

Roe V. Wade, Texas, and Latina Health and Economic Opportunities¹

The decision to overturn Roe V. Wade is harming millions of people. Impeding access to abortion disrupts economic futures and risks health and lives. Women of color are particularly harmed as they are uninsured at greater rates and disproportionately have poor health. In addition, a greater percentage are low-income and have greater economic barriers to accessing an abortion.

A recent report demonstrates that the actions of twenty-six states to limit reproductive services and ban abortions worsen the harm. For Latinas and their families, the results are especially harmful. Latinas in three states – Florida, [Texas](#), and Arizona – account for nearly three-quarters of the Latinas in abortion-banned states and nearly one-third of all Latinas of reproductive age in the nation.

“Texas is home to 2.9 million Latinas of reproductive age – 19 percent of all Latinas of reproductive age in the country and 44 percent of Latinas who live in these twenty-six states. Of these Latinas, 1.4 million are mothers, including 383,100 mothers of children under three, 1.3 million are economically insecure, 21,300 are veterans, and 177,700 are disabled. They are all harmed by [Texas’s draconian abortion ban](#), which prevents abortions at all stages of pregnancy except for life-threatening medical emergencies.”

Latinas of Reproductive Age in States That Have Banned or Are Likely to Ban Abortion after *Dobbs*

	All Latinas	Mothers	Mothers of children under three	Latinas who are economically insecure	Latina veterans	Disabled Latinas	Latinas in a service occupation	Latinas with limited English proficiency	Latinas born abroad	White Latinas	Black Latinas	Native Latinas	Asian American Pacific Islander Latinas	Latinas identifying as another race	
Texas	2,931,100	1,411,300	383,100	1,345,100	21,300	177,700	616,600	428,300	949,000	1,733,500	24,700	25,500	6,200	500,400	640,700

Source: Authors’ calculations using 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5 – Year Estimates via IPUMS for women ages 15 – 49.

¹ Primary Source: https://nationalpartnership.org/report/state-abortion-bans-threaten-latinas/?utm_source=agility&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=hj_dobbs