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eAPPENDIX

Internet Searches for Abortion Medications Following the Leaked SCOTUS Draft Ruling

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Google Trends does not explicitly provide the total number of searches. We calculated an approximation for the period of interest (May 1-8, 2022) using the following process. First, we obtained the search total originating from US desktop computers for the month of March 2022 from comscore.com (https://www.comscore.com/Insights/Rankings). Second, we adjusted this number by the fraction of searches originating from desktop computers (35%) estimated by the SEO company SISTRIX using their proprietary database (SISTRIX, 2021). Third, we relied on the Google Search API to obtain the query fraction (QF) for searches matching those in our study, reflected as the number of searches matching per 10 million Google searches (Note: We did not use data for our Research Letter from the Google API because it does not provide hourly data). Finally, we calculated an estimate for the total number of searches during this period using the following equation: QFp • CSt • AF; where QFp is the query fraction (in this case expressed per 1 search) for the period of interest p, CSt is the comscore estimate of total monthly desktop search total available at the time of analysis t, and AF is the adjustment factor for the estimated proportion of Google searches that originated from desktop computers. The preceding formula can further be scaled to measure changes by week, month, or year.

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