

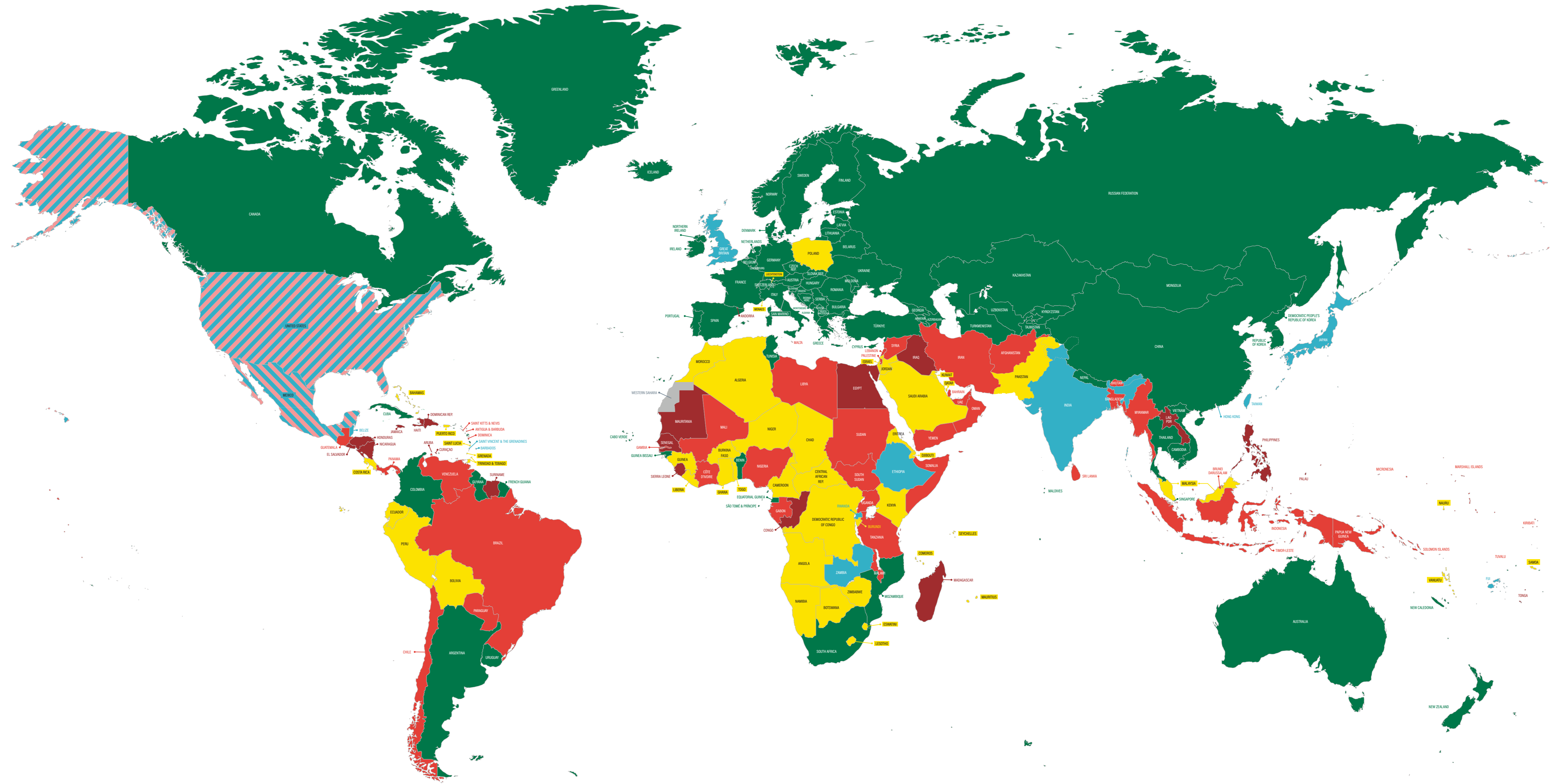
The World's Abortion Laws

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	W18 Gestational limit of 18 weeks	D120 Gestational limit of 120 days
W8 Gestational limit of 8 weeks	W20 Gestational limit of 20 weeks	∞ Law does not limit pre-visibility abortion
W10 Gestational limit of 10 weeks	W22 Gestational limit of 22 weeks	◦ Law does not indicate gestational limit; regulatory mechanisms vary
W14 Gestational limit of 14 weeks	W24 Gestational limit of 24 weeks	
W16 Gestational limit of 16 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}	Switzerland
Austria ^{W20}	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea [?]	Italy ^{W20} PA	North Macedonia PA	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	Denmark PA	Kazakhstan	Northern Ireland	Thailand ^{W20}
Belarus	Equatorial Guinea ^{W18} PA	Kyrgyzstan	Norway PA	Thailand ^{W20}
Belgium ^{W14}	Estonia	Latvia PA	Portugal ^{W10} PA	Türkiye ^{W10} SA PA
Benin	Finland	Lithuania PA	Republic of Korea	Turkmenistan ^{W5} ?
Bosnia & Herzegovina PA	France ^{W6}	Luxembourg ^{W14}	Romania ^{W14}	Ukraine
Bulgaria	French Guiana	Maldives ^{W20}	Russian Fed.	Uruguay PA
Cabo Verde	Georgia PA	Moldova PA	San Marino PA	Uzbekistan
Cambodia ^{W14} PA	Germany ^{W14}	Montenegro PA SX	São Tomé & Príncipe	Vietnam*
Canada [?]	Greece PA	Mozambique	Serbia PA	
China [?] SX	Guinea Bissau [?]		Singapore ^{W14}	
Colombia ^{W14}			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
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. 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
Botswana F R I	Israel F R I +	Poland R I PA
Burkina Faso F R I	Jordan	Qatar F
Burundi	Kuwait F SA PA	Saint Lucia R I
Cameroon R	Lesotho F R I	Saudi Arabia SA PA
Central African Rep. F R I + ?	Liberia F R I	Seychelles F R I +
Chad F R I	Liechtenstein R PA +	Togo F R I
Comoros ?	Malaysia	Trinidad & Tobago
Costa Rica	Mauritius F R I PA	Zimbabwe F R I *
Dem. Rep. of Congo F R I	Monaco F R I *	
Djibouti	Morocco SA	
Ecuador R	Namibia F R I	
Eritrea R I +		

Category IV. To Save the Pregnant Person's Life

44 COUNTRIES

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

Category V. Prohibited Altogether

21 COUNTRIES

Andorra
Aruba
Congo
Curaçao
Dominican Republic
Egypt
El Salvador
Haiti
Honduras
Iraq
Jamaica
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Madagascar
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 or capacity to care for a child.

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

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

? Law unclear