Midwifery Fact Sheet: Missouri

Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023

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<th>Indicator</th>
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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</td>
<td>68,985</td>
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<td>Midwives per 1,000 Births</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births 2022</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births per midwife</td>
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<td>% Births Midwife-attended</td>
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<td>% Vaginal births midwife-attended</td>
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Missouri 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 Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, §2200-4.100, which was most recently revised in 2018. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

Policy Assets & Opportunities

1. **Asset:** Midwives can be licensed for practice without a written collaborative agreement. (20 CSR 2200-4.100)

2. **Asset:** Midwives are reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (13 CSR 70-55.010).

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

4. **Opportunity:** Midwives must complete 1,000 practice hours and have a written practice agreement to prescribe narcotics in labor as a delegated act (20 CSR 2200-4.100)

5. **Asset:** Hospitals are not prevented from allowing nurse-midwives to be medical staff and can privilege nurse-midwives who are not on medical staff (19 CSR 30-20.080)
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.