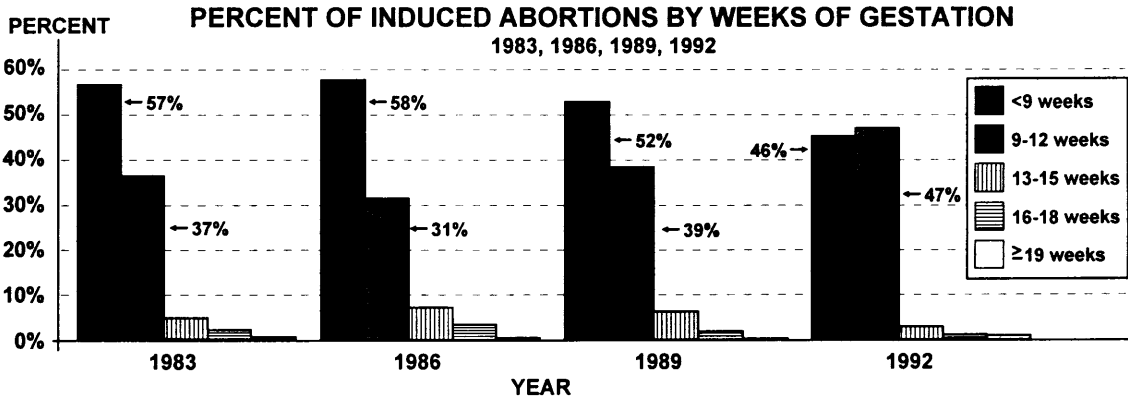


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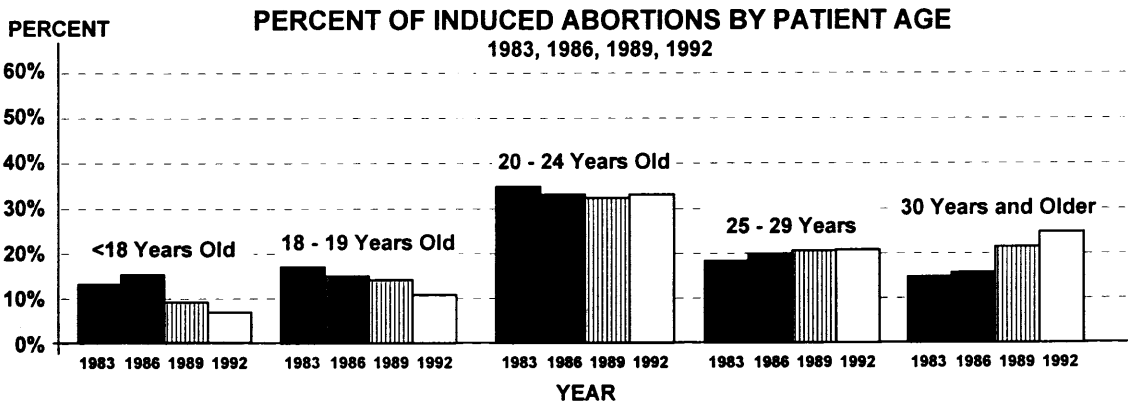
Gestational Age and Age of Patient

Maine Residents: 1983, 1986, 1989, 1992

➔ In 1992, 93% of Maine abortions occurred in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy; 69% of those abortions were performed during the first 9 weeks. Nationwide 87% of abortions occur during the first 12 weeks.



➔ For the first time since these records have been kept (1981), in 1992 abortions to women in their 9th through 12th weeks of pregnancy exceeded the number of abortions to women less than 9 weeks pregnant. The proportion of abortions to women less than 9 weeks pregnant also decreased with a corresponding increase in the proportion of abortions during the 9th through 12th weeks of pregnancy. These trends hold true for all age groups.



➔ Since 1983, the percent of abortions to women aged 30 years and older has been steadily increasing (from 16% in 1983 to 25% in 1992) while the percent of abortions to women younger than 18 years old has been decreasing (from 12% in 1983 to 8% in 1992).

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