In the United States, almost 3 million women have experienced Rape-Related Pregnancies (RRP) sometime during their life. A three-year study of RRP in the U.S. found that 5% of rape victims of reproductive age became pregnant as a result of rape, with a majority of pregnancies in adolescents. Of these victims:

- 50% terminated the pregnancy
- 32.2% kept the child
- 11.8% miscarried
- 5.9% placed the child for adoption

Exposure to intimate partner violence, absence of partner due to estrangement or death, lack of financial and emotional support from partner, lack of pregnancy symptoms, and psychological denial of pregnancy are all reported reasons for having an abortion past 12 weeks.

**Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and RRP**

- Around 4 – 8% percent of pregnant women overall are abused by their partners, with women experiencing unwanted or mistimed pregnancies at a greater risk of being victims of violence
- IPV is associated with a higher risk of unintended pregnancy, repeat abortions, and STIs
- Women who are exposed to IPV are more likely than other pregnant women to have a second-trimester abortion

**Reproductive coercion** is behavior intended to maintain power and control over someone’s reproductive health. It can include sexually coercive behaviors, birth control sabotage, and pregnancy pressure. A study by the CDC found that of the women who were raped by an intimate partner:

- 30% experienced a form of reproductive coercion by the same partner
- 20% reported that their partner had tried to get them pregnant when they did not want to be pregnant or stopped them from using birth control
- 23% reported their partner refused to use a condom

**Abortion Access in Maryland**

Maryland does not place restrictions on the right to an abortion up until the point of “viability,” or at any point during pregnancy if necessary to protect the life or health of the pregnant person. As of July 1, 2022, abortion access in Maryland was expanded to include:

- Medicaid or health insurance coverage of abortion care services
- Expanded criteria for who may perform abortions, to include any “qualified provider” and not just “licensed physicians”
- Funding to train qualified providers to provide abortion care services

Funding for training for abortion providers beginning July 1st has been blocked by the Governor.

**Resources for Maryland Survivors Seeking to Terminate a Pregnancy**

Find A Provider: [https://prochoice.org/patients/find-a-provider](https://prochoice.org/patients/find-a-provider)

Planned Parenthood of MD: [https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-maryland](https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-maryland)

Abortion Funds by State: [https://abortionfunds.org/need-abortion/#funds-list](https://abortionfunds.org/need-abortion/#funds-list)

Baltimore Abortion Fund: (443) 297-9893 | [https://www.baltimoreabortionfund.org](https://www.baltimoreabortionfund.org)

DC Abortion Fund: (202) 452-7464 | [https://dcabortionfund.org](https://dcabortionfund.org)