**Research Produces a List of High-Abortion Risk Zip Codes**

Recent [research](https://townhall.com/columnists/susanwillkeenouen/2020/09/23/research-shows-planned-parenthood-expands-targeting-minorities-as-it-spurns-racist-founder-n2576680) from Life Issues Institute confirms that Planned Parenthood continues to target minorities for abortion by locating a stunning 86 percent of its abortion facilities in or near minority neighborhoods in the 25 U.S. counties with the most abortions.

Additionally, this research has produced a list of 585 zip codes where the populations are at higher risk for abortion and in most need of a focused pro-life effort.

Although just 1 percent of total U.S. counties, these top 25 accounted for 30 percent of all U.S. abortions in 2014. At the time, they contained 19 percent of the U.S. population, 28 percent of U.S. Blacks and 37 percent of U.S. Hispanics and Latinos. Nationwide, Blacks averaged 12.6 percent of the population and Hispanics/Latinos averaged 16.3 percent.

Because of relatively high abortion rates, Black and Hispanic/Latino babies were the victims in over 45 percent of the 926,190 abortions in the U.S. in 2014, according to Guttmacher Institute statistics. Based on the higher percentages of minorities in these Top 25 Counties, it is likely that significantly more than 45% of the 275,000 unborn who perished in these counties were minority babies.

The Guttmacher Institute has also shown that [proximity to an abortion facility](https://www.guttmacher.org/news-release/2017/many-us-abortion-patients-seek-abortion-care-more-once-lifetime) increases the likelihood of women having abortions. It is thus reasonable to assume that minority neighborhoods close to Planned Parenthood abortion facilities in these 25 counties carry some of the highest risks for abortion in our country.

Therefore, this research analyzed the demographics surrounding the 79 Planned Parenthood abortion facilities in these 25 counties in 2018, and identified 585 targeted zip codes with concentrated minority populations that are within 5 miles of a Planned Parenthood surgical or chemical (RU-486) abortion facility (zip code populations, 2010 Census data).

These 585 zip codes, with minority percentages at least twice the national average for Blacks or Hispanics, represent 49 percent of the zip codes within the analyzed areas. Indeed, of these 585 zip codes, 82 percent have predominantly minority populations (over 50 percent), indicating robust minority communities near these abortion facilities.

The very existence of these 585 targeted at-risk minority zip codes verifies Planned Parenthood’s undeniable and continuous focus on targeting minority babies for abortion, despite the abortion giant’s recent disavowal of eugenicist founder Margaret Sanger.

From 2010 to 2018, Planned Parenthood increased the number of abortion facilities in these 25 counties by 35 percent, with 15 of the 20 new abortion centers established since 2014 alone. This clearly demonstrates an accelerated strategy to focus its abortion business near the primary minority communities in the U.S.

In conjunction with its emphasis on minority abortions, Planned Parenthood optimizes its abortion business by using strategic facility placement. Since surgical abortion facilities cannot cover all high-risk areas, Planned Parenthood locates chemical abortion and abortion-referral facilities to straddle the areas in between. This gives Planned Parenthood uninterrupted access to abortion-vulnerable populations who they can send to the nearest abortion center or sell RU-486 abortion pills.

This cover-the-territory strategy was confirmed in 2020 when Planned Parenthood relinquished federal Title X family-planning funds rather than discontinue referring for abortions as required by a new HHS rule. To make up for the lost funding, it closed less strategic facilities instead of forsaking its agenda to pro-actively push abortion on vulnerable populations through family-planning clinic referrals.

Even with the recent overturning of Roe vs. Wade, these vulnerable zip codes are still at risk. Abortion restrictions or lack thereof will now be determined by each state. Unfortunately, the majority of these Top 25 counties are in states that are unlikely to ban abortions and their Planned Parenthood facilities will be as busy as ever.

This research provides more compelling evidence of the need to defund Planned Parenthood. There is no justification for providing taxpayer funds to an organization whose business model promotes the killing of babies for financial gain and intentionally targets certain racial and ethnic populations for eugenic abortion.

It is even more important now for pro-life organizations to reach these abortion-vulnerable women and to provide the love, material support and education that will help them choose life for their babies and reject Planned Parenthood’s insidious invitation to use abortion as a deadly and systemically racist solution.

Hopefully, pro-life organizations can use this [Targeted Zip Code List](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Crenou%5CDocuments%5CSue%27s%20Documents%5CLife%20Issues%20Institute%5C2010%20Census%20study%5CTop%2012%20and%2025%20Counties%20Analysis%5CTop%2025%20Counties%20Targeted%20Zip%20Code%20List.pdf) as a vital tool to save many babies and women from the violence and pain of abortion. With efforts heavily focused in these high-risk areas, limited funds can be used to provide help where it is desperately needed and to save as many lives as possible. If we can make a difference in these 25 counties, it will be a huge step in the right direction.