Midwifery Fact Sheet: South Dakota

South Dakota 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 S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9A-1, which was most recently revised in 2017. Board-certified midwives are regulated jointly by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medicine.

Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023

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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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Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

Policy Assets & Opportunities

**Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (2016 S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9A-15)

**Asset:** Midwives reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (See Fee Schedule)

**Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure

**Asset:** Midwives have independent prescriptive authority (S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9A-13)

**Asset:** Midwives can join medical staff (S.D. Admin R 44:75:01:01)
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

#### Maternity Workforce per 1,000 Births

- **South Dakota**
- **USA**

#### Birth Attendants in South Dakota

- **Non-Metro**
- **Metro**

#### 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