

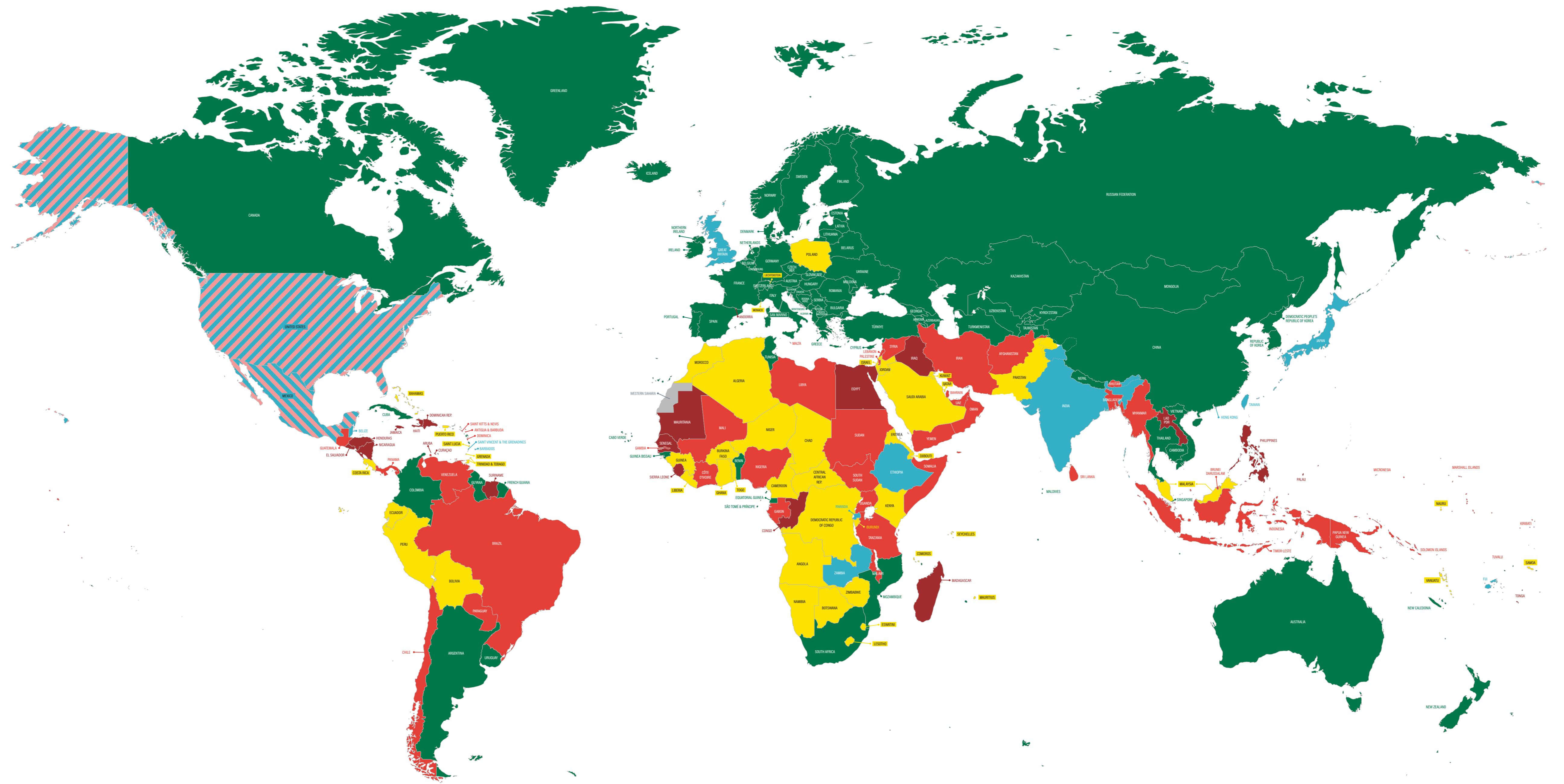
The World's Abortion Laws

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



Map updated in real time at
worldabortionlaws.org

Print map current as of January 2024



Categories of Abortion Laws from Least to Most Restrictive

Category I. On Request (Gestational Limits Vary) 77 COUNTRIES	Category II. Socioeconomic Grounds 12 COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES	Category III. To Preserve Health 47 COUNTRIES	Category IV. To Save the Pregnant Person's Life 44 COUNTRIES	Category V. Prohibited Altogether 21 COUNTRIES	Varies at the State Level 2 COUNTRIES																																																																																																																																																																																																					
<p>All countries in Category I have gestational limits of 12 weeks unless otherwise indicated.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>W5 Gestational limit of 5 weeks</td> <td>W18 Gestational limit of 18 weeks</td> <td>D120 Gestational limit of 120 days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W8 Gestational limit of 8 weeks</td> <td>W20 Gestational limit of 20 weeks</td> <td>∞ Law does not limit pre-visibility abortion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W10 Gestational limit of 10 weeks</td> <td>W22 Gestational limit of 22 weeks</td> <td>◦ Law does not indicate gestational limit; regulatory mechanisms vary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W14 Gestational limit of 14 weeks</td> <td>W24 Gestational limit of 24 weeks</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>W16 Gestational limit of 16 weeks</td> <td>D90 Gestational limit of 90 days or 3 months</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Albania PA</td> <td>Croatia^{W10} PA</td> <td>Guyana^{W8}</td> <td>Nepal SX</td> <td>Slovenia PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Argentina^{W14}</td> <td>Cuba PA</td> <td>Hungary</td> <td>Netherlands*</td> <td>South Africa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Armenia PA</td> <td>Cyprus</td> <td>Iceland^{W22}</td> <td>New Caledonia</td> <td>Spain^{W14} PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Australia ♦</td> <td>Czech Rep. PA</td> <td>Ireland</td> <td>New Zealand^{W20}</td> <td>Sweden^{W18}</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Austria^{W20}</td> <td>Dem. People's Rep. of Korea[?]</td> <td>Italy^{W20} PA</td> <td>North Macedonia PA</td> <td>Switzerland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Azerbaijan</td> <td>Denmark PA</td> <td>Kazakhstan</td> <td>Northern Ireland</td> <td>Tajikistan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Belarus</td> <td>Equatorial Guinea^{W18} PA</td> <td>Kyrgyzstan</td> <td>Norway PA</td> <td>Thailand</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Belgium^{W14}</td> <td>Estonia</td> <td>Latvia PA</td> <td>Portugal^{W10} PA</td> <td>Thailand^{W20}</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Benin</td> <td>Finland</td> <td>Lithuania PA</td> <td>Republic of Korea</td> <td>Türkiye^{W10} SA PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bosnia & Herzegovina PA</td> <td>France^{W16}</td> <td>Luxembourg^{W14}</td> <td>Romania^{W14}</td> <td>Türkmenistan^{W5} ?</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bulgaria</td> <td>French Guiana</td> <td>Maldives^{W20}</td> <td>Russian Fed.</td> <td>Ukraine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cambodia^{W14} PA</td> <td>Georgia PA</td> <td>Moldova PA</td> <td>San Marino PA</td> <td>Uruguay PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canada*</td> <td>Germany^{W14}</td> <td>Mongolia^{W20}</td> <td>São Tomé & Príncipe</td> <td>Uzbekistan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cabo Verde</td> <td>Greece PA</td> <td>Montenegro PA SX</td> <td>Serbia PA</td> <td>Vietnam*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>China* SX</td> <td>Guinea Bissau[?]</td> <td>Mozambique</td> <td>Singapore^{W14}</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colombia^{W14}</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Slovak Rep. PA</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	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}	Sweden ^{W18}	Austria ^{W20}	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea [?]	Italy ^{W20} PA	North Macedonia PA	Switzerland	Azerbaijan	Denmark PA	Kazakhstan	Northern Ireland	Tajikistan	Belarus	Equatorial Guinea ^{W18} PA	Kyrgyzstan	Norway PA	Thailand	Belgium ^{W14}	Estonia	Latvia PA	Portugal ^{W10} PA	Thailand ^{W20}	Benin	Finland	Lithuania PA	Republic of Korea	Türkiye ^{W10} SA PA	Bosnia & Herzegovina PA	France ^{W16}	Luxembourg ^{W14}	Romania ^{W14}	Türkmenistan ^{W5} ?	Bulgaria	French Guiana	Maldives ^{W20}	Russian Fed.	Ukraine	Cambodia ^{W14} PA	Georgia PA	Moldova PA	San Marino PA	Uruguay PA	Canada*	Germany ^{W14}	Mongolia ^{W20}	São Tomé & Príncipe	Uzbekistan	Cabo Verde	Greece PA	Montenegro PA SX	Serbia PA	Vietnam*	China* SX	Guinea Bissau [?]	Mozambique	Singapore ^{W14}		Colombia ^{W14}			Slovak Rep. PA		<p>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.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Barbados F R I PA</td> <td>Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) F R I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Belize F</td> <td>Ghana F R I +</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ethiopia F R I +</td> <td>Grenada</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fiji F R I PA</td> <td>Guinea F R I ?