## Mississippi Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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Mississippi has not achieved the 6 midwives per 1,000 births recommended by the WHO.

Board-certified midwives include certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives, who are certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board. Board-certified midwives' professional association is the American College of Nurse-Midwives. Board-certified midwives' practice authority is 30 Miss. Code R. § 2840-2.3. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Mississippi’s maternity care workforce density is smaller than the United States as a whole.

Mississippi’s midwife density does not meet the World Health Organization recommended minimum midwifery workforce size of 6 midwives per 1,000 births.
Midwife-attended Births in Mississippi

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Mississippi
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth:
- USA
- Mississippi
- Mississippi Midwives

Percent of Midwife-Attended Births by Payer, Mississippi 2022:
- Other
- Self-Pay
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
Births by Race or Ethnic Category, 2022

Race & Ethnicity Distribution of Births, 2022

Midwife-Attended Births by Race / Ethnicity

- More than One
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black non-Hispanic
- White non-Hispanic

USA
Mississippi
Mississippi Midwives
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

- USA
- Mississippi
- Mississippi Midwives

Birth Attendants in Mississippi

- Physician
- Midwife

Metro vs. non-Metro comparisons are shown for USA and Mississippi.
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Mississippi:

• Increase use of contraception
• Reduce the rate of preterm birth and cesarean birth
• Increase breastfeeding initiation
• Increase access to breast cancer screening
Mississippi Midwifery Regulation **Assets & Opportunities**

**Opportunity:** Midwives are required to have a written collaborative agreement including monthly chart review (30-18-2840 Miss. Code R. §2.3(a)).

**Opportunity:** Midwives can apply for Medicaid reimbursement if the collaborating physician is enrolled with Medicaid; midwife services are reimbursed at 90% the physician fee (Title 23: Medicaid Part 203).

**Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure.

**Opportunity:** Prescribing authority is designated by the written collaborative agreement; midwives can prescribe narcotics in labor within a licensed healthcare facility 30-18-2840 Miss. Code R. §2.3(a)).

**Asset:** Hospitals are not prevented from granting staffing privileges to nurse-midwives (Title 15 Part 16.1 Rule 41.7.2.).