

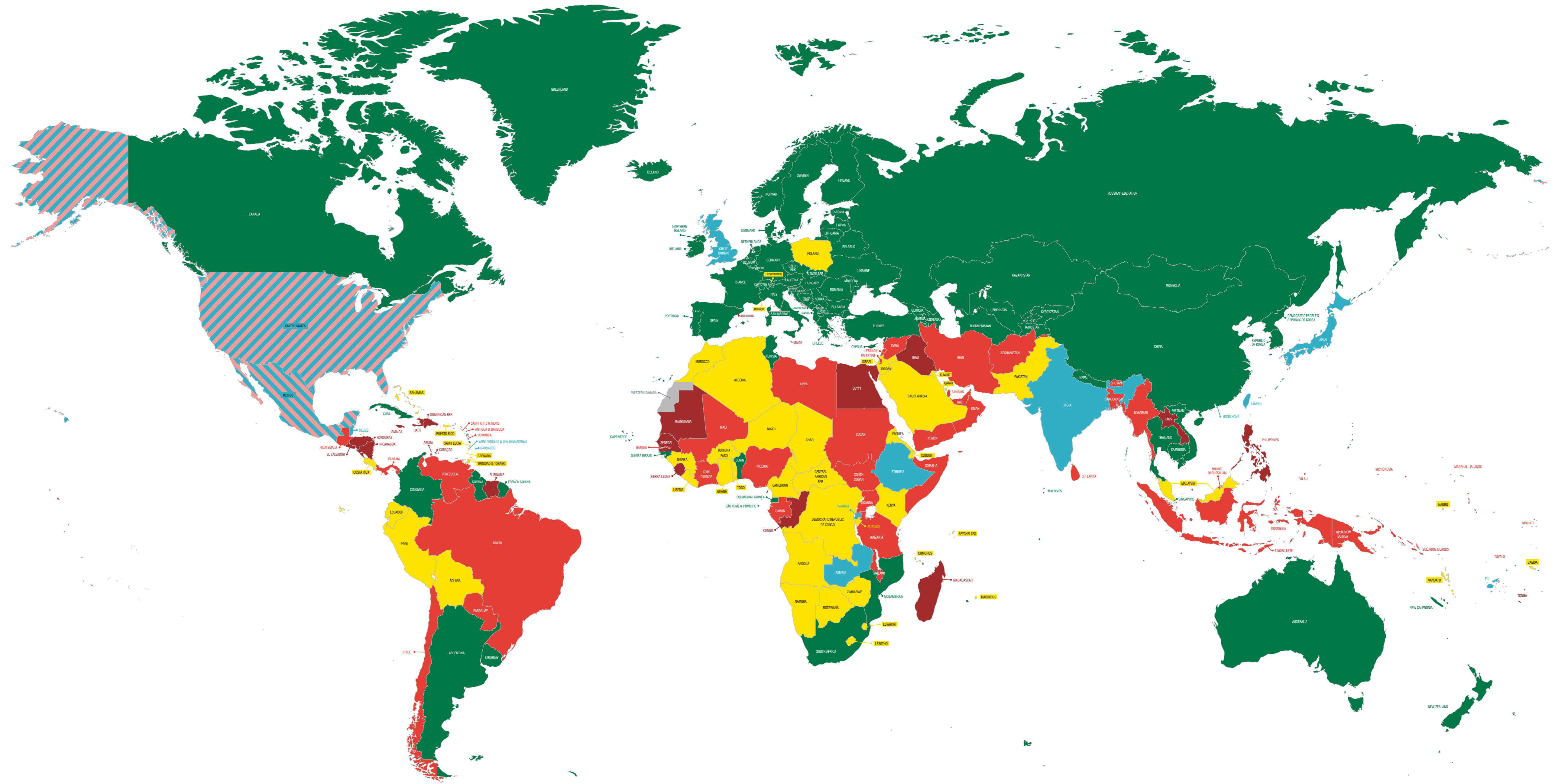
The World's Abortion Laws

The definitive record of the legal
status of abortion in countries
across the globe.

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Categories of Abortion Laws from Least to Most Restrictive

Category I. On Request (Gestational Limits Vary)

77 COUNTRIES

All countries in Category I have gestational limits of 12 weeks unless otherwise indicated.

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| W5 Gestational limit of 5 weeks | W16 Gestational limit of 16 weeks | D120 Gestational limit of 120 days |
| W8 Gestational limit of 8 weeks | W18 Gestational limit of 18 weeks | ∞ Law does not limit pre-visibility abortion |
| W10 Gestational limit of 10 weeks | W22 Gestational limit of 22 weeks | 0 Law does not indicate gestational limit; regulatory mechanisms vary |
| W12 Gestational limit of 12 weeks | W24 Gestational limit of 24 weeks | 1 Finland adopted a new law permitting abortion on request until 12 weeks gestation. The law is set to enter into force on September 1, 2023. |
| W14 Gestational limit of 14 weeks | D90 Gestational limit of 90 days or 3 months | |

