Midwifery Fact Sheet: Wyoming

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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Wyoming 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 Rules, Wyoming Board of Nursing Ch. 4 §7, which was most recently revised in 2018. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Policy Assets & Opportunities

**Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (Wyo. Stat. § 33-21-127)

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

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

**Asset:** Midwives have independent prescriptive authority (Wyo. Stat. § 33-21-127)

**Asset:** Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff (WY. Rules and Regs. Health HQ Ch 12 § 4); Midwives have signature authority (counts as a physician signature) (Wyo. Stat. § 33-21-158)
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
- Breastfeeding Initiation
- Breast Cancer Screening

**Maternal Workforce per 1,000 Births**

- Obstetricians
- MFMs
- Midwives

**Birth Attendants in Wyoming**

- 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