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PETITION FOR ABORTION DOCUMENTS IN JUVENILE CASES FILED 1/1/2010 – 1/31/2022 BY COUNTY

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Statistics Request Overall Description

On February 21, 2022, the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting requested from Research and Statistics the report of the number of cases filed each year since 2020 including at least one Petition of Self-Consent for Abortion by a Minor with the additional sorting by county.

CourtNet, which provides a summary of cases statewide, was queried for Juvenile cases filed statewide on or after January 1, 2010 including at least one "Petition for Abortion" (PAB) document. The presence or absence of documents, including any of the following codes, in these cases was also queried.

Document Code	Document Description
PAB	PETITION FOR ABORTION
OGAB	ORDER GRANTING ABORTION
OG	ORDER GRANTING
ODAB	ORDER DENYING ABORTION
OD	ORDER DENYING

Seven non-Juvenile cases in which the PAB document appears to have been entered by mistake were excluded from this report but included in the July 2021 report. Among those cases reported, the indicated numbers of orders granting or denying are affected by when and how record destruction procedures were implemented for these cases. This process may also have affected an unknown number of cases prior to the running of the July 2021 report.

Statistical Report 21_RS8013A

Statistical report 21_RS8013A provides the number of cases filed with a Petition for Abortion (PAB) document during CY 2010-2022, including the number of distinct cases and the total number of petition documents sorted by county. The top table includes summary counts during CY 2010-2022 by county with counties concealed with five or fewer documents/cases. The statewide total includes cases/documents from hidden counties. The bottom table includes Jefferson county per each CY. All other counties included zero to five cases/documents per year and would be concealed in this report.

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After the petition for abortion is filed, either an order “granting” or “denying” will be entered into the case. The cases in the report are sorted into the following three categories:

1. **Order Granting (OGAB):** An order (OGAB/OG) entered into a case granting the petition for abortion.
2. **Order Denying (ODAB):** An order (ODAB/OD) entered into a case denying a petition for abortion. Counted only in cases that do not also have at least one OGAB/OG document.
3. **No Order Entered:** Neither an Order Granting (OGAB/OG) nor an Order Denying (ODAB/OD) were present in the case.

The document codes OGAB and ODAB are used specifically for orders related to a Petition of Self-Consent for Abortion by a Minor.^{1 2 3} The generic OG and OD documents may also be used to indicate the granting or denial of this type of petition. Though unlikely, it is possible that a generic order granting or order denying document filed in such a case refers to something other than the petition for abortion.

Statistical Analysis Considerations:

- The statistics presented in the attached tables are a snapshot in time, as of February 9, 2022.
- Implementation of record destruction procedure has affected indications of orders granting/denying. These may have previously affected indications of orders or the inclusion of an unknown number of cases.
- A case may include multiple documents. The report’s count of cases represents a distinct count of case numbers, regardless of the number of documents associated with the case.
- Counts of cases do not necessarily represent counts of unique individuals. An individual can have multiple cases.
- In order to protect the identities of individuals associated with confidential records, reports conceal any instances in which five or fewer cases/documents would have been reported. Blank data points should be considered to reflect “zero to five cases/documents”. Any cases/documents hidden in this manner are included in totals or subtotals provided that these totals or subtotals include six or more cases/documents themselves.

Data Variables Requested

Database	Data Variable	Description
CourtNet	Case Filing Date	The date a case was filed. Case Filing Date is reported by Calendar Year (January 1 – December 31).
	CY	The calendar year in which the case was filed.
	County	The county in which the case was filed. Kentucky has a total of 120 counties.
	Document Type	An official court document filed within a case has an assigned code to identify the type of document being filed. (see code

¹ Form AOC-260 “Abortion Petition - IN RE: SELF-CONSENT FOR AN ABORTION BY A MINOR” <https://kycourts.gov/Legal-Forms/Legal%20Forms/260.pdf> retrieved 7/23/2021

² Form AOC-261.1 “Order Granting Abortion - IN RE: SELF-CONSENT FOR AN ABORTION BY A MINOR” <https://kycourts.gov/Legal-Forms/Legal%20Forms/261.1.pdf> retrieved 7/23/2021

³ Form AOC-261.2 “Order Denying Abortion - IN RE: SELF-CONSENT FOR AN ABORTION BY A MINOR” <https://kycourts.gov/Legal-Forms/Legal%20Forms/261.2.pdf> retrieved 7/23/2021

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		descriptions above).
	Petition Documents	The total number of PAB documents filed in any of the reported cases.
	Cases	The total number of distinct cases filed with a petition for abortion 'PAB' within the case.

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"Petition for Abortion" Documents in Juvenile Cases Filed 1/1/2010 - 1/31/2022

By County

County	Order Granting		No Order Entered		Order Denying		Grand Total	
	Documents	Cases	Documents	Cases	Documents	Cases	Documents	Cases
FAYETTE	8	8					13	12
JEFFERSON	117	117	57	57			174	174
Grand Total	132	132	67	66			202	201

County	Year of Case Filing Date	Order Granting		No Order Entered		Order Denying		Grand Total	
		Documents	Cases	Documents	Cases	Documents	Cases	Documents	Cases
JEFFERSON	2011	18	18					18	18
	2012	16	16					16	16
	2013	14	14					14	14
	2014	18	18					18	18
	2016	11	11					12	12
	2017	13	13	6	6			19	19
	2018								
	2019			13	13			14	14
	2020			30	30			31	31
	2021	18	18	6	6			24	24
	2022								
Grand Total		132	132	67	66			202	201

Statistical Analysis Considerations

* Data provided from the CourtNet database.

* CY 2022 includes only January 1 - January 31

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