

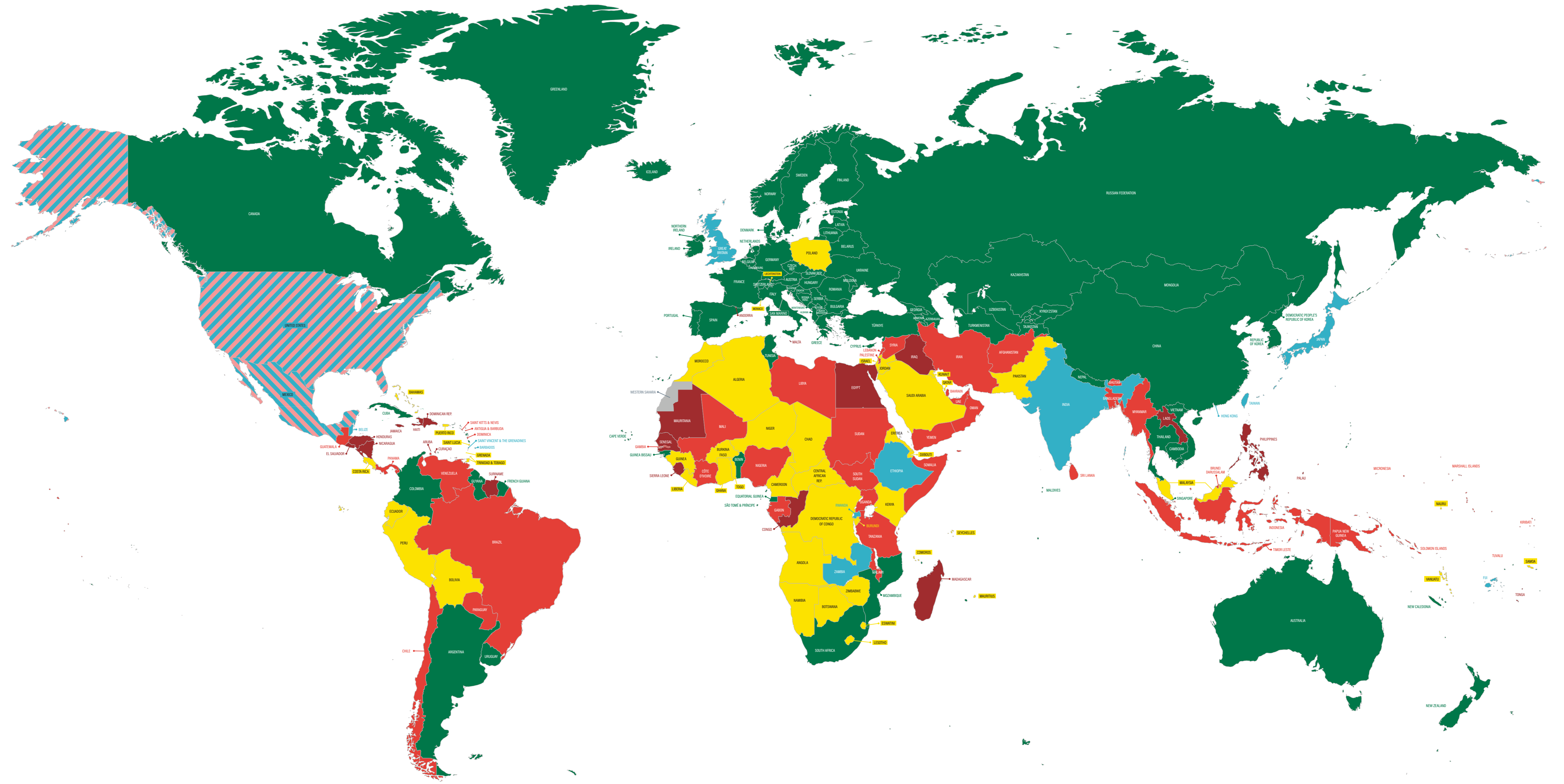
The World's Abortion Laws

The definitive record of the legal
status of abortion in countries and
territories 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.

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	

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 ^{W10} ?
Bulgaria	Guinea Bissau [?]	Lithuania PA	Romania ^{W14}	Ukraine
Cambodia ^{W14} PA	Guinea Bissau [?]	Luxembourg ^{W14}	Russian Fed.	Uruguay PA
Canada*	French Guiana	Maldives ^{W20}	San Marino PA	Uzbekistan
Cape Verde	Georgia PA	Moldova PA	São Tomé & Príncipe	Vietnam*
China [?] SX	Germany ^{W14}	Mongolia ^{W20}	Serbia PA	
Colombia ^{W14}	Greece PA	Montenegro PA SX	Singapore ^{W14}	
		Mozambique	Slovak Rep. PA	

Category II. Socioeconomic Grounds

12 COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES

These laws are generally interpreted liberally to permit abortion under a broad range of circumstances. These countries/territories 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/territories in this category also permit abortion in cases where the pregnant person's health or life is at risk.

Barbados F R I PA
Belize F
Ethiopia F R I +
Fiji F R I PA
Great Britain F
Tunisia F R I
India F R PA
Japan R SA
Rwanda F R I +
Costa Rica
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines F R I
Taiwan F R I SA PA
Ecuador R +
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.

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
Belize F	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	Samoa
Chad F R I	Liechtenstein R PA +	Saudi Arabia SA PA
Comoros ?	Malaysia	Seychelles F R I +
Costa Rica	Mauritius F R I PA	Togo F R I
Dem. Rep. of Congo F R I	Monaco F R I *	Trinidad & Tobago †
Djibouti	Morocco SA	Vanuatu
Ecuador R +	Namibia F R I	Zimbabwe F R I *
Eritrea R I +		

Category IV. To Save the Pregnant Person's Life

43 COUNTRIES

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

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