</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Great Britain F</td> <td>Israel F R I +</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hong Kong F R I</td> <td>Jordan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>India F R PA</td> <td>Kuwait F SA PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rwanda F R I +</td> <td>Lesotho F R I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saint Vincent & the Grenadines F R I</td> <td>Liberia F R I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Taiwan F R I SA PA</td> <td>Liechtenstein R PA +</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zambia F</td> <td>Malaysia</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mauritius F R I PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Monaco F R I *</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Morocco SA</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Namibia F R I</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Nauru F R I +</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Niger F</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pakistan</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Peru</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Poland R I PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Puerto Rico</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Qatar F</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Saint Lucia R I</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Saudi Arabia SA PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Seychelles F R I +</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Togo F R I</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Trinidad & Tobago</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Vanuatu</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Zimbabwe F R I *</td> </tr> </table>	Barbados F R I PA	Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) F R I	Belize F	Ghana F R I +	Ethiopia F R I +	Grenada	Fiji F R I PA	Guinea F R I ?	Great Britain F	Israel F R I +	Hong Kong F R I	Jordan	India F R PA	Kuwait F SA PA	Rwanda F R I +	Lesotho F R I	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines F R I	Liberia F R I	Taiwan F R I SA PA	Liechtenstein R PA +	Zambia F	Malaysia		Mauritius F R I PA		Monaco F R I *		Morocco SA		Namibia F R I		Nauru F R I +		Niger F		Pakistan		Peru		Poland R I PA		Puerto Rico		Qatar F		Saint Lucia R I		Saudi Arabia SA PA		Seychelles F R I +		Togo F R I		Trinidad & Tobago		Vanuatu		Zimbabwe F R I *	<p>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.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Algeria</td> <td>Marshall Islands ?</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Angola F R I PA</td> <td>Micronesia ♦ ?</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bahrain</td> <td>Myanmar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bangladesh</td> <td>Nigeria</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bhutan R I +</td> <td>Oman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brazil R +</td> <td>Palestine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brunei Darussalam</td> <td>Panama F R PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chile F R</td> <td>Papua New Guinea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Côte d'Ivoire R</td> <td>Paraguay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dominica</td> <td>Saint Kitts & Nevis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gabon F R I +</td> <td>Solomon Islands</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gambia F</td> <td>Somalia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guatemala</td> <td>South Sudan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indonesia F R SA</td> <td>Sri Lanka</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iran F</td> <td>Sudan R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kiribati</td> <td>Syria SA PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lebanon</td> <td>Tanzania</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Libya</td> <td>Timor-Leste PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Malawi</td> <td>Tunisia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mali R I</td> <td>Uganda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Malta[?]</td> <td>United Arab Emirates F SA PA</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Venezuela</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Yemen SA</td> </tr> </table>	Algeria	Marshall Islands ?	Angola F R I PA	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	Uganda	Malta [?]	United Arab Emirates F SA PA		Venezuela		Yemen SA	<p>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).</p> <p>Mexico ♦ United States of America ♦</p>
