# Maine Midwifery Workforce, 2023

### Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023

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<th>Indicator</th>
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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
<td>119</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</td>
<td>12,093</td>
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<td>Midwives per 1,000 Births</td>
<td>9.8</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births 2022</td>
<td>2,495</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births per midwife</td>
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<td>% Births Midwife-attended</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>% Vaginal births midwife-attended</td>
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<td>Midwifery education programs</td>
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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 02-380 C.M.R. ch. 8, § 2, which was most recently revised in 2020. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Maine’s maternity care workforce density is larger than the United States as a whole.

Maine’s midwife density meets the World Health Organization recommended minimum midwifery workforce size of 6 midwives per 1,000 births.
Midwife-attended Births in Maine

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA
Maine
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Maine 2022
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
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

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

1. **Asset**: Midwives are licensed for independent practice (CMR 02-380-008)

2. **Asset**: Midwives receive 100% the fee a physician receives for the same service (CMR 10-144-101)

3. **Asset**: Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure (Me. Stat. tit. 32 § 12537)

4. **Asset**: Midwives prescribe independently (CMR 02-380-008)

5. **Asset**: Hospitals define membership of medical staff and extent of clinical privileges (CMR 10-144-112)