**Midwifery Fact Sheet: Minnesota**

**Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023**

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</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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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 Minn. Stat. § 148.171, which was most recently revised in 2017. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Minnesota has two midwifery programs located at Bethel University and University of Minnesota.

**Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time**

[Graph showing the change in midwife attended births over time for USA and Minnesota]

**Policy Assets & Opportunities**

1. **Opportunity:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice after 2,080 hours with a written collaborative agreement (Minn. Stat. § 148.235)

2. **Asset:** Midwives receive the 100% the fee a physician receives for the same service (See Medicaid Provider Manual).

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

4. **Opportunity:** Prescribing is covered in the requirement for 2,080 hours with a written collaborative agreement (Minn. Stat. § 148.235)

5. **Asset:** Hospitals are not prevented from granting staffing privileges to nurse-midwives (Minnesota Administrative Rules 4640.0800)
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

- **Unmet Need for Contraception**
- **Early Prenatal Care**
- **Preterm Birth**
- **NTSV Cesarean**
- **Breastfeeding Initiation**
- **Breast Cancer Screening**

### Maternity Workforce per 1,000 Births

- **Obstetricians**
- **MFMs**
- **Midwives**

### Birth Attendants in Minnesota

- **Physician**
- **Midwife**

### By Race / Ethnicity, 2022

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

### By Payer, 2022

- Other
- Self-Pay
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance