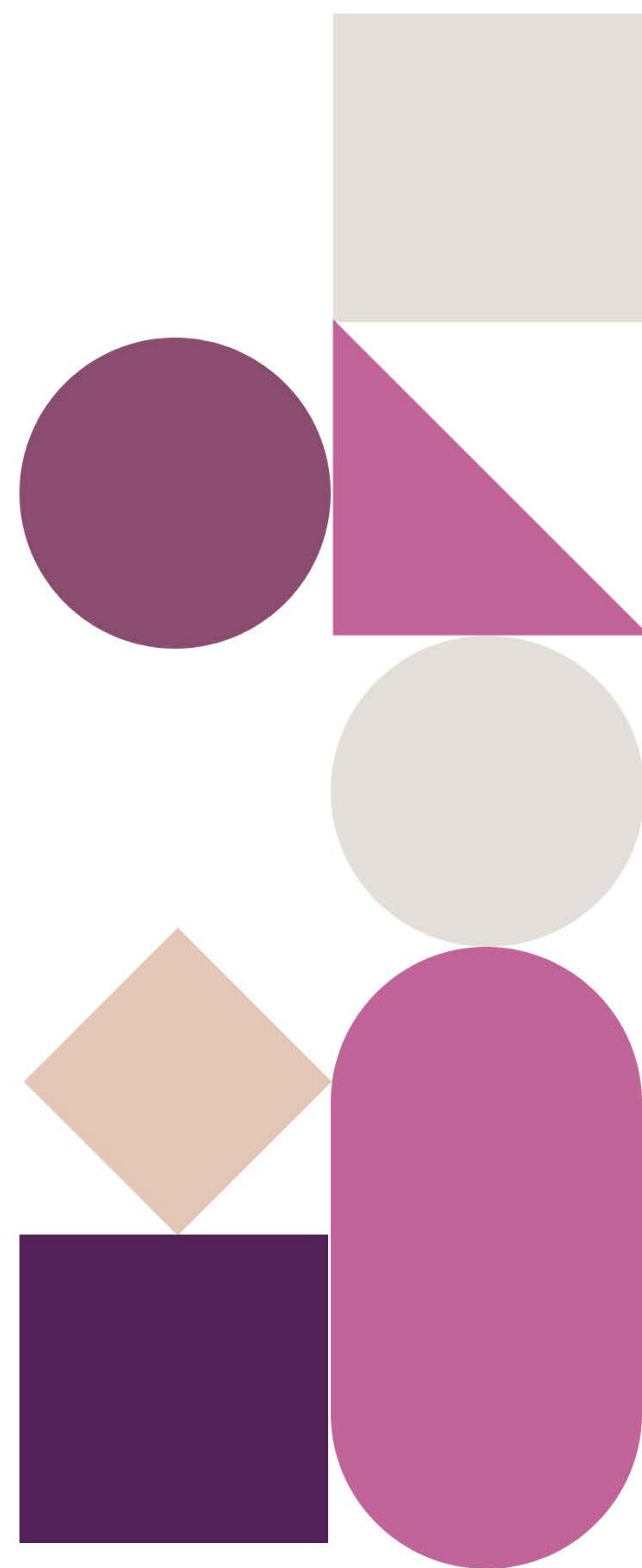


ABORTION

FAST FACTS



How common are they?



18.4%

of pregnancies ended
in abortion in the US
in 2017

that's about

1 in **5** pregnancies

Per 1,000
women ages
15-44 in the
US, there are
13.5 abortions.

In total, that is

862,320

abortions
performed in



808 abortion clinics
across the country

or



2,362

babies every day in
2017.



Medical abortion

is the use of **2** medications to end a pregnancy.

Mifepristone, taken first, stops progesterone production by the mother. This causes the uterine wall to thin, and the fetus can no longer remain implanted or receive nutrients.

Misoprostol, taken later at home, causes contractions to expel the fetus from the uterus through the vagina.

It is currently used through **10 weeks'** gestation

It accounted for **39 %** of all abortions in the US in 2017,

up from **29%** in 2014 and from **5%** in 2001.

and while that might seem like a small number, that is

100,891

babies killed in the womb by dismemberment and/or chemical injections in our country each year.



Surgical abortion

ends a pregnancy by killing and removing the fetus with surgical tools.

