

## CNM/CM-Attended Birth Statistics in the United States

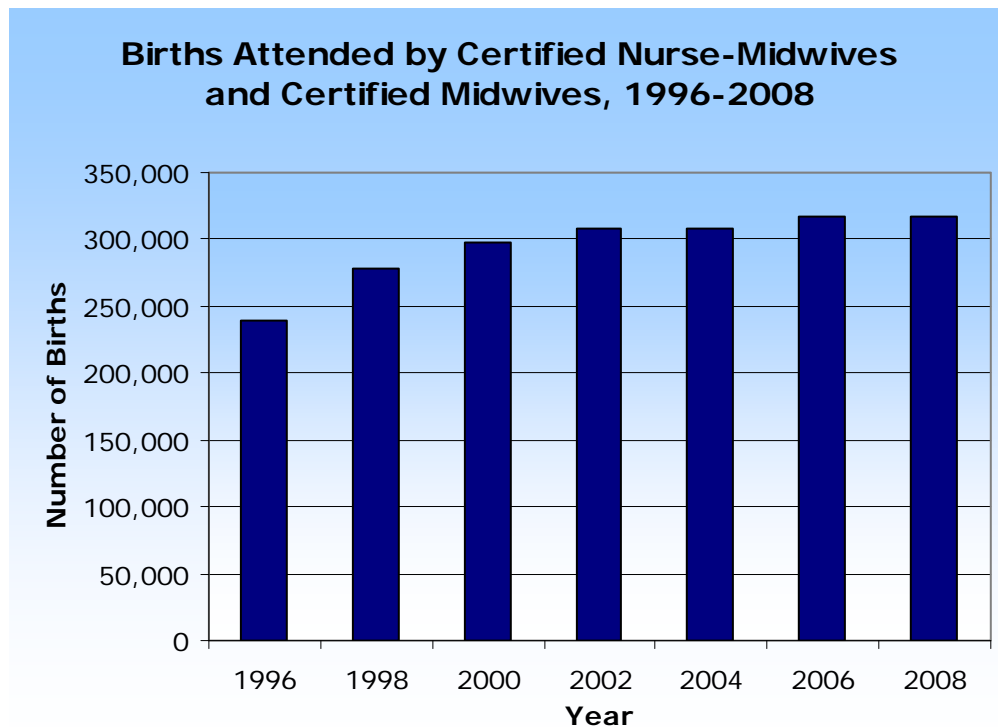
Certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) attended 317,626 births in 2008, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. This represents 11.1% of all vaginal births, or 7.5% of all US births.

### Trends in CNM/CM-attended Births

The number of CNM/CM-attended births has risen nearly every year since 1989—the first year that CNM/CM statistics were made available.

### CNMs/CMs Represent Majority of Midwives

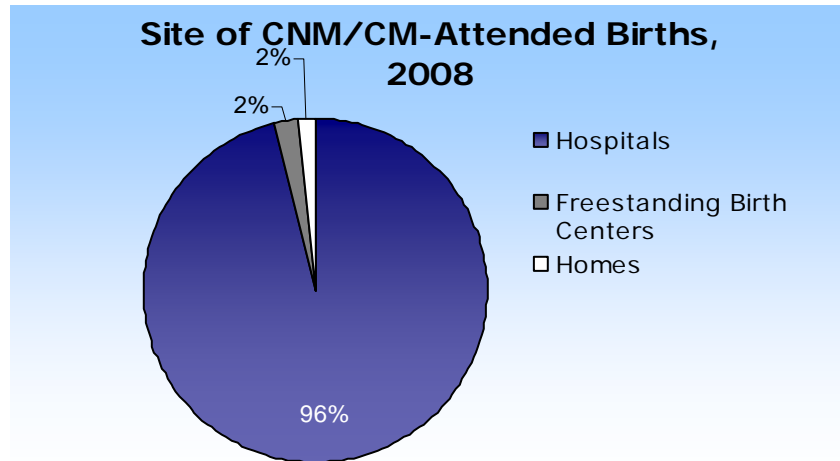
Since 1989, CNMs/CMs have accounted for more than 90% of all midwife-attended births. In 2008, CNMs/CMs attended 93.9% of midwife-attended births.



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### CNMs/CMs Provide Midwifery Care in All Settings

CNMs/CMs practice wherever women give birth. In 2008, the majority of CNM/CM-attended births occurred in hospitals (96.1%), while 2.1% occurred in freestanding birth centers, and 1.7% occurred in homes.



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### Additional Resources

ACNM Online Media Kit: [www.midwife.org/media\\_kit.cfm](http://www.midwife.org/media_kit.cfm)

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