Midwifery Fact Sheet: Pennsylvania

Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023

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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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Pennsylvania 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 49PA. Code §18.1, which was most recently revised in 2009. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the State Board of Medicine.

Pennsylvania’s midwifery education programs are located at Thomas Jefferson University, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Pittsburg.

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

Policy Assets & Opportunities

- **Opportunity:** Midwives must have a written collaborative agreement for practice (49PA. Code §18.5)
- **Asset:** Midwives reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (See Fee Schedule)
- **Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure
- **Opportunity:** Midwifery prescriptive authority is defined in the written collaborative agreement (49PA. Code §18.6a)
- **Opportunity:** Hospitals are restricted from having midwives on medical staff (28 PA. Code § 107.2); though hospitals can grant clinical privileges to midwives.
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

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

#### Maternity Workforce per 1,000 Births

- Obstetricians
- MFM
- Midwives

#### Birth Attendants in Pennsylvania

- 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