# Iowa Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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Iowa 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 Iowa Admin. Code r. 655-7.1(152), which was most recently revised in 2022. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Iowa has one midwifery education program located at University of Iowa.
Iowa’s maternity care workforce density is smaller than the United States as a whole.

Iowa’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 Iowa

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA  Iowa
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

- USA
- Iowa
- Iowa Midwives

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Iowa 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

Bars represent percentage of midwife-attended births by race/ethnicity category.
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in Iowa
Iowa is performing better than the United States on these six health indicators.
Iowa Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

**Asset:** Midwives are licensed independently (655 IAC 7.4)

**Opportunity:** Midwives receive 85% the fee a physician receives for the same service (See Fee Schedule)

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

**Asset:** Midwives prescribe independently (655 IAC 7.4)

**Asset:** Hospitals can allow midwives on medical staff (51 IAC 481-51.1); midwives must be granted clinical privileges (51 IAC 481-51.5)