Louisiana Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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Louisiana 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 La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §37:913(1)(a), which was most recently revised in 2019. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Louisiana has two midwifery education programs located at Louisiana State University and Loyola University New Orleans.
Louisiana Maternity Care Workforce Density

Louisiana’s maternity care workforce density is smaller than the United States as a whole.

Louisiana’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 Louisiana

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA
Louisiana

0.0%
5.0%
10.0%
15.0%
20.0%
25.0%
30.0%

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 Louisiana
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Louisiana:

• Increase use of contraception
• Increase access to early prenatal care
• Reduce rates of preterm birth and cesarean birth
• Increase breastfeeding initiation

Opportunity: Midwives receive 80% the fee a physician receives for the same service (See the Fee Schedule)

Opportunity: Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure


Opportunity: Midwives cannot be members of medical staff (RS 40:2114); extent of clinical privileges are determined by the hospital (RS 40:2114)