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}	Sweden ^{W18}																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Austria ^{W20}	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea [?]	Italy ^{W20} PA	North Macedonia PA	Switzerland																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Azerbaijan	Denmark PA	Kazakhstan	Northern Ireland	Tajikistan																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Belarus	Equatorial Guinea ^{W18} PA	Kyrgyzstan	Norway PA	Thailand																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Belgium ^{W14}	Estonia	Latvia PA	Portugal ^{W10} PA	Thailand ^{W20}																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Benin	Finland	Lithuania PA	Republic of Korea	Türkiye ^{W10} SA PA																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Bosnia & Herzegovina PA	France ^{W16}	Luxembourg ^{W14}	Romania ^{W14}	Türkmenistan ^{W5} ?																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Bulgaria	French Guiana	Maldives ^{W20}	Russian Fed.	Ukraine																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Cambodia ^{W14} PA	Georgia PA	Moldova PA	San Marino PA	Uruguay PA																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Canada*	Germany ^{W14}	Mongolia ^{W20}	São Tomé & Príncipe	Uzbekistan																																																																																																																																																																																																						
Cabo Verde	Greece PA	Montenegro PA SX	Serbia PA	Vietnam*																																																																																																																																																																																																						
China* SX	Guinea Bissau [?]	Mozambique	Singapore ^{W14}																																																																																																																																																																																																							
Colombia ^{W14}			Slovak Rep. PA																																																																																																																																																																																																							
Barbados F R I PA	Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) F R I																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Belize F	Ghana F R I +																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Ethiopia F R I +	Grenada																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Fiji F R I PA	Guinea F R I ?																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Great Britain F	Israel F R I +																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Hong Kong F R I	Jordan																																																																																																																																																																																																									
India F R PA	Kuwait F SA PA																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Rwanda F R I +	Lesotho F R I																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines F R I	Liberia F R I																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Taiwan F R I SA PA	Liechtenstein R PA +																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Zambia F	Malaysia																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Mauritius F R I PA																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Monaco F R I *																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Morocco SA																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Namibia F R I																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Nauru F R I +																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Niger F																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Pakistan																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Peru																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Poland R I PA																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Puerto Rico																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Qatar F																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Saint Lucia R I																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Saudi Arabia SA PA																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Seychelles F R I +																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Togo F R I																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Trinidad & Tobago																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Vanuatu																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Zimbabwe F R I *																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Algeria	Marshall Islands ?																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Angola F R I PA	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	Uganda																																																																																																																																																																																																									
Malta [?]	United Arab Emirates F SA PA																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Venezuela																																																																																																																																																																																																									
	Yemen SA																																																																																																																																																																																																									

- 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