

Anti-Abortion Center Trends in 2024

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In the three years since the *Dobbs* decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, abortion access has been severely restricted or eliminated in nearly half the states. In 2024, funding for anti-abortion centers (AACs) grew considerably, and more states have established programs to funnel tax dollars to these entities. Equity Forward has tracked the trends in AAC funding in 2024, as well as attempts to regulate AACs.

More States Have Established Programs to Fund Anti-Abortion Centers

At the close of 2024, 20 states were funneling public funds to anti-abortion centers. Most of this funding came through state-established Alternatives to Abortion programs.

Since the *Dobbs* decision, five states established new Alternatives to Abortion programs: Arkansas, Iowa, South Carolina, Utah, and West Virginia.



States Have Dramatically Increased Tax Dollars Going to Anti-Abortion Centers

Since the *Dobbs* decision, more than \$489 million has been allocated to AACs in 22 states. State funding for AACs has increased despite AACs doing very little to address the real needs for health care and parenting support in states. This increase can be attributed not only to new programs being established, but also to a few states drastically increasing their funding in 2024.

States With the Largest Increases in AAC Funding in 2024*



Iowa: \$500,000 → \$1 million
= Doubled



Kansas: \$338,846 → \$2.677 million
= Increased by nearly 8 times

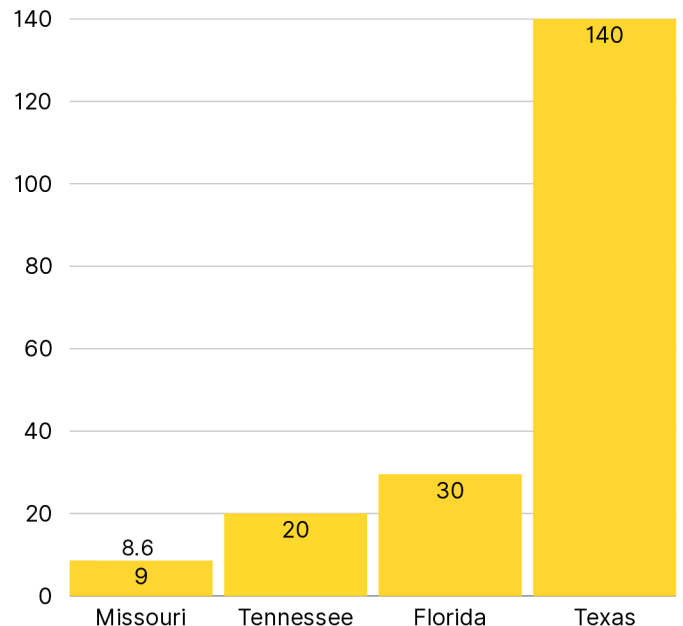


Tennessee: \$283,100 → \$20 million
= Increased by nearly 10 times



Florida: \$4.5 million → \$29.5 million
= Increased by 6.6 times

States That Gave The Most to AACs in 2024 In Millions*







*Amounts shown are to the total allocated to AACs during each states most recent budget cycle.

State Actions to Increase AAC Oversight and Accountability Have Been Met with Anti-Abortion Lawsuits

Anti-abortion centers face little to no oversight when it comes to their operations, both in states that provide public funding and in those that do not. AACs spread mis-information about abortion and pregnancy and engage in tactics designed to delay pregnant people from receiving accurate information.

Several states have attempted to enact legislation to require accountability but have been met with lawsuits by anti-abortion legal groups that have prevented legislation from going into effect. More detail on anti-abortion legal groups engaged in lawsuits to fight AAC regulation and oversight can be found on our legal fact sheet.

-  **Colorado:** Enacted laws banning deceptive advertising and abortion "reversal" pills in crisis pregnancy centers, making it a leader in anti-AAC regulations.
-  **Illinois:** Passed a law to regulate deceptive practices of anti-abortion centers, but it was ruled unenforceable by a federal court.
-  **Massachusetts:** Launched a \$1M public awareness campaign against anti-abortion centers, prompting a lawsuit from an anti-abortion law firm.
-  **New Jersey:** The state Attorney General investigated anti-abortion centers, leading to a lawsuit over alleged free speech violations.

For detailed information on each state that funnels tax-dollars to anti-abortion centers, see our State Fact sheets at our Anti-Abortion Center Hub at EquityFwd.org

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