

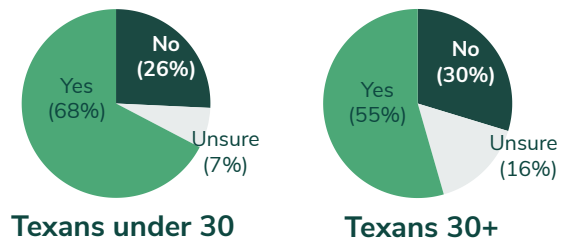
Knowledge of medication abortion among young people in Texas

In 2023, Resound Research for Reproductive Health conducted a statewide survey of 768 Texas participants in KnowledgePanel who were assigned female at birth and between 18 to 49 years of age. This information sheet summarizes similarities and differences in knowledge about medication abortion among survey respondents who were 18 to 29 years of age (n=266) and those who were 30 to 49 years old (n=493). Provision of medication abortion was not legal at the time of the study, but the method had accounted for the majority of abortions before the statewide abortion ban in 2022.

Key Findings

- More than two-thirds (68%) of Texans under 30 had heard of medication abortion, compared to about half (55%) of Texans 30 years old and older.
- Few Texans had heard of websites where abortion pills could be purchased online, and awareness was similar regardless of age: 18% of Texans under 30 and 15% of Texans ages 30 and older had heard of websites where someone could buy abortion pills.
- The majority of Texans, regardless of age, believed that medication abortion was safe. Although misperceptions of the safety of abortion pills obtained online were common, a larger percentage of Texans under 30 believed these pills were safe to use.

Have you heard of medication abortion?



	Texans under 30			Texans 30+		
Medication abortion is safe	Yes (65%)	No (16%)	Unsure (19%)	Yes (57%)	No (16%)	Unsure (26%)
Online pills are safe	Yes (34%)	No (44%)	Unsure (22%)	Yes (18%)	No (52%)	Unsure (30%)

Conclusions

According to our study, Texans ages 18 to 30, a population that often accounts for the majority of those who seek abortion care, are more familiar with medication abortion than Texans ages 30 to 49. More Texans under 30 also believe that both medication abortion and pills obtained online are safe.