District of Columbia 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 D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17,§5808.2, which was most recently revised in 2004. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

The District of Columbia has two midwifery education programs located at George Washington University and Georgetown University.
District of Columbia Maternity Care Workforce Density

District of Columbia’s maternity care workforce density is larger than the United States as a whole. District of Columbia’s midwife density meets the World Health Organization recommended minimum midwifery workforce size of 6 midwives per 1,000 births.
Midwife-attended Births in District of Columbia

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- District of Columbia
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, District of Columbia 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

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Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in District of Columbia
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help the District of Columbia:

- Reduce the preterm birth and cesarean rate
District of Columbia Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

1. **Asset:** Midwives are licensed to practice independently (CDCR 17-5808)

2. **Asset:** Midwives receive 100% the fee a physician receives for the same service (See fee schedule)

3. **Asset:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure (CDCR 3-1201.01)

4. **Asset:** Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff, allowing midwives to admit patients (DC Municipal Regulations for Hospitals 2019).

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