



## IOWA

### IOWA AT A GLANCE

| EXISTENCE AND STATUS OF ABORTION BAN | STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS | STATUTORY PROTECTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS | OTHER FACTORS             |
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| No ban                               | None established                                   | None                                    | Unlikely to enact new ban |

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| RISK FACTORS | HIGH | MEDIUM | LOW |
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**Existence and Status of Abortion Ban:** No abortion ban. The legislature repealed its pre-*Roe* ban.

**State Constitutional Protection of Abortion Rights:** None established.

**Statutory Protection of Abortion Rights:** None.

**Other Factors:** The legislature has taken a moderate stance on abortion restrictions in the past. Although the current composition of the legislature is primarily anti-choice, it is likely that the state's current pro-choice governor would veto a broad abortion ban. Therefore, it is unlikely that an abortion ban would be enacted if *Roe* is overturned.

**Conclusion:** There is no abortion ban on the books and it is unlikely that a new ban would be enacted.

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<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/legman/about/sess2005.htm>