

Abortions Rising: Detroit 'Like a Third World Country'

Around one-third of all pregnancies ends in abortion in Detroit, according to *The Detroit News*.

The city's abortion rate has been steadily climbing, hitting 31 percent in 2012, the paper reports.

"We're seeing a picture that looks more like some third-world country than someplace in the United States," Susan Schooley, chairwoman of the Department of Family Medicine at a leading Detroit hospital, said.

A *Detroit News* study called the city, "the most dangerous city in America to be a child."

Public health officials are blaming rising poverty and limited access to affordable contraception.

Meanwhile, in Louisiana, Gov. Bobby Jindal is expected to sign a bill into law this week that would force at least three of the state's five abortion clinics to close.

The state legislature passed the Unsafe Abortion Protection Act, approved by the House May 21 in an 88-5 vote. The bill requires doctors at clinics that perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic.

Democrat Katrina Jackson, who sponsored the measure, said doctors doing abortions need to be held to the same standard as any other doctor performing a surgery.

"It ensures that physicians that do abortions in Louisiana do so in a safe manner," she said.

Similar bills have already closed clinics in Texas and

Mississippi. In the Lone Star State, admitting privileges law have shut down one-third of all abortion clinics. In Mississippi, just one remains open.