



Current Texas law endangers women with pregnancy complications and their doctors. Legislative action is needed to avoid a **looming healthcare crisis and ensuing economic fallout.**

The Data

Pregnancy complications are routine. Texas law makes them dangerous.

- **8% of all pregnancies involve complications** that, if left untreated, may harm the mother or the baby.¹
- **1 in 333 pregnant women receive a fetal fatal abnormality diagnosis** and face the heartbreaking reality that their child will not live past birth.²
- Current Texas law **forces** a woman to carry a nonviable fetus to term.
 - There were 255 additional infant deaths in Texas from 2021 to 2022, **a staggering 13% increase in infant mortality** (vs. 1.8% for the rest of the US).³
 - **Deaths due to birth defects rose by 23%** in Texas from 2021 to 2022, while the rest of the US saw a 3% decline.³

Current laws are inhibiting OB-GYNs from providing medically necessary care, driving them out of Texas.

- Of ~450 Texas OB-GYNs surveyed on the impact of state reproductive health laws:⁴
 - **76% believe they cannot practice according to evidence-based medicine.**
 - **60% fear legal repercussions** from practicing evidence-based medicine.
 - **21% have thought about or are planning to leave Texas** to practice in another state.
 - **13% are planning to retire early.**
 - **10% have already left Texas** or are leaving their obstetrics practice or medicine altogether.
- In the 2023-2024 application cycle, **Texas saw a 16% decrease in applications to OB-GYN residency programs and a 12% decrease across all specialties** vs. 0.4% increase / 0.6% decrease, respectively, across states where abortion remains legal.⁵
- The state cannot afford to lose quality medical providers as **47% of Texas counties are already maternal care deserts**⁶ and **60% of rural hospitals do not provide obstetric care** due in part to a lack of physicians.⁷

This impending shortage of OB-GYNs is dangerous for Texas women of all ages.

- Since these laws went into effect, **Texas' maternal death rate has increased 56%** vs. an average 11% increase in other states.⁸
- Texas ranks as the **second worst performing state in women's health and reproductive care**⁹ and has **the highest number of maternal deaths nationwide.**¹⁰
- As 20% of women consider OB-GYNs to be their primary care providers, without enough OB-GYNs, women will be **forced to forgo early detection and treatment of health issues**, including cancer screenings.¹¹

75% of Texas GOP primary voters overwhelmingly favor modifying state abortion laws.

- Of 600+ Texas Republican primary voters surveyed in Sept. 2024, **75% support modifications to:**¹²
 - **Add exceptions** for rape, incest, and fatal fetal abnormalities.
 - **Remove severe penalties** for medical professionals.

The negative economic impact of Texas abortion bans is growing.

66% of "top talent" (adults ages 18-64 with a college degree who are working full time or looking for full-time work) **says the Texas abortion ban would discourage them from working in the state.**¹³

As Texas Goes, So Goes The Nation

In 2023, **1 in 10 US births occurred in Texas.**¹⁴ Of the 14 states where abortion is banned in almost all circumstances, Texans account for 40% of women ages 15-44.¹⁵

If we can amend Texas law to clarify and define abortion exceptions allowing Texas families and their doctors to make critical medical decisions, **we will impact nearly half of the US population most affected in these situations.**



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