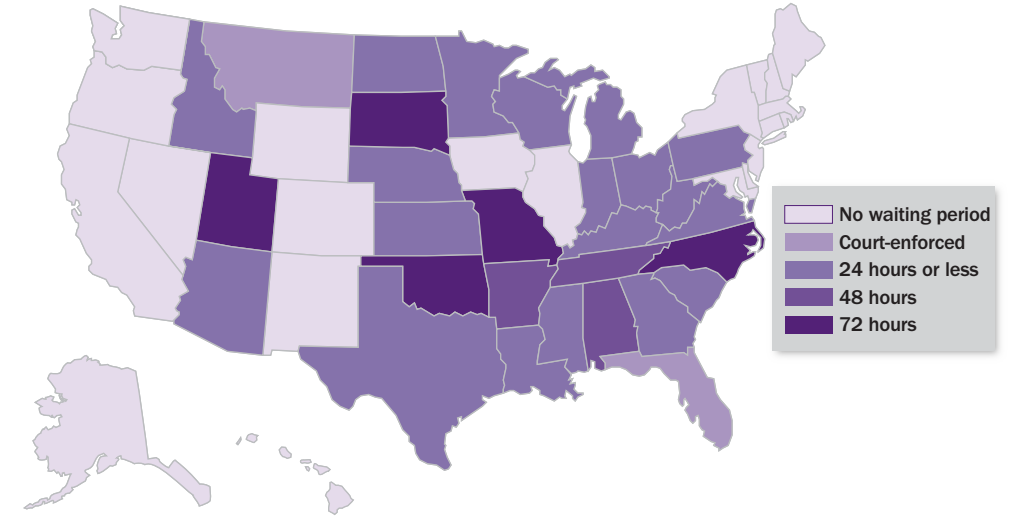


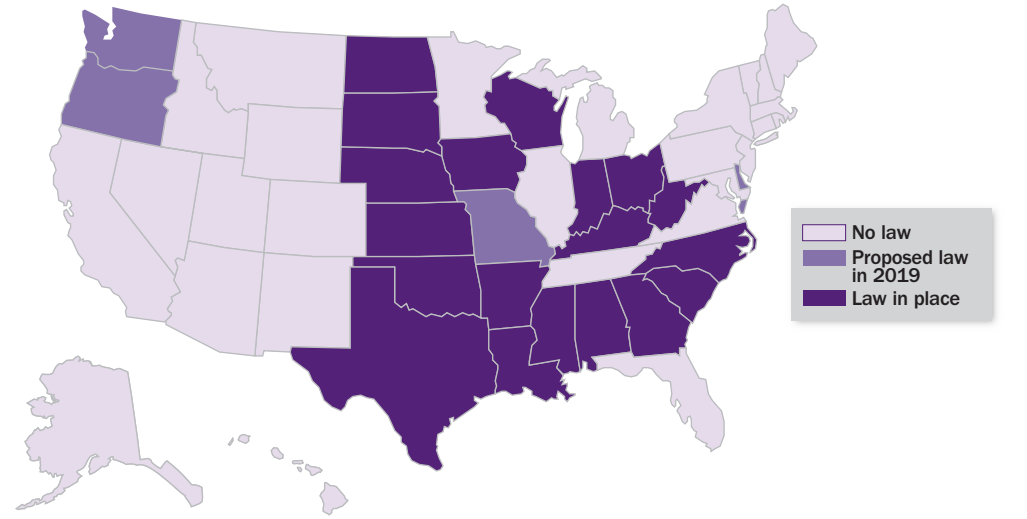
When it comes to abortion laws, the U.S. is a patchwork

Newly introduced bills could make legal abortion nearly impossible in Missouri, already one of America’s strictest states. Here’s a sample of abortion laws across the country.

Waiting period between consultation and abortion procedure

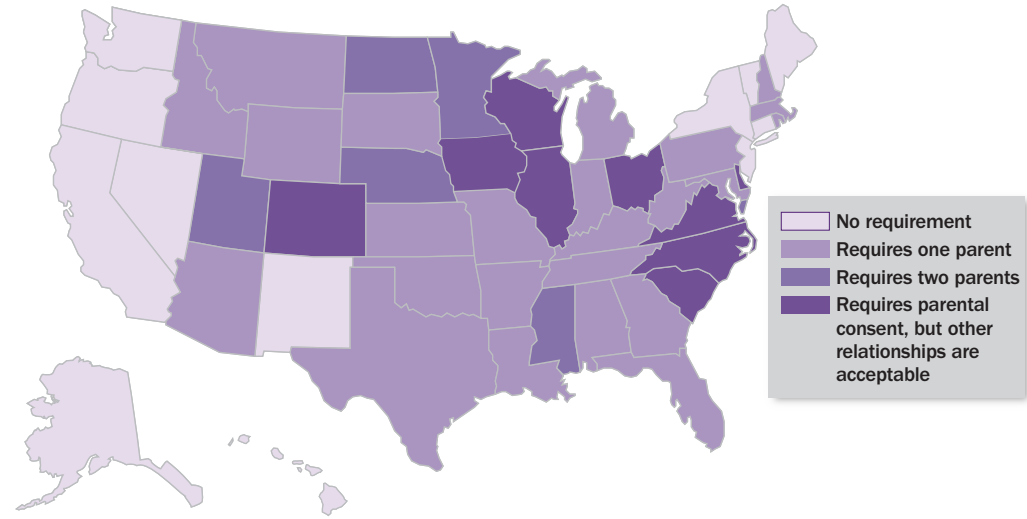


Legislation prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks of gestation



NOTE: In Missouri, three bills have been proposed to prohibit abortion after 20 weeks: HB 339, HB 680 and SB 279. In some states there is an exception to this law in case of rape, incest, or threat to the woman’s health.

Laws requiring minors to get parental consent or notice for an abortion



NOTE: A judge can waive the need for consent in states that require it. In Maryland and West Virginia, a doctor may excuse the need for consent. Depending on the state, a grandparent, step parent, foster parent, aunt, uncle, adult sibling or sibling at least 25 years old can qualify as one of these “other” acceptable relationships.