

# DISTANCE TO ABORTION: WISCONSIN

## TODAY: When the abortion ban is law

### Distance makes a difference

\*Public health researchers have [found](#) that people who live beyond **50 miles** from an abortion-providing facility are more likely to continue with pregnancy.

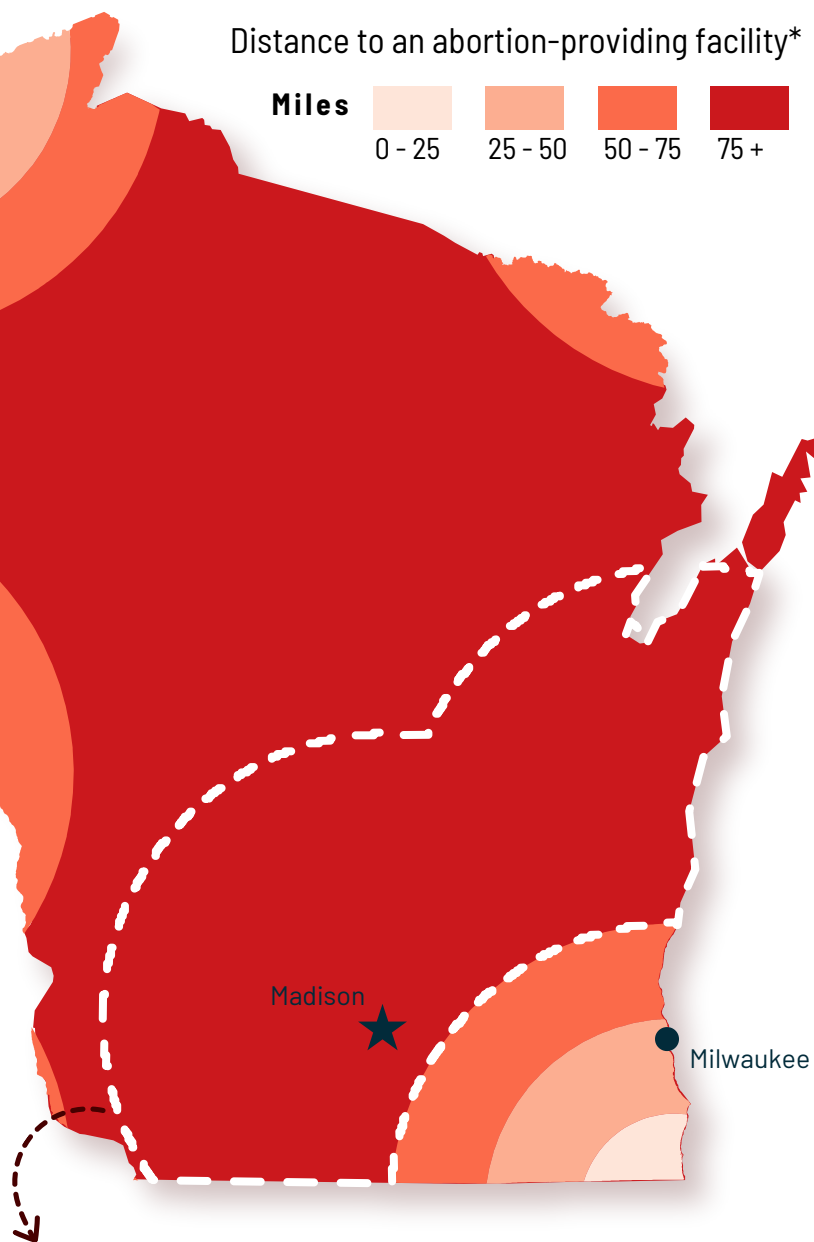
Guttmacher Institute [reported](#) that people who cross state lines or travel more than 100 miles to access abortion face **far more barriers to care** and worse mental health outcomes.

Distance to an abortion-providing facility\*

Miles

0 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 75	75 +
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Before June 2022



### Dwindling options

Even before the fall of *Roe v. Wade*, people seeking abortions in central and northern Wisconsin had to travel over 75 miles to a clinic. According to [ANSIRH](#), there were only **four** clinics in the state.

When Wisconsin's 1849 abortion ban went into effect in June 2022, people living in the outlined area **lost close access** to abortion care. The **2.1 million** inhabitants here make up 36% of Wisconsin's total population, according to the [ACS](#).

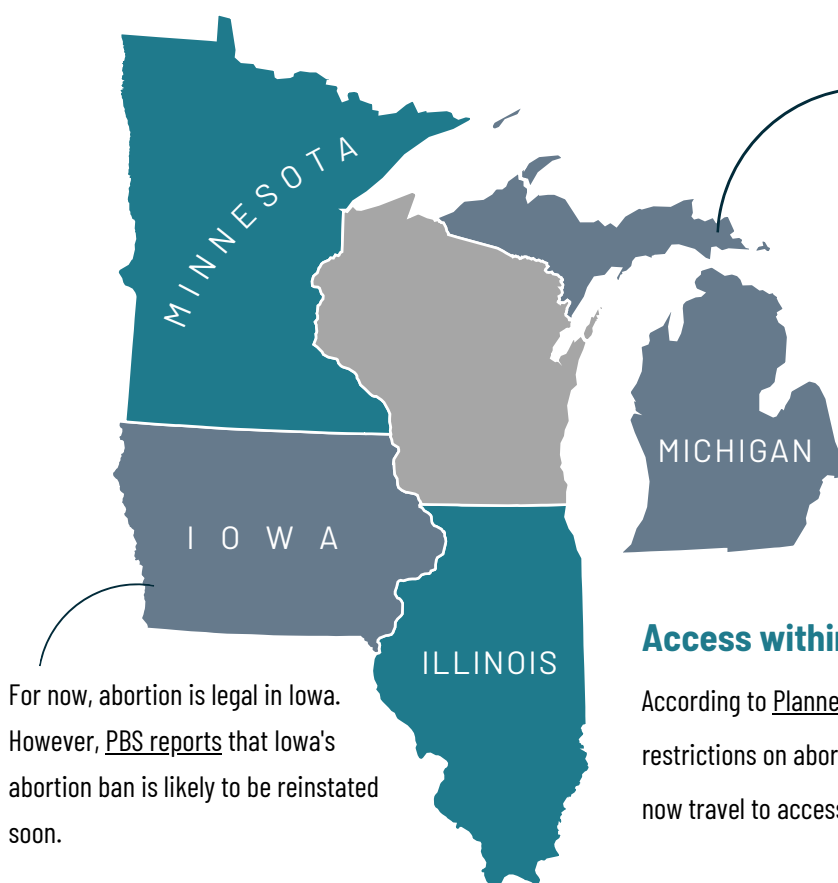
### Restrictions next door

While abortion is legal in Michigan and Iowa, both states have restrictions that make it hard to access. Guttmacher Institute [outlines](#) some of these additional barriers to care:

- 2 clinic appointments required
- 24 hour waiting period
- Medicaid does not cover abortion care
- Only physicians can provide abortions
- Parental consent for minors

### Access within reach

According to [Planned Parenthood](#), both **Illinois** and **Minnesota** have few restrictions on abortion. These are both states where Wisconsin patients now travel to access the abortion care they need.



For now, abortion is legal in Iowa. However, [PBS reports](#) that Iowa's abortion ban is likely to be reinstated soon.

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