

# **Abortions Rise 40% in Montgomery County in 2015**



**According to the Ohio Department of Health's Annual Abortion Report released on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, abortions increased in number by 40% in Montgomery County in 2015. Montgomery County had 2,599 abortions in 2015, resulting in a 40% increase over the 2014 numbers. These additional 744 abortions also increased Montgomery County's market share of all abortions in the state by 4%, bringing the new total to 12% of all abortions in Ohio. Cuyahoga and Hamilton counties reported decreases while Lucas county showed an upturn as well.**

**Dayton Right to Life also calculated an 86% increase in non-Ohio residents visiting Montgomery County for their abortions. "We obviously have a facility in this county, specifically Women's Med Center in Kettering, that has made us an abortion destination for Southwest Ohio," says Margie Christie, Director of Advocacy, Dayton Right to Life.**

**The good news is, as a state, Ohio's abortions dropped by 210, effectively 1%. "However, our work is far from done, especially in Montgomery County. This is not a number to celebrate, especially for us. This is the second year in a row the state's numbers have been down, but the Kettering facility's abortion numbers have been up," says Paul Coudron, Executive Director of Dayton Right to Life. "Forty-nine innocent lives lost to abortion every week in our Montgomery County community is a tragedy. It's hard to imagine we tolerate this number, but would be alarmed and outraged if our murder rate ever averaged even 4 or 5 lives a week."**

**Dayton Right to Life filed a complaint with the State Medical Board in August of this year against 3 doctors at the Kettering Abortion facility, after it was cited by the Ohio Department of Health over consent violations. The citation never addresses whether any of the doctors were sanctioned because of the 2015 incident. "This ambulatory surgical facility (ASF) has performed over 2500 procedures in 2015 and their license is still pending. What other ASF in the State**

can say that? Only abortion facilities have that type of preference from the State," adds Christie.

African-Americans were once again over-represented in the abortion numbers as well. In Montgomery County, 48.8% of all Ohio resident women who had abortions identified themselves as African-American. This is also an increase over last year, when only 46% reported African-American as their race. "Abortion continues to be the cause of a tremendous loss of life in, not only our African-American community, but our entire region. Abortion harms women and kills their children. We will continue our mission to protect them both," adds Coudron.

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For more information regarding this report or the complaint filed with the State Medical Board, please contact Paul Coudron at [937-461-3625](tel:937-461-3625), or visit our website, [www.daytonlife.org](http://www.daytonlife.org).

**"Men must choose to be governed by God, or condemn themselves to be governed by tyrants."**

**--William Penn**