Illinois Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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Illinois 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 225 ILCS 65/65-30, which was most recently revised in 2018. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Illinois has one midwifery education program located at the University of Illinois at Chicago.
Illinois Maternity Care Workforce Density

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

Illinois’ 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 Illinois

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Illinois
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Illinois 2022
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

USA | Illinois | Illinois Midwives

0% | 5% | 10% | 15%

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Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in Illinois

USA
Illinois
Illinois Midwives

Metro non-Metro

Metro non-Metro

Physician Midwife

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Illinois:

• Increase breastfeeding initiation
Illinois Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

**Opportunity:** Midwives must obtain a written practice agreement (225 ILCS 65/65-35), unless they are hired to practice in a hospital.

**Asset:** Midwives receive 100% the fee a physician receives for the same service (Ill. Admin Code tit. 89 § 140.400).

**Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure.

**Opportunity:** Midwives prescribe as a delegated medical act (Ill. Admin. Code tit. 68 § 1300.430).

**Opportunity:** Midwives are not eligible to be on medical staff (Ill. Admin. Code tit. 77 § 250.100); patients must be under the care of a member of medical staff (Ill. Admin. Code tit. 77 § 250.320).