## Colorado Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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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 C.R.S. 12-255-111, which was most recently revised in 2023. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Colorado has one midwifery education program located at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus College of Nursing.
Colorado’s maternity care workforce density is larger than the United States as a whole.

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

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA
Colorado
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Colorado 2022

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

Race & Ethnicity Distribution of Births, 2022

- More than One
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black non-Hispanic
- White non-Hispanic

Midwife-Attended Births by Race / Ethnicity

- More than One
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black non-Hispanic
- White non-Hispanic
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in Colorado

USA
Colorado
Colorado Midwives

Metro
non-Metro

Physician
Midwife

Metro
non-Metro
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Colorado:

- Increase access to breast cancer screening

Colorado Health Indicators, 2022
Colorado Midwifery Regulation **Assets & Opportunities**

1. **Asset:** Midwives are licensed to practice independently (C.R.S. 12-255-111)

2. **Opportunity:** Midwives must complete a 750-hour mentorship prior to receiving independent prescribing authority (C.R.S. 12-255-112)

3. **Asset:** Midwives receive 100% the fee a physician receives for the same service (General Provider Information Manual)

4. **Asset:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure July 1, 2024 (C.R.S. 12-255-111.5)

5. **Asset:** Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff (6 CCR 1011-1 ch 4 2.13), midwives can admit patients.