Midwifery Fact Sheet: **Maryland**

**Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023**

- Midwives Certified by AMCB: 333
- Births in 2022: 68,584
- Midwives per 1,000 Births: 4.8
- Midwife-attended births 2022: 8,828
- Midwife-attended births per midwife: 26.5
- % Births Midwife-attended: 13%
- % Vaginal births midwife-attended: 19%
- Midwifery education programs: 0

Maryland 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 Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-601, which was most recently revised in 2023. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

**Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time**

USA and Maryland compared over time, showing a rise in midwife-attended births from 1985 to 2021.

**Policy Assets & Opportunities**

- **Asset**: Midwives are licensed for independent practice (COMAR 10.27.05.01)
- **Asset**: Midwives receive 100% the fee a physician receives for the same service (See Fee Schedule)
- **Asset**: Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure (COMAR 10.64.01)
- **Asset**: Midwives prescribe independently (Health Occupations § 8-508)
- **Opportunity**: Credentialing and clinical privileges defined as for physicians (COMAR 10.07.01); services are conducted under supervision of physicians
• 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.

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Health Indicators

Maternity Workforce per 1,000 Births

Birth Attendants in Maryland

By Race / Ethnicity, 2022

By Payer, 2022