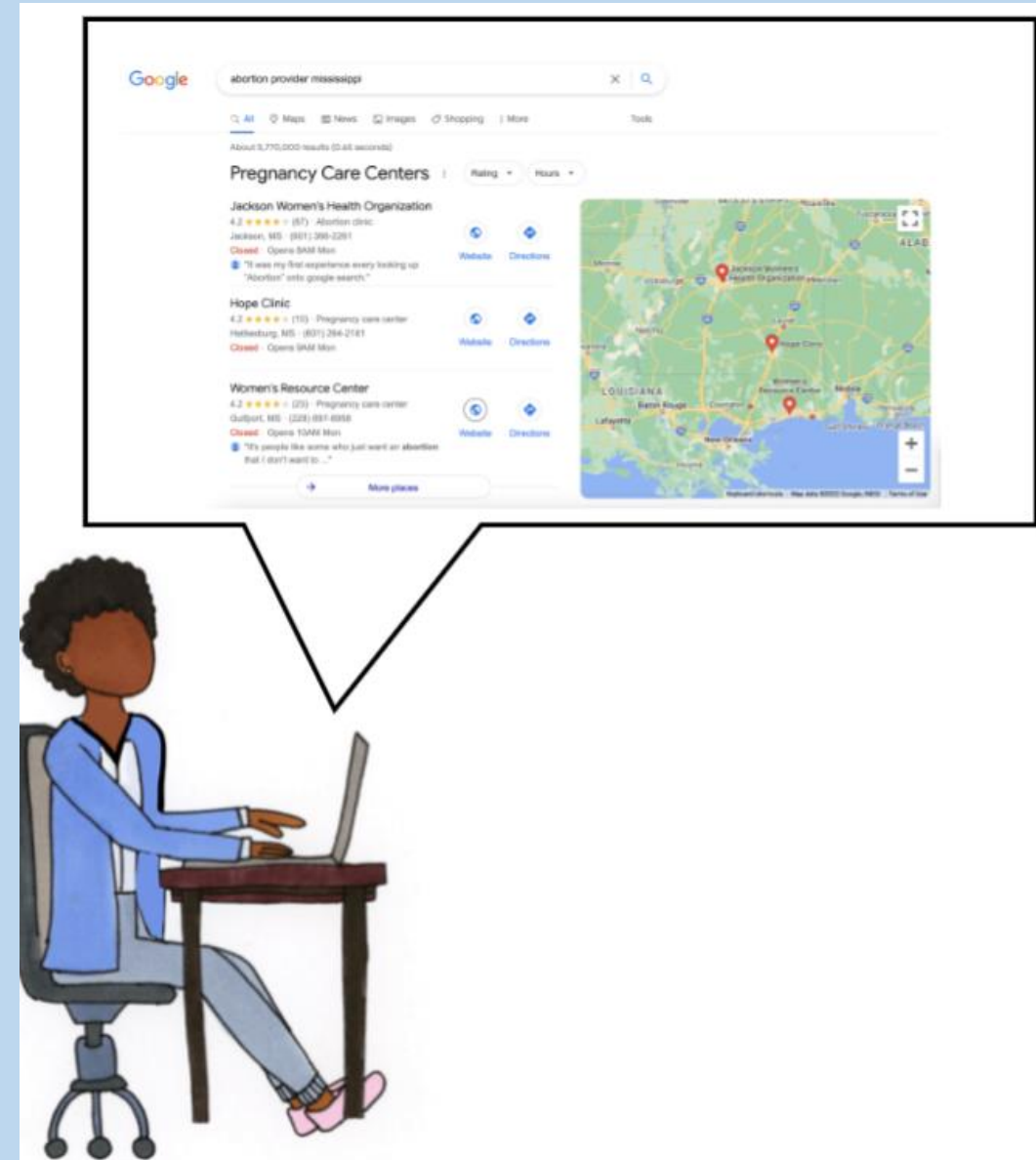
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