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| Albania PA | Croatia ^{W10} PA | Guyana ^{W8} | Nepal SX | Slovenia PA |
| Argentina ^{W14} | Cuba PA | Hungary | Netherlands* | South Africa |
| Armenia PA | Cyprus | Iceland ^{W22} | New Caledonia | Spain ^{W14} PA |
| Australia ♦ | Czech Rep. PA | Ireland | New Zealand ^{W20} | Sweden ^{W18} |
| Austria ^{W10} | Dem. People's Rep. of Korea [?] | Italy ^{W20} | Northern Ireland | Switzerland |
| Azerbaijan | Denmark PA | Kazakhstan | North Macedonia PA | Tajikistan |
| Belarus | Equatorial Guinea ^{W10} PA | Kyrgyzstan | Norway PA | Thailand |
| Belgium ^{W14} | Estonia | Kosovo ^{W10} PA SX | Portugal ^{W10} PA | Thailand ^{W20} |
| Benin | Finland ¹ | Kyrgyzstan | Portugal ^{W10} PA | Turkiye ^{W10} SA PA |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina PA | France ^{W16} | Latvia PA | Republic of Korea | Turkmenistan ^{W5} ? |
| Bulgaria | French Guiana | Lithuania PA | Romania ^{W14} | Ukraine |
| Cambodia ^{W14} PA | Georgia PA | Luxembourg ^{W14} | Russian Fed. | Uruguay PA |
| Canada* | Germany ^{W14} | Maldives ^{W20} | San Marino PA | Uzbekistan |
| Cape Verde | Guinea Bissau [?] | Moldova PA | São Tomé & Príncipe | Vietnam* |
| China [?] SX | | Mongolia ^{W10} | Singapore ^{W14} | |
| Colombia ^{W14} | | Montenegro PA SX | Slovak Rep. PA | |
| | | Mozambique | | |

Category II. Socioeconomic Grounds

12 COUNTRIES

These laws are generally interpreted liberally to permit abortion under a broad range of circumstances. These countries often take into account a pregnant person's actual or reasonably foreseeable environment and their social or economic circumstances when considering the potential impact of pregnancy and childbearing. All countries in this category also permit abortion in cases where the pregnant person's health or life is at risk.

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| Barbados F R I PA |
| Belize F |
| Ethiopia F R I + |
| Fiji F R I PA |
| Great Britain F |
| Hong Kong F R I |
| India F R PA |
| Japan R SA |
| Rwanda F R I + |
| Saint Vincent & the Grenadines F R I |
| Taiwan F R I SA PA |
| Zambia F |

Category III. To Preserve Health

47 COUNTRIES

The laws of countries in this category permit abortion on the basis of health or therapeutic grounds. Countries in **bold** explicitly permit abortion to preserve the woman's mental health. Countries with a * permit abortion only when the woman's physical health is at risk. Countries with a † are based on Rex v. Bourne. All countries in this category also permit abortion in cases where the pregnant person's life is at risk.

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| Algeria | Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) F R I | Nauru F R I + |
| Angola F R I PA | Ghana F R I + | Niger F |
| Bahamas | Grenada | Pakistan |
| Bolivia R I | Guinea F R I ? | Peru |
| Botswana F R I | Israel F R I + | Poland R I PA |
| Burkina Faso F R I | Jordan | Puerto Rico |
| Burundi | Kuwait F SA PA | Qatar F |
| Cameroon R | Lesotho F R I | Saint Lucia R I |
| Central African Rep. F R I + ? | Liberia F R I | Saudi Arabia SA PA |
| Chad F R I | Liechtenstein R PA + | Sechelles F R I + |
| Comoros ? | Malaysia | Togo F R I |
| Costa Rica | Mauritius F R I PA | Trinidad & Tobago † |
| Dem. Rep. of Congo F R I | Monaco F R I * | Vanuatu |
| Ecuador R + | Morocco SA | Zimbabwe F R I * |
| Eritrea R I + | Namibia F R I | |

Category IV. To Save the Pregnant Person's Life

43 COUNTRIES

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| Afghanistan | Micronesia ♦ ? |
| Antigua & Barbuda | Myanmar |
| Bahrain | Nigeria |
| Bangladesh | Oman |
| Bhutan R I + | Palestine |
| Brazil R + | Panama F R PA |
| Brunei Darussalam | Papua New Guinea |
| Chile F R | Paraguay |
| Côte d'Ivoire R | Saint Kitts & Nevis |
| Dominica | Solomon Islands |
| Gabon F R I + | Somalia |
| Gambia F | South Sudan |
| Guatemala | Sri Lanka |
| Indonesia F R SA | Sudan R |
| Iran F | Syria SA PA |
| Kiribati | Tanzania |
| Lebanon | Timor-Leste PA |
| Libya | Tunisia |
| Malawi | Uganda |
| Mali R I | United Arab Emirates F SA PA |
| Marshall Islands ? | Venezuela |
| | Yemen SA |

Category V. Prohibited Altogether

22 COUNTRIES

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| Andorra |
| Aruba |
| Congo |
| Curaçao |
| Dominican Republic |
| Egypt |
| El Salvador |
| Haiti |
| Honduras |
| Iraq |
| Jamaica |
| Laos |
| Madagascar |
| Malta |
| Mauritania |
| Nicaragua |
| Palau ? |
| Philippines |
| Senegal |
| Sierra Leone |
| Suriname |
| Tonga |

Varies at the State Level

2 COUNTRIES

Currently, the legal status of abortion varies widely at the subnational level in Mexico and the United States, spanning from Category I (on request) to Category IV (to save the pregnant person's life).

Mexico ♦
United States of America ♦

F Abortion permitted in cases of fetal diagnosis

R Abortion permitted in cases of rape

I Abortion permitted in cases of incest

SA Spousal authorization required

PA Parental authorization/notification required

SX Sex-selective abortion prohibited

+ Abortion permitted on additional enumerated grounds relating to such factors as the pregnant person's age of capacity to care for a child.

***** Legislation explicitly permits abortion only to protect the physical health of the woman

♦ Federal system in which abortion law is determined at state level; classification reflects legal status of abortion for largest group of people

? Law unclear