

Planned Parenthood and Minnesota

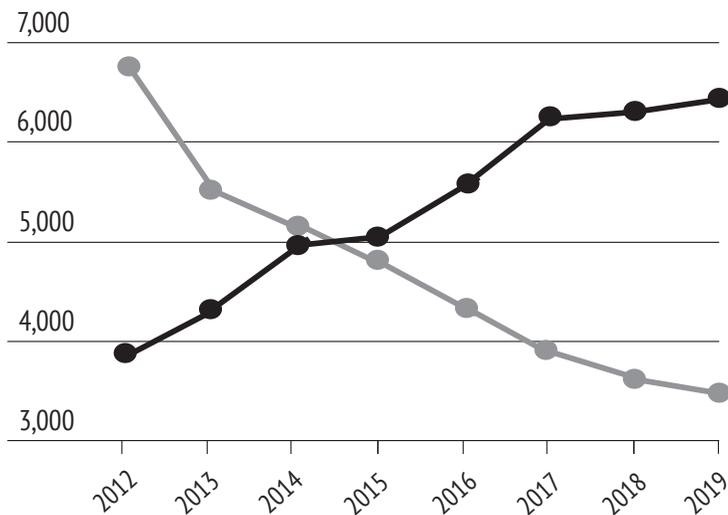
Planned Parenthood North Central States (PPNCS), the regional Planned Parenthood affiliate, operates the state's largest abortion facility in St. Paul and three other Minnesota centers that dispense chemical abortions. **Planned Parenthood performed a record-high 6,451 abortions in Minnesota in 2019**, according to the Minnesota Department of Health—more than three times that of the state's next highest practitioner.

Contrary to state and national abortion trends, abortions at Planned Parenthood in Minnesota have consistently gone up. **As the overall state abortion total decreased 20 percent from 2009 to 2019, Planned Parenthood increased its abortions by 61 percent.** In 2009, the organization performed 32 percent of Minnesota abortions; 10 years later, it performed 65 percent.

Planned Parenthood benefits from Minnesota's policy of Medicaid-funded abortion, which allows the group to offer "free" (state-funded) abortions to low-income women. Planned Parenthood billed Minnesota taxpayers a record-high \$642,736 for a record-high 2,791 abortions in 2019, according to the Minnesota Department of Human Services. **Planned Parenthood has increased its tax-funded abortions by 222 percent since 2011.**

Abortions in Minnesota

- Non-Planned Parenthood Abortions
- Planned Parenthood Abortions



Source: Minnesota Department of Health

Planned Parenthood doesn't deserve our support

Planned Parenthood is in the business of ending the lives of human beings before they are born. And it is a profitable business. But it does not deserve our support or our tax dollars.



Notes

- 1 The 2019 data span October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019
- 2 The fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.
- 3 Caitlin Gibson, "The abortion rights movement is bolder than it's been in years. That's Cecile Richards's plan," *Washington Post*, August 16, 2016.
- 4 Catherine Glenn Foster, "Profit. No Matter What. 2017 Report on Publicly Available Audits of Planned Parenthood Affiliates and State Family Planning Programs," Charlotte Lozier Institute and Alliance Defending Freedom, January 2017.
- 5 See www.liveaction.org/aidingabusers.
- 6 See www.centerformedicalprogress.org/human-capital.
- 7 See www.getyourcare.org to find local health centers.
- 8 Charlotte Lozier Institute, "Fact Sheet: Reallocating Planned Parenthood's Federal Funding to Comprehensive Health Centers," March 7, 2017.
- 9 See www.mccl.org/pregnant to find pregnancy care centers in Minnesota.



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Abortion. Money. Politics. Scandal.



Planned Parenthood portrays itself as an indispensable provider of women's health care. But what do the facts tell us?

Year after year, Planned Parenthood makes hundreds of millions of dollars by performing hundreds of thousands of abortions while providing fewer and fewer non-abortion services. It vigorously seeks to defeat public policies that would limit abortion in any way. And it is heavily subsidized by American taxpayers.

Here's what everyone needs to know about Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood and **abortion**

Planned Parenthood performed a record-high 354,871 abortions in 2019,¹ according to the group's 2019-2020 annual report. That makes Planned Parenthood, by far, the leading practitioner of abortion in the United States.

In recent years, the annual abortion total at Planned Parenthood has increased even as overall abortions in the country have trended downward. Most of Planned Parenthood's other services, by contrast, have consistently declined. Contraceptive services have dropped 34 percent since 2009. **Cancer screenings (mostly manual breast exams and pap tests) have dropped 67 percent.** "Prenatal services" (which were always very rare) have plummeted 79 percent. "Total services" provided by Planned Parenthood are down 8 percent.

