Midwifery Fact Sheet: Kansas

Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023

- Midwives Certified by AMCB: 103
- Births in 2022: 34,401
- Midwives per 1,000 Births: 3.0
- Midwife-attended births 2022: 1,978
- Midwife-attended births per midwife: 19.2
- % Births Midwife-attended: 6%
- % Vaginal births midwife-attended: 8%
- Midwifery education programs: 1

Kansas 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 Kan. Admin. Regs. §60-11-105, which was most recently revised in 2022. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Kansas has one midwifery education program located at University of Kansas.

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

Policy Assets & Opportunities

- Asset: Midwives are licensed independently (K.S.A. § 60-11-101)
- Opportunity: Midwives receive 75% the fee a physician receives for the same service (KAR 30-5-113a)
- Opportunity: Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure
- Asset: Midwives prescribe independently (K.S.A. § 60-11-104a)
- Opportunity: Midwives cannot join medical staff (KAR 28-34-1a); admitting privileges are limited to medical staff (KAR 28-34-6a)
Both certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives are board certified. Standards for education and certification in midwifery are identical for both credentials.

Board-certified midwives provide a full range of primary health care services in all stages of life, from the teenage years through menopause.

While midwives are well-known for attending births, 55.1% of board-certified midwives identify reproductive care and 38.5% identify primary care as responsibilities in their full-time positions.

Board-certified midwives provide general health check-ups, health screenings, and vaccinations.

Board-certified midwives provide gynecologic care including miscarriage and abortion treatment, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

Health Indicators

Maternity Workforce per 1,000 Births

Birth Attendants in Kansas

By Race / Ethnicity, 2022

By Payer, 2022