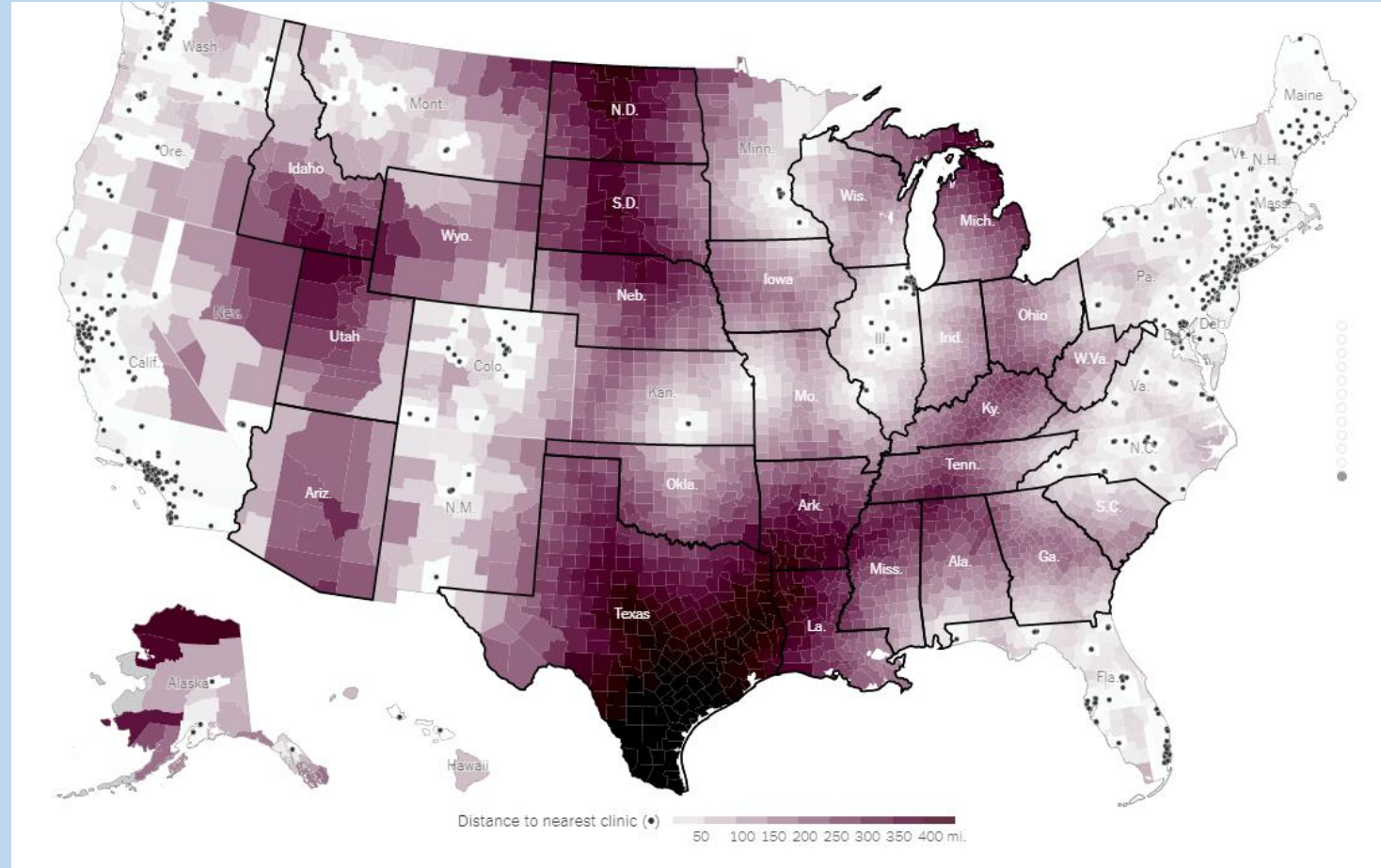
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