

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

### *Number of CNM/CM-Attended Births Remains Steady*

Certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) attended 316,811 births in 2007, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. This represents 10.8% of all vaginal births, or 7.3% of all US births.

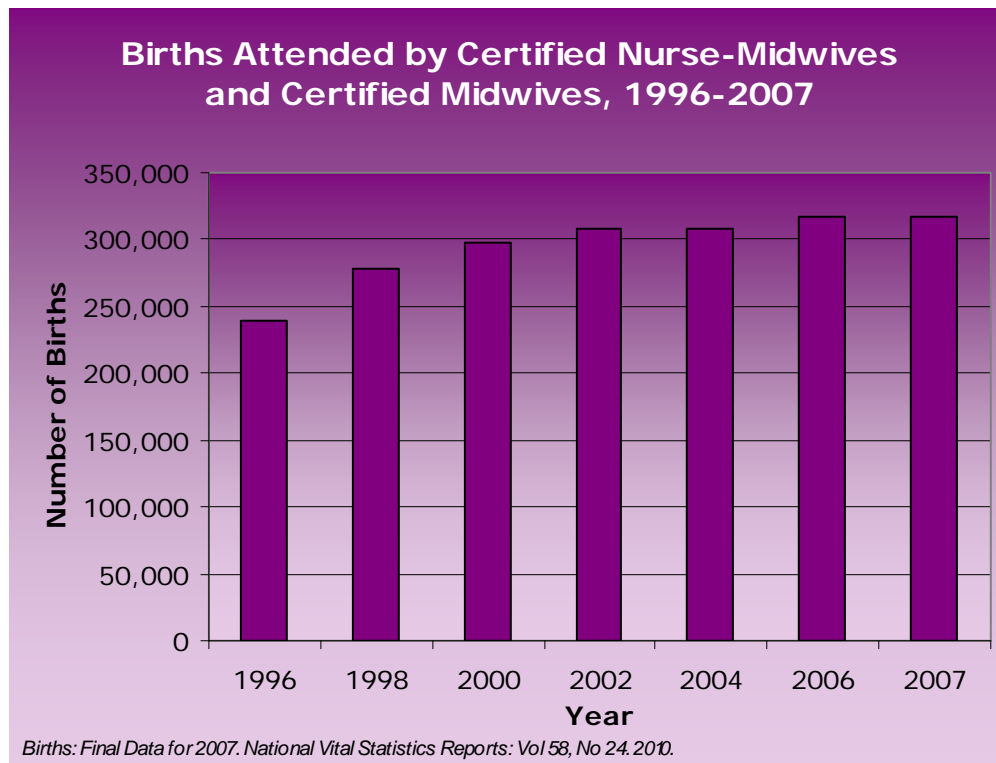
### **Trends in CNM/CM-Attended Births**

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**

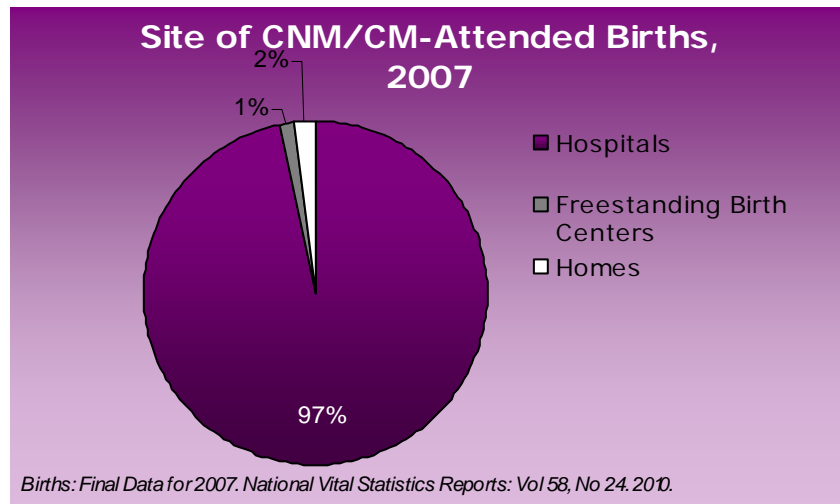
In 1989, the birth certificate form was altered to distinguish between different types of midwives; since then, CNMs/CMs have accounted for more than 90% of all midwife-attended births. In 2007, CNMs/CMs attended 93% of midwife-attended births.

### **Births Attended by Certified Nurse-Midwives and Certified Midwives, 1996-2007**



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

CNMs/CMs practice wherever women give birth. In 2007, the majority of CNM/CM-attended births occurred in hospitals (96.5%), while 2% occurred in freestanding birth centers, and 1.4% occurred in homes.



### Additional Resources

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