Hawaii Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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Hawaii 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 Haw. Code R. § 16-89-81. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Hawaii Maternity Care Workforce Density

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

Hawaii’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 Hawaii

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

[Graph showing the change in midwife-attended births in Hawaii compared to the USA from 1985 to 2021.]
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Hawaii 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

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Hawaii
Hawaii Midwives
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Hawaii:

• Increase use of contraception
• Increase access to early prenatal care
Hawaii Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

**Asset:** Midwives are licensed to practice independently (HRS § 457-8.5)

**Opportunity:** Midwives receive 75% the fee a physician receives for the same service (See Hawaii Medicaid State Plan 2023, attachment 4)

**Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure but have a limited scope relative to certified nurse-midwives (Haw. Rev. Stat. § 457J-2)

**Asset:** Midwives are licensed to prescribe independently (HRS § 457-8.6)

**Opportunity:** Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff (HAR § 11-93-22) but all patients are required to be under the care of a physician member of medical staff (22c).