There are several types of surgical abortion; the method chosen depends on how far along the mother is.

Through the **first trimester**, the abortion occurs by suctioning the fetus out after dilating the cervix.

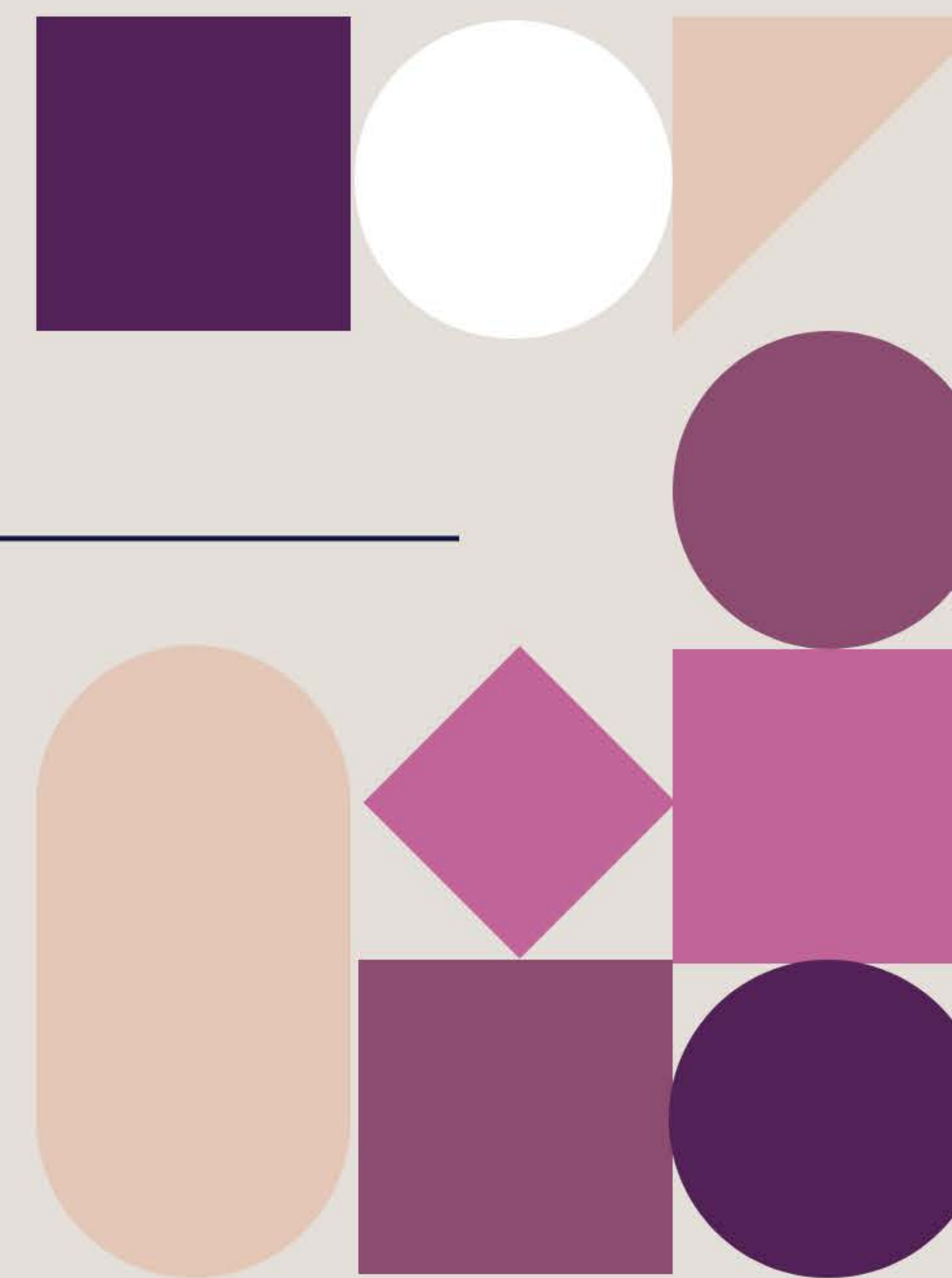
From week 13 and on, forceps are necessary for dismemberment because the fetus is too developed to be removed through suction.

Partial-birth abortion, which involves delivering the baby alive and then snipping the spinal cord, is not currently legal in the U.S.

