Delaware Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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Delaware 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 24 Del. Admin. Code § 17, which was most recently revised in 2018. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Delaware’s maternity care workforce density is larger than the United States as a whole. Delaware’s midwife density does not meet the World Health Organization recommended minimum midwifery workforce size of 6 midwives per 1,000 births.
Midwife-attended Births in Delaware

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA
Delaware
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

- USA
- Delaware
- Delaware Midwives

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Delaware 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

- 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 Delaware
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Delaware:

- Increase access to early prenatal care.
- Reduce the cesarean rate
- Increase the breastfeeding initiation rate
Delaware Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

**Asset:** Midwives are licensed to practice independently (Del. Code tit. 24 § 1935, last update 2021).

**Opportunity:** Delaware does not provide information on Medicaid adjustment, however APRNs including midwives receive at least an 85% adjustment.

**Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure, but with a limited scope of practice relative to certified nurse-midwives (Del. Code tit. 24 § 1799FF)

**Opportunity:** Midwives are licensed to prescribe independently (Del. Code tit. 24 § 1935, last update 2021).

**Asset:** The state adopted the 1981 version of the Standards for accreditation of Hospitals Plus Provisional Interpretations which includes midwives on medical staff (16 Del. Admin. Code § 3370-4.0)