## Alaska Midwifery Workforce, 2023

### Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2022

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<th>Indicator</th>
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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</td>
<td>9,359</td>
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<td>Midwives per 1,000 Births</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births 2022</td>
<td>2,561</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended vaginal births</td>
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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 Alaska Admin. Code tit. 12, §44.430, which was most recently revised in 2022.

Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Alaska Maternity Care Workforce Density

Alaska’s maternity care workforce density is larger than the United States as a whole.

Alaska’s midwife density meets the World Health Organization recommended minimum midwifery workforce size of 6 midwives per 1,000 births.
Midwife-attended Births in Alaska

USA  Alaska
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Alaska 2022

- Other
- Self-Pay
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
Births by Race or Ethnic Category, 2022

Race & Ethnicity Distribution of Births, 2022

Midwife-Attended Births by Race / Ethnicity
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in Alaska
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Alaska:

• Increase the breast cancer screening rate.

Alaska’s maternal mortality rate is suppressed by the CDC because the numbers are too small to provide a reliable estimate.
Alaska Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

1. Asset: Midwives practice independently (AS §08.68.850(1))

2. Asset: Midwives prescribe independently (12 AAC 44.440)

3. Opportunity: Midwives receive 85% the fee a physician receives for the same service (7 A.A.C. 145.100)

4. Asset: Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff, allowing midwives to admit (7 AAC 12.110. Medical staff)

5. Opportunity: Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure