Midwifery Fact Sheet: New York

Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023

- Midwives Certified by AMCB: 1065
- Births in 2022: 207,774
- Midwives per 1,000 Births: 5.1
- Midwife-attended births 2022: 22,788
- Midwife-attended births per midwife: 21.4
- % Births Midwife-attended: 11%
- % Vaginal births midwife-attended: 17%
- Midwifery education programs: 4

New York 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 N.Y. Educ. Law § 6951, which was most recently revised in 2010. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Regents.

New York’s midwifery education programs are located at Columbia University, New York University, SUNY Downstate, and Stony Brook University.

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

Policy Assets & Opportunities

**Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (NY CLS Educ, Title VIII, Art. 140 § 6955)

**Opportunity:** Midwives reimbursed at 95% the physician fee (N.Y.S. Enacted Budget 2023-2024)

**Asset:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure (Regulations of the Commissioner of Education §79-5.1)

**Asset:** Midwives have independent prescriptive authority (NY CLS Educ, Title VIII, Art. 140 § 6951)

**Asset:** Hospitals can allow midwives on medical staff (N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 10 § 405.4)
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

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#### Maternity Workforce per 1,000 Births

- Obstetricians
- MFM
- Midwives

#### Birth Attendants in New York

- 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