Among the three pregnancy-related services Planned Parenthood provides women who are already pregnant (abortion, adoption referral, prenatal services), abortion accounts for 97 percent. For every one adoption referral, Planned Parenthood performs 133 abortions. The group is 41 times more likely to perform an abortion than to provide any prenatal care.

Planned Parenthood and **money**

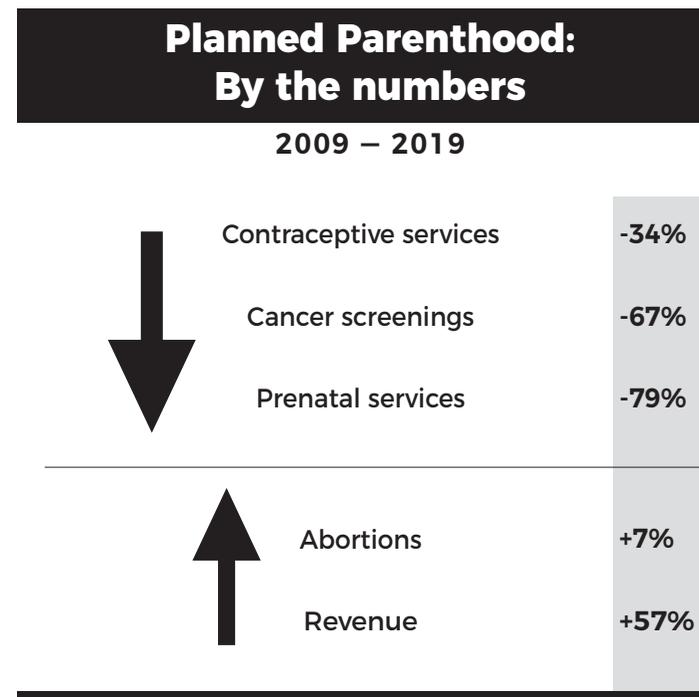
Planned Parenthood took in \$1.64 billion in revenue during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. That's a 57 percent rise since 2009²—even as the organization has provided fewer services. **Planned Parenthood's revenue consistently exceeds its expenses by tens of millions of dollars (and sometimes more)—the difference was \$70 million in the last fiscal year alone.**

In the year ending June 2020, Planned Parenthood received \$618 million in government reimbursements and grants. Although federal dollars are not supposed to directly fund abortion (except in rare cases), the money Planned Parenthood receives is fungible and serves to support its abortion activities. Moreover, some states, including Minnesota, directly reimburse Planned Parenthood and other abortion centers for elective abortions through their Medicaid programs.

Planned Parenthood and **politics**

Planned Parenthood's political arms oppose any restrictions on abortion considered by Congress, state legislatures, and the courts. **Planned Parenthood opposes limits on late abortions, partial-birth and dismemberment abortions, and taxpayer funding of abortions.** It opposes parental involvement (for minors) and informed consent requirements before women undergo abortion. It opposes licensing and inspection of abortion facilities. And—perhaps most of all—it opposes any reduction of its own taxpayer funding.

Planned Parenthood also spends heavily to elect candidates to office who favor unlimited abortion and support funding for Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood has become, as the *Washington Post* reports, "a powerful political juggernaut."³



Source: Planned Parenthood 2009-2010 and 2019-2020 annual reports

"I'd say a lot of people want liver. And for that reason, most providers will do this case under ultrasound guidance, so they'll know where they're putting their forceps. We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I'm not gonna crush that part, I'm gonna basically crush below, I'm gonna crush above, and I'm gonna see if I can get it all intact."

—Deborah Nucatola, senior director of medical services at Planned Parenthood (discussing the harvesting of organs from aborted unborn children)⁶

Planned Parenthood and **scandal**

Abortion isn't the only reason that Planned Parenthood is controversial. Some former employees, for example, have filed whistleblower lawsuits alleging fraud, and many audits have found Planned Parenthood facilities overbilling the government.⁴ **A 2018 investigation found numerous cases of Planned Parenthood failing to report child sexual abuse.**⁵ And sting videos show Planned Parenthood executives discussing the harvesting of fetal body parts (such as liver and brain) in exchange for compensation from outside companies.⁶

Planned Parenthood and **women's health**

Planned Parenthood claims that it is essential to women's health. But it provides a very limited range of actual health services. Better alternatives are available for women who need care.

Federally qualified health centers, unlike Planned Parenthood, provide comprehensive health care to low-income women and men.⁷ They also outnumber Planned Parenthood clinics 16-to-1.⁸ If women's health care (rather than abortion) is a priority of government, then public funding should be redirected from Planned Parenthood to these full-service health centers. That's what federal proposals to defund Planned Parenthood have sought to do.

For women facing unexpected and challenging pregnancies, pregnancy care centers provide practical support and assistance. **Unlike Planned Parenthood, they offer women positive alternatives to abortion.** And they greatly outnumber Planned Parenthood facilities both in Minnesota and nationwide.⁹