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2005 Pennsylvania Abortion Statistics Synopsis:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health recently released abortion-related statistics for 2005. The report revealed that the number of abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2004 decreased 3.1%.

There were a total of 34,909 abortions done in Pennsylvania in 2005. This number represents a 2.4% decrease from the 2004 total of 36,030 and 46.9% decrease from the highest total (65,777) in PA in 1980.

7,771 of those abortions were done in Allegheny County (a decrease from the 2004 total of 8,056) following only behind Philadelphia with 14,858. Again this year, almost 2/3 of all the abortions for the entire state were performed in Allegheny County and Philadelphia.

Once again nearly half (47.7%) of the abortions performed (15,655) were repeat abortions where the woman had had at least one other abortion. 1,084 women had had four or more previous abortions.

While black Pennsylvanians account for roughly 10 percent of the population, alarmingly they accounted for 38% of abortions performed in PA in 2005.

Once again the largest single age group of women having abortions was 20-24 accounting for 11,714 abortions in 2005. This group was followed by women aged 25-29 with 7,093 abortions. Teenagers followed this group with 12-19-year olds accounting for 5,986 abortions. Of those, the numbers break out as follows:

12 or under	6
13	49
14	171
15	403
16	623
17	831
18	1756
19	2147

The majority of abortions were done in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy (30,907). But 4,001 abortions were performed on mothers between the 13th and 23rd week of pregnancy, with 1 abortion occurring after the 24th week of pregnancy. Of those 192 abortions occurred after the 21st week of pregnancy.

As of December 31, 2005 there are 100 facilities in Pennsylvania registered to do abortions – down from 101 in 2004, 102 in 2003, 106 in 2002 and 110 in 2001.

A complete report is available by calling the Office for Respect Life at 412-456-3156. *Revised 2-2007*

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