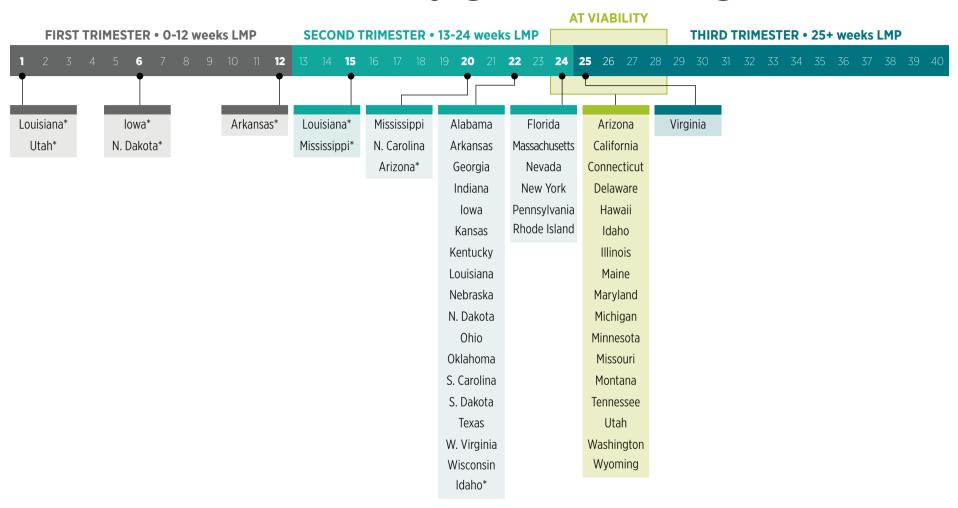
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## State abortion bans by gestational age



All gestational ages listed use the medical standard for pregnancy dating, which is based on the patient's last menstrual period (LMP).

Some state laws consider "fertilization" the point when pregnancy begins; it is two weeks before LMP. As a result, a ban at 20 weeks postfertilization equates to a ban at 22 weeks LMP. Viability is a medical determination based on whether a fetus can survive outside the womb. This point varies by pregnancy; a fetus generally reaches viability between 24 and 28 weeks.

<sup>\*</sup>Ban not in effect due to ongoing or resolved litigation.