Often, other chemicals are used to assist with the abortion as well.

11.7% of abortions happen in the second and third trimester in the US.

Who has abortions?



By the age of 45, nearly

1 in 4

women have had an abortion.



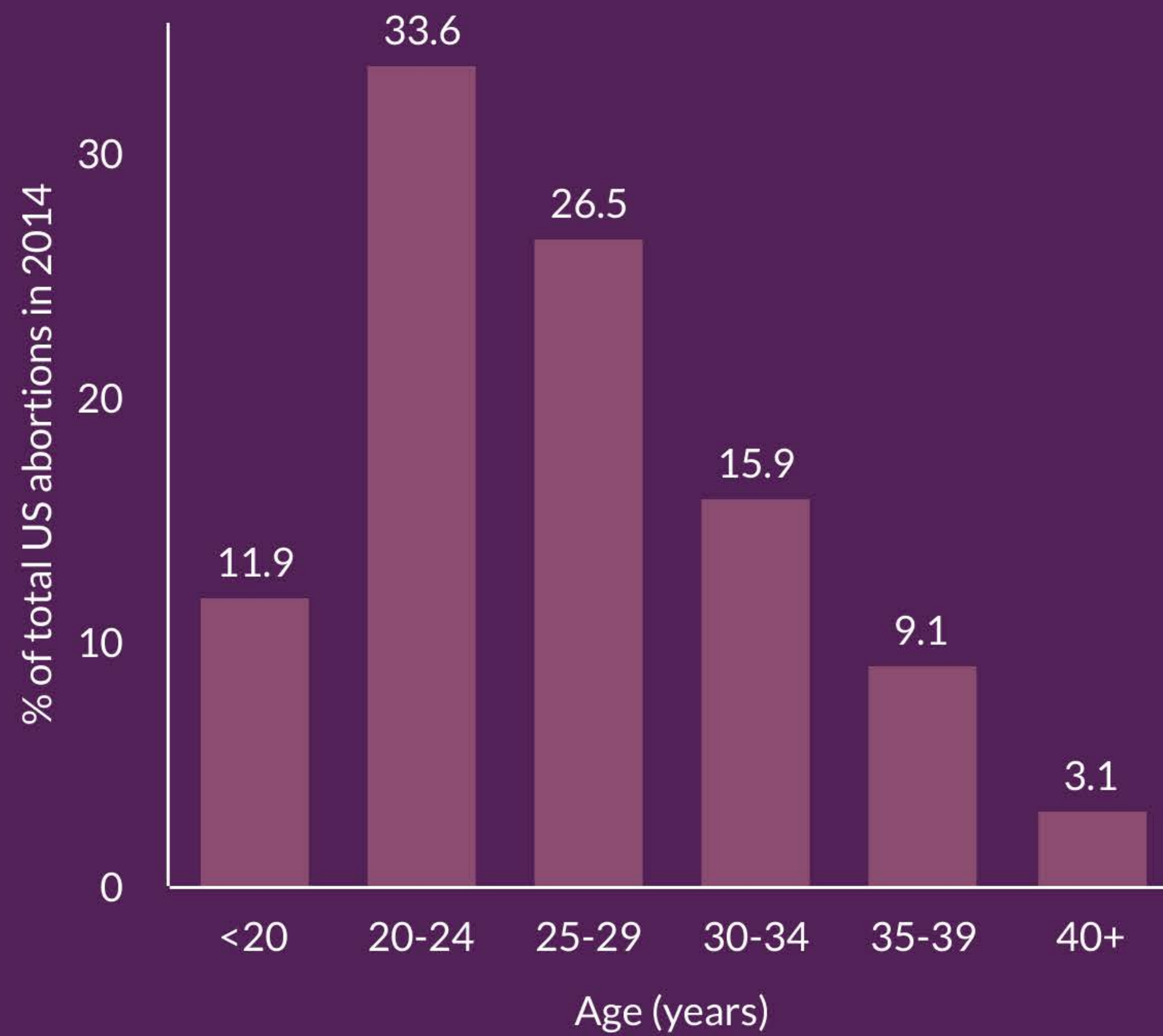
59% have given birth to at least one child.

Women ages 20-29 make up 61% of those who get abortions.



Abortion distribution by...

