

# Life In Vermont

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## Science tells us that a preborn baby is **ALIVE!**

### 18 WEEKS

The baby can cry, his vocal chords are working.

### 7 WEEKS

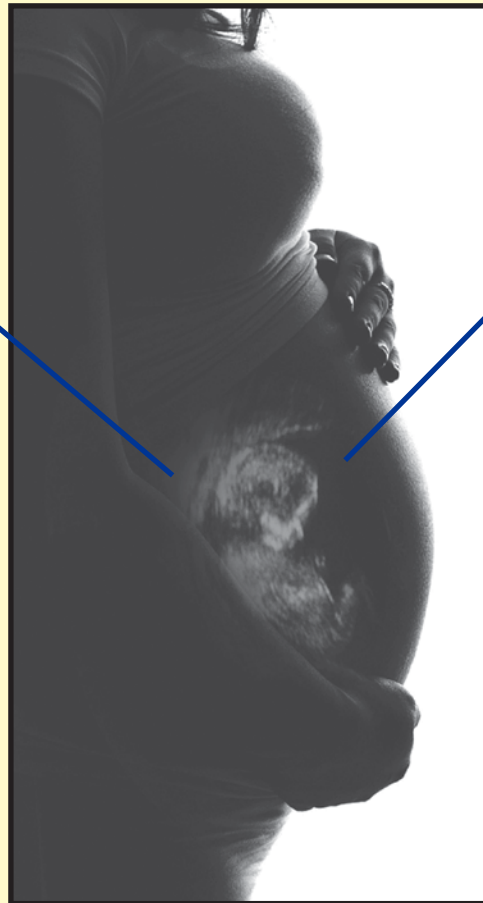
She has fingers, toes and ears.

### 3-4 WEEKS

His heart is beating.

### 6 WEEKS

Electrical brain wave patterns can be recorded.



### 20 WEEKS

The baby is 7-10 inches long, weighing about 1 pound, has hair and she can feel pain.

### 11-12 WEEKS

The baby can suck her thumb, has fingernails and unique fingerprints that never change.

### 1 WEEK

Implantation, the new life is composed of hundreds of cells.

### 8 WEEKS

All his organs are functioning; kidney, bladder, thymus, etc.



## **Amazing**

At just 24 days, an unborn baby's heart begins to beat regularly!

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because, someday in your life you will have been all of these.”  
George Washington Carver, Botanist, Agricultural Chemist, Inventor, Educator

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## Question #1

At what point in pregnancy does an unborn baby's heart begin to beat?

- a) 5 months in utero
- b) 6 weeks in utero
- c) At the moment that the baby is born
- d) 3-4 weeks in utero

**Answer:** d) An unborn baby's heart begins to beat at just 24 days after fertilization.

## Question #2

Five (5) months before you were born, your heart pumped enough blood every day to:

- a) overflow a coffee mug
- b) fill half a tank of a Toyota Corolla
- c) fill an Olympic-size swimming pool

**Answer:** b) Four months after you were conceived (or five months before you were born), your heart was pumping 6½ gallons of blood each day through a body about as long as your hand is now. And it was your own blood, not your mother's—you never shared her circulatory system.

## Question #3

In Vermont, 215 animals and plants are protected by law. How many Vermont statutes include legal recognition of the humanity of an unborn child?

- a) 5 state statutes
- b) 30 state statutes
- c) Zero state statutes

**Answer:** c) There are no legal protections at any point during pregnancy for unborn babies in Vermont. Search the Vermont Statutes Online and Google the "Bennington Babies" for how the lack of protection can impact families.



*Life is precious, treasure it!*

## Question #4

Which of the following protections are included in Vermont's Physician-Assisted Suicide Law?

- a) a requirement that the prescribing physician be present at the time of the ingestion of the lethal dose.
- b) a requirement that only the patient, and not a surrogate, can request the lethal dose from the physician.
- c) a requirement that the elder abuse registry be checked to determine if there have been prior allegations of abuse against the patient's caregivers to help insure that a patient is not being coerced to end his/her own life.
- d) none of the above

**Answer:** d) the language of Vermont's assisted suicide law does not authorize any state agency to monitor its implementation and collects only minimal data. In fact, the only real protection provided by the law is that the doctor who writes the prescription is shielded from liability.

## Question #5

In order to place your child for adoption, you must relinquish the right to ever see your child again.

- a) True
- b) False

**Answer:** b) In Vermont, you have the legal right to be involved in choosing the adoptive parents; and, while placing your child in a loving adoptive home, you can arrange to still be involved through pictures, updates and even visits. If you prefer, you can opt for a confidential adoption where your privacy is protected.

## Question #6

How many weeks premature can a baby be born and still survive?

- a) 6 weeks early
- b) 12 weeks early
- c) 16 weeks early

**Answer:** c) When supported by up-to-date medicine, babies born 15-16 weeks premature (24-25 weeks of pregnancy) have a 50-70% chance of survival, and the chances of survival and future health of the baby increase dramatically with each day and week of further development in the womb. Rare "miracle" babies born as young as 22 weeks of pregnancy (18 weeks early) are known to have survived.

## Question #7

If you kept growing all 9 months in the womb as fast as you did during your second month, you would have been born as big as:

- a) Arnold Schwarzenegger
- b) an M-1 tank
- c) a pair of overfed elephants

**Answer:** c) You would have been born weighing over 14 tons.

## Question #8

How many pregnancy resource centers are available in Vermont?

- a) 3
- b) 7
- c) 12

**Answer:** c) There are currently 12 non-profit centers in Vermont that offer assistance specifically to support women and families throughout pregnancy – providing such things as free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, counseling, pregnancy and parenting classes, and maternity and baby clothes. In addition, there are at least 6 such centers just across the border in neighboring states.

## Question #9

Who referred to poor people as "imbeciles," "human weeds," and "morons," and stated the following: "Such human weeds clog up the path, drain up the energies and the resources of this little earth"?

- a) Fidel Castro, former dictator of Cuba
- b) Donald Trump, 2016 candidate for president of the U.S.
- c) Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood
- d) Al Gore, former Vice President

**Answer:** c) Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood often included derogatory remarks about human beings in her speeches and writings. Today, the taxpayer funded organization is the single largest provider of abortions in the state of Vermont, in the United States of America, and in the world.

# IN VERMONT

- Unborn Children Have No Legal Protection
- People who are elderly, disabled or terminally ill have become more vulnerable.
- A Law Has Been Passed to Try to Save Newborns from Abandonment

*In Vermont...*  
**215 Animals and Plants  
Have Legal Protection**

Search the  
Vermont Statutes Online  
with this link:  
[legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/search](http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/search)

*But...*  
**unborn babies  
have NO  
legal protection.**

Read one Vermonter's story  
about why it matters that her  
babies had no legal recognition:  
Google Bennington Babies

In 2006, Vermont became  
the 47th state to pass  
a "Baby Safe Haven"  
law that can save new-  
born babies from unsafe  
abandonment and can  
give a desperate parent  
a responsible alternative.  
Find out more at:

[www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org/faq/](http://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org/faq/)

*And...*  
**People who are  
elderly, disabled or  
terminally ill have  
become more vulnerable  
since passage of the  
physician-assisted  
suicide law in 2013.**

See the story of the 91-year old  
woman who felt repeatedly pressured  
to use the law against her wishes:  
[www.truedignity.org](http://www.truedignity.org)





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