

# Abortion Access for Incarcerated People in the U.S.



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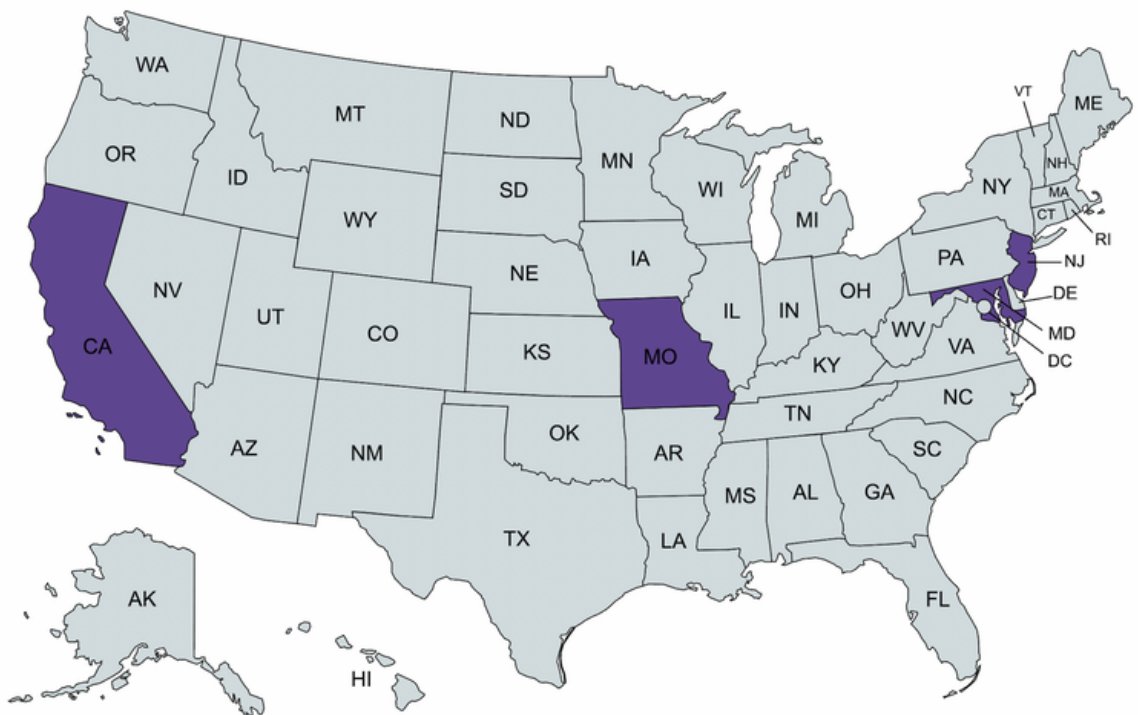
**A STATE POLICY BRIEF FROM THE NATIONAL  
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# Executive Summary

In advance of the Dobbs v. Jackson decision to overturn the constitutional right to abortion, **only 4 states had laws on abortion for incarcerated people in the U.S.** Post-Dobbs, the legal landscape for abortion has changed dramatically, leaving incarcerated people with especially limited reproductive choices.



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States with Laws on Abortion for Incarcerated People

■ State Law in Place (4 states)

# Background

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# State Laws

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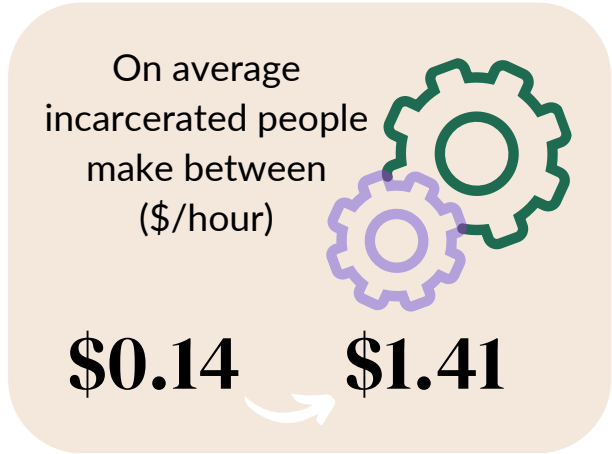
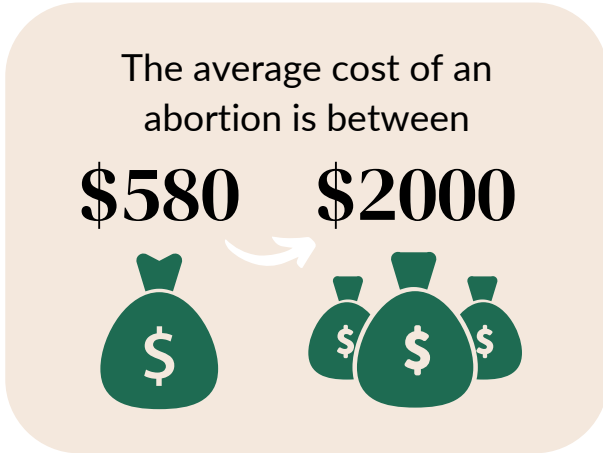
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# Barriers to Abortion Care in Carceral Settings:

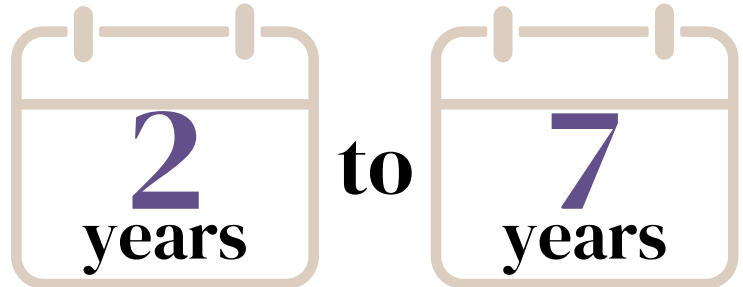


For someone who is working at **\$0.14/hour**, it will take between...

**4,143 hours to 14,285 hours**

of work to pay for an abortion.

That equals...



to pay for an abortion  
(working 40 hours/week)



Moreover, the **Hyde Amendment** stipulates that **federal funds cannot be used to cover the cost of abortion** except in instances of rape, incest, or life endangerment of the pregnant person. Consequently, the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) does not cover abortions (except in these aforementioned circumstances) for incarcerated people in federal facilities.



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## RESTRICTIONS ON ABORTION:

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## POLICY GAPS:

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# Recommendations

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# Conclusion



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