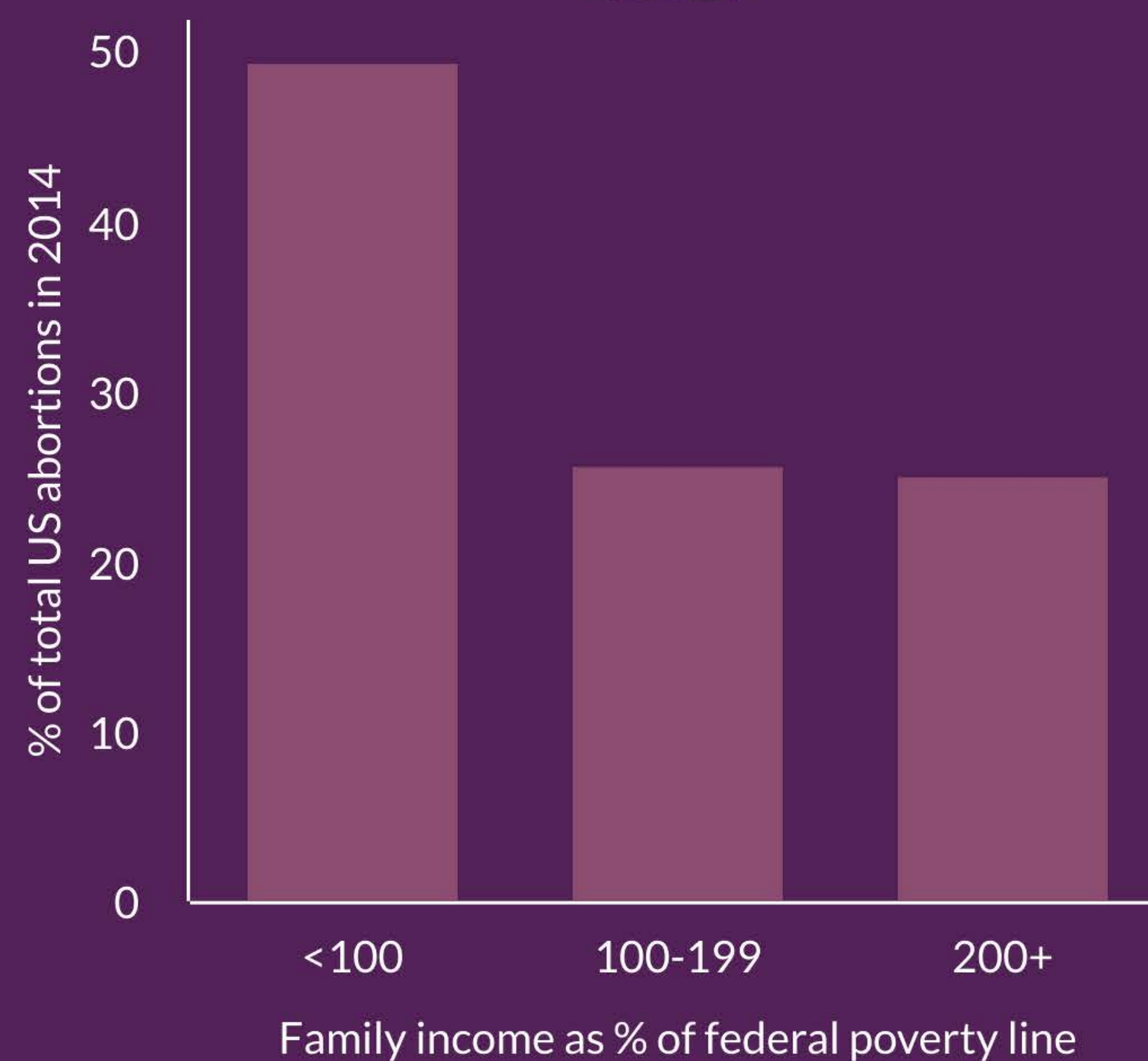
AGE



RACE



INCOME



Abortion is disproportionately common among women who are:

- ✓ in their twenties
- ✓ Black or Hispanic
- ✓ below the federal poverty line

Source: <https://www.guttmacher.org/report/characteristics-us-abortion-patients-2014>



862,320

babies aborted in
the US in 2017

62,502,904

babies aborted in
the US since 1973